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58/59 Infantry Battalion
January - February 1942

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 59 Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 2 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	1 Jan 42		Weather Hot and fine. Cool night.	
SEYMOUR			Pls from A.B.C.D.E. Coys carrying out pl exercises as	
			individual units came under Coy control at first light.	
			Troops hardening after four days extensive training.	
		0830	H.Q. Coy commenced training.	
		0945	Message received that New year's day would be observed as a	
			Holiday for those persons not on duty, H.Q. Coy to take holiday	
			and today's duties today, remainder of Bn at present in field, to take holiday	
			SUNDAY 4 Jan 42. Local leave only granted.	
			17 o/rs rejoin unit for F.T.D.	

D.3157/E.20.—C.4788.

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Unit 59 Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 8 Jan 42 to 0001 hrs 9 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	8 Jan 42	0830	Fine with cool breeze.	<i>af</i>
SEYMOUR			B.C.D., B.H.O. Coys. continue with special training.	<i>af</i>
			A. Coy. resting.	
			29 o/rs march in from harvest leave.	<i>af</i>
			1 " marched out Joined R.A.A.F.1	
			1sgt " " to O.T.S. Bonegilla	
			5 o/rs detached to 15. Inf. Bde. Trg. Bn.	
			2 o/rs " 107 A.G.H.	
			4 " rejoin unit ex L.W.O.P.	
			4 " " " from camp hospital.	
			5 " detached to " "	

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Unit 59Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 11 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 12 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	11 Jan 42	0830	Weather hot.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
SEYMOUR		0715	R.C. church parade held at Camp Site 29	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
		0915	Protestant church parade held at Camp Site and conducted by	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
			Padre Pedrick	
			Duty Coy to provide picquet consisting of 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
			& 6 OR s. to guard Petrol Dump at Dyaart Siding.	
			M.O. makes an inspection of troops at 15 Inf. Bde. HQ.	<i>[Handwritten: FILE A325 10 Jan 42]</i>

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Unit 59 Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 12 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 13 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
camp Site 30	12 13 Jan 42		Weather Fine	af
SEYMOUR		0830	A.B.C.D.E. COYS continue with individual training in camp area	af
			H.Q. Coy resting	
			1 Sgt marched out to school of Mech	af
			2 o/rs detached to D.M. Carrier course	
			1 o/r discharged joined R.A.A.F.	
			12 o/rs rejoin unit ex L.W.O.P.	
			1 o/r transferred in from Reg. Res.	
			10% of Bn go on leave for 5 days	af
		0715	Bn R. and O. Group move out on Bde T.E.W.T. WANGARATTA area.	af

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Unit 59 Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 13 Jan To 0001 hrs 14 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	13 14 Jan 42		Weather Fine and cool	af
SEYMOUR		0830	B.C.D.E. Coys and H.Q. Coy continue with training in camp area	af
			A. Coy resting	
			1 o/rs marched out to 15 Fld. Amb.	af
			1 o/r " " 10 Fld. Amb.	
			1 o/r detached to 107 G.H. Puckapunyal	
			2 o/rs rejoin unit ex L.W.O.P.	
			Weekly I. report att	af

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Unit 59 Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 14 Jan To 0001 hrs 15 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	¹⁴ 15 Jan 42		Weather cool and fine	ref
SEYMOUR		0830	A.C.D.M.&H.Q. Coys Continue with individual excercises in camp area B. Coy resting	ref
			2 o/rs marched out Res. Occ.	ref
			2o/rs rejoin unit ex L.W.O.P.	
			2o/rs " "from REG. RES.	
		1900	Bn R. and O. Group return from Bde T.E.W.T.	ref

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Unit 59 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 15 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 16 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	15 Jan 42	0830	Weather - fine.	
SEYMOUR			Advised by FILU that Unit trg. will continue until 16 Feb Trg. for periods following will be advised later.	OP2
			4 O.R's rejoined Unit ex L.W.O.P.	
			1 O.R. det. to 107 A.G.H. Puckapunyal.	
			A.B.D.E. & H.Q. Coys. have individual trg. in Camp Area .	
			H.Q. & C. Coys. go on 11 mile route march to TRAWOOL in the morning.	

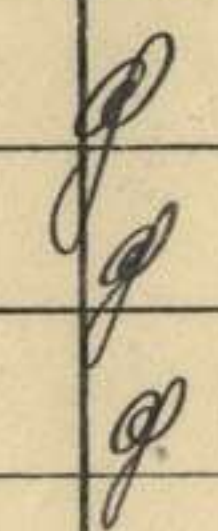
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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 16 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 17 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	16 Jan 42		Weather - hot and dusty.	
SEYMOUR		0830	Coys. have individual trg. Camp Area.	
		1100	1 O.R. transferred from A.H.Q. Em & Def. Pl. Melbourne	
		1500	7 O.R.'s finalized Sig. School at Site 25A.	
		1500	3 O.R.'s finalized Sig. School at Site 29A.	
		1700	4 O.R.'s finalized Int. School at 3 Div. Adv. H.Q. Seymour Racecourse	
			1 O.R. marched out to 59 Area.	
			2 O.R.'s discharged medically unfit.	
			2 Ptes. promoted to rank of Corporal.	
			2 Ptes. promoted to rank of L/Cpl.	

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Unit 59 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 17 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 18 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	17 Jan 42		Weather - fine and cool.	
SEYMOUR		0830	A.B.C.E. & H.Q.Coys. continue individual trg. in Camp Area.	
			D.Coy. resting.	
			3 O.R's marched out ex reserved occupation.	
			3 O.R's marched out ex L.W.O.P.	
		2100	10% of Bn. personnel (North East) returned from 5 days leave.	
		1745	10% of Bn. personnel (Goulbourn Valley) march out on 5 days leave	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 18 Jan 42 to 0001 hrs 19 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	18 Jan 42		Weather - Fine.	
SEYMOUR		0715	R.C. Parade (Church) at Camp Site 29.	FILU A347
		0915	Protestant Church Parade conducted by Padre Pedrick - held in Bn. Camp Area.	" "
		1030	A.B.C.D. & E. Coys. recapitulation in Camp Area. H.Q.Coy - rest day.	
			2 O.R's marched in ex L.W.O.P.	

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Unit 59 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 19 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 20 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30 SEYMOUR	19 Jan 42		Weather - hot. Terrific dust storm all day followed by cool change and rain at 1600 hrs.	①
		0730	Bn. less maintenance personnel marched to Seymour Rifle Range to hold musketry practice. Owing to dust storm trps. returned at 1530 hrs.	②
			Engineers constructed Pontoon Bridge across Boulbourn River to enable Bn. to take shorter route to Rifle Range.	③
			1 O.R. granted leave without pay for 14 days.	④
			1 O.R. transferred to Area 59A reserved occupation.	
		0300	O.P. & A.A. LMG Posts dismantled @ LMGs required for Range practices	⑤

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Unit 59 Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 20 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 21 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	20 Jan 42		Weather - fine with cool breeze.	<i>af</i>
SEYMOUR		0745	Bn. marched to Seymour Rifle Range via Pontoon Bridge to continue musketry practice.	<i>af</i>
		2100	Bn. returned from Rifle Range.	<i>af</i>
			MITA Provost will be occupying Quarters at Seymour Showgrounds from 21 Jan 42.	<i>e</i> A353
			3 O.R's classified Specialists (Grade <u>II</u>)	<i>af</i>
			1 O.R. granted leave without pay for 14 days	
			2 O.R's transferred to Area 59C - reserved occupation	

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Unit 59 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 22 Jan 42 to 0001 hrs 23 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	22 Jan 42		Weather - fine with cool breeze.	g
SEYMOUR		0830	A.B.C.D. & H.Q.Coys. continue with individual trg. in Camp Area. E. Coy - rest day.	g
		1500	Major-General Savage visited Camp Area and conducted a demonstration with wiring	g
			Approx. 100 U.T's from 15 Inf. Bde. Trg. Bn. came in buses to Camp and were equipped with some articles of personal clothing.	g
			Mortar Pl. hold practice demonstration in Camp Area with live ammn.	g
		1400	Two AA. LMG Posts remounted at Nos 1 & 3 posts. Other posts NOT manned on account of shortage of LMG's for trg	g

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Unit..... 59 Bn.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 24 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 25 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	24 Jan 42		Weather hot and very dusty.	
SEYMOUR		0830	Coys carrying out trg in Camp area	
		1630	Further 10% of personnel move out on 5 days Leave.	
			MITA H.Q. closing ROKEBY and re-opening new site GOLDIE'S	
			Rd 1500 hrs 27 Jan 42/	A.377
			Foot inspection carried out by all Coys.	
			FILU message that all army establishments to remain open	FILU A 381
			A.A. Day 26 Jan 42.	
			CODE name FILU Recruit Tng Bn changed from PIJU to ITO	SECRET FILU No 42/3 24 Jan 42 Noted on duplicate War Diary 20 Dec 41 g.
			13 O.Rs. from Bn. to be re-inforcements for 8 M.D.	S42/14

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Unit 59 Bn Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 25 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 26 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	25 Jan 42	0830	Coys carrying on with trng excl C Coy. C Coy resting.	/
SEYMOUR		0915	Break in trng for CHURCH PARADE.	/
			19 o/r marched in ex FILU R.T.B.	/
			Carriers withdrawn for transfer to TEJU	/ FILU A352
			Two Vans 15 cwt withdrawn and returned to BROADMEADOWS for	/
			transfer to 2 Cav Div	/ FILU A354
			Weather fine and hot	/
			1 O.R. rejoined Unit Ex 107 A.G.H. Pucka	

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Unit 59 Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 26 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 27 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	26 Jan 42		Weather - hot and fine	
SEYMOUR		0830	H.Q. Coy rest day - other Coys have individual trg. in Camp Area.	
			Armed Guard consisting of 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl & 8 ORs with rifles to mount guard instead of picquet.	
			Instructions received from 3 Div to close all Rear H.Q.	42/87
		1700	Lieut. Jackson and 1 O.R. moved out to close Shepparton Drill Hall	
			1 O.R. Transferred to Area 14A	
			1 O.R. Transferred to Area 59C	
			13 O.Rs. XXXXXX Transferred to 39 Bn. Re-inf.	
			1 O.R. Det. to Stonnington Con. Hosp.	
			1 O.R. rejoined Unit Ex Def.Pl. 15 Inf.Bde	
			1 O.R. Det. to S.C. Cookery School, Mooroopna	
			3 O.R. rejoined unit & taken on strength	

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Unit 59 Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 30 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	30 Jan 42		Weather - fine and cool.	19
SEYMOUR		0830	A. Coy. - rest day. Other Coys. continue trg. in Camp Area.	19
			Identification Discs commenced to be issued.	19
		1730	10% of Bn. march out on 5 days leave.	19
		1730	No. 1. Pl. march in from Bde Exercise.	19
		2030	Trg. film shown in Y.M.C.A. Tent (compulsory Parade for Bn.)	19
			5 O.Rs. m/i & taken on strength	19
			36 O.Rs. Transferred to Area Reserve for various reasons	19
			Quantity of Ammunition arrived at Q.M.Store for Sub-Machine Gun	19

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3RD DISTRICT		
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RECORDS		

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Unit 59 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 31 Jan 42 To 0001 hrs 1 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	31 Jan 42		Weather - fine and cool	19
SEYMOUR		0830	C. Coy resting - Other Coys. continue trg. in Camp Area.	19
		0630	All Tents rolled back for airing.	19
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Unit... 58 Battalion.....

Date and Time.—From 1 January To 31 January 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SEYMOUR	1 Jan.		Received advice of formation of 15 Bde. R.T.B. for training Recruits. Remainder of Battalion out on Bivouac in the Kerrisdale - Homewood - Yea Area.	
"	2 Jan.		Coy. Training in Bivouac Area.	tut.
"	3 Jan.	1400	Capt. R.R. Marston Adj. Transferred to 15 Bde. R.T.B. Capt. N.W. Giddings appointed Adj. Coy. Training in Bivouac area.	tut.
"	4 Jan.		" " " " "	tut.
"	5 Jan.		Authority received to grant troops 1 day leave in seven on percentage basis. Coy. Training in Bivouac Area.	tut.
"	6 Jan.		Coy. Training in Bivouac Area.	tut.
"	7 Jan.		" " " " "	tut.
"	8 Jan.		W.E. ammunition received. Coy. Training in Bivouac Area.	tut.

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Unit 58 Battalion

Date and Time.—From 1 January To 31 January 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Seymour.	9 Jan.		Coy. Training in Bivouac Area.	<i>huf</i>
"	10 Jan.	0430	Troops returned from Bivouac	<i>huf</i>
"	11 Jan.	0400	Conference at Mita H.Q. re leave, delegates from all Units attended.	<i>huf</i>
"	12 Jan.		Bn. H.Q. Staff & Coy. Commanders attended T.W.E.T. prepared by MITA and moved to Violet Town.	<i>huf</i>
"	13 Jan.		Above Officers continued T.W.E.T. and moved on to Wangarratta.	<i>huf</i>
"	14 Jan.		T.W.E.T. Completed at 1500 hrs. in Wangarratta and personnel moved back to camp area arriving at 1800 hrs. Instruction received to grant troops two days leave per month.	<i>huf</i>
"	15 Jan.		Coy. Training in Camp Area.	<i>huf</i>
"	16 Jan.		" " " " "	<i>huf</i>
" v	17 Jan.		" " " " "	<i>huf</i>

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Unit 58 Battalion

Date and Time.—From 1 January To 31 January 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Seymour.	18 Jan.		Coy. Training in Camp Area. <i>huf</i>	
"	19 Jan.		" " " " " <i>huf</i>	
"	20 Jan.		" " " " " <i>huf</i>	
"	21 Jan.		" " " " " <i>huf</i>	
"	22 Jan.		" " " " " <i>huf</i>	
"	23 Jan.		" " " " " <i>huf</i>	
"	24 Jan.		Troops commenced Rifle and L.M.G. practices at Rifle Range. <i>huf</i>	
"	25 Jan.		Practices continued. <i>huf</i>	
"		1000	20 Recruits received on draft from 15 Bde. R.T.B. <i>huf</i>	
"	26 Jan.		Practices continued. Volunteers called for Independent Coys. 6 Volunteered from this Unit. <i>huf</i>	
"	27 Jan.		Authority received to dispose of non-effectives on Unit strength 3 Div. AQ 316/42. <i>huf</i>	
"	28 Jan.		Authority received to close Unit Rear H.Q. and hand over Drill Halls to Area Officer by 5 Feb. '42. <i>huf</i>	3 Div. AQ 319/42.

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Seymour.	29 Jan.		Coy. Training in Bivouac Area <i>W.H.</i>	
"	30 Jan.		" " " " " <i>W.H.</i>	
"	31 Jan.		" " " " " <i>W.H.</i>	

W.H. Hale
LT. COL.
COMMANDING 58 BN.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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MEDICAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 1942.

HEALTH OF TROOPS. The general health of the troops has been good. The naso-pharyngeal infection which was prevalent last month has cleared up.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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AMENDED RETURN

58th Battalion (Unit) 3 Jan 1942 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	5	-	3
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	8	-	-
Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
Serjeants	40	-	-
Corporals	75	-	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	572	-	168
TOTALS	702	* -	* 171

*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.
W.O.11 L.R. SARGEANT	A.I.C.		
Sgt W.F. HOUSTON	A.A.S.C (P)		

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).

50th Battalion Unit.

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

AMENDED RETURN

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Non Specialists		171
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

58th Battalion Unit.

