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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.
Comd Offr - Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER DSO ED
UNIT

GPP. 13988—25.000—30.10.41

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
BOUKA CAMP AREA.	Wed. 1 Apr	9 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit commenced operations in Bde Area.	B.	
	Fri. 3 Apr	2/17 Bn exercise "Bn Night Attack" held on night 3/4 Apr in area of ROUDO map Ref 16574017.	C.	
	Sat. 4 Apr.	All ranks of Bde and units under comd were again warned of 'Breaches of Security' which are a daily occurrence and which will be viewed more seriously in future.	B.	
	Sun. 5 Apr.	Church parades were held under unit arrangements.	B.	
	Tues. 7 Apr.	1900 hrs. 2/17 Bn commenced exercise "preventing 'enemy' from using LATTAQUIE-TRIPOLI Rd after 'enemy' had crossed Turkish border in vicinity of KASSAB".	Apx 8-C C.	
	Fri. 10 Apr.	0845 hrs. All umpires for Bde exercise on 11 Apr assembled at Bde HQ for instn and recce.	C.	
	Sat. 11 Apr.	Exercise was held by Bde incl 2/13, 2/15 & 2/17 Bns, 'J' SecSigs, 2/7 Arty and 2/2 MG Bn and det 2/8 Fd Amb. Exercise 'Bde Attack'. Exercise commenced 0930 hrs and ended 1730 hrs. Director Brig WINDEYER. Chief Umpire Maj COLVIN, 2/13 Bn. Area - vicinity of KANJRA & JINNATA villages sq 1640.	C.	
	Sun. 12 Apr	Chief Umpire, Director's Assistants, Umpires with enemy and senior umpires of each Bn assembled at Bde HQ to discuss conduct and lessons learned from Bde exercise.	C.	

Signature W.J.V. Windeyer

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GPP. 13988—25.000—30.10.41 151s. S.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
BOUKA CAMP AREA	Tues. 14 Apr.	Bde exercise - tps Bde HQ, 2/13, 2/15 & 2/17 Bns, 9 Div Cav Regt, 'J' Sec Sigs and Det 2/8 Fd Amb - commenced 0900 hrs ended 1530 hrs. Director Brig WINDEYER, Chief Umpire Maj COLVIN 2/13 Bn.	C.	
	Wed. 15 Apr.	0830 hrs. Chief Umpire and Unit Senior Umpires assembled at Bde HQ to discuss Bde exercise. 1030 hrs. Bn Comds assembled at Bde HQ re Bde exercise.	C.	
	Thur 16 Apr.	Capt HAMER BM(L) & personnel of Bde HQ moved to new Bde HQ Camp in TRIPOLI Fortress Area. 2/13 Bn marched out of LATTAQUIE area en route to TRIPOLI area - march to be spread over 5 days and destination to be reached by 20 Apr. 2/13 Bn staged the night vicinity NAHR EL BOURGHOL, Map Ref 17553760.	C. C. C.	
	Fri. 17 Apr.	2/17 Bn marched out of LATTAQUIE area en route to new Bde Area near TRIPOLI. 1630 hrs. 2/17 Bn staged night vicinity NAHR EL BOURGHOL, Map Ref 17553760. 0830 hrs. 2/13 Bn left staging camp at NAHR EL BOURGHOL and continued march towards TRIPOLI, reaching the next camp site on sea shore (Map Ref 16723517) at 1630 hrs. 2030 hrs. Brig WINDEYER notified by GOC, Maj-Gen Sir Leslie MORSHEAD KBE CMG DSO ED that he had been awarded the DSO on LONDON GAZETTE. The same Gazette announced the award of the OBE to Maj H.T. ALLAN.	C. C. C	
	Sat. 18 Apr.	1115 hrs. Main party Bde HQ moved by MT from LATTAQUIE on first stage of movement to new Bde Area near TRIPOLI. 1630 hrs. Main party Bde HQ set up Bde HQ on coast, Map Ref 16753526.	C. C.	

Signature W.J.V. Windeyer

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GPP. 13988—25.000—30.10.41 1912/2.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
BOUKA CAMP AREA.	Sat. 18 Apr.	0830 hrs. 2/15 Bn marched out of LATTAQUIE area en route to TRIPOLI area.	C.	
		1630 hrs. 2/15 Bn reached and staged the night at NAHR EL BOURGHOL.	C.	
		0730 hrs. 2/17 Bn marched out from staging camp at NAHR EL BOURGHOL.	C.	
		1615 hrs. 2/17 Bn reached and staged night on the sea shore Map Ref 16723517.	C.	
		0730 hrs. 2/13 Bn marched out of staging camp on sea map ref 16723517 en route to TRIPOLI area.	C.	
		1630 hrs. 2/13 Bn reached and staged the night on river and sea shore map ref 16573257.	C.	
		Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb departed by MT from LATTAQUIE area and rejoined parent unit at BECHMEZZINE in TRIPOLI Fortress area sq 156264 (TRIPOLI 1:50000).	C.	
		Responsibility defence and adm of LATTAQUIE area passed from 20 Aust Inf Bde to 9 Div Cav Regt.		
	Sun. 19 Apr.	Main party Bde HQ staged map ref 16753526.		
		0900 hrs. Lieut PICKERING and rear party left LATTAQUIE camp and joined main body BDE HQ at staging camp ref 16753526 by 1130 hrs.		
		0730 hrs. 2/15 Bn marched out of staging camp at NAHR EL BOURGHOL.	C.	
		1645 hrs. 2/15 Bn reached and staged night at camp area map ref 16723517.		
		0730 hrs 2/17 Bn marched out of staging camp map ref 16723517.		
		1640 hrs 2/17 Bn reached and staged night on river and sea shore 16573257.		
		0730 hrs 2/13 Bn marched out of camp 16573257.		
		1645 hrs 2/13 Bn reached and staged night near EL ARIB 17412985.		
	Mon. 20 Apr.	AIF Order No.1062 announced the awarding of the Bar to DSO to Brig J.J. MURRAY DSO MC VD.		

Signature W.J.V. Windeyer

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
	Mon 20 Apr.	0915 hrs. Main party Bde HQ moved by MT from staging camp to new Bde HQ area in TRIPOLI Fortress Area Map Ref 16422776, this posn being situated in an olive grove and all personnel under canvas.	C.	
		0900 hrs. 3 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW departed from LATTAQUIE by MT and rejoined parent unit in TRIPOLI area.		
		0730 hrs. 2/15 Bn marched out of staging camp at map ref 16723517.		
		0615 hrs. 2/15 Bn reached and staged night on river and sea shore 16573257.		
		0730 hrs. 2/17 Bn marched out of camp at 16573257.	C.	
		1630 hrs. 2/17 Bn reached and staged night near EL ARIB 17412985.		
		0730 hrs. 2/13 Bn marched out of staging camp near EL ARIB 17412985.		
		1630 hrs. 2/13 Bn completed march and reached new Bn area in TRIPOLI Fortress Area and took over posns from 2/23 Aust Inf Bn. The Actg Div Comd Brig TOVELL, accompanied by Brig WINDEYER, took the salute as the Bn marched past.		
	Tues. 21 Apr.	0900 hrs. Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy and Det 9 Aust Div Salvage Unit departed by MT from LATTAQUIE area and rejoined their parent units in TRIPOLI by 1400 hrs.		
		0730 hrs. 2/15 Bn marched out of camp at 16573257.	C.	
		1610 hrs. 2/15 Bn reached and staged night near EL ARIB 17412985.		
		0730 hrs. 2/17 Bn marched out of camp near EL ARIB.		
		1630 hrs. 2/17 Bn marched into TRIPOLI area and took over camp from 2/24 Aust Inf Bn on Tourbal Mt, completing the climb of JABAL TOURBAL by MT.	C.	
		The GOC in C placed on record the distinguished conduct of several soldiers responsible for a considerable saving of eqpt at DAMAS Sta ALEPPO on the evening of 26 Jan. Included in those mentioned were two men of this unit - Sjt P.E.S. NEWTON and Pte C.F. WHITE.	B.	

Signature W.J.V. Windeyer

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
TRIPOLI.	Wed. 22 Apr	Det 10 Coy AASC departed from LATTAQUIE by MT to rejoin parent unit in TRIPOLI Fortress Area.	C.	The period spent by the Bde in LATTAQUIE area was of the utmost value. The three bns were close together again after a long period.
		Arrangements have been made for two days leave to BEIRUT for 20 Bde - these periods of leave to occur approx every fortnight.		
		0730 hrs. 2/15 Bn marched out of camp near EL ARIB.		
		1630 hrs. 2/15 Bn marched into new Bde Area in TRIPOLI Fortress Area and took over defensive posns from 2/48 Bn. The Actg Div Comd Brig TOVELL and accompanied by Brig WINDEYER took the salute as the Bn marched past.	C.	The trg carried out in all units was most satisfactory. The Bde trg was was really the first trg exercises which the Bde had ever done. In addition to the Bde trg programme units carried out an intensive programme of Bn tactical exercises both by day and night - all with emphasis on attack.
	Thur. 23 Apr.	By 1800 hrs all tents in Bde HQ area were mud splashed and effectively camouflaged.	B.	
	Sunday 26 Apr.	Church Parades held and Anzac Day commemorated.	B.	The tps are all very fit and did well on the march to TRIPOLI.

Signature W.J.V. Windeyer

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

Kyrra

Abs 12

Personnel

Honours & Awards

Brig Windeyer notified that he had been awarded DSO. ~~DSO~~ OBE & Maj H T Allan 17 Abs. DSO & Brig J J Murray. 20 Abs.

Bde. HQ Moves

Locality

HQ moves from Bourka Camp area to new camp at Tripoli Forlorn area 16/18 Abs. Bns. march to new area & on arrival Acty. Div Cmd Brig Tovell took the salute.

Bde. Exercise

T Regiments

Fighting exercise carried out Bde last ever done together. Very useful work done 11/14 Abs

MILITARY HISTORY AND INFORMATION SECTION
HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F. (M.E.)

UNIT_____

Receipt of the undermentioned documents is hereby acknowledged.

Original War Diary for month of_____

Duplicate War Diary for month of_____

Other Documents
_____

REMARKS: -

Lt.-Col.
i/c M. H. & I. Sec., H.Q., A.I.F.

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PERSONNEL

HONOURS & AWARDS	Brig Windeyer notified that he had been awarded DSO; OBE to Maj H.T. Allen 17 Apr; DSO to Brig J.T. Murray 20 Apr.	HQ 20 AUST INF BN APR 42

LOCATION

BDE HQ MOVES	HQ moves from Bouka Camp area to new camp at Tripoli Fortress area 16/18 Apr. Bns march to new area and on arrival Acting Div Comdr Brig Tovell took the salute.	HQ 20 AUST INF BN APR 42

TRAINING

BDE EXERCISE	First training exercises which Bde had ever done together. Very useful work done. 11/14 Apr.	HQ 20 AUST INF BN APR 42

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
BRIGADIER ..... *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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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. Army No	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd
WX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BANHAM	"	"	DI
NX 12214	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
QX 6200	Capt.	D. WILLIAMS	"	No.	AALO Course
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	Yes	DCo Sup O AASC
VX 40589	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"	SC Learner
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. BAILEY	"	"	DI Learner
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	I.O.
NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	I.O.
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. H. HAMILTON	"	"	I.O. II.
NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELDON	"	"	I.O. III.
		OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.		At Date of Attachment.	
NX 34891	T/Capt.	C. D. EVANS	A.I.F.	27.12.41	Amunition Offr
NX 57320	Lieut.	E. C. LECKY	"	6. 6.41	OC J Sec Sigs.
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. MURPHY	"	11. 1.42	2i/c do
NX 10932	Lieut.	A. I. MORTIMER	"	11. 1.42	OC 50 Aust LAD
NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21. 1.42	OC 1 Pl Aust HQ Cd Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
NX 34963	Chap.	D. H. WATSON	AACHD	30- 7-40	to 2/17 Bn Chgr duty
SX 12100	"	A. J. ROBERTS	"	19-11-41	to 2/15 do
QX 6391	"	G. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	to 2/15 do

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

4 Apr 42. (Date of Despatch.)

for [signature] Capt. (Signature of Commander.)

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

[illegible] (Unit). 4 Apr 19 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	4	1	
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	5		
	59	6	
TOTALS	72	* 7	*

*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.
Cpl. HAVINGHOFF, C.	1 Aust Corps Inf Sec.	58 Aust L.A.D.	15 ORs.
S/t. HEATON, R.E.G.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	1 Sec 9 Div Sigs	34 ORs.
Pte. HOWARD, T. H.	do		
Cpl. DOWN, H. C.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4 ORs.
Cpl. HUTCHWELL, A. J.	do		
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	do	9 Aust Div HQ Coach	
Pte. JOHN, H. E.	do	Office	2 ORs.
		1 Pl Aust Tk Co HQ Bn	44 ORs.

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

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

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

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

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. Unit.

Date of Despatch 4 Apr 42.

Signature of Commander. Capt.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

2 AUST DIV. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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ART 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~~ ARMY NO	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. RANK	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd
WX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BARHAM	"	"	BM
NX 12214	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	No	Attending AILO Course
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	Yes	Bde Sup O-AASC.
VX 48589	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"	SC Learner.
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"	BM Learner.
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	IO.
NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	TO
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"	LO 11.
NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELDON	"	"	LO 111.
		OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.		Date of Attachment.	
NX 34891	T/Capt.	G. D. EVANS	A.I.F	27-12-41	Amenities Offr
NX 57320	Lieut.	E. C. LECKY	"	6. 8.41	OC J Sec Sigs
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	11. 1.42	2 i/c do
NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42	OC 58 Aust LAD
NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21. 1.42	OC 1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
NX 34963	Chap.	B. M. WATSON	AAChD	30. 7.40	to 2/17 Bn for duty
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHNS	"	19.11.41	to 2/13 do
QX 6391	Chap.	G. R. GIBSON	"	21.11.41	to 2/15 do

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

11 Apr 42. (Date of Despatch.)

J Kelly Capt. (Signature of Commander.)

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Hq 30 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 11 Apr 19 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	58	5	
TOTALS	72	7	

*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.
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G.	1 Aust Corps Int Sec	58 Aust L. A. D.	15 ORs.
L/Cpl. JOHN, H. K.	do	J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs.	37 ORs.
Sgt. NEWTON, P. F. S.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	43 ORs.
Pte. McEWEN, F. R.	do	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4 ORs.
Cpl. KENNEWELL, A. J.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Off.	2 ORs.
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	do		

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.										REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks						1		1		2										
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
„ „ (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel ...									5	5										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)						1		1	5	7										

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. Unit.

Date of Despatch 11 Apr 42.

G Kelly Capt.
Signature of Commander.

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

9 AUST DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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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.~~ Army No.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. RANK	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd
WX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BARHAM	"	"	BM
NX 12214	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	No.	Attending AILO Course.
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	Yes	Bde Sup O - AASC.
VX 49599	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"	SC Learner.
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"	BM Learner.
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	I.O.
NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	T.O.
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"	L.O. ll.
NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELDON	"	"	L.O. lll.
		OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.		Date of Attachment.	
NX 34891	T/Capt.	G. D. EVANS	A.I.F	27.12.41	Amenities Offr
NX 57320	Lieut.	E. C. LECKY	"	6. 9.41	OC J Sec Sigs.
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	11. 1.42	2 i/c do
NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42	OC 58 Aust LAD
NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21. 1.42	OC 1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
NX 34963	Chap.	B. M. WATSON	AAChD	30. 7.40	to 2/17 Bn for duty.
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHNS	"	19.11.41	to 2/13 do
QX 6391	Chap.	G. R. GIBSON	"	21.11.41	to 2/15 do.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. (Unit.)

18 Apr 42. (Date of Despatch.)

Capt. (Signature of Commander.)

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. (Unit). 18 Apr 19 42. (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	58	5	
TOTALS	72	7	

*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.
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G.	1 Aust Corps Int Sec.	58 Aust L. A. D.	15 ORs.
L/Cpl. JOHN, H. K.	do.	J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs.	38 ORs.
Sjt. NEWTON, P. E. S.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	43 ORs.
Pte. McEWEN, F. R.	do	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4 ORs.
Cpl. KENNIWELL, A. J.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.		
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	do		

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.											REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.										REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.		
Bricklayers																					
Butchers																					
Carpenters and Joiners ...																					
Clerks						1		1		2											
Cooks																					
Despatch Riders																					
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																					
„ „ (Wheeled) ...																					
Drivers-Mechanics																					
Drivers-Operators																					
Electricians																					
Equipment Repairers ...																					
Farriers																					
Fitters																					
Machine Gunners																					
Masons																					
Motor Mechanics																					
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																					
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																					
Range Takers																					
Saddlers & Harness Makers																					
Saddle Tree Makers																					
Sanitary and Water Duties																					
Signallers																					
Storemen technical																					
Tailors																					
Wheelers																					
General duty personnel ...									5	5											
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)						1		1	5	7											

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. Unit.

Date of Despatch 18 Apr 42.

Capt.
Signature of Commander.

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

9 AUST DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.) For Week Ending 25 Apr 42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	Brigadier *	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels			
	Majors...	1		
	Captains	5		
	Lieutenants	4		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Chap.	W. L. BYRNE	A AChD.	21-4-42	from 7 A.G.H. & detached to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn for duty.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Chap.	B. M. WATSON	AAChD	17-4-42	transferred to 7 A.G.H.

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank. Army No	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. RANK.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes		Comd.
2								
3		WX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BARHAM	"	"		BM.
4								
5		NX 12114	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"		SC
6								
7		QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	No.		Attending AILO Course.
8								
9		NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	Yes		Bde Sup O - A.A.S.C.
10								
11		VX 49599	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"		SC Learner.
12								
13		VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"		BM Learner.
14								
15		NX13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	"		I.O.
16								
17		NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"		T.O.
18								
19		VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"		L.O. ll.
20								
21		NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELDON	"	"		L.O. lll.
22								
23				OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.				
24						Date of Attachment.		
25								
26		NX 34891	T/Capt.	G. D. EVANS	A.I.F.	7.12.41		Amenities Offr
27		NX 57320	Lieut.	E. C. LECKY	"	6. 9.41		OC J Sec Sigs.
28		TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	11. 1.42		2 i/c do
29		NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42		OC 58 Aust L.A.D
30		NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21. 1.42		OC 1 Pl Aust HQ Cd Bn.
31								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHNS.	AAChD.	19.11.41	to 2/13 Bn for duty
QX 6391	"	G. R. GIBSON	"	21.11.41	to 2/15 Bn for duty
VX 47864	"	W. L. BYRNE	"	21. 4.41	to 2/17 Bn for duty

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. (*Unit.*)

25 Apr 42. (*Date of Despatch.*)

J Kelly Capt. (*Signature of Commander.*)

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div. (*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 25 Apr 1942. (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	58	5	
TOTALS	72	7	

*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.
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G	1 Aust Corps Int Sec	58 Aust L.A.D.	15 ORs.
L/Cpl. JOHN, H. K.	do	J. Sec 9 Aust Div	
Sjt. NEWTON, P.E.S.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	Sigs	39 ORs.
Pte. McEWEN, F.R.	do	1 Pl A Coy Aust	
Cpl. KENNEWELL, A.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	HQ Gd Bn.	42 ORs.
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	do		

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks						1		1		2										
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
„ „ (Wheeled) .																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
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Equipment Repairers ..																				
Farriers																				
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Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel ...									5	5										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)						1		1	5	7										

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. Unit.

Date of Despatch 25 Apr 42.

J Kelly Capt.
OC 20 Aust Inf Bde. Signature of Commander.

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

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W.D

20 INF. BDE. 2/A/13
No. 40/13/513
14 APR 1942
RECEIVED

2/13 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 10. SECRET

1. CHANGE IN LOCATION.
2/13 AUST INF BN will move to new location at TRIPOLI commencing 16 Apr 42.

2. METHOD.
With the exception of Adv and Rear Parties, MT dvrs and other certain personnel, all ranks will march.
Time of journey five (5) days.

3. DET AT KASSAB.
The withdrawal of the det at KASSAB (C COY) will be effected on 14 Apr 42 when they will be relieved by Det 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

4. ORDER OF MARCH.
Order of march and density will be notified before each day's march commences.

5. ADVANCE PARTY.
Coys will ensure that personnel whose boots will not stand up to the march are included in the Adv or Rear Party. Advance Party will consist of two parties and will consist of:
(a) Maj CM DAINTREE and batman.
RQMS.
One storeman - RQ store.
Cpl MARONEY - BN HQ.
A Coy 1 NCO 2 ORs)
B Coy 3 ORs) Not to include Q Staff.
C Coy 1 NCO 2 ORs)
D Coy 3 ORs)
HQ Coy 1 NCO 3 ORs

(b) 1 Offr and 23 ORs from Pioneer Pl.
1 NCO from each B & D Coys.
1 Cook (Pte [illegible]ARD) - HQ Coy.

('a') party will report to BN HQ at 0900 hrs on 14 Apr 42.
TO will arrange two 3 ton vehs.
A, B & D Coys will each supply one EPIP tent rolled in valise to be picked up in coy lines at 0900 hrs.
('b') party will report BN HQ at 0900 hrs 16 Apr 42.
All above personnel will take ALL gear incl of kit bags on veh with them.

6. REAR PARTY.
Fitters MT (2),
Coy Storemen,
Rifle Coys - 1 NCO, 8 ORs each,
HQ Coy - Balance of RQMS staff,
Cooks - Cpl SMITH, Pte SINGH,
1 NCO, 10 ORs, to incl 2 sigs,
Pte LUSKAN, Sgt RYAN A - HQ Coy,
Pte LEONARD, Pte COWLEY - HQ Coy.
Coy Rear Parties will be responsible for safeguarding Coy dumps.

7. STORES.
All accommodation, camp, WE and Engr stores will be taken to new location. This will include wire. Standing wire will be left in posn for incoming unit. Lean to kitchens and latrines will be dismantled and taken but all other hutments will be left standing. All accommodation tents will be struck on 15 Apr 42 and will be neatly stacked in Coy dumps in valises by 1300 hrs, together with pegs.

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8. KIT BAGS.
All Universal kit bags will be correctly marked with Coy and Pl signs and will be stacked in coy dumps ready for transportation by 0800 hrs 15 Apr 42.

9. PACKS, MOSQUITO NETS & BEDDING.
(a) All packs will be marked on the back with owner's number, Coy, Pl and Sec and will be stacked in Coy dumps at 0700 hrs on each day of the move. Packs to contain long drill trousers, change shirts and shorts and underwear, spare socks, toilet and shaving gear, towel and gaiters.
(b) Mosquito nets will be carried in blanket rolls. Wire hoops will be tied in bundles of 50 and sent direct to new location as Coy Stores.
(c) Blanket rolls will be correctly labelled with owners number, Coy, Pl and Sec and will be stacked in Coy dumps with packs.

10. BAGGAGE PARTIES.
Each Coy will detail one man from each pl to act as permanent baggage party during the move. They will be responsible for the loading of Coy baggage and the unloading and stacking in Coy HQ and Sec dumps at bivouac site each day.
They will also act as Mess Orderlies and assistants to their Coy Cooks. They will select their Pl area and act as guides to their platoons.
Coys will draw a number of camouflage nets equal to the number of platoons from RQMS to separate Pl gear in loading on MT.

11. MESSING.
Capt SOMERVILLE is appointed Messing and Billeting offr for the march. Cpl HAWTHORNE will accompany Capt SOMERVILLE and will assist in supervising messing and cooking. Coys will cook two hot meals per day i.e. breakfast and dinner, in the field. Hard rations will be carried on the man for lunch. Coys will ensure that cooking utensils are cut down to a minimum. Rations will be deliyered daily in bivouac areas.

12. RESERVE RATIONS.
Reserve rations will be forwarded as Coy stores.

13. TRANSPORT.
The following tpt will be allotted to coys for the journey:

2 i/c	1	15 cwt.
Messing offr	1	15 cwt.
HQ Coy	1	3 ton, 1 15 cwt.
Rifle Coys	1	30 cwt, 1 15 cwt each.
BN HQ	1	30 cwt.
RAP	1	3 ton.

Remainder of tpt will remain at present location and will be used as a pool under comd of QM. Two dvrs will be detailed for each veh. Remainder of MT will march.

14. POL.
Unit reserve will be maintained and taken to new location with BN Stores. Vehs with marching tps will be maintained from present location. All 2 gal containers will be utilised for this purpose and will be delivered daily with rations.

15. COY STORES.
All Coy Stores NOT required on the march will be labelled and sent to new location with BN Stores. Aldershot ovens will be taken to newlocation with BN stores. Coy dumps will be established in present camp area with tents, kitbags etc.

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16. AMN & WEAPONS.
Bren guns and associate stores will be carried on Coy 15 cwt and will move with column as detailed hereunder.
Amn. One bar of 50 rds on the man. 1000 rds per LMG on Coy vehs. Mags will be loaded each morning and unloaded each night.

17. HYGIENE.
Coys will ensure that all personnel carry sufficient pairs of socks to enable a change daily. This change will be effected during the halt for lunch.
Foot inspections will be carried out by Pl Comds twice daily.
Foot baths will be arranged at each nightly halt.
Sufficient tools will be carried on each Coy 15 cwt vehs for digging of latrine and refuse pits.
Refuse will be buried at each halt.
Latrines will be dug at lunch and bivouac halts and filled in and marked before leaving coy areas.
Coys will ensure before start of march that they have adequate supplies of Condy's Crystals to last throughout march.

18. LANTERNS.
Each coy will carry six (6) lanterns as an emergency against night cooking.

19. ANTI-MALARIA.
All ranks will carry anti-malarial cream on their persons.
Coy Comds will personally ensure that all ranks use mosquito nets each night.
All prowler duties will liberally apply anti-mosquito cream to all exposed parts before commencing tour of duty.

20. DRESS.
Dress for march will be under existing orders, i.e. during the day, shorts, shirts, respirators, hats KF, battle order.
NIGHT, long sleeved shirts and slacks, gaiters.
Helmets steel will be packed done upwards in universal kit bags.

21. ROUTINE.
The following daily routine will be observed on the march:

0600 hrs - - - - - - - Reveille.
0700 - - - - - - - Breakfast.
0730 - - - - - - - Coy Parades.
0800 - - - - - - - Pass SP in order of march.
1200 - - - - - - - Halt for lunch.
1400 - - - - - - - Pass SP in order of march.
1600 (approx) - - - - Halt for night.

22. BAND.
Band will accompany BN on march. All eqpt of band personnel except haversack on single strap to be carried by HQ tpt.

23. SALVAGE.
Salvage will be collected by Coys and carried fwd to each stage by Coy vehs. Coys will ensure that all salvage is returned to BN HQ in present camp area before start of move.

24. CARRIERS.
Carriers will be transported to new location by 2 Recce Sec. One dvr only will be sent with each carrier. Remainder of Carrier Pl will march. Further details later.

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25. AA PROTECTION.

Coy 15 cwts will move in bounds as B Ech behind tps. At each halt they will come forward and one Bren gun per coy will be mounted for AA. At lunch halt and at bivouac areas, all guns will be mounted for AA.

26. RAP.

RAP will move in rear of coln. At lunch halt it will visit all Coys.

27. INTERCOMN.

BN HQ will move with column. Position to be notified daily. One runner per Coy will report to BN HQ prior to move from camp and will march with BN HQ.

28. GENERAL.

(a) All Coys will be responsible for local protection and security in Coy areas at all times and to this purpose will have at least 4 prowlers on duty at all times during hours of darkness.
(b) At no time for any purpose will natives be allowed in bivouac areas.
(c) No leave will be granted to any personnel from bivouac areas for any purpose.
(d) Personnel will not enter into conversation with natives or other civilians on line of march and in particular will NOT, repeat NOT, in any circumstances discuss with any person at all, the nature, purpose, extent or destination of the move in progress. In cases of absolute necessity the answer will be that the unit is on manoeuvres.

29. WATER.

Drinking water may only be drawn from authorised points. Creeks will only be used for washing.

30. SWIMMING.

Swimming at nightly halts will be encouraged at points selected by billeting officer. Billeting offr to make arrangements for times and piqueting.

31. PIONEER PLATOON.

Pioneer Pl will be released from all Coy duties on 14 & 15 Apr 42 and will be responsible for dismantling cookhouse, sheds and latrine superstructures. Materials to be dumped ready for MT loading. Pioneer Offr will contact QM for detailed instructions.

32. DAILY STATES.

Daily marching out states will be furnished by Coys to BN HQ each morning of march by 0715 hrs.

H R Leach

.....Capt
Adjt 2/13 AUST INF BN
(SR LEACH)

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 46.

by

Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER ED.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE

1 Apr 42. In the Field.

1. GAMBLING IN PUBLIC OR SEMI-PUBLIC PLACES.

(a) Members of the A.I.F. are forbidden to congregate in public or semi-public places for the purpose of gambling, either as participants or spectators.
(b) Without limiting the definition of gambling, this Order includes in its scope "two-up" and "crown and anchor".
(c) Infringements of this Order will be dealt with under Section 40 of the Army Act, offenders being charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

(To be repeated in unit orders) (AIF Order No 1037)

2. M.T. VEHICLES - SCREENING OF LIGHTS.

No action will be taken under 20 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No 40, para 9 until further instructions are issued.

3. UNAUTHORISED ROUTES.

Cases are still occurring of troops using the unauthorised route when going to the BOUKA School Area.

Troops will at all times follow the regular route and not jump over the wall or move through the olive trees and vineyard as a short cut.

Units are reminded that the occupants of the School have granted the troops in this area very many courtesies and assistance such as the use of some of the buildings including the shower house - These privileges should NOT be abused.

Disciplinary action is to be taken against any person who disregards the instructions in this matter.

4. MOBILE BATH

The Mobile Bath is at present operating as follows and will continue to do so till further notice.

Monday	Maintenance
Tues & Wed	9 Aust Div Cav Regt
Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun	Mutual arrangements between 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.

5. LAUNDRY

1. All units and sub-units named in serial 4 of Laundry instruction dated 18 Mar 42 will collect washing on 4th Apr instead of 3 Apr.

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LAUNDRY (CONT)

5. 2. Collection and Delivery -

Units will be responsible for collection at 1700 hrs and delivery at 1600 hrs as follows, during month of Apr 42.

Serial No.	Unit	Date of Delivery					Date of Collection				
1.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn Det 10 Coy AASC	4	9	14	18	23	6	10	15	20	24
2.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn G Sec Ord Fd Pk 3 Rec Sec AAFV	6	10	15	20	24	7	11	16	21	25
3.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn 1 Pl. HQ Cd Bn J Sec Sigs, 9 Aust Div	7	11	16	21	25	8	13	17	22	27
4.	9 Aust Div Cav Regt 82 Aust L.A.D. "C" Sec Sigs. B Coy 2/3 Aust Fd Amb 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ 58 Aust L.A.D. Det Aust Fd Cash Office Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy 33 Fd P.O.	8	13	17	22	27	9	14	18	23	28

A further schedule of times will be published in R.Os of 25 Apr 42.

6. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

NX 26928 SGT DARGAN A.L. - 20 AUST INF BDE

At a D.C.M. held at LATTAKIA on 23 Mar 42, presided over by Maj J.W. BALFE 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, the abovenamed soldier was arraigned on the following charges :-

First Charge
Army Act
Sec 15 (1)

When on active service absenting himself without leave

in that he
at ALEPPO absented himself without leave from 2359 hrs 2 Mar 42 till 0100 hrs 3 Mar 42.

Second Charge
Army Act
Sec 40

When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline

in that he
at ALEPPO was improperly in a brothel which was out of bounds, that is to say, MAISON BADRIE, in the company of two private soldiers.

The finding of the Court was NOT GUILTY on the first charge GUILTY of the second charge and was reprimanded.

The finding of the Court was confirmed by Brig R.M. TOVELL Officer performing the duties of Comd 9 Aust Div, 27 Mar 42.

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7. DISCIPLINE

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

QX 3889 SIGMN McALLISTER, T.F. - 9 AUST DIV SIGNALS.

At a D.C.M. held at LATTAKIA on 23 Mar 42, presided over by Maj J.W. BALFE 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, the abovenamed soldier was arraigned on the following charges :-

First Charge
Army Act
Sec 8 (2)

When on active service striking his superior officer
in that he
at HILL 69 on 1 January 1942 struck on the head Corporal T.I. SIMPSON Signals 9 Aust Div.

Second Charge
Army Act
Sec 8 (2)

When on active service using threatening language to his superior officer
in that he
at HILL 69 on 1 January 1942 said to Corporal T.I. SIMPSON, Signals 9 Aust Div "If I hear anything about this in the morning I'll bloody well kill you" or words to that effect.

The finding of the Court was GUILTY on the first charge and was sentenced to 120 days detention with a remission of sixty days.
The finding of the Court was confirmed by R.M. TOVELL Officer performing the duties of Comd 9 Aust Div 29 Mar 42.

for [signature] Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution List "C".

NOTICES

LOST - The following articles were lost between HAIFA and BEIRUT on 17 Mar 42, will finder please communicate with this HQ.

Straps supporting
" Carrying WE
Greatcoat
Leather jerkin
Prismatic compass
Compass pouch WE

AIR MAIL - As direct sea communication now provides generally the most expeditious form of mail connection with Australia, no further air mail postage will be charged on correspondence for Australia and New Zealand.
Letters up to 4 oz weight, under the new conditions will be accepted for transmission free of charge.
(To be repeated in unit orders)

FOUND - 1 Heavy Duty Tyre 900 x 13.
The above tyre is held at this HQ.

CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades will be held in accordance Routine Order No 45 of 27 Mar 42.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 47.

by

Brig. W.J.V. WINDEYER ED.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

4 Apr 42. In the Field

1. RETURNS.

Units will furnish Administrative returns in future as shown hereunder.

(a) W. 3006 - DAILY STRENGTH STATE.
In duplicate to reach this HQ NOT LATER than 0900 hrs. Units will not forward states direct to 9 Aust Div or O2E.

(b) W. 3003 - FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.
Weekly on Sundays, in triplicate to 9 Aust Div, and one copy to this HQ. Units will NOT forward returns direct to O2E or HQ AIF (M.E.)

(c) W. 3009 - FIELD RETURN OF O.Rs.
Weekly on Sundays in duplicate to 9 Aust Div. Units will NOT forward copy to O2E.

(d) W. 3010, W. 3011 and W. 3012 - CASUALTY RETURNS.
As often as practicable, in duplicate to 9 Aust Div, and one copy only from Bns of W 3011 to this HQ. Units will NOT forward returns direct to O2E.
Nil returns are not required.
When returns are furnished they will clearly show "Return for week ended .....42", and will also show the date of submission of last return.

2. FROST PRECAUTIONS - VEHICLES.

Frost precautions will not be taken after 1 Apr 42 unless Commanding Officers consider that special conditions render them necessary.

3. STOVES, OIL HEATING.

All stoves, oil heating, now held by units will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. Dump, LATTAKIA by 10 Apr.

4. CHAINS - NON SKID or OVERALL.

Units holding chains, non-skid or overall, will return them to D.A.D.O.S. Dump LATTAKIA by 8 Apr 42.

5. BOUKA ORPHANAGE - MOVEMENT OF M.T.

Vehicles will NOT enter BOUKA MONASTERY other than vehicles on charge to C.R.S.

Personnel will debuss on main road and be marched in by Officer or NCO.

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6. A.A.C.S. - BEIRUT.

(a) The following A.A.C.S. establishments in BEIRUT have been taken over by E.F.I. :-

A.I.F. Officers Club.
Other Ranks Canteen and Restuarant.

(b) Although facilities will be available for A.I.F. officers and ORs, it will be realised that the same rights and privileges previously exercised by A.I.F. cannot now apply.

(c) All personnel will be specifically informed of the changed status and conditions under which the Club and Canteen are managed. All ranks must realise that the establishments are no longer A.I.F. property, and that their use by A.I.F. personnel will be on the basis of visitors to whom E.F.I. are extending the utmost facilities.

(d) A.I.F. control of the Hotel METROPOLE will be retained for the present.

for W.B. Grover Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

In the Field

7 Apr 42.

1. RETURNS - B2069 - Offence Reports.
Weekly on Saturday in duplicate, a copy of which will be forwarded to O2E by this H.Q. and NOT by units direct.
Nil returns are not required but when returns are furnished they will clearly show "Return for week ended.....42" and will also show the date of submission of last return.

2. ACCOMMODATION.
A return is required to reach this H.Q. by 1300 hrs 11 Apr 42 showing the number of troops accommodated as under :-
(a) In Barracks and Hutments.
(b) In standing camps and scale "A" tentage.

3. PAY.
Units will arrange to draw pay from Fd Cash Office at 1100 hrs Thursday 9 Apr 42.

4. FRONT SEAT ACCOMMODATION - AIF VEHICLES.

(a) Only one person and the driver will occupy the front of any Australian Military Motor Vehicle with the exception of cars and light vans fitted with gear change on the steering column.

(b) In the case where the driver of an Australian Military Motor Vehicle commits a breach of these orders, and an Officer or soldier senior to the driver is travelling in the vehicle, the officer or senior soldier may be charged with "permitting" the offence. Should the officer or soldier senior to the driver be charged with "permitting" the offence the driver will not be charged with committing the offence.

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J Kelly Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND DISTRIBUTION
The following special Easter distribution will be made to all ranks of Australian troops on Monday 6 Apr 42.

1 pkt razor blades
2 pkts chewing gum
1 cake washing soap
1 handkerchief
½ tin fruit
1/3 lb. of fruit cake.

Units will draw the above from the Amenities Officer 20 Aust Inf Bde at a date to be notified later.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 49.

By

Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER E.D.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

15 Apr 42. In the Field

1. DETENTION BARRACKS

In future requests for accommodation at Detention Barracks will be addressed to this HQ.

2. PROVISION OF ENGR. PERSONNEL FOR ERECTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF REFRIGERATING AND ICE MAKING PLANT AND COLD STORES

Please forward names of personnel under your command, who have experience in Erection, Operation and Maintenance of Refrigerating and Ice Making Plant and Cold Stores.
Returns must reach this H.Q. by 19 Apr 42. Nil returns are required.

3. A. TK MINE CRATES

The production and distribution of Egyptian pattern A.Tk mines is seriously handicapped by the shortage of timber for crating the mines.
All units to whom mines are despatched will return empty A.Tk mine crates to the Salvage dumps for return through salvage channels.

4. WASTAGE OF PETROL.

(a) Considerable wastage of petrol is incurred through :-
(i) Filling vehicle tanks from pumps at a rate which causes air locks and overflowing.
(ii) Drivers of vehicles insisting upon their vehicle tanks being filled to overflowing both at pumps and from containers.
(b) The driver is responsible for supervising the refueling of his vehicle. A reasonable degree of care will obviate all losses from too-rapid filling from pumps. Filling vehicle tanks to overflowing is deliberate waste.
(c) Notices to this effect will be posted up at all points at which petrol is issued and at petrol pumps in Unit lines.

(To be repeated in unit orders)
(Applicable to all troops, M.E.F.)

5. CORRIGENDUM - 20 AUST INF BDE TNG INSTN.

20 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instn No 9 dated 29 Mar 42 is amended to read :-

20 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instn No. 10.

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6. The following extracts are taken from -
9 AUST DIV GENERAL STAFF INSTN NO 34 dated 1 Apr 42.

SIGNALS - METHOD OF DESPATCH

(a) Frequent cases have occurred of envelopes containing messages and correspondence for despatch by Sigs being addressed "Sigs 9 Aust Div". The result is that the message is delivered to HQ Sigs 9 Aust Div and receipt by the correct addressee is delayed.

(b) When messages and correspondence are put into envelopes for despatch through Sigs, the envelope will be clearly marked with the name of the addressee only, unless the individual message is intended for HQ 9 Aust Div.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT - EMPLOYMENT OF SA FIRE.

Increased enemy air recce activity must be anticipated in the near future. To avoid disclosing our posns unnecessarily, aircraft will NOT be engaged by SA fire unless they are :-

(a) Definitely identified as hostile and are within SA range i,e, 2,000 feet.
(b) If unidentified, they commit a hostile act and are within SA range.

PARACHUTISTS.

(a) A case has recently occurred when the pilot of an RAF fighter air-craft which had been shot down, was fired on by our own tps whilst descending by parachute.

(b) It is realised that mistakes in aircraft identification are bound to happen occasionally. There is, however, no justification for trying to kill an isolated parachutist, even if he is an enemy. The descent of a single parachutist from a high altitude can obviously have no connection with an organised attack by parachute troops, which would normally be made in numbers from a low altitude. There should never be any difficulty in capturing isolated parachutists after they have landed, and enemy flying personnel are always of great potential value for interrogation purposes.

(c) Tps will NOT open fire on parachutists dropping in a group of less than six (the maximum British Bomber crew) unless that it is clear that they are taking part in an organised attack, It can be assumed that no attack is intended unless the parachutists jump at less than 500 ft and the aircraft is flying level under control after they have left it.

f/ W. H. Kibbler Capt.
S. C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 50.

by

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COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE

21 Apr 42. In the Field.

1. DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT

The G.O.C. in C. desires to place on record the distinguished conduct described below performed by the following personnel :-

S/Sgt	E.N.	LESTER	VX 765	FSS (i/c)
Sgt.	G.W.	NEWSTEAD	VX 13715	FSS (i/c)
Sgt	P/E.S.	NEWTON	NX 35426	2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Cpl	A.V.	SMITH	VX 1425	FSS (i/c)
Cpl	K.W.	WILLIAMS	VX 5879	FSS (i/c)
Pte	C.J.	CONAGHAN	QX 6604	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Pte	C.F.	WHITE	NX 35322	20 Aust Inf Bde.

