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2/11 Infantry Battalion
September - December 1939,
Training File

2/11 BN.

..... COY. PROGRAMME OF TRAINING.

Week ending 29 Sep 40

	MONDAY 23	TUESDAY 24	WEDNESDAY 25	THURSDAY 26	FRIDAY 27	SATURDAY 28	SUNDAY 29 Remarks	
A								
B								
C								
D								
HQ								
Rpts	Sep	Syllabus	Recruit Trng.					
				Morning Par. Parade Talk on Pte names by C.O.	Organization of a Platoon Platoon about 300 men in a ditch	B. exercise Occupation of a defensive position & Withdrawal by night. Done on a ditch with running ammunition	Anti Parades Administration	
		<u>Plato. exercise</u>		Afternoon W/T	with running ammunition explaining the uses of what's being various stages.			
			<u>Hand in Blaukt</u>	<u>PAY DAY</u>				
							O.C..... Coy. <u>Cricket + Soccer (?) v. Co. Dist</u>	

Morning. Par. Parade.
Talk by CO. on
W/T
Check for two weeks.
W/T
Afternoon Admin.
arrangement for the
exercise
of 2nd Coy
to be done

2/11 Bn. H.Q.
25 Sep 40.

TODAY'S MARCH.

Bn. Startg. Pt. 11161009.

<u>Times to pass.</u>	H.Q. Coy.	0803 hrs
	C "	0807 "
	D "	0809 "
	B "	0811 "
	A "	0813 "

Rate of March - $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in a hour.

Route. 10951015 - HUI-GAZA Rd. to fork 10651016 - 10351038 -
thence direct to Camp.

Transport will be ready loaded in Coy. areas at 0800 & will move
as a convoy under orders T.O.

Usual march formations of sections, a file will be adopted but Bn.
will march on left of rd.

(Sgd.) S. F. WOOD, Lieut.
Adj. 2/11 Bn. A.I.F.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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TO

HA HB HC HD HQ and Tpt Offr

FROM

Bn HQ

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

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conference	regarding	move	to	Kilo	89
at	Bn	truck	at	0545	hrs
25 Sep 40	⊙	all	coy	comds	and
tpt	offr	to	attend		

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

S. Wood/Lind
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX "A" to G Aus Div TPE
Instn No. 13.

2/11 Bn

Programme of Training for Week ending

29 Sep

Serial No. (a)	Date (b)	Unit or Formation (c)	Nature of Training (d)	Location (e)	Approx Time to Start (f)	Approx Time to Finish (g)	Remarks (h)
1	23 Sep	2/11 Bn	(i) Bn Parade. Address by CO. in w/ Discipline (b) Counts. Sentences (c) Tommies Be here (ii) W/T - Camp - preparation for the course Bde exercise				
2	24/25	2/11 Bn					
3	26	2/11 Bn	(iii) Discussion of Bde exercise (iv) W/T				
4	27	2/11 Bn	Organisation of a Bn attack done as a drill with morning exploration to the troops of road - happening		Morning		Behind Bde HQ. working towards the sea.
5	28	2/11 Bn	Disposition of defensive position and withdrawal by night done as a drill with explanation to the troops.		Afternoon - evening		Location not yet selected.

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2/11 Bn. H.Q.
HADERA
13. Sep. 40.

Move of 2/11 Bn. from HADERA REST CAMP 14. Sep. 40.

1. Reveille 0600 hrs. Packkits etc.
2. Breakfast 0715 hrs.
3. 0830 hrs. Embus - Column be drawn up facing East with the tail near the Cafe.
Order of Embussing
First 5 Rfts.
Next 7 H.Q. & 4 for each Rifle Coy.
"D" (13-16) "C" (17-20) "B" (21-24) Bde. H.Q. (25).
No. 26 Spare & 27-30 "A" Coy.
-- Embussing Officer - Lt. Greenway.
O.C. Column. Maj. Heagney who will travel in the leading bus.
Capt. Norris will travel in the spare bus which will be used to transfer personnel in the event of a breakdown.
"A" Coy. will move with the Sarafand Convoy containing camp stores
The bus convoy will move via Lydda & be followed by convoy for Sarafand at 15 mins. interval.
4. Bn. Transport moves as follows:
C.O. van incl. Q.M.'s P.U. with Sarafand convoy, balance incl. two trucks with A.C.F. gear & trucks loaded with Bn. stores under orders of T.O.
Bn. Transport to be marshalled on Hadera Rd. East of Main Camp, will move when ready but not later than 0830 hrs.
5. Latrine. Party from A Coy. will dismantle screens at 0800 hrs. & Q.M. will arrange to pick up screens & buckets when cleaned by native sweepers & transport to Sarafand with convoy.
6. R.A.P. 1/30 cwt. (from Q.M.) Band instruments etc.
Bn. H.Q. 1/30 cwt. (Bren Guns & Bn. H.Q. gear)
1/Native Truck Coy. cooking gear - will call at coy. areas at between 0730 & 0745 hrs.
1/ " " Q.M.'s gear & remainder of cooking gear.
P.U. ---- Spare. --
2 Utilities
/Water Cart T.O. & mechanics.
7. A/A Guard dismounts at 0800 hrs (H.Q. will do this duty on Sat.) All Kits & bedrolls also off. valises will be taken on the buses.
8. Duties on arrival in Kilo 89.
"D" Coy. Bn. Gd. at 1900 hrs.
Rfts. - Draw Bren Guns & mount the A/A Guard.
"A" Coy. will mount all Bn. duties on Sun. night at 1900 hrs.
9. "A" Coy. will arrange with Q.M. for the Midday meal to be taken with them to Sarafand. They will retain 4 buses to bring them on to Kilo 89 after unloading at Sarafand.
10. Comfort Fund Stores. to be delivered at Bde. - Lt. T.C. Bedells to hand over on reaching Bde. - He will travel with the trucks & check stores on handing over.

DIST: L ist A.

S.F. Wood Lieut.
Adj. 2/11 Bn. A.I.F.

C O P Y

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 1st MILITARY DISTRICT

D.C.R. W.241/4/33

Victoria Barracks,
BRISBANE.

Quote 9027

23 Oct. 39.

A I R M A I L

H.Q., 4 M.D.
" 5 M.D.
" 6 M.D.

TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS 6TH DIVISION -
NORTHERN COMMAND

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At the request of Brigadier L. J. Moorshead, C.M.G.,
D.S.O., E.D., I am forwarding the attached copy of instruc-
tions issued in this Command in regard to the training of
6th Division. The request was received by telegram which
reads as follows:-

"Brigadier Moorshead desires your
training instructions six division
be sent air mail fourth fifth sixth
Districts to ensure Infantry units
train on common basis."

(Sgd.) H. D. Wynter. Major-General,
Commanding Northern Command.

TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS 6th DIVISION -
NORTHERN COMMAND

1. General: The short period that units remain in this District, the incidence of medical examinations, dental treatment and the administrative arrangements connected with the reception of recruits and the embodiment of units will, to a large extent, restrict the training that can be undertaken to rifle training, drill and march discipline, with the exception that the A.A.M.C. personnel will undertake a limited amount of specialist training.

2. The period of training will be divided into two parts - that before embodiment of units and that subsequent.

3. During the first period, training will be carried out under the direct supervision of Headquarters Recruit Reception Depot, by Militia officers called up and allotted for this duty. Subsequent to embodiment direct supervision will be exercised by the C.O. of the unit or the senior officer of the sub-unit as the case may be. Headquarters Reception Depot will, however, continue to exercise general control.

4. Each day route marching will be practised by platoons commencing with a 20 minute march, increasing daily by five until an hour's march is attained. After the end of the first week two periods of doubling, not exceeding five minutes each will be introduced during each march. The route marching period will, as far as practicable, be the last for the day's training, and on return to lines, the men's feet will be washed and inspected immediately by an officer. The points of march discipline will be observed, and except for very brief periods marching will be "at attention."

After the embodiment of units training in march discipline will be extended.

5. Owing to the circumstances enumerated in para. 1, a comprehensive training syllabus cannot be prepared.

Os.C. training companies during the first period and Os.C. units or sub-units after embodiment will prepare a programme one day in advance. The sequence of subjects in the attached syllabus will be adhered to.

6. Lectures on the following subjects will be given, interspersed as may be found convenient:-

Discipline
Hygiene
Interior Economy

7. In the arrangement of rifle practices, arms other than infantry will be practised first. In this regard the first consideration will be that recruits of arms other than infantry will complete all their weapon training including firing of rifle. It is not so necessary for recruits of infantry battalions to fire Courses as this will form part of the training of battalions later.

8. Arrangements for use of the Rifle Range at Enoggera will be made as required by Headquarters Recruit Reception Depot acting in conjunction with Headquarters 7th Infantry Brigade. Transport required for this purpose will be arranged in conjunction with Command Headquarters.

C O P Y

FIRST PERIOD

DRILL

3/4 HOUR PERIODS

D.1	M.E.D.	Secs. 5 to 72, 27, 73, 74.
D.2	"	" 13 to 17, 74.
D.3	"	" 32 to 39. - <u>Out in 3 ranks and</u>
D.4	"	" 42 to 47, 68, 75.
D.5	"	" 48 to 49, 52, 53, 54.
D.6	"	" 50, 51, 55 to 58.
D.7	"	" 59 to 66.
D.8	"	" 67, 87, 88, 90, 92.

Note - (i) Units not armed with bayonets will omit lessons connected therewith.

(ii) Medical personnel will omit all arms drill.

Saluting with a sword.

- Dismissing units arms.

Saluting

C O P Y

FIRST PERIOD

RIFLE TRAINING

PERSONNEL ARMED WITH RIFLE

PERIODS 3/4 HOUR EACH

S.A.T. Vol. I Pamphlet 13

- R.T. 1 General note p. 5 Lessons 1 and 2 ✓
- R.T. 2 " 3 to 5 ✓ *Went to 1000 only*
- R.T. 3 " 6 and 7 ✓
- R.T. 4 " 8 " 9 ✓
- R.T. 5 " 10, 11, 12. ✓
- R.T. 6 " 13 and 14 ✓
- R.T. 7 " 15 " 16 ✓
- R.T. 8 " 17 " 18 ✓
- R.T. 9 " 19 ✓
- R.T. 10 " 20, 21 and 22 ✓
- R.T. 11 " 23
- R.T. 12 " 24
- R.T. 13 T.O.E.T. p. 68 et seq 1½ hours
- R.T. 14 Rifle practices S.A.T. Vol. I Pamphlet 14, Table "B", Part I - as far as may be practicable in time available.