H. Giddings
Signature of Commander.
3 Div Seymour
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.
Co. 58 Bn

Date of Despatch 3 Jan. '42

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

58th Battalion (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	-
Majors	2	2	1
Captains	8	-	2
Lieutenants	13	-	7
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1	2	-
Totals	25	-	10

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major (Temp Lieut-Col)	V44312	F.W.H. HALE	58 Bn	Yes	
Capt (Major T)	V44314	S.O. RALPH	Do	Do	
Capt (Major T)	V44335	H.M. HEWARD	Do	Do	
Capt	V43004	R.R. MARSTON	Do	Do	
Capt	V44316	L.G. ALDRED	Do	No	F.T.D. A.A.P.C.
Capt	V44317	F.A. DREW	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Capt (T)	V44318	M.H. McMAHON	Do	Do	
Lieut-Capt (T)	V44049	N.A.G. JOHNSON	Do	No	Adm Regtl Reserve
Lieut-Capt (T)	V44068	P.W.E. BLACKSHAW	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob-Capt (T)	V44320	E.O. JAGO	Do	Do	
Lieute-Prob-Capt (T)	V44323	N.W. GIDDINGS	Do	Do	
Lieute-Prob-Capt (T)	V44325	L.H. GWYNNE	Do	Do	
Lieut-Prob	V44327	L. FRANKLIN	Do	Do	
Lieut-Prob	V44028	S.C. STEEL	Do	No	Enlisted R.A.A.F.
Lieut-Prob	V44330	O.C. LIND	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44029	H.H. HILBERT	Do	Do	
Lieut-Prob	V44331	N.A. DEMPSTER	Do	Do	
Lieut-Prob	V44332	C.C. CUTHBERTSON	Do	Do	
Lieut-Prob	V44333	R.L. COULTER	Do	Do	
Lieut-Prob	V44031	E.J. PARKER	Do	Do	
Lieut-Prob	V44334	J.R. BLACKSHAW	Do	Do	
Lieut-Prob	V48223	S.R. RIGHETTI	Do	No	Enlisted R.A.N.
Lieut-Prob	V44030	A.R. BATEMAN	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44772	C.H. BAUMAN	Do	Do	
Lieut-Prob	V44026	W.J. BEEFORTH	Do	Do	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut	VX41032	H.K. ANDERSON	2/14	13/10/41	Trng purposes
"	VX32173	L.H. COLLINS	"	"	" "
"	VX51665	E.M. GRIFF	"	"	" "
"	VX44793	A.P. HARDERS	"	"	" "
Lieut-capt Prov		H.C. CARTER	A.A.M.C.	21/10/40	R.M.O.

58th Battalion

(Unit.)

31 Jan 42

(Date of Despatch.)

W. Giddings
LT. COL.
COMMANDING 58 BN.

(Signature of Commander.)

3 Div Seymour

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO's 295 - 296

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 2QA
SEYMOUR.
4 JAN 41.

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HAIG E.D. COMMANDING 58 TH BATTALION.

295. DRESS
UNIFORM TO
BE WORN.

Uniform will be worn by all ranks of the Australian Military Forces who are employed on Full Time Duty or attending camps of training, at all times except when participating in sport.

All previous instructions regarding the occasions on which uniform will be worn during the present war are cancelled.

296. BOUNDS.

The township of YEA is out of bounds to all ranks except with prior approval of Bn HQ.

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

5 JAN. 42. **ADD**

59 Battalion.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I Nos. 308-314.

By

LT. COL. R.P. WHALLEY V.D. - COMMANDING 59 Bn.



308. DUTIES.

DUTY COY	5 JAN. 42	"C" Coy.
	6 " "	B "
	7 " "	A "
	8 " "	E(MG) "
	9 " "	D "
	10 " "	C "

309. MESS ORDERLIES.

All messorderlies to be paraded by Coy Orderly Cpls. and handed over to Messing Cpl. who will call the roll and report to Orderly Officer any irregularities.

310. OFFICER IN CHARGE OF O.P.

Officer in charge of O.P. must ascertain prior to 2000 hrs each day personnel to mount at 0000 hrs and arrange with picquet to be called. The practice of ~~WA~~king personnel after 2400 hrs to ascertain composition of posts must cease.

311. DUTY COY OFFICES.

Coys must ensure that personnel are in attendance at Coy Offices 24 hours each day to answer telephone and attend to all messages etc.

312. LECTURE SUNDAY 11 JAN. 42.

A lecture will be given in the Y.M.C.A. Marquee on Sunday 11 JAN. 42 at 2000 hrs by Mr. M.D. HARPER. Subject will be "Australia in the Pacific".

313. M.T. TAKEN ON STRENGTH AND STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

MAKE	NO.	ENGINE NO.	TYPE	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	DATE.
Ariel "B"	VIC 51895	CH476	Solo Cycle	R.G. HAWKING	25 SEP. 41.
Matchless "B"	VIC 34621	59/690 689	" "	MILLEDGE BROS.	9 DEC. 41.
Ariel "B"	VIC 34104	CE2556	" "	" "	10 DEC. 41.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

MAKE.	NO.	ENGINE NO.	TYPE.	TO WHOM TRANSFERRED	DATE.
Ford V.8 "B"	C4669	MM1841	Open Lorry	A.A.O.C. M.T. Pool, Broadmeadows.	18 DEC. 41.
Ford B	C4900	MM40-41	Van wireless	5 M.T. Group	27 DEC. 41.
Inter "B"	C6635	95702	Lorry G.S.	4th Inf. Bde.	27 DEC. 41.
Inter "B"	C16548	99801	" "	" " "	"
Inter "B"	C6636	101241	" "	" " "	"
Inter "B"	C16511	54570	" "	" " "	"

314. LEAVE.

This Unit is now training seven days per week, personnel however may be granted one free day from training. To ensure that no greater proportion are given leave on Saturday or Sunday than on any other day of the week the following roster will be observed.

5 JAN. 42	Monday	NO Leave.
6 JAN. 42	Tuesday	H.Q. COY.
7 "	Wednesday	E(MG) "
8 "	Thursday	A "
9 "	Friday	B "
10 "	Saturday	C "
11 "	Sunday	D "
12 "	Monday	H.Q. " etc.

Should leave day clash with day Coy is detailed as Duty Coy, next for duty will take over and Coy relieved will be duty Coy on succeeding day.

The free day will be used for administration, rest or local leave but does NOT imply permission to move by rail or any other means, outside the SEYMOUR Area.

C.A. Ricketts
(C.A. RICKETTS) MAJOR,
ADJUTANT 59 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO's. 293 - 297

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A
SEYMOUR.
8 JAN 42

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

293. DUTIES. Orderly Officer to Retreat 10.1.42 Lieut. H.K. Anderson
Next for duty " " 11.1.42 " E.M. Griff
- Duty Coy " " 10.1.42 "A" Coy
Next for duty " " 11.1.42 "B" Coy
- 58 Bn is duty Bn to " 10.1.42

When 58 Bn is duty Bn, Duty Coy will supply a guard of 2 Cpls and 6 Ptes to railhead, DYSART with 5 rounds ball ammunition per man. Guard personnel will embus in unit Transport lines at 1800 hrs.

294. M.T. TAKEN ON STRENGTH. Motor Cycle Reg.No. Vic.26497
Engine No. C.O.2125
Make Ariel
Owner Milledge Bros. Pty.Ltd.
T/s. 12 DEC 41 from 3 Div. H.Q.

Motor Cycle Reg.No. Vic. 15491
Engine No. BD 987
Make Ariel 350 c.c.
Owner Milledge Bros Pty.Ltd.
T/s 9 DEC 41 from 3 Div.Sigs.

295. PAY. Authority has now been received from the Camp Paymaster that all members of the unit may make an allotment to any person they desire. Allottees will not be entitled to dependant's allowance by reason of such allotment. Minimum allotment is three shillings^{0d} and maximum allotment is five shillings in the case of a private. Applications for allotments must be made through Coy officers on the prescribed forms (WF 12 and WF 7a) for return to Pay Sgt. Allotments cannot be commenced prior to 2 JAN 42. Pay may be now accumulated for indefinite periods in the Pay Books. Advice in writing must be in the hands of the Pay Sgt 10 days prior to a pay day for permission to accumulate pay. Similar notice must be given if withdrawals are required.

296. LIGHTING. The attention of all ranks is directed to the instructions of Higher Authority in regard to blackout restrictions. Under no circumstances will outside lights be allowed. All skylights must be screened.

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

59 Battalion.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I. Nos. 1-9.

By

LT. COL. R.P. WHALLEY V.D. - COMMANDING 59BN.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at retreat on preceding day, except DIV Field Officer who reports at H.Q. 3 DIV at 0845 hrs. on day shown.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>DUTY BN.</u>	<u>BN ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY COY.</u>
11/1/42	59	Lieut. W.K. Kiteley	B
12/1/42	57/60	Lieut. T.D. Ashe	A
13/1/42	58	Lieut. C.R. Hoffman	E(MG)
14/1/42	59	Lieut. J.G. Grant	D
15/1/42	57/60	Lieut. I.M. Carter	C
16/1/42	58	Lieut. D.R. Adam	B
17/1/42	59	Lieut. H.G. Williamson	A
18/1/42	<u>DIV. FIELD OFFICER. CAPT. A.D. STEWART.</u>		

Orderly Officer will obtain from Adjutant the report of preceding Orderly Officer for perusal immediately on assuming duty.

- 2. GUARD FOR PETROL DUMP. DYSART.** Duty Coy. will detail the following Guard when BN is Duty Bn until further instructions :-
1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 6 Ptes., each issued with 5 rounds ball ammunition to report to R.S.O. Dysart ready to mount at 1900 hrs. dismounting at 1900 hrs. the following day.
Blankets and eating utensils will be carried.
Until further notice Duty Coy. will arrange transport and on reporting to Dysart will return relieved Guard to its Unit lines.
DRESS. Shirts, shorts, or working dress.
Ammunition will be drawn from R.S.M. immediately prior to departure and returned immediately on return to Unit lines.
AAF C7 will be furnished at the same time as Ammunition is returned.
- 3. 3 DIV. GATE PICQUET.** This picquet is NOT now required.
- 4. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY. PAY BOOKS.** Prior to marching out of Camp on leave without pay, paybooks will be handed to Pay Sgt. to be ruled off. Paybooks will be carried on leave w/o pay up to 14 days. When marching out for more than 14 days paybooks must be withdrawn.
- 5. FINES & FORFEITURES. PAY BOOKS.** Paybooks must be carried by all personnel when appearing at Orderly Room. Awarding Officer will enter the fines and forfeitures, sign in the specified place for subsequent return to the man.
- 6. CONTROL OF M.T. SPEED.** Attention is drawn to C.S.O. ref. speeding. Drivers must keep within the authorised speed limits.
- 7. CHURCH SERVICES. PROTESTANT SERVICE.** 0915 hrs. Parade ground beyond ford. SUNDAY 11 JAN 42. Markers to report R.S.M. 0905 hrs.
PROTESTANT COMMUNION SERVICE:- Y.M.C.A. marquee 0700 hrs. Personnel to be Paraded by Coys. at 0655 hrs.
R.C. Site 29. 0715 hrs. Personnel to be paraded by Coys Bn. Parade Ground 0650 hrs. W.O.11. CRAMERI to arrange transport.

ROUTINE PART ORDER PART I NOS. 1-9 (contd).

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 2.

- 8. **PAY BOOKS SIGNING.** No officer or O/R can sign his own paybook. Attention is drawn to Instructions on front cover para 5. Coys. will check all paybooks and report by 1700 hrs. 11 JAN 42 any instances where paybooks have been irregularly signed.
- 9. **EDUCATION LECTURE.** Sunday 11 JAN 42. Y.M.C.A. Margree. 2000 hrs. Lecturer. Mr. Cousins. Secretary Workers Education Association. Subject. "What we are fighting for" and "What we are looking forward to".

UNIT	NAME	GRADE
10	W. J.
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C.A. Ricketts
(C.A. RICKETTS) MAJOR.
ADJUTANT 58 Bn.

Orderly Officer will obtain from Adjutant the report of preceding Orderly Officer for personal inspection on evening duty.

1. GUARD FOR ...

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO'S 298 -

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 2QA
SEYMOUR.
12 JAN 42

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

298. DUTIES.
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|----------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------|
| Orderly Officer to Retreat | 12.1 .42 | Lieut.O.C.Lind | |
| Next for duty | " " | 13.1 .42 | " L.Franklin |
| " " " | " " | 14.1 .42 | " L.Franklin |
| Duty Coy | " " | 12.1 .42 | "C" Coy |
| Next for duty | " " | 13.1 .41 | "D" " |
| " " " | " " | 14.1 .42 | "E" " |
| 58 Bn is duty Bn | " " | 13.1.42 | |
| Div Field Officer" | " " | 12.1.42 | Lieut.L.Franklin |
299. KIT INSPECTION. A kit inspection will be held on 17 JAN 42 and fortnightly thereafter. Reports to reach Bn HQ by 0900 hrs on day following inspection. First report due at 0900 hrs 18.1.42.
300. COY SICK PARADES. Until farther notice, the following details will apply for Coy sick parades :-
HQ and E Coys - Personnel to be paraded to R.A.P. at 0645 hrs daily.
A,B,C and D Coys - At 0700 hrs daily. R.M.O. will leave R.A.P. per vehicle and visit those Coys. Personnel to be ready by 0700 hrs at Coy HQ.
For afternoon sick parades Coys will arrange for personnel to be paraded to R.A.P. at 1630 hrs.
301. SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS. Latrine screens will be sited for use by Coys in dispersal areas. Pans will be cleared from these areas by Sanitary Contractor. Each Coy in whose area these latrines are situated will be responsible for their cleanliness, and must ensure that all necessary measures are taken to safeguard the health of the troops.
302. LEAVE. Higher Authority have now advised that leave may be granted to NOT more than 10 per cent of personnel of the unit at any one time. The basis will be 48 hrs per month or 5 days per two months. Only Country personnel proceeding to certain stations will be granted the 5 day leave. Under no circumstances will the longer period of leave be granted to any other personnel. All leave will be controlled from Bn HQ on a strict roster basis. Bn HQ will advise Coys of personnel granted leave at various periods. The first group of 58 Bn personnel will leave SEYMOUR by train at approx 1745 hrs 12 JAN 42. Metropolitan personnel returning on Wednesday 14 JAN 42 at approx 2015 hrs from Spencer St. Country personnel on Saturday 24 JAN 42 at approx 2100 hrs. Personnel proceeding on leave will parade to Bn HQ at 1615 hrs 12 JAN 42. R.S.M. will be responsible for inspecting this parade and ensuring that the requirements of S.C.R.O's re dress are complied with by all personnel. He will also be responsible for advising personnel of train departure times and for moving parade to embussing point (to be advised later) and embussing troops.
- N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO's 305 - 306

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20 A
SEYMOUR.
16 JAN 42

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

305. DUTIES.	Orderly Officer to Retreat	17.1.42	Lieut. C.H. Bauran
	Next for duty " "	18.1.42	" W.J. Beeforth
	" " " " "	19.1.42	" L.H. Collins
	Duty Coy " "	17.1.42	"B" Coy
	Next for duty " "	18.1.42	"C" Coy
	" " " " "	19.1.42	"D" Coy
	58 Bn is duty Bn" "	19.1.42	

306. CHURCH PARADES.	Protestant Parade - Fall In - Coy Lines	0950 hrs
	Markers	0955 hrs
	Advance	1000 hrs
	Service commences	1015 hrs
	R.C. Parade	At Camp Site 17 CWO Hut 0915 hrs
		O.C. Capt M.H. McMahon

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

NOTICES

- LOST. 1. 1 only canvas money belt containing money lost probably in the vicinity of mess hut.
2. 1 only Gold wristlet watch in showers (Sgts).
3. 1 only leather money belt containing money in mess hut or latrines.
4. 1 only Gold signet ring in or about showers

Finders of any of the above articles will return them immediately to Bn H.Q.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

59 Battalion.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I. Nos. 10-16.

By

Lt. COL. R.P. WHALLEY, V.D. - COMMANDING 59BN.

10. DUTIES. To mount at retreat on preceding day.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>DUTY BN.</u>	<u>BN. ORDERLY OFFICER.</u>	<u>DUTY COY.</u>
18:1:42	58 BN.	W.O.11 T.A.C. DODD	E(MG)
19:1:42	NOT ADVISED	o W.O.11 T.L. MCGREGOR.	D
20:1:42	do. do.	o W.O.11 E.R. RABIE	C
21:1:42	do. do.	o W.O.11 T.F. LEE.	B
22:1:42	do. do.	o LIEUT. H.B.W. JOHNSON	A
23:1:42	do. do.	LIEUT. T.D. ASHE	E(MG)
24:1:42	do. do.	LIEUT. W.K. KITELEY	D

o Duty officer on dates shown will mount at Reveille.
NO days of rest will be taken from Monday 19 Jan to Wednesday 21 Jan inclusive.

11. LEAVE. It has been advised that personnel are travelling on trains other than their approved leave trains.
(a) Special train to MELBOURNE leaves 1745 ex SEYMOUR and returns 2220 hours ex SPENCER STREET.
ALBURY LINE. 1818 hrs. ex SEYMOUR, return 1540 hrs. ex ALBURY.
G. VALLEY LINE. 1915 hrs. ex SEYMOUR return 1625 hrs. ex TOCUMWAL.

(b) Personnel proceeding on leave Saturday 17 JAN 42 parade BN parade ground 1700 hrs. Bus departs Main Gate 1730 hrs. for SEYMOUR.

All personnel MUST return by approved trains on Thursday 22 JAN 42.

12. CHURCH PARADE.

Sunday 18 JAN 42. As for previous Sunday. BRO I Para 7 of 10 JAN 42 with the exception of Protestant Communion Service.