In the evening of 26 Jan 42 an oil-tank waggon, together with a number of drums, all containing petrol, caught fire at Damas Station, ALEPPO.

The personnel mentioned above were successful in removing from the neighbourhood of the fire two other oiltank waggons and several oil drums.

By their efforts, performed in the face of personal danger, the fire was prevented from spreading to adjoining property, with the result that no damage to W.D. property or injury to personnel was sustained.

The G.O.C. in C. directs that an entry be made in the documents of the abovementioned N.C.Os. and Men in accordance with K.R. 1940, para 171 (b) (xvii).

2. TENTAGE RETURN

A return showing tentage by types will be submitted to this H.Q. not later than 26 Apr 42.

3. PERSONNEL FOR DREDGER CREWS.

G.H.Q., M.E.F. Have notified that other rank personnel are required to operate dredgers.

(a) A return is required, to reach this H.Q. by 22 Apr 42, of other rank personnel experienced in operating dredgers.
(b) State in what class of work these men are experienced, e.g.,
Master.
Engineer.
Mate.
Operator.

4. COURTS MARTIAL.

All officers attending Courts Martial will wear authorised summer dress only. Pistols will be worn.

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5. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORTS.

(a) Army Form A 3676 (Road Accident Report) as revised 1940 must be accompanied by statements from all witnesses.

(b) Particulars of cost of repairs to WD vehicles must be divided into :-

(i) Labour.
(ii) Materials.
(iii) Overhead.

6. HIRINGS - COMPUTATION OF CLAIMS.
Land Returns.

(c) For the purpose of computing claims for hiring of land in occupation by units, the following return will be submitted to reach this H.Q. by 0900 hrs on the last day of each month.

Unit or Sub-unit.	Location (Map ref)	Approx Strength	Date of Occupation	Date of Departure	Remarks

(b) Units occupying a hired building only (i.e. no land) will submit a nil return.

(c) The return submitted for the month of Apr will show each successive location of the unit or sub-unit, which involved the occupation of land, since entering SYRIA.

(d) For subsequent returns one entry will be made for each location of the unit or sub-unit during the previous month.

(e) Returns will be submitted in duplicate.

(f) This return is not to be confused in any way with the monthly return of hirings occupied (as per 9 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 64. of 21 Jun 42) which will continue to be submitted.

7. BLANKETS

(a) All blankets held in access of THREE (3) per man will be returned to 9 Aust Div Mob Laundry forthwith.

(b) Units will render certificates stating that this action has been taken.

8. BLANKETS - DISINFECTION OF.

Units who require blankets disinfected will contact the O.C. 9 Aust Div Mob Laundry and make arrangements for such disinfection to be done.

9. CLUTCH DISC FAILURE

The practice of coasting vehicles downhill with the clutch disengaged and the transmission in gear is bad driving, and is liable to cause serious damage to the clutch. Officers Commanding units will ensure that the attention of all MT drivers under their command is drawn to this, and that orders are issued that the practice must cease forthwith.

(To be repeated in Unit orders)

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10. PREMATURE EXPLOSIONS.

(a) In the event of any accident, premature explosion, serious misfire or hangfire occurring with any type of ammunition in any weapon, a signal will be sent by the O.C. concerned immediately to General Headquarters, Middle East, vide para 759, Section Vii of Kings Regulations 1935 stating :-

(i) Location of unit.
(ii) Nature of accident.
(iii) Calibre, type of weapon, registered number of piece.
(iv) Type of ammunition lot and date of manufacture.
(v) Fuse, Primor, etc, as applicable. Also lot number, date of filling etc.

(b) The signal will be followed as soon as possible by full details as per pro forma att. Appx "A" to this order, together with a brief report on the accident.

(c) Fragments of ammunition found after a premature explosion will be sent with the report.

(d) If a Court of Inquiry is ordered to assemble to investigate the occurrence, the time and place of assembly will also be notified to D.D.O.S. of the nearest Corps, or to the A.D.O.S. of Formation, who will arrange for an Ordnance Technical Officer to attend the Court.

(e) Similar action will be taken by C.O's in the event of any explosion or fire affecting ammunition or explosives in store on their charge.

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)
(Applicable to all Troops in M.E.F.)

11. UNIT SIGNBOARDS - REMOVAL OF UPON CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Instances have occurred recently where units upon changing their location have failed to remove signboards erected by them for guidance of Transport etc. This has resulted in unnecessary confusion.

Units changing location will be responsible in future for the removal of all Unit signboards erected by them.

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)

12. ANTI-FLY MEASURES.

(a) Cleanliness of lines, flyproofing of latrines and food containers are essential as is the provision of flyproof refuse bins.

(b) Refuse disposal MUST be by incineration and burial so that fly breeding material is NOT provided by us. Removal of refuse by native contractors will NOT be allowed.

(c) It is impossible to prevent flies from breeding and becoming infested in native villages, therefore they must be prevented from coming in contact with food and eating utensils.

(d) Unit commanders are reminded that they are responsible for the sanitation of the area occupied by their troops.

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13. BOUNDS

The following Cafes and Bars are in bounds :-

(a) TRIPOLI -

Florida Cafe and Bar
Aussie Bar and Cafe
Refuge Bar
The Diggers Home Bar
Ajamis Tea Room
Kookaburra Bar
Casino Tripoli
Egyptian Bar
Paname Restuarant
Oriental Pattisserie
Jallad Bar
Star Bar
Baby Tea Room
Pattisserie Moderne
Restuarant New Pattisserie
Amoynie and Hadid
Golden Cup
Antoni's Kayrouz
Hakims Bar and Restuarant
Kardous Bros
Middle East Allies Bar
Australians Bar

(b) QOUBBE - (The area immediately surrounding LEGOULT and DE GAULLE Barracks)

Bar & Restuarant Carrillion Bar and Restuarant Sans Parieł

Victory Restuarant & Bar
De Nice Bar & Restuarant
Australian Bar
Bar Quick
Alex Bar
Bar Marie Crothcelet
The Red Hen Bar

(c) All other Cafes and Bars are placed out of bounds.

14. WASTE - KIT INSPECTIONS

Units will carry out a kit inspection once weekly. Attention is drawn to 20 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No 37 para 6 which reads :-

(a) As part of the campaign against waste, the attention of commanding officers is directed to the necessity for close supervision of clothing and equipment issues made from unit Q.M. stores.
(b) Considerable quantities of clothing and personal equipment issued as replacements to make good losses and damage arising through lack of due care, but often the cost of such replacements is incorrectly borne by Public Funds.
(c) Commanding officers will institute immediately regular kit inspections of the personnel under their commands, and where deficiencies of clothing or personal equipment are disclosed, or where such have been rendered unservicable by default or lack of care, the individual will be placed under appropriate stoppages of pay to make good the cost of the replacement.
(d) All amounts received from individuals will be paid in the first instance to the credit of C.P.M., A.I.F. (M.E.). Amounts debited to the soldiers paybook will be recorded on stoppage sheets and submitted monthly to C.P.M., A.I.F. (M.E.) in duplicate.

15. SECURITY OF ARMS-AMN-STORES.

Unit commanders will ensure that strict security measures are taken for the safe guarding of Arms, Amn, and stores on unit charge.

Attention is drawn to 20 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No. 16 para 9.

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16. POSTAL

33 Fd Post Office will operate from LEGOULT Barracks and not from 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ.

17. SALVAGE

Items for salvage will be returned to 9 Aust Div Salvage Dump situated in vicinity 16352771 - TRIPOLI.

18. R.E. STORES REQUISITIONS

An officer from 2/3 Aust Fd Coy will be att to each Inf Bn and will advise units in connection with engineering matters.

Units will deal direct with the officers att in placing indents for necessary R.E. stores required.

19. TREATMENT OF NATIVE POPULATION

(a) Units who have taken over native labour will ensure that strict supervision is maintained over them.

It is important that they be kept away from unit lines and not allowed to wander thrcugh them.

(b) Other natives including hawkers will not be permitted in unit areas.

Sentries will see that they are kept moving and do not loiter.

Troops are not to fraternise with the natives.

J Kelly Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appendix "A" to R.O. No.50.

REPORT ON ACCIDENT OR PREMATURE EXPLOSION WITH AMMUNITION

Station..... Unit.....

Nature of Accident
(i.e. premature, misfire, etc).....
Type of Weapon.....
Reg. No. of Piece.....
Calibre (where applicable) .....

AMMUNITION
Type.....
Lot No.....
Date of Manufacture.....
Fuze No.....Mk.....Lot No.....
Date of filling.....
Primer No.....Mk.....Lot No.....
(as applicable) Date of filling.....
Type of tube (PSA etc).....Mk.....Lot No.....
(as applicable) Date of filling.....

REMARKS

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 51.

by

Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER DSO. ED.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

28 Apr 42. In the Field.

1. AIR RAID WARNINGS.

AIR RAID "YELLOW" will be passed by phone from H.Q. 9 Aust Div to Sigs who will inform all concerned, under arrangements already made.

AIR RAID "RED" will also be passed by phone from H.Q. 9 Aust Div. Simultaneously, air raid sirens will be sounded, using warbling note for one minute. The warning will be repeated by the siren at Bde H.Q., and by unit air raid warning devices.

AIR RAID "GREEN" will be telephoned from H.Q. 9 Aust Div, and the sirens will be sounded using the constant note for one minute.

Practice Alarms are held at 1200 hrs each Saturday. The sirens are sounded for one minute to avoid confusion with genuine alarm signal.

2. RETURN OF PETROL CONTAINERS.

(a) Units are reminded that returnable containers, whilst on loan to consuming units, remain on charge of the petrol unit from which the containers were drawn.

(b) As a result of recent moves, it is found necessary to take a census of returnable containers.

(c) All units will, therefore, submit a return of all returnable containers in their possession as at 2359 hours 16 May 42, on the pro forma below.

(d) This return is to reach this H.Q. by 18 May 42.

Type of Container	No. of Containers full or empty.	D.I.D. or Pet Depot on whose charge.
(a) 44 gall Barrels. (b) 55 litre (12 galls) French Drums. (c) 4 gall round drums (d) 4 gall square drums. (e) 2 gall petrol tins (f) 2 gall M.B.O. tins.		

Tins which form part of vehicles equipment will NOT be included.

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3. KIT STOPPAGES

With reference to A.I.F. Standing Orders, 1940, para 224, it is advised that units will prepare Kit Stoppage Sheets for issues on repayment in quadruplicate, three of the copies being for use of Chief Paymaster.

A.I.F. (M.E.)Order 1069.

4. GUARDS AND SECURITY DUTIES

Guards carrying out Security duties will be inspected by an officer of the unit concerned daily.

J Kelly Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde
22 Apr 42.

20 AUST INF BDE -- ROUTINE INSTRUCTION NO. 5.

1. ROUTINE -

Reveille	0630
Adm Parade	0645
Sick Parade	0645
Breakfast	0730
Morning Parade	0830
Dismiss	1230
Afternoon Parade	1345
Dismiss	1630
Evening Meal	1730
Retreat	1830
First Post	2130
Last Post	2200
Lights Out	2215

2. SECURITY -

(a) Weapons -

(i) All rifles and bolts when not in use will be handed into C.Q.M.S. who will place them in the armoury.

(ii) Sub-unit comds will check rifles on the Adm parade each morning and hand a signed chit to the Bde S.M. by 0830 to the effect that all rifles are present.

(iii) Personal Gear & Equipment - Each man is responsible for the care of his equipment and the safeguarding of it against loss. A prowler picquet is on 24 hrs duty each day, but this does not relieve the individual of his responsibility for any article on charge to him.

3. BLACKOUT -

In view of the assistance which a shore light can give to an enemy boat endeavouring to make a landfall, blackout is to be 100% effective from observation at sea. To enable this to be done NO light will be shown in a tent or building which can not be effectively blacked-out.

4. NATIVES - (a) No natives are allowed in Bde H.Q. area and troops will at all times clear them out of the area.

(b) No trading, bartering or giving away of Government property, food, clothes etc is to be carried on between soldiers and natives.
(c) No troops will in any way fraternise with natives in or around camp area.
(d) Any offenders to sub paras (b) and (c) will be dealt with.

5. LAUNDRY - In the absence of an authorised laundry troops will do their own washing. Under no circumstances will washing be given to native people around camp areas.

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6. LEAVE AND AMENITIES -

Allotments of leave for TRIPOLI, BEIRUT and Picture Parties will be announced by Bde S.M. on Adm parades, as it becomes available.

7. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE -

All waste from kitchens will be burnt and then buried, under instructions from C.Q.M.S.
It will NOT be given to natives.

8. MUD SPLASHING OF TENTS.-

All tents will be mud splashed by 1800 hrs ~~28~~ 23 Apr 42.

9. SLIT TRENCHES -

Slit Trenches will be prepared, one per tent, forthwith.

10. Attention is drawn to Bde R.O. No. 50. of 21 Apr 42, paras - 1, 3, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 19.

for E.H. Brown Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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War Diary

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
22 Apr 42.

20 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO.9.

LEAVE : BEIRUT.

1. ALLOTMENT: 20 Aust Inf Bde has been allotted 120 all ranks for 2 days leave to BEIRUT recurring approx fortnightly. Allotment to units is as under :-

UNIT	NUMBER
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	9
Each Inf Bn.	37
TOTAL -	120

2. COMMENCEMENT: Leave will commence on Friday 24 Apr 42. Further leave will be notified as it becomes due.

3. COMPOSITION OF PARTIES:

(a) Unit parties will contain at least one officer and a proportion of NCOs who will be responsible for dress and discipline of their party.

(b) OC Leave Party will be of Field Rank and will be responsible for the Bde Party. For Leave commencing 24 Apr 42 OC will be supplied by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn (see para 13 - Special Instns).

4. TPT:

(a) Unit tpt will be used. 2 x 3 ton vehs from each of the Inf Bns and 1 x 3 ton or 30cwt veh from unit supplying picquet.

(b) Tpt will move in convoy 20 mih, 20 vtm.

(c) Vehs will assemble at a point on main rd LATTAKIA-TRIPOLI approx 400 yds south of turn off to LEGOULT Barracks, and depart at 1800 hrs, under comd of the officer i/c of picquet, day of commencement of the leave.

(d) Tps will debuss at HOTEL METROPOLE.

(e) Tpt will return to TRIPOLI the same night returning to BEIRUT to pick up leave party on Sunday 26 Apr - picquet truck remains with picquet - depart BEIRUT 1800 hrs on that day under arrangements of OC Leave Party.

5. ACCOMMODATION:

(a) All ranks will be accommodated at ACF Hostel - HOTEL METROPOLE.

(b) Tariff is bed and breakfast 150 pts per day; all other meals 100 pts each.

(c) The sum of £Sy3 will be collected from each man before leaving TRIPOLI and handed to Amenities Offr 20 Aust Inf Bde by 0900 hrs on the day of commencement of leave. This sum covers accommodation and breakfast for the two days.

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6. PAY:

(a) Units will ensure that all personnel are paid before leaving TRIPOLI as pay is NOT available in BEIRUT.

(b) A minimum of £Sy15 is a compulsory qualification for BEIRUT Leave.

(c) Paybooks will be entered to date before departure of leave parties and paybooks will be carried at all times as means of identity.

7. DRESS:

(a) Summer Dress - Shorts, Shirts, sweaters (if necessary), slacks, boots, belt, hats KF turned up. SD may be taken for wear at night if desired.

(b) Strictest attention will be paid by all officers and NCOs that the tps are correctly dressed at all times.

8. DISCIPLINE:

(a) The continuance of leave to any centre is dependent upon the maintenance of good discipline. It has been laid down by higher formation, that where members of a unit misbehave or cause any disturbance in a town, that town will be declared OUT OF BOUNDS to ALL personnel of the unit concerned.

(b) Before Leave Parties depart, it will be the responsibility of Unit Comds to ensure that all personnel proceeding are warned by an officer as to the necessity :-

(i) for the maintenance of good discipline;
(ii) to be correctly dressed;
(iii) to pay strict attention to notices, etc., limiting areas which may be visited;
(iv) for the correct use of prophylactics and PACs by those indulgence makes such use necessary.

(c) Officers and NCOs are responsible for taking necessary and appropriate action in respect to breaches of discipline or soldierly bearing which come to their notice irrespective of the fact that the person concerned may be of another unit.

9. LEAVE PASSES: All personnel will carry leave passes made out under unit arrangements.

Passes will be collected on return of Leave Party.

10. NOMINAL ROLLS: Nominal Roll of Unit Parties will reach Bde Amenities Officer together with £Sy3 per man by 0900 hrs on day of commencement of leave.

11. PICQUET:

(a) Picquet of 1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 10 ORs will accompany leave party.

(b) Picquet on arrival will report to DAPM BEIRUT and work under his orders.

(c) Picquet will take blankets and messing gear.

(d) Picquet for leave commencing 24 Apr 42 will be supplied by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

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12. DRESS OF PICQUET: Summer dress, steel helmets, gaiters, boots, belt and sidearms.

13. SPECIAL INSTNS FOR OC LEAVE PARTY:

(a) He will arrive at BEIRUT by 1200 hrs on day of commencement of leave - tpt to be supplied by unit.

(b) He will collect nominal rolls and accommodation fees from 20 Aust Inf Bde Amenities Officer before departure and arrange accommodation of party at ACF HOSTEL - HOTEL METROPOLE.

(c) He will be responsible for organisation, arrangement of accommodation, control and discipline of leave party and should have all arrangements in hand before tps arrive.

(d) He will be on duty for the whole of the period.

(e) He will report to DAPM :-

(i) on arrival;
(ii) at least once daily or more frequently if required to do so;
(iii) make any inspection that the DAPM may require.

(f) Be entitled to return to his unit any officer, WO, NCO or soldier in the leave party for any reason of discipline or misbehaviour.

(g) Have authority to call upon any officer, WO or NCO in the leave party to assist him in his duty.

(h) On completion of leave submit reports -

(i) to DAPM on discipline of party, and
(ii) to this HQ setting out behaviour of tps on leave, any untoward occurrence and any suggested alterations or improvements for the benefit of the tps.

(i) His rations and accommodation (excluding wine A/c) will be refunded on submission of TS4 (with receipts) on completion.

J Keen Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
4 Apr 42.

20 AUST INF BDE- SECURITY INSTRUCTION No 3.

1. "A great many suggestions have been made to Security offrs in 20 Aust Inf Bde area concerning improvements to security within and about the camp areas. Close co-operation has been forthcoming in all but one respect. NCOs and ORs continue to disregard the presence of loitering civilians near the camps".
(Extract from FSS Weekly Report dated 29 Mar 42).

2. This breach is contrary to Bde RO No 43 para 3 dated 21 Mar 42, also Bde RO No 39 para 5 dated 14 Mar 42.

3. The Bde Comd views this matter with grave concern and steps will be taken by units to ensure an immediate improvement.

4. It is pointed out that native children are by far the worst offenders, being encouraged to loiter by misguided soft heartedness of the soldiers. MT traffic on the rds within the Bde area is heavy and the children are in constant danger of serious injury as well as being a menace to military drivers.

5. Instructions have been given to all units re the disposal of waste food from the kitchens etc, yet cases still occur of native children being found in possession of quantities of bread, army biscuits and tins of bully beef. Investigation shows that these things are obviously not stolen. There is more than a possibility that such things are traded by the soldiers in return for Arak from the natives.

6. Attention of all units is drawn to Bde RO No 39 para 4 dated 14 Mar 42 and also to Bde Instruction headed "LAUNDRY" issued as Appx to Bde RO No 42 dated 18 Mar 42.

7. In spite of this order tps still continue to send their laundry to individuals. Collection and delivery is done by the natives, and it is here, concealed in the washing, that a lot of the food has been found.

8. Units will ensure that NO civilian is allowed within the unit lines unless in possession of a pass issued by 20 Aust Inf Bde, sub-unit thereof, or unit at present u/c. Passes will be signed by Security offr concerned and will be made out for term of ONE month only. ALL passes so issued will expire on the same date of each month.

9. Unit Security offrs will be responsible for ensuring that relevant points of this Instruction are made known to all ranks, and that instructions are carried out and maintained with vigour.

[signature]
Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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HQ,20 Aust Inf Bde.
18 Apr 42.

ROUTINE INSTN NO 4.

Duty Offr: Lieut HAMILTON.
Duty Clerk: Cpl H.C.BOWN.

Routine:

Reveille	:	0630 hrs.
Adm pde	:	0645 "
Sick pde	:	0645 "
Breakfast	:	0745 "
Midday meal	:	1245 "
Mens tea	:	1700 "
Offrs Mess	:	1800 "

Blackout: 1. No lights will be shown in bde bivouac area after dusk.
2. Cooks will arrange for fires to be put out before dark.
3. Sub-unit comds will be responsible to see that no lights are shown by tps in their area.

Latrines: Latrines are situated on side of bivouac area and tps WILL NOT use any other areas.

Swimming: Swimming will be carried out in organised parties only. Any qualified life savers will report their names to Bde SM as soon as this instn is read.

Route Marching: (All personnel)
Route marching will be carried out on morning and afternoon of 19 Apr 42.
All personnel not on duty will report to Bde SM at 0900 hrs 19 Apr 42.

Kits: All kits will be laid out in orderly fashion each morning by 0830 hrs.

Anti-Malaria: Precautions will be taken against mosquitos, by using nets and cream. Disciplinary action will be taken against anyone NOT complying with this order.

Natives: Natives living in tin hut at entrance to Bivouac Area will be the only ones allowed in this area.

Prowler Picquet: Bde SM will be responsible for supplying necessary Picquet from HQ Gd Pl personnel and batmen. Lieut MORRISBY will be responsible for 58 LAD area.

Games: Will be organised by Capt G.D.EVANS.

Security: (a) Arms- Each soldier is responsible for security of his own rifle or pistol.
(b) Camp gear will be the responsibility of Prowler Picquet.
(c) Greatest care will be taken to ensure there is no loss of personnal gear and eqpt.
(d) Drs will be responsible for protection of own veh.

Care of Feet: Sub-unit comds are responsible for the care of the mens feet. Each sub-unit comd will inspect mens feet and report to RAP Cpl who will make available the necessary treatment.

Sub-unit Comd.	Bde HQ,	WO BORLAND.	)
	Tpt	Sjt PRING	) Capt EVANS.
	Batmen	Sjt NEWTON	)
	Sigs.	Lieut RUMNEY.	
	LAD	Lieut MORRISBY.	
	HQ GD BN.	Cpl CATLAND.	

D.D.Brown Capt.
SCL, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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BATAILLON DE MARCHE N° 3

A6/2311 LATTAQUIE, le II AVRIL I942

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- C O M P T E - R E N D U DU IO AVRIL 42.-

Le Chef de Poste de garde au B.M.C. a l'honneur de rendre compte de ce que :

Etant en état d'ivresse des Australiens s'étant introduit à plusieurs reprises dans l'établissement des F.F.L. après avoir forcé la Garde, ayant été repoussés ont tiré des coups de pistolet à travers la porte.

Le Chef de Poste
Sgt.LAMY

TRANSMISSION N° I364 DU II AVRIL I942 DE LA 2° B.F.I. BATAILLON DE MARCHE N° 3

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GARNISON DE LATTAQUIE
N° 905 /G.L.

LATTAQUIE, le I3 AVRIL I942

COPIE CONFORME NOTIFIEE à:

M. le CDT. de la 20° Brigade Australienne
s/c Officier de Liaison.

LE GENERAL MONCLAR
CDT. D'ARMES DE LA GARNISON DE LATTAQUIE

P.O. LE CHEF DE BATAILLON MAJOR DE GARNISON

FORCES FRANCAISES LIBRES
Le Commandant d'Armes
Place de Lattaquié

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FORCES FRANCAISES LIBRES

REGION TERRITORIALE DES ALAOUITES

GARNISON DE LATTAQUIE

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RAPPORT DE GARNISON N°60/RG
DU 5 AVRIL 1942

I°/- SEJOUR DE FEMMES DE MILITAIRES EN EGYPTE (N.d.S.N°II95/CM de la Délégation Générale de la France Libre au Levant du 25/3/42

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire savoir que le Gouvernement Egyptien s'est plaint à plusieurs reprises à la Délégation de la France Libre en ce pays, du séjour que se croient autorisées à y faire des femmes de militaires des Forces Françaises Libres, qui transitent par l'Egypte pour réjoindre leurs maris et qui n'ont qu'un visa de transit.

Les plaintes du Gouvernement Egyptien sont parfaitement justifiées, et je vous serais très obligé de vouloir bien rappeler aux intéressés qu'ils doivent pour leur séjour se conformer exactement aux conditions qui leur sont faites au moment de la délivrance des visas.

II°/- FOURRAGES.-

Par lettre N°327 du I°Avril I942, le Capitaine d'Administration Gestionnaire des Subsistances Militaires fait connaître qu'à partir du I° Avril I942 le service des Subsistances de Lattaquié ne percevra plus de foin pour la nourriture des animaux, ce fourrage sera remplacé par du tében, poids pour poids.

Cette nouvelle mesure entrera en application dès l'épuisement du stock de foin existant actuellement aux magasins des Subsistances de Lattaquié.

III°./- CHAMP DE TIR.-

I°/- Le champ de tir situé é 2 Kms.Nord de Turkamnli est mis à la disposition de la Cie.Lourde du B.M/3 le Jeudi 9 Avril I942.

2°/- Les champs de tir n°I et 2 sur plage militaire Sud-Est de Lattaquié, sont mis à la disposition de la Cie.Lourde du B.M/3 le Vendredi IO Avril I942.-

LE GENERAL MONCLAR
CDT D'ARMES DE LA GARNISON DE LATTAQUIE

P.O. LE CHEF DE BATAILLON-MAJOR DE GARNISON
Signé : DARRIEUTORT

P.A. L'OFFICIER DE GARNISON.

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FORCES FRANÇAISES LIBRES
Le Général Commandant
Secteur de Lattaquié

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025998

Le Général Commandant Supérieur
des Troupes Françaises
en Egypte.

Le Général de Division Lattaquie
Commandant la Division
d'Occupation de Syrie.

Le Général Commandant
la Subdivision de Damas.

Le Général Commandant
la Subdivision de Homs.

Le Général Commandant
la Subdivision de Hama.

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RAPPORT DE GARNISON N° 62/RG DU
9 AVRIL 1942.-
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I°/- DIRECTION DU SERVICE VETERINAIRE: (N.D.S. n°2190 du 30 Mars 1942 de la Délégation de la F.L.L.)

La Direction du service de police vétérinaire de la Délégation Générale est installée actuellement dans l'immeuble HALWANI, avenue Fouad Ier, près le champ de course.

Elle est dotée d'un appareil téléphonique "N° 595" relié directement au Central Sérail (H.C.F.)

En conséquence, pour toutes correspondances, relations et communications diverses intéressant le Service de police sanitaire vétérinaire civil exclusivement, vous êtes priés de vouloir bien vous reporter dorénavant à l'adresse indiquée ci-dessus.

II°/- OFFICE POSTAL EGYPTIEN: (NDS N° 713/E.P. du 2/4/42 de la Direction de la Poste Militaire)

Dès réception de la présente note, les dispositions limitatives de la note de service 2.944/407 du 21 Mars 1942 du Commandement en Chef sont abrogées.

L'Office postal Egyptien accorde la franchise, jusqu'à 30 grammes pour les correspondances, expédiées par les militaires des F.F.L. à des destinataires en EGYPTE.

III°/- CHAMP DE TIR:

Le champ de tir d'Artillerie (CHAMIE BORGE) est mis à la disposition de la 20° Brigade Australienne pour tirs et manoeuvres, du 13 au 16 Avril 1942 inclus.

IV°/- P U N I T I O N :

-2° Classe SLEIMAN ABDULLAH Mle. 639 de la Section de Garnison

- HUIT jours de prison par % du Major de Garnison

MOTIF: - A par négligence cassé un brancard d'araba./-

LE GENERAL MONCLAR
CDT. D'ARMES DE LA GARNISON DE LATTAQUIE

P.O. LE CHEF DE BATAILLON MAJOR DE GARNISON
Signé : DARRIEUTORT
P.A. L'OFFICIER DE GARNISON

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Secteur de Lattaquié

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GARNISON DE LATTAQUIE

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ANNEXE AU RAPPORT DE GARNISON N°62/R.G.
DU 9 AVRIL 1942

- SERVICE DE GARNISON POUR LA SEMAINE DU 11 AU 18/4/1942.

I/- Officier de distribution : (C.D.O. et fourrages)
Capitaine ABDUL SALAM de 1°E.M. du 2° B.D.L.

II/- SERVICE DE SURVEILLANCE :

a) En Ville : - Samedi de 17 heures à 22 heures.

- I Adjudant européen, Chef de patrouille, à désigner par le B.M.3.
- I S/Officier et 2 hommes du B.M.3.
- I S/Officier et 2 hommes du 2° B.D.L.
- I S/Officier et 2 hommes de la Marine
- I SOfficier et 2 hommes de la I° Batterie

b) En Ville : Dimanche de 8 H. à 18 H.00 et de 12 H.à 19 H.00.

- I Adjudant du 2° B.D.L.
- I S/Officier et 2 hommes du B.M.3.
- I S/Officier et 2 hommes du 2° B.D.L.
- I S/Officier et 2 hommes de la Marine
- I S/Officier et 2 hommes d'A.M.2.

c) Plantons aux Cinémas : (Empire et Roxy)
Matinées) B.M.3. = 2° B.D.L.

Soirées) B.M.3. = Marine

d) Maisons de Tolérance : Toutes les nuits de 18 H. à 2 H. du matin

- I Sergent et 3 hommes du B.M.3.
- I Caporal et 3 hommes du 2° B.D.L.

e) Au Foyer de Garnison : Tous les soirs de 17 à 20 H.30.

- I S/Officier de la I° Batterie
- I homme du 2° B.D.L.
- I homme de peloton d'A.M.2. à la disposition de la Directrice du Foyer Militaire.

f) Coopérative : - I S/Officier
- Lundi (a- : Batterie
- Mercredi (près : B.M.3.
- Vendrdei (midi : 2° B.D.L.

III/- PATROUILLE MIXTES : Pour mémoire) Voir presc.N.D.S.n°18/GL du 3/2/42 Selon les prescriptions de la Note de Service N° 232/G.L. du 26 Janvier 1942 sur le service de la Garnison - Compte-rendu à adresser au Bureau de Garnison le lendemain avant 8 heures./-

LATTAQUIE, LE 10 AVRIL 1942

LE GENERAL MONCLAR
CDT.D'ARMES DE LA GARNISON DE LATTAQUIE

P.O. LE CHEF DE BATAILLON-MAJOR DE GARNISON
SIGNE : DARRIEUTORT

P.A. L'OFFICIER DE GARNISON

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RAPPORT DE GARNISON N° 63/RG DU II AVRIL I942.-

I°/- ARRETE N° I92/F.L. DU 2 AVRIL I942:(de la Délégation de la F.L.L.) -relatif au stationnement et à la circulation dans certaines zones/

Arrête du Général CDT. en Chef.

Article I.- Il est interdi t de stationner dans un rayon de I00 mètres des ouvrages ou terrains militaires.

Article 2.- Toute personne âgée de plus de I4 ans,appelée, par ses occupations, à circuler aux environs des ouvrages ou zones militaires, devra être en mesure de justifier son identité par la,production soit de sa carte d'identé, soit de son passeport, soit d'une attestation signée par le Mokhtar et par deux notables de la résidence de l'intéressé

Il en sera de même sur tous les parcours ou dans toutes les zones où l'autorité militaire le jugera nécessaire; dans ce cas il appartiendra à cette autorité d'en informer préalablement le public par voie d'affiches, par la voie de la presse, et par tout autre moyen.

Article 3.- Toute infraction aux dispositions des articles I et 2 ci-dessus, sera punie d'un emprisonnement de huit jours à trois mois, et d'une amende de cinq à cent livres libanaises ou syriennes ou de l'une de ces deux peines seulement.

Seront passibles des mêmes peines, quiconque ne sera pas en mesure de justifier son identité dans les cas et dans les conditions prévus par l'article 2 du présent arrêté.

III°/-SACS POSTAUX:(NDS. n° 3570/4-G7 du 7/4/42 du Gal.Cdt. en Chef)

Il a été signalé que certaines unités détenaient indûment des sacs postaux.

Ces sacs doivent être retournés au Service de la Poste.

Des sanctions très sévères seront prises envers les détenteurs;

III°/- OFFICE EGYPTIEN DES PSOTES ET TELEGRAPHES:(NDS n°3560/4-G7 du 7 Avril I942 du Gal.Cdt. en Chef).

L'Office Egyptien des Postes et Télégraphes accorde la Franchise, jusqu'à 30 grammes pour les correspondances adressées par les militaires des F.F.L. à des destinataires civils en EGYPTE.

En conséquence, les dispositions limitatives de la Note de Service 2.944/4.G7 du 2I Mars I942 sont abrogées.

Les instructions nécessaires sont données aux Secteurs Postaux et Vaguemestres d'Etapes par les soins du Directeur de la Poste aux Armées.

LE GENERAL MONCLAR
CDT. D'ARMES DE LA GARNISON DE LATTAQUIE
P.O. LE CHEF DE BATAILLON-MAJOR DE GARNISON
Signé : DARRIEUTORT
P.A. L'OFFICIER DE GARNISON

DESTINATAIRES:
-Notification générale
-Archives./-

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RÉPUBLIQUE SYRIENNE
GENDARMERIE
COMPAGNIE DU MOUHAFAZAT
DU DJEBEL ALAOUITE
Section de Lattaquié-ville

Poste de Cheikh-Daher

N°446

DATE : 19 Mars 1942

OBJET :
Démolition du
mur de la maison
de HASSAN MOUSTAFA
MACHTA de Lattaquié
par la voiture
britannique N°4.475.207

de clôture

DESTINATAIRES:
-M.le Général Cdt.
La R.T.A. à
Lattaquié.
-ARCHIVES.

P R O C E S - V E R B A L

Ce jourd'hui jeudi dix-neuf MARS dix-neuf cent quarante-deux à dix-sept heures trente, nous soussignés caporal à pied FARAH MAHFOUD Mle.435 et gendarme à pied AKRAM SKAF Mle.315 du Poste de Ceikh-Daher (Section de Lattaquié-ville) revêtus de notre uniforme, en exécution des ordres de nos chefs - de service au Poste - nous avons entendu un individu qui s'est présenté et a déclaré :

Je me nomme HASSAN B/. MOUSTAFA MACHTA - de Lattaquié - quartier de Chaikh-Daher - âgé de 30 ans - marié - illettré - sunnite - cafetier -

Tout à l'heure mon fils ABDUL LATIF est venu au café et m'a informé qu'une voiture britannique a démoli le mur de ma maison, en le cognant, située à Farouss - je suis allé à la maison et j'ai constaté que vraiment que le mur de la cour est démoli à une distance de six metre par une voiture australienne qui ~~est~~ se trouve près de ma maison - je demande la réparation du mur démoli après enquête.-

Lecture faite, persiste et appose l'empreinte de son pouce gauche.-

CONSTATATIONS:

Nous nous sommes rendus sur les lieux avec l'expert ABDUL HAMID MAZZO, et avons constaté au lieu dit "Farouss" que la voiture australienne y est encore Elle porte le N°4475207 - 52 - elle est arrêtée près du mur démoli duquel est démoli une distance de six mètres à la suite du choc de la voiture - la réparation de ce mur a été estimée le susdit maçon expert à 18 L.S.

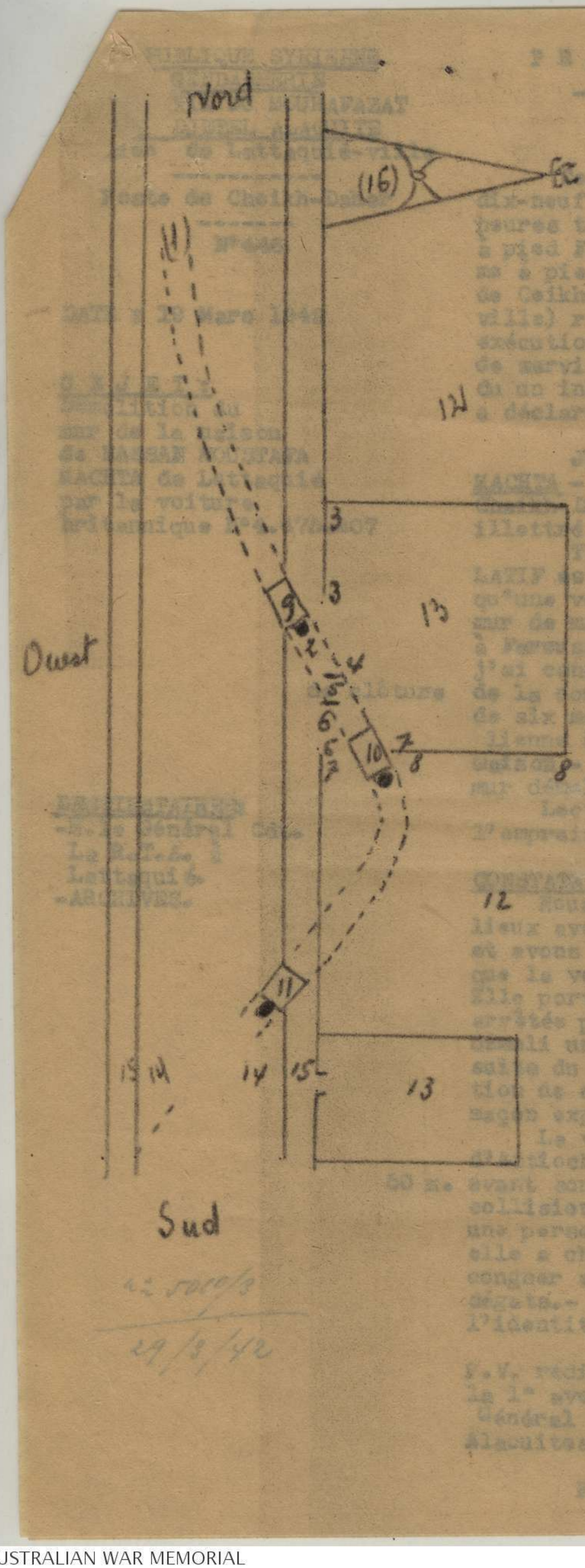
Le voiture venanit de la route d'Antioche et se rendait à Lattaquié - 50 m. avant son arrivée ~~au~~ à l'endroit de la collision, la voiture a failli heurtér une personne et pour éviter ce heurt, elle a changé de direction et est allé congner au mur causant les susdits dégats.- Nous n'avons pas pu connaitre l'identité du conducteur de la voiture.-

P.V. rédigé en deux expéditions destinées la 1° avec le croquis des lieux à M. le Général Cdt/ la Région Territoriale des Alaouites et la 2° aux archives.-

Fait et clos le 21/3/42
n (signatures)

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1 -Place de la voiture avant la collision
2 -Place de la collision
3 -Distance de 4m. du mur non démoli
4 -Distance de 2m. démolie au Nord de la porte d'entrée
5 -Porte d'entrée de 1m.20 de largeur.
6 -Distance de 2m.80 démolie au Sud de la Porte
7 -Distance de 3m. démolie du mur Sud.
8 -Distance de 7m. non démolie du mur Sud
9 -Première collision de la voiture au mur
10-Seconde colision de la voiture
11-Place où s'est arrêtée la voiture après la collision
12-Parcelle de terrain de labour
13-Maison d'habitation au Sud-Est de l'arrêt de la voiture après la collision
14-8m. largeur de la rue
15-Trottoirs à 2m. de large
16-Poteau téléphonique situé au niveau de la voiture au moment où elle a changé de direction

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4 : 500/3

29/3/42

REPUBLIQUE SYRIENNE
GENDARMERIE
.COMPAGNIE DU MOUHAFAZAT
DU DJEBEL ALAOUITE
Section de Lattaquié-ville

Poste de Cheikh-Daher

N°554

DATE : 31 Mars 1942

OBJET :
Heurt de HANI
B/. SMAIL ATOUAZ
de Lattaquié par
la voiture britannique N°4.403.603,
causant sa mort,
à Farouss (Lattaquié)

DESTINATAIRES:
-M.le Général, Cdt.
la R.T.A. à
Lattaquié
-ARCHIVES.