RIFLE TRAINING BAYONET - PERSONNEL ARMED WITH BAYONET ONLY

S.A.T. Vol. I Pamphlet 12

- R.T.(B) 1 Lessons 1 - 2
- R.T.(B) 2 " 3 - 4
- R.T.(B) 3 " 1 - 5

Bayonet training will be carried out between periods of rifle training as is found practicable.

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SECOND PERIOD

DRILL

Section, platoon, company drill, or the equivalent foot drill according to arm of service.

Rifle Training

Rifle Course: Personnel who completed the first period of training, in the case of those armed with rifle, will fire Table "B", except that arms other than Infantry will fire only Table "B", Part I.

Personnel enlisted from the Militia who have previously qualified in Table "A" Part II will be exempted from Table "B" Part I.

Any practices fired during the first period will not be repeated in the second period.

During the periods whilst arms other than Infantry are engaged in firing courses, training of Infantry will be:-

<u>Application of Fire</u>	<u>S.A.T. Vol.I Pamphlet No.2</u>
Visual training	Sec. 1
Recognition	" 2
Judging distance	" 3
Fire control orders	" 4
<u>Section Training</u>	<u>Infantry Section leading</u>
Organisation, weapons, etc.	Chap. III
Fire	" IV
Use of ground and formations	" V

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ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Ambulance Drill	R.A.M.C.	Trg.	Chap.	VI
Stretcher exercises	"	"	"	VII
Anatomy & Physiology	"	"	"	XXIII
<u>First Aid -</u>				
Bandages and bandaging	"	"	"	XXIV
Wounds and their treatment	"	"	"	XXV
Antiseptics and asepsis	"	"	"	XXVI
Dressing and healing of wounds	"	"	"	XXVII
Bleeding or haemorrhage	"	"	"	XXIX
Fractures and their treatment	"	"	"	XXX
Sprains and dislocations	"	"	"	XXXI
Burns and scalds	"	"	"	XXXII
Artificial respiration - drowning	"	"	"	XXXIV
Suffocation and electric shock	"	"	"	XXXVII

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 3rd MILITARY DISTRICT.

W. 241/4/39.

Headquarters,
6th Division,
441 St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE. S.C.2.

23rd October, 1939.

Recd.
30 Oct. 39.

Headquarters, Northern Command.
Headquarters, Eastern Command.
Headquarters, Southern Command.
Headquarters, Western Command.

TRAINING 2nd A.I.F. IN THE PERIOD PRIOR TO
CONCENTRATION.

1. Although this Headquarters has been made responsible for training 2nd A.I.F., it will be readily appreciated that many difficulties can only be overcome by the assistance of Commands in which units are raised. This applies particularly in the period prior to concentration in Eastern and Southern Commands, and to signal Sections, troops of the Divisional reconnaissance regiment detachments of A.A.S.C., etc., which are separated from their units.

2. The two chief problems are :-

(a) The provision of instructors.

(b) The provision of training equipment.

As regards instructors, it is realized that the officers selected will not be able to give expert instruction in all the subjects laid down in the individual training period, and the attachment of some A.I.C. personnel is essential. The question of equipment will be a difficulty, principally in Northern and Western Commands, and 4th and 6th M.D.s since war equipment will only be issued in Eastern Command and 3rd M.D. Further, since no M.T. has yet been acquired for 2nd A.I.F. the allotment of some vehicles for training of drivers and crew drill (Div. recon. regt.) is most desirable.

3. The G.O.C., 2nd A.I.F., would accordingly be grateful if H.Q. Commands would give such assistance as is within their power in relation to the matters referred to in para. 2 above. An instruction will shortly be issued which will indicate the nature of the training to be carried out up to 30th November.

(Sgd.) S. F. ROWELL Lt.-Col.
General Staff 6th Division.

G.O.C.
GENERAL STAFF
A.A. & Q.M.G.
D.A.D.O.S.
D.A.Q.M.G.
D.A.A.G.
Lt.-Col. Louch.

Australian Military Forces—2nd Military District.

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Victoria Barracks,
Paddington, N.S.W.

H.Q. 18 Inf.Bde.
1st November, 1939.

2/9 Bn

2/10 "

2/11 "

2/12 "

TRAINING CIRCULAR NO.1INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAINING TO 31st DEC., 1939.1. GENERAL.

Up to the end of November the objective will be the attainment of a high-standard of proficiency in rifle training by all ranks.

Physical training, route marching and drill will be undertaken to ensure progressive "hardening" in all ranks with the facilities at hand and sufficient close order drill as will produce soldier-like bearing in all ranks. It must be remembered that a high-standard of drill goes far in developing "esprit de Corps".

2. ORGANISATION.

Battalions will be organised as soon as they are embodied in accordance with the War establishment. This will facilitate administrative training and the interior economy of each sub-unit. Individuals will be allotted to the various sub-units on a permanent basis at the outset.

3. Since recruiting is open to members of the Permanent Force, Militia Forces and personnel who have had little or no training there will be considerable divergence between the standards of the respective personnel at the outset. For those who have had little or no previous training recruit training will be undertaken progressively. Those with previous service who have obviously already passed the recruit standard are not to be called upon to repeat recruit training, but will be formed into a training cadre and trained on an advanced syllabus with a view to their selection for specialist training or to become non-commissioned officers.

4. AIR DEFENCE.

Having in mind the great importance in modern warfare of concealment from air observation and protection against air attack, these subjects should be introduced into the syllabus of training at an early stage by means of lecturettes and simple demonstrations. The elementary matters of protection such as the use of shade, refraining from looking up at the aircraft etc. should be so impressed upon the soldier at the commencement of his services that they are adopted automatically.

5. DEFENCES AGAINST GAS.

Until respirators are available preliminary instruction in the form of lectures on the various gases will be undertaken. Until the end of December training will be limited to individual protective measures.

6. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

Specialist training will commence on the 1st December by which date it is anticipated sufficient training equipment will be available if the war-outfit of units has not been issued by then. During this period personnel of rifle

6. SPECIALIST TRAINING. (CONTD)

companies will be trained in digging and erection of obstacles, field craft, packing and loading of vehicles, and for those armed with the revolver, the specified revolver course. The training of intelligence-section personnel, orderlies and stretcher bearers will be commenced at this stage also.

7. TRAINING OF OFFICERS.

During the month of November the Battalion Commanders will train their Company Commanders in the handling of the company in the field. During December the training of platoon Commanders (including N.C.O.S.) will be undertaken.

8. MAP READING.

All ranks are to be trained from the outset in map reading including the use of the compass and direction finding by the sun and stars, the writing of messages and communication of information and messages verbally

9. TRAINING BY NIGHT.

Training by night will be commenced as soon as sub-units are formed and will be progressively followed until all ranks have acquired "night sense".

10. TRAINING OF BATTALION H.Q.

During December the Unit H.Q. will be exercised in field duties.

11. SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

C.O.S. will forward a copy of their Syllabus of training up to 31 December to reach District H.Q. by 10 December.

early as practicable *M. S. D. a*

J. P. Dawson
Major
B.M. 18 Inf. Bde.

**The Lord Mayor's Patriotic & War Fund
of New South Wales**

6/0 2/11 In.

26/10/10

Reasons for evacuation to camp from Sydney Excise

Rank	Name	S.F.F.	Blebs	Infections	Hawthornick	Scorpion
Lt	Dawling H			1		
Lt	Darves D	1				
Lt	Mc Robbie C			1		
Mt	Shelley		1			
	Lynch	1				
Lt	Shorn	1				
Lt	Mc Lennan			1		
Mt	Dewers	1				
	Allen	A	1			
	Jardine		1	1		
	O'hill P	1				
	Anderson	1				
	Tampson		1			D
Lt	Bayle		1			
Mt	White		1			
	Logan		1			
	Shelley		1			
	Finley	B 1				
	Waddell		1			
	Flanagan		1			
Lt	Harman	1				
	Bohler		1			
	Stair	C				1
	Rehge	D 1				1

**The Lord Mayor's Patriotic & War Fund
of New South Wales**

Name	S.F.C.	Blisters	Infections	Haemur	Scarf bite	Appendicitis
Sgt Passmore						1
Lt Morrison	1					
Lt Hall	1					
Booth	1					
Thompson	D	1				
Robinson		1				
Redick		1				
Hancock		1				
32	12	15	3	1	1	1
Total evacuated	S.F.C.	Blisters	Infections	Haemur	Scarf bite	Appendicitis
32	12	15	3	1	1	1
Disposal	2/1404	Thompson	Haemorrhoids			
		Passmore	appendicitis			
		O'Neil	S.F.C.			
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX "A" to 6 Aust Div Trg
Instn No. 13.

Programme of Training for Week ending Sun 29 Oct 1940

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/	Oct 21	2/11 Pm	Gas & weapon Ing.	camp area			
	Oct 22	—	Brigade exercise	unknown	—	—	—
	- 25						
	26	—	Organised games	camp area			

~~R. H. ...~~
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PROGRAMME SIGNAL PL. EXERCISE

14/10/40 - 18/10/40.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Kilo 89		0800	14.10.40	
via Beersheba to				
Kilo 68	1100	1300	"	Lunch
Hebron				
Bethlehem				
Jerusalem				
Ramallah	1700		")	Ist Biv. Site
"		0800	15.10.40)	
Nablus				
Jenin				
Nazarath	1200	1400	")	Lunch
"				
Haifa				
Atlit	1700		")	
		1600	16.10.40)	2nd Biv. Site
Hadera Beach	1700		")	
		0800	1800)	3rd Biv. Site
Kilo. 89.	1200			

2/11 Bn. H.Q.
KILO 89, L4
8. Oct. 40.

Copy of 19 Aust Inf Bde. communication of 7 Oct. 40.

COMMENTS ON BRIGADE EXERCISE - 1/4 OCT 40.

1. I am to say that the Brigade Commander is pleased with the progress made by units during the series of Bde exercises just concluded. Substantial progress has been made in the direction of preparedness for war, but certain weaknesses have been exposed which require energetic action on the part of Commanders.

2. The gravest weaknesses noted were:-

- (a) Inability of junior leaders to use ground.
- (b) A fanatical adherence on the part of some to linear formations.
- (c) Failure to put all ranks "into the picture".

I am to say that junior leaders who continue to exhibit these faults are to be considered as unfit to lead in war and I am to request that necessary action be taken by C.Os to ensure that these errors are corrected without delay.

3. As was anticipated, loss of direction and control were the major difficulties encountered during night operations. This will always be so and units will be well advised to adopt formations which will enable touch to be maintained. Reserve Coys must be kept closed up and in touch with attacking Coys. Contact with flanking units must be maintained. Adherence to timings is also of great importance. During the dawn attack on the WADI HESI position, a coy of one unit was held back to enable it to make contact with the coy on its flank prior to moving on to the final objective. This resulted in one bn attacking alone, and in battle this might well have been disastrous. The fact that bns are units in a team must be remembered.