13. REPAIRS BCCTS & SHOES.

No private boots or shoes will be repaired. Personnel having Army boots for repair will be paraded by Coy's to the Q.M.'s store.

14. PARADE STATES

As from Sunday 18 JAN 42, the following additional information is required on the reverse of AAF. A10. :-

(a) Absent with leave not exceeding 7 days.

(b) Absent with leave exceeding 7 days and NOT exceeding 28 days

In future parade states will include all personnel granted leave from training (with or without pay) for any period not exceeding 4 weeks. (i.e. Personnel as above will NOT be shown as marched out.)

15. ENLISTMENTS A.I.F. & R.A.A.F.

Until further instructed members of the Militia will NOT be enlisted A.I.F. or R.A.A.F.

A record is being kept at this HQ of all members who apply for enlistment and members will be given a certificate acknowledging their willingness to enlist.

All applications must be submitted in writing through COY'S.

16.

All personnel are to be advised that personal applications for leave, exemption or any concessions will NOT be dealt with at this H.Q. unless paraded in the correct manner.

All such applications MUST be made through COYS.

(C.A. RICKETTS) MAJ(R).
Adjutant 59 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO's 307

H.Q. 58 Bn
Camp Site 20A
SEYMOUR.
19 JAN 42

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

307. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	to Retreat	19.1.42	Lieut. Cuthbertson
Next for duty	" "	20.1.42	" H.K. Anderson
" " "	" "	21.1.42	" E.M. Griff
Duty Coy	" "	19.1.42	"D" Coy
Next for duty	" "	20.1.42	"E" "
" " "	" "	21.1.42	"A" "
Guard Sgt	" "	20.1.42	Sgt Read J.W.

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO's 308 - 311

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A
SEYMOUR.
20 JAN 42

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

308. DUTIES. Orderly Officer to Retreat 21.1.42 Lieut. E.M.Griff
Next for duty " " 22.1.42 " O.C.Lind
" " " " " 23.1.42 " L.Franklin
- Duty Coy " " 21.1.42 "A" Coy
Next for duty " " 22.1.42 "B" "
" " " " " 23.1.42 "C" "
- Div.Field Officer to report H.Q. 3 Div. at 0845 hrs 21.1.42
Capt.L.H.Gwynne.
309. WIRELESS SETS. All Coys will submit to Bn H.Q. by 0900 hrs 22 JAN 42 a list of the names of all personnel who possess wireless sets. These will be grouped in two categories.
(a) Those electrically operated.
(b) Those operated by batteries.
The above information is required by H.Q. Base, Southern Comd.
310. TRANSPORT REQUISITIONS. Applications for the use of unit transport must be preceded by properly prepared requisitions on G.I's. To assist in the conservation of petrol and to enable the Transport Officer to co-ordinate the use of unit vehicles, these requisitions must be lodged at unit Transport Office by 1800 hrs the day previous to the vehicle being required.
311. TELEGRAMS CONCESSION RATES. Higher Authority has now advised that telegrams will now be accepted for despatch at any telegraph counter from members of the Forces without the imprint of the Department of the Army Concessional Postal Rate stamp provided that -
(i) The member is in uniform and personally attends to lodge the telegram.
(ii) Each telegram is endorsed (not necessarily for transmission) with the name, number, rank and unit of the sender.
- A member of the Forces not in uniform may lodge telegrams for despatch at the concessional rate provided that an official stamp has been impressed on each telegram By the Defence Authorities..

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO's 312 - 313

H.Q. 58 Bn
Camp Site 20A
SEYMOUR.
22 JAN 42

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

312. DUTIES. Orderly Officer to Retreat 23.1.42 Lieut. L.Franklin
Next for duty " " 24.1.42 " A.P.Harders
" " " " " 25.1.42 " E.J.Parker

Duty Coy " " 23.1.42 "C" Coy
Next for duty " " 24.1.42 "D" "
" " " " " 25.1.42 "E" "

58 Bn is duty Bn " " 25.1.42
Guard Sgt " " 23.1.42 Sgt Williams G.H.
Next for duty " " 24.1.42 " Murphy B.N.

313. PAY.

With reference to Leave without pay taken at the commencement of F.T.D., it is now advised that an alteration has been made in the method of dealing with L/W/P in the Pay Books in respect of personnel who take allotments.

As from 31.10.41 only the NETT DRAWING RATE is debited in the Pay Book - the Allottee being debited with allotment and Dependants' Allowance.

An adjustment has therefore been made in the Pay Books, crediting members with the allotment rate for the abovementioned leave period.

ACQUITTANCE ROLLS. Every care must be taken when signing for pay in the acquittance rolls. Coy Comds or their paying officer must ensure that the signature on the acquittance roll corresponds with that in the paybook. Initials of all personnel must precede their surnames and be in writing as part of the signature as per specimen in man's paybook.

Paying officers will also be responsible for the completion of pages 2 and 6 in the Pay Books by personnel where concerned.

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO's 314 -

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A
SEYMOUR.
23 JAN 42

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

314. DUTIES
- | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Orderly Officer to Retreat | 24.1.42 | Lieut. A.P.Harders |
| Next for duty | " " | " E.J.Parker |
| " " " | " " | " C.H.Bauran |
| Guard Sgt | " " | Sgt Murphy E.N. |
| Next for duty | " " | " Fraser R.J.W. |
| " " " | " " | L/" Broadbent J.E. |
| Duty Coy | " " | "D" Coy |
| Next for duty | " " | "E" " |
| " " " | " " | "A" " |
| 58 Bn is duty Bn" | " " | 27.1.42 |
315. COURT MOURNING. Court Mourning for H.R.H. Duke of Cornwall two weeks from 19 JAN 42. During this period Officers will not attend balls in uniform.
316. C.D.S. It is requested that members, when returning from leave, bring with them one or two books to form the nucleus of a library for 15 Fd.Amb.Hospital, also medicine bottles with corks, as there is a great shortage of these articles. These articles will be handed in to the Coy office who will forward same to Bn H.Q. for delivery to 15 Fd.Amb.
317. GATES AND FENCES. The gate at the entrance to "E" Coy area must be kept closed at all times. Coys will be responsible that strict supervision is kept on fences in the area. Coy Comdrs. will ensure that no damage is done to any fence,
318. KITCHEN FATIGUE. The following Coys will supply a kitchen fatigue of six men to report to the Sgt Cook at 0830 hrs daily in the order shown hereunder -
D, HQ, E, Band.
319. SHOWERS. The use of the showers is prohibited during the undermentioned hours -
0900 - 1245 hrs
1400 - 1645 "
Maintenance personnel may be permitted to use the showers after completion of their duties after 1545 hrs daily.
Laundering may be carried out by personnel on Coy rest day, only after inspection and not before 1100 hrs daily.

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

NOTICE

A lecture on New Guinea will be given in the Mess Hut tonight at 2000 hrs by Padre Pedrick. All ranks are invited to attend.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO's 320 - 322

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A
SEYMOUR,
24 JAN 42

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

320. CHURCH Protestant Parade Fall In 0955 hrs
PARADE Markers 1000 hrs
Advance 1005 hrs
Service commences 1015 hrs

R.C. Parade At Camp Site 17 C.W.O. Hut at 0915 hrs
O.C. Capt. M.H.McMahon.

ARMY

321. EDUCATIONAL

LECTURE. All Coys are advised that an illustrated lecture will be given in the West End of the Mens' Mess Hut on Sunday 25 JAN 42 at 2000 hrs, by a representative of the Army Educational Service.

All Coys will be in position in the Mess Hut by 1950 hrs. Orderly Officer will be responsible for arranging fatigues to darken the hut and make any other preparations required by the lecturer.

322. Coys will submit a list of volunteers for Independent Companies by 1800 hours on 25 Jan 42.

Volunteers are to fulfill the conditions hereunder:-

- (a) Willing to serve in A.I.F.
- (b) Single, widowers or married men without children.
- (c) Aged between 20 and 40 years.
- (d) Amendable to strict discipline.
- (e) Without any criminal record.
- (f) Prepared to serve at home or abroad in any capacity whatsoever.
- (g) Medically examined by R.M.O. and classified Fit Class 1 (High Standard).
- (h) Of high intelligence.

N.W.GIDDINGS. Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

NO's 323 - 325

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A.,
SEYMOUR.
26 Jan 42.

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION

323. DUTIES. Orderly Officer to Retreat 27/1/42 Lieut. W.J. Beeforth.
Next for Duty " " 28/1/42 " L.H. Collins.
" " " " " 29/1/42 " J.R. Blackshaw.

Duty Company " " 27/1/42 "B" Coy.
Next For Duty " " 28/1/42 "C" Coy.
" " " " " 29/1/42 "D" Coy.

Guard Sgt. " " 27/1/42 Sgt. N.D. Allen
Next for Duty " " 28/1/42 " J.W. Read.
" " " " " 29/1/42 " J.L. Wearne.

58 Bn is Duty Bn to Retreat 28/1/42.

324. M.T. The following A.A.F's. G.ll have been issued and endorsed.
LICENSES

No.	Rank.	Name.	Class.	Licence No.	Date Issued.
V44026	Lt.	Beeforth W.J.	1&11	72315	15/10/41.
V44757	"	BETHUNE J.F.	1&11	72320	3/11/41.
V48164	Dvr.	Brown L.W.	1V	72318	29/12/41.
V47872	"	Bolton K.F.	1&11	72332	20/12/41.
V44178A	1/2 Sgt	Dugord P.	11	85178	20/12/41.
V44815	Lt.	Fraser R.J.W.	1&11	72321	3/11/41.
V47926	Dvr.	George C.	1V	72312	18/10/41.
WP5962	WO1.	Glance J.J.	1&11	72311	10/10/41.
V44923	Dvr.	Gresty F.W.T.	1&11	72335	20/12/41.
V47940	"	Hager C.W.H.	1V	72314	18/10/41.
V	"	"	1&11	72314	20/12/41.
V47939	"	Hutchinson J.W	1V	72313	18/10/41.
"	"	"	1&11	72312	20/12/41.
V47946	"	Hyde J.R.	1&11	72334	20/12/41.
V44558	"	Longman K.C.	1V	85181	29/12/41.
V44910	Lt.	Murphy B.N.	1&11	72317	15/12/41.
V44943	Dvr.	Reid O.A.	1V	85176	18/10/41.
V44653	"	Royals S.J.	1V	85177	29/12/41.
V48140	"	Whitford F.W.	1&11	72333	20/12/41.
V44995	"	Wright P.C.	1V	85184	29/12/41.
V48245	"	Coonan S.L.	1&11	72327	24/1/42.
V44181	"	Eatock W.E.	1&11	72326	"
V44140	"	Buchanan R.N.	1&11	72328	"
V47875	"	Axton A.L.	1&11	72325	"
V44306	"	McCarthy D.	1&11	72322	"
V47935	"	Gittings A.J.	1&11	72319	"

325. WASTE
TINS

The small tins in the men's shower hut are to be used for waste paper, etc. Under no circumstances are these tins to be removed.

N.W.GIDDINGS. CAPT.
Adj., 58 Bn.

[Handwritten Signature]
58th Battalion

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

NO's 326 - 328

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A
SEYMOUR.
28 JAN 42

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

326. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer to Retreat	29.1.42	Lieut. J.R.Blackshaw
Next for duty	" "	" R.J.W.Fraser
" " "	" "	" B.N.Murphy
" " "	31.1.42	"
Duty Coy	" "	"D" Coy
Next for duty	" "	"E" "
" " "	" "	"A" "
" " "	29.1.42	"
" " "	30.1.42	"
" " "	31.1.42	"
Guard Sgt	" "	Sgt Wearne J.L.
Next for duty	" "	" Byrnes P.F.
" " "	" "	" Smith N.A.
" " "	29.1.42	"
" " "	30.1.42	"
" " "	31.1.42	"
58 Bn is duty Bn	" "	31.1.42
Div.Field Officer to Retreat	2.2.42	Major H.M.Howard.

327. LOCAL LEAVE.
All ranks are advised that the one day in seven local leave may be granted to SEYMOUR only. Personnel detected in any other township or attempting to board trains for travel beyond SEYMOUR will be apprehended and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

328. LEAVE PASSES.
All leave passes must have the imprint of the Unit stamp on them before being issued.
Passes without this stamp are not valid and troops on leave with passes not bearing the imprint of the unit stamp will be apprehended and returned to the unit.

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

NO's

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A.,
SEYMCUR,
30 Jan 42.

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION

326. DUTIES

Orderly Officer to Retreat	1/2/42	Lieut. D.G. Spink
Next for Duty	2/2/42	" E.M. Griff
" " "	3/2/42	" O.C. Lind
Guard Sergeant	1/2/42	Sgt. L.S. Proby
Next for Duty	2/2/42	" M. Gardiner
" " "	3/2/42	" E.F. Eagles
Duty Coy	1/2/42	"B" Coy.
Next for Duty	2/2/42	"C" "
" " "	3/2/42	"D" "

327. TESTING
MOTOR
CYCLISTS

Coys. will submit to Bn. H.Q. by 1200 hrs 31 Jan 42 a list of names of all personnel who have had experience with motor cycles and possess a knowledge of their maintenance and mechanism. Arrangements will then be made for these personnel to be tested for G.11 Class V.

328. WEARING
OF
BERETS

The practice of personnel of Carrier Pls. wearing Berets will cease forthwith except when carrying out maintenance on carriers. At all other times standard Head Dress, as worn by other personnel of the Bn., will be the order of dress for the Carrier Pl.

N.W. GIDDINGS. Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

NO's 329 - 334

By

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A,
SEYMOUR.
31 Jan 42.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION

329. DUTIES. Orderly Officer to Retreat 2/2/42 Lieut. N.A. Dempster.
Next for Duty " " 3/2/42 " "
" " " " 4/2/42 " E. J. Parker.

Guard Sgt. " " 2/2/42 Sgt. C. J. Govers.
Next for Duty " " 3/2/42 I./Sgt. E. W. Towers.
" " " " 4/2/42 " N. M. Found.

Duty Coy " " 2/2/42 "C" Coy.

Duty Coy will select a guard to mount at retreat 1/2/42 from personnel proceeding on leave on Monday night.

330. ARMY EDUCATIONAL LECTURE. All Coys are advised that an illustrated lecture will be given in the West End of the Men's Mess Hut on Sunday 1 Feb 42 at 2000 hrs by a representative of the Army Educational Service. All Coys will be in position in the Mess Hut by 1950 hrs. Orderly Officer will be responsible for arranging fatigues to darken the hut and make any other preparations required by the lecturer.

331. CHURCH PARADE Arrangements for Church Parade are as follows:-
Fall in Coy Lines 1010
Markers 1015
Advance 1020
Service Commences 1030
R.C. Parade C.W.O. Hut Site 17 at 0915 hrs.
O.C. Parade Capt. McMahon.

332. BOUNDS All ranks are informed that the property known as "Marengo" and the portion of the Goulburn River in front of "Marengo" are out of bounds. Personnel detected swimming in that portion of the river or passing through "Marengo" will be dealt with under 3 Div. Camp R.O. 118/41, (15 Inf. Bde. 42/203 of 29 Jan 42).

333. CANTEEN AREA The canteen area is to be kept free of rubbish. At present much unnecessary work is caused for the Canteen Staff by rubbish, paper and empty bottles etc., being left in the vicinity. Unless the position in this regard can be improved, the hours of opening of canteen and the facilities offered, will have to be reduced, or further fatigues will have to be detailed to ensure that the area is kept clean.

334. PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE The Siren for P.A.D. will be as follows:-
Warning. Session of short blasts.
Enemy Aircraft " " 1/2 minute "
in Locality " " 1 minute blast.
All Clear One

N.W. GIDDINGS, CAPT.,
Adj. 58 Bn.

Not to be published

A.M.R. & C. 1588B.

H.Q., 59 Bn.,
Camp Site 50,
SEYMOUR.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

31 JAN. 42.

59 Battalion.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 Nos. 26-56.

By

LT. COL. R.P. WHALLEY V.D. - COMMANDING 59 Bn.

26. DUTIES. To mount at RETREAT on preceding day.

	DUTY BN.	Bn. ORDERLY OFFICER	DUTY COY.
1 FEB. 42	59 Bn	Lieut. I.M. CARTER	A COY
2 FEB. 42	57/60 Bn	Lieut. W.S. McALPINE	E(MG) WOY.
3 " "	58 Bn	" K.H. LYONS	D COY
4 " "	59 Bn	" H.B.W. JOHNSON	C "
5 " "	57/60 Bn	" H.G. WILLIAMSON	B "
6 " "	58 Bn	" D.R. ADAM	A "
7 " "	59 Bn	" W.K. KITELEY	E(MG) "
	<u>DIV FIELD OFFICER</u>	3 FEB. 42 CAPT. P.A. HARGRAVE.	