P R O C E S - V E R B A L

Cejourd'hui mardi trent-et-un MARS dix-neuf cent quarante-deux à seize heures trente, nous soussignés sergent à pied SLEIMAN KHODER Mle.435 et gendarme à pied AKRAM SKAF Mle.315 du Poste de Cheikh-Daher (Section de Lattaquié-ville) revêtus de notre uniforme, en exécution des ordres de nos chefs - ayant appris qu'un individu a été écrasé par une voiture britannique à Farouss au Nord de la ville de Lattaquié - nous nous sommes immédiatement rendus sur les lieux où nous n'avons pas vu l'écrasé mais nous avons appris qu'il a été transporté à l'hopital puis un caporal de l'Armée s'est approché et a déclaré :

Je me nomme SLEIMAN B/. MAYHOUB - du village d'Ain el-Tiné - âgé de 19 ans célibataire - lettré - alaouite - syrien - caporal aux Troupes du Levant - Mle.19631

Pendant que je me trouvais sur le carrefour Farouss attendant une voiture militaire française, une voiture britannique venant de l'Ouest rue BILLOTTE portant N°4.403.603.L - S.54, a écrasé, en arrivant au carrefour des routes de Lattaquié-Antioche, le nommé HANI ASSI qui venait de la ville sur une bicyclette et se dirigeait vers le Nord à la distillerie de nicotine.- Après le heurt, la voiture s'arrêta sur le bord de la route et le heurté ~~fut~~ y fut transporté par le chauffeur puis une autre voiture britannique ~~Hou~~ de tourisme N°18198 arriva et transporta le heurté à l'hopital Je crois que son état est grave parcequ'il saignait de la bouche.- Je suis resté pour garder la trace du sang et la bicyclette que le heurté montait en attendant qu'on vienne faire l'enquête.- C'est tout ce qui s'est passé.-

Lecture faite, persiste et signe.-

Après avoir recueilli la déposition du caporal, un autre individu s'est approché et a déclaré :

Je me nomme KHALED B/. NAHIM OULEID de Lattaquié - demeurant au quartier Sleibé - âgé de 21 ans - célibataire - lettré - sunnite - syrien - agent d'octroi -

Pendant que je me trouvais sur le carrefour, une voiture britannique venant de l'Ouest dans la rue Billotte ~~et le~~

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portant N°4.403.603, a heurté le nommé HANI B/. SMAIL ATOUAZ dit ASSI, ~~qui~~ sur le carrefour, qui venait de la ville sur une bicyclette portant un verre de café et se rendait à la distillerie de nicotine de la Régie située au Nord de la ville où il est ouvrier - Après l'avoir heurté, cette voiture s'arrêta puis une petite voiture britannique N°18198 est venue et a transporté le heurté à l'hopital - il était dans un état grave parcequ'il saignait de la bouche et je crois qu'il a été tué.-
Lecture faite, persiste et signe.-

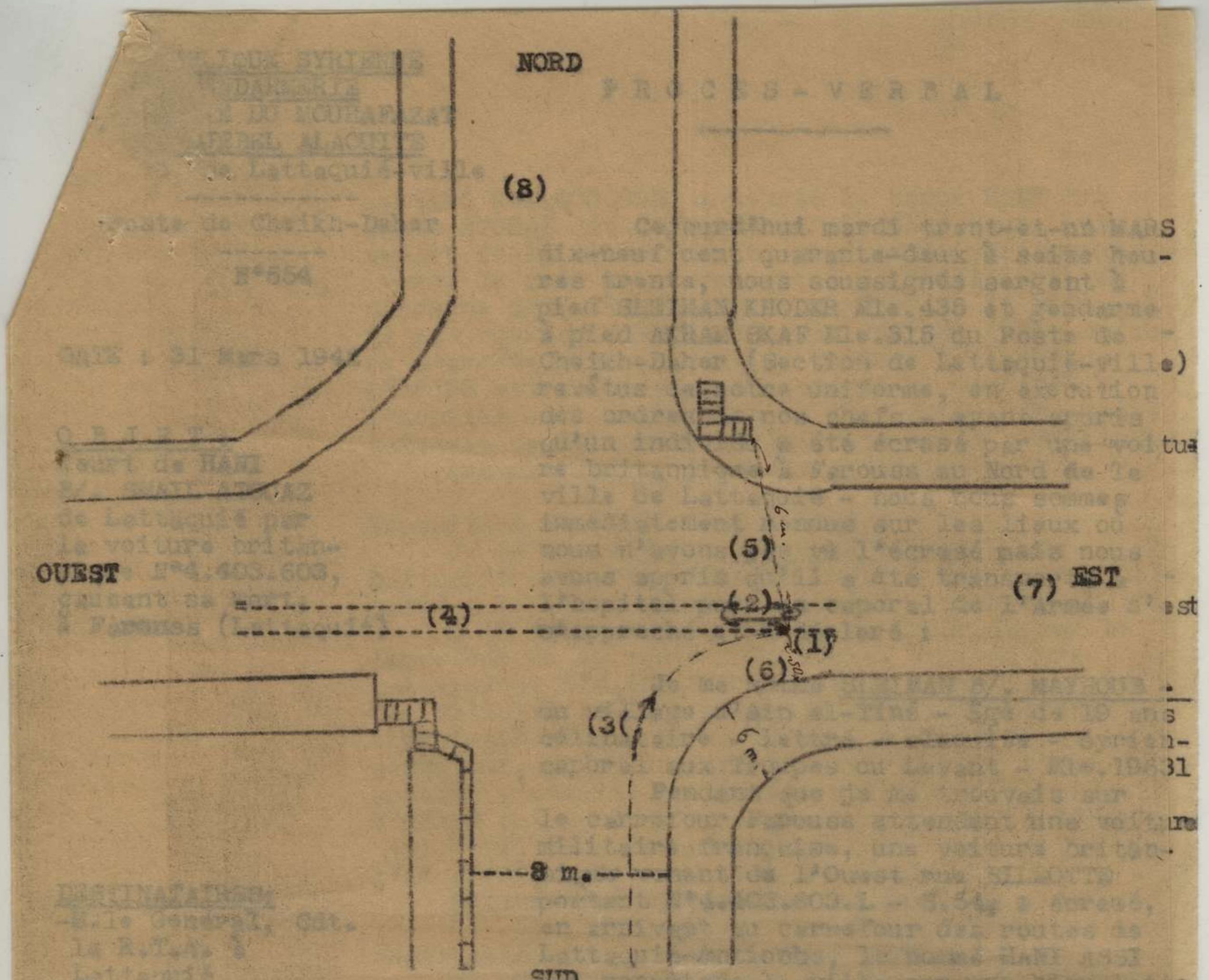
Déposition de WAHID OMAR AZHARI :
Je me nomme WAHID B/. OMAR AZHARI - de Lattaquié - quartier Cheikh-Daher - âgé de 21 ans - marié - lettré - sunnite - syrien - ouvrier -
A 16 H.30 pendant que je me trouvais sur le carrefour de la route d'Antioche, une voiture britannique N°4.403.603 venait de l'Ouest sur la rue Billotte et le nommé HANI ASSI montant une bicyclette venait de la ville - à son arrivée au carrefour, cette voiture l'a heurté puis s'est arrêtée - ensuite une petite voiture britannique N°18198 est arrivée et a transporté HANI à l'Hopital civil de Lattaquié - son état était grave - j'ai appris qu'il est mort à l'hopital.-
Lecture faite, persiste et signe.-

Déclaration de la mère de HANI ASSI :
Je me nomme NIDA bent CHEIKH MOHAMED ASSI - de Lattaquié - quartier Sleibé - âgée de 40 ans - mariée - illettrée - sunnite - syrienne -
J'ai appris l'accident survenu à mon fils HANNI ASSI qui est âgé de 20 ans, par une voiture militaire britannique à Farouss - à la suite de cet accident, mon fils est mort - je demande une enquête et la sauvegarde des droits de mon fils.-
Lecture faite, persiste et appose l'empreinte de son pouce gauche.-

Déclaration du père de HANI ASSI :
Je me nomme SMAIL B/. MOHAMED SAID ATOUAZ - de Lattaquié - quartier Sleibé - âgé de 56 ans - marié - lettré - sunnite - syrien - cordonnier -
J'ai appris l'accident survenu à mon fils HANI qui est agé de 20 ans par une voiture britannique à Farous à la suite duquel mon fils est mort - je demande une enquête et la sauvegarde de ses droits.-
Lecture faite, persiste et signe.-

P.V. rédigé en deux expéditions destinées: la 1° avec le croquis des lieux de l'accident à M. le Général Commandant la Région Territoriale des Alaouites et la 2° aux archives.-

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1 +)- Place du heurt
2) - Voiture britannique
3) - Direction de la bicyclette
4) - Direction de la voiture
5) - Vide de 6 mètres entre la place du heurt et le coin de la borne indicatrice.
6) - Vide de 2m.50 entre la place du heurt et le bord de la rout
7) - Rue Billotte
8) - Route d'Antioche.

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FORCES FRANCAISES LIBRES
GARNISON DE TARTOUS

N° 21 /GT.

TRANSMIS A : 1e

Monsieur le GENERAL,
Commandant la Région Territoriale des
Alaouites
LATTAQUIE

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ant. S/c afaf.

- Le Compte Rendu concernant l'incident survenu le 27 Mars I942 à 22 heures à la maison de Tolérance de Tartous entre un S/Officier de la 9° Cie.du B.M.3 et des soldats australiens de passage à Tartous./.

Tartous, le 30 Mars I942
Le Capitaine BRANCHET,
Commandant d'Armes.

Entrée le 31/3/42
sous N° 1902/1
Sortie le
sous N°

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FORCES FRANCAISES LIBRES.

Bataillon des Marche N°3.

9ème Compagnie.

Camp Billette. Tartous.

Tartous, Le 28 Mars 1942.

RAPPORT du Capitaine Commandant le Camp de Tartous au sujet d'un incident survenu entre des Militaires Australiens et un Sergent-Chef Indigène de la 9e Compagnie du B.M3 à la Maison de Tolérance de Tartous

Le 27 Mars au matin le Sergent-Chef GOMECHI N° Mle 2926 de la 9e Compagnie se présente sur les rangs, la figure tuméfiée, portant de nombreuses traces de violents coups de poings. Interrogé par l'Adjudant européen de l'Unité sur les causes de cet état, l'intéressé répondit que la veille vers 22 heures à la maison de tolérance il avait été l'objet de voies de faits de la part d'une dizaine d'Australiens en complet état d'ivresse.

L'enquête à laquelle s'est livré l'Aspirant BAUDOUIN au sujet de cet incident révèle que ce sous-officier qui jouissait d'une permission de spectacle, n'a pas provoqué les violences dont il a été l'objet.

Ci-joint le compte-rendu de l'Officier enquêteur.

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FORCES FRANCAISES LIBRES
BATAILLON DE MARCHE DU TCHAD N° 3
3° Compagnie

TARTOUS le 28.3.42

COMPTE-RENDU au sujet de l'incident survenu le 26 Mars 1942 à la maison de tolérance de TARTOUS.

RELATION DES FAITS :

Le 26 Mars à 21 h 30, une vingtaine d'Australiens complètement ivres, faisaient une entrée bruyante à la maison de tolérance de Tartous.

Le même soir à 22 heures /entrait dans la dite maison le Sergent-Chef indigène COLLCHI qui passait immédiatement dans une chambre avec une femme.

Les Australiens après avoir vidé et cassé de nombreuses bouteilles, pénétraient dans la chambre du Chef avec des intentions mal définies.

Ne pouvant se comprendre, les langages étant différents, la situation s'aggrava très rapidement.

Les Australiens au nombre d'une douzaine, se ruèrent sur le Chef Indigène et le frappèrent très brutalement.

Celui-ci, très fort, réussit à se dégager et s'en fut à la caserne recevoir les premiers soins.

L'Aspirant BAUDUIN.
Chargé de l'enquête

Destinataires : Cdt d'Armes.
: Cdt du Bon 3
Archives

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M O S T S E C R E T.

OFFICER ONLY.

HQ 9 AUST DIV.
17 Apr 42.

20 Aust Inf Bde. (Appx. A + B).
24 Aust Inf Bde.
26 Aust Inf Bde.
RAA 9 Aust Div.
RAE 9 Aust Div.
Sigs 9 Aust Div.

Copies : Comd.
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NINTH Army
10 Corps.

PLANNING.

The following is the planning programme for Apr and May 42:-

1. Plans to be submitted by 30 Apr.

(Infm vide para 17 of 9 Aust Div Op Instn No 8 from 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes is required on or before 28 Apr 42.)

(a) By 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.

Plans for Coastal Defence, vide 9 Aust Div Op Instn No 8.

(b) By 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Plan for defence of TRIPOLI fortress area by 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp Bde Gp. Vide Appx "A".

2. Plan to be submitted by 15 May.

By 24 Aust Inf Bde. Plan for holding the LEFT Div sector of the line HAMA - MASSIAF - NAHR SENE. Vide Appx "A".

Bde TEWT will be held with this object before 6 May 42. Dates selected for the TEWT will be advised.

3. To be completed during Tng period.

By 26 Aust Inf Bde. Roles of the Res Bde Gp TRIPOLI fortress. Vide Appx "B".

4. Commencing approx 6 May.

(a) 9 Aust Div TEWT. Plan for holding the delaying posn of the LITANI RIVER from MERDJAYCUN to the coast.

(b) To attend. Bde syndicates, CRA, CRE, OC Div Sigs and ADMS. Composition of Syndicates will be notified later.

5. In the period 16 May to 30 May.

(a) 10 Corps Command and Signal Exercise, for all Sigs and HQs down to and including Bdes. will be held.

(b) The exercise will consist of the movement from concentration areas to the frontier, and from the frontier to the line DAMASCUS - DJEDEIDE - TRIPOLI.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE ✓

H. Wells. Col
GS 9 Aust Div.

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APPX "A"

1. The Fortress area will be taken to be the area included within the FDLs on the north and the posns selected by 26 Aust Inf de to deny the approaches from the south east and south vide Appx "B".

2.9 Aust Div section of the delaying posn HAMA- MASSIAF- BANIAS-(NAHR SENE)
MASSIAF may or may NOT be included in 9 Aust Div sector -plans should be prepared for both cases.
3. The NAHR SENE from excl rd TRIPOLI-LATTAKIA to incl its mouth at ARAB EL MOUIK (1736) has been developed as a complete ATk obstacle. Between the rd and the stream a short ATk ditch has been constructed and the rd has been prepared for demolition.
4. 20 Aust Inf Bde have a plan for the defence of the coastal portion of this posn.
5.(a).Demolitions have been prepared at:-

i.	17394389	Rd crater
ii.	17784360	" "
iii.	17764358	" "
iv.	17404325	" "
v.	17854334	" "
vi.	20644312	" "
vii.	19884328	Br
viii.	19424265	Rd crater
ix.	207429	Two brs,oneold prepared-demolition preparations run concurrently with construction of new br.
x.	17854338	Rd crater
xi.	19754205	" "
xii.	20684332	Br
xiii.	17923700	Rd crater
xiv.	17413679	" "

(b).Demolitions have sited at:-

i.	20223511	Proposed rd crater.
ii.	20753436	" " "
iii.	20583431	" " "

(c).Any further demolitions required will be notified with the plan.

6. The plan will be based on the delaying posn being held by a bn and att tps from the24 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
A recommendation will be submitted with a plan giving the detail of the att tps required.

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S E C R E T

Appx "B"

1. The roles of the res bde gp TRIPOLI fortress area include.

(a) Counter attack to restore the posn in either fwd bde area.

(b) Defence of the coast between the left fwd bde area and NAHR EL JOAUZ.

(c) Anti paratps role in fortress area excl of fwd bde areas.

(d) Holding approaches from the east and south.

2. Plans will be prepared for the above tasks. Northern limit of responsibility for task (b) will be arranged with 20 Aust Inf Bde and submitted to Div HQ for approval.

3. The known approaches for task (d) are on the rds

(a) BAALBECK - BECHARRE - EHDEN - TRIPOLI

(b) BAALBECK - BECHARRE - BEIT MENDER - TRIPOLI

(c) BATROUNE - DEIR BILLA - AMIOUNE - TRIPOLI

(d) BEIRUT - TRIPOLI.

4. Coy fortress areas will be recced and planned to deny these approaches to the enemy. The areas chosen should be suitable for development into bn areas capable of being held for 60 days.

5. A preliminary recce has been carried out and the following areas appear suitable for these tasks.

For 3(a) and 3(b). Ground east and SE of Pt 836 LL 17712578.

For 3(c). High ground about spot LL 15952563.

For 3(d). Rock feature LL 14432595.

(Further infm can be obtained from the G III O (L)).

Based on this infm and further recce the areas to be held will be decided and submitted to this HQ for approval.

The track from LL 16012555 - BEIT MARLOUF LL 16192563 appears a possible approach for tracked vehs. This requires further recce. Recce will be undertaken also to see if any further approaches for vehs or pack tpt from the east and south exist.

On receipt of approval detailed recce will be carried out and plans completed for the occupation of the areas by

(a) Coy and att tps.

(b) Bn and att tps.

6. Construction will not be commenced until authority is issued.

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20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

NO 2 BDE IN ATTACK.

Ref Map: LATTAQUIE 1: 50,000.

BOUKA.
7 Apr 42.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

The following instructions are issued in connection with an exercise, bde attack, to be carried out by 20 Aust Inf Bde on 11 Apr 42.

1. Special Instructions and narratives will be issued separately.

2. Tps Taking Part.

2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, each less adm details.
HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
"J" Sec Sigs, less camp details.

4 offrs 2/2 MG Bn- one each with Bde HQ and Bns.
Reps RAA- particulars later.

3. Assembly- 10 Apr 42.

(a) On the day of the exercise, special instructions and narratives will be passed on to all ranks by units on arrival in assembly posns.

(b) By 1000 hrs, 2/13 Bn will assemble in area around 16084053. Routes- MT by rd LATTAKIA-KASSAB; tps by rd juncs 16034008, 15934036 (no movement through KANJRA).

(c) By 0930 hrs, 2/15 Bn will assemble in outskirts of KANJRA- route via JINNATA.

(d) By 1000 hrs, 2/17 Bn will assemble in olive groves north of track junc 16204045.

(e) 2/15 and 2/17 Bns will make mutual arrangements for 2/15 Bn to pass 2/17 Bn camp before 2/17 Bn leaves camp.

(f) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde will prepare to move at 0830 hrs to a location to be notified later.

4. Commencement of Operations.

Time for commencement of operations will be set out in Special Instructions but will NOT be before arrival in assembly posns given in para 3 above.

5. Exercise Ends- before dark same day.

6. Digging and Wiring.

(a) No digging or wiring beyond distribution of tools and wire and issue of orders for tasks.

(b) Units will carry all available shovels within est and what wire is on hand and can be carried.

7. Dress etc.

(a) Bn- Fighting Order with steel helmets and less respirators.
(b) Umpires- Battle dress with hats-White arm bands.
(c) Enemy- Fighting order with hats-White puggarees.
(d) Spectators-Optional dress with caps.

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8. Scale of Tpt.

(a) Bns will require all vehs held of following typos:-

MCs.
Trucks 15 cwt (less one for unit umpire)
Carriers.

Bde TO will equalize trucks 15 cwt between bns;probably 8 trucks per bn.

In addition, each bn will use 4 lorries 30 cwt.

(b) Bde TO will arrange allotment of tpt to make Bde HQ mobile.

(c) Tpt for Chief Umpire,Directors Assistant and Umpires with enemy will be arranged later.

9. Representation of Fire,Enemy and Neutral Vehs.

(a) LMG : White sig flag.
MMG : Blue screen.
ATk Gun : Red screen.

(b) Each unit will provide an enemy party of a NCO and 20 men carrying 20 rounds SAA blank each.
NCOs i/c enemy parties will report with umpires at Bde HQ 0845 hrs 10 Apr 42 (see para 16 (a)).

(c) Neutral vehs will fly a white sig flag.

10. Directing Staff.

Director: : Bde Comd.
Directors Assistant: Maj GRACE, 2/15 Bn.

Umpires.

Chief Umpire: : Maj COLVIN, 2/13 Bn.
Umpires with Enemy : 2 offrs 9 Aust Cav Regt.
Umpires 2/13 Bn) : Senior Umpire 1 offr.
2/15 Bn.)each HQ Coy, 1 offr.
2/17 Bn.) Each carrier sec- 1 NCO.
Rifle Coys- 1 offr and 3 NCOs.

11. Amn.

No live amn will be carried.
Only enemy will carry blank.

12. Casualties.

Real and "exercise" casualties will be evacuated to unit RAP.

13. Lunch.

No "truce" for lunch which will be carried on the man.

14. Dispersal.

The end of the exercise will be notified through Sigs. Units and enemy will then return to camp under own arrangements.

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15. Umpires Conferences.

(a) All umpires, in unit tpt, will assemble at Bde HQ at 0845 hrs, 10 Apr 42 for instructions and recce. Individuals will bring own lunch.

(b) Unit umpires will assemble on 11 Apr 42 after the exercise under arrangements made by Senior Umpire of the unit to discuss the conduct of exercise by the unit.

(c) Chief Umpire, Directors Assistants, Umpires with enemy and Senior Umpires of each bn will assemble at Bde HQ at 1000 hrs 12 Apr 42.

P Bowlam Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
9 Aust Cav Regt.	(2)
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	
2/2 Aust MG Bn.	
Comd.	
BM.	
SC.	
IO.	
TO.	
Sigs.	
War Diary.	(2)
File.	(2)
Spare.	(6)

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EXERCISE- SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

NO 2 BDE IN ATTACK.
11 Apr 42.

BOUKA.
9 Apr 42.

NARRATIVE.

1. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp,incl A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt,2/7 Aust Fd Coy and C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn, is advancing south on rd QASSAB-LATTAKIA-TRIPOLI with the object of gaining control of the coastal route through BANIAS.

   An enemy force based on TRIPOLI is opposing our adv by using a det,estimated about a bde,with some fd arty.

   On 10 Apr 42,20 Aust Inf Bde encountered opposition at NAHR EL KANDIL but after a stiff fight,in which the enemy suffered heavily, overcame it. Opposition was again met on the KANJRA spur.

2. In the early morning of 11 Apr 42,2/15 Bn supported by one fd bty attacked KANJRA which was not strongly held and by 0930 hrs captured it. By this time A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt was in contact with enemy between the coast and BOUKA rd.

3. At 0945 hrs,

   (a) 20 Aust Inf Bde "R" Gp reached HQ 2/15 Bn.

   (b) 2/15 Bn was re-organizing at KANJRA and sending patrols fwd.

   (c) 2/13 Bn was deployed about 16084053.

   (d) 2/17 Bn was deployed about 16124086.

   (e) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde)
   HQ 2/7 Aust Fd Regt) - 16094053.
   HQ C Coy 2/2 MG Bn.)

   (f) Comds 13,14 and 57 Fd Btys-16164083.

   (g) "B" Echs were bded (NOT taking part in exercise).

   (h) Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb area- 16124086.

DISTRIBUTION:

As per previous instn.

Plus Umpires.

[signature] Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

NO 2 BDE IN ATTACK
11 Apr 42.

BOUKA.
9 Apr 42.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

AMENDMENTS.

The following amendments are made to General Instructions dated 7 Apr 42:-

1. For para 2 substitute:-

"2. Tps Taking Part.

(a) 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, each less adm details.

(b) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde, less "B" Ech details and camp duties.
"J" Sec Sigs, less camp details.
1 Pl HQ Gd Bn, less camp details.
Pro det.

(c) Det 2/7 Aust Fd Regt att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde:

Maj ROGERS representing Comd 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
Capt SCHRADER, " OC, 13 Bty.
Capt HUGGETT, " " 14 Bty.
Capt RUNGIE, " " 57 Bty.

Each offr will have own truck and R/T set, batman, 2 wireless operators and a BCA (BCA with Maj ROGERS will represent Adjt or IO).

(d) 4 offrs 2/2 MG Bn, att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde,

representing OC and Pl Comds C Coy 2/2 MG Bn.

(e) Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. "

2. For para 3 substitute:-

"3. Assembly-11 Apr 42.

(a) Special instructions and narratives will be passed on to all ranks by units before the commencement of the exercise.

(b) By 1000 hrs, 2/13 Bn will assemble in area around 16084053.

Routes- MT by rd LATTAKIA-QASSAB, tps by rd junes 16034008-15934036.

(c) By 0930 hrs, 2/15 Bn will assemble in outskirts of KANJRA- route via JINNATA.

(d) By 1000 hrs, 2/17 Bn will assemble about 16124086-tail to clear rd junc 16014050 by 0915 hrs.

(e) 2/17 Bn will be clear of camp before 2/15 Bn moves.

(f) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde will move at 0830 hrs to a location notified separately.

(g) Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb will assemble in area 16124086 by 1000 hrs. OC Det will make arrangements direct with units, before operations begin, to attach one amb to each unit.

3. For para 4 substitute:-

"4. Commencement of Operations.

Operations commence-

(a) For 2/15 Bn at 0945 hrs.
(b) For operational HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde 0945 hrs.
(c) For other units at 1000 hrs. ."

DISTRIBUTION.
As per previous instn.

H W Bourne Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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EXERCISE- SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

NO 2 BDE IN ATTACK.
11 Apr 42.

BOUKA.
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   (c) 2/13 Bn was deployed about 16084053.

   (d) 2/17 Bn was deployed about 16124086.

   (e) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde)
   HQ 2/7 Aust Fd Regt) - 16094053.
   HQ C Coy 2/2 MG Bn.)

   (f) Comds 13,14 and 57 Fd Btys-16164083.

   (g) "B" Echs were bded (NOT taking part in exercise).

   (h) Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb area- 16124086.

DISTRIBUTION:
As per previous instn.
Plus Umpires.

Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.
No 2 BDE IN ATTACK- 11 Apr 42.

B O U K A.
9 Apr 42.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO 2/15 AUST INF BN.

1. On arrival at assembly posn, KANJRA, you will adopt disposns which it can be assumed your unit would be in during the re-organization phase after the capture of KANJRA from the north. FDLs will be generally on right bank of NAHR ED DAMOUSSI.

2. Enemy will be holding lightly the olive groves 1/2 mile SW of KANJRA and the ridge JABRO-BAKSA. You will send patrols fwd to clear those places.

3. A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt will be assumed to be operating between the coast and incl rd QASSAB-LATTAKIA, and also fwd of JINNATA-CHEIKH HASSEN.

4. You may recce the area before 11 Apr 42.

5. You will notify this HQ by 2000 hrs 10 Apr of the intended location of your HQ at KANJRA.

Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
Maj COLVIN, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
Maj GRACE, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
Comd.
BM, SC, IO, War Diary (2), File (2), Spare (6).

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S/Bde/86. MOST SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE- EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.
No 2 BDE IN ATTACK-11 Apr 42.

B O U K A.
9 Apr 42.

SIGNAL SECURITY.

The following instructions are issued regarding signal security in connection with the above exercise:-

1. Call Signs- issued separately.

2. Code Names.

A Son 9 Aust Cav Regt,		HIVA.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn,	Bn HQ,	GINS.
	HQ Coy,	RAMA.
	A Coy,	CAVY.
	B Coy,	ESAY.
	C Coy,	DASH.
	D Coy,	VICE.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	Bn HQ,	FLOP.
	HQ Coy,	UDER.
	A Coy,	INRO.
	B Coy,	DAMA.
	C Coy,	NECA.
	D Coy,	UGAY.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	Bn HQ,	TINA.
	HQ Coy,	PIKA.
	A Coy,	JUST.
	B Coy,	ABIB.
	C Coy,	LUSO.
	D Coy,	IPUB.
2/7 Fd Regt	Regt HQ,	HUMS.
	13 Bty.	TOCO.
	14 Bty.	URAW.
	57 Bty.	FIXO.
C Coy 2/2 MG Bn	Coy HQ,	STEW.
	1 Pl.	TEFA.
	2 Pl.	PELT.
	3 Pl	NAVA.
Umpires Sets.	Chief Umpire,	HUMP.
	Senior Umpire 13 Bn,	HUMP.(i)
	Senior Umpire 15 Bn,	HUMP.(ii)
	Senior Umpire 17 Bn,	HUMP.(iii)
	Enemy Umpire,	HUMP.(iv)

BDE I SEC
LTS Father
7/13 USD
7/15 RTY
7/17 NKZ
Comds KRO

3. Call signs will be used for comns between Bn and equivalent HQs back to Bde.HQ.

Code names will be used from Bn and equivalent HQs laterally and fwd.

4. Appointments-Code.

Following code will be used in all R/T and L/T comns:-

Comd,	UNCLE.	Staff Capt.) QM.)	BROTHER.
BM) Adjt)	COUSIN.	Intelligence.	FATHER.
		Sigs.	NEPHEW.

/2.

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5. Map reference code.

Keyword QUICK BROWN.
12345 67890

Figure 1 will be encoded as Q, 2 as U, 3 as I, 4 as C, etc.

6. R/T Code- existing R/T code will be used for all radio and line telephony.

7. ACK.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	8.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	8.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	8.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	4.
C Coy 2/2 MG Bn.	4.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	1. Adv
Comd.	1.
MI.	1.
SC.	1.
IO.	1.
TO.	1.
Sigs.	3.
Umpires.	17.
War Diary.	2.
File.	2.
Spare.	6.

Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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S/Bde/87. MOST SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE-TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS

No 2 Bde in Attack.

B O U K A.
9 Apr 42.

CALL SIGNS.

1. Call signs to be used in connection with the above exercise are:-

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde : LTS.
HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn : USD.
HQ 2/15 Aust Inf Bn : RTY.
HQ 2/17 Aust Inf Bn : NKZ.
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde : KQO.

2. ACK.

T.T. Barham / Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	(4)
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	(4)
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	(1) Amb
Comd.	(1)
BM.	(1)
SC.	(1)
IO.	(1)
TO.	(1)
Sigs.	(3)
Chief Umpire.	(1)
Directors Assistant.	(1)
Senior Umpires (1 each)	(3)
Umpire with enemy.	(1)
War Diary.	(2)
File.	(2)
Spare.	(6)

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20 AUST INF BDE - TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

No 2 BDE IN ATTACK.

B O U K A.
7 Apr 42.

INTERCOMN FOR UMPIRES.

1. Means of intercomn for Umpires are being provided by 9 Aust Cav Regt.

2. 9 Aust Cav Regt will-

(a) provide 2 offrs as umpires with enemy. Both will bring own MT or carrier and one will bring a W/T set for intercomn with Chief Umpire.

(b) send 4 W/T sets, 2 in carriers and 2 in trucks, to report to Chief Umpire at rd junc 16054059 at 0930 hrs, 11 Apr 42. These sets are to form a net from Chief Umpire to 3 unit senior umpires.

(c) provide 2-15 cwt trucks on 11 Apr 42; 1 to report to Maj COLVIN at HQ 2/13 Bn at 0830 hrs, and the other to Maj GRACE at HQ 2/15 Bn at 0815 hrs.

(d) provide one offr to act as LO. He will bring own MT and a W/T set to provide intercomn between umpires with enemy and Chief Umpire.

He will attend the umpires recce on 10 Apr 42, and on 11 Apr 42 will report to Chief Umpire at rd junc 16054059 at 0930 hrs.

K Barham Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
9 Aust Cav Regt. (3)
Comd.
BM.
SC.
IO.
TO.
"J" Sec Sigs.
War Diary. (2)
File. (2)
Spare. (6)

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20 AUST INF BDE TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

BDE IN ATTACK: 11 Apr 42.

B O U K A.
9 Apr 42.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BDE HQ.

Ref Map: LATTAQUIE 1/50,000.

1. Tps Taking Part.

(a) In general, "B" Ech will NOT operate in the exercise, but the whole of "A" Ech, incl the following elements, will take part:-

"J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div (less operators on duty).
Int Sec.
Orderly Room (less one Duty Clerk).
1 Pl HQ Gd Bn (less det on duty).

(b) Bde Sup offr and Amenities offr are part of "A" Ech. Offrs Mess will be left behind with "B" Ech.

(c) Lieut A MORRISBY will act as Bde Duty Offr and one of the Orderly Room Staff will be detailed to remain as Duty Clerk.

2. Assembly.

Bde HQ will be prepared to move at 0830 hrs 11 Apr 42 to area 16094053.

3. Dress.

Battle order less respirators.

4. Lunch.

Haversack lunch will be carried by all ranks. No "truce" will be observed for lunch.

5. Protection.

Digging of defensive posns will be carried out as far as possible. BSM will arrange to bring as many tools as are available.

6. Organisation.

(a) Orderly Room and offices will be established, and all arrangements made to carry on normal office work in the field.

(b) HQ Gd Pl will be organised into three sections.

7. Duration of Exercise.

Exercise will commence at about 1000 hrs 11 Apr 42, and will finish before dark the same day, on a signal from Chief Umpire.

8. Loading of Vehs.

(a) Vehs will be fully loaded, as far as practicable, with normal loads as set out in Bde Loading Table. War equipment ONLY will be taken. Personal gear will be loaded as in Practice Move of Bde HQ on 29 Mar 42.

(b) All ranks are responsible for finding out the veh in which they are to travel, and which stores they are responsible for loading.

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9. Tpt.

TO will marshal tpt required for Bde HQ "A" Ech, and will arrange to mark the vehs.

10. Amn.

No live Amn will be carried. Enemy only will carry blank.

11. Representation of Fire, Neutral Vehs.

(a) LMG : White sig flag.
MMG : Blue screen.
A Tk gun : Red screen.

(b) Neutral vehs will fly a white sig flag.

12. Narrative.

Before the commencement of the exercise, a Narrative will be issued, and will be read and explained to all ranks.

R. J. Wagner Capt.
for Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

"J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div.
1 Pl HQ Gd Bn.
58 Aust LAD.
Comd.
BI.
SC.
IO.
TO.
Bde Sup offr.
Amenities offr.
BSM.
Chief Clerk.
CQMS.
OC, Offrs Mess.
War Diary. (2)
File (2)

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G190/20/257.

20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

NO 3 BDE IN ATTACK.

B O U K A.
13 Apr 42.

Ref Map: LATTAQUIE 1:50,000.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

The following instns are issued in connection with Bde attack exercise to be carried out by 20 Aust Inf Bde on 14 Apr 42:-

1. Refs are made below to General Instns for Exercise No 2 on 11 Apr 42. Many of the adm arrangements will apply for Exercise No 3.

2. Narrative will be issued separately.

3. Tps Taking Part.

2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, each less camp details.
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde and Sig Sec, less camp details.
Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

Tps Imaginary For Exercise.

2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt.

4. Assembly. 14 Apr 42.

(a) By 0830 hrs, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will assemble in re-entrants immediately south of EL JOZIE 164411.

(b) By 0930 hrs, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will assemble in olive groves in area 16574108.

(c) By 1030 hrs, 2/17 Aust Inf Bn will assemble in area south and west of pt 107 (164410).

(d) By 0915 hrs, Bde HQ will be est in area 16444118.

(e) By 1000 hrs, Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb will est ADS-location to be notified later.

(f) At 0830 hrs Bde "O" Gp will meet Bde Comd at 16424118.

5. Time for Commencement of Operations.

For 2/13 Aust Inf Bn- 0830 hrs.

For 2/15 Aust Inf Bn-
2/17 Aust Inf Bn-
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde-
Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb — On arrival in assembly areas.

6. Movement to Assembly Areas.

(a) Units will be forried part of the distance to assembly areas in MT brigaded under arrangement of Bde TO:

Unit.	Embus at.	Time.	Debus at.	Time.
2/13 Bn.	Camp area.	0730.	area 16424109.	0815.
2/15 Bn.	rd junc 16014050.	0840.	do.	0915.
2/17 Bn.	do.	0945.	do.	1030.

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(b) 2/15 and 2/17 Bns will march from camp sites to reach rd junc 16014050 before times given above.

7. Digging and Wiring.- as for Exercise No 2 (see para 6).

8. Dress etc. as for Exercise No 2 (see para 7).

9. Scale of Tpt.
(a) Bns will require all vehs of following types:-
MCs, Trucks 15 cwt, Carriers.

(b) Bde TO will equalise trucks 15 cwt between units.

(c) Each unit will provide one lorry 30 cwt for enemy party.

(d) COs carrier in each unit will be fitted with 101 W/T set under arrangements of Bde Sig offr.

(e) Chief Umpire will travel with Bde Cond, and Senior Umpires in each unit will travel with respective COs.

10. Representation of Fire. As for Exercise No 2 (see para 9).

11. Enemy.
(a) Each unit will provide enemy party of one NCO and approx 16 ORs, carrying 20 rounds of blank SAA each.

(b) Enemy will be located under instns given by Director to Unit Senior Umpire. Enemy party of 2/13 Bn will be in posn by 0830 hrs.

(c) Neutral vehs will carry a white sig flag.

12. Directing Staff. Director- Bde Cond.
Chief Umpire- Maj COLVIN, 2/13 Bn.
Unit Umpires- as for Exercise No 2 (see para 10).

13. Arm, Casualties, Lunch.-As for Exercise No 2 (see paras 11-13).

14. Dispersal.
(a) The end of the exercise will be notified through Sigs. Units will then be ferried in MT part of the distance back to camp, as under:-

Unit.	Embus at.	Time.	Debus at.	Approx Time.	Remarks.
2/13 Bn.	rd junc 16324134.	1530.	rd junc 15934037.	1600.	march to camp.
2/17 Bn.	do.	1645.	Camp site.	1730.	
2/15 Bn.	do.	1830.	do.	1915.	

(b) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will arrange to have evening meal in the fd.

15. Umpires Conferences.
(a) Unit umpires will assemble after the exercise under arrangements of Unit Senior Umpire to discuss the conduct of the exercise by the unit.

(b) Chief Umpire and Unit Senior Umpires will assemble at Bde HQ at 0830 hrs 15 Apr 42.

(c) Bn Comds will assemble at Bde HQ at 1030 hrs 15 Apr 42 to discuss the exercise.

16. Code, Call Signs etc.
(a) A list of Call Signs to be used has been issued separately.
(b) Code names, Appointments Code, Map Ref Code and R/T Code, as for Exercise No 2.

R.J. Hamer Capt
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde. Maj

DISTRIBUTION:
As for Narrative.

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EXERCISE SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE - TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS

NO 3 BDE IN ATTACK.

14 APR 42.

B O U K A.
13 Apr 42.

NARRATIVE.

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp is advancing by rd LATTAKIA-SNOK-KALLOUF, 167411-EL JOZIE-KHEURBE EL JOZIE-QASSAB. An enemy delaying force which had been rushed down from QASSAB was driven from the SKOUBINE-LATTAKIA spur on 13 Apr 42 and on the morning of 14 Apr 42 was reported by A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt to be on the high ground astride the main rd 2-3 miles south of NAHR EL KANDIL.

At 0830 hrs on 14 Apr 42, A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt was in and to the NE of KHEURBE EL JOZIE and pushing north through BORJ ISLAM; 2/13 Bn was approaching EL JOZIE; Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde, Comd 2/13 Bn and OC A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt were together on track at 16424118.

2/15 Bn was to reach the area about 16574108 at 0915 hrs and 2/17 Bn the area just south and west of pt 107 (16474109) about 1015 hrs.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde was to reach area about 16444118 at 0915 hrs.

Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn. (6)
2/15 Aust Inf Bn. (6)
2/17 Aust Inf Bn. (6)
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.
Comd.
BM.
SC.
TO.
IO.
Sigs.
Umpires. (19)
War Diary. (2)
File. (2)
Spare. (6).

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20 AUST INF BDE- EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.
NO 3 BDE IN ATTACK-14 Apr 42.

FORECAST OF EVENTS.

Serial	Time.	Forecast of Events.
1.	0830.	Bde "O" Gp, Chief Umpire and Senior Umpires assemble at 16424118. Umpires describe enemy and Cav disposns.
2.	0845.	Bde Comds orders to 2/13 Bn.
3.	0915.	Comd 2/13 Bn issues outline orders.
4.	1015.	Comd 2/13 Bn issues final orders.
5.	1045.	Zero for 2/13 Bn.
6.	1115.	2/13 Bn capture objective. Bde Comds outline orders for 2/15 and 2/17 Bns to attack.
7.	1215.	Bde Comds final orders for attack by 2/15 and 2/17 Bns.
8.	1330.	Zero for attack by 2/15 and 2/17 Bns.
9.	1430.	Objectives captured. Consolidation and exploitation.
10.	1500.	End of Exercise.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES.

1. (a) Senior Umpires will report to Chief Umpire at the conclusion of any orders to Bde "O" Gp by Bde Comd.

   (b) They will acquaint themselves with all messages taken to their units by LO.

   (c) They will report details of unit outline plans to Chief Umpire early.

   (d) They will also report to Chief Umpire:-
   (i) details of unit comds final orders.
   (ii) when specified enemy centres are neutralized or destroyed.
   (iii) on capture of objectives and say what mopping up remains to be done.

2. Umpires will at end of exercise report on pts set out for Bde Exercise No 2 and in addition on :-

   (a) whether contact with enemy is maintained.
   (b) passing of information from coys to bn and from bns to bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

Umpires.	(19)
Comd.	
War Diary.	(2)
File.	(2).
Spare.	(6).

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MOST--- SECRET

HQ,20 Aust Inf Bde.
13 Apr 42.

CALL SIGNS, CODE NAMES ETC.
for use during
20 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE- 14 APR 42.

1. The following call signs will be used:-

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde, WYU.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn. KGO.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn. JOI.

2/17 " " " NHO

9 Aust Div Cav Regt. IBL.

Comd,20 Aust Inf Bde. UWX.

2. Code names, R/T code,appointment code as for previous exercise.

3. Map ref code: Code word B L A C K H O R S E.

Leckie Lieut for Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	2.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	2.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	2.
9 Aust Cav Regt.	2.
"J" Sec Sigs.	8.
Comd.	
BM.	
SC.	
IO.	
TO.	
War Diary.	2.
File.	2.
Spare.	10.

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2/17 AUST INF BDE - BDE EXERCISE NO 7

OPENING SITUATION

Reports received from KASSAB at 0600 hrs 7 Apr 42 state that an enemy force is preparing to cross the border and push along the coast rd to TRIPOLI. 20 Aust Inf Bde encamped on the BOUKA rd have been ordered to delay his advance for at least three days and to fall back on the TRIPOLI BOX.

2/13 and 2/15 Bns have been ordered to move by MT and occupy prepared posns on the WADI KANDIL where the Bde Comd is certain the enemy can be checked for at least two days. 2/17 Bn is ordered to prepare and occupy a defensive posn astride the rd LATTAKIA - TRIPOLI in vicinity 16323960 and to be prepared to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of the bde.