4. The methods of moving bn and coy H.Q.'s leaves room for criticism. During battle, particularly during the early stages, a forward position of comds is usually desirable. This enables early recon to be done and ensures contact with comds of forward sub units. Generally H.Q.'s were too far back and therefore ill informed of the situation in front. Vehicles are provided to make comds mobile. They should be used for this purpose.

(Sgd.) R. K. ANDERSON, Maj.

B.M. 19 Aust Inf Bde.

2/11 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX "A" to 6 Aus Div Trg
Inst. No. 13.
20 Oct 1948.

Programme of Training for Week ending -----

Serial No. (a)	Date (b)	Unit or Formation (c)	Nature of Training (d)	Location (e)	Approx Time to Start (f)	Approx Time to Finish (g)	Remarks (h)
	14 Oct	2/11 Bn	Drifting of reinforcements camp				
	15 Oct	"	Testing of gas equipment				
	16 Oct	"	March to gaza Beach gaza beach				
	17/18	"	S.O.E.S. weapon training				
	19	"	W/S and organised games				

Robertson
Commanding 2/11 Bn.

2/11 BN.

Administrative arrangements for Bde. exercise 1-4 Oct. 40.

1. Carrier Det. 1 Carrier and 3 15-cwt trucks (2 representing carriers) will leave Camp at 1400 hrs 1 Oct. and proceed to vicinity X rds. 3 miles East of HUI. A man who can cook, cooking gear and rations for 30 people will be taken and supper 1 Oct. and breakfast 2 Oct. will be cooked there. After breakfast cook and cooking gear will go to vicinity AL FALUJA and prepare lunch and evening meal 2 Oct. and breakfast 3 Oct. After breakfast 3 Oct. cooking truck will go to GRIEVE'S BRIDGE and Carrier Det. will rejoin H.Q. Coy. for rations. C.O., Major Sandover and their drivers will be rationed by Carrier Det.

2. B Coy. with 5 - 30 cwt. trucks, wiring stores & cooking gear will leave Camp 0700 hrs. 2 Oct. and proceed via AL FALUJA to Wadi HESI at TALL AS SUAAP. They will complete wiring of their front by 1300 hrs. Cooks and transport lines will be established under cover at least one mile away to the flank towards Bureir. Lunch will be eaten and cooks truck clear by 1400 hrs. Evening meal will be brought up and eaten after dark. Breakfast on 3 Oct. will be brought up and eaten after dawn attack on Wadi HESI has passed through - approx. 0730 hrs. Wire will be taken down and B Coy. will return to Camp by 1200 hrs. 3 Oct. travelling by BUREIR and NOT through AL FALUJA.

3. Bn. (less B Coy, Rftnts, Carrier party, personnel travelling on tspt. and Range party at Jaffa Ranges) will embus at 0900 hrs. on 3 Oct. on road between 8 and 11 Bns. Head of column at Bn. H.Q. facing WEST - O.C. Column Capt. Horley. Embussing Officer - Lt. G.E. Royce. Route via JULIS and QASTINA. Debussing point 500 yds. North of JUSEIR.

O'Gps. report Juseir 0900 hrs. 3 Oct.
Tspt. follows Bns. column halting with head at GRIEVE'S Bridge.

Allotment of transport. see separate sheet.

Cooking for all Coys. will be done in WADI at GRIEVE'S BRIDGE.
Fighting vehicles will be under order of Coys.

Meal arrangements. Lunch 3 Oct. Vehicles clear by 1400 hrs.
Supper 3 Oct. Served after dark to forward troops.

Breakfast 3 Oct. Served before light to troops in exposed positions.
Lunch at QASTINA.

4. Water. WATER
Arrangements as for last exercise but worked with our own trucks.

5. Dress.
As for last exercise except that a small white card will be worn in hat bands at the back by day and caps F.S. will be carried and worn at night by patrols etc.

(Sgd.) S. F. WOOD

Kilo 89
1 Oct 40.
DIST: List A.

Lieut.
Adj. 2/11 Bn. A.I.F.

Transports Allotment

B
BDE Exercise 1 - 3 Oct 1940

SERIAL	UNIT	VEHICLES	TIME TO START	TIME TO FINISH	REMARKS
1	Range Party	2 30 cwts	Tuesday as ordered	Friday on completion of practice	
2	Enemy and Umpires Stage 1 C.O. carriers 2 i c B Coy	1 car 1 12 cwt 3 15 cwt Morris 5 30 cwt Trucks	As ordered Tuesday 1400 do Wednesday 0630	P.M. Friday on completion of Exercise 1200 hrs Thursday	To be reissued to other Coy as soon as available.
3	Enemy Stage 11 Rifle Coys. H.Q. Coy. Signals A.A. Mortars Pioneers M.O. Bn H.Q. Water Cart H.Q. Q M S Coy	15 .. 15cwts 1 .. p U. 1 .. 15 cwt 1 .. P.U. 2 .. 15 cwts 2 .. 15cwts 1 .. 15 cwts 1 .. 15 cwts 1 .. 15cwts 1 .. 15 cwts 1 .. 15 cwts	Thursday ⁰⁹⁰⁰ 0700hrs	Friday P. M. on completion of exercise	5 30 cwt trucks from B Coy to be allotted as follows 1 M.O. 4 A C D HQ Coys 5 15 cwts will then be allotted A.A. 2. QMI TO Spares 2.
4	Q M. T.O. Petrol	1 15 cwt Morris 1 utility 2 Utilities	As required		

FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS.

	Camp	Jaffa Ranges	Bush
Monday 30		Nil.	Nil. <i>Cook</i> <i>man of JOSEIR.</i>
Tuesday 1 st Oct	B L T <u>Everybody</u> Bn (less A, B & Range Party) Bn. (less carriers)	- A & B (haversack) L - Range Party T - do.	- - Carriers (Enemy plus umpire etc.)
Wed. 2 nd Oct	B L T 4 Coys. & H.Q. (less) Rfts. Rfts A Coy. Rfts H.Q. (less) A, C, D Rfts H.Q. (Less)	Range Party do + C & D (haversack) Range Party	Carriers. B Coy + carriers do.
Thurs. 3 rd Oct	B L T 4 Coys A, C, D Rfts & H.Q. (less B Coy. & Camp Staff do.	Range Party Rfts. (plus att. instructors) & Range Party do.	B Coy & carriers A, C, D & H.Q. do.
Fri. 4 th Oct	do. do.	do. do.	do. do.
	S The whole bloody lot	NIL.	Nil.
Sat. 5 th Oct.	do.	NIL.	NIL.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX "A" to 6 Aus Div Trg
Instn No. 13.
13 Oct 40

2/11 Bn Programme of Training for Week ending -----

Serial No. (a)	Date (b)	Unit or Formation (c)	Nature of Training (d)	Location (e)	Approx Time to Start (f)	Approx Time to Finish (g)	Remarks (h)
(1)		2/11 Bn	Bde Duty Bn				
(2)	7 Oct		W/T "	Camp			
	8 9 Oct		Bde Exercise canoe leave.				
	9/10/11 Oct 10 Oct		leave (Jerusalem - Tel Aviv)				
	10 Oct		W/T " TOETS				
	11 Oct		route march to Gaza Beach	Camp Gaza Beach			
	12 Oct		Bn 40 Exercise winding - gas training				

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map for C.O. 2/11 Bn

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	30 Sep	2/11 Bn	W/T etc. - Camp	Camp			
	1 Oct	}	JAFFA RANGES + W/T etc. - Camp	JAFFA RANGES			
	4 Oct						
	3 Oct	}	Bde Exercises	NOT KNOWN			
	4 Oct						
	5 Oct		W/T etc. - Camp	Camp			

John
W/T etc.
A.I.F.

23 Sep 40.

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Date 30 NOV 1939

2/9 Bn.
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TRAINING OF M.F. DRIVERS
IN DRIVING & MAINTENANCE.

1. The question of conversion of infantry 1st line transport from a horsed to a mechanical basis is now under consideration by higher authority and, in order to meet the situation should conversion be decided on, it is essential for us to take stock of the resources at present available in units.

2. With this in view, it is desired that an estimate be furnished of men in each battalion with some experience in driving M.F. vehicles. When these numbers are known, it will be possible to determine the nature and extent of any courses in driving and maintenance which it may be found necessary to conduct.

3. For your information the approximate number of M.F. drivers required in a battalion with mechanised transport is 80.

C. D. Davis
 Maj.
 H.Q. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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Copy: 2/11 Bn. ✓
 S.S. Katoomba
 C/- H.Q. 4 Military District.
Adelaide.

2/11 Bn A.I.F.
12. Dec. 39.

H. Q. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Training of M.T.drivers. Your 26/5/2.

When selecting personnel for transport only those were accepted who said that they were familiar with horses and could also drive motor vehicles. So far there has been no opportunity for testing these men out either as horse or M.T.drivers. On the information supplied by the men themselves this Bn. should be able to meet the demand for 80 drivers M.T.

I have already suggested to the Brigade Transport Officer that the present time would be a good opportunity for testing out the skill of the prospective M.T. drivers, and I would ask that a motor truck be made available to the Bn. for that purpose. If necessary the A. S. C. driver of the truck could sit alongside the person doing the actual driving in examination.

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Lt.-Col.

Commanding 2/11 Bn.A.I.F.

Ans
18. Inf. Pde.

No T/20

2/11 Pm.
12 Dec. 35.

Training.

I discussed with B.M. yesterday the question of training potential N.C.O.s but there was one very important point I wanted to mention:

We got an issue of text books from Army HQ but there were no copies of:

- (1) S.A.T. Pam. 2 Application of Fire
- (2) SAT Pam. 3 Rifle
- (3) SAT Pam. 12 Bayonet
- (4) SAT Pam. 13 Grenade
- (5) SAT Pam. 7 Pt. II Training (M.C.)
- (6) Field Engineering Vol. 1
- (7) Signal Training
- (8) Infantry Training
- (9) Infantry Section Leadership
- (10) R.A.M.C. Training.

Officers who had these manuals handed them in to their Militia Units, so we have no copies of these essential text books in the unit.

This of course adds to the difficulty of running N.C.O. classes.

Rifle. Were you able to borrow 20 rifles from the local Militia (and some o.a.a. & 30" targets) so that we could try ourselves out on the local 30" range? This would vary the monotony of training without equipment.

Shaw
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2/11 Pm.

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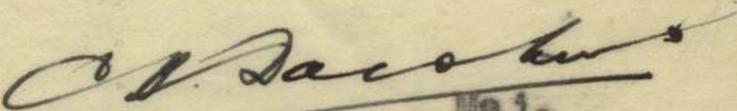
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2/9 BN.
2/10 BN.
~~2/11 BN.~~
2/12 BN.