27. LEAVE
WEEKLY
LOCAL. Members of this Bde have been detected bearing local leave passes and trying to board Melbourne and country trains. Personnel are warned against this practice as it is probable that part or all of present leave concessions may be withdrawn if abused.

In future Coys will NOT grant leave or issue leave passes from an army pass from 0830 hrs.

Attention is drawn to B.R.O. Part 1 para 314 of 5 JAN. 42.

28. DRESS. The practice of personnel of Carrier Pls. wearing berets must cease forthwith except when carrying out maintenance on Carriers. At all other times standard head dress, as worn by other personnel of the Bn. will be the order of dress for the Carrier Pl.

Caps S.D. will only be worn by M.T. drivers and Motor cyclists.

Belts B.E. leather is NOT correct dress and will NOT be worn except by C.S.M's.

29. GUARD. As from 26 JAN. 42 duty Coy will mount a GUARD in lieu of present PICQUET.

Guard to consist of 1 CPL, 1 L.CPL and 8 O.R's.

DRESS. Service dress, gaiters, hats turned up unless otherwise ordered.

EQUIPMENT. Marching order with rifles; pack to contain Greatcoat and one blanket. Kit carried in haversack to include necessaries to change into shirts and shorts. Ground sheet to be folded and carried in flap of pack.

Palliassex etc. will NOT be taken to Guard tent.

Personnel detailed will report to Orderly Sgt. at 1600 hrs on day of guard mounting.

Guard will be mounted on BN parade ground at 1820 hrs. and Coy

Orderly Sgt will report to R.S.M. on parade ground at that time.

All BN duties will attend this parade.

30. A.A.F. G.II. The following officers and O.R's have qualified for Class V endorsement on G.IIs.

CLASSIFICATION
DRIVERS M.T.

V45266	Capt.	HARGRAVE,	P.A.
V45365	Capt.	HABERRECHT,	V.L.
V45369	Lieut.	LYONS,	K.H.
V45339	Lieut.	CARTER,	I.M.
V45270	Lieut.	JACKSON,	A.C.
V45386	Sgt.	PETERSON,	C.G.
V121168	Cpl.	MCGREGOR,	D.D.
V45473	L/Cpl.	THOMPSON,	D.J.
V45475	L/Cpl.	SCOTT,	L.
V121094	L/Cpl.	MCGORMACK,	D.S.
V45170	Pte.	WALKER,	J.E.
V45124	Dvr.	NOTHAUSEN,	J.

OVER.

31. KIT INSPECTION. The above returns are required at 15 Bde. H.Q. by 1800 hrs Sunday 1 FEB. 42 and thence fortnightly. Coy re-returns must be submitted to Q.M. not later than 0900 hrs same day.

32. CHECK ENG. AND TOOL STORES. This return is required monthly and must be submitted to Q.M. on the last day of each month. Care must be exercised that all routine returns are submitted by dates and times ordered.

33. M.T. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

MAKE	NO.	ENG. NO.	TYPE	TO WHOM TRANSFERRED	DATE
Inter "B"	C20321	213/92921	15 cwt G.S.	2 CAV.DIV.	25 JAN.42
" " "B"	C 6566	332516	" "	" "	"
Ford "B"	C22239	2G.7460	Carrier M.G.	4 DIV.	"
S.A.R.			L.P. 2.A.		

34. CHURCH PARADES.
PROTESTANT. 0915 hrs Y.M.C.A. Marquee.
 Coys parade independently at 0910 hrs and move into marquee under supervision of R.S.M.
R.C. Site 29 0715 hrs. Personnel parade by Coys to Bn Parade ground 0650 hrs. Senior N.C.O. to be O.C. parade. All available transport to be at parade ground at 0650 hrs.
DRESS. Service dress, gaiters, hats turned up.

SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING.

An informal service in sound and color will be conducted by Padre PEDERICK in Y.M.C.A. Sunday evening 1 FEB. 42, commencing at 2030hrs.

Pictures from the World's great works of art.
 A Protestant Communion Service will follow at approximately 2145 hrs.

35. D. & M. SCHOOL.

A Driving and Maintenance course will be conducted at this Camp site commencing on Monday 2 FEB. 42 - duration 7 days - C.I.-Lieut.M.W.POPE.

Coys will submit list of personnel, who hold civilian driving licenses for (a) Cars (b) trucks, (c) tracked vehicles.
 Return required by 1800 hrs tonight 31 Jan. 42.
 Privates only will be nominated who do NOT hold G.IIs for Classes I & II.

36. EDUCATION LECTURE.

Y.M.C.A. Marquee Saturday 31 JAN. 42 2000 hrs.

Subject : "Vikings Atlantic route".

Lecturer: Mr. Don. STUART.

E. F. Sargood

(E. F. SARGOOD) CAPT.
 ADJUTANT 59 Bn.

7 Jan. 42

15 INF. BDE.

SECRET 15/40
59 Bn Copy No 2

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT OF 59 BN
for WEEK ENDING 6 JAN 42

"A" OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

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|---|---|-----------|
| 1 | Topographical information | NIL |
| 2 | Internal Conditions (Political)
affecting war effort | NIL |
| 3 | <u>MORALE</u> (a) Troops. | |
| | A marked difference in the demeanour of the troops has been noticed recently when it became known that there are prospects of leave being granted very shortly. | |
| | (b) Public | NOT KNOWN |

"B" INTERNAL SECURITY

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|----|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. | ENEMY AGENTS | NIL |
| 2. | SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES | NIL |
| 3 | SABOTAGE etc. | NIL |
| 4 | DISCLOSURES. etc | |

A private soldier. A.I.F. from the QUEENSCLIFF Garrison was overheard saying that the unit he was with was the nearest situated to Queenscliff, that there were 400 in his unit comprising mostly of new recruits. He considered that 80 or 90% of them could not use a rifle efficiently and that in the neighboring Units the position was the same.

In his opinion the area in which his own and other Units were was of great importance and that untrained men should not be in these positions. His colour patches as far as can be remembered was a diamond on a grey patch, top half of diamond chocolate, bottom half red.

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| 5. | INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES. | NIL. |
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"C" ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE. NIL.

(Signed) H. K. Thorburn Major
for Lt-Col.
C.O. 59th Bn.

59 Battalion
Camp Site 30
SEYMOUR

13 JAN 42

15 Inf. Bde
SECRET 115/42

59 Bn Copy No 2

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT OF 59 BN
for WEEK ENDING ~~13~~ JAN 42

"A" OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

1. Topographical Conditions NIL.

2. INTERNAL Conditions. (Political) NIL
affecting war effort

3. Morale.

(a) Troops:- Troops generally appear more content now that definite date for leave has been announced. Much adverse comment is being made at the inability by personnel who have recently marched into Camp at the inability to fit them out with personnel clothing (shirts, shorts etc). In some cases no issue at all has been made and personnel have purchased issues through Canteens etc. and query why articles suitable as Army Pattern can be bought outside when issues are not available.

(b) Public. Good

"B" INTERNAL SECURITY

1. Enemy Agents.	NIL
2. Subversive Activities.	NIL
3. Sabotage. etc.	NIL
4. Disclosures etc.	NIL
5. Industrial Disputes.	NIL

"C" ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE

(a)

Waste of Paper. 40 Notices foolscap duplicating paper were received from 3 DIV. advising a talk by Mr Coates on Sunday 11 JAN. 42. There were approximately 20 words on each sheet. In view of the paper shortage, paper previously used would have sufficed or notice in Part 1 Orders and over Loud Speaker System would have been sufficient.

(b)

Reports are being received that local car proprietors are charging exorbitant prices for short local trips
e.g. Tallarook - Site 30 10/- each way.
Site 30 - Yea up to £6-0-0.

There appears to be lack of co-operation between D.F.O., s Department and Units. At present this Unit has 100 pay books not issued to personnel although when marching out of Camp on 30 Oct 41 paybooks had been in their possession. Some personnel have been in Camp since 18 DEC 41 but have not yet received any pay.

(Signed) C.R. HOFFMAN West
for.

Lt. Col.
D.O. 59 Bn

28 Jan. 1942.

H.Q. 15 INF. BDE.

59 Bn. Intelligence report for week ending Jan. 1942.

Prepared by Lieut. A.C. Jackson.

PART I. INTERNAL

"A"

OPERATIONAL INT.

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|----|---|-----|
| 1. | I. Topographical Information of Immediate value | NIL |
| 2. | II. Internal Political condition affecting war effort | NIL |
| 3. | III. Public Morale. | |

a. Troops.

Good. The fact that the troops know HOME LEAVE has been granted and that it has already been commenced has contributed largely to maintaining this Unit's high morale.

b. Public.

Numerous applications are still being received for exemptions of sons and employees for business and hardship reasons.

4. IV. War Equipment.

Extracts from report of inspection of respirators by Unit Gas Officer 28/1/42.

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| a. | 'The inlet valve on Type "E" Containers are not giving satisfactory service as in lots of cases the Valves are not seating in their correct position allowing air and moisture to pass back into the Container.' |
| b. | 'Heat is effecting the rubber of the Valve causing the flap to stick preventing a correct flow of air through the Container.' |

"B"

INTERNAL SECURITY.

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| 5. | I. Enemy Agents. (definite or determined suspected) | NIL |
| 6. | II. Subversive Activities. | |

MICHAEL TOME, a naturalized ITALIAN of HAGAMBIE applied for and was refused exemption for his son ALBERT TOME. A report by 1st Const. T.W.L. CASEY re the exemption states that TOME is at present employing an enemy alien in his son's place, and is inclined to be hostile to British subjects himself. Report appears reliable. Pte. TOME was transferred from 59 Bn. to 266 L.A.D. on 17 Dec. '41. Enquiries indicate that Pte. TOME was a good worker while with this Unit.

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| 7. | III. Sabotage or attempted Sabotage. | NIL |
| 8. | IV. Disclosures of Operation or movements. | NIL |
| 9. | V. Industrial Disputes. | NIL |

"C"

ECONOMIC INT. (AUST.)

Changes in internal economic activity relevant to war effort due to :-

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|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| 10. | I. Sabotage | NIL |
| 11. | II. Air bombardments | NIL |
| 12. | III. Industrial Disputes | NIL |
| 13. | IV. Weather conditions etc. | NIL |

PART II. EXTERNAL

NIL.

A.C. Jackson, Maj.
.....Lt. Col.
Commanding 59 Bn.

3RD DISTRICT		
54	2	WAR 206

DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit 58th Battalion

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 42. To 28 Feb 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SEYMOUR	1 Feb 42.		Company training in Camp Area. <i>huf</i>	
	2 Feb 42.	0730	Bn. moved out to the Kerisdale, Homewood, Yea area for the commencement of a bivouac. <i>huf</i>	
	3 Feb 42.		Troops continued training in bivouac area. <i>huf</i>	
	4 Feb 42.		" " " " " " " <i>huf</i>	
	5 Feb 42.	0800	Troops commenced to move back to camp area arriving at 1030 hrs. <i>huf</i>	
	6 Feb 42.		Training in camp area <i>huf</i>	
	7 Feb 42.		" " " " <i>huf</i>	
	8 Feb 42.	0845	Bn. started Route march from the camp area to Broadford via Seymour and Tallarook.	
			New recruits drafted to unit from 15 Bde. R.T.B. and have been organised into a training cadre <i>huf</i>	
	9 Feb 42.		Bn. commenced 2nd days march from Broadford to Strath Creek via Tyaac. <i>huf</i>	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 58th Battalion

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SEYMOUR	10 Feb 42.		Bn. marched to Kerisdale and returned to camp for the evening meal.	
	11 Feb 42.		Company training in camp area. <i>not</i>	
		2130	A successful blackout was carried out over camp Site 17. <i>not</i>	
	12 Feb 42.		Company training in camp area <i>not</i>	
	13 Feb 42.		" " " " " <i>not</i>	
	14 Feb 42.		Majority of troops went on local leave. <i>not</i>	
	15 Feb 42.		Company training in Camp area. <i>not</i>	
	16 Feb 42.		" " " " " <i>not</i>	
	17 Feb 42.		Bn. moved out on exercise <i>not</i>	as per attached copy of
	18 Feb 42.		Bn. continued exercise. <i>not</i>	exercise.
	19 Feb 42.	1730	Bn. commenced move back to Camp area. <i>not</i>	
	20 Feb 42.		Company training in Camp Area. <i>not</i>	
	21 Feb 42.		Companies moved out on independent exercises of Camp Area. <i>not</i>	
	22 Feb 42.		Bn. Rest Day in which tps. carried all personal maintenance duties. <i>not</i>	

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Unit 58th Battalion

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 42. To 28 Feb 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SEYMOUR	23 Feb 42.		Company training in Camp Area. <i>huf</i>	
	24 Feb 42.		" " " " " <i>huf</i>	
	25 Feb 42.		80 Recruits from Bn. Cadre drafted to the rifle companys. <i>huf</i>	
		1915	Troops moved out on exercise to the Glenaroua Area <i>huf</i>	
	26 Feb 42.	0530	Exercise continued in the Glenaroua Area. <i>huf</i>	
	27 Feb 42.		Exercise continued. <i>huf</i>	
		1730	Exercise completed. <i>huf</i>	
	28 Feb 42.		Troops rested in the Tallarook area in preparation for exercise to commence 1 Mar 42. <i>huf</i>	
			<i>W. J. Hale</i> LT. COL. COMMANDING 58 BN.	

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Unit

59 Bn.

Date and Time.—From

To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30 SEYMOUR	1 Feb 42	0001 hrs 1	Feb to 0001 hrs 2 Feb Weather - fine and cool.	
		0715	R.C.Church Parade at Camp Site 29A.	
		0915	Protestant Church Parade in Y.M.C.A.Tent conducted by Padre Pederick.	
		0830	A.Coy duty Coy. D. Coy rest day.	
			E.Coy go on route march. Other Coys continue with trg. syllabus in camp area.	
		1050	56 O.Rs. march in from R.T.B. and allotted to various Coys.	
		2030	Slides with appropriate music on "The Life of Christ" shewn by Padre Pederick in the Y.M.C.A.Tent.	
			Lt.A.C.Jackson det. to 15 Inf.Bde as B.I.O. 1 O.R. det. to S.C.T.S. Sig. Wing Course 55. 2 O.Rs. rejoin Unit ex Camp Hospital.	
Camp Site 30 Seymour	2 Feb 42	0001 hrs 2	Feb to 0001 hrs 3 Feb Weather fine and cool.	
		0830	All Coys prepare kits for exercise in blue.	
		1000	7 O.Rs from R.T.B.selected by Major Thorborn as new members of the Intelligence Section.	
		1400	A.B.C.D.E.Coys and 1 and 3 Pls. m/o to carry on individual Pl.Exercises in Tallarook Area.	APP. ATT. "G"
			Capt.P.A.Hargrave rejoined Unit ex R.T.B. 5 O.Rs rejoin Unit Ex L.W.O.P. 3 O.Rs rejoined Unit EX R.T.B. 1 O.R. rejoined Unit Ex Camp Hospital	

R. W. Hally

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Unit 59 Bn. Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30 Seymour	3 Feb 42	0001 hrs 3 0830	Feb to 0001 hrs 4 Feb Weather - warm. All Coys. continue Pl. Exercises in Tallarook Area. B.Coy. help to extinguish grass fire in their Area during the Exercise.	79
		1900	Guard provided for Dysart Siding by H.Q.Coy. 3 3 O.Rs rejoined Unit ex L.W.O.P.	79
Camp Site 30 Seymour	4 Feb 42	0001 hrs 4 0830	Feb to 0001 hrs 5 Feb Weather - warm. All Coys. continue with exercises in Tallarook Area during the day.	79
		1150	The G.O.C. S.C. Major-General Smart, G.O.C. 3 Div. Major-General Savige, the C.O. 15 Inf.Bde, Brig. Jackson and their Staffs arrived to witness demonstration by Special Pl. on fast penetration of wire. Time taken on demonstration was 22 seconds - the party left at 1300 hrs.	79
		2359	Major A.V.Smith O.C. H.Q.Coy rejoined Unit ex L.W.O.P. 4 O.Rs det. to No. 5 Cookery School, Seymour. 10% of Bn. m/i from 5 days leave.	79 79

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Unit 59 Bn.