2/17 Bn posn to be prepared by 1900 hrs 7 Apr 42.

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EXERCISE

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2/17 AUST INF BN

OPERATION ORDER No 2

Ref Map - LATTAKIA 1 in 50,000

INFORMATION

1. As per NARRATIVE.

INTENTION

2. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn will defend the area between trig 40 (16363970) and trig 31 (16283967) and deny the enemy the use of the LATTAKIA - TRIPOLI rd.

METHOD

3. Sectors

(a) Right - A Coy
(b) Centre - C "
(c) Left - D "
(d) FDLs : general line of the SOUTHERN pt of the waterhole at 16343975 to the second E in RSET ES SAMANIR at 16263967.

(e) Boundaries : to be pointed out on ground.
(f) Priority of work : (i) A Tk minefields
(ii) Weapon pits
(iii) Camouflage
(iv) Wiring
(g) Time posn to be occupied by : 1800 hrs 7 Apr 42.

4. A Tk Guns

1 tp will cover the LATTAKIA - TRIPOLI rd and the rd leading in from the NE.

5. AA Defence

ALL pl areas to have 1 bren mounted and ready for AA at ALL times. Air sentries will be posted in each pl locality.

6. Mortars

1 Det to right coy under comd
1 Det to left coy under comd
4 Det in reserve

7. Carriers

Patrol by day on both right and left flanks. By night to laager in reserve coy area ready for action at first light.

8. Outpost Orders

(a) Tps : reserve coy and 2 secs carriers
(b) Position : on NAHR KEBIR from bend in river at 16343980 to cr and river junc at 16243974.
(c) Limit of patrols : res coy - ALEPPO rd
carriers - BISNADA village
(d) Time to be occupied : ready by 0900 hrs
(e) Order to withdraw : withdraw on orders from bn comd ONLY

9. Password - HOLDIT

10. Reserve - (a) tps : B coy
(b) Location : astride rd at 16383960
(c) Probable tasks (i) counter attack on any part of bn front
(ii) to be prepared to occupy a defensive posn on right of right coy astride rd at about 16393970.

ADM

11. RAP

12. Amn : bn reserve at cr SOUTH of bend in rd at 16353969

13. Tpt : T gp indicated on the ground

INTERCOMN

14. Bn HQ : in reserve coy area

15. SCH : RED - RED

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16. Synchronisation of watches : by sig offr at every hr.

(C. G. Pitman) Capt
Adjt 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

Time of signature : 1745
Method of issue
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Cpoy No...3.....

2/17 AUST INF BN

OPERATION ORDER No..... Exercise 3 Apr/41

Ref Map - LATTAKIA 1 in 50,000.

INFORMATION

1. As per narrative

INTENTION

2. 2/17 Bn will capture JAL ES SOUAYATE from 16404012 to 16464009.

METHOD

3. Fwd tps - Right - B Coy
Left - D Coy

(a) Objectives

Coy - pointed out on ground

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(b) Boundaries - Inter-coy boundary right edge of wadi at 16444010 inclusive to the left coy.

(c) Start Line - To be marked with tape by adjt. FUP will be on start line.

4. Reserve - Right - C Coy
Left - A Coy

Role : On success signal being given cross SL and exploit to trig 83 (16374011) and trig 50 (16434006) respectively.

5. Position of Assembly

(a) Location : 16534027 bounded on the WEST by the creek, on the SOUTH by the 'S' in 'SET' and on the NORTH by the EAST-WEST tr.

(b) Marking : by shaded lights to rear.

(c) Formations : See Appx 'A' - interval between rear and fwd coys 75 paces.

(d) Routes to FUP : Right coys - Along EAST-WEST tr from junc of two tracks and cr at 16534028 to edge of wheat field and ditch leading to FUP.

Left coys : Along tr to ROUDO 16564019 thence along tr leading S-W to FUP.

(e) IO responsible for layout

6. FUP

(a) Location : Right coys - 16454015
Left coys - 16494013

(b) Marking : Taped by adjt

(c) Formations : Rear coys will NOT form up until Z-5. See appx 'B'.

(d) Bearing to obj

(e) Distance to obj

7. Time Table

Arrive P of A
Leave P of A
Arrive FUP
Zero.

8. Action on objectives

(a) Exploitation to 100 yds - fwd coys

(b) Consolidation : (i) Coys will cover consolidation by patrols.

(ii) Dig scratch holes.

9. Covering tps

Protection at P of A - Provided by patrol of one pl A Coy.
Protection at FUP - Provided by one pl C Coy.
Protection of tape laying party - Provided by one sec A Coy.

10. Guides ± IO to provide guides for each coy to P of A and from there to FUP.
6 guides per fwd coy fo report to IO for use at FUP.

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11. Mortars - On capture of objective to move to cr in vicinity 16474012 to cover consolidation.

12. Carriers - To remain until daylight then to cover consolidation of res coys.

13. Password - "Blood and Guts"

14. Lights - NO lights except those marking P of A.

15. Loading of rifles - Rifles will NOT be loaded but magazines will be charged. The bayonet will be the only weapon used before daylight.

16. Advance - To be continued to the full in the event of the enemy opening fire.

17. Silence - Rigid control will be maintained until contact is gained.

18. Connecting files - Contact will be from rear to front.
Latteral contact will be from left to right.

ADM

19. SAA : to move to P of A on success signal

20. RAP : in re-entrant SOUTH of trig 94 (16534022).

21. Hot Meal : QM to arrange hot meal at present posn of bn.

INTERCOMN

22. Bn HQ - Moves at head of left rear coy. At capture of objective establish at second 'A' in SOUAYATE.

23. Success signals -
B Coy objective - red - red.
D Coy objective - green - green.

24. Synchronisation of watches - by sig offr at every hr.

(C.G.Pitman) Capt
Adjt 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

Time
Method of issue
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2/17 AUST INF BN

BN NIGHT ATTACK

Ref Map : 1 in 50,000 LATTAKIA

NARRATIVE

An enemy force has landed at LATTAKIA and managed to overcome the FFL tps in that area. 20 Aust Inf Bde was stationed at IDLIB and was ordered to move along the ALEPPO - LATTAKIA rd and recapture LATTAKIA.

OPENING SITUATION

20 Aust Inf Bde advanced along the rd with 2/17 Aust Inf Bn as advance gd. 1 Sqn 9 Aust CAV was adv gd Mob tps.

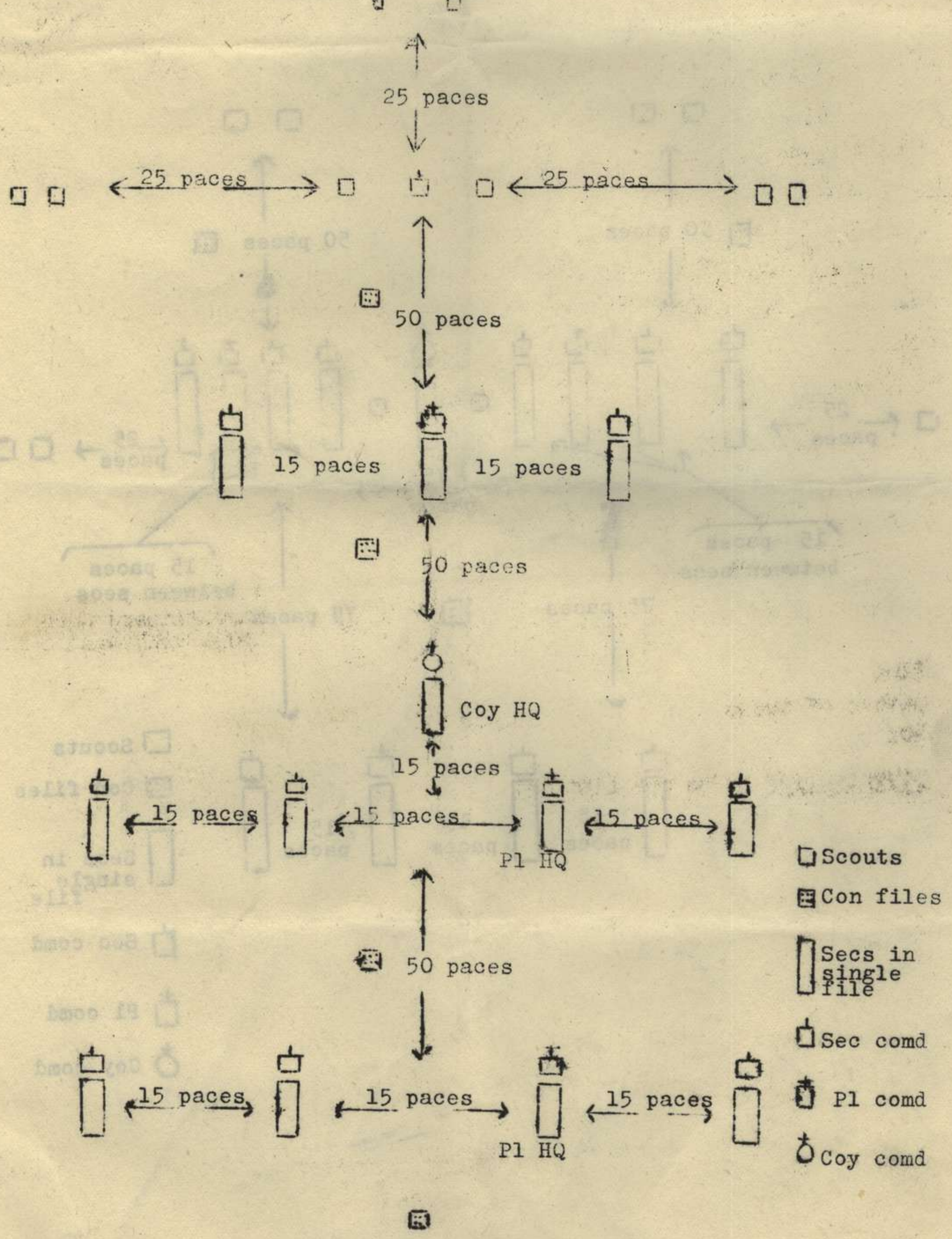
At 1730 hrs on 3 Apr the head of the adv gd had reached the rd bend at 16834055 and a message was received from the Sqn Aust CAV that they were held up on the general line pt 35 (16384025) - ROUDO (16574017). Enemy occupy the ridge JAL ES SOUAYATE squares 163401 and 164401.

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APPENDIX "A"

FORMATION WITHIN COYS

P of A to FUP



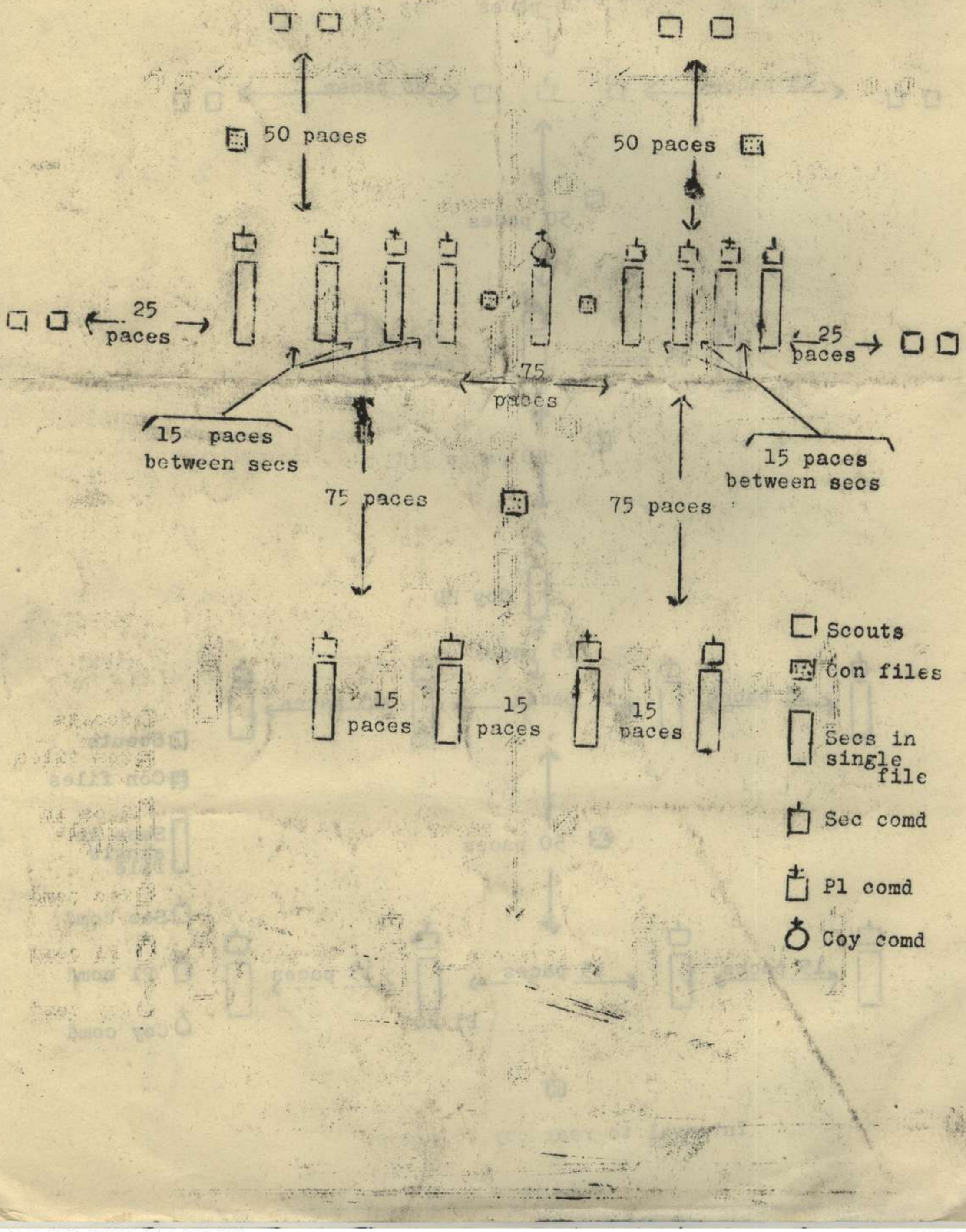
Interval to rear coy 75 paces.

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FORMATION WITHIN COYS

Appx 'B'

At FUP



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HQ,20 Aust Inf Bde.
20 Jun 42.

TRIPOLI- PERIOD 21 APR-16 JUN 42.

1. Move to TRIPOLI.

The Bde moved from LATTAQUIE to TRIPOLI by march route along the coastal rd between 16-22 Apr. Bns began the march on successive days, bivouaced each night beside the sea, and completed the march of about 95 miles in 4½ days. This march put the finishing touch to a month of strenuous Bn and Bde trg at LATTAQUIE and the whole Bde arrived in TRIPOLI fighting fit, confident and much better trained. The period of tactical trg as a complete bde had been invaluable and was actually the first opportunity for full bde trg ever offered.

2. Bde Area at TRIPOLI.

The Bde had been ordered to relieve 26 Aust Inf Bde in the coastal sector of the TRIPOLI FORTRESS, known as Sector "A", which extended from MERKEBTA 172279 to the coast at 16702808; the principal topographical features were: in the right of the sector, the dominating mountain of JABAL TOURBOL (approx 2200 ft) which overlooked the northern approaches along the coastal plain for many miles, a feature impossible for tps to scale, and a difficult obstacle even for mountain inf; in the left of the sector, a flat coastal plain offering easy approaches for enemy arm forces and MT, but overlooked by a spur of low hills running west from JABAL TOURBOL, comprising pt 181, Trig 63 and ending at the sea in Trig 37 (known as FORT HILL). The FDLs were some ½ mile fwd of this line of features, and comprised an ATk ditch cut across the coastal plain to the lower slopes of TOURBOL, a thick belt of wire and normal inf posns with strong ATk defences (see para 5).

The Bde front was about 4 miles.

3. Bde Disposns. See TRACE ATTACHED. "A"

On arrival at TRIPOLI, 2/17 Aust Inf Bn relieved 2/24 Aust Inf Bn in the right fwd Bn area (JABAL TOURBOL); 2/13 Aust Inf Bn relieved 2/23 Aust Inf Bn in the left fwd Bn area (coastal plain), and 2/15 Aust Inf Bn relieved 2/48 Aust Inf Bn as Bde res in posns from vicinity high ground 16422788 to the coast at 16522802.

Each fwd Bn had three coys fwd and one in res. The res bn had one coy fwd in vicinity Pt 181, which would come under com 2/13 Bn for ops, and the remainder were sited, in accordance with the appreciation that the main threat lay along the coastal plain, to give depth and elasticity on the left of the Bde sector.

The actual defensive posns were not occupied, but Bns were under canvas in their respective unit areas, 2/13 Bn in area 16632793, 2/15 Bn in area 16412791 and 2/17 Bn being disposed in coy camps near their battle posns on the fwd slopes of JABAL TOURBOL. Bde HQ was under canvas at 16412775.

4. Operational Roles.

(a) Eventual Role.

The anticipated role of the Bde in the event of an enemy invasion of NORTH SYRIA was the defence of Sector "A" of TRIPOLI FORTRESS. This might, or might not, be preceded by an adv to the TURKISH frontier and the fighting of a series of delaying actions at various selected posns, designed to harass and annoy the enemy, inflict losses on him and seriously delay his approach.

(b) Immediate Role.

The immediate task was the development of the defences of the FORTRESS (see para 5) and the maintenance of internal security (by means of an immense number of gds and sentries, see para 8). In addition, the Bde was responsible, in conjunction with FF Navy, for coastal defence against small enemy landings by sea or air in the area from NAHR SENE (17053690) to CARACOL (159274). See Op Instn 12 Appx "C". 2/15 Aust Inf Bn maintained a mob coy with one pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn at 30 mins notice to move, the remainder of the Bn to be ready to move one hr later.

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Several trial alarms and one real alarm, which later proved to be false, showed that the unit could easily move within the times laid down. Several daylight practices in co-operation with FF tps near KLEIATE airfield, showed our allies to be willing and well-armed, but rather erratic, untrained and unpredictable, and the prospect of joint action in the event of a night landing was one of some confusion and danger to the defenders inter se.

(c) Coastal Defence. See TRACE "B" ATTACHED.

A third possible role was given to the Bde. This was known as threat "C" (see 9 Aust Div Op Instn 8, Appx), and envisaged the defence of TRIPOLI against a large scale enemy attack by sea, possibly combined with a landing of paratps. It was expected that 3 weeks warning would be received of such a threat, but a full recce was made and a Bde plan drawn up at a series of conferences. Briefly, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn on the right would take over the whole of the existing FDLs, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn in the centre would be responsible from excl FORT HILL to incl NAHR ABOU and 2/17 Aust Inf Bn on the left from excl NAHR ABOU to excl CARACOL (159274).

The Bde res consisted of two coys 2/17 Aust Inf Bn. The Bde was also responsible for anti-paratps defence within its area (see Appx) and for this purpose both 2/13 and 2/15 Aust Inf Bns maintained their res coy and carrier pl on a mob basis; the Bde plan was fully worked out in conjunction with the supporting arms of the Bde Gp-2/7 Aust Fd Regt, 9 Bty 3 Aust ATk Regt, B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn and 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, and could have been implemented within a few days.

5. Defence Works.

The defence system was a most elaborate one, consisting of pl localities with independent sec strongpts. All the fwd posts had concrete pillboxes and sleeping bays, and all the main MMG, ATk, OP posns and HQs were also in concrete. Deep comn trenches led back to coy HQ. In the res Bn area, inf posns were earthwork.

The allotment of time laid down by NINTH Army for work on the defences was 3 days per week, leaving 3 days for trg. Most of the labour was done by Arabs recruited locally and supervised by Bn and Fd Wks offrs and unit personnel.

Apart from easy digging in the 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and in parts of the res Bn areas, most of the posns had to be cut in rock, and shortage of detonators for blasting seriously hampered progress. In one small part of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn area where the ground had been waterlogged during the winter, continual seepage caused the diggings to collapse and shortage of revetting material again held up the work. Neverthelessmwhen the Bde left the area all posns were fightable, and 2/13 Bn area, which had been taken over in an adv stage, was considered to be 95% complete, and the other unit areas approx 80% complete.

The chief cause of concern was the camouflage of the defensive works. Our predecessors had thrown the spoil out of the diggings and the hill slopes were most conspicuously marked. Air photos of the area showed that the entire defensive layout was easy to discern. Efforts were made to dispose of the soil by terracing, laying on nearby rds etc, but the spoil, having dried out and set hard, was difficult to remove and much work was entailed.

The Div Camouflage offr devised a scheme for covering in 1/3 of the comn trenches with plaster slabs, and thus achieving effective concealment from the air. A start was made in 2/13 Aust Inf Bn area but little progress had been made when the Bde was ordered to move.

6. Trg.

It was not possible in TRIPOLI to carry out Bn tactical exercises and trg had perforce to be restricted to coy schemes. All units concentrated on specialist trg, and numerous cadres and classes were instituted in A/Gas, weapon trg, map reading, P & RT etc. 12 Mule Coy RIASC was att to the Bde for trg, and all units carried out a full course in loading pack tpt, and in tactical movements with mules.

Range practices were held on EL ABDE range by all units, and 2/13 Bn built a 30 yds range at FORT HILL where valuable coaching was possible. The fd firing range at TELL KALLAKH was in frequent use until the danger to the crops by fire from mortars etc compelled Div HQ to close

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the range. During the period NINTH Army issued instns for trg in W/T procedure, and periods of W/T comn only were ordered. The R/T code, being designed for ops and NOT adm matters, was found quite unworkable and a great strain was thrown on the cipher personnel, and also the telephone switchboard operators as soon as the period of telephone silence came to an end.

As soon as information was received that the Bde would move to FORQLOSS on 13 Jul for bde trg in desert warfare, the Bde Com at a conference ordered units to undertake as much preparatory trg as possible in control of rd convoys, rd discipline, desert navigation, embussed movement, and attack in MT with Army Tks (represented by carriers), and to study desert formations with a view to adopting the most suitable for this Bde.

Several TEWTS for unit offrs were held by Bns to drive home the lessons of the LATTAQUIE trg. One strange fact was discovered that owing to offrs being returned for duty in Australia, and secondments, there was actually a shortage of offrs with battle experience in spite of the 8 months continuous action in the desert and TOBRUK.

7. Recces and TEWTS.

(a) 9 Aust Div held a TEWT 6-9 May in the MERJAYOUN-R.LITANI area to stud the role of a Div in a defensive posn based on the LITANI and also in a delaying posn along the line of LITANI from MERJAYOUN-the c coast. The Bde Com and BM(L) attended from Bde HQ and reps of all supporting arms were incl in the Bde syndicate (see Appx).

(b) A subsequent TEWT directed by Bde HQ was held in the same area 8-11 Jun based on the DS solution to the Div TEWT, to study more intensively the bde disposns in the area allotted (right fwd Bde in vicinity ZERHERLYE) and also the role of the Bde holding a delaying posn on the south bank of the LITANI. Both TEWTS were most successful and constitute a valuable preliminary recce of the area should its occupation ever be necessary.

(c) On instns from 9 Aust Div the Bde Com, BM and reps from RAE and the other Bdes made a 6-day recce of NORTH SYRIA in order to fix a final plan of tactical demolitions, delaying posns and routes of withdrawal in the event of any ops in that area (see Appx).

A number of lectures were given on RUSSIA, the GERMAN Air Force, and the Arty Plan in TRIPOLI FORTRESS, which was followed by a sand table demonstration of arty methods at HQ 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.

8. Security Gds. (See Appx "C").

The large number of security gds for which the Bde was responsible was a hindrance to trg; the principal danger was the pilfering of army stores by local inhabitants, and the units of the Bde had not only to guard various pet, amn, sup and RE dumps, but also their own lines. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn also supplied two pls for the defence of EL MINA Port and 2/13 Aust Inf Bn one pl for the protection of the IPC Terminal against sabotage. When 24 Aust Inf Bde moved to FORQLOSS for Bde trg this Bde took over further security gds- in particular the ASD at KFAR HAZIR which required one coy of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, and the TRIPOLI Town Picquet of one pl 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. In the event the Bde had 350 men continuously engaged on security gds, quite apart from picquets in unit lines; and with a further 250 on leave in BEIRUT, the effective strength available for trg was reduced almost to nil.

9. Bde Staff.

Several changes in the Bde staff occurred towards the end of the period. Capt G.D.EVANS (Amenities offr) was selected for Junior Staff School, and the SC (Capt J.L.A.KELLY) for HAIFA Staff College. The BM (Maj R.J.BARHAM) was appointed G2 9 Aust Div. Their posns were filled respectively by Lieut HOLTSBAUM (2/17 Bn), Capt W.F.YOUNG (HAIFA) and Capt B.V.WILSON (HAIFA).

10. Health.

Strenuous trg at LATTAQUIE and the march to TRIPOLI had made the tps extremely fit, and work on the defences, P & RT trg, and plenty of swimming and other sport helped to maintain their health. No cases of

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malaria were reported, which is a tribute to the work of the Anti-Malarial units, and the incidence of other illness was low. There were some cases of a 5-day fever, the cause o f which still baffles the Medical Service.

11. Recreation.

Until mid-May, leave to TRIPOLI was on a liberal scale for this Base which was given preference due to the time spent north. After mid-May the leave allotment was considerably reduced to bring this Base into line with the others. The 9 Div Concert Party provided an entertainment to which most of the members went.

The main recreation was obtained from swimming which was readily available for Base HQ, the 2/13 and 2/15 Bns, also to the det of 2/17 Bn which was on duty at EL MINA port. Units built concrete cricket pitches and sports grounds which were used continuously and regularly.

A leave camp for 1000 men per week at BEIRUT began to operate towards the end of the period, and all reports agree that it is most successful and enjoyable.

12. Move to ALEPPO.

The Base Comd, BM and SC at a conference 2100 hrs 14 Jun at Div HQ received orders for the Base Gp to move forthwith to ALEPPO area to relieve 6 NZ Inf Base. The return to the old area was generally welcomed and arrangements were speedily made for the move which was to be completed by 18 Jun.

Capt ~~Maj.~~
BM, 20 Aust Inf Base.

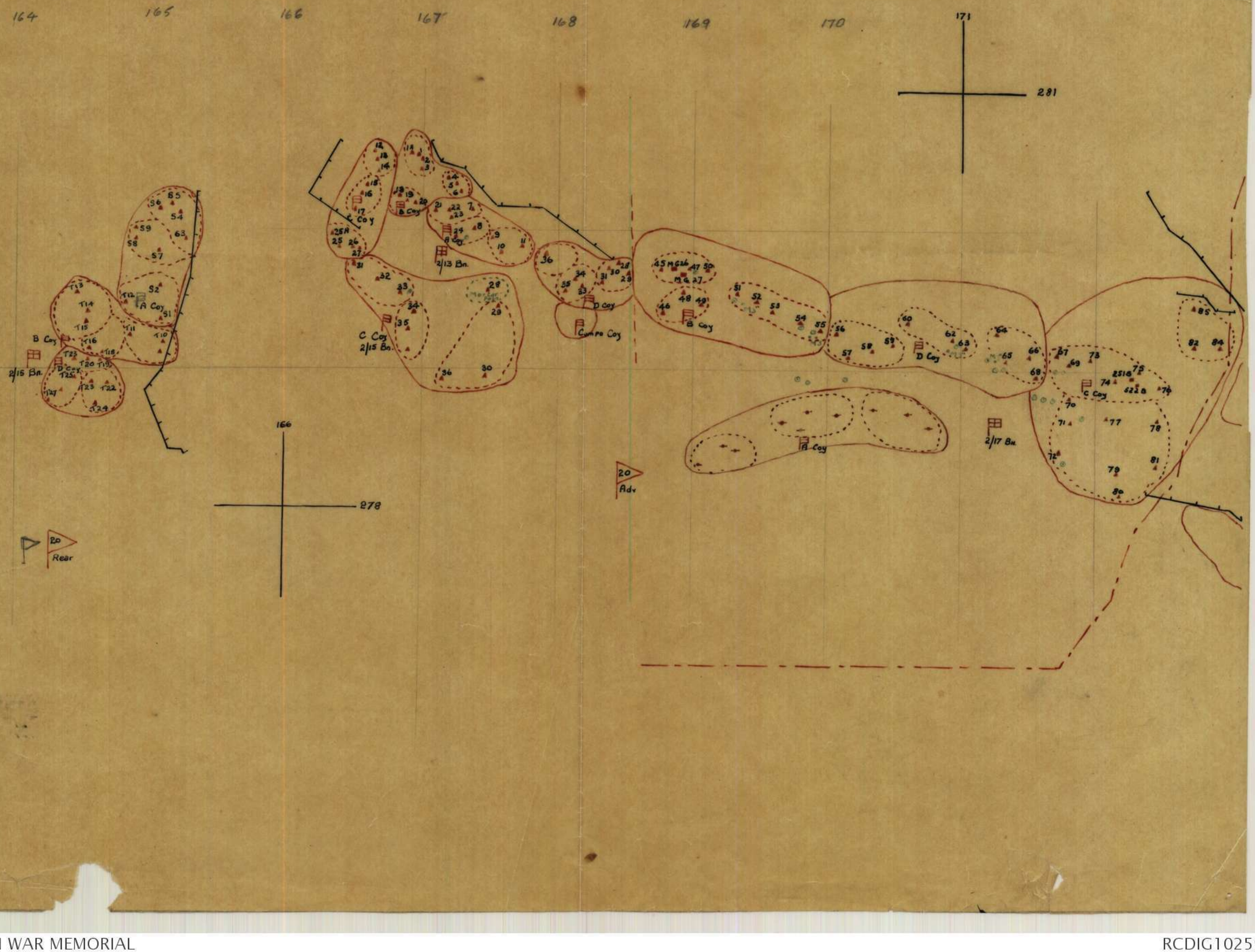
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TRACE "A"

TRIPOLI FORTRESS DEFENCE

INF DISPOSITIONS

Ref Map: TRIPOLI SPECIAL 1:25,000



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TRACE to show plan of INF DISPOSITIONS
vide 20 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 13
Ref map TRIPOLI 1:50.000

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9 AUST DIV OP INSTN NO 7.

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Ref Maps : LEVANT Series 1/200,000
TRIPOLI SHEET 1/50,000

1. The following moves are projected:-

(a) 20 Aust Inf Bde to relieve 26 Aust Inf Bde in Camp sites North of TRIPOLI.

(b) 26 Aust Inf Bde to posns already recced in area BECHMEZINE 157265.

(c) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt to area at present occupied by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

(d) AASC and MEDICAL as described in 9 Aust Div Adm Order No. 1.

(e) "B" Sec FSS will NOT move, and will come under Adm Comd 9 Aust Div Cav Regt as from date of move of 20 Aust Inf Bde.

2. (a) Moves will be conducted in accordance with 9 Aust Div Adm Order No. 1.

(b) No move except Adv Parties before 15 Apr 42.

(c) Relief to be complete by 22 Apr 42.

3. Op Role 9 Aust Div Cav Regt.

(a) Frontier

9 Aust Div Cav Regt will arrange with 20 Aust Inf Bde to relieve and take over duties from Pl now stationed at QASSAB 177442.

(b) Coast Defence

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9 Aust Div Cav Regt will:-

(i) assume responsibility for Coast Defence from incl NAHR EL KEBIR 161395 to incl TARTOUSSE 165328 as from time of move of 20 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) maintain a Mob Sqn to undertake the role of the Mob Coy as described in Appendix "E" of 9 Aust Div Op Instn No 5

(iii) undertake role of Mob Bn with a force of NOT less than two sqns.

4. Boundaries.

9 Aust Div Cav Regt will take over areas laid down for 20 Aust Inf Bde in 9 Aust Div G 1052/60/2 of 16 Mar 42 as amended by G 71/60/2 of 29 Mar 42, from date of move of 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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5. Bren LMG's.

Before moving, 20 Aust Inf Bde will hand over to 9 Aust Div Cav Regt, thirty-six (~~36~~) 20 Bren LMG's complete with associated stores. G1033's will be rendered.

6. Reports.

Bdes and 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will report by sig to this HQ immediately units reach new locations.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued through Sigs.

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for Col
GS 9 Aust Div

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H.Q. 9 Aust Div.
8 Apr 42.

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9 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1.

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This order should be read in conjunction with 9 Aust Div Op Instn No. 7 dated 8 Mar 42.

GENERAL.

1. This order deals with the moves of 20 Aust Inf Bde from LATTAKIA to 26 Aust Inf Bde sites in TRIPOLI Area and of 26 Aust Inf Bde from Areas north of TRIPOLI to a reserve area south of BECHMEZZINE. As a result of these moves, 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will move to BOUKA Area.

2. PHASES.

Moves will be dealt with as follow :-

(a) i. Move of 20 Aust Inf Bde.

ii. Move of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

(b) Adm arrangements TRIPOLI Area.

(c) Adm arrangements LATTAKIA Area

MOVES.

3. DATES.

(a) Dates on which units move will be by mutual arrangements between Comds of 20 Aust Inf Bde and 26 Aust Inf Bde, subject to the limits laid down in 9 Aust Div Op. Instn. No. 7.

(b) 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes will each notify the dates and method to HQ 9 Aust Div by 14 Apr 42.

4. METHOD OF MOVES.

(a) i. 20 Aust Inf Bde will move by rd, one bn at a time, making full use of pooled Bde and 9 Aust Div Cav Regt tpt. The lorries of det No 10 Coy A.A.S.C. LATTAKIA will be available for use during the move, but NO additional tpt can be made available.

ii. Sufficient vehs will be kept available to 9 Aust Div Cav Regt to enable them to assume the operational role as set out in 9 Aust Div Op.Instn. No. 7 at all times.

iii. Det No. 10 Coy AASC
Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb
Det 9 Aust Pro Coy
Det 9 Aust Div Salvage Unit
} Move by road under orders of 20 Aust Inf Bde, rejoining parent units on arrival at TRIPOLI Area.

(c) Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb moves complete with all ambulances.

iv. Separate instructions will be issued regarding Det AACS.

v. Adv. parties move under mutual arrangements between 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.

(b) 26 Aust Inf Bde moves by road, each bn moving to selected and approved sites in the reserve area 24 hours before the arrival of the relieving unit of 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(c) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt moves to the area now occupied by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn under orders of 20 Aust Inf Bde, using unit resources.

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ADM Part 1. - TRIPOLI AREA.

5. TENTAGE, ACCOMMODATION STORES AND G 1098 EQUIPMENT.

(a) All tentage, Accommodation Stores and war equipment will be taken from present sites for use in new areas. No stores of any description, now in possession of units of 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes will be left.

(b) i. Hutments will be provided in new location as available, but NO huts will be moved without prior authority of HQ 9 Aust Div.

ii. Billets at BECHMEZZINE may be occupied by HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde only, as agreed by HQ 9 Aust Div.

iii. All other accommodation will be in tents.

6. WATER.

CRE 9 Aust Div will make arrangements for showers, water points and water storage in the BECHMEZZINE Area, to be completed by 16 Apr.

7. LATRINES.

(a) The preparation of deep trench latrines will be a unit responsibility.

(b) Both 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes will move all latrine seats, screens etc., from present locations for use in new areas.

(c) Indents for any additional timber for latrines should be submitted to CRE at once, but the necessity for the strictest economy in timber is stressed.

8. SUPS AND POL.

(a) Present unit reserves will be maintained, and will be taken with units.

(b) Daily maintenance requirements on conclusion of the moves will be drawn in units' first line tpt from depots as follows :-

Units of 20 Aust Inf Bde - from FSD AUGER Barracks.
Units of 26 Aust Inf Bde - from DID DAHR EL AIN.

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9. ACCOMMODATION.

(a) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will take over all hutments and accommodation other than tentage in the present 20 Aust Inf Bde Area. Accommodation Stores surplus to requirements on completion of the move will be returned to DADOS dump, TRIPOLI, under unit arrangements.

10. SHOWERS.

Ablution installations at the ORPHANAGE will be taken over by 9 Aust Div Cav Regt. Other equipment of 9 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit in LATTAKIA Area will be moved to TRIPOLI Area.

11. SUPS.

(a) Present unit reserve will be maintained.

(b) Other reserves in the LATTAKIA Area will be disposed of under arrangements of CASC 9 Aust Div.

(c) Daily maintenance requirements will be delivered from TRIPOLI by A.A.S.C.

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12. POL.

(a) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will take over the operation of the petrol pt now manned by det No. 10 Coy AASC, maintaining stocks as agreed with CASC 9 Aust Div.

(b) POL will continue to be issued to W D Convoys and other vehicles authorized to draw.

13. MEDICAL.

(a) Prior to the departure of all motor ambulances of Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, ADMS 9 Aust Div will arrange for the attachment of two motor ambulances to 9 Aust Div Cav Regt for evacuation of patients to TRIPOLI.

(b) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will install an R.A.P. (augmented to a 6-bed holding station) in the buildings previously occupied by the R.A.P. of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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A.A. & Q.M.G., 9 Aust Div.

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20 Aust Inf Bde	1
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6 (NZ) INF BDE GP

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION No. 2 - AMENDMENTS

S 562

1. Ref a/m Instruction, dated 26 Mar 42.

2. The following amendments will be made:-

(a) Para 6 (b), line 6.
Delete "Location ; ALEPPO" and substitute
"Location ; AZAZ 275147

(b) Para 12, column of 6 (NZ) Inf Bde Serial No's.
Delete Serial No 2.

(c) Para 13, "Zero".
Add at end:- ".. code signal indicating this time in hours will be sent to all units from Bde H.Q., on notification by 24 (NZ) Bn."

(d) Para 32, "Code Words." add at end of para:-

Stage	Code-word	Meaning	Acked By
III	TOITOI .....hrs.	By demolitions were blown at .....hrs.	BUSH.... and repeat figures.

3. CK.

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24 (NZ) Bn	1 No 3 Gp Ord Fd Wkshops	10
25 (NZ) Bn	2 A Sec Ord Fd Pk	11
26 (NZ) Bn	3 100 D.I.D.	12
6 (N.) Fd Regt	4 87 Sub Area	13
33 (NZ) A Tk Bty	5 NZ DIV	14
3 (NZ) Fd Coy	6 20 Aust Inf Bde.	15
3 Coy 27 NZ (MG) Bn	7	
6 (NZ) Fd Amb	8 War Diary	16,17
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OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION No. 2

26 Mar 42.

Ref map : LEVANT series 1/200,000
Sheets :-
ANTIOCHE, ALEP, DJERABLOUS, LATTAQUIE and SELEMIYE

INFORMATION:

1. Information as included in 6 (NZ) Inf Bde Gp Ops Instr No. 1 and appreciation of the situation, issued 20 Mar 42.

2. This instruction will take effect from the time that a warning is received that a state of emergency exists.

INTENTION:

3. 6 (NZ) Inf Bde Gp will:-

(a) Protect the forward demolition belt until blown.
(b) Complete and carry out full demolition and evacuation plan.
(c) Withdraw on NZ DIV in BAALBEK area.
(d) If attacked prior to completion of (a), (b), and (d) fight a delaying action and withdraw.

METHOD: STAGE 1

4. State of Emergency
In the event of a sudden enemy attack, or on receipt of a warning (code-word KAURI) that a state of emergency exists, action will be taken in accordance with paras 5 to 8 below.

5. Occupation of Defensive Areas.
All Bns will withdraw frontier control posts. Bn Gps will prepare and occupy defensive posns covering forward demolitions (incl laying of minefields) as shewn in attached sketches at appendices "A", "B" and "C" issued herewith to all concerned. Ry control posts will remain in posn unless attacked..

8 (NZ) Fd Coy will charge and complete preparations of all demolition points giving priority to forward demolition belt.

6. Mobile Colns.
Mobile colns constituted as under, and commanded by OC Rifle Coy in each case, will be established:-

(a) GREVCOL: One rifle Coy (if available) 24 Bn, in M.T.
One carrier pl, 24 Bn
One tp 6 Fd Regt.
One tp 33 A Tk Bty
One pl 3 MMG Coy
Det 8 Fd Coy

Location: AFRINE 2550

Task:- To be prepared on orders from Bde H.Q. to seize, destroy and hold br at MOURAD PACHA as initial delaying posn. Otherwise to carry out a delaying role in HAMMAM valley..

(b) JOCKCOL: One rifle Coy, 26 Bn, in M.T.
One carrier pl, 26 Bn
One tp 6 Fd Regt
One tp 33 A Tk Bty
One pl, 3 MMG Coy

Location: ALEPPO

Task: Cover northern approaches to ALEPPO from KILLIS 2752 If no enemy advance from this direction to remain in Bde reserve.

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(c) GEORGECOL: One rifle coy, 25 Bn, in M.T.
One carrier pl, 25 Bn
One tp, 6 Fd Regt
One tp, 33 A Tk Bty
One pl 3 MMG coy.

Location: KAFER HAMM 2546

Task: Bde Reserve.

(d) Pl Div amn Coy will supply additional tpt on demand from Bn Gps.

7. Bde and Unit HQs.

All HQ's will immediately resume a state of mobility.

8. British Units.

All British units and staffs in Bde Area and GHQ tps come under comd HQ 87 Sub Area, which will be responsible for their evacuation to BALBEK area.

9. "Blow and Go" STAGE II

(a) In the event of orders being received for the blowing of ry demolitions and the evacuation of ALEPPO before contact is made with the enemy, demolitions and withdrawl will be controlled by Bde H.Q. A list of code-words is given in para 32.