TRAINING SYLLABUS TO 30 NOV..

For many reasons over which units have no control it is realised that the programme of training set down for the month of November cannot be realised. Please advise by air mail of the standard which it is expected your unit will have reached in each of the subjects of training by 30 Nov..


Maj.
B.M. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,
6th Division,
441 St Kilda Rd.
MELBOURNE. S.C.2.

18th November, 1939.

6 Aus. Div. Recce Regt.
R.A.A. 6 Aus. Div (5)
R.A.E. 6 Aus. Div (5)
Sigs 6 Aus. Div
16 Aus. Inf. Bde (5)
17 " " " (5)
18 " " " (5)
A.S.C. 6 Aus. Div (5)
A.D.M.S. (2)
D.A.D.C.S. (2)
D.A.D.V.S. (2)
D.A.F.M. (2)
Sigs. Aus. Corps
2/1A Fd Wkshep.

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AMENDMENT TO
6 AUS. DIV. CIRCULAR G 14.

The following additions are to be made immediately
after detail for 6th Australian Divisional Signals -

16th Australian Infantry Brigade	16 Aus. Inf. Bde.
17th Australian Infantry Brigade	17 Aus. Inf. Bde.
18th Australian Infantry Brigade	18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

A. G. Callaway

Colonel.
C. S. 6 Aus. Div.

2/11 Bw

by

25 NOV 1939

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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2/1A Fd. 'k'shcp.

Headquarters,
6th Division,
441 St Kilda Rd.
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15th November, 1939.

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6 DIV. CIRCULAR G.14.

ABBREVIATED TITLES AND DISTINGUISHING LETTERS.

The following abbreviated titles and distinguishing letters will be taken into use forthwith:-

(a) Headquarters, Formations and Units.

6th Australian Division	6 Aus.Div.
6th Australian Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment	6 Aus.Div.Recce Regt.
6th Australian Divisional Artillery	R.A.A. 6 Aus Div
2nd/1st (2nd/2nd etc) Australian Field Regiment	2/1 (2/2 etc) Fd Regt.
6th Australian Divisional Engineers	R.A.E. 6 Aus Div
2nd/1st Australian Field Park Company	2/1 Fd Pk Coy.
2nd/1st (2nd/2nd etc) Australian Field Company	2/1 (2/2 etc) Fd. Coy.
6th Australian Divisional Signals	Sigs. 6 Aus Div
2nd/1st (2nd/2nd etc) Australian Battalion	2/1 (2/2 etc) Bn
6th Australian Divisional Army Service Corps	A.S.C. 6 Aus Div.
6th Australian Divisional Supply Column	6 Aus Div Sup: Col.
6th Australian Divisional Ammunition Company	6 Aus Div Amn Coy.
6th Australian Divisional Petrol Company	6 Aus Div Pet Coy.

2/11 Bn

2nd/1st (2nd/2nd etc) Australian
Field Ambulance

2/1 (2/2 etc) Fd Amb.

2nd/1st Australian Hygiene
Section

2/1 Fd. Hyg. Sec.

6th Australian Mobile Veterinary
Section

6 Mob. Vet. Sec.

6th Australian Provost Company

6 Aus. Pro. Coy.

Australian Corps Signals

Sigs. Aus. Corps.

6th Australian Divisional
Ammunition Sub-Park

6 Aus. Div. Amn.Sub. Pk.

1st (2nd) Australian General
Hospital

1(2) Aus. Gen. Hosp.

2nd/1st Australian Casualty Clearing
Station

2/1 C.C.S.

2nd/1st Australian Army Field
Workshop

2/1 A. Fd. Wkshop

2. Abbreviated titles and distinguishing letters for staffs and Services will be those laid down in F.S.P.B. Pamphlet No. 2. which will shortly be issued to all concerned.

S. J. Howell

Colonel.
G.S. 6 Aus. Div.

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REPLY PLEASE REFER ABOVE NUMBER

No. 35065.

14th October, 1939

N. Comd.
E. Comd.
S. Comd.
W. Comd.
6 Div.
7 H.D.
13 Hy. Bty.
New Guinea Volunteer Rifles.
R.M.C., C. & S.S., C.T.D., S. of A.,
S.A.S., S. of Eng., S. of Sigs.

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M.L.O. (London).

2ND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE - MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL.

With reference to paragraph 13 of Defence memo. 30625 of 20th September, I am commanded by the Military Board to inform you that the following arrangements are approved in respect of the employment of personnel for Maintenance of the 2nd Australian Imperial Force:-

(a) It is not proposed to raise Special Home Service Units for the purpose.

(b) Approval has already been given for the following:-

(i) Filling appointments on the Headquarters District Command and Services war establishments to the extent required to meet existing situation and future expansion. (Telegram A.2617 of 20th September).

(ii) Establishment of Area Organization and District Records to degree necessary to meet requirements in each District (Defence memo. 30625 of 20th September).

(iii) Utilization of services of militia officers and other ranks for training and administration of quota without previous service as from 20th October. (Telegram A.3083 of 10th October). While carrying out these duties such personnel will be attached to Recruit Reception Depots and the period may count as portion of the training referred to in para. 3 of attachment to Defence memo. 33103 of 6th October.

(c) It is intended that Recruit Reception Depots, which are to be formed in accordance with Defence memo. 30755 of 21st September, will be closed as soon as possible after the commencement of



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enlistment of the Militia quotas on 3rd November, after which the functions of the Depots will be performed by the various units of the 2nd Australian Imperial Force.

In this connection it is ~~not~~ at present proposed to enlist other than First Reinforcements of which your quota has not yet been determined.

The basis for the organization of Recruit Reception Depots is contained in para. 70 of "Overseas Plan 401" which should be adapted to meet existing circumstances.

- (d) The Area Organization, District Records Offices and Recruit Reception Depots are portion of the War Establishments of District Command Services and the war system of administration is to be applied to them accordingly (except in the case of militia temporarily assisting as in (b)(iii)).

C. P. Doffman

Secretary to the Military Board.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

By Lt.-Col. T.S. Louch M.C.

Commanding 2/11 Battalion A.I.F.

Monday 20th. November 1939.

0600 - 0630	March and P.T.
0830 - 0900	Squad drill in threes, M.T. Pamph.18 Sections 2 & 7
0900 - 0930	S.A.T. Vol.1 Para.3 Lesson 1. Mechanism and trigger pressing. Recapitulation.
0930 - 1000	Squad drill in threes. M.T. Pamph.18 Sections 2 & 7
1000 - 1030	M.E.D. 43 - 47 & 61. Recapitulation.
1030 - 1100	S.A.T. Vol.1 Pamph 2 Sec.1 Lessons 1,2 & 4 Recapit.
1100 - 1130	M.E.D. 55,58 & 68. Recapitulation
1130 - 1200	March and PLT.
1400 - 1430	M.E.D. 48,49, 52,54. Recapitulation.
1430 - 1500	} March and swimming parade. Foot inspection.
1500 - 1530	
1530 - 1600	
1600 - 1630	
1630 - 1700	Lecture by R.M.O. to Coys. on V.D. Time table for lecture will be notified later.

Tuesday 21st. November 1939.

0600 - 0630	March and P.T.
0830 - 0900	Squad drill in threes and rifle exercises - repitit
0900 - 0930	} Aiming instruction. S.A.T. Pamph.3 Less. 6 & 8 ion,
0930 - 1000	
1000 - 1030	Piling and unpling arms in three ranks. M.T. pamph. 18 p.4 and M.E.D. 67.
1030 - 1100	J.D. Recapitulation. S.A.T. Pamph.1 Less.1,2,&4.
1100 - 1130	Piling and unpling arms. Recapitulation and
1130 - 1200	Lecture on March Discipline M.E.D.Secs.87,88,90 & 92
Afternoon	March and P.T.
be	Inoculation. Time table will be published in Routine Orders prior to the time for inoculation Coys will carry out squad drill etc. in the vicinity of the Inoculation Hut, so that men can be kept busy right up to the time when they are required to report.
	<i>After inoculation men will be down for half an hour in their Huts.</i>

Wednesday 22nd. November 1939.

0600 - 0630	Short march. Saluting without rifle.
0830 - 0900	Squad drill in threes and rifle exercises.
0900 - 0930	} Issue and fitting of web equipment.
0930 - 1000	
1000 - 1030	Fixing and unfixing bayonets. M.T. Pamph.18 Sec.3.
1030 - 1100	Recognition of easy targets. S.A.T. Pamph.2 Less.5
1100 - 1130	Fixing and unfixing bayonets Recapitulation, and
1130 - 1200	Lecture on Saluting.
1400 - 1430	Bayonet Training S.A.T. Pamph.12 Less.1 Recapitulation
1430 - 1500	Bayonet training SA.T Pamph.12 Less.2 Pointing.
1500 - 1530	} Rifle training, loading & unloading, S.A.T. Pamph. XX
1530 - 1600	
1630 - 1700	
	Recapitulation. <i>Lesson 3</i>
	March, swimming parade and foot inspection.

Training Syllabus. Cont'd.

Thursday 23rd. November 1939.

0600 - 0630	March and P.T.	
0830 - 0900	Company Parades (10 mins.) drill in threes and fifle	exercises /
0900 - 0945	Aiming at ground, Elementary aiming off for wind.	/
	S.A.T. Pamph. 3 Lessons 8 and 9.	/
0945 - 1030	Rifle exercises M.E.D. secs. 59 - 66.	/
1030 - 1115	J.D. S.A.T. Pamph. 2 Less. 7, 8, & 9. Recapitulation.	/
1115 - 1200	Bayonet training. Pamph. 12 Less. 1 and 2. Recapitulation.	/
1400 - 1430	Company Drill M.T. Pamph. 18 Sec. 8.	/
1430 - 1700	March, Swimming Parade and foot inspection.	/

Friday 24th. November 1939.

0600 - 0630	March and P.T.	
0830 - 0900	Company Parade (10 mins.) Drill and rifle exercises.	
0900 - 0945	Aiming up and down, aiming off for wind and movement	
	S.A.T. Pamph. 3 Lessons 10, 11 and 12.	/
0945 - 1030	Section formation. I.S.L. Sec. 36 Field Signals.	
	I.T. (1937) Chapter VI.	
1030 - 1115	Firing instruction, lying position. S.A.T. Pamph. 3	
	Lessons 13 and 14.	/
1115 - 1200	Bayonet training, Less. 1 and 2 Recapitulation.	/
1400 - 1430	Company drill M.T. Pamph. 18 Sec. 8 Dress :- Fighting	
	order, with towels in haversacks.	/
1430 - 1700	Route March to OLIVERS POOL, via Main Road and track.	
	Starting Point :- Guard Room. Times to pass :- H.Q.	
	1430 hrs. D. Coy. 1433 hrs. C. Coy. 1436 hrs. B. Coy. 1439	
	hrs. and A Coy. 1442 hrs. Watches to be synchronised	
	with Adjutants at 1350 hrs. Strict march discipline	
	to be observed. On arrival at Olivers Pool Coys. will	
	independently pile arms and lay out equipment. (as a	
	drill movement.) Swimming Parade. Coys. will	
	independently return to Camp by direct route.	