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30 SEYMOUR	5 Feb 42	0001 hrs 5	Feb to 0001 hrs 6 Feb Weather - fine and cool. E. Coy. rest day.	
		0830	Personnel from R.T.B. have rifle practice on 30 yards range Camp Area. All Coys. in camp area during the day.	FILUOP9
		0930	A.B.C.D. and H.Q.Coys. witness demonstration of fast wire penetration by Special Pl. in charge of Lt. Head. Time taken on demonstration was 20 seconds.	19
			Lt. Jackson, Lt. Hoffman, Lt. Williamson and Lt. Carter do wire penetration in shorts and shirts.	19
		1030	H.Q.Coy. moved from their present position in camp area and disperse on South side of Creek next to D. and E. Coys. Slit trenches on old site filled in at night.	19
		1600	Demonstration on unarmed defence given by W.O. Weber to R.T.B.	19
		1630	10% of Bn. m/o on 5 day leave.	19
		1800	Lt.Col. Whalley inspected Guard. Special Pl. leave for 58 Bn. to give demonstration of fast penetration of wire.	19
			Digging of Ammn. Magazine near Camp commenced under supervision of T5 Ed. Park Coy. R.A.E.	19

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Unit 59 Bn. Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30 SEYMOUR	6 Feb 42	0001 hrs 6 Feb to 0001 hrs 7 Feb	Weather - warm. Very close at night.	
		0830	H.Q.Coy. have rest day. Remainder of Bn. have individual Exercises in Camp area.	79
		0830	A.Coy moved from their present position in camp area and disperse at foot of hill.	79
		0830	Dysart Siding Guard discontinued as from today. 6 N.C.Os attend Tank Hunting School at S.C.T.S.	79 BRO.
		1200	Special Pl. leave for 57/60 Bn. doing special Pl. Exercises in blue vicinity of Hughes Creek. The time taken was 17 seconds which is 3 seconds faster than their previous record. Special Pl. returns.	79
Camp Site 30 SEYMOUR	7 Feb 42	0001 hrs 7 Feb to 0001 hrs 8 Feb.	Weather - warm.	
		0830	Special Pl. have rest day. Members of R.T.B. finalize range practice in camp area. On account of dispersal of Coys. Sig. Pl. erect Amplifier in new position near Sergeants Mess.	79
		1800	E.Coy duty Coy. Transport to mount Guard at Retreat. Band leave for Shepparton to take part in patriotic appeal.	79
		0830	Coys. continue individual trg. in camp area.	79
		1200	79 O.Rs m/i from Reserve Trg. Bn. and was addressed by the C.O. 66 were allotted to E.Coy. and 13 to H.Q.Coy.	79
		0800	43 EXXS Members of Bn. leave for S.C.T.S. for tank hunting school.	79
		1200	Capt. McDonough, 1 Cpl.; 2 O.Rs, take mortar and visit V.D.C. AT TATURA, to give demonstration.	
1605	Lieut. Head, W. O. I. McIlroy, 4 Sgts & 8 O.Rs rejoin unit from R.T.B.			

R.P. Halley

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Unit Date and Time.—From To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 30	8 Feb 42	000Ihrs 8	Feb 42 to 000I hrs 9 Feb 42. Weather - warm	
SEYMOUR.		0830	R.C.Church Parade held at Camp Site 25 A.	79
		0915	Church Parade conducted by Padre Pederick in Camp Area.	
		0930	C.O.gives speech to men on parade. Coys have recapitulation in Camp Area.	
		I930	E Coy firing on 30x Range with L.M.G. Lecture delivered by Dr.Johnson of Queens College, Melbourne University, on Winston Churchill, followed by pictures.	
	9 Feb 42	000I hrs	9 Feb 42 to 000I 10 Feb 42. Weather fine.	
		0830	All Coys continue with individual trg.in Camp Area.	78 79
		I200	Band return from visit to Shepparton.	
	10 Feb42	000I hrs	10 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 11 Feb42 Weather -	
		0830	All Coys continue trg.in Camp Area.	79 78 78 79
		I400	Anti gas clothing issued to N.C.O.Instructors by Q.M.Store. Bn.visited by Capt.Finlay from Army-Capt.Youngman of Q.S.C.- Capt.Couchman of Ord.S.C.for purpose of inspecting magazines and stores.Personal clothing issued to tps.from Q.M.Store by Pls. commencing from No.I Pl.H.Q.Coy.	
		2030	Concert given by Mrs.White's Concert Party in Y.M.C.A.Tent- entertained afterwards in Sergeants Mess.	

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Unit.....59 Bn.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 13 Feb 42 to 0001 hrs 17 Feb 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 20 B	13 Feb 42	0001 hrs 13 Feb 42 to 0001 hrs 14 Feb 42	Weather fine and warm. Rain in afternoon.	
SEYMOUR.		0830	Coys have individual Pl. parades in Camp Area.	79
		2000	Address given by Y.M.C.A. Representative, Mr. Forster, in Y.M.C.A. tent, on "The Great Pyramid".	79
			Capt. J.M. Davies attached as R.M.O. ex. I C.D.S. A.I.F.	79
		0001 hrs 14 Feb 42 to 0001 hrs 15 Feb 42.		
	14 Feb 42		Weather hot and sultry.	
		0830	Personnel from R.T.B. carry out range practice on 30X R ange with L.M.G.	79
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		1400	All Coys have Route March in preparation for Ride March Exercise to Wangaratta.	79
			I O.R. marched in ex. S.C.T.S. Course No. 55.	79
			I O.R. marched out to Area 59 C- Reserved Occupation	79
		0001 hrs 15 Feb 42 to 0001 hrs 16 Feb 42.		
	15 Feb 42		Weather hot and sultry.	
		0830	Coys trg in Camp Area.	79
		0900	R.C. Church Parade at Camp Site 29B.	79
		0915	Protestant Church Parade in Camp Area/.	79
		1400	All Coys have Routed March in preparation for Ride March Exercise to Wangaratta.	79
		0001 hrs 16 Feb 42 to 0001 hrs 17 Feb 42.		
	16 Feb 42		Weather - fine.	
		0830	All Coys trg in Camp Area.	79
			Examination of feet by R.M.O. revealed high percentage of TINEA. Steps taken to combat complaint effectively.	79
			I O.R. transferred in from 58 Bn.	79
			I O.R. rejoined unit ex S. Comd. Arm. Course Bendigo.	79
			3 O.R. transferred to Areas 59A, 59B, 59C, (resp) - Reserved Occupation.	79

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Unit..... 59 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 000I hrs. 17 Feb 42 ... 000I hrs. 20 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 20 B	17 Feb 42	000I hrs 16 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 18 Feb 42.	Weather fine and hot.	
SEYMOUR.		0530	Reveille.	
		0730	Bn.prepares to break Camp.	
		1330	H.Q.closed at Camp Site 30 and reopened at Camp Site 20 B. Bn.march out of Camp Site 30 and proceed to Camp Site 20B,being ferried across Goulburn River in collapsible boats by members of R.A.E.	
		1600	Bn.arrives at Camp Site 20 B and erect tents <small>AVERAGE TIME . 3 1/2 MINUTES FOR EACH TRIP</small>	
	18 Feb 42	000I hrs 18 Feb 42 to 19 Feb 42.	Weather fine and cool.	
		0830	Bn.clean up Camp Area and prepare for Wangaratta Exercise. Lieut.Jackson rejoined unit ex I5 Inf.Bde.	
			I O.R.transferred in ex 3 Div.Prov.Coy.	
			I O.R.discharged-medically unfit.	
			I O.R.transferred to Area 59 C.- Reserved Occupation. <i>PREPARADNESS FOR WAR REPORT ATTACHED</i>	
	19 Feb 42	000I hrs 19 Feb 42 to 20 Feb 42.	Weather dull and threatening in morning - Rain (heavy) in afternoon.	
		0830	Bn.have individual trg.in Camp Area.	
		1320	400 members of Bn.assemble on Bn.Parade Ground preparatory to moving out on 5 th day exercise to Wangaratta.	
		1324	Party move off on exercise with aid of tpt.from various units-movement by Ride March System.	GRAPHS, ROUTES, SCHEDULE ATT. APP "D"
		1825	Party arrive at VIOLET TOWN in light rain and were billeted in Local Halls overnight.	
			2 Officers attached unit ex 24 Rein.2/6Bn.A.I.F.	
			I " " " " 2 Trg.Bn.A.I.F.	
			3 O.R.transferred in from 3 Supp.Pers.Coy.& 30.R.transferred out.	
			I O.R. " " " M.U.R. I O.R.discharged M.U.	

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Unit 59 Bn. Date and Time.—From 000I hrs 20 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 23 Feb 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 20 B	20 Feb 42	000I hrs 20 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 21 Feb 42.	Weather fine and cool.	
SEYMOUR.		0630	Reveille.	
		0800	Party assemble and march to Recreation Reserve accompanied by Regimental Band.	A
		0900	Band march local school children into School.	B
		0930	Party leave VIOLET TOWN in two sections - March Ride System.	B
		1345	Arrive and bivouac at Wangaratta Aerodrome Site.	B
			I O.R.det.to A.T.TD ARM.Course.	
			I O.R.discharged to R.A.N.R.	B
			I O.R. " " R.AAA.F.	
	21 Feb 42	000I hrs 21 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 22 Feb 42.	Weather fine and cool.	
		0730	Reveille.	
		0900	Bn.have individual Pl.Trng.in Camp Area .	
		1400	Tactical Exercise in co-operation with local V.D.C. in defence of WANGARATTA.Air Force plane from BENALLA Co-operates in exercise.	B
		2000	Local A.R.P.Organisation co-operate in exercise.	B
		2130	Total Blackout of WANGARATTA Township Area for one hour	B
			I O.R.rej.unit ex C.D.S.I O.R.rej.unit ex V.D.C.Cadre.	B
	22 Feb 42	000I hrs 22 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 23 Feb 42.	Weather fine and cool.	
		0800	Reveille.	
		1000	Bn.Parade at Bivouac Area preparatory to moving to individual Church Parades.C.O.explains reason for exercise to WANGARATTA.	B
		1100	Church Parades by denominations in WANGARATTA.	B
		1430	Bn.Parade at Bivouac Area preparatory to moving to CATHEDRAL for Ceremony of Laying up Regimental Colours.	B
		1530-1645	Ceremony of Laying up Colours.Followed by salute taken by Brig.Jackson.	B
		1900	Bivouac Site opened to Visitors.	B
		1800-1900	I O.R.rejoined unit ex IO7 Con.Depot.I O.R.rej.unit ex A.M.F.Sch.of Mech.	B

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Unit 59 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 000I hrs 23 Feb 42 To 000I hrs 26 Feb 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 20 B	23 Feb 42	000I hrs 23 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 24 Feb 42.	Weather fine and cool.	
SEYMOUR.		0730	Reveille.	
		0905	First group embus on first day of return journey on Ride March	79
		4	Exercise.	
		1830	All troops at bivouac area for night - Recreation Reserve, Violet Town.	79
	24 Feb 42	000I hrs 24 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 25 Feb 42.	Weather dull and cool.	
		0700	Reveille.	
		0920	First Group assemble and move off on second day of return journey.	79
		1530	All troops back in camp from Ride March Exercise.	
		2000	Mrs. Whites Concert Party entertains troops in Y.M.C.A. Marquee which was erected during the day.	79
	25 Feb 42	000I hrs 25 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 26 Feb 42.	Weather fine and warm.	
		0830	All Coys trg in Camp Area. Armourer carries out inspection of all weapons in Bn.	79
			Digging of slit trenches commenced by some Coys.	79
		1830	Guard of I Cpl. I L/Cpl. & 8 O.RS, mounted on roadway near entrance to Bn.H.Q.	79
			2 O.R. transferred in from I3 Sup. Pers. Coy.	
			4 O.R. rejoined unit ex S.COMD. COOK. SCH.	
			2 O.R. " " " " Cookery School, MOOROPNA.	
			2 O.R. transferred out to I3 Sup. Pers. Coy.	79
			I O.R. " " " " IO A.A. BTRY. I O.R. to 3Div.H.Q.	
			I Off. & I3 O.R. detached for Demonstrations Wire Penetration.	
			REPORT ON SUSPECTED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES ATTACHED	APP 'F'

10% of Bn. march in from 5 days Leave

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Unit ~~XXXX~~ 59. Bn. Date and Time.—From 000I hrs 26 Feb 42 To 000I hrs ~~28 Feb~~ ^{I Mar} 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Site 20 B SEYMOUR.	26 Feb 42	000I hrs 26 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 27 Feb 42.	Weather fine and warm.	
		0830	All Coys trg.in Camp Area. Digging of slit trenches continued.	<i>af</i>
		1200	Armourer's inspection of Bn.weapons completed. Companies ordered to advise proposed location of Coy.Ammn. Magazines.	<i>af</i>
			Hot showers connected up and in use for the first time since the occupation of new Camp Site. Further 10% of Bn.march out on 5 days Home Leave.	
	27 Feb 42	000I hrs 27 Feb 42 to 000I hrs 28 Feb 42.	Weather - fine and warm.	
		0830	All Coys individual trg.in Camp Area. Digging of slit trenches continued by Coys. 10 Drivers M.T.transferred out to R.F.D.Caulfield for allotment to other Units, outside 3 Div.	<i>af</i> <i>af</i>
	28 Feb 42	000I hrs 28 Feb 42 to 000I hrs I Mar 42.	Weather fine and warm.	
		0830	Whole Bn day of rest and organised sport in Camp Area All Coys individual trg in Camp Area. Excavation of Ammn magazine commenced. Day of rest postponed until 4 Mar 42 owing to Bde.exercise. Bn.moves out on exercise for 3 days.	<i>af</i> <i>af</i>

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I,

Nos. 335-338

H.Q. 58 Bn.
Seymour
1 Feb. '42

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D.

COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION

335 FIRST
FIELD
DRESSING

Personnel issued with First Field Dressings must take particular care to ensure that the dressing is in no way tampered with or damaged. Coy Comdrs will be responsible for the strict enforcement of these instructions.

336 CARE OF
BOOTS

Arrangements have now been made to have boots repaired within the Unit. All Platoon Comds. will be personally responsible for ensuring that the boots of members of their platoons are regularly inspected. Action will be taken to regularly inspect the boots of all personnel. Boots must be forwarded through C.Q.M.S. to R.Q. Store immediately the first sole becomes worn. Any person failing to report their boots as needing repairs and allowing them to become unserviceable will be personally responsible for replacing the boots at their own expense.

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337 M.T.
LICENSE

V44271 Lieut. D.G. Spink qualified at S.C.T.S. 33
A.A.F. C.11 Issued Classes I and II. 26 Oct. '41
License No. 72316.

N. W. GIDDINGS Capt.

Adj. 58 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCESROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

Nos 338 - 341

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
SEYMOUR
4 Feb. '42

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D.COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION

- 338 DUTIES
- | | | |
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| Orderly Officer to Retreat | 5/2/42 | Lieut N.A. Dempster |
| Next for Duty | 6/2/42 | " R.L. MacDonald |
| Next for Duty | 7/2/42 | " E.M. Griff |
| Next for Duty | 8/2/42 | " O.C. Lind |
| Guard Sgt | 6/2/42 | Sgt M. Gardiner |
| Next for Duty | 7/2/42 | " E. Eagles |
| Next for Duty | 8/2/42 | L/Sgt G.H. Lear |
| Duty Company | 6/2/42 | "C" Coy |
| Next for Duty | 7/2/42 | "D" " |
| Next for Duty | 8/2/42 | "E" " |
| 58 Bn is Duty Bn | 6/2/42 | " |
| 58 Bn is Duty Bn | 9/2/42 | " |
| Div Field Officer to Retreat | 11/2/42 | Capt P.W.E. Blackshaw |
- 339 DRESS
- Ref 3 Div R.O. 25/42 the following instructions will apply to personnel of this Unit both when on leave and on Duty in Public places.
- (a) All Soldiers will be correctly dressed when in public
Tunics must not be open at the neck.
Boots will be polished and hair clipped short
Collars, ties and other items of Civilian Dress must not be worn. **be worn**
Hats must always/during parade hours.
- (b) Summer dress may be worn when proceeding on leave if the weather is suitable.
Correct dress is shirts, shorts, full length stockings or puttees and hose-tops, and boots.
- (c) The names of Soldiers incorrectly or slovenly dressed in streets and public places are to be taken by Provost personnel and reported to Bn H.Q. Breaches of this order will be punished by forfeiture of future leave.

340 ROYAL MAIL HOTEL NAGAMBIE

Royal Mail Hotel NAGAMBIE is out of bounds to all troops until further notice.

341 STATE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

State school buildings or grounds are not to be occupied by troops unless in emergency in which case a report of the circumstances is to be made to this H.Q. for forwarding to higher authority.