(b) In all cases, the withdrawl from the RADJOU salient will be carried out with all possible speed after the blowing of ry demolitions.

STAGE III
(Alternative to Stage II)

10. Demolition and evacuation:
On receipt of a code signal (code-word MANUKA) from this H.Q., action will be taken in accordance with paras 11-18 below.

11. Ry Demolition
Ry demolitions at the following points will be blown forthwith:-

6 (NZ) Inf Bde Serial No.	Units responsible
26) 27) 28) 29)	24 (NZ) Bn
30) 30)	26 (NZ) Bn
DJERABLOUS Br (under separate instrs).	25 (NZ) Bn.

12. Rd and Track demolitions

The following rd and track demolitions will be blown forthwith:-

6 (NZ) Inf Bde Serial No.	Unit responsible
2) 4) 5) 7) 8) 9)	25 (NZ) Bn

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Rd and Track demolitions (cont).

6 (NZ) Inf Bde Serial No.	Unit responsible
13, 14, 16, 17	24 (NZ) Bn
31, 32	24 (NZ) Bn

13. Zero
Zero will be the time at which ry demolitions north of RADJOU are actually blown.

14. 24 (NZ) Bn Gp will:-
(a) Hold rds EL HAMMAM 2349 - AFRINE 2550, and KOURT KOULAK 2651 - AFRINE, until Z plus 4 hrs, blowing demolition serial No. 33 when required.

(b) Withdraw demolition and protective dets from RADJOU area by rail to crossing at 248515 thence by M.T., and will blow demolitions Serial Nos 15, 22, 23, 24, and 25.

(c) Blow demolition Serial No. 12

(d) Covered by GREVCOL withdraw to TERIB area by route AFRINE - DART AZZE 2548 - TELL AKABRINE 2447 - TERIB 2546, blowing demolition Serial Nos 10 and 11.

(e) Re-organise and await further orders.

15. 25 (NZ) Bn Gp will:-
(a) Hold rd KASR EL BENATE 2447 - TELL AKABRINE and approaches on both sides until Z plus 6 hrs.

(b) Withdraw KASR EL BENATE det through TELL AKABRINE to TAFTANAZ 2444 area, blowing demolition serial No. 34.

(c) Withdraw demolition and protective dets from SALKINE area 2146 and DER KOUCHE 2144, blowing demolition Serial No. 6

(d) Hold rd MELIS 2245 - IDLIB and track on eastern edge of marsh 2144 until Z plus 8 hrs when det will withdraw through IDLIB to report centre MARRET EN NAAMANE 2341.

(e) Demy br at DJISR ECH CHOGHOUR 2042 until orders are received from Bde HQ for blowing, or until capture by the enemy becomes imminent.

In the latter case Bde HQ will be notified by the most immediate means that the br has been destroyed.

(f) Withdraw det from DJISR ECH CHOGHOUR towards OUREM EJ JOZ 2242, blowing demolition Serial No. 36

(g) Hold rd FREIKE 2142 - OUREM EJ JOZ until ordered to withdraw and will then proceed by route OUREM EJ JOZ - report centre MARRET EN NAAMANE.

(h) Re-organise and await further orders.

16. 26 (NZ) Bn Gp will:-
(a) Withdraw demolition and protective dets from demolitions Serial Nos 21 and 30.

(b) Hold approaches to ALEPPO from the north and NE until ordered to withdraw, NOT before Z plus 5 Hrs.

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(c) Hold rd ALEPPO - OUR OUM ES SORHRA 2546 until ordered to withdraw, NOT before Z plus 8 hrs.

(d) Withdraw by route OUR OUM ES SORHRA - TAFTANEZ rd junc 2444 - SARAKIB 2543 report centre MARRET EN NAAMANE.

(e) Re-organise and await further orders.

17. 8 (NZ) Fd Coy (less dets with Bn Gp) will:-

(a) Carry out demolition plan for ALEPPO area.

(b) Come into Bde reserve at MARRET EN NAAMANE, on completion of task.

18. Traffic Control

Bde Pro Sec will establish pointsmen at:-

Southern exit from ALEPPO onto HAMA rd.
OUR OUM ES SORHRA
TAFTANAZ
MARRET EN NAAMANE

Their duties will include the control of civilian traffic, which will NOT be permitted to use main rd ALEPPO - HOMS in any circumstances.

STAGE IV

19. Subsequent Withdrawal.

Times and routes for subsequent withdrawal will be issued by Bde H.Q. during the course of operations. If the main rd HAMA - HOMS - BAALBEK is denied by hostile action, route X (indicated by traffic sign) via SELEMIYE 2734 will be used.

DURING STAGE I

ADM.

20. Rations

(a) 7 day res rations will be held by 24 (NZ) Bn Gp.

(b) 4 day res rations will be held by all other units.

21. Petrol

Pet pts will be established as follows:-

TRIG 388 (2546)) Each to hold a hundred miles for a
IDLIB 2344) Bn Gp.

MARRET EN NAAMANE 2341 - to hold a hundred miles for Bde Gp.

22. Amn

(a) 24 Bn Gp will dump 4 refills 1st line amn for the Gp at AFRINE.

(b) 25 Bn Gp will dump one refill 1st line amn for the Gp in vicinity KAFER HAMM 2546.

(c) Pl Amn Coy will dump one refill 1st line amn for Bde Gp at TAFTANAZ 2444 and one at MARRET EN NAAMANE 2341.

23. Water

A list of water pts will be published separately.

24. P.W.

No arrangements will be made.

25. B Ech.

Bde and unit B Ech move to vicinity MARRET EN NAAMANE.

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26. 100 D.I.D.
Move BAALBEK.

27. Trains
(a) R.T.O. will arrange for rail car to stand by at DJERABLOUS.

(b) One mixed train will move to sidings south of ALEPPO, for use under orders from Bde H.Q.

(c) One mixed train to RADJOU siding for extrication fwd elements of 24 Bn Gp.

(d) Transportation staff will clear available rolling stock and ry plant from ALEPPO district to the south.

28. Medical (Applies also to Stage II)

ADS at OUR OUM ES SORHRA 2546
ADS at French Barracks (on wheels)
MDS at MAARRET EN NAAMANE 2341
6 Amb cars with 24 Bn Gp.
2 Amb cars with 26 Bn Gp.

29. Recovery (Applies also Stage II)
(a) Sec Div Ord Fd Wkshops and Ord Fd Pk move BAALBEK.

(b) 18 L.A.D. - TERIB 2546
19 L.A.D. - German Barracks ALEPPO.

DURING STAGE III

30. Medical
(a) ADS at OUR OUM ES SORHRA to move on orders from Bde H.Q. to rejoin MDS and remain on wheels.

(b) ADS at MAARRET EN NAAMANE.

31. Recovery
18 L.A.D. - move under orders from Bde H.Q.
19 L.A.D. - move MAARRET EN NAAMANE.

INTERCOMN

32. CODE WORDS

Stage	Code-word	Meaning	Acked By
1	KAURI	State of emergency has arisen. Ack	GUM
11	TOTARA	Blow ry demolitions forthwith. 24 Bn withdraw dets from RADJOU salient demolitions. Await orders further demolitions and withdrawal. Ack.	TREE
111	MANUKA	Enemy attack expected. Blow ry and rd demolitions forthwith. Blow ALEPPO demolitions. Begin withdrawal. Ack.	SCRUB

33. Bde HQ.

Bde HQ closes present location and opens OUR OUM ES SORHRA 2546 on Stage I.

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Report centre opens MAARRET EN NOMANE 2341 at Z plus 3 hrs.

Route withdrawal Bde HQ. :-

OUR OUM ES SORHRA - TAFTANAZ 2444 - SARAKIB 2543 - MAARRET EN NOMANE thence by main road or route. X

34. SIGNALL COMNS

STAGE I

(a) All pn No 18 Sets assume inter-Bn role.

(b) MEIDANE EKBES W/T det will withdraw to NORTH TUNNEL and remain netted with Set at RADJOU and control at AFRINE.

(c) No 18 Set 24 Bn at ry demolitions area will net with No 14 control set at RADJOU.

(d) W/T trucks will report as follows, and will mount grounded No II sets :-

RADJOU	-	One
AFRINE	-	Two
HARIM	-	One
IDLIB	-	One

(e) All W/T dets will be brought up to strength from "L" Sec personnel at Bde HQ.

(f) Line dets will prepare by-pass T-ins for IDLIB, AFRINE, and ALEPPO and will mount line patrols.

STAGE II

(g) MEIDANE EKBES W/T det will be withdrawn from NORTH TUNNEL by rail to join MT at rd and rail junc 248515.

(h) HARIM W/T det will rejoin Bde HQ at OUR OUM ES SORHRA 2546.

(j) By - passes of civil centres will be operated and other lines destroyed wherever possible.

STAGES III & IV

(k) W/T comms normal. Overhead civil lines will be used for L/T from terminal points to be notified later.

ACK.

Issued by : DR

Time of signature 0830 hrs.

B.M. 6 (NZ) Inf Bde Gp.
Major

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24 (NZ) Bn	1	1	-	-
25 (NZ) Bn	2	-	1	-
26 (NZ) Bn	3	-	-	1
6 (NZ) Fd Regt	4	-	-	-
33 NZ A Tk Bty	5	-	-	-
8 (NZ) Fd Coy	6	2	2	2
3 Coy 27 NZ (MG) Bn	7	-	-	-
6 (NZ) Fd Amb	8	-	-	-
Pl Amn Coy	9	-	-	-
Sec Div Ord Fd Wkshops	10	-	-	-
Sec Div Ord Fd Pk	11	-	-	-
100 D.I.D.	12	-	-	-
87 Sub Area	13	-	-	-
NZ Div	14	3	3	3
2nd Aust Inf Bde	15	-	-	-
War Diary	16,17	4,5	4,5,	4,5,
File	18	6	6	6

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G140/7/256. (War Diary)

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20 AUST INF BDE- OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 11.

Ref Maps: LATTAQUIE.) 1/50,000.
TRIPOLI .)

1. The following moves will take place between 15-22 Apr 42:-

(a) 20 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 26 Aust Inf Bde in camp sites north of TRIPOLI.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) 9 Aust Cav Regt will move to area at present occupied by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn on 16 Apr 42.

(c) "B" Sec FSS will NOT move, and will come under adm comd 9 Aust Cav Regt as from date of move of HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

2. (a) Move will be conducted in accordance with 20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No 7.

(b) No move except Adv Parties before 15 Apr 42.

(c) Relief will be completed by 22 Apr 42.

3. Operational Role-9 Aust Cav Regt.

(a) Frontier.

One sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt will relieve and take over role of pl 2/13 Aust Inf Bn at KASSAB on 14 Apr 42.

(b) Coast Defence.

9 Aust Cav Regt will take over from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn responsibility for Coast Defence from incl NAHR EL KEBIR 161395 to incl TARTOUSSE 165328 as from 16 Apr 42.

4. Operational and Adm Boundaries.

9 Aust Cav Regt will take over areas laid down for 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp, viz:-

NORTH- TURKISH frontier.
EAST - with 10 Corps (NZ Div) all excl 9 Aust Cav Regt-rd HATIA DOBIT K (2044)-QUAIE (2044)-DJISR HCH CHOCHOUR (2042)-thence R. ORONTES-TELL SALHAB (2136)-TELL KALLIAKH (1930)-LES CEDRES(IL 1825) -Pt LL 170230.
SOUTH-track and rd BARCHINE 2032-SAFITA 1831-rd junc 16623258.

5. REPORTS- Units will report by sig to this HQ as soon as they reach new locations.

ACK.

Signed at 0900 hrs.

R J Hamer Capt for Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1.
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2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	3.
9 Aust Cav Regt.	4.
Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb.	5.
"B" Sec Aust FSS.	6.
Comd.	7.
SC.	8.

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Bde Sup offr.	11.
10 Coy AASC 9 Aust Div.	12.
3 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	13.
"G" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk,	14.
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War Diary.

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20 AUST INF BDE- ADM INSTN NO 7.

ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH

20 AUST INF BDE- OP INSTN NO 11.

GENERAL:

1. The following details outline the move of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp from LATTAKIA to TRIPOLI Area and 9 Aust Div Cav Regt to BOUKA and KASSAB Areas. Units of 20 Aust Inf Bde will move to sites occupied by units of 26 Aust Inf Bde.

MOVES.

2. (a)

Serial No.	Unit.	Date of Movement from LATTAKIA of MAIN BODY.	Method of Movement.	Destination TRIPOLI AREA.	Date of Arrival.
1.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	16 Apr 42.	Main TRIPOLI Rd.Tps will march.	DEIR AMAR.	20 Apr.
2.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	17 Apr 42.	do.	TOURBAL.	21 Apr.
3.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	18 Apr 42.	do.	VICINITY 16412791.	22 Apr.
4.	HQ,20 Aust Inf Bde. "J" Sec Sigs. 58 Aust LAD. Det,33 Aust Fd PO.	18 Apr 42.	MT.	TRIPOLI AREA.Site to be selected.	20 Apr.
5.	Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	18 Apr 42.	MT.	Rejoin Unit BECHMEZZINE Area-155264.	18 Apr.
6.	3 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW. "G" Sec Ord Fd Pk.	20 Apr 42.	MT.	Rejoin Parent Units on arrival TRIPOLI.	20 Apr.
7.	Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy. Det 9 Aust Div Salvage.	21 Apr 42.	MT.		21 Apr.
8.	Det 10 Coy AASC.	22 Apr 42.	MT.		22 Apr.

(b) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde will stage vicinity 167135185 from 18 to 20 Apr.

(c) Separate instns will be issued regarding Det AASC and Det 9 Aust Div Cash Office.

(d) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will make mutual arrangements with 2/13 Aust Inf Bn as follows:-
(i) Relief of one pl at KASSAB Area on 14 Apr 42.
(ii) Occupation of site BOUKA Area to commence 16 Apr 42.
(iii) Hirings at KASSAB will be taken over. A list of damages and deficiencies in hirings will be prepared and signed by reps of both units and AHO.

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3. ADV PARTIES will move by Unit tpt to new sites.

(a) 2/13 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns-strength NOT to exceed 50 personnel.

(b) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn- strength NOT to exceed 100 personnel.

(c) Essential 'Q' personnel from Adv Parties up to 20 may proceed to TRIPOLI on 14 Apr 42 to receive 'Q' Stores in unit areas.

(d) Remainder of Adv parties to proceed to TRIPOLI under Unit arrangements after the departure of Main Body from LATTAKIA.

(e) Adv parties to move self-contained with tentage, cooking gear etc.

(f) Adv Parties will come under Comd of Unit to be relieved on arrival in TRIPOLI.

(g) This HQ to be advised of Unit arrangements, in connection with Adv parties, by 14 Apr 42.

4. STAGING AREAS.

(a) Marching tps will complete move in five stages, and will bivouac nightly at the following areas:-

1st day	LATTAKIA (Camp Area) to vicinity	NAHR EL BOURGHOL	17553760.
2nd day	" "	RIVER	16753518.
3rd day	" "	ABOU AAFSA	16763218.
4th day	" "	TELL HANED	17542915.
5th day	" "	TRIPOLI.	

(b) Halts for midday meals will be arranged by units.

(c) On last stage 2/17 Aust Inf Bn may stage tps to destination-unit tpt to be utilised.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Two members 9 Aust Div Pro Coy with MCs will be att to each Inf Bn for the control of traffic during the march.

6. SWIMMING.

Swimming parades may be arranged under unit supervision. Precautions will be taken by units for the necessary picquets and those qualified in life-saving methods to be in attendance.

7. CROPS.

Units will ensure that crops are NOT damaged during the march.

8. BOUNDS.

Leave will NOT be granted to personnel during the move. ALL TOWNS are "out of bounds".

9. CARRIERS UNIVERSAL.

Carriers will be lifted to destination by No 3 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW as under at the rate of four per day:-

15 Apr	4-	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
16 Apr	1-)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
	3-)	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
17 Apr	4-	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
18 Apr	4-	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
19 Apr	3-	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

Units will make arrangements direct with OC No 3 Rec Sec for loading, time of departure and destination.

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10. TPT.

(a) Unit tpt,with the addition of two 3 tonners per Inf Bn from Det 10 Coy AASC,will be utilised to ferry stores and eqpt to new sites. 3 tonners will be returned to Det 10 Coy AASC, LATTAKIA,NOT later than 21 Apr 42.

(b) Additional tpt required by remaining units moving from area will be provided by this HQ on day of move.

11. SUPS AND POL.

(a) Present unit res will be maintained and taken with units.

(b) Daily requirements in TRIPOLI Area will be drawn by units from FSD, AUGER Barracks.

(c) Dets at present in LATTAKIA Area will arrange Sups through Parent Units in TRIPOLI Area to coincide with arrival in new area.

(d) (i) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will draw from FSD,AUGER Barracks TRIPOLI. Indents are to be lodged there to coincide with closing of DID,BOUKA. Particulars to be notified later.

(ii) Existing stocks of POL,together with pumps and containers,will be taken over from Det 10 Coy AASC BOUKA. 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will be responsible for maintaining petrol pt for own use and for use of WD convoys. Time of taking over and method of replentishment will be notified.

12. SHOWERS.

(a) Ablution installation at the ORPHANAGE will be taken over by 9 Aust Div Cav Regt on 17 Apr 42.

(b) Other eqpt and personnel of 9 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit will move to TRIPOLI Area on 18 Apr 42.

ADM- PART 1- LATTAKIA-TRIPOLI AREA.

13. TENTAGE,ACCOMMODATION STORES AND G 1098 EQPT.

(a) (i) All tentage,accommodation stores and War Eqpt will be taken away from present site by units 20 Aust Inf Bde. Further instns will be issued in connection with tentage at present on charge to Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb,3 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW and Det 10 Coy AASC.

(ii) Accommodation stores surplus to requirements on completion of move will be returned to DADOS Dump,TRIPOLI under unit arrangements.

(iii) Mutual arrangements may be made with Units to be relieved in TRIPOLI Area for the exchange of tentage or other Accommodation Stores.

(b) The following allocation of hutments will take place:-

(i) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will take over the following under mutual arrangements with the units concerned:-

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde-	3.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn -	8.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn -	1.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn -	1.
10 Coy AASC -	2.
3 Rec Sec,2/1 AAFW-	1.
det,2/8 Aust Fd Amb-	2.

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(ii) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will arrange to collect 2 hutments each from 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns. These, with the remaining hutments on charge to 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns will be transported and erected on new sites.

14. LATRINES.

(a) The preparation of deep trench latrines will be a unit responsibility.

(b) All latrine seats, screens etc, will be moved from present locations for use in new areas.

(c) Indents for any additional timber for latrines will be submitted to this HQ as soon as practicable. The necessity for the strictest economy in timber is stressed.

ADM- PART 11- ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNITS ON MOVE.

15. SUPS.

(a) Units will draw from DID BOUKA for the first three days of the march. From the fourth day onwards drawals will be made from the FSD AUGER Barracks TRIPOLI.

(b) On the day units commence the march from LATTAKIA Area, indents will be lodged with Bde HQ covering the remaining days of march.

(c) Indents for personnal from Bde HQ and Bns moving independently to TRIPOLI Area will be placed through Adv Bde HQ to coincide with arrival in new areas.

(d) During the move and whilst in new area Unit tpt will be used to draw Sups and POL.

16. WATER- Water may be drawn from:-

WPs- LATTAKIA.
BANIAS.
TARTOUSS.
TRIPOLI- AUGER Barracks.

Water for drinking purposes will be obtained only from the above sources.

17. LATRINES- Latrines dug in staging areas will be covered in before departure and the site marked.

18. LMG (Bren) LMGs with 250 rounds SAA per gun will accompany tps, 50 rounds SAA per rifle will be taken, 10 rounds to be carried on the man.

19. MOSQUITO NETS. Mosquito nets will be taken into use at staging areas. Owing to lack of facilities it will not be possible to hang the nets. Units will improvise a method so that the exposed portion of the body is covered.

20. MEDICAL- One amb will be det from Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb to accompany each Bn. Evacuations will be made to 2/11 Aust Fd Amb TRIPOLI. Ambs will report to HQ 2/8 Aust Fd Amb on completion of move.

Capt.
SC, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/17 AUST INF BN - OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 23

14 Apr 42

Maps LATTAKIA)
TRIPOLI) 1 in 50,000.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/24 Aust Inf Bn area MOUNT TOURBOL - TRIPOLI by 22 Apr 42.

MOVEMENT TABLE

Serial No	Detail	Method of movement	Depart LATTAKIA	Arrive TRIPOLI	Offr i/c
1.	Capt MACLARN, Sjt BLUNDELL, Lieut TILL - details 5 Pl, RQMS, 2 clerks, storeman each coy, L/Cpl EDWARDS, Pte BULLIMAN, Pte BAILEY.	Unit MT	0830 hrs 15 Apr 42	15 Apr 42	Capt MACLARN
2.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn less Serials 1, 3 and 4.	Route march	0830 hrs 17 Apr 42	21 Apr 42	CO
3.	Capt NEWTON, 1 NCO 4 ORs each coy (1 cook for party)	Unit MT	0900 hrs 17 Apr 42	17 Apr 42	Capt NEWTON
4.	Lieut CARTLEDGE, 1 NCO 4 ORs each coy, 1 cook for party	Unit MT	0900 hrs 20 Apr 42	20 Apr 42	Lieut CARTLEDGE

Serial 1 will carry one days rations plus unexpended portion rations for 15 Apr 42.

3. STAGING AREAS - Marching tps will complete move in five stages and will bivouac nightly in the following areas :-

Stage 1.	NAHR RAMLE	19 miles	17253820
" 2	BLOUT EL HARA	18 "	16853550
" 3	ESE ROUAD island at KILO 55 stone.	20.8 "	16653235
" 4	1 mile NORTH HOMS turnoff	20 "	17552940
" 5	ABAL TOURBOL		GARNSEY

MT will possibly be used to ferry tps on 21 Apr 42. Lieut WITT pilot and mark coy bivouac areas at each stage.

4. TRAFFIC CONTROL - Two members of 9 Aust Div Pre Coy with M/Cs will be att this unit to control traffic during march.

5. SWIMMING PARADES - will be arranged at staging areas by coys. Each coy will provide its own picquet and for qualified life-savers to be in attendance. Men must be warned that beaches "shelve" suddenly on Syrian coast.

6. CROPS - Coy Comds will ensure that crops are NOT damaged during march.

7. BOUNDS - Leave will NOT be granted to personnel during move. ALL TOWNS are "out of bounds".

8. CARRIERS UNIVERSAL - Carriers will be lifted to destination by No 3 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW as under :-

16 Apr 3 carriers
17 Apr 4 "

Lieut RUDKIN will make arrangements direct with OC No 3 Rec Sec for loading, time of departure and destination.

9. MALARIA AND HYGIENE - L/Cpl DREDGE, Ptes CRITCHLEY, STRATTON will supervise malaria and hygiene control in staging areas. Coys will arrange to carry long pickets and rope to hung mosquito nets.

10. WATER - Men are to be warned against drinking water other than from unit water-carts. Water duty personnel will be responsible for chlorinating water if necessary.

WPs - LATTAKIA
BANIAS
TARTOUSS
TRIPOLI - AUGER BKS

11. LATRINES AND RUBBISH
(a) Shallow trench latrines will be constructed under direction hygiene personnel at staging areas. Pits to be filled in and sites marked.
(b) All latrine seats, screens etc will be moved from present location for use in new area.
(c) All rubbish will be disposed of by burning and burying.

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12. **RAP** - RMO will move in rear of coln.

13. **LMGs (Bren)** - with 250 rds SAA per gun will be carried on coy trucks.
50 rds SAA per rifle will be taken by coys.
10 " " will be carried on man.

14. **SIGS** - (a) Two sigs with flags will move with Bn HQ and each coy during march.
(b) OC HQ Coy will include proportion of sigs with parties para 2, serial 3 and 4 of this instn.

15. **TPT** - (a) Two 3 tonners from Det 10 Coy AASC will be utilised to ferry stores to new area. These vehs will be returned to Det 10 Coy AASC LATTAKIA NOT later than 21 Apr 42.
(b) TO will provide the following tpt for coys for use on march route :-
Bn HQ) 1 x 30 cwt veh
HQ Coy) 1 x 15 cwt veh
Rifle coys 1 x 30 cwt veh.
These vehs will be used to carry the following between staging areas -
Blankets
Packs
Footbaths
Long pickets Mallets
Proportion picks and shovels
Lamps as required
Cooking gear
Brens and res amn
(c) TO will allot tpt to coys for transportation of camp etc equipment from LATTAKIA to TRIPOLI direct. Bn QM to be consulted as to proportion of tpt required by coys.

16. **BOOTMAKER** - will move with HQ Coy on route march and be prepared to make adjustments to boots as required.

17. **TENTS** - One EPIP tent per coy will be struck and returned to coy QM store by 0830 hrs 15 Apr 42. All remaining tents less those required by rear party will be struck and dumped at coy QM stores by 1630 hrs 16 Apr 42.

18. **DRESS FOR MAIN BODY**
Battle order less SH and respirator.
Hats
Shirts and trousers KD
gaiters
Boots
There will be no variation in this dress unless authorised from these HQ.

19. **HAVERSACKS** - The following articles will be carried in haversacks :-
Mess gear
Ground sheet
Sweater
Toilet gear
Mosquito ointment
1 pr socks
Rations (midday meal)

20. **PACKS**
Change u/clothing
Shirt
Trousers KD (if any)
Spare socks
" boots
Greatcoat

21. **KITBAGS** - will NOT be available during march. Steel helmets and respirators will be packed in kitbags. Kitbags will be dumped at coy QM stores before 1600 hrs 16 Apr 42.

22. **BLANKETS AND MOSQUITO NETS** - Mosquito nets will be rolled in blankets. Blanket rolls will be labelled with man's name, sec and coy. Mosquito hoops will be tied in sec bundles and labelled accordingly.

23. **HUTMENTS** - OC HQ Coy will arrange for four huts to be dismantled and transported to TRIPOLI.

24. BEDBOARDS - will be dumped at coy QM stores before 0830 hrs 15 Apr 42.

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25. ROAD DISCIPLINE - Strict attention will be paid to rd discipline during march.
All drs will be warned that speeds of vehs must be appreciably reduced when moving through marching colns.

26. MARCH DISCIPLINE - All comds sub-units will be personally responsible for a high standard of march discipline. All ranks will be informed that they are forbidden to fall out from march without written authority of an offr.

27. SECURITY PICQUETS - Picquets of adequate strength will be posted by coys at each bivouac area and during long halt at midday.

C.G. Pitman
(C.G. Pitman) Capt
Adjt 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

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2/15 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No.3

Ref Maps : LATTAQUIE)
TRIPOLI) 1:50000

INFORMATION

1. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/48 Aust Inf Bn on 22 Apr 42.

INTENTION

2. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will march by stages to Camp Site TRIPOLI vicinity (16412791) commencing 18 Apr 42.

METHOD

3. ROUTE
Axis of March - Main LATTAQUIE - TRIPOLI RD.

4. S P
Camp area SKOUBINE

5. STAGES
The move will be completed in five stages:-

Day 1	- SKOUBINE (Camp area)	to NAHR EL BOURGHOL	17553760
Day 2	- NAHR EL BOURGHOL	to RIVER	16753518
Day 3	- RIVER	to ABOU AAFSA	16763218
Day 4	- ABOU AAFSA	to EL ARIB	17402992
Day 5	- EL ARIB	to TRIPOLI	

6. ORDER OF MARCH
Day 1 - A, Bn HQ, HQ, C, D Coys including att personnel. Thereafter in rotation the order B, HQ, C, D Coys at head of column on successive days.

7. TRAFFIC CONTROL
(a) Leading and rear Coys will provide 2 men with flags to march approx 200 yds in front and rear of the column to signal traffic to slow down whilst passing through tps.
(b) 2 members 9 Aust Div Pro Coy on MC will assist in control of MT traffic.
(c) Regtl Police will control all traffic on rd juncs and crossings and traffic passing through column.

8. PIQUETS
All Coy areas will be securely piquetted each night during march with no less than 3 men on duty at a time. Piquets will be armed and all personnel challenged. Every precaution will be taken to avoid loss of arms or eqpt.

9. ADV PARTY
Personnel for adv party or baggage guards will be selected from men who are suffering from foot disabilities or from lack of sound boots.
Numbers reqd will be advised later.

A D M

10. ARMS AND AMN
(a) LMG Brens with 250 rds SAA per gun and TSMGs will accompany tps on unit tpt.
(b) 50 rds SAA per man will be taken of which 10 rds will be carried by Riflemen, and remainder in bulk by RSM together with 4000 rds TSMG on unit tpt.
(c) All other weapons will be packed - labelled - and put in Coy dumps, under guard.

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11. TRANSPORT

Tpt will be allotted as follows:-

Each Rifle Coy	-	1/30 cwt	- for tpt of blankets, packs, 2 picks and shovels, guns etc
HQ Coy	-	1/30 cwt)- 1/15 cwt)	do
BN HQ	-	1/15 cwt 1/1 ton offive van C.O's car	do
Q.M.	-	1/30 cwt for daily rations and canteen truck. 1/3 ton cooking gear, surplus rations. 2/30 cwt water trucks.	
R A P	-	1/3 ton (att 1 Amb)	
SAA Reserve	-	2/15 cwt	

Remainder of trucks will be under control of T.O. to be used to carry bulk stores and tentage to TRIPOLI.

12. P.O.L.

(a) T.O. will arrange for dump of petrol, oil and lubricant. at Stage 2-RIVER 16753518 and STAGE 4 - EL ARIB - 17402992. for refuelling of Coy etc tpt.

(b) Present BN reserve will be maintained and taken to TRIPOLI.

(c) Requirements from TRIPOLI will be drawn from FSD at AUGER BARRACKS.

13. RATIONS

(a) Supplies will be drawn from DID BOUKA for first 3 days of march.

(b) From the fourth day onwards drawals will be made from the FSD AUGER BARRACKS, TRIPOLI.

(c) On 18 Apr, indents will be lodged with Bde HQ covering the remaining days of the march.

(d) Indents for personnel from BN moving as adv parties will be placed through Adv Bde HQ to coincide with arrival at destination.

(e) During the move and whilst in new area unit tpt will be used to draw supplies and POL.

14. WATER

Drinking water will be drawn by BN water trucks from Water Points at -

LATTAQUIE
BANIAS
TARTOUSS (requires chlorinating)
TRIPOLI AUGER BARRACKS.

On no account must other water be used for drinking purpose en route.

15. DRESS

(a) Shirts and Shorts, with Battle Order. - Felt hats.

(b) To be carried in haversack - Shaving gear, towel and soap, toothbrush, groundsheet under flap.

(c) Spare socks in Bren pouch.

16. PACKS, GREATCOATS, BLANKETS AND MOSQUITO NETS

(a) Each day prior to move, blankets, greatcoats and mosquito nets will be tied and labelled in convenient rolls ready for tpt.

(b) Mosquito nets will be used at each Staging Area. Coys will improvise methods of using nets so that the exposed portion of the body is mosquito proof. A quantity of iron pickets and wire will be carried on Coy trucks and each night the mosquito nets will be hung from the wire suspended between the pickets driven into the ground.

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(c) Trousers KD, pullovers, and spare boots will be included in packs.

17. KIT BAGS

(a) To be labelled, marked and stacked under cover in Coy areas on Friday, 17 Apr 42.

(b) Markings will be as follows:-

HQ Coy	H	(Letter H)	C Coy	+	(Cross)
A Coy	Δ	(Triangle)	D Coy	O	(Circle)
B Coy	8	(Two Circles)	BN HQ	=	(Two Bars)

(c) Steel Helmets will be carried in Kit Bags.

18. COY STORES

All Coy Stores (except 2 picks and shovels per Coy) ~~x~~ 2 Scale of Equipment (except personal eqpt and TSMGs and Brens).
Pressure lamps, primus cookers will be returned to technical by 1000 hrs Friday to be packed under unit arrangements.
All camp eqpt - bed boards etc will be stacked in Coy lines under cover for tpt when available.
Palliasses will be emptied and stacked with Coy Stores.

19. LEAVE

From date of this order, NO leave will be granted to LATTAQUIE or any village en route to TRIPOLI. ALL towns are OUT OF BOUNDS.

20. SWIMMING

Swimming parades will be arranged under Coy supervision. Precautions will be taken by Coys for necessary piquets and for life savers to be posted.

21. MEDICAL

RAP and 1 Amb 2/8 Fd Amb will accompany the Bn and will move in bounds on each hourly halt.
Evacuations will be made to 2/11 Fd Amb TRIPOLI.
Amb will report to HQ 2/8 Fd Amb on completion of move.

22. HYGIENE

(a) Latrine trenches will be dug at each Staging area and filled in before leaving.

(b) Staging and camp areas will be left in a clean and tidy condition. Areas will be inspected by an offr before leaving.

23. FOOT INSPECTIONS

(a) Foot inspections will be held on completion of each days march and foot baths provided.

(b) Men whose boots are unfit to march will be detailed as baggage guards, cooks offsiders etc.

24. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

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

25. SECURITY

The necessity for strict security must be impressed on all ranks. The move is not to be discussed any more than necessity demands. Guards and piquets are to be extremely vigilant at all times.

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INTERCOMN

26. BN HQ will move with the column. Position in column to be notified daily.

27. Watches will be synchronised daily to ensure hourly halts being observed at the one time throughout the unit.

ACK

1530

Time of Signature.....hrs

Method of Issue Orderly ,,.....

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

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20 APR 42.

20 AUST INF BDE-OPERATION INSTN NO 12.

COASTAL DEFENCE.

Ref Maps: (TRIPOLI 1/50,000.
(LEVANT Series 1/200,000.

INFORMATION.

1. 20 Aust Inf Bde Operation Instn No 10 (Coastal Defence) is cancelled.

2. It is considered probable that enemy activity of all kinds in SYRIA and PALESTINE will be co-ordinated with enemy action in LIBYA, with the increased possibility of enemy landings on SYRIAN Coast.

3. The threats considered likely consist of:-

(a) Agents and small sabotage parties landed from submarines.

(b) Commandos and raiding parties of varying strengths from fast motor craft.

4. Sectors of Responsibility

(a) 9 Aust Cav Regt-
DJEBILE Sector-excl NAHR EL KEBIR to excl NAHR ES SEME.

(b) 20 Aust Inf Bde-
TRIPOLI Sector-incl NAHR ES SEME to incl CARACOL 159274.

(c) 26 Aust Inf Bde-
SOUTHERN Sector-excl CARACOL to excl TABARJA 141233.

5. Own Tps.

(a) Coast Watching Dets- Appx "A".

(b) Other Guards- Appx "B".

(c) Other Tps Available and Tasks- Appx "C".

6. Installations forming likely enemy objectives are listed at Appx "D".

METHOD.

7. Mob Coy.

During hrs of darkness, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will maintain a Mob Coy to move at 30 mins notice with a complete scale of weapons and eqpt.

(a) Comd OC Coy- Tps one rifle Coy.
one sec carriers.
one pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

(b) Movement will take place on orders from this HQ only.

(c) MG Pl will move on orders from Div HQ and will RV with OC Mob Coy at a location to be ordered by Div HQ.

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8. Res.

When Mob Coy is called out, remainder of bn will be held ready to move ONE HR after Mob Coy has left.
Restriction of normal leave for tps, other than the Mob Coy, is NOT intended.

9. Tasks.

Mob Tps may be ordered to:-

(a) Reinforce positional tps shown in Appx "B".

(b) Oppose attempted enemy landings.

10. Recce.

(a) OC Mob Coy will recce forthwith:-

(i) tasks shown in para 9 (a).
(ii) vulnerable pts shown in Appx "C".
(iii) RED BEACH north of EL ABDE.
(iv) BLUE and RED BEACHES between posts T8 and T9 (Appx "A").
(v) BLUE BEACH north of CARACOL.

(b) No relief of Mob Coy will be made before OC of Coy taking over has completed his recce.

(c) Bn recce party will move out with Mob Coy.

11. Tpt.

(a) Mob Coy-sufficient tpt to lift Mob Coy is to be provided by AASC 9 Aust Div and is to report nightly at HQ 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Bn (less Mob Coy)- AASC 9 Aust Div is to hold sufficient tpt in readiness to enable remainder of bn to move.

ADM.

12. Amn- Normal "on man" and "with gun" amn will accompany Mob Coy and Bn. Bn res amn will accompany bn.

13. Sups- One day's "hard" rations will be carried on the man, and one day's rations in the tpt.

14. POL- For 100 miles will be carried by all vehs in addition to full tanks.

INTERCOMM.

15. DRs. Two DRs will accompany Mob Coy. On arrival in threatened area one DR will return and report location of mob coy to bn and div HQ.

16. "J". Soc Sigs 9 Aust Div will allot one W/T set to accompany Mob Coy.

17. Wireless Silence- until contact with enemy.

18. Light Signals- in use by Coast Watching Dets are shown at Appx "E".

ACK.

Signed at hrs.

R. J. Nance Capt
Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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9 Aust Div.	TO.	File.	(2).
C AASC 9 Aust Div.	Sigs.		

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Appx "A" to
20 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instn No. 12.

COAST WATCHING DETS OF F.F. MARINES UNDER CONTROL F.F.N.O. TRIPOLI.

Post No.	LOCATION	STRENGTH	REMARKS
L9	(a) NAHR SENE 170369 (Patrol post mounted)	1 PO and 9	Posts in TRIPOLI Sector but under Comd FFNO LATTAKIA.
	(b) NAHR SENE (On coast)	1 PO and 4	
L10 & D8	MARKAB 173357	3 PO and 17	
D7	BOUSTAN EL NAJJAR		
D9	SUD MARKAB		
T1	MARKAB 171358	1 PO and 6	
T2	MARQIYE 167347	1 PO and 6	
T3	TELL BAIRE 165339	1 PO and 6	
T4	TARTOUSS 165328	1 PO and 6	
T5	ROUAD 163324	Approx 30	
T6	EL HICHE 169316	1 PO and 6	
T7	HAMIDIEH 171308	1 PO and 6	Post on top of Mosque
T8	SHEIK ZENADE 175296	1 PO and 6	House on top of small hill.
T9	EL ABDE 172286	1 PO and 6	
T10	FORT 37 166281	1 PO and 6	On hill north of IPC Installation.
T11	EL MINA	1 PO and 4	Two posts

NOTES 1. Motor craft of FF Marines patrol the coast at night and examine shipping within 6 miles of coast.
2. Guards are placed 1 km apart between posts at night, and are to be provided with signal pistols for comn with posts.

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20 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instn No. 12.

OTHER GUARDS

LOCATION	MAP REF	UNIT	STRENGTH
KLEIATE Aerodrome	176293	1 B.D.L.	1 Offr 66 ORs (can be reinforced at 15 mins notice by det at EL MINA with 4 MGs)
REFINERY	16432797	1 B.D.L.	3 SOs, 29 ORs 4 MGs
EL MINA	15852790	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	One pl.

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20 Aust Inf Bde
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ADDITIONAL TPS AVAILABLE, AND TASKS

UNIT	LOCATION	TASK
A. FFL - Not under comd 9 Aust Div.		
1. Half coy BDL	BANIAS	Defence of BANIAS and beaches from incl BANIAS -- incl MARKAB Tower 171358
2. One coy Bn Tchad Depot coy Bn du Pacifique	TARTOUSS	(i) Defence of TARTOUSS and liaison with post T2 (ii) Defence of beaches between TARTOUSS and AIN KHRIABE (to be occupied only in event of threatened landings)
B. 9 Aust Div Units		
3. 2/13 Aust Fd Coy	REFINERY	To protect REFINERY from attack from the sea.

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Appx "D" to
20 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instn No. 12.

INSTALLATIONS FORMING LIKELY ENEMY OBJECTIVES.

Description		
KLEIATE Aerodrome		176293
IPC TERMINAL		16532802
TANK FARM		166279
REFINERY		16432797
IZZ ED DIN (ESSEDINE)	Benzine and kerosene storage depot	16092793
HARBOUR Installations		TRIPOLI PORT
SEAPLANE Hangar		TRIPOLI PORT
MILITARY HQs		As in location statement.

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Appx "E" to
20 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instn No.12.

LIGHT SIGNALS IN USE BY COAST WATCHING DETS OF FF MARINES.