Saturday

~~SUNDAY~~ 25th. November 1939.

0600 - 0630	March and P.T.	
0830 - 0900	Company Parade (10 mins.) Rifle exercises.	
0900 - 0945	Loading and unloading S.A.T. Pamph. 3 Lesson 3 repetition.	/
0945 - 1030	Firing instruction S.A.T. Pamph. 3 Lying position "	/
1030 - 1115	Firing instruction. Kneeling. standing and sitting	
	positions. S.A.T. Pamph. 3 Lessons 15 and 16.	/
1115 - 1200	Battalion Parade.	
1400 - 1430	Bayonet training Recapitulation.	
1430 - 1530	Recognition different targets. S.A.T. Pamph. 2 Less. 6.	
1530 - 1700	Organised games.	

S Sunday 26th. November 1939.

0600 - 0630	March and P.T.
Morning	Church Parades as notified in Routine Orders.
Afternoon	Organised games (Company arrangements.)

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Victoria Barracks,
Paddington, N.S.W.

13th November 1939.

2/9 Bn.
2/10 Bn.
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2/12 Bn.

Infantry Organization.

1. On 10 Nov. telegram BX 18 was addressed to you as follows :-
"Organize Rifle Companies into four Platoons each three Sections Stop Squad Drill and formation all Platoons including Support Company and Wing to be three Ranks detailed instructions follow Air Mail".
2. In accordance therewith the Rifle Companies will be organized forthwith into four platoons each of three Sections; two Sections of eleven rank and file and one of ten.
3. Eventually each rifle section will be equipped with one Lewis Gun and the Transport of each Rifle Company will be increased to two wagons L.G.S.
4. Drill in three ranks will be in accordance with Military Training Pamphlet No.18, of which 32 copies have been sent to Command or District H.Q. for issue to you.
While there is no difficulty in connection with the drill of the Rifle Companies, the following procedure will be adopted for the Wing and Support Company.
A report will be forwarded to reach Bde. H.Q. by 15 Dec. on its application together with any recommendations for its amendment.

H.Q. Wing.

Should sufficient personnel of each group be present on parade two platoons - one of each group - will be formed in three ranks.

Otherwise only one platoon will be formed but Intelligence personnel, Signallers and drivers will each parade together in a rank, subject to ranks being of equal strength.

M.M.G. Platoon.

1st. rank	No.1 and gun numbers No.1 Sec.
2nd. rank	No.1 " " " No.2. Sec.
3rd. rank	Observer, orderlies, Scouts, range takers of platoon H.Q. and Sections.
Supernumerary	Platoon Sergeant and orderly.
Transport	Six drivers wagon L.G.S.

Mortar Platoon.

1st. rank	Sergeant and two detachments.
2nd. rank	do do do do
3rd. rank	Two corporals, orderlies, range taker, batman.
Transport	Four drivers wagon L.G.S.

J. D. ...
Major

14th. November 1939.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO. 3

1. Nearly every platoon has one or two men who cannot march, and will have to be taught patiently until they acquire a sense of ~~XXXX~~ rhythm. At present these men only retard the progress of the others in the same squad, and they should be segregated and trained separately out of the sight of other people, under the best instructor available. Patience and good humour are essential. Coy. Commanders will give their personal attention to this matter.

2. SMOKE-O DURING TRAINING PARADES.

Men must be trained to regular habits, and except during tactical exercises they should know when they are going to have the next opportunity to smoke, or relieve themselves. Smoke-o will be taken between ten minutes to the clock hour, and the clock hour, and at no other time. During smoke-o men should be permitted to fall out and sit down. Short rests should be taken at frequent intervals, during drill periods, and during these rests men may stand easy, but not smoke or fallout.

Except when route marching it is not necessary to take the full ten minutes at every smoke-o. In the present syllabus the first smoke-o comes at the end of the first half-hour period after breakfast and five minutes is enough. The next smoke-o comes in the middle of an hours musketry ~~instruction~~ and five minutes should again be sufficient. instruction

The third smoke-o will be full ten minutes from 1050 to 1100 hrs.

H. Cairns Lieut.
Adjutant 2/11 Battalion.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS.NO.2Headquarters,
2/11 Battalion,
Northam,
14th. November 39.

By Lt.-Col. T.S. Louch M.C.

Commanding 2/11 Battalion.

I. HOURS OF TRAINING.

The syllabus from Thursday next is divided into half hour periods numbered consecutively.

Hours of training for this week unless otherwise stated will be :-

Period 1.	0630 hrs	-	0700 hrs.
" 2 - 9	0830 "	-	1230 "
" 10- 14	1415 "	-	1645 "

All meals will be served in Camp.

2. N.C.O. CLASSES.

Company Commanders will consider the question of beginning N.C.O. classes, and be prepared to state their views at a conference to be held at the end of this week. On the one hand it is desirable to start classes at an early date, so as to have section leaders appointed to their sections. As against this, people who have had some military training start off with a considerable advantage, and there may be men in the ranks with no experience who would eventually make better leaders. When considering appointments of N.C.O's. Coy. Commanders will attach the greatest importance to the aspect of leadership.

3. TRAINING SYLLABUS.

Monday 13 Nov.

Parades under Company arrangements in accordance with instructions already issued.

Lecture by R.M.O. on personal hygiene and Inoculation.

Tuesday 14 Nov.

Morning - Parades under company arrangements in accordance with Training Instructions already issued.

Afternoon - Parades under company arrangements prior to inoculation
Inoculation - Time Table published in Orders
After inoculation men will proceed to their huts, and lie down for one hour, and rest for the balance of the day.

Wednesday 15 Nov.

Morning - Issue of rifles
0830-1200 Lessons 1 and 2 of S.A.T. Vol.1 Pamph.3
Initial cleaning of rifles.

Afternoon - Light exercise under Company arrangements
1400-1700 Marching and squad drill without arms, for short periods
Pay.

Thursday 16 Nov.

Half-hour periods.

1. Short march and organised games.
- 2.) Squad Drill without arms.
- 3.) M.E.D. (5) Attention. ✓
(6) Stand at Ease ✓
(7) Standing easy ✓
(8) Turning by numbers ✓
(10) Length of pace and time in marching. ✓
(11) Position in marching ✓
(12) Marching in quick time only ✓
(27) Dismissing without arms. ✓
- 4.) S.A.T. Vol.1 Pamph.3 Lessons 1,2,&3.
- 5.) Rifle mechanism, Trigger pressing and cleaning, ✓
Cleaning before and after firing.
6. Physical Training.
- 7.) Application of Fire S.A.T. Vol.1 Pamph.2 Sect.1 Less.1,2
- 8.) and 4. Military vocabulary, searching ground, Study of ✓
ground.

Training Instructions No.2 cont'd.

- 9. March
- 10.) Squad drill with arms.
- 11.) M.E.D. (43) Falling in with rifles at the order. ✓
 (44) Stand at ease, Stand easy. ✓
 (45) Attention. ✓
 (46) Slope ✓
 (47) Order from slope. ✓
 (61) Short trail. ✓

- 12.)
- 13.) March and foot inspection.
- 14.)

Friday 17 Nov.

- 1. Short march, changing step (M.E.D. 13.) Organised games
- 0930-1000 2.) Squad drill without arms.
- 1000-1030 3.) M.E.D. (14) Marching in double time ✓
 (16) Training on the march ✓
 (17) Saluting ✓
 (19) Dressing ✓
 (24) Diagonal march ✓
- 1030-1100 4.) Rifle loading and unloading, jams and remedies.
- 1100-1130 5.) S.A.T. Vol.1 Pamph.3 Lesson 3. ✓
- 1130-1200 6. Physical Training.
- 1200-1230 7.) Application of fire, S.A.T. Vol.1 Pamph.2 Sec.2 Lessons
 8.) 5 and 6 as amended. Recognition of easy and difficult
 9.) Squad drill with arms. targets
- 10.) M.E.D. (55) Trail from order ✓
 (56) Order from trail ✓
 (57) Trail from slope ✓
 (58) ~~Step~~ from trail ✓
 (68) Saluting with rifle. ✓

- 11.)
- 12.) March, Swimming parade, foot inspectio.
- 13.)
- 14. Night Lecture, S.A.T. Vol.1 Pamph.6 Less.1 A.A.Defence.

Saturday 18 Nov.

- 1. Short march, organised games.
- 2.) Squad drill with arms.
- 3.) M.E.D. (48) Presenting arms from slope ✓
 (49) Sloping from present ✓
 (52) ✓
 (53) Inspection of arms. ✓
 (54) ✓
- 4.) Application of fire, S.A.T.Vol.1 Pamph 2 Sec.3 as amended
- 5.) Lessons 7. Unit of measure
 8. Appearance method
 9. Aids to judging distance
- 6. Physical Training
- 7.) Rifle aiming instruction S.A.T. Vol.1 Pamph.3 Sec.2
- 8.) Lesson 6. Accuracy of aim, Sight setting, correct aim
 elevation.
 Aiming rests to be improvised with spare timber and kit bag
- 9. Bayonet fighting - S.A.T. Vol.1 Pamph.12 Lesson 1
 On guard, High port, controlled charge.
- 10. Rifle exercises - Recapitulation.
- 11.)
- 12.) March, Swimming Parade
- 13.) Foot inspection on return to camp.
- 14.)

Sunday 19 Nov.

- 0630 - 0700 Short march and organised games.
- 0645 - Mass in "A" Coy's Recreation Hut.
- 0900 Religious Service
- 0930 - 1230 Washing clothes under Coy. arrangements, pending issue of
 Portable coppers. Hot water will have to be supplied from
 Kitchens.
- Afternoon Organised games under Company arrangements.

H. Carver
 Lieut.
 Adjutant 2/11 Battalion.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS.

NO. I

Headquarters,
2/11 Battalion,
Northam.
12th. Nov. 1939.

Owing to the administrative difficulties, occasioned by the daily influx of drafts, issue of kit, and absence of training equipment, it has not been possible so far, to embark on any standard programme of training.

Generally speaking, Company Commanders will be given a free hand as regards training on Monday 13th. November (7 hrs) and Tuesday morning (4 hrs.). The work to be carried out will be confined to marching, squad drill without arms, physical training, and a foot inspection.