N.W. Giddings Capt.
Adj 58Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
NO's 342 - 343

by

H.Q. 53 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A.,
SEYMOUR.
5 Feb 42.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION

342. PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE On receipt of Air Raid Warning No. 7 Seymour L. of C. Area will notify this H.Q. by telephone the following message:-

"Emergency Stand By"

The signaller on duty will notify the Orderly Officer immediately and will then wait on telephone for the Area Command Duty Officer or Other Responsible Officer to give the instructions:-

"Blackout Immediately"

On receipt of this message the Orderly Officer will take immediate action to have the large Green electric light switch operated from platform on pdae situated on road near new Campsite 20B turned down.

Lieut. C.C. Cuthbertson, or in his absence a substitute nominated by Lieut. Cuthbertson, will be responsible for the blacking out of the whole of Campsite 20A.

343. SANITATION The attention of all ranks is drawn to the danger of epidemics unless sanitary precautions are strictly observed. This is particularly necessary in view of dispersal and the number of new recruits. All military experience has shown that apparently slight neglect leads very swiftly to infection by flies etc. of food, water, etc. and consequent epidemics. For instance on GALLIPOLI in 1915 there were 145,000 casualties from sickness and only 47,000 from wounds. In EGYPT and PALESTINE in the 1914-18 War there were 503,000 casualties from sickness and only 40,000 from wounds - a ratio of 12 to 1. Any man who uses as a latrine any part of the camp area other than the appointed places is a menace to the health of all his comrades as the sanitary protection which was provided in civil life must now be provided by the men themselves. Any offence in this regard will be punished with strict disciplinary action such as a heavy fine. (3 Div. A.Q. 464/42).

N.W.GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 53 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

Nos. 344-

H.Q. 58 Bn.
Seymour
7 Feb. '42

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D.

COMMANDING 58th BATTALION

344 DUTIES	Orderly Officer to Retreat	8/2/42	Lieut J.F. Bethune
	Next for Duty	" 9/2/42	" D.G. Spink
	" " "	" 10/2/42	" D.G. Spink
	" " "	" 11/2/42	" D.G. Spink
	Guard Sgt	" 8/2/42	L/Sgt N.M. Found
	Next for Duty	" 9/2/42	" E.W. Towers
	" " "	" 10/2/42	" N.M. Found
	" " "	" 11/2/42	" E.W. Towers

58 Bn. is Duty Bn. to retreat 12/2/42
Coys. are advised that the guard for Dysart Siding
is no longer required.

Orderly Officer will detail guard from personnel
remaining in camp to mount at retreat each day
from 7/2/42 to 10/2/42 inclusive.

345 CHURCH
PARADE

The arrangements for Church Parades on Sunday 8 Feb.
'42 are as follows:

<u>Protestant Parade</u>	Fall In	1010
	Markers	1015
	Advance	1020
	Service	
	Commences	1030

R.C. Parade. C.W.O. Hut Camp Site 17 at 0915 hrs.

346 WATER

RESTRICTIONS H.Q. No. 7 Seymour L. of C. Area have issued the
following specific instruction with regard to the
use of water in camp sites in the Seymour Area:

1. Use of sprinklers or fixed hoses for watering
gardens is strictly prohibited.
2. Washing of all M.T. must only be carried out by
bucket and on no account must hoses be used.
3. Showers are only to be used by troops between
the hours of 0600 to 0800 and 1730 to 1930 daily.
4. The greatest care must be taken not to leave
taps running.
5. Any cases of leaking taps must be promptly
reported to Orderly Officer who will ring 5 Army
Troops Coy R.A.E. (Seymour 62 Extension 133)
and request immediate repair of taps.

347 NOTICE
BOARDS &
SIGNS

Immediate action will be taken to remove all forms
of identification from M.T. Notice Boards and any
ornamental signs displayed on the ground.

(S.C.R.O. 50/42)

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.

Adj. 58 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

Nos. 348-352.

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
SEYMOUR.
11 Feb 42.

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58th BATTALION

348. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer to Retreat	12/2/42.	Lieut J.F. Bethune
Next for Duty	" "	" L. Franklin
" " "	" "	" E.J. Parker
" " "	" "	" "
Duty Company	" "	" "
" " "	" "	" "
" " "	" "	" "
" " "	" "	" "
Guard Sgt.	" "	L/Sgt G.H.Lear.
Next for Duty	" "	Sgt. C. Hollick.
" " "	" "	" W.Wilson.
" " "	" "	" "

349. LOCAL LEAVE Instructions have been received from Higher Authority with reference to local leave as follows:-

"It is not the G.O.C's intention that units grant weekly leave to personnel with permission to travel outside the Camp Area.

Numerous cases have occurred of personnel endeavouring to travel to home stations and in many instances they have commenced their leave on the evening prior to their day off.

Until further notice all personnel must be present for the morning roll call each day, and under NO circumstances will any leave passes be issued prior to 0730 hrs.

Further all Coys must collect all leave passes immediately on expiration of leave".

In accordance with the above instructions each Coy Comd. must ensure:-

1. All passes must be written and signed in ink or indelible pencil.
2. That all leave passes are collected immediately personnel return from leave.

Strict disciplinary action will be taken with all personnel who do not comply with the above instructions.

350. HOME LEAVE PASSES All combined home leave and free rail passes must be collected by Coys. on the first parade after leave expires and must be returned to Bn. H.Q. by 0930 hrs on the morning following completion of period of leave.

351. BOOTS-- Care and Preservation Attention is directed to all previous instructions regarding care of boots. A thorough inspection is NOT in all cases being maintained and boots returned for repair have been found to be unserviceable, as the soles had been completely worn through. In view of supply difficulties it is essential that strict attention be paid to regular inspection of boots to ensure that repairs are effected while practicable.

352. BLACKOUT RESTRICTIONS. All military vehicles must comply with civilian regulations regarding speed limits and dimming of lights during blackouts. The entire camp area must be blacked out immediately on receipt of blackout warning being received. Coy. Comds. will ensure that necessary arrangements are made for the strict enforcement of these instructions in their Coy. areas and to see that immediate action is taken.

N.W.GIDDINGS. CAPT.
ADJ. 58 BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A.,
SEYMOUR.

NO'S 353 - 357

By

13 Feb 42.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION

353. DUTIES
- | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Orderly Officer to Retreat | 14/2/42 | Lieut. E.J.Parker |
| Next for Duty | " " | 15/2/42 " C.H.Bauman |
| " " " | " " | 16/2/42 " L.S.Proby |
| Duty Coy. | " " | 14/2/42 B Coy. |
| Next for Duty | " " | 15/2/42 C Coy. |
| " " " | " " | 16/2/42 D Coy. |
| Guard gt. | " " | 14/2/42 Sgt. W.W.Wilson. |
| Next for Duty | " " | 15/2/42 " J.L. Lyle. |
| " " " | " " | 16/2/42 " J.W. Read. |
| 58 Bn is Duty Bn | " | 15/2/42 |
| Div. Field Officer | " | 20/2/42 Capt. N.A. Johnson. |
354. CHURCH PARADE The arrangements for church parades on Sunday 15 Feb 42 are as follows:-
- | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Protestant Parade | Fall-in | 1010 |
| | Markers | 1015 |
| | Advance | 1020 |
| | Service Commences | 1030 |
| R.C. Parade. C.W.O. | Hut Camp Site 17 | at 0915 hrs |
| O.C. Parade | Capt. M.H. McMahon. | |
355. EDUCATIONAL FILM PROGRAMME All Coys are advised that a talkie film Programme will be given in the west end of the Men's Mess Hut at 2000 hrs Sunday 15 Feb 42. All Coys will be in position by 1950 hrs. Orderly Officer will be responsible for arranging fatigues to darken the hut and make any other preparations required.
356. SENTRIES POWER OF, TO FIRE ON SUSPECTED PERSONS.
- (a) While the present state of emergency continues, sentries safeguarding their posts or preventing the activities of enemy or suspected enemy agents, will take any action required to ensure the safety of their posts, or to defeat the activities of enemy or suspected enemy agents. If necessary they will fire upon or otherwise attack any persons threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.
- (b) Before firing upon any person the sentry should challenge that person to "HALT". If that person does not halt, the sentry will challenge him again "HALT OR I FIRE". If he does not halt and no other means are available for stopping him - as for example by calling on the rest of the guard - it is the duty of the sentry to shoot, aiming low to hit but not to kill.
- (c) The sentry must use his intelligence and sense of responsibility as to whether he will shoot or not, but he must be careful not to allow any suspected person to approach so close that he can be rushed and overpowered. (S. Comd. 1213 of 28 Jan 42)
357. AMERICAN SERVICE MEN IN AUSTRALIA-COURTESY ETC. A number of AMERICAN Service Men are now in AUSTRALIA and it is requested that all ranks extend every courtesy and give all possible co-operation. By such actions these visitors will realise that AUSTRALIANS are fully aware of the importance of their presence in this country and it will do much to foster the spirit of friendliness which already exists between the two countries. (3 Div. R.O. 38/42 6 Feb 42)
N.W.GIDDINGS. CAPT. ADJ. 58 BN.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

Nos. 358-360.

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
SEYMOUR.
16 Feb 42.

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL F.W.H. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58th BATTALION.

358. DUTIES. Orderly Officer to Retreat 17/2/42. Lieut. E.M. Griff
Next for Duty " " 18/2/42. " C.C. Cuthbertson
" " " " 19/2/42. " "
Guard Sgt. " " 17/2/42. Sgt. C.J. Govers
Next for Duty " " 18/2/42. L/Sgt. N.M. Found
" " " " 19/2/42. L/Sgt. E.W. Towers

58 Bn. is Duty Bn. " 18/2/42.

359. GATES Vehicles and troops entering and leaving Camp Site 17
CAMP SITE 17. must use main gate. North gate is NOT for use and
must be kept closed.

360. ISSUES In future all issues and exchanges of clothing etc.
FROM from the REGIMENTAL "Q" STORE, will only be made to
Q.M. STORE Companies on the following days:

E.Q. Coy.	MONDAY	16.30 - 17.30
"A". Coy.	TUESDAY	" "
"B". Coy.	WEDNESDAY	" "
"C". Coy.	THURSDAY	" "
"D". Coy.	FRIDAY	" "
"E". Coy.	SATURDAY	" "

Personnel of Companies must be paraded by C.Q.M.S. and
under no circumstances will issues be made to individuals.
Any variation of above which may be necessary owing to
local leave will be arranged direct with the Q.M. by
C.Q.M.S's.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Nos. 561-364.

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A,
SEYMOUR.
21 Feb 42.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.H. HAILE E.D. COMMANDING 58th BATTALION.

361. <u>DUTIES</u>	Orderly Officer to Retreat	21/2/42	Lieut. W.J. Beeforth
	Next for Duty	" "	" R.J.W. Fraser
	" " "	" "	" B.N. Murphy
	Guard Sgt.	21/2/42	Sgt. J.L. Lyle
	Next for Duty	" "	" W.W. Wilson
	" " "	" "	" V.W. Hammond
	Duty Coy,	" "	" "A" Coy.
	Next for Duty	" "	" "B" Coy.
	" " "	" "	" "C" Coy.

58 Bn. is Duty Bn. to Retreat 21/2/42.

362. CHURCH PARADE The arrangements for church parades on Sunday 22/2/42 are as follows:-

Protestant Parade:	Fall In	0955
	Markers	1000
	Advance	1005
	Service Commences	1015

R.C. Parade: C.W.O. Hut, Camp Site 17,
at 0915 hrs.

363. LOCAL LEAVE. In future the weekly day off for 58 Bn. will be
WEEKLY DAY OFF. taken on Thursday of each week where training permits.

Leave to Melbourne will not be granted. Roll call and breakfast will be attended as usual. The morning will be devoted to administrative tasks and laundry and the afternoon to organised sport. Local leave to Seymour must be applied for in writing stating reason and address where member may be found. The rest day for the present week will be taken on Sunday, 22 Feb 42. All personnel will attend church parade.

364. MONTHLY LEAVE MOVEMENT BY M.T. Future movement of personnel proceeding on monthly leave will be carried out by Departmental M.T. The following conditions will be observed:-

- (a) Movement to be treated as training exercise.
- (b) Correct convoy discipline to be enforced.
- (c) Strict attention to be paid to training troops in embussing and debussing.
- (d) Protection on move, at embussing and debussing areas will be studied.

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Nos. 365-366.

H.Q. 58 Bn.,
Camp Site 20A,
SEYMOUR,
23 Feb 42.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.W.E. HALE E.D. COMMANDING 58TH BATTALION.

365. DUTIES. Orderly Officer to Retreat 24/2/42. Lieut. R.L. Macdonald
Next for Duty " " 25/2/42. " J.F. Bethune

Guard Sgt. to Retreat 24/2/42. Sgt. C.F. Schwartz
Next for Duty " " 25/2/42. L/Sgt. G.H. Lear
" " " " 26/2/42. L/Sgt. N.M. Found
" " " " 27/2/42. L/Sgt. E.W. Towers

Duty Coy. to Retreat 24/2/42. "D" Coy.

58 Bn. is Duty Bn. to Retreat 24/2/42.

366. M.T. TRIUMPH Motorcycle solo C 34403 from 3 M.D. A.A.O.C.
TAKEN ON M.T. Group 20 Feb 42.
STRENGTH

N.W. GIDDINGS Capt.
Adj. 58 Bn.

~~46~~ 59 Bn.

~~WAR~~ DIARY

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Appendices Attached.

- A AF W 3008
- B AF W 3009
- C Bn Routine Orders I
- D Operational &
Administrative Insts.
- E Sketch Maps Exercises
- F RMO's TO's QM's & C.O.'s
monthly Summary.
- G Meteorological Report.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

59 Bn. (Unit)

W.E. II/1940/12/1

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	* U.E. *		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	1	
Majors ...	3	3	
Captains ...	10	5	5
Lieutenants ...	20	16	4
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1	1	
TOTALS ...	35	26	9

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.Col.	V45283	WHALLEY R.P.	59 Bn.	Yes	
Major	V45282	THORBURN H.K.	"	"	
"	V45279	SMITH A.V.	"	"	
"	V45276	RICKETTS C.A.	"	"	
Capt.	V45281	STEWART A.D.	"	"	
"	V45265	HABERRECHT V.L.	"	"	
"	V45275	REID D.	"	NO	Leave
"	V45266	HARGRAVE P.A.	"	YES	
"	V45278	SARGOOD E.F.	"	"	
Lieut.	V45267	HEAD E.C.L.	"	"	
"	V45274	PURBRICK J.M.de V	"	"	
"	V45263	FORSYTH R.G.	"	"	
"	V45270	JACKSON C.A.	"	"	
"	V45273	POPE M.W.	"	"	
"	V45284	WILSON F.C.	"	NO	Leave
"	V45262	EVANS J.	"	YES	
"	V45333	ADAMS D.R.	"	"	
"	V45385	PETERS W.K.	"	"	
"	V45399	WILLIAMSON H.G.	"	"	
"	V45358	HOFFMAN C.R.	"	"	
"	V45355	GRANT J.G.	"	"	
"	V45369	LYONS K.H.	"	"	
"	V45389	CARTER I.M.	"	"	
"	V45024	GUTHRIE H.V.	"	"	
"	V45511	ASHE T.D.	"	"	
"	V121220	KITELY W.K.	"	"	
ATTACHED					
Lieut.	VX22638	McALPINE W.S.	A.I.F	YES	
"	VX31495	JOHNSON H.B.W.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	V38291	WHITEHEAD J.C.	A.A.M.C.	18.12.41	R.M.O.
"	V145704	FREDERICK A.W.	A.A.Ch.D.	1.1.42	CHAPLAIN

59 Bn.

(Unit.)

(signed) E.F. Sargood Capt. for Lt.Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

7 Feb 42

(Date of Despatch.)