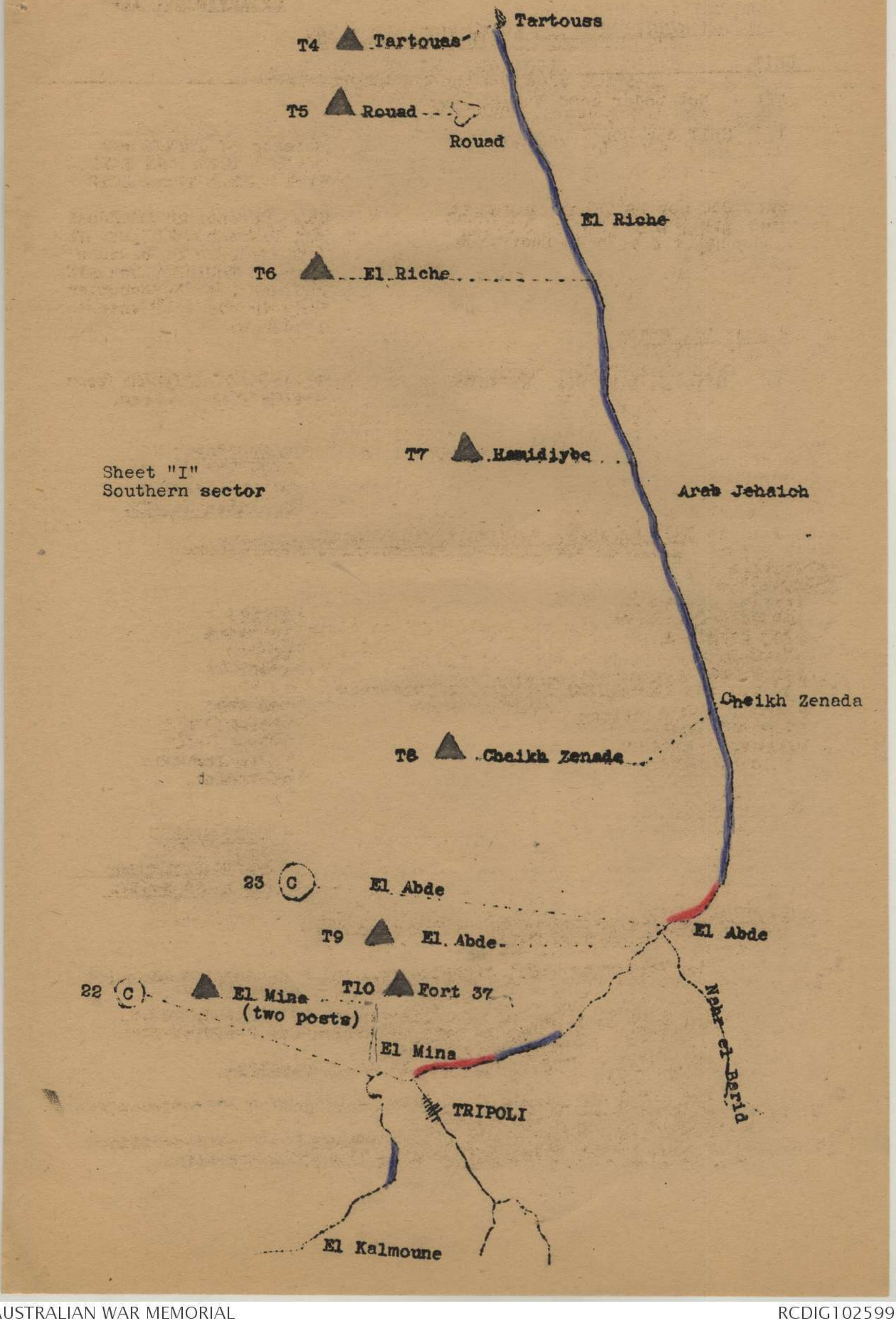
1. The following light signals are used by Coast Watching Dets:-

(a) GREEN - One or more enemy surface ships in sight.
(b) RED - Enemy in action against shore defences or disembarking tps.
(c) WHITE - Enemy submarine in the vicinity.

2. The RED light signal will also be used if a Post sees, or is attacked by enemy parachutists.

3. These light signals are only intended to be an auxiliary means of comn to the telephonic system already operating.

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CENTRAL SECTOR
REF MAP LEVANT 1,200000

LEGEND

Watching posts on the coast
Permanent positions with lorries or
Bicycles.
Do but with horses (mounted)
Sites of permanent positions
With highly mobile personnel
Numbers and letters, also the
shore colours, refer to the
sea-board of the Syrian Coa

Djeble
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Markab
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North
Markab (centre)
Markab (south)
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24 Apr 42.

2/15 BN OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.4

COASTAL DEFENCE

Ref Maps TRIPOLI - LATTAQUIE - HAMA 1/200000

INFORMATION

1. It is considered probable that enemy activity of all kinds in SYRIA and PALESTINE will be coordinated with enemy action in LIBYA, with the increased possibility of enemy landings on the SYRIAN coast.

2. The threats considered likely consist of

(a) Agents and small sabotage parties landed from submarines.
(b) Commandos and raiding parties of varying strengths from fast motor craft.

3. Sectors of Responsibility

(a) 9 Aust Cav Regt - DJEBLE Sector - excl NAHR EL KEBIR to excl NAHR EL SENE.
(b) 20 Aust Inf Bde - TRIPOLI Sector - incl NAHR EL SENE to incl CARA COL 159274.
(c) 26 Aust Inf Bde - SOUTHERN Sector - excl CARACOL.

4. Own Tps

(a) Motor craft of F.F.Marines patrol the coast at night and examine shipping within 6 miles of coast.
(b) Coast watching dets of F.F.Marines are established along the coast from NAHR SENE to EL MINA. These consist of an average strength of 6 men. Guards are placed about 1 K.M. apart between posts at night and are provided with signal pistols for comm with posts.
(c) 1 Offr, 66 ORs are stationed at KLEIATE Aerodrome

3 S.O's, 29 ORs and 4 MGs are stationed at the REFINERY. In addition, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn has three section posts established at V.P's along the Refinery Oil Terminal.

One Pl 2/17 Aust Inf Bn is on guard duty at EL MINA PORT

INTENTION

5.(a) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will maintain a Mobile Coy to move at 30 mins notice during the hours of darkness.
(b) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn (less Mob Coy) will be ready to move ONE HOUR after the Mob Coy has left.

METHOD

6. MOBILE COY will consist of

Comd:- OC Coy
Tps :- One Rifle Coy
One sec carriers
One pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

7. MG Pl will move on orders from Div HQ and will RV with OC Coy at a location ordered by Div HQ. The pl normally allotted for this purpose is camped within ¾ miles of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn and will probably RV at 2/15 BN camp.

8. TASKS - Mob Tps may be ordered to
(a) Reinforce positional tps at EL MINA PORT, KLEIATE AERODROME.
(b) Oppose enemy landings in the 20 Aust Inf Bde (TRIPOLI) Sector.

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9. **RECCE PARTY of BM HQ will move with Mob Coy. This will normally comprise -**

Assistant Adjt
"I" Sgt
2 men AA Pl with Bren guns and 6 filled mags.
Two M.C. D.R's (one supplied by 20 Aust Inf Bde)

A relief Recce party will comprise -

One Offr
L/Cp I Sec
2 men AA Pl with Bren Gun and 6 filled mags
Two M.C. D.Rs (one supplied by 20 Aust Inf Bde)

Tour of duty for each party will be two weeks.
Tpt - one 15 cwt truck.

10. RELIEF

Each Mob Coy will remain on duty for two weeks. Relief will take place at 1800 hrs on the Saturday.
A Coy will remain as Mob Coy until 1800 hrs Saturday 9 May when it will be relieved by B Coy. Thereafter, reliefs will be in alphabetical order of Coys, viz., C, D, A, B etc.
Prior to relief, the relieving Coy Comd will visit B Coy HQ 2/2 MG Bn and contact the Pl Comd of the supporting Pl.
Carrier secs will be relieved at the end of each week, relief being carried out at 1800 hrs on Saturday.

11. RECCE

OC Mob Coy and Sec Comds Carrier Pl will reconnoitre forthwith the following points:-

(a) EL MINA PORT
(b) KLEIATE AERODROME
(c) RED BEACH north of EL ABDE
(d) BLUE & RED BEACHES between posts T8 & T9 (infm from I Sec regarding locality).
(e) BLUE BEACH north of CARACOL.
(f) BANIAS TOWN and beaches from incl BANIAS incl MARKAB TOWER 171358.
(g) TARTOUS and liaison with post T2.
(h) Beaches between TARTOUS and AIN KHRIABE (to be occupied only in event of threatened landings)

NOTE:- NO RELIEF OF MOBILE COY WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNTIL THE RELIEVING COY COMD HAS COMPLETED THE ABOVE RECCES.

12. TPT AND LOADING

Eight three ton lorries, 12 Coy AASC will report to Mob Coy Comd each day at 1800 hrs and will remain until 0600 hrs the following day (unless reqd longer for ops which may have commenced).
Mob Coy Comd will ensure that the trucks are loaded with the following weapons, amn and equipment:-

9 Brens with 9000 rds SAA (six mags being filled)
3 A Tk rifles with 600 rds amn
3 - 2" Mortars - 81 rds HE and 27 rds Smoke
9 TSMGs with 2250 rds .450
124 Rifles @ 50 rds SAA per rifle = 6200 rds
9 boxes 36 grenades = 108 grenades.
15 S.T grenades.

Hard rations for one day for 124 men.
6 picks and 6 shovels.
Loading will be carried out on a pl basis, stores and weapons being distributed accordingly.

13. The carrier sec will be loaded by 1800 hrs each day with the following:-

3 Brens with 3000 rds SAA (six mags being filled)
1 A Tk rifle and 250 rds .5
1 - 2" Mortar with 27 rds HE and 9 rds Smoke
1 - TSMG with 250 rds .450
Petrol for 100 miles in addition to full tanks for each carrier.

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Hard rations for one day for crew.

14. One 15 cwt van will be provided by TO to report to BN HQ at 1800 hrs daily. This will be loaded with
1 Bren with 1000 rds SAA (6 mags being filled)
Petrol for 100 mls run in addition to a full tank.
Hard rations for one day for seven men.

15. TPT FOR REMAINDER OF BN
Thirty one 3 ton lorries (18 from 37 Lt AA Regt RASC and 13 from 12 Coy AASC) will be held in AASC lines in vicinity AUGER BARRACKS at one hours call after 1800 hrs daily. Responsibility for ordering the lorries to report to 2/15 BN will be with HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
Distribution of lorries is as follows:-

Sub Unit	Personnel	Stores	
Rifle Coy	6	1	
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Rifle Coy	6	1	
Sig Pl	1	1	
Mortar Pl	3		
Carrier Pl	1		
Cooks and 6 Pl Personnel	3		
Pioneers, AA Pl	1		
Total	27	4	= 31

16. MARSHALLING OF TPT
On being ordered to 2/15 BN. tpt will proceed to the BN area in order to approach it from the SOUTH. The column will be met on the CAMP RD opposite the CANTEEN HUT by the Tpt Sgt 2/15 BN who will direct the Rifle Coy trucks for B and D Coys. around the circuit via Sgts Mess. Remaining trucks will be marshalled on the CAMP RD facing NORTH with head at the GUARD TENT and with HQ Coy trucks leading. BN Prov Sgt will control marshalling and traffic at the GUARD TENT area. One Cook's truck will load stores at B Ech, being detached by BN TO en route, remainder will collect cooking gear from the kitchens in the CAMP area.

17. TO will contact representatives of both ASC units and indicate the route from LEGOULT BARRACKS to CAMP AREA.

18. LOADING OF TPT
Due to deficiencies in E2 scale of weapons, each Coy will load an approx equal number of Brens. At present, this will be four Brens each Rifle Coy.
RSM will arrange with Coy Comds (less Mob Coy) the necessary interchange. 1000 rds SAA per gun will be loaded and six mags per gun will be filled while awaiting arrival of lorries.
In addition, the following will be loaded:-
(a) All available 2" Mortars with 27 rds HE and 9 rds Smoke per Mortar.
(b) All TSMGs with 250 rds .450 amn per gun
(c) Six boxes 36 grenades each Coy
(d) Two cases ST grenades each Coy
(e) One days hard ration each man.

One Bren will be retained for AA Pl in addition to that allotted for BN recce party.

A D M
19 Hard rations for one day will be carried on the man and a similar ration for one day on the vehicle.

20. Hard rations for one day for the Mob Coy will be arranged in boxes in pl lots, nailed up and kept in Mob Coy HQ during the day, being loaded onto trucks as indicated herein. The rations to be carried on the man will also be arranged in

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pl lots and kept in Mob Coy HQ until orders are received for a move of the Mob Coy when they will be issued by CQMS to each man.

21. Hard rations for the remainder of the Bn will be dealt with as follows:-

Coys will store in separate platoon lots, rations for one day for each man in the Coy. These will be loaded onto personnel trucks prior to a move.

Coys will store in separate lots, rations for one day for each man in the Coy. These will be issued by CQMS to each man while awaiting arrival of trucks.

22. AMN

2/3 ton trucks (BN estab) will report to RSM at BN HQ as soon as Mob Coy has moved. These will be used to load BN reserve Amn.

23. On orders being given for the move of Mob Coy, RSM will arrange distribution of 3" Mortar amn to mortar truck and sub-distribution of amn reqd by Coys.

24. TPT

In addition to tpt obtained from outside sources, the following allotment of Bn estab MT is made :-

1/15 cwt van - BN recce party with Mob Coy
1/15 cwt van for each of three Rifle Coys.
1/15 cwt van for 2 i/c
1 Office van for BN HQ
1-30 cwt truck for BN HQ
1 - 3 ton truck for RAP
2 - 3 ton trucks for SAA Res.

TO will arrange for these vehicles to report to BN HQ as soon as Mob Coy has left. All vehicles will have full tanks and sufficient petrol for 100 miles in addition.

25. DRESS

Battle Order, steel helmet , respirator , water bottle filled, 2 blankets and groundsheet.

INTERCOMN

26. DR's - Two DR's will accompany Mob Coy. On arrival in threatened area one D.R will return and report location of Mob Coy to Bn and Bde HQ.

27. "J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div will allot one W/T set to accompany Mob Coy. This will report to BN HQ at 1830 hrs daily.

28. WIRELESS SILENCE - Until contact with enemy.

29. LIGHT SIGNALS at present in use by Coast Watching Service are as follows:-

GREEN - One or more enemy surface ships in sight.
RED - Enemy in action against shore defences or disembarking tps.
WHITE - Enemy submarine in vicinity.

30. Movement of Mob Coy will only take place on receipt of orders from HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Ack.

Time of Signature..1845 hrs...

Method of Issue ..Orderly & DR

(H.HOLLAND) Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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DISTRIBUTION

Copy No.	
	HQ Coy
2	A Coy
3	B Coy
4	C Coy
5	D Coy
6	CO
7	BN 2 i/c
8	Adjt ?
9	A/Adjt ?
10	I O ?
11	Q M
12	T O
13	R M O ?

Copy No.	
14	R S M ?
15	Carrier Pl ?
16	2/13 Aust Inf Bn
17	2/17 Aust Inf Bn
18-20	12 AASC Coy ?
21-23	37 Lt AA Regt RASC ?
24	2/2 Aust MG Bn
25	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
26-28	20 Aust Inf Bde ?
29-30	War Diary
31	File
32-32	Spares.

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G20/20/262.

S E C R E T.

HQ,20 Aust Inf Bde.
21 Apr 42.

COAST WATCHING- WARNING OF IMMINENT ENEMY ACTION.

1. When increased enemy activity of any kind in SYRIA is believed to be imminent a code word is to be passed to formations and units under comd 9 Aust Div to initiate an "Alert period".

2. The code word will be notified later.

3. The most probable forms of enemy action are:-

(a) Air raids on ports and installations.

(b) Fostering internal disturbances throughout SYRIA.

(c) Raids on installations and vulnerable pts,incl HQ,by coast landing parties or airborne tps.

(d) Isolated acts of sabotage or terrorism by enemy action.

(e) Spreading propaganda by means of special rumours.

4. Action to be taken immediately on the institution of the "Alert period" will be:-

(a) Coast watchers and sentries will be warned that special vigilance is required and that any suspicious persons or events must be reported by the quickest possible means.

(b) The size of the gds on important installations and vulnerable pts will be reviewed,and all security measures incl the checking of passes tightened up.

(c) All alarm schemes will be reviewed and practice alarms carried out at frequent intervals.

(d) Special security measures will be taken and all suspected subversive agents closely watched,or detained when circumstances justify it.

(e) It will be impressed on all ranks that enemy agents may masquerade in any disguise incl British uniforms,and that all strangers will be treated as suspect until they have established their identity.

(f) All PAD and fire fighting schemes and eqpt will be reviewed and practices held to ensure their effiency.

(g) All ranks will be armed with their personal weapons on all occasions. Steel helmets and respirators will be carried by all ranks,except within the area of their camp or billets.

(h) All leave will be stopped but personnel on leave will NOT be recalled unless their presence with their units is urgently necessary.

A.B. [illegible] Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
Comd.
SC.
IO.
TO.
Sigs.
War Diary. (2).
File. (2).

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SECRET
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
19 Apr 42.

GUARDS AND SECURITY DUTIES

1. Units of 20 Aust Inf Bde will relieve units of 26 Aust Inf Bde of various permanent security guards as under :-

Serial No.	Nature of guard	Strength	Unit now supplying	New unit
1	R.A.E. Dump	1 NCO 9 ORs	2/~~23~~ 48 Aust Inf Bn	2/13 Aust Inf Bn
2	Pet dump	1 NCO 6 ORs	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2/~~15~~ 13 Aust Inf Bn
3	Water pt	3 ORs	2/48 " " "	2/~~15~~ 13 " " "
4	RAE Dump North of Oil Tks	1 NCO 3 ORs	2/23 " " "	2/13 " " "
5	Bde Rifle Range EL ABDE	1 NCO 3 ORs	2/23 " " "	2/13 " " "
6	Port Defence EL MINA	One Pl & 6 ORs	2/23 " " "	2/17 " " "
7	Train gds	1 NCO 2 ORs normally	2/23 " " "	2/13 " "
8	Div Rifle Range	1 NCO 3 ORs	2/24 " " "	2/15 " "

2. Units will make mutual arrangements with outgoing units to effect reliefs by 23 Apr 42, and will notify this H.Q. on completion of reliefs.

3. Outgoing units are to hand over written orders for each post, and these will be studied and strictly followed.

4. Ref serial 7. This duty will take effect as from 30 Apr 42.

5. Ref Serial 8. This gd will be provided with a verey pistol and will be responsible for Coast Watching as well as security duties on range. This H.Q. is arranging a system of comms with FF Marines and details will be notified.

R.L. Hon - Capt
Maj.
B.M. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION
2/13 Aust Inf Bn
2/15 Aust Inf Bn
2/17 Aust Inf Bn
26 Aust Inf Bde
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
T.O.
Signals
File.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
BRIGADIER ..... *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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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. Army No	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	H. J. V. WITHYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd
WX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BARHAM	"	"	HQ
NX 12214	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	No.	AILO Course
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	Yes	Dde Sup O AASC
VX 48589	Capt.	W. F. BRONN	"	"	SC Learner
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"	HQ Learner
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	I.O.
NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	I.O.
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"	I.O. II.
NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELDON	"	"	I.O. III.
		OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.		Date of Attachment.	
NX 34891	T/Capt.	G. D. EVANS	A.I.F.	27.12.41	Amenities Offr
NX 57320	Lieut.	E. C. LEGEY	"	6. 8.41	OC J Sec Sigs.
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. HURLEY	"	11. 1.42	21/c do
NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42	OC 58 Aust LAD
NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WIBLOW	"	21. 1.42	OC 1 Pl Aust HQ 64 Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
NX 34963	Chap.	E. H. WATSON	AACHD	30- 7-40	to 2/17 Bn for duty
SX 12188	"	A. J. ROBJOHNS	"	19-11-41	to 2/15 do
QX 6391	"	G. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	to 2/15 do

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

4 Apr 42. (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.) Capt.

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. 2 AUST DIV (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

[illegible] (Unit). 4 Apr 19 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	4	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	5		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	59	6	
TOTALS	72	7	

*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.
Cpl. [illegible], C.	2 Aust Corps Inf Sec.	2Q Aust L.A.D.	10 ORs.
Spr. [illegible], C.C.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	J Coo 9 Div Sigs	24 ORs.
Pte. [illegible], L. R.	do		
Cpl. DOW, L. C.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	1 OR.
Cpl. [illegible], J.	do		
Pte. [illegible], J.	do	9 Aust Div HQ Coach	
Pte. JOHN, L. F.	do	Officer 1st HQ Aust Div Cd Bn	2 ORs. 44 ORs.

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

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

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

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

HQ 20 AUST INF DIE. Unit.

Date of Despatch 4 Apr 42.

Signature of Commander. Capt.

20 Aust Inf Dde

2 AUST DIV.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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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 ARMY NO	Higher acting or temporary rank if held. RANK	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd
WX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BARHAM	"	"	BM
NX 12214	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	No	Attending AILO Course
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	Yes	Bde Sup O-AASC.
VX 48589	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"	SC Learner.
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"	BM Learner.
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	IO.
NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	TO
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"	LO 11.
NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELDON	"	"	LO 111.
		OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.		Date of Attachment.	
NX 34891	T/Capt.	G. D. EVANS	A.I.F	27-12-41	Amenities Offr
NX 57320	Lieut.	E. C. LECKY	"	6. 8.41	OC J Sec Sigs
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	11. 1.42	2 i/c do
NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42	OC 58 Aust LAD
NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21. 1.42	OC 1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
NX 34963	Chap.	B. M. WATSON	AAChD	30. 7.40	to 2/17 Bn for duty
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHNS	"	19.11.41	to 2/13 do
QX 6391	Chap.	G. R. GIBSON	"	21.11.41	to 2/15 do

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

11 Apr 42. (Date of Despatch.)

Capt. (Signature of Commander.)

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 11 Apr 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	58	5	
TOTALS	72	7	

*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.
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G.	1 Aust Corps Int Sec	58 Aust L.A.D.	15 ORs.
L/Cpl. JOHN, H. K.	do	J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs.	37 ORs.
Sgt. NEWTON, P.E.S.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	43 ORs.
Pte. McEWEN, F. R.	do	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4 ORs.
Cpl. KENNIWELL, A.J.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Off.	2 ORs.
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	do		

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.										REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks						1		1		2										
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
„ „ (Wheeled) .																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel ...									5	5										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)						1		1	5	7										

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. Unit.

Date of Despatch 11 Apr 42.

Capt.
Signature of Commander.

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

9 AUST DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
Brigadier ..... *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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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.~~ Army No.	~~Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.~~ RANK	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd
WX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BARHAM	"	"	BM
NX 12214	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	No.	Attending AILO Course.
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	Yes	Bde Sup O - AASC.
VX 49599	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"	SC Learner.
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"	BM Learner.
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	I.O.
NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	T.O.
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"	L.O. 11.
NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELDON	"	"	L.O. 111.

OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.

				Date of Attachment.	
NX 34891	T/Capt.	G. D. EVANS	A.I.F	27.12.41	Amenities Offr
NX 57320	Lieut.	E. C. LECKY	"	6. 9.41	OC J Sec Sigs.
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	11. 1.42	2 i/c do
NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42	OC 58 Aust LAD
NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21. 1.42	OC 1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
NX 34963	Chap.	B. M. WATSON	AAChD	30. 7.40	to 2/17 Bn for duty.
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHNS	"	19.11.41	to 2/13 do
QX 6391	Chap.	G. R. GIBSON	"	21.11.41	to 2/15 do.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
(Unit.)

18 Apr 42.
(Date of Despatch.)

Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.
9 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	58	5	
TOTALS	72	7	

*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.
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G.	1 Aust Corps Int Sec.	58 Aust L. A. D.	15 ORs.
L/Cpl. JOHN, H. K.	do.	J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs.	38 ORs.
Sjt. NEWTON, P. E. S.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	43 ORs.
Pte. McEWEN, F. R.	do	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4 ORs.
Cpl. KENNIWELL, A. J.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.		
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	do		

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.										REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks						1		1		2										
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
„ „ (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel									5	5										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)						1		1	5	7										

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. Unit.

Date of Despatch 18 Apr 42.

Capt.
Signature of Commander.

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

9 AUST DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.) For Week Ending 25 Apr 42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	Brigadier *	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels			
	Majors...	1		
	Captains	5		
	Lieutenants	4		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Chap.	W. L. BYRNE	A AChD.	21-4-42	from 7 A.G.H. & detached to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn for duty.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Chap.	B. M. WATSON	AAChD	17-4-42	transferred to 7 A.G.H.

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank. Army No	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		VX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes		Cond.
2		VX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BARHAM	"	"		
3								HQ.
4		NX 12114	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"		
5								SC
6		QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"			
7						No.		Attending AILO
8								Course.
9		NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	Yes		Bde Sup O -
10								A.A.S.C.
11		VX 49599	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"		SC Learner.
12		VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"		
13								HQ Learner.
14		NX13867	Lieut.	H. D. VINCENT	"	"		
15								I.O.
16		NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"		
17								T.O.
18		VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"		
19								I.O. II.
20		NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELDON	"	"		
21								I.O. III.
22								
23				OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.				
24						Date of Attachment.		
25								
26		NX 34891	T/Capt.	G. D. EVANS	A.I.F.	7.12.41		Amenities Offr
27		NX 57320	Lieut.	E. C. LECKY	"	6. 9.41		OC J Sec Sigs.
28		VX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMSEY	"	11. 1.42		2 i/c do
29		NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42		OC 58 Aust L.A.
30		NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21. 1.42		OC 1 Pl Aust HQ
31								Gd Bn.
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
SX 12189	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHNS.	AAChD.	19.11.41	to 2/13 Bn for dut
QX 6391	"	G. R. GIBSON	"	21.11.41	to 2/15 Bn for dut
VX 47864	"	W. L. BYRNE	"	21. 4.41	to 2/17 Bn for dut

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
(Unit.)

25 Apr 42.
(Date of Despatch.)

J Kelly Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. *(Signature of Commander.)*
9 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 25 Apr 1942. (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	58	5	
TOTALS	72	7	

*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.
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G	1 Aust Corps Int Sec	58 Aust L.A.D.	15 ORs.
L/Cpl. JOHN, H. K,	do	J Sec 9 Aust Div	
Sjt. HUNTON, P.E.S.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	Sigs	39 ORs.
Pte. McEWEN, F.R.	do	1 Pl A Coy Aust	
Cpl. KENNEWELL, A.J	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	HQ Gd Bn.	42 ORs.
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	do		

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.											REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.											REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL		W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																						
Butchers																						
Carpenters and Joiners ..																						
Clerks						1		1		2												
Cooks																						
Despatch Riders																						
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																						
„ „ (Wheeled) .																						
Drivers-Mechanics																						
Drivers-Operators																						
Electricians																						
Equipment Repairers ..																						
Farriers																						
Fitters																						
Machine Gunners																						
Masons																						
Motor Mechanics																						
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																						
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																						
Range Takers																						
Saddlers & Harness Makers																						
Saddle Tree Makers																						
Sanitary and Water Duties																						
Signallers																						
Storemen technical																						
Tailors																						
Wheelers																						
General duty personnel ...									5	5												
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)						1		1	5	7												

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 25 Apr 42.

J Kelly Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. Signature of Commander.

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

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WD.

HQ,20 Aust Inf Bde.
20 Jun 42.

TRIPOLI- PERIOD 21 APR-16 JUN 42.

1. Move to TRIPOLI.

The Bde moved from LATTAQUIE to TRIPOLI by march route along the coastal rd between 16-22 Apr. Bns began the march on successive days, bivouaced each night beside the sea, and completed the march of about 95 miles in 4½ days. This march put the finishing touch to a month of strenuous Bn and Bde trg at LATTAQUIE and the whole Bde arrived in TRIPOLI fighting fit, confident and much better trained. The period of tactical trg as a complete bde had been invaluable and was actually the first opportunity for full bde trg ever offered.

2. Bde Area at TRIPOLI.

The Bde had been ordered to relieve 26 Aust Inf Bde in the coastal sector of the TRIPOLI FORTRESS, known as Sector "A", which extended from MERKEBTA 172279 to the coast at 16702808; the principal topographical features were: in the right of the sector, the dominating mountain of JABAL TOURBOL (approx 2200 ft) which overlooked the northern approaches along the coastal plain for many miles, a feature impossible for tks to scale, and a difficult obstacle even for mountain inf; in the left of the sector, a flat coastal plain offering easy approaches for enemy armd forces and MT, but overlooked by a spur of low hills running west from JABAL TOURBOL, comprising pt 181, Trig 63 and ending at the sea in Trig 37 (known as FORT HILL). The FDLs were some ½ mile fwd of this line of features, and comprised an ATk ditch cut across the coastal plain to the lower slopes of TOURBOL, a thick belt of wire and normal inf posns with strong ATk defences (see para 5).

The Bde front was about 4 miles.

3. Bde Disposns.

On arrival at TRIPOLI, 2/17 Aust Inf Bn relieved 2/24 Aust Inf Bn in the right fwd Bn area (JABAL TOURBOL); 2/13 Aust Inf Bn relieved 2/23 Aust Inf Bn in the left fwd Bn area (coastal plain), and 2/15 Aust Inf Bn relieved 2/48 Aust Inf Bn as Bde res in posns from vicinity high ground 16422788 to the coast at 16522802.

Each fwd Bn had three coys fwd and one in res. The res bn had one coy fwd in vicinity Pt 181, which would come under com 2/13 Bn for ops, and the remainder were sited, in accordance with the appreciation that the main threat lay along the coastal plain, to give depth and elasticity on the left of the Bde sector.

The actual defensive posns were not occupied, but Bns were under canvas in their respective unit areas, 2/13 Bn in area 16632793, 2/15 Bn in area 16412791 and 2/17 Bn being disposed in coy camps near their battle posns on the fwd slopes of JABAL TOURBOL. Bde HQ was under canvas at 16412775.

4. Operational Roles.

(a) Eventual Role.

The anticipated role of the Bde in the event of an enemy invasion of NORTH SYRIA was the defence of Sector "A" of TRIPOLI FORTRESS. This might, or might not, be preceded by an adv to the TURKISH frontier and the fighting of a series of delaying actions at various selected posns, designed to harass and annoy the enemy, inflict losses on him and seriously delay his approach.

(b) Immediate Role.

The immediate task was the development of the defences of the FORTRESS (see para 5) and the maintenance of internal security (by means of an immense number of gds and sentries, see para 8). In addition, the Bde was responsible, in conjunction with FF Navy, for coastal defence against small enemy landings by sea or air in the area from NAHR SENE (17053690) to CARACOL (159274). See Op Instn 12 Appx "C". 2/15 Aust Inf Bn maintained a mob coy with one pl 2/2 Aust-MG Bn at 30 mins notice to move, the remainder of the Bn to be ready to move one hr later.

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Several trial alarms and one real alarm, which later proved to be false, showed that the unit could easily move within the times laid down. Several daylight practices in co-operation with FF tps near KLEIATE airfield, showed our allies to be willing and well-armed, but rather erratic, untrained and unpredictable, and the prospect of joint action in the event of a night landing was one of some confusion and danger to the defenders inter se.

(c) Coastal Defence.

A third possible role was given to the Bde. This was known as threat "C" (see 9 Aust Div Op Instn 8, Appx), and envisaged the defence of TRIPOLI against a large scale enemy attack by sea, possibly combined with a landing of paratps. It was expected that 3 weeks warning would be received of such a threat, but a full recce was made and a Bde plan drawn up at a series of conferences. Briefly, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn on the right would take over the whole of the existing FDLs, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn in the centre would be responsible from excl FORT HILL to incl NAHR ABOU and 2/17 Aust Inf Bn on the left from excl NAHR ABOU to excl CARACOL (159274).

The Bde res consisted of two coys 2/17 Aust Inf Bn. The Bde was also responsible for anti-paratps defence within its area (see Appx) and for this purpose both 2/13 and 2/15 Aust Inf Bns maintained their res coy and carrier pl on a mob basis; the Bde plan was fully worked out in conjunction with the supporting arms of the Bde Gp-2/7 Aust Fd Regt, 9 Bty 3 Aust ATk Regt, B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn and 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, and could have been implemented within a few days.

5. Defence Works.

The defence system was a most elaborate one, consisting of pl localities with independent sec strongpts. All the fwd posts had concrete pillboxes and sleeping bays, and all the main MMG, ATk, OP posns and HQs were also in concrete. Deep comn trenches led back to coy HQ. In the res Bn area, inf posns were earthwork.

The allotment of time laid down by NINTH Army for work on the defences was 3 days per week, leaving 3 days for trg. Most of the labour was done by Arabs recruited locally and supervised by Bn and Fd Wks offrs and unit personnel.

Apart from easy digging in the 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and in parts of the res Bn areas, most of the posns had to be cut in rock, and shortage of detonators for blasting seriously hampered progress. In one small part of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn area where the ground had been waterlogged during the winter, continual seepage caused the diggings to collapse and shortage of revetting material again held up the work. Neverthelessmwhen the Bde left the area all posns were fightable, and 2/13 Bn area, which had been taken over in an adv stage, was considered to be 95% complete, and the other unit areas approx 80% complete.

The chief cause of concern was the camouflage of the defensive works. Our predecessors had thrown the spoil cut of the diggings and the hill slopes were most conspicuously marked. Air photos of the area showed that the entire defensive layout was easy to discern. Efforts were made to dispose of the soil by terracing, laying on nearby rds etc, but the spoil, having dried out and set hard, was difficult to remove and much work was entailed.

The Div Camouflage offr devised a scheme for covering in 1/3 of the comn trenches with plaster slabs, and thus achieving effective concealment from the air. A start was made in 2/13 Aust Inf Bn area but little progress had been made when the Bde was ordered to move.

6. Trg.

It was not possible in TRIPOLI to carry out Bn tactical exercises and trg had perforce to be restricted to coy schemes. All units concentrated on specialist trg, and numerous cadres and classes were instituted in A/Gas, weapon trg, map reading, P & RT etc. 12 Mule Coy RIASC was att to the Bde for trg, and all units carried out a full course in loading pack tpt, and in tactical movements with mules.

Range practices were held on EL ABDE range by all units, and 2/13 Bn built a 30 yds range at FORT HILL where valuable coaching was possible. The fd firing range at TELL KALLAKH was in frequent use until the danger to the crops by fire from mortars etc compelled Div HQ to close

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the range. During the period NINTH Army issued instns for trg in W/T procedure, and periods of W/T comn only were ordered. The R/T code, being designed for ops and NOT adm matters, was found quite unworkable and a great strain was thrown on the cipher personnel, and also the telephone switchboard operators as soon as the period of telephone silence came to an end.

As soon as information was received that the Bde would move to FORQLOSS on 13 Jul for bde trg in desert warfare, the Bde Comd at a conference ordered units to undertake as much preparatory trg as possible in control of rd convoys, rd discipline, desert navigation, embussed movement, and attack in MT with Army Tks (represented by carriers), and to stud desert formations with a view to adopting the most suitable for this Bde.

Several TEWTS for unit offrs were held by Bns to drive home the lessons of the LATTAQUIE trg. One strange fact was discovered that owing to offrs being returned for duty in Australia, and secondments, there was actually a shortage of offrs with battle experience in spite of the 8 months continuous action in the desert and TOBRUK.

7. Recces and TEWTS.

(a) 9 Aust Div held a TEWT 6-9 May in the MERJAYOUN-R.LITANI area to stud the role of a Div in a defensive posn based on the LITANI and also in a delaying posn along the line of LITANI from MERJAYOUN-the c coast. The Bde Comd and BM(L) attended from Bde HQ and reps of all supporting arms were incl in the Bde syndicate (see Appx).

(b) A subsequent TEWT directed by Bde HQ was held in the same area 8-11 Jun based on the DS solution to the Div TEWT, to study more intensively the bde disposns in the area allotted (right fwd Bde in vicinity ZERHERLYE) and also the role of the Bde holding a delaying posn on the south bank of the LITANI. Both TEWTS were most successful and constitute a valuable preliminary recce of the area should its occupation ever be necessary.

(c) On instns from 9 Aust Div the Bde Comd, BM and reps from RAE and the other Bdes made a 6-day recce of NORTH SYRIA in order to fix a final plan of tactical demolitions, delaying posns and routes of withdrawal in the event of any ops in that area (see Appx).

A number of lectures were given on RUSSIA, the GERMAN Air Force, and the Arty Plan in TRIPOLI FORTRESS, which was followed by a sand table demonstration of arty methods at HQ 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.

8. Security Gds. (See Appx "C").

The large number of security gds for which the Bde was responsible was a hindrance to trg; the principal danger was the pilfering of army stores by local inhabitants, and the units of the Bde had not only to guard various pet, amn, sup and RE dumps, but also their own lines. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn also supplied two pls for the defence of EL MINA Port and 2/13 Aust Inf Bn one pl for the protection of the IPC Terminal against sabotage. When 24 Aust Inf Bde moved to FORQLOSS for Bde trg this Bde took over further security gds- in particular the ASD at KFAR HAZIR which required one coy of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, and the TRIPOLI Town Picquet of one pl 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. In the event the Bde had 350 men continuously engaged on security gds, quite apart from picquets in unit lines; and with a further 250 on leave in BEIRUT, the effective strength available for trg was reduced almost to nil.

9. Bde Staff.

Several changes in the Bde staff occurred towards the end of the period. Capt G.D.EVANS (Amenities offr) was selected for Junior Staff School, and the SC (Capt J.L.A.KELLY) for HAIFA Staff College. The BM (Maj R.J.BARHAM) was appointed G2 9 Aust Div. Their posns were filled respectively by Lieut HOLTSBAUM (2/17 Bn), Capt W.F.YOUNG (HAIFA) and Capt B.V.WILSON (HAIFA).

10. Health.

Strenuous trg at LATTAQUIE and the march to TRIPOLI had made the tps extremely fit, and work on the defences, P & RT trg, and plenty of swimming and other sport helped to maintain their health. No cases of

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malaria were reported, which is a tribute to the work of the Anti-Malarial units, and the incidence of other illness was low. There were some cases of a 5-day fever, the cause o f which still baffles the Medical Service.

11. Recreation.

Until mid-May, leave to TRIPOLI was on a liberal scale for this Bde which was given preference due to the time spent north. After mid-May the leave allotment was considerably reduced to bring this Bde into line with the others. The 9 Div Concert Party provided an entertainment to which most of the members went.

The main recreation was obtained from swimming which was readily available for Bde HQ, the 2/13 and 2/15 Bns, also to the det of 2/17 Bn which was on duty at EL MINA port. Units built concrete cricket pitches and sports grounds which were used continuously and regularly.

A leave camp for 1000 men per week at BEIRUT began to operate towards the end of the period, and all reports agree that it is most successful and enjoyable.

12. Move to ALEPPO.

The Bde Com, BM and SO at a conference 2100 hrs 14 Jun at Div HQ received orders for the Bde Gp to move forthwith to ALEPPO area to relieve 6 NZ Inf Bde. The return to the old area was generally welcomed and arrangements were speedily made for the move which was to be completed by 18 Jun.

E Bulson Capt
Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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20 INF. BDE. 2/A.I.F. No. 14 APR 1942 RECEIVED

20 Bde

2/13 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 10. SECRET

1. CHANGE IN LOCATION.
2/13 AUST INF BN will move to new location at TRIPOLI commencing 16 Apr 42.

2. METHOD.
With the exception of Adv and Rear Parties, MT dvrs and other certain personnel, all ranks will march.
Time of journey five (5) days.

3. DET AT KASSAB.
The withdrawal of the det at KASSAB (C COY) will be effected on 14 Apr 42 when they will be relieved by Det 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

4. ORDER OF MARCH.
Order of march and density will be notified before each day's march commences.

5. ADVANCE PARTY.
Coys will ensure that personnel whose boots will not stand up to the march are included in Adv or Rear Party. Advance Party will consist of two parties and will consist of:
(a) Maj CM DAINTREE and batman.
RQMS.
One storeman - RQ store.
Cpl MARONEY - BN HQ.
A Coy 1 NCO 2 ORs
B Coy 3 ORs
C Coy 1 NCO 2 ORs
D Coy 3 ORs
HQ Coy 1 NCO 3 ORs
Not to include Q Staff.

(b) 1 Offr and 23 ORs from Pioneer Pl.
1 NCO from each B & D Coys.
1 Cook (Pte BEARD) - HQ Coy.

('a') party will report to BN HQ at 0900 hrs on 14 Apr 42.
TO will arrange two 3 ton vehs.
A, B & D Coys will each supply one EPIP tent rolled in valise to be picked up in coy lines at 0900 hrs.
('b') party will report BN HQ at 0900 hrs 16 Apr 42.
All above personnel will take ALL gear incl of kit bags on veh with them.

6. REAR PARTY.
Fitters MT (2).
Coy Storemen.
Rifle Coys - 1 NCO, 8 ORs each.
HQ Coy - Balance of RQMS staff.
Cooks - Cpl SMITH, Pte SINGH.
1 NCO, 10 ORs, to incl 2 sigs.
Pte LUSKAN, Sgt RYAN A - HQ Coy.
Pte LEONARD, Pte COWLEY - HQ Coy.
Coy Rear Parties will be responsible for safeguarding Coy dumps.

7. STORES.
All accommodation, camp, EE and Engr stores will be taken to new location. This will include wire. Standing wire will be left in posn for incoming unit. Loan to kitchens and latrines will be dismantled and taken but all other hutments will be left standing. All accommodation tents will be struck on 15 Apr 42 and will be neatly stacked in Coy dumps in valises by 1300 hrs, together with pegs.

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8. KIT BAGS.
All Universal kit bags will be correctly marked with Coy and Pl signs and will be stacked in coy dumps ready for transportation by 0800 hrs 15 Apr 42.

9. PACKS, MOSQUITO NETS & BEDDING.
(a) All packs will be marked on the back with owner's number, Coy, Pl and Sec and will be stacked in Coy dumps at 0700 hrs on each day of the move. Packs to contain long drill trousers, change shirts and shorts and underwear, spare socks, toilet and shaving gear, towel and gaiters.
(b) Mosquito nets will be carried in blanket rolls. Wire hoops will be tied in bundles of 50 and sent direct to new location as Coy Stores.
(c) Blanket rolls will be correctly labelled with owners number, Coy, Pl and Sec and will be stacked in Coy dumps with packs.