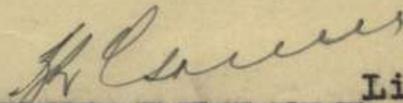
On Monday afternoon, men who have been referred to the Medical Board of Review, will be required to attend for examination. Further details will be communicated to Coys. concerned.

On Tuesday afternoon inoculation will be carried out. Special instruction will be issued.

On Wednesday morning some of the men may be suffering from the after effects of inoculation. It is inadvisable to carry out any strenuous work on the day after inoculation, but experience has shewn that that light interesting work prevents the men magnifying their disabilities, or imagining after-effects. It is hoped to be able to issue rifles on Wednesday morning. These will be new and require thorough cleaning. Lessons 1 and 2 S.A.T. Vol. 1 Pamph. 3 will be given during the morning.

On Wednesday afternoon the men will be exercised in marching and squad drill without arms for short periods, but strenuous work will be avoided.

A Training Programme for the remainder of the week will be issued later.


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~~2/11 Bn. 2nd A.I.F.~~
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TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS - 6 DIV.

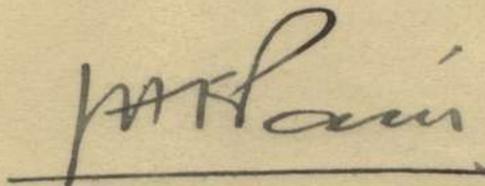
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Herewith is forwarded one copy of "Training Instructions 6 Div. - Northern Command" for the abovenamed units.

Brigadier Moorshead's telegram, referred to in Northern Command letter 9027 of 23 Oct. 39, explains that these Training Instructions are forwarded to ensure that Infantry units in 4th, 5th and 6th M.Ds. train on the same lines.

Pending further instructions, the training of the following Details will be carried out by 2/11 Bn.:-

Details H.Q. 6 Div. - *none*
6 Div. Amn. Sub-Park }
A.A.O.C.
Provost Coy. *none*



Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff, Western Command.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

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<p>XII Vaccination of all ranks will be carried out during the day. Time table will be published later.</p>	<p><u>Intelligence.</u> Brigade School. (Separate instr.)</p>	<p>2000-2130. Patrolling by night. (By Platoons.)</p>	

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0900-1030. Route march introducing Advanced guard formations.	Musketry instruction. Tests of elementary training. Grouping on 30 yd. range for Recruits Course. Range discipline- Drill.	Balance H.Q. Coy. who have fired Recruits Course. Grouping on 30 yds range- to count for Table B Pt. 11. Trained Soldiers Course.	0900-0930. Lecture.- Infantry Weapons.
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1600-1630. Bayonet training.			
All Vaccination of all ranks will be carried out during the day. Time table will be published later.			

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2/9 Bn.
2/10 Bn.
2/11 Bn. ✓
2/12 Bn.
1 M.G. Bn.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

2/11 and 2/12 Bns. will complete will complete the annual range courses Tables B. Parts 1. and 2. before mid-day 23 Dec.. The 2/9 and 2/10 Bns. and 1 M.G. Bn. will carry out their range practices by 9 Jan..

2. DISTRIBUTION OF RANGES.

2/11 Bn.	East Maitland	8 targets.
	Cessnock	4 targets.
	Singleton	4 targets.

2/12 Bn. Adamstown Rifle Range 40 targets.

X Note:- Adamstown range will be available to 2/12 Bn/ when 2/11 Bn. is complete.

3. Full hours of daylight will be employed on the ranges and arrangements made to enable shooting to commence at first light and proceed continuously throughout the day until the last light at night. Administrative arrangements will be made to enable this to be done.

4. TRANSPORT.

Transport requirements will be transmitted as early as is possible to the Staff Capt..

5. PRELIMINARY TRAINING.

At least one half-day will be employed in coaching in range duties before proceeding to the range. This is to ensure that no time is wasted after arrival on the range in instruction in such matters.

6. T.O.E.T.

Each firer, unless he has previously fired upon an open range will pass tests of elementary training before commencing practices.

7. INSTRUCTION OF WAITING DETAILS.

Details not actually firing or employed on range duties will receive instruction in the following subjects:-

- Fire discipline, indication and recognition.
- Field Signals.
- Defence against Aircraft and Gas.
- Sentry duties in the field.
- Concealment and Camouflage.
- Messages and Reports.

8. PARADES.

Until the completion of individual training no parade, with the exception of parades for purely administrative purposes, larger than a Platoon parade will be held.

Hampers - 11 Am am

N.S.W. Comptrols will be made for New Year

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A. S. A. PRACTICES.

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Refer to S. A. T. Pam 14 pp 28 - 37

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Essential to have strict discipline.

Range discipline and ~~moral~~ ^{moral} discipline ~~and~~ ^{and} the ceremonial of war.

First thing is to explain to the men the simple things

- (a) What each practice is - the size of the target - the range - number of shots - how loaded in magazine - nature of practice grouping, application etc. - how the marks are scored - how the result of each shot or of the whole practice is signalled etc., whether bayonets are fixed - whether rest is used - whether there are 'sighters' and if so that they do not score, though they will be signalled.
- (b) How details are formed up and numbered to correspond with the target markings, i.e. they may be marked from left to right, or vice versa.
- (c) The procedure - one detail on the mound - one in the rear formed up ready to take its place, - one in waiting, - and others behind, doing training.
- (d) Orders given as orders.

No 1 detail on the mound
do Load

Correct Fire Order No 1 Detail-300-application practice-at your respective targets - seven rounds - Fire.

Pause after range for sights to be adjusted, and insist on this being done.

No 1 Detail, unload. Men go through correct movements of unloading, rise to feet, stand at ease at back of mound facing target.

No 1 Detail Right Turn. For inspection Port Arms.

Men ease springs, come to order, stand at ease facing right flank.

No 1 Detail. Attention. Quick March.

Next Detail on the mound etc., etc.,

No smoking.

- (e) Organization of staff.

When there are four targets, and it is not necessary to relieve ~~xxxx~~ staff

4 markers

4 scorers, who must be able to write clearly

2 telephonists

1 ammunition man

4 coaches (if available). Patient comforting people, who will instil confidence, and encourage.

O.C.mound, (who will give all orders)

N.C.O. in charge of instructions of waiting Details.

These, except perhaps the coaches, should be provided from a platoon other than the one firing.

- (f) Stores required

Rifles

Cleaning materials

bayonets

Sandbags

Shovel

s.a.a. X *long for level out to water.*

red flags

Telephones

Targets (all varieties)

Patching materials

Paste *1 bucket*

sharpshooting discs

Marking discs

(g) Feeding arrangements.

How many men for

- (a) early breakfast in camp
- (b) lunch out of camp
- (c) late evening meal

cooking gear required to be taken out. Stove. sugar, tea, milk.
how food will be taken out etc.,
C.Q.M.S. to work out all details

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TUESDAY, 19th DECEMBER 1939

- 0830 - 0930 Lecture to Officers and N. C. O.'s (Every Officer to bring S.A.T. Pam. 14).
Route March by Companies (less recruits) under C. S. M.'s
Recruits - Aiming instruction.
- 0930 - 1230 Instruction by Companies - Conduct of Range Practices, etc.
Demonstration and Drill.
Every man will be practised in taking up a suitable firing position with sand-bag rest.
- 1400- 1630 Tests of Elementary Training.
Recruits. Firing Instruction.

A. S. A. Practices -- Time Table.

Tuesday
Thursday
19th December
1939.

0830, Lecture on Conduct of Range Practices
by C. O. in Bn. Recreation Hut.

0930. 1 Truck reports at Bn. H. Q. for B. Coy.
1 " " " " " " for C. Coy.
1 " " " " " " for D. Coy.

1030. Party from "B" Coy proceeds to EAST MAITLAND
Range (8 Targets) to check targets and stores
and make preliminary reconaissance.

" Party from "C" Coy proceeds to CESSNOCK
Range (4 Targets) to check targets and stores, etc.

" Party from "D" Coy proceeds to SINGLETON
Range (4 Targets) to check targets and stores etc.

Wednesday
20th December
1939.

0600 OR as soon thereafter breakfast as possible for
"B" Company - -

1 Platoon plus range staff from
another platoon - "C" Coy.

do. do. - "D" Coy.

2 lorries available for each Company for the day.

Time Table for the following days will be published later.

Smythson	4 Targets	D Coy	} <u>19</u>
Cassnock	-	B C Coy.	
East Maitland	8 Targets East Maitland	B Coy less recruits	

Smythson	D	} 20
Cassnock	C	
East Maitland	A Coy.	

Smythson	Sigs. det	} 21
<u>Cassnock</u>	Recon.	
East Maitland		

20000 rts @ Smythson
 do ——— Cassnock
 40000 ——— East Maitland

19 8 ~~19~~ 19000 rts @ 20000

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2/9 Bn.
 2/10 Bn.
 2/11 Bn.
 2/12 Bn.
 1 M.G. Bn.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO.2.

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2. DISTRIBUTION OF RANGES. 2/11 BN.

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 Cessnock 4 Targets
 Singleton 4 targets.
 2/12 Bn. ~~Administration~~ Rifle Range 40 Targets.

Notes. - ~~above range~~ will be available to 2/11 Bn when 2/12 is complete.

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Cleaning materials

bayonets

Sandbags

Shovel

s.a.a.

red flags

Telephones

Targets (all varieties)

Patching materials

Paste

sharpshooting discs

Marking discs

(c) Feeding arrangements.

How many men for

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- (c) late evening meal

cooking gear required to be taken out. Store. sugar, tea, milk.
how food will be taken out etc.,
C.Q.M.S. to work out all details

Excerpt to ASA Parker

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Cooks

Pioneer Sgt

Mo. advy.

Bar HQ. (less stitches leaves) 28 fire on 30' range

Cannon Group: 70

Sigs. 35

M. 17.

Mortars. 31

Pioneers 19

Main Pl. 87.

2/11 Bn TRAINING CADRE.
Junior Leaders' Course 27th Dec 39 - 8th Jan 40.
GRETA CAMP N.S.W.