15 Inf.Bde

3 Div.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

58th Battalion (Unit)

11/12/2

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	-
Majors	2	-	1
Captains	8	-	2
Lieutenants	28	8	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			1
Totals	39	8	5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

Cancelled

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

11/12/42

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major-(T)					
Lieut-Col	V44312	F.W.H. HALE E.D.	58 Bn	Yes	
Capt-Major(T)	V44314	S.O. RALPH	Do	Yes	
Capt-Major(T)	V44335	H.M. HEWARD	Do	Yes	
Capt	V43004	R.R. MARSTON	Do	Yes	
Capt	V44317	F.A. DREW	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Capt(T)	V44318	M.H. McMAHON	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Capt(T)	V44049	N.A.G. JOHNSON	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Capt(T)	V44068	P.W.E. BLACKSHAW	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob-Capt(T)	V44320	E.O. JAGO	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob-Capt (T)	V44323	N.W. GIDDINGS	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob-Capt(T)	V44325	L.H. GWYNNE	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44327	L. FRANKLIN	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44330	O.C. LIND	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44029	H.H. HILBERT	Do	No	Detached to S. Comd
Lieut-Prob	V44331	N.A. DEMPSTER	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44332	C.C. CUTHBERTSON	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44333	R.L. COULTER	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44031	E.J. PARKER	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44334	J.R. BLACKSHAW	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44030	A.R. BATEMAN	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44772	C.H. BAUMAN	Do	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44026	W.J. BEEFORTH	Do	Yes	
Lt A/Lieut b	V44815	R.J.W. FRASER	Do	Yes	
Lt A/Lieut b	V44910	B.B. MURPHY	Do	Yes	
A/Lieut	V44598	R.L. MacDONALD	Do	Yes	
A/Lieut	V44757	J.F. BETHUNE	Do	Yes	
A/Lieut	V44271	D.G. SPINK	Do	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		H.C. CARTER	A.A.M.C.	23/10/40	R.M.O.
Lieut	VX41032	H.K. ANDERSON	2/14 Bn	13/10/41	Trng purposes
Lieut	VX32173	L.H. COLLINS	2/14 Bn	Do	" "
Lieut	VX51665	E.M. GRIFF	Do	Do	" "
Lieut	VX44793	A.P. HANDERS	Do	Do	" "

58th Battalion

(Unit.)

7 Feb. '42

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] LT. COL.
(Signature of commanding officer)

3 Div SEYMOUR

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

59 Bn. (Unit) 7 Feb 42 19 (Date).
W.II/I940/I2/I
(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. ^{W.E.} I	I		
W.Os. Class II. 8	8		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 6	6		
Staff Serjeants I	I		
Serjeants 40	40		
Corporals 75	75		
Troopers, Privates, &c 743	525	37	218
TOTALS	656	* 37	* 218

*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.
WOII Hamilton.G.C.	A.I.C.		
WOII Cramer.B.J.	A.I.C.		
Cpl. Tuttle.R.T.	3 Div. Post. Coy/		
Sgt, Lancaster.P.W.	A.A.P.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).
		NIL.		

APP "A"

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	V 45283	WHALLEY, R.P.	59 Bn	Yes	
Major	V 45282	THORBURN, H.K.	"	"	
Major	V 45279	SMITH, A.V.	"	"	
Major	V45276	RICKETTS, C.A.	"	"	
Capt.	V 45281	STEWART, A.D.	"	"	
"	V 45285	HABERECHE, V.L.	"	"	
"	V 45275	REID, D.	59 Bn	Yes	Leave Not F.i.
"	V 45266	HARGRAVE, P.A.	59 Bn	Yes	
"	V 45278	SARGOOD, S.F.	"	"	
Lieut.	V45267	HEAD, E.C.L.	"	"	
"	V 45274	FURBRICK, J.M.DeV.	"	"	
"	V45263	FORBETH, R.G.	"	"	
"	V 45270	JACKSON, K.G.	"	"	
"	V 45273	POPE, M.W.	"	"	
"	V45284	WILSON, F.C.	"	No	Leave Not F.i.
"	V 45262	EVANS, J.	"	Yes	
"	V 45333	ADAM, D.R.	"	"	
"	V45335	PETERS, W.K.	"	"	
"	V45399	WILLIAMSON, H.Q.	"	"	
"	V45358	HOFFMAN, C.R.	"	"	
"	V 45355	GRANT, J.G.	"	"	
"	V 45369	LYONS, K.H.	"	"	
"	V 45332	CARTER, I.M.	"	"	
"	V 45024	GUTHRIE, H.V.	"	"	
"	V 45611	ASHE, T.D.	"	"	
"	V 181880	KITELEY, W.K.	"	"	
"	V 45716	WARREN, S.F.I.	"	"	
"	V 45400	WILSON, J.A.	"	"	
"	V 45448	SHANKS, R.C.	"	"	
"	V45458	JOHNSON, C.A.	"	"	
"	V 45356	GRIFFIN, G.F.	"	"	
A.I.F.					
Lieut.	VX 22638	McALPINE, W.S.			
Lieut.	VX 31495	JOHNSON, H.B.W.			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	VX63138	DAVIES, J.M.		13/8/42	R.M.O.
Capt.	V 145704	FERBERICK, A.W.	A.A.Ch.D.	1/1/42	Chaplain

59 BATTALION
(Unit.)

R.P. Whalley
(Signature of Commander.)

14 FEB. 42
(Date of Despatch.)

15 Inf. Bde. 3 DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

58th Battalion (Unit)

11/12/2

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	-
Majors	2	-	1
Captains	8	-	3
Lieutenants	24	4	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			2
Totals	35	4	5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major-T Lieut Co. 1	V44312	F.W.H. HALE E.D.	58 Bn	Yes	
Capt-Major T	V44314	S.O. RALPH	Do	"	
Capt-Major T	V44335	H.M. HEWARD	"	"	
Capt	V43004	R.R. MARSTON	"	"	
Capt	V44317	F.A. DREW	"	"	
Lieut-Capt T	V44318	M.H. McMAHON	"	"	
Lieut-Capt T	V44049	N.A.G. JOHNSON	"	"	
Lieut-Capt T	V44068	P.W.E. BLACKSHAW	"	"	
Lieut-Prov- Capt T	B44320	E.O. JAGO	"	"	
Lieut-Pb-Capt T	V44323	N.W. GIDDINGS	"	"	
" " "	V44325	L.H. GWYNNE	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44327	L. FRANKLIN	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44330	O.C. LIND	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44029	H.H. HILBERT	"	No	Detached to S/Comd
Lieut-Prob	V44331	N.A. DEMPSTER	"	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44332	C.C. CUTHBERTSON	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44333	R.L. GOULTER	"	No	Detached to 15 Bde
Lieut-Prob	V44031	E.J. PARKER	"	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44334	J.R. BLACKSHAW	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44030	A.R. BATEMAN	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44772	C.H. BAUMAN	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44026	W.J. BEEFORTH	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44815	R.J.W. FRASER	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44910	B.N. MURPHY	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44598	R.L. MacDONALD	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44757	J.F. BETHUNE	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44271	D.G. SPINK	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44258	L.S. PROBY	"	"	
A/Lieut	V47932	M. GARDINER	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44298	G.H. WILLIAMS	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44807	P.W. DAVERN	"	"	
Lieut	VX41032	H.K. ANDERSON	2/14 Bn	"	
Lieut	VX32173	L.H. COLLINS	"	"	
Lieut	VX51665	E.M. GRIFF	"	"	
Lieut	VX44793	A.P. HARDERS	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		H.C. CARTER	A.A.M.C.	21/10/41	R.M.O

58th Battalion (Unit.)

14/2/42 (Date of Despatch.)

W. G. Giddings
(Signature of Commander.)
Co. 1
58 Bn

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

58th Battalion Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		25	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			General Duty		31
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

58th Battalion

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch... 14/2/42

Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving. 3 Div. Seymour

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

59 Bn. (Unit)
W. E. II/I2/42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
W. E. *			
Lieut.-Colonels I	I		
Majors 3	3		
Captains II	5		6
Lieutenants 2I	23		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters I	I		
Totals 36	33	-	6

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	V45283	Whalley, R. P.	59 Bn.	Yes.	
Major.	V45282	Thorburn, H. K.	"	"	
"	V45279	Smith, A. V.	"	"	
"	V45276	Ricketts, C. A.	"	"	
Capt.	V45281	Stewart, A. D.	"	"	
"	V45265	Haberecht, V. L.	"	"	
"	V45275	Reid, K. D.	"	No.	Leave NOT F.T.D.
"	V45266	Hargrave, P. A.	"	Yes.	
"	V45278	Sargood, E. F.	"	"	
Lieut	V45267	Head, E. C. L.	"	"	
"	V45274	Purbrick, J. M. Dev.	"	"	
"	V45263	Forsyth, R. G.	"	"	
"	V45270	Jackson, A. C.	"	"	
"	V45273	Pope, M. W.	"	"	
"	V45284	Wilson, F. C.	"	No.	Leave NOT F.T.D.
"	V45262	Evans, J.	"	Yes.	
"	V45333	Adam, D. R.	"	"	
"	V45385	Peters, W. K.	"	"	
"	V45399	Williamson, H. G.	"	"	
"	V45368	Hoffman, C. R.	"	"	
"	V45355	Grant, J. G.	"	"	
"	V45369	Lyons, K. H.	"	"	
"	V45339	Carter, I. M.	"	"	
"	V45024	Guthrie, H. V.	"	"	
"	V45511	Ashe, T. D.	"	"	
"	VI21220	Kiteley, W. K.	"	"	
"	V45716	Warren, S. F?	"	"	
"	V45400	Wilson, J. A.	"	"	
"	V45448	Shanks, R. G.	"	"	
"	V45458	Johnson, C. A.	"	"	
"	V45356	Griffin, G. F.	"	"	
"	V45350	Everitt, A. G.	"	"	
"	V45228	Tiernan, J. A.	"	"	
A.I.F. ATTACHED.					
Lieut.	VX22638	McAlpine, W. S.			
"	VX31495	Johnson, H. B. W.			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	VX63138	Davies, J. M.		13/2/42	R.M.O.
"	VI45704	Pederick, A. W.	A.A.Ch.D.	1/1/42	Chaplain.

59 Bn.

(Unit.)

21 Feb 42

(Date of Despatch.)

R. P. Whalley, Lt. Col. C.O. 59 Bn.

(Signature of Commander.)

15 Inf. Bde. 3 Div.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

58th Battalion (Unit)

11/12/2

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	-
Majors	2	-	1
Captains	8	-	3
Lieutenants	24	4	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters		-	1
Totals	35	4	5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major-(T)					
Lieut-Col	V44312	F.W.H. HALE E.D.	58 Bn	Yes	
Capt-Major T	V44314	S.O. RALPH	"	"	
Capt-Major T	V44335	H.M. HEWARD	"	"	
Capt	V43004	R.R. MAESTON	"	"	
Capt	V44317	F.A. DREW	"	"	
Lieut-Capt T	V44318	M.H. McMAHON	"	"	
Lieut-Capt T	V44049	N.A.G. JOHNSON	"	"	
Lieut-Capt T	V44068	P.W.E. BLACKSHAW	"	"	
Lieut-Prob-Capt T	V44320	E.O. JAGO	"	"	
Lieut-Prob-Capt T	V44323	N.W. GIDDINGS	"	"	
Lieut-Prob-Capt T	V44325	L.H. GWYNNE	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44327	L. FRANKLIN	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44330	O.C. LIND	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44029	H.E. HILBERT	"	No	Detached to S/Comd
Lieut-Prob	V44331	N.A. DEMPSTER	"	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44332	C.C. CUTHBERTSON	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44333	R.L. COULTER	"	No	Detached to 15 Bde
Lieut-Prob	V44031	E.J. PARKER	"	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44334	J.R. BLACKSHAW	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44030	A.R. BATEMAN	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44772	G.H. BAIKMAN	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44026	W.J. BENFORTH	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44815	R.J.W. FRASER	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44910	E.N. MURPHY	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44598	R.L. MacDONALD	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44757	J.F. BETHUNE	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44271	D.G. SPINK	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44258	L.S. PROBY	"	"	
A/Lieut	V47932	M. GARDINER	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44298	G.H. WILLIAMS	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44807	P.W. DAVERN	"	"	
Lieut	VX41032	H.K. ANDERSON	2/14	"	
Lieut	VX32173	L.H. COLLINS	"	"	
Lieut	VX51665	E.M. GRIFF	"	"	
Lieut	VX44793	A.P. HADDERS	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	V146792	H.C. CARTER	A.A.M.C.	20/10/41	R.N.O.

58th Battalion
(Unit.)

F.W.H. Hale LT. COL.
COMMANDING 58 Bn.
(Signature of Commander.)

21 Feb 42
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		25	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			General Duty		44
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

58th Battalion Unit.

[Signature] LT. COL.
Commanding 58 BN.

Date of Despatch 21 Feb. '42

3 Div Seymour Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/12/2

58th Battalion

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR-T-Lieut					
Col	V44312	F.W.H. HALE E.D.	58 Bn	Yes	
Capt-Major T	V44314	S.O. RALPH	"	"	
Capt-Major T	V44335	H.M. HEWARD	"	"	
Capt	V43004	R.R. MARSTON	"	"	
Capt	V44317	F.A. DREW	"	"	
Lieut-Capt T	V44318	M.H. McMAHON	"	"	
Lieut-Capt T	V44049	N.A.G. JOHNSON	"	"	
Lieut-Capt T	V44068	P.W.E. BLACKSHAW	"	"	
Lt-Pv-Capt T	V44320	E.O. JAGO	"	"	
Lt-Pb-Capt T	V44323	N.W. GIDDINGS	"	"	
Lt-Pb-Capt T	V44325	L.H. GWYNNE	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44327	L. FRANKLIN	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44330	O.C. LIND	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44029	H.H. HILBERT	"	No	Detached to S/Comd
Lieut-Prob	V44331	N.A. DEMPSTER	"	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44332	C.C. CUTBERTSON	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44333	R.L. COULTER	"	No	Detached to 15 Bde
Lieut-Prob	V44334	J.R. BLACKSHAW	"	Yes	
Lieut-Prob	V44031	E.J. PARKER	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44030	A.R. BATEMAN	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44772	C.H. BAUMAN	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44026	W.J. BEEFORTH	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44815	R.J.W. FRASER	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44910	B.N. MURPHY	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44598	R.L. MacDONALD	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44757	J.P. BETHUNE	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44271	D.G. SPINK	"	"	
Lieut-Prob	V44258	L.S. PROBY	"	"	
A/Lieut	V47932	M. GARDINER	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44298	G.H. WILLIAMS	"	"	
A/Lieut	V44807	P.W. DAVERN	"	"	
Lieut	VX41032	H.K. ANDERSON	2/14 Bn	"	
Lieut	VX32173	L.H. COLLINS	"	"	
Lieut	VX51665	E.M. GRIFF	"	"	
Lieut	VX44795	A.P. HANDERS	"	"	
Lieut	VX52501	E. LESH	2nd Trng Bn	"	
Lieut	VX5326	H.J. SHROSBEE	"	"	
Lieut	VX31590	D.H. WHITE	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	V146792	H.C. CARTER	A.A.M.C.	13/2/42	R.M.O.

58th Battalion

(Unit.)

28 Feb. '42

(Date of Despatch.)

W. G. Johnson
for (Signature of Commander.)

3 Div Seymour

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

58th Battalion 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 (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		25	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			General Duty		61
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

58th Battalion

Unit.

N. E. Johnson
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 28 Feb. '42

3 Div Seymour
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

7 FEB. 42. APP "C"

59 Battalion.

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 Nos. 57-45

By

LT. COL. R.P. WHALLEY C.D. - COMMANDING 59 Bn.

37. DUTIES. To mount at RETREAT on preceding day.

8 FEB. 42	57/60 Bn	Lieut. H.G. WILLIAMSON	D COY.
9 " "	58 Bn	" J.G. GRANT	C "
10 " "	59 Bn	" K.H. LYONS	B "
11 " "	57/60 Bn	" T.D. ASHE	A "
12 " "	58 Bn	" I.M. CARTER	E(MG) "
13 " "	59 Bn	" H.B.W. JOHNSON	D "
14 " "	57/60 Bn	" W.S. McALPINE	C "

DIV. FIELD OFFICER. 11 FEB. 42 Major A.V. SMITH.
12 " 42 Major C.A. RICKETTS.

38. GUARD PETROL. As from 6 Feb. 42 this guard is discontinued.
DUMP DYSART.

39. ROYAL MAIL. This hotel is out of bounds to all troops until further notice.
HOTEL
MAGAMBIE.

40. STATE SCHOOL BUILDINGS. State school buildings or grounds are NOT to be occupied by troops unless in emergency in which case a report of the circumstances is to be made to this H.Q. for forwarding to H.Q. 3 DIV through 15 Inf. Bde.

41. CLOTHING TO HOSPITAL. Personnel evacuated to 107 G.H. PUCKAPUNYAL must take clothing and equipment especially greatcoats and boots. Personnel sent to 15 Fd. Amb. or C.D.S. for examination must take kit if it is at all likely that they may be ordered to hospital.

42. CHURCH PARADES. PROTESTANT. 0915 hrs. Parade ground beyond ford.
Markers report to R.S.M. at 0905 hrs.
2 O.R.'s. from Duty Coy report Regtl. Office 0850 hrs.
R.C. PARADE. 0900 hrs Site 29.
Fall in BN parade ground 0810. Senior N.C.C. to march personnel to Site 29.