10. BAGGAGE PARTIES.
Each Coy will detail one man fromeach pl to act as permanent baggage party during the move. They will be responsible for the loading of Coy baggage and the unloading and stacking in Coy HQ and Sec dumps at bivouac site each day.
They will also act as Mess Orderlies and assistants to their Coy Cooks. They will select their Pl area and act as guides to their platoons.
Coys will draw a number of camouflage nets equal to the number of platoons from RQMS to separate Pl gear in loading on MT.

11. MESSING.
Capt SOMERVILLE is appointed Messing and Billeting offr for the march. Cpl HAWTHORNE will accompany Capt SOMERVILLE and will assist in supervising messing and cooking. Coys will cook two hot meals per day i.e. breakfast and dinner, in the field. Hard rations will be carried on the man for lunch. Coys will ensure that cooking utensils are cut down to a minimum. Rations will be delivered daily in bivouac areas.

12. RESERVE RATIONS.
Reserve rations will be forwarded as Coy stores.

13. TRANSPORT.
The following tpt will be allotted to coys for the journey:

2 i/c	1	15 cwt.
Messing offr	1	15 cwt.
HQ Coy	1	3 ton, 1 15 cwt.
Rifle Coys	1	30 cwt, 1 15 cwt each.
BN HQ	1	30 cwt.
RAP	1	3 ton.

Remainder of tpt will remain at present location and will be used as a pool under comd of QM. Two dvrs will be detailed for each veh. Remainder of MT will march.

14. POL.
Unit reserve will be maintained and taken to new location with BN Stores. Vehs with marching tps will be maintained from present location. All 2 gal containers will be utilised for this purpose and will be delivered daily with rations.

15. COY STORES.
All Coy Stores NOT required on the march will be labelled and sent to new location with BN Stores. Aldershot ovens will be taken to newlocation with BN stores. Coy dumps will be established in present camp area with tents, kitbags etc.

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16. AMN & WEAPONS.
Bren guns and associate stores will be carried on Coy 15 cwt and will move with column as detailed hereunder.
Amn. One bar of 50 rds on the man. 1000 rds per LMG on Coy vehs. Mags will be loaded each morning and unloaded each night.

17. HYGIENE.
Coys will ensure that all personnel carry sufficient pairs of socks to enable a change daily. This change will be effected during the halt for lunch.
Foot inspections will be carried out by Pl Comds twice daily.
Foot baths will be arranged at each nightly halt.
Sufficient tools will be carried on each Coy 15 cwt vehs for digging of latrine and refuse pits.
Refuse will be buried at each halt.
Latrines will be dug at lunch and bivouac halts and filled in and marked before leaving coy areas.
Coys will ensure before start of march that they have adequate supplies of Condy's Crystals to last throughout march.

18. LANTERNS.
Each coy will carry six (6) lanterns as an emergency against night cooking.

19. ANTI-MALARIA.
All ranks will carry anti-malarial cream on their persons.
Coy Comds will personally ensure that all ranks use mosquito nets each night.
All prowler duties will liberally apply anti-mosquito cream to all exposed parts before commencing tour of duty.

20. DRESS.
Dress for march will be under existing orders, i.e. during the day, shorts and shirts, respirators, hats KF, battle order. NIGHT, long sleeved shirts and slacks, gaiters.
Helmets steel will be packed down upwards in universal kit bags.

21. ROUTINE.
The following daily routine will be observed on the march:

0600 hrs - - - - - - - Reveille.
0700 - - - - - - - Breakfast.
0730 - - - - - - - Coy Parades.
0800 - - - - - - - Pass Sp in order of march.
1200 - - - - - - - Halt for lunch.
1400 - - - - - - - Pass Sp in order of march.
1600 (approx)- - - - Halt for night.

22. BAND.
Band will accompany BN on march. All capt of band personnel except haversack on single strap to be carried by HQ tpt.

23. SALVAGE.
Salvage will be collected by Coys and carried fwd to each stage by Coy vehs. Coys will ensure that all salvage is returned to BN HQ in present camp area before start of move.

24. CARRIERS.
Carriers will be transported to new location by 8 Pl Sec. One ~~Sec~~ only will be sent with each carrier. Remainder of Carrier Pl will march. Further details later.

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25. AA PROTECTION.

Coy 15 cwts will move in bounds as B Ech behind tps. At each halt they will come forward and one Bren gun per coy will be mounted for AA. At lunch halt and at bivouac areas, all guns will be mounted for AA.

26. RAP.

RAP will move in rear of coln. At lunch halt it will visit all Coys.

27. INTERCOMN.

BN HQ will move with column. Position to be notified daily. One runner per Coy will report to BN HQ prior to move from camp and will march with BN HQ.

28. GENERAL.

(a) All Coys will be responsible for local protection and security in Coy areas at all times and to this purpose will have at least 4 prowlers on duty at all times during hours of darkness.
(b) At no time for any purpose will natives be allowed in bivouac areas.
(c) No leave will be granted to any personnel from bivouac areas for any purpose.
(d) Personnel will not enter into conversation with natives or other civilians on line of march and in particular will NOT, repeat NOT, in any circumstances discuss with any person at all, the nature, purpose, extent or destination of the move in progress. In cases of absolute necessity the answer will be that the unit is on manoeuvres.

29. WATER.

Drinking water may only be drawn from authorised points. Creeks will only be used for washing.

30. SWIMMING.

Swimming at nightly halts will be encouraged at points selected by billeting officer. Billeting offr to make arrangements for times and piqueting.

31. PIONEER PLATOON.

Pioneer Pl will be released from all Coy duties on 14 & 15 Apr 42 and will be responsible for dismantling cookhouse, sheds and latrine superstructures. Materials to be dumped ready for MT loading. Pioneer Offr will contact QM for detailed instructions.

32. DAILY STATES.

Daily marching out states will be furnished by Coys to BN HQ each morning of march by 0715 hrs.

SR Leach

.....Capt
Adjt 2/13 AUST INF BN
(SR LEACH)

DISTRIBUTION:
ALL COYS
QM
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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 46.

by

Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER ED.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE

1 Apr 42. In the Field.

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1. GAMBLING IN PUBLIC OR SEMI-PUBLIC PLACES.

(a) Members of the A.I.F. are forbidden to congregate in public or semi-public places for the purpose of gambling, either as participants or spectators.
(b) Without limiting the definition of gambling, this Order includes in its scope "two-up" and "crown and anchor".
(c) Infringements of this Order will be dealt with under Section 40 of the Army Act, offenders being charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

(To be repeated in unit orders) (AIF Order No 1037)

2. M.T. VEHICLES - SCREENING OF LIGHTS.

No action will be taken under 20 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No 40, para 9 until further instructions are issued.

3. UNAUTHORISED ROUTES.

Cases are still occurring of troops using the unauthorised route when going to the BOUKA School Area.

Troops will at all times follow the regular route and not jump over the wall or move through the olive trees and vineyard as a short cut.

Units are reminded that the occupants of the School have granted the troops in this area very many courtesies and assistance such as the use of some of the buildings including the shower house - These privileges should NOT be abused.

Disciplinary action is to be taken against any person who disregards the instructions in this matter.

4. MOBILE BATH

The Mobile Bath is at present operating as follows and will continue to do so till further notice.

Monday	Maintenance
Tues & Wed	9 Aust Div Cav Regt
Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun	Mutual arrangements between 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.

5. LAUNDRY

1. All units and sub-units named in serial 4 of Laundry instruction dated 18 Mar 42 will collect washing on 4th Apr instead of 3 Apr.

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LAUNDRY (CONT)

5. 2. Collection and Delivery -

Units will be responsible for collection at 1700 hrs and delivery at 1600 hrs as follows, during month of Apr 42:

Serial No.	Unit	Date of Delivery					Date of Collection				
1.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn Det 10 Coy AASC	4	9	14	18	23	6	10	15	20	24
2.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn G Sec Ord Fd Pk 3 Rec Sec AAFW	6	10	15	20	24	7	11	16	21	25
3.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn 1 Pl. HQ Gd Bn J Sec Sigs, 9 Aust Div	7	11	16	21	25	8	13	17	22	27
4.	9 Aust Div Cav Regt 32 Aust L.A.D. "C" Sec Sigs. B Coy 2/3 Aust Fd Amb 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ 58 Aust L.A.D. Det Aust Fd Cash Off de Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy 33 Fd P.O.	8	13	17	22	27	9	14	18	23	28

A further schedule of times will be published in R.Os of 28 Apr 42.

6. DISCIPLINE

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

NX 26928 SGT DARGAN A.L. - 20 AUST INF BDE

At a D.C.M. held at LATTAKIA on 23 Mar 42, presided over by Maj J.W. BAILEY 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, the abovenamed soldier was arraigned on the following charges :-

First Charge
Army Act
Sec 15 (1)

When on active service absenting himself without leave

in that he

at ALEPPO absented himself without leave from 2359 hrs 2 Mar 42 till 0100 hrs 3 Mar 42.

Second Charge
Army Act
Sec 40

When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline

in that he

at ALEPPO was improperly in a brothel which was out of bounds, that is to say, MAISON BADRIE, in the company of two private soldiers.

The finding of the Court was NOT GUILTY on the first charge GUILTY of the second charge and was reprimanded.

The finding of the Court was confirmed by Brig R.M. TOVELL Officer performing the duties of Comd 9 Aust Div, 27 Mar 42.

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7. DISCIPLINE

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

QX 3889 SIGMN McALLISTER, T.F. - 9 AUST DIV SIGNALS.

At a D.C.M. held at LATTAKIA on 23 Mar 42, presided over by Maj J.W. BALFE 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, the abovenamed soldier was arraigned on the following charges :-

First Charge Army Act Sec 8 (2) — When on active service striking his superior officer in that he at HILL 69 on 1 January 1942 struck on the head Corporal T.I. SIMPSON Signals 9 Aust Div.

Second Charge Army Act Sec 8 (2) — When on active service using threatening language to his superior officer in that he at HILL 69 on 1 January 1942 said to Corporal T.I. SIMPSON, Signals 9 Aust Div "If I hear anything about this in the morning I'll bloody well kill you" or words to that effect.

The finding of the Court was GUILTY on the first charge and was sentenced to 120 days detention with a remission of sixty days.
The finding of the Court was confirmed by ~~Lt Col~~ R.M. TOVELL Officer performing the duties of Comd 9 Aust Div 29 Mar 42.

for [signature] Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution List "C".

NOTICES

LOST - The following articles were lost between HAIFA and BEIRUT on 17 Mar 42, will finder please communicate with this HQ.

Straps supporting
" Carrying WE
Greatcoat
Leather jerkin
Prismatic compass
Compass pouch WE

AIR - As direct sea communication now provides generally the most expeditious form of mail connection with Australia, no further air mail postage will be charged on correspondence for Australia and New Zealand.
Letters up to 4 oz weight, under the new conditions will be accepted for transmission free of charge.
(To be repeated in unit orders)

FOUND - 1 Heavy Duty Tyre 900 x 15.
The above tyre is held at this HQ.

CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades will be held in accordance Routine Order No 45 of 27 Mar 42.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 47.

by

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COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

4 Apr 42. In the Field

1. RETURNS:

Units will furnish Administrative returns in future as shown hereunder.

(a) W. 3006 - DAILY STRENGTH STATE.
In duplicate to reach this HQ NOT LATER than 0900 hrs. Units will not forward states direct to 9 Aust Div or 02E.

(b) W. 3008 - FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.
Weekly on Sundays, in triplicate to 9 Aust Div, and one copy to this HQ. Units will NOT forward returns direct to 02E or HQ AIF (M.E.)

(c) W. 3009 - FIELD RETURN OF O.Rs.
Weekly on Sundays in duplicate to 9 Aust Div. Units will NOT forward copy to 02E.

(d) W. 3010, W. 3011 and W. 3012 - CASUALTY RETURNS.
As often as practicable, in duplicate to 9 Aust Div, and one copy only from Bns of W 3011 to this HQ. Units will NOT forward returns direct to 02E. Nil returns are not required. When returns are furnished they will clearly show "Return for week ended .....42", and will also show the date of submission of last return.

2. FROST PRECAUTIONS - VEHICLES.

Frost precautions will not be taken after 1 Apr 42 unless Commanding Officers consider that special conditions render them necessary.

3. STOVES, OIL HEATING.

All stoves, oil heating, now held by units will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. Dump, LATTAKIA by 10 Apr.

4. CHAINS - NON SKID or OVERALL.

Units holding chains, non-skid or overall, will return them to D.A.D.O.S. Dump LATTAKIA by 8 Apr 42.

5. BOUKA ORPHANAGE - MOVEMENT OF M.T.

Vehicles will NOT enter BOUKA MONASTERY ather than vehicles on charge to C.R.S.

Personnel will debuss on main road and be marched in by Officer or NCO.

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6. A. A. C. S. - BEIRUT.

(a) The following A. A. C. S. establishments in BEIRUT have been taken over by E. F. I. :-

A. I. F. Officers Club.
Other Ranks Canteen and Restuarant.

(b) Although facilities will be available for A. I. F. officers and ORs, it will be realised that the same rights and privileges previously exercised by A. I. F. cannot now apply.

(c) All personnel will be specifically informed of the changed status and conditions under which the Club and Canteen are managed. All ranks must realise that the establishments are no longer A. I. F. property, and that their use by A. I. F. personnel will be on the basis of visitors to whom E. F. I. are extending the utmost facilities.

(d) A. I. F. control of the Hotel METROPOLE will be retained for the present.

for W. B. Brown Capt.
S. C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution List "C".

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 48.

by

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COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

In the Field

7 Apr 42.

1. RETURNS - B2069 - Offence Reports.
Weekly on Saturday in duplicate, a copy of which will be forwarded to O2E by this H.Q. and NOT by units direct.
Nil returns are not required but when returns are furnished they will clearly show "Return for week ended.....42" and will also show the date of submission of last return.

2. ACCOMMODATION.
A return is required to reach this H.Q. by 1300 hrs 11 Apr 42 showing the number of troops accommodated as under :-
(a) In Barracks and Hutments.
(b) In standing camps and scale "A" tentage.

3. PAY.
Units will arrange to draw pay from Fd Cash Office at 1100 hrs Thursday 9 Apr 42.

4. FRONT SEAT ACCOMMODATION - AIF VEHICLES.

(a) Only one person and the driver will occupy the front of any Australian Military Motor Vehicle with the exception of cars and light vans fitted with gear change on the steering column.

(b) In the case where the driver of an Australian Military Motor Vehicle commits a breach of these orders, and an Officer or soldier senior to the driver is travelling in the vehicle, the officer or senior soldier may be charged with "permitting" the offence. Should the officer or soldier senior to the driver be charged with "permitting" the offence the driver will not be charged with committing the offence.

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J Kelly Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND DISTRIBUTION
The following special Easter distribution will be made to all ranks of Australian troops on Monday 6 Apr 42.

1 pkt razor blades
2 pkts chewing gum
1 cake washing soap
1 handkerchief
½ tin fruit
1/3 lb. of fruit cake.

Units will draw the above from the Amenities Officer 20 Aust Inf Bde at a date to be notified later.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 49.

By

Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER E.D.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

15 Apr 42. In the Field

1. DETENTION BARRACKS

In future requests for accommodation at Detention Barracks will be addressed to this HQ.

2. PROVISION OF ENGR. PERSONNEL FOR ERECTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF REFRIGERATING AND ICE MAKING PLANT AND COLD STORE

Please forward names of personnel under your command, who have experience in Erection, Operation and Maintenance of Refrigerating and Ice Making Plant and Cold Stores.

Returns must reach this H.Q. by 19 Apr 42. Nil returns are required.

3. A. TK MINE CRATES

The production and distribution of Egyptian pattern A.Tk mines is seriously handicapped by the shortage of timber for crating the mines.

All units to whom mines are despatched will return empty A.Tk mine crates to the Salvage dumps for return through salvage channels.

4. WASTAGE OF PETROL.

(a) Considerable wastage of petrol is incurred through :-

(i) Filling vehicle tanks from pumps at a rate which causes air locks and overflowing.

(ii) Drivers of vehicles insisting upon their vehicle tanks being filled to overflowing both at pumps and from containers.

(b) The driver is responsible for supervising the refueling of his vehicle. A reasonable degree of care will obviate all losses from too-rapid filling from pumps. Filling vehicle tanks to overflowing is deliberate waste.

(c) Notices to this effect will be posted up at all points at which petrol is issued and at petrol pumps in Unit lines.

(To be repeated in unit orders)
(Applicable to all troops, M.E.F.)

5. CORRIGENDUM - 20 AUST INF BDE TNG INSTN.

20 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instn No 9 dated 29 Mar 42 is amended to read :-

20 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instn No. 10.

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The following extracts are taken from -

6. 9 AUST DIV GENERAL STAFF INSTN NO 34 dated 1 Apr 42.

SIGNALS - METHOD OF DESPATCH

(a) Frequent cases have occurred of envelopes containing messages and correspondence for despatch by Sigs being addressed "Sigs 9 Aust Div". The result is that the message is delivered to HQ Sigs 9 Aust Div and receipt by the correct addressee is delayed.

(b) When messages and correspondence are put into envelopes for despatch through Sigs, the envelope will be clearly marked with the name of the addressee only, unless the individual message is intended for HQ 9 Aust Div.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT - EMPLOYMENT OF SA FIRE.

Increased enemy air recce activity must be anticipated in the near future. To avoid disclosing our posns unnecessarily, aircraft will NOT be engaged by SA fire unless they are :-

(a) Definitely identified as hostile and are within SA range i,e, 2,000 feet.
(b) If unidentified, they commit a hostile act and are within SA range.

PARACHUTISTS.

(a) A case has recently occurred when the pilot of an RAF fighter air-craft which had been shot down, was fired on by our own tps whilst descending by parachute.

(b) It is realised that mistakes in aircraft identification are bound to happen occasionally. There is however, no justification for trying to kill an isolated parachutist, even if he is an enemy. The descent of a single parachutist from a high altitude can obviously have no connection with an organised attack by parachute troops, which would normally be made in numbers from a low altitude. There should never be any difficulty in capturing isolated parachutists after they have landed, and enemy flying personnel are always of great potential value for interrogation purposes.

(c) Tps will NOT open fire on parachutists dropping in a group of less than six (the maximum British Bomber crew) unless that it is clear that they are taking part in an organised attack, It can be assumed that no attack is intended unless the parachutists jump at less than 500 ft and the aircraft is flying level under control after they have left it.

for W.H. Brown Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 50.

by

Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER D.S.O. E.D.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE

21 Apr 42. In the Field.

1. DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT

The G.O.C. in C. desires to place on record the distinguished conduct described below performed by the following personnel :-

S/Sgt	E.N.	LESTER	VX 765	FSS (i/c)
Sgt.	G.W.	NEWSTEAD	VX 13715	FSS (i/c)
Sgt	P/E.S.	NEWTON	NX 35426	2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Cpl	A.V.	SMITH	VX 1425	FSS (i/c)
Cpl	K.W.	WILLIAMS	VX 5879	FSS (i/c)
Pte	C.J.	CONAGHAN	QX 6604	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Pte	C.F.	WHITE	NX 35322	20 Aust Inf Bde.

In the evening of 26 Jan 42 an oil-tank waggon, together with a number of drums, all containing petrol, caught fire at Damas Station, ALEPPO.

The personnel mentioned above were successful in removing from the neighbourhood of the fire two other oiltank waggons and several oil drums.

By their efforts, performed in the face of personal danger, the fire was prevented from spreading to adjoining property, with the result that no damage to W.D. property or injury to personnel was sustained.

The G.O.C. in C. directs that an entry be made in the documents of the abovementioned N.C.Os. and Men in accordance with K.R. 1940, para 171 (b) (xvii).

2. TENTAGE RETURN

A return showing tentage by types will be submitted to this H.Q. not later than 26 Apr 42.

3. PERSONNEL FOR DREDGER CREWS.

G.H.Q., M.E.F. Have notified that other rank personnel are required to operate dredgers.

(a) A return is required, to reach this H.Q. by 22 Apr 42, of other rank personnel experienced in operating dredgers.
(b) State in what class of work these men are experienced, e.g.,

Master.
Engineer.
Mate.
Operator.

4. COURTS MARTIAL.

All officers attending Courts Martial will wear authorised summer dress only. Pistols will be worn.

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5. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORTS.

(a) Army Form A 3676 (Road Accident Report) as revised 1940 must be accompanied by statements from all witnesses.

(b) Particulars of cost of repairs to WD vehicles must be divided into :-

(i) Labour.
(ii) Materials.
(iii) Overhead.

6. HIRINGS - COMPUTATION OF CLAIMS.

Land Returns.

(a) For the purpose of computing claims for hiring of land in occupation by units, the following return will be submitted to reach this H.Q. by 0900 hrs on the last day of each month.

Unit or Sub-unit.	Location (Map ref)	Approx Strength	Date of Occupation	Date of Departure	Remarks

(b) Units occupying a hired building only (i.e. no land) will submit a nil return.

(c) The return submitted for the month of Apr will show each successive location of the unit or sub-unit, which involved the occupation of land, since entering SYRIA.

(d) For subsequent returns one entry will be made for each location of the unit or sub-unit during the previous month.

(e) Returns will be submitted in duplicate.

(f) This return is not to be confused in any way with the monthly return of hirings occupied (as per 9 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 64. of 21 Jan 42) which will continue to be submitted.

7. BLANKETS

(a) All blankets held in access of THREE (3) per man will be returned to 9 Aust Div Mob Laundry forthwith.

(b) Units will render certificates stating that this action has been taken.

8. BLANKETS - DISINFECTION OF.

Units who require blankets disinfected will contact the O.C. 9 Aust Div Mob Laundry and make arrangements for such disinfection to be done.

9. CLUTCH DISC FAILURE

The practice of coasting vehicles downhill with the clutch disengaged and the transmission in gear is bad driving, and is liable to cause serious damage to the clutch. Officers Commanding units will ensure that the attention of all MT drivers under their command is drawn to this, and that orders are issued that the practice must cease forthwith.

(To be repeated in Unit orders)

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10. PREMATURE EXPLOSIONS.

(a) In the event of any accident, premature explosion, serious misfire or hangfire occurring with any type of ammunition in any weapon, a signal will be sent by the O.C. concerned immediately to General Headquarters, Middle East, vide para 759, Section Vii of Kings Regulations 1935 stating :-

(i) Location of unit.
(ii) Nature of accident.
(iii) Calibre, type of weapon, registered number of piece.
(iv) Type of ammunition lot and date of manufacture.
(v) Fuse, Primor, etc, as applicable. Also lot number, date of filling etc.

(b) The signal will be followed as soon as possible by full details as per pro forma att. Appx "A" to this order, together with a brief report on the accident.

(c) Fragments of ammunition found after a premature explosion will be sent with the report.

(d) If a Court of Inquiry is ordered to assemble to investigate the occurrence, the time and place of assembly will also be notified to D.D.O.S. of the nearest Corps, or to the A.D.O.S. of Formation, who will arrange for an Ordnance Technical Officer to attend the Court.

(e) Similar action will be taken by C.O's in the event of any explosion or fire affecting ammunition or explosives in store on their charge.

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)
(Applicable to all Troops in M.E.F.)

11. UNIT SIGNBOARDS - REMOVAL OF UPON CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Instances have occurred recently where units upon changing their location have failed to remove signboards erected by them for guidance of Transport etc. This has resulted in unnecessary confusion.

Units changing location will be responsible in future for the removal of all Unit signboards erected by them.

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)

12. ANTI-FLY MEASURES.

(a) Cleanliness of lines, flyproofing of latrines and food containers are essential as is the provision of flyproof refuse bins.

(b) Refuse disposal MUST be by incineration and burial so that fly breeding material is NOT provided by us. Removal of refuse by native contractors will NOT be allowed.

(c) It is impossible to prevent flies from breeding and becoming infested in native villages, therefore they must be prevented from coming in contact with food and eating utensils.

(d) Unit commanders are reminded that they are responsible for the sanitation of the area occupied by their troops.

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13. BOUNDS

The following Cafes and Bars are in bounds :-

(a) TRIPOLI -

Florida Cafe and Bar
Aussie Bar and Cafe
Refuge Bar
The Diggers Home Bar
Ajamis Tea Room
Kookaburra Bar
Casino Tripoli
Egyptian Bar
Paname Restuarant
Oriental Pattisserie
Jallad Bar
Star Bar
Baby Tea Room
Pattisseric Moderne
Restuarant New Pattisseri
Amoynie and Hadid
Golden Cup
Antoni's Kayrouz
Hakims Bar and Restuarant
Kardous Bros
Middle East Allies Bar
Australians Bar

(b) QOUBBE - (The area immediately surrounding LEGOULT and DE GAULLE Barracks)

Bar & Restuarant Corrillion
Victory Restuarant & Bar
De Nice Bar & Restuarant
Australian Bar
Bar Quick
Bar and Restuarant Sans Pariel
Alex Bar
Bar Marie Crothcelet
The Red Hen Bar

(c) All other Cafés and Bars are placed out of bounds.

14. WASTE - KIT INSPECTIONS

Units will carry out a kit inspection once weekly. Attention is drawn to 20 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No 37 para 6 which reads :-

(a) As part of the campaign against waste, the attention of commanding officers is directed to the necessity for close supervision of clothing and equipment issues made from unit Q.M. stores.
(b) Considerable quantities of clothing and personal equipment issued as replacements to make good losses and damage arising through lack of due care, but often the cost of such replacements is incorrectly borne by Public Funds.
(c) Commanding officers will institute immediately regular kit inspections of the personnel under their commands, and where deficiencies of clothing or personal equipment are disclosed, or where such have been rendered unservicable by default or lack of care, the individual will be placed under appropriate stoppages of pay to make good the cost of the replacement.
(d) All amounts received from individuals will be paid in the first instance to the credit of C.P.M., A.I.F. (M.E.). Amounts debited to the soldiers paybook will be recorded on stoppage sheets and submitted monthly to C.P.M., A.I.F. (M.E.) in duplicate.

15. SECURITY OF ARMS-AMN-STORES.

Unit commanders will ensure that strict security measures are taken for the safe guarding of Arms, Amn, and stores on unit charge.
Attention is drawn to 20 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No. 16 para 9.

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16. POSTAL

33 Fd Post Office will operate from LEGOULT Barracks and not from 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ.

17. SALVAGE

Items for salvage will be returned to 9 Aust Div Salvage Dump situated in vicinity 16352771 - TRIPOLI.

18. R.E. STORES REQUISITIONS

An officer from 2/3 Aust Fd Coy will be att to each Inf Bn and will advise units in connection with engineering matters.

Units will deal direct with the officers att in placing indents for necessary R.E. stores required.

19. TREATMENT OF NATIVE POPULATION

(a) Units who have taken over native labour will ensure that strict supervision is maintained over them.

It is important that they be kept away from unit lines and not allowed to wander through them.

(b) Other natives including hawkers will not be permitted in unit areas.

Sentries will see that they are kept moving and do not loiter.

Troops are not to fraternise with the natives.

J Kelly Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appendix "A" to R.O. No.50.

REPORT ON ACCIDENT OR PREMATURE EXPLOSION WITH AMMUNITION

Station..... Unit.....

Nature of Accident
(i.e. premature, misfire, etc).....
Type of Weapon.....
Reg. No. of Piece.....
Calibre (where applicable) .....

AMMUNITION
Type.....
Lot No.....
Date of Manufacture.....
Fuze No.....Mk.....Lot No.....
Date of filling.....
Primer No.....Mk.....Lot No.....
(as applicable) Date of filling.....
Type of tube (PSA etc).....Mk.....Lot No.....
(as applicable) Date of filling.....

REMARKS

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 51.

by

Brig W. J. V. WINDEYER DSO. ED.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

28 Apr 42. In the Field.

1. AIR RAID WARNINGS.

AIR RAID "YELLOW" will be passed by phone from H.Q. 9 Aust Div to Sigs who will inform all concerned, under arrangements already made.

AIR RAID "RED" will also be passed by phone from H.Q. 9 Aust Div. Simultaneously, air raid sirens will be sounded, using warbling note for one minute. The warning will be repeated by the siren at Bde H.Q., and by unit air raid warning devices.

AIR RAID "GREEN" will be telephoned from H.Q. 9 Aust Div, and the sirens will be sounded using the constant note for one minute.

Practice Alarms are held at 1200 hrs each Saturday. The sirens are sounded for one minute to avoid confusion with genuine alarm signal.

2. RETURN OF PETROL CONTAINERS.

(a) Units are reminded that returnable containers, whilst on loan to consuming units, remain on charge of the petrol unit from which the containers were drawn.

(b) As a result of recent moves, it is found necessary to take a census of returnable containers.

(c) All units will, therefore, submit a return of all returnable containers in their possession as at 2359 hours 16 May 42, on the pro forma below.

(d) This return is to reach this H.Q. by 18 May 42.

	Type of Container	No. of Containers full or empty.	D.I.D. or Pet Depot on whose charge.
(a)	44 gall Barrels.		
(b)	55 litre (12 galls) French Drums.		
(c)	4 gall round drums		
(d)	4 gall square drums.		
(e)	2 gall petrol tins		
(f)	2 gall M.B.O. tins.		

Tins which form part of vehicles equipment will NOT be included.

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3. KIT STOPPAGES

With reference to A.I.F. Standing Orders, 1940, para 224, it is advised that units will prepare Kit Stoppage Sheets for issues on repayment in quadruplicate, three of the copies being for use of Chief Paymaster.

A.I.F. (M.E.)Order 1069.

4. GUARDS AND SECURITY DUTIES

Guards carrying out Security duties will be inspected by an officer of the unit concerned daily.

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S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
22 Apr 42.

20 AUST INF BDE -- ROUTINE INSTRUCTION NO. 5.

1. ROUTINE -

Reveille	0630
Adm Parade	0645
Sick Parade	0645
Breakfast	0730
Morning Parade	0830
Dismiss	1230
Afternoon Parade	1345
Dismiss	1630
Evening Meal	1730
Retreat	1830
First Post	2130
Last Post	2200
Lights Out	2215

2. SECURITY -

(a) Weapons -

(i) All rifles and bolts when not in use will be handed into C.Q.M.S. who will place them in the armoury.

(ii) Sub-unit comds will check rifles on the Adm parade each morning and hand a signed chit to the Bde S.M. by 0830 to the effect that all rifles are present.

(iii) Personal Gear & Equipment - Each man is responsible for the care of his equipment and the safeguarding of it against loss. A prowler picquet is on 24 hrs duty each day, but this does not relieve the individual of his responsibility for any article on charge to him.

3. BLACKOUT - In view of the assistance which a shore light can give to an enemy boat endeavouring to make a landfall, blackout is to be 100% effective from observation at sea. To enable this to be done NO light will be shown in a tent or building which can not be effectively blacked-out.

4. NATIVES - (a) No natives are allowed in Bde H.Q. area and troops will at all times clear them out of the area.

(b) No trading, bartering or giving away of Government property, food, clothes etc is to be carried on between soldiers and natives.
(c) No troops will in any way fraternise with natives in or around camp area.
(d) Any offenders to sub paras (b) and (c) will be dealt with.

5. LAUNDRY - In the absence of an authorised laundry troops will do their own washing. Under no circumstances will washing be given to native people around camp areas.

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6. LEAVE AND AMENITIES -

Allotments of leave for TRIPOLI, BEIRUT and Picture Parties will be announced by Bde S.M. on Adm parades, as it becomes available.

7. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE -

All waste from kitchens will be burnt and then buried, under instructions from C.Q.M.S.
It will NOT be given to natives.

8. MUD SPLASHING OF TENTS.-

All tents will be mud splashed by 1800 hrs 23 Apr 42.

9. SLIT TRENCHES -

Slit Trenches will be prepared, one per tent, forthwith.

10. Attention is drawn to Bde R.O. No. 50. of 21 Apr 42, paras - 1, 3, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 19.

for S.C. J.H. Brown Capt.
20 Aust Inf Bde.

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
22 Apr 42.

20 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO.9.

LEAVE : BEIRUT.

1. ALLOTMENT: 20 Aust Inf Bde has been allotted 120 all ranks for 2 days leave to BEIRUT recurring approx fortnightly. Allotment to units is as under :-

UNIT	NUMBER
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	9
Each Inf Bn.	37
TOTAL -	120

2. COMMENCEMENT: Leave will commence on Friday 24 Apr 42. Further leave will be notified as it becomes due.

3. COMPOSITION OF PARTIES:

(a) Unit parties will contain at least one officer and a proportion of NCOs who will be responsible for dress and discipline of their party.

(b) OC Leave Party will be of Field Rank and will be responsible for the Bde Party. For Leave commencing 24 Apr 42 OC will be supplied by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn (see para 13 - Special Instns).

4. TPT:

(a) Unit tpt will be used. 2 x 3 ton vehs from each of the Inf Bns and 1 x 3 ton or 30cwt veh from unit supplying picquet.

(b) Tpt will move in convoy 20 mih, 20 vtm.

(c) Vehs will assemble at a point on main rd LATTAKIA-TRIPOLI approx 400 yds south of turn off to LEGOULT Barracks, and depart at 1800 hrs, under comd of the officer i/c of picquet, day of commencement of the leave.

(d) Tps will debuss at HOTEL METROPOLE.

(e) Tpt will return to TRIPOLI the same night returning to BEIRUT to pick up leave party on Sunday 26 Apr - picquet truck remains with picquet - depart BEIRUT 1800 hrs on that day under arrangements of OC Leave Party.

5. ACCOMMODATION:

(a) All ranks will be accommodated at ACF Hostel - HOTEL METROPOLE.

(b) Tariff is bed and breakfast 150 pts per day; all other meals 100 pts each.

(c) The sum of £Sy3 will be collected from each man before leaving TRIPOLI and handed to Amenities Offr 20 Aust Inf Bde by 0900 hrs on the day of commencement of leave. This sum covers accommodation and breakfast for the two days.

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6. PAY:

(a) Units will ensure that all personnel are paid before leaving TRIPOLI as pay is NOT available in BEIRUT.

(b) A minimum of £Sy15 is a compulsory qualification for BEIRUT Leave.

(c) Paybooks will be entered to date before departure of leave parties and paybooks will be carried at all times as means of identity.

7. DRESS:

(a) Summer Dress - Shorts, Shirts, sweaters (if necessary), slacks, boots, belt, hats KF turned up. SD may be taken for wear at night if desired.

(b) Strictest attention will be paid by all officers and NCOs that the tps are correctly dressed at all times.

8. DISCIPLINE:

(a) The continuance of leave to any centre is dependent upon the maintenance of good discipline. It has been laid down by higher formation, that where members of a unit misbehave or cause any disturbance in a town, that town will be declared OUT OF BOUNDS to ALL personnel of the unit concerned.

(b) Before Leave Parties depart, it will be the responsibility of Unit Comds to ensure that all personnel proceeding are warned by an officer as to the necessity :-

(i) for the maintenance of good discipline;
(ii) to be correctly dressed;
(iii) to pay strict attention to notices, etc., limiting areas which may be visited;
(iv) for the correct use of prophylactics and PACs by those indulgence makes such use necessary.

(c) Officers and NCOs are responsible for taking necessary and appropriate action in respect to breaches of discipline or soldierly bearing which come to their notice irrespective of the fact that the person concerned may be of another unit.

9. LEAVE PASSES: All personnel will carry leave passes made out under unit arrangements.

Passes will be collected on return of Leave Party.

10. NOMINAL ROLLS: Nominal Roll of Unit Parties will reach Bde Amenities Officer together with £Sy3 per man by 0900 hrs on day of commencement of leave.

11. PICQUET:

(a) Picquet of 1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 10 ORs will accompany leave party.

(b) Picquet on arrival will report to DAPM BEIRUT and work under his orders.

(c) Picquet will take blankets and messing gear.

(d) Picquet for leave commencing 24 Apr 42 will be supplied by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

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12. DRESS OF PICQUET: Summer dress, steel helmets, gaiters, boots, belt and sidearms.

13. SPECIAL INSTNS FOR OC LEAVE PARTY:

(a) He will arrive at BEIRUT by 1200 hrs on day of commencement of leave - tpt to be supplied by unit.

(b) He will collect nominal rolls and accommodation fees from 20 Aust Inf Bde Amenities Officer before departure and arrange accommodation of party at ACF HOSTEL - HOTEL METROPOLE.

(c) He will be responsible for organisation, arrangement of accommodation, control and discipline of leave party and should have all arrangements in hand before tps arrive.

(d) He will be on duty for the whole of the period.

(e) He will report to DAPM :-

(i) on arrival;
(ii) at least once daily or more frequently if required to do so;
(iii) make any inspection that the DAPM may require.

(f) Be entitled to return to his unit any officer, WO, NCO or soldier in the leave party for any reason of discipline or misbehaviour.

(g) Have authority to call upon any officer, WO or NCO in the leave party to assist him in his duty.

(h) On completion of leave submit reports -

(i) to DAPM on discipline of party, and
(ii) to this HQ setting out behaviour of tps on leave, any untoward occurrence and any suggested alterations or improvements for the benefit of the tps.

(i) His rations and accommodation (excluding wine A/c) will be refunded on submission of TS4 (with receipts) on completion.

J Keen Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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SECRET.

HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
4 Apr 42.

20 AUST INF BDE- SECURITY INSTRUCTION No 3.

1. "A great many suggestions have been made to Security offrs in 20 Aust Inf Bde area concerning improvements to security within and about the camp areas. Close co-operation has been forthcoming in all but one respect. NCOs and ORs continue to disregard the presence of loitering civilians near the camps".
(Extract from FSS Weekly Report dated 29 Mar 42).

2. This breach is contrary to Bde RO No 43 para 3 dated 21 Mar 42, also Bde RO No 39 para 3 dated 14 Mar 42.

3. The Bde Comd views this matter with grave concern and steps will be taken by units to ensure an immediate improvement.

4. It is pointed out that native children are by far the worst offenders, being encouraged to loiter by misguided soft heartedness of the soldiers. MT traffic on the rds within the Bde area is heavy and the children are in constant danger of serious injury as well as being a menace to military drivers.

5. Instructions have been given to all units re the disposal of waste food from the kitchens etc, yet cases still occur of native children being found in possession of quantities of bread, army biscuits and tins of bully beef. Investigation shows that these things are obviously not stolen. There is more than a possibility that such things are traded by the soldiers in return for Arak from the natives.

6. Attention of all units is drawn to Bde RO No 39 para 4 dated 14 Mar 42 and also to Bde Instruction headed "LAUNDRY" issued as Appx to Bde RO No 42 dated 18 Mar 42.

7. In spite of this order tps still continue to send their laundry to individuals. Collection and delivery is done by the natives, and it is here, concealed in the washing, that a lot of the food has been found.

8. Units will ensure that NO civilian is allowed within the unit lines unless in possession of a pass issued by 20 Aust Inf Bde, sub-unit thereof, or unit at present a/c. Passes will be signed by Security offr concerned and will be made out for term of ONE month only. ALL passes so issued will expire on the same date of each month.

9. Unit Security offrs will be responsible for ensuring that relevant points of this Instruction are made known to all ranks, and that instructions are carried out and maintained with vigour.

M. F. Tunnit Brent
For Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

List "B".

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WAR DIARY 20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

NO 2 BDE IN ATTACK
11 Apr 42.

BOUKA.
9 Apr 42.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

AMENDMENTS.

The following amendments are made to General Instructions dated 7 Apr 42:-

1. For para 2 substitute:-

"2. Tps Taking Part.

(a) 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, each less adm details.

(b) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde, less "B" Ech details and camp duties.
"J" Sec Sigs, less camp details.
1 Pl HQ Gd Bn, less camp details.
Pro det.

(c) Det 2/7 Aust Fd Regt att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde:

Maj ROGERS representing Comd 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
Capt SCHRADER, " OC, 13 Bty.
Capt HUGGETT, " " 14 Bty.
Capt RUNGIE, " " 57 Bty.

Each offr will have own truck and R/T set, batman, 2 wireless operators and a BCA (BCA with Maj ROGERS will represent Adjt or IO). BCA: Bty comdl Assistant

(d) 4 offrs 2/2 MG Bn, att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde,

representing OC and Pl Comds C Coy 2/2 MG Bn.

(e) Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. "

2. For para 3 substitute:-

"3. Assembly-11 Apr 42.

(a) Special instructions and narratives will be passed on to all ranks by units before the commencement of the exercise.

(b) By 1000 hrs, 2/13 Bn will assemble in area around 16084053.

Routes- MT by rd LATTAKIA-QASSAB, tps by rd juncs 16034008-15934036.

(c) By 0930 hrs, 2/15 Bn will assemble in outskirts of KANJRA-route via JINNATA.

(d) By 1000 hrs, 2/17 Bn will assemble about 16124086-tail to clear rd junc 16014050 by 0915 hrs.

(e) 2/17 Bn will be clear of camp before 2/15 Bn moves.

(f) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde will move at 0830 hrs to a location notified separately.

(g) Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb will assemble in area 16124086 by 1000 hrs. OC Det will make arrangements direct with units, before operations begin, to attach one amb to each unit.

3. For para 4 substitute:-

"4. Commencement of Operations.
Operations commence-
(a) For 2/15 Bn at 0945 hrs.
(b) For operational HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde 0945 hrs.
(c) For other units at 1000 hrs. ."

DISTRIBUTION.
As per previous instn.

W Barham Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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EXERCISE

20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

NO 2 BDE IN ATTACK.

Ref Map: LATTAQUIE 1: 50,000.

B O U K A.
7 Apr 42.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

The following instructions are issued in connection with an exercise, bde attack, to be carried out by 20 Aust Inf Bde on 11 Apr 42.