Day & Date	0850/0930	0930/1015	1015/1045	1045/1100	1100/1145	1145/1230	1400/1445	1445/1530	1530/1540	1540/1630	Night Pde
Wed. Dec. 27	Organization		Squad drill MED ss 4-7,9	Recess	Rifle lessons 1 & 2	Rifle lessons 6 and 7	Arms drill MED ss 43/47	Bayonet lesson 1.	Recess	Rifle lesson 3 - 5	
Thur. Dec. 28	Squad drill MED 10 - 14	Rifle lessons 13 - 14	Bayonet lesson 2.	Recess	Lectrtte map reading.	A.A. defence lesson 1	Arms drill MED ss 48/49 52-54	Field formations Sctn LSB	Recess	Rifle lesson 8.	
Fri. Dec. 29	Squad drill MED ss 15-16	Rifle lesson 9	Map rdg. scales notes on map rdg.	Recess	Field Sigs Inf. trng war. and practice.	A. A. defence lesson 2	Arms drill Pam 18, Sec 3 (1)	Bayonet lesson 2.	Recess	A. A. defence lesson 4.	
Sat. Dec. 30	Squad drill Pam 18 Sctn 2 (1) - (4)	Fieldcraft Lectrtte & demonstrations		Recess	Bayonet lesson 3	A.A. defence lesson 5					
Tues. Jan. 2.	Squad drill Pam 18 Sctn 2 (6) - (9)	Arms drill Pam 18 Sctn 3 (2)	Fieldcraft training (individual) Infantry training - war Stages 1 - 3	Recess	Bayonet lesson 3	A.A. defence lesson 5	Rifle lesson 10	Arms drill Pam 18 sctn 5 2(ii) 15	Rifle lesson 15	Recess	Bayonet lesson 5.

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Wed. Jan. 3.	Pltn drill Pam 18 ss 6 and 7	Map rdg conventionl signs	A.A. defence lesson 5	Recess	Rifle lesson 11	Bayonet lesson 6	Fieldcraft training infantry do - war Lecturette & sectn stalk.	Recess	Rifle lesson 16	
Thur. Jan. 4	Field drill Pam 18 Sctn 10 MED Chap. VIII	A.A. defence lesson 7	Map rdg xxxxxxx xxxxxxx methods of showing relief	Recess	Rifle lesson 12	Lctrtte Platoon in defnce	Tactical exercise Platoon in defence	Recess	Fldcrft lctrtte & prepn for night	Night ex. fldcrft. Times as orderd.
Fri. Jan. 5.	Coy drill Pam 18 Sctn 8 1 - 3	A. A. defence lesson 7	Map rdg North pts & bearngs	Recess	Rifle xxxxxx lessons 17 - 18	Bayonet mutual instrctn	Patrols lecturette and recce Patrol exercise (day)		Rifle lesson 19	
Sat. Jan. 6	Coy drill Pam 18 sctn 8 4 to 6	Map rdg. systems of reference	Rifle lesson 19	Recess	Map rdg. Rdg and interpretg detail					
Mon Jan 8	M.I. drill subjects	Rifle lessons 20 - 22	Map rdg. setting map & findg position.	Recess	Tactical exercise Platoon in attack.	Field sketching without instrmnts		Recess	Prepn. for night exercise.	Night exercise fighting patrol

- NOTES:**
1. The lessons shown in detail refer to the numbered lessons in the appropriate weapon training handbooks.
 2. Assistant instructors will report to instructor for revision of days syllabus at volley ball court at 0645 hrs daily
 3. To assist students to master each days work two assistant instructors will be on duty nightly from 1900 to 2100 hrs at a place to be arranged. They will be available for explanations and assistance as required.
 4. The course parade ground for forming up for morning and afternoon parades at 0850 and 1400 hrs respectively, will be the Bn. parade ground. Coys are requested to ensure that personnel parade on time.

GRETA

2/11 Bn. A. I. F.

Major.

5th Field Troop, Hd. Qrs. B8147
5th Dist. Base Hd. Qrs.
Chief Ordnance Officer, M3 100
For other Branches and Drill Halls
see Dept. of Defence in Telephone
Directory.

- A Coy.
- B. "
- C. "
- D. "
- H.Q. Coy.
- Cadre (2).
- C.O. (for information).
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TRAINING CADRE - JUNIOR LEADERS COURSE.

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1. A Junior Leaders Course will be held during the period 27 Dec/8 Jan.

2. Syllabus will be issued separately.
The Syllabus for 27 Dec is as follows:-

1015-1045.hrs.	Squad Drill. M.E.D.	S.S.4-7,9.
1045-1100.	"	Recess.
1100-1145.	"	Rifle.Lessons 1 & 2.
1145-1230.	"	Rifle.Lessons 6 & 7.
1400-1445.	"	Arms Drill.M.E.D. S.S. 43-47.
1445-1530.	"	Bayonet. Lesson 1.
1530-1540.	"	Recess.
1540-1630.	"	Rifle. Lessons 3,5.

3. Vacancies. Vacancies are allotted on the basis of 15 per Rifle Coy and 20 for H.Q. Coy (incl. Bn. H.Q.)
Corporals anselected privates who are considered suitable aspirants for N.C. rank will attend.

4. Instructors. Major R.K. Anderson will act as instructor.
Warrant Officers A.I.C. attached 2/11 Bn. are allotted as Assistant Instructors.
Assistant instructors will report to Major Anderson at Volley Ball Court at 0830 hrs. 27 Dec.

5. Assembly. Selected candidates will be marched, under Coy arrangements, to Bn. parade ground (between A. & H.Q. lines) and formed up for handing over at 1015 hrs. 27 Dec.

6. Text Books. Coys will ensure that all available text books are issued to members attending course.

7. Dress. Dress on assembly will be Drill order; thereafter dress will be as ordered by Instructor.

8. Note Books. It is desirable that all personnel attending course should if possible provide themselves with a note book and pencil.

9. Duties. Personnel attending will as far as possible be relieved of all duties.

(Signed) B.R. Grieve Lieut.
Adjutant 2/11 Bn. A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

WEDNESDAY 27 Dec.

Thursday 28 Dec.

Friday 29 Dec

Saturday 30 Dec.

ALL COYS.

0830-0900. Rifle inspection.
Squad Drill and rifle
exercises (Porting arms
& examining arms &c.)

0900-1030. Route march introduc-
ing Advanced guard forma-
tions.

1030-1100. Fixing & unfixing
bayonets.

1100-1130. Firing instruction-
lying position. Rapid
manipulation of bolt.

1130-1200. Piling & unpling arms.

1200-1230. Bayonet training.

1400-1530. Kit inspection (under
Coy arrangements by
Platoons). Drill and
Rifle exercises for
Platoons waiting.

1530-1600. Lecture. Organisation
of Bn. (C.O.)

1600-1630. Bayonet training.

All

Vaccination of all ranks will
be carried out during the day.
Time table will be published
later.

Range Practices. Recruits Course.
(Omitting No. 7 Platoon).
A. Coy. at EAST MAITLAND.
Carrier Group at SINGLETON.
Mortars & Sigs. at CESSNOCK.
(Detailed instructions will be
issued.)

Balance of H.Q. Coy (less
Intelligence).

Musketry instruction.
Tests of elementary training.
Grouping on 30 yd. range for
Recruits Course.
Range discipline- Drill.

B.C.&D. Coys.

0830-0900. Drill & Rifle exer-
cises.

0900-1000. Firing instruction
Bolt manipulation.

1000-1230. Route march-fight-
ing order. Foot
inspection.

1400-1600. Platoon in attack.
Lecture and dem-
onstration.

1600-1630. Drill & Rifle exer-
cises.

Intelligence.

Brigade School. (Separate instr.)

Range Practices. Recruits Course.
(Omitting No. 7 Pl.)

Administrative Pl. EAST MAIT-
LAND.

Pioneers & A.A.L.M.G.
SINGLETON.

Balance H.Q. Coy. CESSNOCK.
(Separate Instructions).

Balance H.Q. Coy. who have
fired Recruits Course.
Grouping on 30 yds range-
to count for Table B Pt. 11.
Trained Soldiers Course.

Rifle Coys.

0830-0900. Lecture-Reconnaissance
& Reports (C.O.)

0900-1230. Platoon exercise.
March. Reconnaissance and
Report. 12 Bridges, Railway stns.
&c. have been selected at
approx. distance of 4/5 miles
from Camp and each Platoon
will reconnoitre and report
on one.

1400-1500. Writing report on
morning's work, and drawing
sketches. (By Platoons.)

1500-1700. Organised games .

2000-2130. Patrolling by night.
(By Platoons.)

Range Practices.

30 yd. Range- B Coy. Group-
ing for Table B Pt. 11.

H.Q. Coy.

0830-0900. Drill and Rifle
exercises.

0900-0930. Lecture.-Infantry
Weapons.

0930-1000. Bayonet Training.

Rifle Coys.

0830-0900. Drill & Rifle
exercises.

0900-0930. Lecture.- Platoon
in Defence.

0930-1000. Bayonet training.

1000-1230. Occupation of
Defensive position.
Platoon exercise.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR MONDAY 18 DEC.

Administrative Parade before breakfast

Fall in...~~Fall out~~ Roll call...Fall out...SHAVE.

0830-1030hrs Administrative Parade...Cleaning of outlying Camp Area.
Bn reorganization...Arrangements for Christmas Leave,
trains, rations etc completion of issue of clothing
to personnel making up D Coy...issue rifles to
recruits.

1030-1100hrs Squad Drill

1100-1230 hrs Route march by Companies...Demonstration of a Coy acting
as Advance Guard to a Bn.

1400-1500 hrs Lecture and demonstration by day of patrolling by night.

1500-1630 hrs Lesson in map-reading...making a map of portion of Camp Area.

1930-2130 hrs Patrolling by night by platoons.

RECRUITS.

To be trained by Coys.

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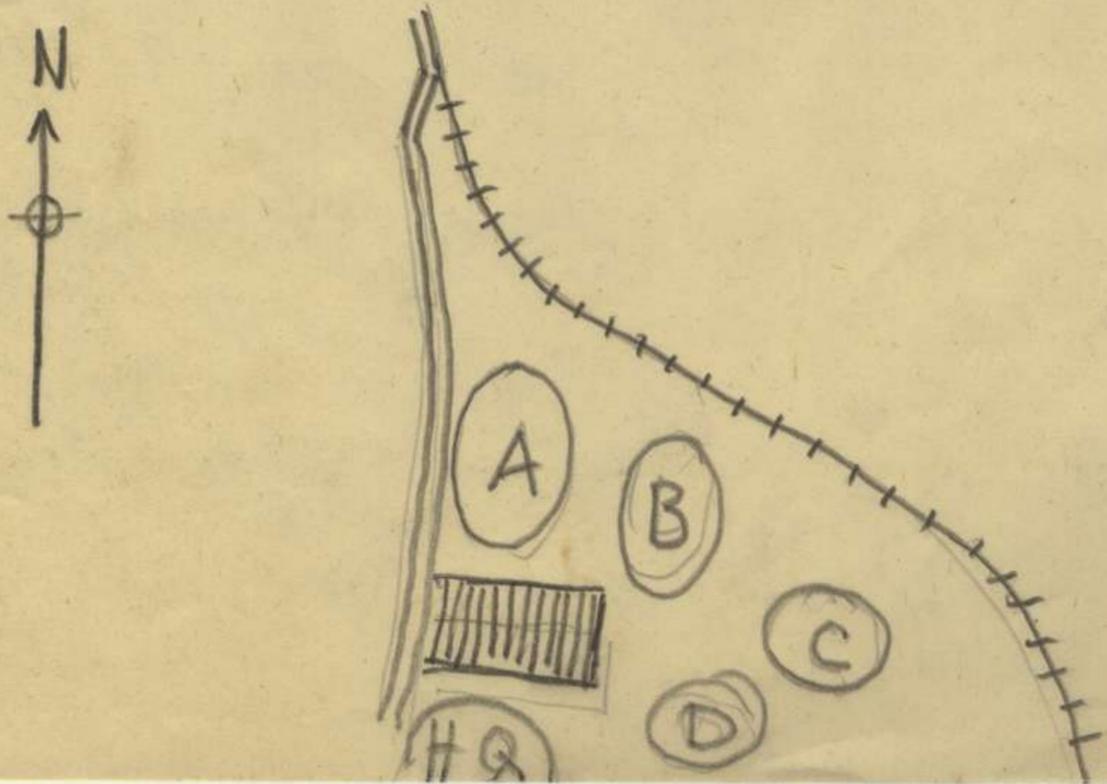
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etc.

TRAINING AREAS.

- A Coy Between Camp and GRETA + near road.
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- H.Q. Coy do do near road.



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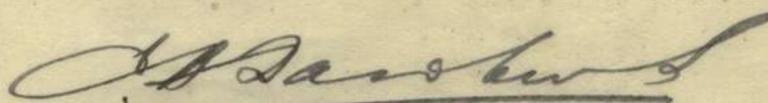
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Rutherford Camp.

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2/11 Bn. ✓
2/12 Bn. ✓

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

A copy of the Training Syllabus of each Company will be forwarded in duplicate to reach this H.Q. by 1000 hrs. on the day previous to that to which the syllabus applies.

The Syllabus is to show the work being carried for each training period during the day.



(C.B. Dawkins) Maj.
B.M. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

H. Q.
2/11 Br H. 1 F.

Time Table for 12/12/39.

1830-1000 hrs. Coy. Parades.

Route march by Coys.

Route. Northern gate of Camp West

WEST MAITLAND RD. RR. Junction N14 & 85
FARLEY STA. across country to training
area.

Starting Point R Q M Store. F

Times to pass. D. Coy, 0840 hrs.

C. Coy 0843 "

H. Q. WINE 0846 "
(less transports)

1000-1030 hrs. Squad drill without arms.

Attention, stand at ease, stand easy.

Turning by numbers. Turning on
the march.

1030-1100 hrs. P. T.

1100-1145 "

Application of feet. Judging distance,
~~with~~ unit of measure. Appearance
method, aids to J.D.

1145-1230

Company drill.

1400-1430

Company Parade & march to training
area.

1430-1515

Squad drill without arms.

Lecture on saluting. Instructions in
saluting.

Dismissing without arms.

Dressing.

1515-1545

Field signals and formations.

1545-1630

Battalion drill.

Time Table
"C" Coy.

N. Q.
2/11 Am.
13 Dec. 39.

Morning.

Field Works. 1 hr.

Concealment: camouflage 1 hr.

Recognition, Indication 1 hr.

Field Signals & Field formations 1 hr.

Afternoon

Coy Drill 1/2 hr.

P. I. 1/2 hr

S. D. 1 hr.

Section Formations 1 hr.

Time Table

"D" Coy.

N. Q.
2/11 Am.
13 Dec. 39

Morning.

March - West Maitland 1 1/2 hrs.

P. T. 1/2 hr

S. D. 1 hr

Squad Drill without arms 1 hr.

Afternoon

Digging M.G. emplacements 1 1/2 hrs.

Concealment & camouflage 1 hr.

2/11 Bn. GRETA
22. Dec. 39.

Headquarters,
18 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
RUTHERFORD.

Training.

Since writing the accompanying memorandum on the subject of training, I have had a long discussion with Major Anderson as to the best use that we could make of the ten S.S.M's - A.I.C., who are at present attached to us.

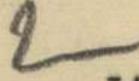
We have come to the conclusion, subject to the Bde. Commander's approval that our greatest need at the moment is trained section leaders and that it would be advisable to select 80 suitable men, withdraw them from all Company parades and put them through a special course of training in section leading.

Major Anderson, who has had considerable experience in this class of work would directly control their training. The Companies meanwhile, would have to carry on with the training of the rank and file as best they could under the direction of Officers and trained N.C.O's now acting as platoon commanders. If as I understand the mobile broadcasting unit is to become available some variety might be introduced into the training of the men by means of lectures, demonstrations, etc.

It is not suggested that this proposal is entirely satisfactory but it is impossible to get on with any sort of tactical work until section commanders have been selected and appointed. Unless it is intended to issue light machine guns it would seem advisable to get on with elementary tactical work at an early date.

The short period between Christmas and New Year will probably be rather flat and it seems a good opportunity to start the training of junior leaders who will bring keenness to their work.

If the Bde. Commander approves generally of the plan proposed, a draft syllabus will be submitted.


Lt. Col.
Commanding 2/11 Bn. A.I.F.

2/11 Bn. GRETA
22. Dec. 39.

Headquarters,
18th Aus. Inf. Bde.

Training.

Now that we have rifles and equipment it is possible to have a more varied syllabus of training though the work to be carried out, particularly as regards Headquarters Company will depend on the supply of training equipment for which requisitions were submitted some days ago. Before starting to prepare the programme for next week it would facilitate matters if we had some idea what training stores would be available and also if we knew what range allotments, if any, are being made to us to complete our range practices. The ammunition did not arrive this morning and consequently we have not been able to use the East Maitland Range though we are using up such ammunition as we have on the ranges at Singleton and Cessnock.

We should just about have enough to complete the recruit's course of three of the Rifle Companies. The fourth Rifle Company has finished its grouping on the 30 yard range and portion of Headquarters Company has also done the grouping practice.

*Went
over*
I do not think it would be wise to continue firing on Tuesday immediately after the men return from leave. Subject to any directions which may be given I suggest that Tuesday be devoted to a march, rifle exercises, squad drill, and some further musketry instruction to those who have not yet fired on the open range and those who failed to do well, thus indicating that they need further training.

There is one other matter which may complicate the training programme and it would assist if we knew when the vaccination of the Battalion is to be carried out. The experience of other units who have already been vaccinated might indicate to what extent the ordinary programme requires modification on the days immediately following vaccination.

The third matter is the question of training areas. On enquiry yesterday at Bde. Headquarters it did not seem clear whether the area in the vicinity of the camp had been proclaimed under the Defence Act. Unless this is done complications may ensue. It might also be better if Bde. made an allotment of areas between the 10th Bn. and 11. Bn. so that they will not clash. The area immediately east of the camp between the Greta-Cessnock Road and the Greta-Lochinvar Road appears to be the most suitable for training purposes.

Finally, is it the intention of Bde. to lay down any general policy of training at the present stage, *close at hand*.

T.V.
Lt. Col.
Commanding 2/11 Bn. A.I.F.

TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR WED. 20. Dec. 39.

1. B. Company will proceed to East Maitland Rifle Range and carry out range practices, Table B. part (1).
2. Detail of C. Company will proceed under camp arrangements to Cessnock Rifle Range and carry out practices as above for B. Company.
Personnel remaining in camp during the morning will report at Bn. Headquarters at 0930 hrs. ready to fire grouping practise on the 30 yard range west of the camp before proceeding to Cessnock.
3. Don. Company personnel remaining in camp will report at B. Headquarters ready to fire grouping practise at 0830 hrs.
4. "A" Company will carry out a route march between the hours of 0830 and 1030.
Five N. C. O.'s or trained riflemen suitable for coaches will be left in camp and will report to Major Anderson at Bn. Headquarters at 0820 hours.
5. Headquarters Company will carry out training under camp arrangements between the hours of 0830 and 1030, after which instructions will be issued for personnel to report at intervals for grouping practise at ~~25~~ 25 yard range.
6. Pte. Brinkley (Intelligence Section) will indicate to Pioneer Sergeant site of 30 yard range at Reveille and pioneers will erect 10 targets on the site and do any work necessary to clear and prepare the mound for firing.

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A. S. A. Practices -- Time Table.

Tuesday
Thursday
19th December
1939.

0830. Lecture on Conduct of Range Practices
by C. C. in Bn. Recreation Hut.
0930. 1 Truck reports at Bn. H. Q. for B. Coy.
1 " " " " " " for C. Coy.
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1030. Party from "B" Coy proceeds to EAST HAITLAND
Range (8 Targets) to check targets and stores
and make preliminary reconnaissance.
- " Party from "C" Coy proceeds to CHESBROCK
Range (4 Targets) to check targets and stores, etc.
- " Party from "B" Coy proceeds to SIMULSTON
Range (4 Targets) to check targets and stores etc.

Wednesday
20th December
1939.

0600 OR as soon thereafter breakfast as possible for
"B" Company - -

1 Platoon plus range staff from
another platoon - "C" Coy.

do. do. - "B" Coy.

2 lorries available for each Company for the day.

Time Table for the following days will be published later.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TUESDAY, 19th DECEMBER 1939

0830 - 0930

Lecture to Officers and N. C. O.'s (Every Officer to bring S.A.T. Pam. 14).

Route March by Companies (less recruits) under C. S. M.'s

Recruits - Aiming instruction.

0930 - 1230

Instruction by Companies - Conduct of Range Practices, etc.

Demonstration and Drill.

Every man will be practised in taking up a suitable firing position with sand-bag rest.

1400 - 1630

Tests of Elementary Training.

Recruits. Firing Instruction.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR MONDAY 18 DEC.

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HA ^{Ans}
18 Aug. Bde.

2/11 Bn.
12 Dec. 39.

No. T/26.

Training.

I discussed with B.M. yesterday the question of training potential N.C.O.s but there was one very important point I omitted to mention.

We got an issue of text books from Army HQ but there were no copies of:

- (1) S.A.T. Pam. 2 Application of Fire
- (2) SAT Pam. 3 Rifle
- (3) SAT Pam. 12 Bayonet
- (4) SAT Pam. 13 Grenade
- (5) SAT Pam. 7 Pt. II Training (M.C.)
- (6) Field Engineering Vol. 1
- (7) Signal Training
- (8) Infantry Training
- (9) Infantry Section Leadership
- (10) R.A.M.C. Training.

Officers who had these manuals handed them in to their Militia Units, so we have no copies of these essential text books in the unit.

This of course adds to the difficulty of running N.C.O. classes.

Rifle. Were you able to borrow 20 rifles from the local Militia (and some o.a.a. + 30" targets) so that we could try ourselves out on the local 30" range? This would vary the monotony of training without equipment.

Johnson
C.O.

comd 2/11 Bn.

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