1. Special Instructions and narratives will be issued separately.

2. Tps Taking Part.

2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, each less adm details.
HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
"J" Sec Sigs, less camp details.

4 offrs 2/2 MG Bn- one each with Bde HQ and Bns.
Reps RAA- particulars later.

3. Assembly- 10 Apr 42.

(a) On the day of the exercise, special instructions and narratives will be passed on to all ranks by units on arrival in assembly posns.

(b) By 1000 hrs, 2/13 Bn will assemble in area around 16084053. Routes- MT by rd LATTAKIA-KASSAB; tps by rd juncs 16034008; 15934036 (no movement through KANJRA).

(c) By 0930 hrs, 2/15 Bn will assemble in outskirts of KANJRA- route via JINNATA.

(d) By 1000 hrs, 2/17 Bn will assemble in olive groves north of track junc 16204045.

(e) 2/15 and 2/17 Bns will make mutual arrangements for 2/15 Bn to pass 2/17 Bn camp before 2/17 Bn leaves camp.

(f) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde will prepare to move at 0830 hrs to a location to be notified later.

4. Commencement of Operations.

Time for commencement of operations will be set out in Special Instructions but will NOT be before arrival in assembly posns given in para 3 above.

5. Exercise Ends- before dark same day.

6. Digging and Wiring.

(a) No digging or wiring beyond distribution of tools and wire and issue of orders for tasks.

(b) Units will carry all available shovels within est and what wire is on hand and can be carried.

7. Dress etc.

(a) Bn- Fighting Order with steel helmets and less respirators.
(b) Umpires- Battle dress with hats-White arm bands.
(c) Enemy- Fighting order with hats-White puggarees.
(d) Spectators-Optional dress with caps.

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8. Scale of Tpt.

(a) Bns will require all vehs held of following types:-

MCs.
Trucks 15 cwt (less one for unit umpire)
Carriers.

Bde TO will equalize trucks 15 cwt between bns;probably 8 trucks per bn.

In addition, each bn will use 4 lorries 30 cwt.

(b) Bde TO will arrange allotment of tpt to make Bde HQ mobile.

(c) Tpt for Chief Umpire,Directors Assistant and Umpires with enemy will be arranged later.

9. Representation of Fire,Enemy and Neutral Vehs.

(a) LMG : White sig flag.
MMG : Blue screen.
ATk Gun : Red screen.

(b) Each unit will provide an enemy party of a NCO and 20 men carrying 20 rounds SAA blank each.
NCOs i/c enemy parties will report with umpires at Bde HQ 0845 hrs 10 Apr 42 (see para 16 (a)).

(c) Neutral vehs will fly a white sig flag.

10. Directing Staff.

Director: : Bde Comd.
Directors Assistant: Maj GRACE, 2/15 Bn.

Umpires.

Chief Umpire: : Maj COLVIN, 2/13 Bn.
Umpires with Enemy : 2 offrs 9 Aust Cav Regt.
Umpires 2/13 Bn) : Senior Umpire 1 offr.
2/15 Bn.)each HQ Coy, 1 offr.
2/17 Bn.) Each carrier sec- 1 NCO.
Rifle Coys- 1 offr and 3 NCOs.

11. Amn.

No live amn will be carried.
Only enemy will carry blank.

12. Casualties.

Real and "exercise" casualties will be evacuated to unit RAP.

13. Lunch.

No "truco" for lunch which will be carried on the man.

14. Dispersal.

The end of the exercise will be notified through Sigs. Units and enemy will then return to camp under own arrangements.

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15. Umpires Conferences.

(a) All umpires, in unit tpt, will assemble at Bde HQ at 0845 hrs, 10 Apr 42 for instructions and recce. Individuals will bring own lunch.

(b) Unit umpires will assemble on 11 Apr 42 after the exercise under arrangements made by Senior Umpire of the unit to discuss the conduct of exercise by the unit.

(c) Chief Umpire, Directors Assistants, Umpires with enemy and Senior Umpires of each bn will assemble at Bde HQ at 1000 hrs 12 Apr 42.

DISTRIBUTION:

W Bowlam Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
9 Aust Cav Regt.	(2)
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	
2/2 Aust MG Bn.	
Comd.	
BM.	
SC.	
IO.	
TO.	
Sigs.	
War Diary.	(2)
File.	(2)
Spare.	(6)

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10 AUST INF BDE TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

BDE IN ATTACK: 11 Apr 42.

BOUKA.
9 Apr 42.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BDE HQ.

Ref Map: LATTAQUIE 1/50,000.

1. Tps Taking Part.

(a) In general, "B" Ech will NOT operate in the exercise, but the whole of "A" Ech, incl the following elements, will take part:-

"J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div (less operators on duty).
Int Sec.
Orderly Room (less one Duty Clerk).
1 Pl HQ Gd Bn (less det on duty).

(b) Bde Sup offr and Amenities offr are part of "A" Ech. Offrs Mess will be left behind with "B" Ech.

(c) Lieut A MORRISBY will act as Bde Duty Offr and one of the Orderly Room Staff will be detailed to remain as Duty Clerk.

2. Assembly.

Bde HQ will be prepared to move at 0830 hrs 11 Apr 42 to area 16094053.

3. Dress.

Battle order less respirators.

4. Lunch.

Haversack lunch will be carried by all ranks. No "truce" will be observed for lunch.

5. Protection.

Digging of defensive posns will be carried out as far as possible. BSM will arrange to bring as many tools as are available.

6. Organisation.

(a) Orderly Room and offices will be established, and all arrangements made to carry on normal office work in the field.

(b) HQ Gd Pl will be organised into three sections.

7. Duration of Exercise.

Exercise will commence at about 1000 hrs 11 Apr 42, and will finish before dark the same day, on a signal from Chief Umpire.

8. Loading of Vehs.

(a) Vehs will be fully loaded, as far as practicable, with normal loads as set out in Bde Loading Table. War equipment ONLY will be taken. Personal gear will be loaded as in Practice Move of Bde HQ on 29 Mar 42.

(b) All ranks are responsible for finding out the veh in which they are to travel, and which stores they are responsible for loading.

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9. Tpt.

TO will marshal tpt required for Bde HQ "A" Ech, and will arrange to mark the vehs.

10. Amn.

No live Amn will be carried. Enemy only will carry blank.

11. Representation of Fire, Neutral Vehs.

(a) LMG : White sig flag.
MMG : Blue screen.
A Tk gun : Red screen.

(b) Neutral vehs will fly a white sig flag.

12. Narrative.

Before the commencement of the exercise, a Narrative will be issued, and will be read and explained to all ranks.

R. J. Wagner Capt.
for Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

"J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div.
1 Pl HQ Gd Bn.
58 Aust LAD.
Comd.
BI.
SC.
IO.
TO.
Bde Sup offr.
Amenities offr.
BSM.
Chief Clerk.
CQMS.
OC, Offrs Mess.
War Diary. (2)
File (2)

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20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

No 2 BDE IN ATTACK.

BOUKA.
7 Apr 42.

INTERCOMN FOR UMPIRES.

1. Means of intercomn for Umpires are being provided by 9 Aust Cav Regt.

2. 9 Aust Cav Regt will-

(a) provide 2 offrs as umpires with enemy. Both will bring own MT or carrier and one will bring a W/T set for intercomn with Chief Umpire.

(b) send 4 W/T sets, 2 in carriers and 2 in trucks, to report to Chief Umpire at rd junc 16054059 at 0930 hrs, 11 Apr 42. These sets are to form a net from Chief Umpire to 3 unit senior umpires.

(c) provide 2-15 cwt trucks on 11 Apr 42; 1 to report to Maj COLVIN at HQ 2/13 Bn at 0830 hrs, and the other to Maj GRACE at HQ 2/15 Bn at 0815 hrs.

(d) provide one offr to act as LO. He will bring own MT and a W/T set to provide intercomn between umpires with enemy and Chief Umpire.

He will attend the umpires recce on 10 Apr 42, and on 11 Apr 42 will report to Chief Umpire at rd junc 16054059 at 0930 hrs.

K Barlow Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
9 Aust Cav Regt. (3)
Comd.
BM.
SC.
IO.
TO.
"J" Sec Sigs.
War Diary. (2)
File. (2)
Spare. (6)

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EXERCISE- SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

NO 2 BDE IN ATTACK.
11 Apr 42.

BOUKA.
9 Apr 42.

NARRATIVE.

1. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp, incl A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt, 2/7 Aust Fd Regt and C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn, is advancing south on rd QASSAB-LATTAKIA-TRIPOLI with the object of gaining control of the coastal route through BANIAS.

   An enemy force based on TRIPOLI is opposing our adv by using a det, estimated about a bde, with some fd arty.

   On 10 Apr 42, 20 Aust Inf Bde encountered opposition at NAHR EL KANDIL but after a stiff fight, in which the enemy suffered heavily, overcame it. Opposition was again met on the KANJRA spur.

2. In the early morning of 11 Apr 42, 2/15 Bn supported by one fd bty attacked KANJRA which was not strongly held and by 0930 hrs captured it. By this time A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt was in contact with enemy between the coast and BOUKA rd.

3. At 0945 hrs,

   (a) 20 Aust Inf Bde "R" Gp reached HQ 2/15 Bn.

   (b) 2/15 Bn was re-organizing at KANJRA and sending patrols fwd.

   (c) 2/13 Bn was deployed about 16084053.

   (d) 2/17 Bn was deployed about 16124086.

   (e) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde)
   HQ 2/7 Aust Fd Regt) - 16094053.
   HQ C Coy 2/2 MG Bn.)

   (f) Comds 13, 14 and 57 Fd Btys-16164083.

   (g) "B" Echs were bded (NOT taking part in exercise).

   (h) Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb area- 16124086.

DISTRIBUTION:

As per previous instn.
Plus Umpires.

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BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.
No 2 BDE IN ATTACK- 11 Apr 42.

BOUKA.
9 Apr 42.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO 2/15 AUST INF BN.

1. On arrival at assembly posn,KANJRA,you will adopt disposns which it can be assumed your unit would be in during the re-organization phase after the capture of KANJRA from the north. FDLs will be generally on right bank of NAHR ED DAMOUSSI.

2. Enemy will be holding lightly the olive groves 1/2 mile SW of KANJRA and the ridge JABRO-BAKSA. You will send patrols fwd to clear those places.

3. A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt will be assumed to be operating between the coast and incl rd QASSAB-LATTAKIA,and also fwd of JINNATA-CHEIKH HASSEN.

4. You may recce the area before 11 Apr 42.

5. You will notify this HQ by 2000 hrs 10 Apr of the intended location of your HQ at KANJRA.

Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
Maj COLVIN,2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
Maj GRACE, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
Comd.
BM, SC, IO, War Diary (2),File (2), Spare (6).

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MOST SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE-TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS

No 2 Bde in Attack.

B O U K A.
9 Apr 42.

CALL SIGNS.

1. Call signs to be used in connection with the above exercise are:-

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde : LTS.

HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn : USD.

HQ 2/15 Aust Inf Bn : RTY.

HQ 2/17 Aust Inf Bn : NKZ.

Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde : KQO.

2. ACK.

B.T. Barham / Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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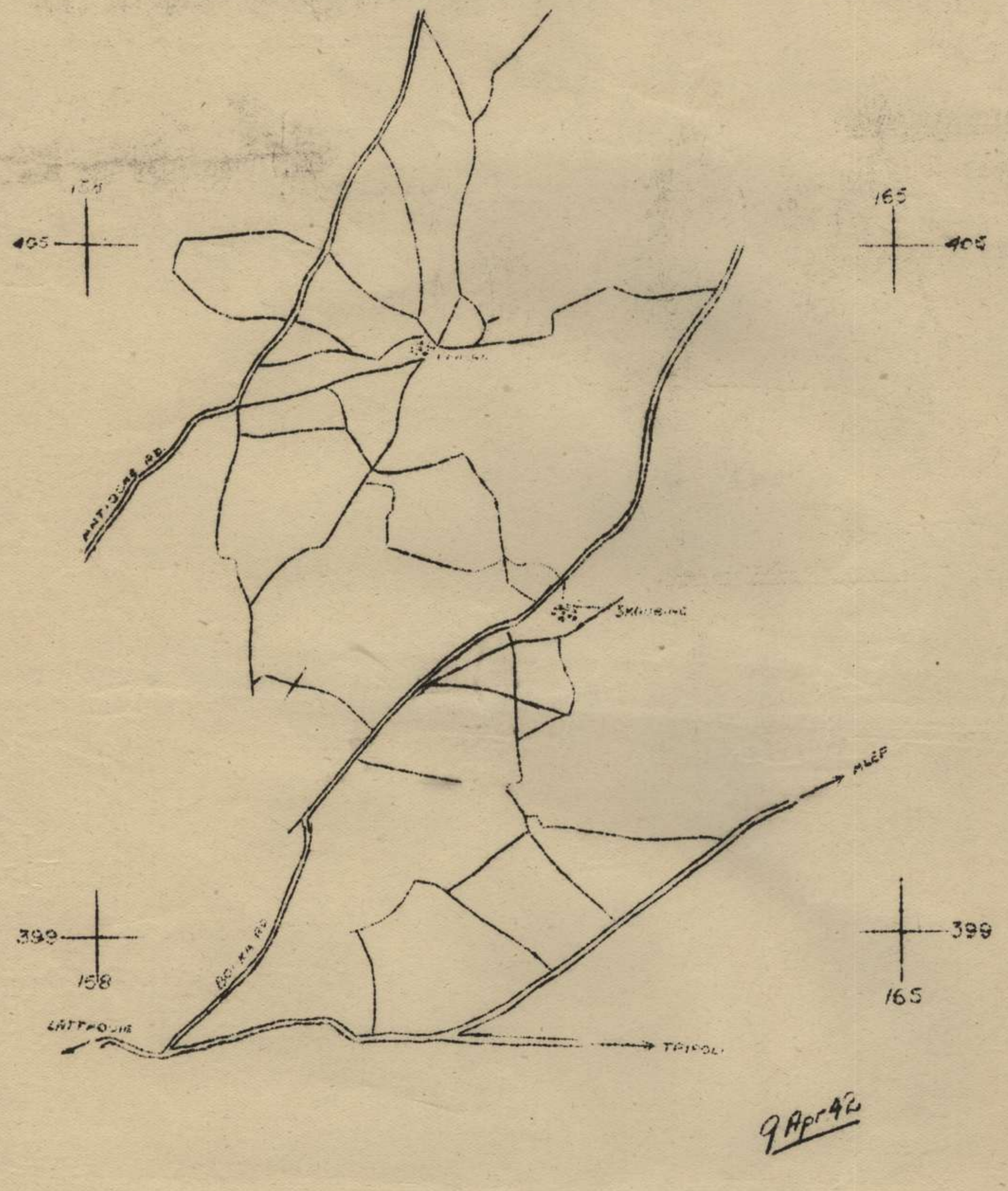
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	(2)
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	(4)
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	(4)
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	(1)
Comd.	(1)
BM.	(1)
SC.	(1)
IO.	(1)
TO.	(1)
Sigs.	(3)
Chief Umpire.	(1)
Directors Assistant.	(1)
Senior Umpires (1 each)	(3)
Umpire with enemy.	(1)
War Diary.	(2)
File.	(2)
Spare.	(6)

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TRACE Showing tracks passable to M T

Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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S/Bde/86. MOST SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE- EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.
No 2 BDE IN ATTACK-11 Apr 42.

B O U K A.
9 Apr 42.

SIGNAL SECURITY.

The following instructions are issued regarding signal security in connection with the above exercise:-

1. Call Signs- issued separately.

2. Code Names.

A Son 9 Aust Cav Regt,		HIVA.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn,	Bn HQ,	GINS.
	HQ Coy,	RAMA.
	A Coy,	CAVY.
	B Coy,	ESAY.
	C Coy,	DASH.
	D Coy,	VICE.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	Bn HQ,	FLOP.
	HQ Coy,	UDER.
	A Coy,	INRO.
	B Coy,	DAMA.
	C Coy,	NECA.
	D Coy,	UGAY.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	Bn HQ,	TINA.
	HQ Coy,	PIKA.
	A Coy,	JUST.
	B Coy,	ABIB.
	C Coy,	LUSO.
	D Coy,	IPUB.
2/7 Fd Regt	Regt HQ.	HUMS.
	13 Bty.	TOCO.
	14 Bty.	URAW.
	57 Bty.	FIXO.
C Coy 2/2.MG Bn	Coy HQ;	STEW.
	1 Pl.	TEFA.
	2 Pl.	PELT.
	3 Pl	NAVA.
Umpires Sets.	Chief Umpire,	HUMP.
	Senior Umpire 13 Bn,	HUMP.(i)
	Senior Umpire 15 Bn,	HUMP.(ii)
	Senior Umpire 17 Bn,	HUMP.(iii)
	Enemy Umpire,	HUMP.(iv)

3. Call signs will be used for comms between Bn and equivalent HQs back to Bde.HQ.

Code names will be used from Bn and equivalent HQs laterally and fwd.

4. Appointments-Code.

Following code will be used in all R/T and L/T comms:-

Comd,	UNCLE.	Staff Capt.) QM.)	BROTHER.
BM) Adjt)	COUSIN.	Intelligence.	FATHER.
		Sigs.	NEPHEW.

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5. Map reference code.

Keyword . . QUICK BROWN.

Figure 1 will be encoded as Q, 2 as U, 3 as I, 4 as C, etc.

6. R/T Code- existing R/T code will be used for all radio and line telephony.

7. ACK.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	8.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	8.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	4.
C Coy 2/2 MG Bn.	4.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	1.
Comd.	1.
BM.	1.
SC.	1.
IO.	1.
TO.	1.
Sigs.	3.
Umpires.	17.
War Diary.	2.
File.	2.
Spare.	6.
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[signature] Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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20 AUST INF BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

NO 3 BDE IN ATTACK.

B O U K A.
13 Apr 42.

Ref Map: LATTAQUIE 1:50,000.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

The following instns are issued in connection with Bde attack exercise to be carried out by 20 Aust Inf Bde on 14 Apr 42:-

1. Refs are made below to General Instns for Exercise No 2 on 11 Apr 42. Many of the adm arrangements will apply for Exercise No 3.

2. Narrative will be issued separately.

3. Tps Taking Part.

2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, each less camp details.
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde and Sig Sec, less camp details.
Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

Tps Imaginary For Exercise.

2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt.

4. Assembly. 14 Apr 42.

(a) By 0830 hrs, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will assemble in re-entrants immediately south of EL JOZHE 164411.

(b) By 0930 hrs, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will assemble in olive groves in area 16574108.

(c) By 1030 hrs, 2/17 Aust Inf Bn will assemble in area south and west of pt 107 (164410).

(d) By 0915 hrs, Bde HQ will be est in area 16444118.

(e) By 1000 hrs, Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb will est ADS-location to be notified later.

(f) At 0830 hrs Bde "O" Gp will meet Bde Comd at 16424118.

5. Time for Commencement of Operations.

For 2/13 Aust Inf Bn- 0830 hrs.

For 2/15 Aust Inf Bn-)
2/17 Aust Inf Bn-)
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde-) On arrival in assembly areas.
Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb)

6. Movement to Assembly Areas.

(a) Units will be forried part of the distance to assembly areas in MT brigaded under arrangement of Bde TO:

Unit.	Embus at.	Time.	Debus at.	Time.
2/13 Bn.	Camp area.	0730.	area 16424109.	0815.
2/15 Bn.	rd junc 16014050.	0840.	do.	0915.
2/17 Bn.	do.	0945.	do.	1030.

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(b) 2/15 and 2/17 Bns will march from camp sites to reach rd junc 16014050 before times given above.

7. Digging and Wiring.- as for Exercise No 2 (see para 6).

8. Dress etc. as for Exercise No 2 (see para 7).

9. Scale of Tpt.
(a) Bns will require all vehs of following types:-
MCs, Trucks 15 cwt, Carriers.

(b) Bde TO will equalise trucks 15 cwt between units.

(c) Each unit will provide one lorry 30 cwt for enemy party.

(d) COs carrier in each unit will be fitted with 101 W/T set under arrangements of Bde Sig offr.

(e) Chief Umpire will travel with Bde Cond, and Senior Umpires in each unit will travel with respective COs.

10. Representation of Fire. As for Exercise No 2 (see para 9).

11. Enemy.
(a) Each unit will provide enemy party of one NCO and approx 16 ORs, carrying 20 rounds of blank SAA each.

(b) Enemy will be located under instns given by Director to Unit Senior Umpire. Enemy party of 2/13 Bn will be in posn by 0830 hrs.

(c) Neutral vehs will carry a white sig flag.

12. Directing Staff. Director- Bde Cond.
Chief Umpire- Maj COLVIN, 2/13 Bn.
Unit Umpires- as for Exercise No 2 (see para 10).

13. Ammn, Casualties, Lunch.-As for Exercise No 2 (see paras 11-13).

14. Dispersal.
(a) The end of the exercise will be notified through Sigs, Units will then be ferried in MT part of the distance back to camp, as under:-

Unit.	Enbus at.	Time.	Debus at.	Approx Time.	Remarks.
2/13 Bn.	rd junc 16324134.	1530.	rd junc 15934037.	1600.	march to camp.
2/17 Bn.	do.	1645.	Camp site.	1730.	
2/15 Bn.	do.	1830.	do.	1915.	

(b) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will arrange to have evening meal in the fd.

15. Umpires Conferences.
(a) Unit umpires will assemble after the exercise under arrangements of Unit Senior Umpire to discuss the conduct of the exercise by the unit.

(b) Chief Umpire and Unit Senior Umpires will assemble at Bde HQ at 0830 hrs 15 Apr 42.

(c) Bn Cmds will assemble at Bde HQ at 1030 hrs 15 Apr 42 to discuss the exercise.

16. Code, Call Signs etc.
(a) A list of Call Signs to be used has been issued separately.
(b) Code names, Appointments Code, Map Ref Code and R/T Code, as for Exercise No 2.

R.J. Hamer Capt
Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:
As for Narrative.

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EXERCISE SECRET.

20 AUST I.F BDE- TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS

NO 3 BDE IN ATTACK.

14 APR 42.

B O U K A.
13 Apr 42.

NARRATIVE.

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp is advancing by rd LATTAKIA-SHOK-KILLOUF, 167411-EL JOZIE-KHEURBE EL JOZIE-QASSAB. An enemy delaying force which had been rushed down from QASSAB was driven from the SKOUBINE-LATTAKIA spur on 13 Apr 42 and on the morning of 14 Apr 42 was reported by A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt to be on the high ground astride the main rd 2-3 miles south of NAHR EL KANDIL.

At 0830 hrs on 14 Apr 42, A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt was in and to the NE of KHEURBE EL JOZIE and pushing north through BORJ ISLAM; 2/13 Bn was approaching EL JOZIE; Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde, Comd 2/13 Bn and OC A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt were together on track at 16424118.

2/15 Bn was to reach the area about 16574108 at 0915 hrs and 2/17 Bn the area just south and west of pt 107 (16474109) about 1015 hrs.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde was to reach area about 16444118 at 0915 hrs.

Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn. (6)
2/15 Aust Inf Bn. (6)
2/17 Aust Inf Bn. (6)
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.
Comd.
BM.
SC.
TO.
IO.
Sigs.
Umpires. (19)
War Diary. (2)
File. (2)
Spare. (6).

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20 AUST INF BDE- EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.
NO 3 BDE IN ATTACK-14 Apr 42.

FORECAST OF EVENTS.

Serial	Time.	Forecast of Events.
1.	0830.	Bde "O" Gp, Chief Umpire and Senior Umpires assemble at 16424118. Umpires describe enemy and Cav disposns.
2.	0845.	Bde Comds orders to 2/13 Bn.
3.	0915.	Comd 2/13 Bn issues outline orders.
4.	1015.	Comd 2/13 Bn issues final orders.
5.	1045.	Zero for 2/13 Bn.
6.	1115.	2/13 Bn capture objective. Bde Comds outline orders for 2/15 and 2/17 Bns to attack
7.	1215.	Bde Comds final orders for attack by 2/15 and 2/17 Bns.
8.	1330.	Zero for attack by 2/15 and 2/17 Bns.
9.	1430.	Objectives captured. Consolidation and exploitation.
10.	1500.	End of Exercise.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES.

1. (a) Senior Umpires will report to Chief Umpire at the conclusion of any orders to Bde "O" Gp by Bde Comd.

(b) They will acquaint themselves with all messages taken to their units by LO.

(c) They will report details of unit outline plans to Chief Umpire early.

(d) They will also report to Chief Umpire:-
(i) details of unit comds final orders.
(ii) when specified enemy centres are neutralized or destroyed.
(iii) on capture of objectives and say what mopping up remains to be done.

2. Umpires will at end of exercise report on pts set out for Bde Exercise No 2 and in addition on :-

(a) whether contact with enemy is maintained.
(b) passing of information from coys to bn and from bns to bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

Umpires. (19)
Comd.
War Diary. (2)
File. (2).
Spare. (6).

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MOST SECRET.

COPY NO 15.

20 APR 42.

20 AUST INF BDE-OPERATION INSTN NO 12.

COASTAL DEFENCE.

Ref Maps: (TRIPOLI 1/50,000.
(LEVANT Series 1/200,000.

INFORMATION.

1. 20 Aust Inf Bde Operation Instn No 10 (Coastal Defence) is cancelled.

2. It is considered probable that enemy activity of all kinds in SYRIA and PALESTINE will be co-ordinated with enemy action in LIBYA, with the increased possibility of enemy landings on SYRIAN Coast.

3. The threats considered likely consist of:-

(a) Agents and small sabotage parties landed from submarines.

(b) Commandos and raiding parties of varying strengths from fast motor craft.

4. Sectors of Responsibility

(a) 9 Aust Cav Regt-
DJEBLE Sector-excl NAHR EL KEBIR to excl NAHR ES SENE.

(b) 20 Aust Inf Bde-
TRIPOLI Sector-incl NAHR ES SENE to incl CARACOL 159274.

(c) 26 Aust Inf Bde-
SOUTHERN Sector-excl CARACOL to excl TABARJA 141233.

5. Own Tps.

(a) Coast Watching Dets- Appx "A".

(b) Other Guards- Appx "B".

(c) Other Tps Available and Tasks- Appx "C".

6. Installations forming likely enemy objectives are listed at Appx "D".

METHOD.

7. Mob Coy.

During hrs of darkness, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will maintain a Mob Coy to move at 30 mins notice with a complete scale of weapons and eqpt.

(a) Comd OC Coy- Tps one rifle Coy.
one sec carriers.
one pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

(b) Movement will take place on orders from this HQ only.

(c) MG Pl will move on orders from Div HQ and will RV with OC Mob Coy at a location to be ordered by Div HQ.

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8. Res.

When Mob Coy is called out, remainder of bn will be held ready to move ONE HR after Mob Coy has left.
Restriction of normal leave for tps, other than the Mob Coy, is NOT intended.

9. Tasks.

Mob Tps may be ordered to:-

(a) Reinforce positional tps shown in Appx "B".

(b) Oppose attempted enemy landings.

10. Recce.

(a) OC Mob Coy will recce forthwith:-

(i) tasks shown in para 9 (a).
(ii) vulnerable pts shown in Appx "C".
(iii) RED BEACH north of EL ABDE.
(iv) BLUE and RED BEACHES between posts T8 and T9.(Appx "A").
(v) BLUE BEACH north of CARACOL.

(b) No relief of Mob Coy will be made before OC of Coy taking over has completed his recce.

(c) Bn recce party will move out with Mob Coy.

11. Tpt.

(a) Mob Coy-sufficient tpt to lift Mob Coy is to be provided by AASC 9 Aust Div and is to report nightly at HQ 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Bn (less Mob Coy)- AASC 9 Aust Div is to hold sufficient tpt in readiness to enable remainder of bn to move.

ADM.

12. Amn- Normal "on man" and "with gun" amn will accompany Mob Coy and Bn. Bn res amn will accompany bn.

13. Sups- One day's "hard" rations will be carried on the man, and one day's rations in the tpt.

14. POL- For 100 miles will be carried by all vehs in addition to full tanks.

INTERCOMN.

15. DRs. Two DRs will accompany Mob Coy. On arrival in threatened area one DR will return and report location of mob coy to bn and div HQ.

16. "J". Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div will allot one W/T set to accompany Mob Coy.

17. Wireless Silence- until contact with enemy.

18. Light Signals- in use by Coast Watching Dets are shown at Appx "E".

ACK.

Signed at hrs.

R. J. Nance Capt
Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
2/2 Aust MG Bn.
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MOST SECRET

Appx "A" to
20 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instn No. 12.

COAST WATCHING DETS OF F.F. MARINES UNDER CONTROL F.F.N.O. TRIPOLI.

Post No.	LOCATION	STRENGTH	REMARKS
L9	(a) NAHR SENE 170369 (Patrol post mounted)	1 PO and 9	Posts in TRIPOLI Sector but under Comd FFNO LATTAKIA.
	(b) NAHR SENE (On coast)	1 PO and 4	
L10 & D8	MARKAB 173357	3 PO and 17	
D7	BOUSTAN EL NAJJAR		
D9	SUD MARKAB		
T1	MARKAB 171358	1 PO and 6	
T2	MARQIYE 167347	1 PO and 6	
T3	TELL BAIRE 165339	1 PO and 6	
T4	TARTOUSS 165328	1 PO and 6	
T5	ROUAD 163324	Approx 30	
T6	EL HICHE 169316	1 PO and 6	
T7	HAMIDIEH 171308	1 PO and 6	Post on top of Mosque
T8	SHEIK ZENADE 175296	1 PO and 6	House on top of small hill.
T9	EL ABDE 172286	1 PO and 6	
T10	FORT 37 166281	1 PO and 6	On hill north of IPC Installation.
T11	EL MINA	1 PO and 4	Two posts

NOTES 1. Motor craft of FF Marines patrol the coast at night and examine shipping within 6 miles of coast.
2. Guards are placed 1 km apart between posts at night, and are to be provided with signal pistols for comn with posts.

MOST SECRET
Appx "B" to
20 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instn No. 12.

OTHER GUARDS

LOCATION	MAP REF	UNIT	STRENGTH
KLEIATE Aerodrome	176293	1 B.D.L.	1 Offr 66 ORs (can be reinforced at 15 mins notice by det at EL MINA with 4 MGs)
REFINERY	16432797	1 B.D.L.	3 SOs, 29 ORs 4 MGs
EL MINA	15852790	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	One pl.

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Appx "C" to
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Op Instn No. 12.

ADDITIONAL TPS AVAILABLE, AND TASKS

UNIT	LOCATION	TASK
A. FFL - Not under comd 9 Aust Div.		
1. Half coy BDL	BANIAS	Defence of BANIAS and beaches from incl BANIAS incl MARKAB Tower 171358
2. One coy Bn Tchad Depot coy Bn du Pacifique	TARTOUSS	(i) Defence of TARTOUSS and liaison with post T2 (ii) Defence of beaches between TARTOUSS and AIN KHRIABE (to be occupied only in event of threatened landings)
B. 9 Aust Div Units		
3. 2/13 Aust Fd Coy	REFINERY	To protect REFINERY from attack from the sea.

MOST SECRET
Appx "D" to
20 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instn No. 12.

INSTALLATIONS FORMING LIKELY ENEMY OBJECTIVES.

Description		
KLEIATE Aerodrome		176293
IPC TERMINAL		16532802
TANK FARM		166279
REFINERY		16432797
IZZ ED DIN (ESSEDINE)	Benzine and kerosene storage depot	16092793
HARBOUR Installations		TRIPOLI PORT
SEAPLANE Hangar		TRIPOLI PORT
MILITARY HQs		As in location statement.

MOST SECRET
Appx "E" to
20 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instn No.12.

LIGHT SIGNALS IN USE BY COAST WATCHING DETS OF FF MARINES.

1. The following light signals are used by Coast Watching Dets:-

(a) GREEN - One or more enemy surface ships in sight.
(b) RED - Enemy in action against shore defences or disembarking tps.
(c) WHITE - Enemy submarine in the vicinity.

2. The RED light signal will also be used if a Post sees, or is attacked by enemy parachutists.

3. These light signals are only intended to be an auxiliary means of comn to the telephonic system already operating.

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Tartouss

T4 Tartouss

T5 Rouad

Rouad

El Riche

T6 El Riche

T7 Hamidiyeh

Sheet "I"
Southern sector

Arab Jehaich

Cheikh Zenada

T8 Cheikh Zenade

23 (C) El Abde

T9 El Abde

El Abde

22 (C) El Mina (two posts)

T10 Fort 37

El Mina

Nahr el Berid

TRIPOLI

El Kalmoune

CENTRAL SECTOR
REF MAP LEVANT 1.200000

LEGEND

Fetching posts on the coast
Permanent positions with lorries or
Bicycles.
Do but with horses (mounted)
Sites of permanent positions
with highly mobile personnel
Numbers and letters, also the
shore colours, refer to the
sea-board of the Syrian Coa

Djeble

Wadi Seng

Banias

Banias

Tour

C

26

Markab

North

Markab (centre)

Markab (south)

27

26

25

D7

DM3

Mehr Margiye

Margiye

Ain Khraibe.

Tell Haire

T3

Tartous.

T4

Tartous

G20/20/262.

SECRET.

HQ,20 Aust Inf Bde.
21 Apr 42.

COAST WATCHING- WARNING OF IMMINENT ENEMY ACTION.

1. When increased enemy activity of any kind in SYRIA is believed to be imminent a code word is to be passed to formations and units under comd 9 Aust Div to initiate an "Alert period".

2. The code word will be notified later.

3. The most probable forms of enemy action are:-

(a) Air raids on ports and installations.

(b) Fostering internal disturbances throughout SYRIA.

(c) Raids on installations and vulnerable pts,incl HQ,by coast landing parties or airborne tps.

(d) Isolated acts of sabotage or terrorism by enemy action.

(e) Spreading propaganda by means of special rumours.

4. Action to be taken immediately on the institution of the "Alert period" will be:-

(a) Coast watchers and sentries will be warned that special vigilance is required and that any suspicious persons or events must be reported by the quickest possible means.

(b) The size of the gds on important installations and vulnerable pts will be reviewed,and all security measures incl the checking of passes tightened up.

(c) All alarm schemes will be reviewed and practice alarms carried out at frequent intervals.

(d) Special security measures will be taken and all suspected subversive agents closely watched,or detained when circumstances justify it.

(e) It will be impressed on all ranks that enemy agents may masquerade in any disguise incl British uniforms,and that all strangers will be treated as suspect until they have established their identity.

(f) All PAD and fire fighting schemes and eqpt will be reviewed and practices held to ensure their efficacy.

(g) All ranks will be armed with their personal weapons on all occasions. Steel helmets and respirators will be carried by all ranks,except within the area of their camp or billets.

(h) All leave will be stopped but personnel on leave will NOT be recalled unless their presence with their units is urgently necessary.

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H.B. [illegible] Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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WAR DIARY

SECRET
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
19 Apr 42.

GUARDS AND SECURITY DUTIES

1. Units of 20 Aust Inf Bde will relieve units of 26 Aust Inf Bde of various permanent security guards as under :-

Serial No.	Nature of guard	Strength	Unit now supplying	New unit
1	R.A.E. Dump	1 NCO 9 ORs	2/~~23~~ 48 Aust Inf Bn	2/13 Aust Inf Bn
2	Pet dump	1 NCO 6 ORs	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2/~~15~~ 13 Aust Inf Bn
3	Water pt	3 ORs	2/48 " " "	2/~~15~~ 13 " " "
4	RAE Dump North of Oil Tks	1 NCO 3 ORs	2/23 " " "	2/13 " " "
5	Bde Rifle Range EL ABDE	1 NCO 3 ORs	2/23 " " "	2/13 " " "
6	Port Defence EL MINA	One Pl & 6 ORs	2/23 " " "	2/17 " " "
7	Train gds	1 NCO 2 ORs normally	2/23 " " "	2/13 " " "
8	Div Rifle Range	1 NCO 3 ORs	2/24 " " "	2/15 " " "

2. Units will make mutual arrangements with outgoing units to effect reliefs by 23 Apr 42, and will notify this H.Q. on completion of reliefs.

3. Outgoing units are to hand over written orders for each post, and these will be studied and strictly followed.

4. Ref serial 7. This duty will take effect as from 30 Apr 42.

5. Ref Serial 8. This gd will be provided with a verey pistol and will be responsible for Coast Watching as well as security duties on range. This H.Q. is arranging a system of comms with FF Marines and details will be notified.

t/ Hon Capt Maj.
B.M. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn
2/17 Aust Inf Bn
26 Aust Inf Bde
B.M.
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T.O.
Signals
File.

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April. MONTH
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A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

WAR DIARY

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For material required, see F.S.R. Vol 1, Sec. 174

UNIT 58 L AD.
ATT. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

OPP. 13988—25.000—30.10.41 1912/S.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
Lattakia Syria. Bouka Area.	1	All L.A.D personnel have T.A.B. & Ante-tet. injection.		
	2.	Men very sick today from result of injections Lieut Gerald (Lt. Col.) & Capt Lieut Davidson's Concert Party entertained 20 Bde H.Q, 9 Div Cav. Donkeys & 58 L AD in large factory building at Bouka Farm Bytanage.		
	3. 4	General M.T. work also Iveco carriers.		
	5.	Low truck & empty trailer taken down to Tripoli to collect our Ruston Diesel generator set.		
	6.	All L.A.D personnel do a days instruction on the Bde rifle range. Vickers, Bren & rifle. Good shooting results.		
	7.	Lack of constructional material makes progress difficult in trailer assy.		
	8	O.C went to Tripoli for angle iron & material.		
	9 10	General work satisfactory and all men busily engaged on useful work.		Weather excellent, fine warm days with cool nights. Health excellent owing it is believed due to vegetables available.

Signature [illegible] Lieut. O.M.E.
O.C. No. 58 L.A.D.

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April MONTH
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UNIT 58 L.A.D
20 Aust Inf Bde.

GPP. 13988—25.000—30.10.41 1912/S.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
Bouka Area. Lattakia Syria.	11	Supply of parts thru Div. Sec. Ord. Fd Park not satisfactory. Work held up on job.		
	12	Essential M.T. & Carrier parts are mostly obtainable thru Corps Section at Tripoli		
	13.	Warning movement order; 20 Bde to move to Tripoli area on 18.4.42. Stage one day at waterfront location 25 miles South of Tripoli. Series 1.200.000. 1671.3518.		
	14.			
	15	Battalions must have vehicles in for urgent		
	16	repairs prior to movement.		
	17	Ruston Hornsby Diesel generator set now completed & operates exceptionally well. Diesel 10 H.P driving 5KW gen. alternator.		
	18	Move out at 11.30 hrs and travel 23 miles per M.T. & thence all except drivers of vehicles walk 10 miles to staging area.		
	19	L.A.D provide own piquets in this location during parades. O.C. visited new area in Tripoli & arrange lay out etc.		

Signature J.H. Hornsby Lieut. O.M.E.
O.C. No 3 L.A.D.

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UNIT 58 L.A.D. AA. 20 Aust Inf Bde

GPP. 13988—25.000—30.10.41 1912/8.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
N. Syria. 2 Miles south Banias.	20.	All Bde H.Q again on the move at 0900 hrs. direct to Tripoli. Whole countryside is a perfect picture; blue, calm Mediterranean Sea, ripening & green crops of wheat and barley, among which are growing millions of red Flanders poppies growing togeth with blue lupins. Arrive new location at 1200 hrs.		
Tripoli	21	New area in olive grove. Map ref:- Tripoli, Series 1.200.000 164/2776. — .		
"	22.	Battery charged engine failed today & badly scored cylinder walls.		
"	23.	D.A.D.O.S. (E) visited this L.A.D today & complimented us on the construction of generator set.		
"	24.	O.C. visited Beyrouth to purchase electric cable, switch & globes for Diesel set. Sufficient for 3 L.A.D's cost £Syr 83-40.		

Signature J.H. Harrisby Lieut. Capt. O.M.E.
O.C. No. 58 L.A.D.

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April Month
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UNIT 58. L.A.D. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

GPP. 13988—26.000—30.10.41 1912/S.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration etc.)
Tripoli.	25.	Rough roads in area produce large number of broken springs & incidentally put a number of vehicles off the road.		
"	26.	All slit trenches for work area completed.		
"	27	Fourteen barrage balloons are anchored above I.P.C. (Iraq Petroleum Coy) which would form a formidable defence against dive bombing.		
"	28	Received air compressor motor and tank assy for garage trailer eqpt.		
"	29.	Valve grinds (2) big ends (1) King pins (2) steering arms (1) together with several other jobs & 2 Bren Carriers keep L.A.D personnel very fully occupied.		
"	30	Air compressor completed & running.		

Deaths; warm days cool nights. with good health among all personnel.

Signature Officiating Lieut. O.M.E.
O.C. No. 58 L.A.D.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

58 L.A.D. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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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	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUTENANT		MORRISBY A.I.	AAOC	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

58 L AD
(Unit.)

3-4-42
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

Att 20th Aust 21 Bde HQ
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

58 L AD (Unit). H-H 19 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	ONE		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	ONE		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	ONE		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	THIRTEEN		
TOTALS	SIXTEEN	• NIL	• NIL

*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.
DRAUGHTER 1	2nd Aust Inf Bde HQ		
	A.A.O.C.		

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

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

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58 L.A.D. Unit.

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

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

58 L AD
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 3-4-42

A/t 20th Aust Inf Bde HQ
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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