43. SANITATION. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the danger of epidemics unless sanitary precautions are strictly observed. This is particularly necessary in view of dispersal and the number of new recruits. All military experience has shown that apparently slight neglect leads very swiftly to infection by flies etc. of food, water, etc. and consequent epidemics. For instance on GALLIPOLI in 1915 there were 145,000 casualties from sickness and only 47,000 from wounds. In EGYPT and PALESTINE in the 1914-18 War there were 505,000 casualties from sickness and only 40,000 from wounds - a ratio of 12 to 1. Any man who uses as a latrine any part of the Camp area other than the appointed places is a menace to the health of his comrades, as the sanitary protection which was provided in civil life must now be provided by the men themselves. Any offences in this regard will be punished with strict disciplinary action such as a heavy fine. This instruction is to be promulgated to all personnel at least once a week.

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44. BLACKOUTS.

Periodically BLACKOUT warnings will be given and all personnel will be warned as to action to be taken.

- (a) Electric light plant, if running, will stop.
- (b) All ~~tant~~ lights will be extinguished.
- (c) Cigarettes will be put out and NO matches will be struck.
- (d) BN H.Q. will continue to function but all windows will be blacked out and doors kept closed.

Warning will be given over loud speaker system and by a multiple call on D V's to all Coy Offices.

The necessity of maintaining a 24 hour service in Coy Offices is again stressed.

All clear will be announced in a similar manner.

45. SALVAGE.

Manure, garbage and salvage was inaugurated for the purpose of removing from kitchens all waste foods suitable for pig food, which is purchased by private contractor. There are as follows :- Bread scraps, Meat scraps (cooked) stews, tomato waste, cereal waste, vegetable and fruit peelings (except onion and orange peelings).

Tea leaves, grease trap waste, floor sweepings and liquids, are definitely NOT garbage and the unit makes it's own arrangements for disposal.

Salvage is all material which can be sold and is as follows:-

Bottles, all kinds (NOT returnable containers), Newsprint, waste paper (all kinds) tobacco tins, old rags, old bags, old boots, old leather, old ho ssian.

Strang, rope, cases assorted (NOT returnable containers) Straw, used oil, cotton waste and cleaning rags.

(E.F. SARGOOD) CAPT.
ADJUTANT 59 Bn.

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A.M.R. & O. 1588B.

H.Q., 59 Bn.,
Camp Site 50,
SEYMOUR.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

14 FEB. 42.

59th Battalion.

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 Nos. 46-59.

By

LT. COL. R.P. WHALLEY V.D. - COMMANDING 59 Bn.

46. DUTIES. To mount at retreat on preceding day.

	<u>DUTY BN.</u>	<u>BN. ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY COY.</u>
15 FEB. 42	58 Bn	Lieut. J. WILSON	B COY
16 " "	59 Bn	" R.G. SHANKS	A "
17 " "	57/60 Bn	" E.C.L. HEAD	E(MG)"
18 " "	58 Bn	" G.F. GRIFFIN	D "
19 " "	59 Bn	" C.A. JOHNSON	C "
20 " "	57/60 Bn	" H.Q. WILLIAMSON	B "
21 " "	58 Bn	" J.G. GRANT	A "
	<u>DIV. FIELD OFFICER.</u>	21 FEB. 42	Capt. P.A. HARGRAVE.

47. SENTRIES,
POWERS OF,
TO FIRE ON
SUSPECTED
PERSONS.
- (a) While the present state of emergency continues, sentries safeguarding their posts or preventing the activities of enemy or suspected enemy agents, will take any action required to ensure the safety of their posts, or to defeat the activities of enemy or suspected enemy agents. If necessary, they will fire upon or otherwise attack any persons threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.
- (b) Before firing upon any person the sentry should challenge that person to "HALT". If that person does not halt, the sentry will challenge him again "HALT OR I FIRE". If he does not halt and no other means are available for stopping him - as for example by calling on the rest of the guard - it is the duty of the sentry to shoot, aiming low to hit but not to kill.
- (c) The sentry must use his intelligence and sense of responsibility as to whether he will shoot or not, but he must be careful not to allow any suspected person to approach so close that he can be rushed and overpowered.

48. AMERICAN
SERVICE MEN
IN AUSTRALIA
COURTESY ETC.
- A number of AMERICAN Service Men are now in AUSTRALIA, and it is requested that COYS take necessary steps to acquaint all ranks with the importance of extending every courtesy and giving all possible co-operation. By such actions these visitors will realise that AUSTRALIANS are fully aware of the importance of their presence in this country and it will do much to foster the spirit of friendliness which already exists between the two countries.

49. ROYAL MAIL
HOTEL, NAGAMBIE. With reference to B.R.O. 59 of 7 FEB. 42 the ban has now been lifted on this Hotel.
50. THOMPSON S.M.G. Pivot plates; part No. 24, must NOT be removed from these guns
(MACHINE CARBINE) except by a qualified Armourer. Any breakages of the Central
DISMANTLING spring will be reported to the Q.M.
BREACH MECHANISM.
51. LOG BOOKS TO BE
CARRIED IN
VEHICLES. A copy of the Vehicle Log Book (A.A.B.20) must at all times be carried in each army vehicle. The additional copy of the log Book will be held in the transport office. In addition to the A.A.B.20, A.A.F. F.3(a), G.12s, and G.15 will be PASTED. The master copy of the A.A.F.G.12 will be PASTED on the back of the office copy of A.A.B.20.
52. A.A.F. G.1
REQUISITION
FOR TRANSPORT. In future all requisitions for BN transport are to be made on A.A.F. G.1 and submitted to BN for approval. NO transport will leave BN lines unless correctly requisitioned.

53. LEAVE PASSES. ALL leave passes must be collected from all personnel on expiration of leave.
Appropriate action will be taken where same are NOT handed in.
Action will be taken immediately to withdraw any expired leave passes held by personnel.

54. TROOPS TRAVELLING BY TRAIN REPORTS. Procedure and Discipline - Entraining and Detraining.
S.C.R.O.'s 9(14)40, 205/41, which are co-ordinated and re-promulgated in this Order, are cancelled.

(a) Strict discipline will be maintained during all movements of tps. by train. Orderly conduct of tps. during a journey and rapid entrainment and detraining, properly organized, are essential requirements for movement on service.

(b) Comds. and C.O's. will ensure that careful preparation and staff arrangements are made for movements by train and that tps. are made thoroughly conversant with all orders and regulations for travelling by train before departure from camp or other starting point for entrainment station. Particular attention in this respect will be paid to troops travelling on leave trains.

(c) Troops travelling on leave trains, are, for purposes of discipline on duty until dispersal at the detraining point. Similarly they are on duty for purposes of discipline from the time appointed for assembly at the entraining station for the return journey.

(d) Ry. regulations and by-laws will be observed, and in particular troops are forbidden to write on carriages, throw articles of any description from trains, or interfere with railway rolling stock, signalling apparatus or other railway property.

(e) An O.C. Train will be appointed by the Area Comd., Camp Comdt., or other appropriate authority. In the case of absence of the offr. appointed O.C. train, the senior offr. travelling will be O.C. train, and, where possible, will be informed by the R.T.O. that this duty has devolved upon him.

The O.C. Train will be responsible for the discipline of all tps. travelling, and he will observe the following instructions:-

- (i) Report to the R.T.O. for instructions 30 mins before schedule time of departure of train.
- (ii) Inspect train at both entraining and detraining station in conjunction with the Ry. Official and the R.T.O., if an R.T.O. is located at the station.
- (iii) After consultation with R.T.O., instruct unit entrain-Offr. to march tps. to an appointed position on the platform and await signal for entrainment in carriages allotted to their units.
- (iv) On arrival of train at detraining sta., arrange dispersal points with R.T.O., and give necessary orders to unit detraining offr. for detraining and dispersal.
- (v) In cases of damage to ry. property of misconduct by tps., take immediate action for the identification of offenders. Investigate any damage caused to ry. property and determine the responsibility. The result of the investigation will be reported to H.Q. S.Comd.
- (vi) Compile S. Comd. Form, Q.1/40 in quadruplicate for distribution as follows:-

One copy to Ry. Official at detraining station.
One copy to Area. Comd., Camp Comdt., or to Unit concerned.

Two copies to H.Q. Base, S.Comd., or H.Q. M.D. concerned, except at stas. where a R.T.O. is appointed in which the case the two copies will be handed to the R.T.O.

S. Comd. Form, Q.1/40, will be used in all cases of organized movements of tps. by train, and where a movement is not by a special train or an O.C. train is not appointed, the Offr. or N.C.O. in charge of tps. travelling will be responsible for the compilation of the form.

- (f) A unit entraining offr. will be appointed by each unit. He will be responsible for the discipline of all members of his Unit travelling on the train, and he will observe the following instructions:-

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- (i) Report to O.C. train and R.D.O. for instructions 30 minutes before schedule time of departure of train, and ascertain position of carriages allotted to his unit.
 - (ii) Assemble his tps. outside the entraining sta. 20 minutes before schedule time of departure of train, ensure that, in the case of leave personnel, each soldier is in possession of a ry. ticket, and carry out instructions of O.C. Train for entrainment.
 - (iii) Detail an offr. or, if an offr. is not available, a senior N.C.O. to be in charge of and to travel in each carriage allotted to his unit. An N.C.O. will be similarly detailed for each compartment, and he will be instructed to prepare a Nominal Roll of soldiers travelling in his compartment and to hand the roll to the offr. in charge of the carriage on arrival at detraining sta.
 - (iv) Where necessary at intermediate stas. alight and prevent tps. from alighting or moving from one carriage to another, and see that any instructions of the O.C. train are observed.
 - (v) Report to the O.C. train at the detraining point for instructions
 - (vi) On receipt of instructions from O.C. train at detraining sta., detrain and march his tps. to the appointed dispersal point. This point will be, in the case of leave personnel the assembly point for the return journey.
- (g) The offr. in charge of each carriage will be responsible for the discipline of the tps. travelling in his carriage, and for the observance of any instructions of the O.C. train. At each intermediate stopping sta., and at the detraining station, he will alight and ensure that tps. do not move from one carriage to another or alight from the train without authority.
- The N.C.O.'s in charge of compartments will remain with the tps. in their compartments until instructed to alight from the train.
- (h) This order will apply to all organized movements of tps. by train.
 - (i) Attention is directed to S.C.R.O. 564/41, para. (a) of which is re-promulgated below:-
 - "(a) No member of the Military Forces when in uniform shall carry or cause to be carried on to any train, on which he is about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it be supplied to him as part of a normal service available in a dining car."
 - (j) These instructions will be promulgated immediately and personnel concerned will be warned of their responsibility prior to entraining.

55. GUARD.

Reference B.R.O. I. 29 of 31 JAN. 42.
Delete lines 10 and 11 "Personnel ----- mounting".
In future Coys are responsible for training of Coy guards.

56. CHURCH
PARADE.

Sunday 15 FEB. 42. As for 8 FEB. 42. See B.R.O. I. 42.

57. SERVICES.

SUNDAY 15 FEB. 42.
2030 hrs Picture Service in Y.M.C.A. Marquee.
2130 hrs Communion Service " "

58. SALUTING.

Insufficient attention is being paid to Saluting. Coy commanders will give instruction in this immediately. Ref. S.Comd. R.O. 506/41.

59. DRESS-OFFERS.

All Offrs. in possession of a pistol will wear the same when on duty. This Order does not apply to Offrs. at or visiting COMD. or DIST. H.Q.s. while at such H.Q.
Offrs. from COMD. or DIST. H.Q.s. visiting Units or subordinate Formations or fwd. areas will, if in possession of a pistol, wear the same.

E.F. Sargood

(E.F. SARGOOD) CAPT.
ADJUTANT 59 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2 MAR 42

59th BATTALION

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 Nos 60-75

by

Lt.Col. R.P.WHALLEY VD - COMMANDING 59 Bn

60. DUTIES

To mount at retreat on preceeding day.

	<u>Bn.Ord.Officer</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>
4 MAR 42	Lieut J.J.ROE	C.Coy
5 MAR 42	" J.A.TIERNAN	B "
6 MAR 42	" C.A.JOHNSTON	A "
7 MAR 42	" E.A.DAVEY	E "
8 MAR 42	" I.M.CARTER	D. "

61 GUARD
CAMP SITE
17

Until further notice this unit will supply guards for Site 17 on dates to be notified by. Area Commandant or 15 INF. BDE.

First Guard will be mounted by Duty Coy at Retreat on 4 MAR 42.

STRENGTH 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 9 O/Rs.

POSTS 1 Main gate
2 Post Office
3 Detention Cell.

Tour of Duty will be 24 hrs. mounting at "Retreat"

DRESS - Shorts, Shirts, Steel Helmets, Respirators (worn at alert)

ARMS - Rifle.

MEALS - Coy arrangements.

There will be NO guard mounting parade - duties will be handed over at guard tent.

Coy responsible for transport.

Sgt of guard will report to R.S.M. for orders for N.C.O. and Sentries by 1400 hrs on day/mounting.

62. LEAVE

As from 4 MAR 42 this unit will proceed on leave in parties of ten per cent of strength once each month for a period of two (2) clear days. To enable Bn roster to be compiled Coys will submit NOT later than 1200 hrs 3 MAR 42 a return showing ALL personnel on Coy Strength on pro-forma obtainable at this H.Q.

First five columns only will be completed and remarks column will show e.g. "School to 2/4/42" or "Leave W/O Pay to 28/3/42" etc.

Destinations will be RAIL STATIONS ONLY and will be thoroughly checked before submission of return.

Following leave periods are:-

MAR 7-9

10-12

13-15

16-18

19-21

22-24

25-27

28-30

MAR 31-APR.2

Under NO circumstances will personal application to this H.Q. be tolerated.

TRAIN TIMES MELBOURNE:- (approx) 1430 hrs Leave Spencer St (approx) 2220 hrs.

GOULBURN VALLEY :- 0941 hrs Leave TOCUMWAL 1550 hrs.

NORTH EAST :- 0955 " " ALBURY 1540.

0650 hrs and 0809 hrs trains for Branch line and personnel beyond ALBURY only.

63. FIELD CONDUCT BOOK AAF. A122. When an inter-Coy transfer is made Coys. will transfer page of book A.A.F. B122 with personnel concerned. Action will be taken immediately to bring up to date any such outstanding matters.

64. OUT OF BOUNDS. (1) The Area West of unit Camp Site and occupied by 3 Div personnel is out of bounds for all purposes except transit to 3 Div H.Q. on business.
(2) Electric Light Standard and transform^{er} at East end of men's Mess is out of bounds to all troops except Orderly Officer, R.S.M. or Orderly Sgt. This is a control point for blackout of Sites 20A and 20B.

65. PAY BOOKS — Pay books MUST be carried by ALL personnel at ALL times. Coy P & O.R. Clerks will withdraw paybooks, in small batches once every fortnight for entry of Credit entries. Members appearing at Orderly rooms will leave pay books at Bn H.Q. for entry of punishment awarded. Members marching out on leave W/O pay will present paybook at BN H.Q. for entry of same prior to proceeding on such leave.

66. ALLOTMENTS. A return is required by 1800 hrs 4 MAR 42 of personnel making allotments but NOT claiming dependants allowance who have NOT received the adjustment of 1/- per day as from 7 NOV 41. Instances have occurred of personnel receiving an adjustment of 6d per day only in such cases rectification is required immediately.

67. LOCAL LEAVE WEEKLY DAY OFF. In future the weekly day off for this BN will be taken by all personnel except a skeleton staff on Saturdays. Leave to MELBOURNE will NOT be given. Roll call and breakfast will be attended as usual. The morning will be devoted to Administrative tasks and the afternoon to sport. Local leave to SEYMOUR must be applied for in writing to Coys stating reason and address where member may be found.

68. POSTAL ADDRESS The correct method of addressing mail to members is :-
V54321 Pte JAMES BROWN,
"A" Coy 59 Bn.,
Site 20 B,
SEYMOUR.
All members should notify their relatives etc. of this also any changes in Camp Sites.

69. TRAINING. (a) PREPAREDNESS When personnel are constructing defence works they will at all times have their weapons including MMG's near them and will be prepared to fight at any time. Familiarity with and confidence in weapons and the ability to assume fighting positions in the least possible time will be constantly taught and practiced. Tests will be held frequently.
(b) METHOD :- Squads will be kept small and all weapons used for instruction. Each individual will be given personal instruction and the opportunity of becoming so accustomed to his weapons that he will make instinctive use of them in an emergency.
(c) CAMOUFLAGE :- All available Camouflage nets will be used for practice and nets and wire netting used to improvise further nets.

70. ROUTINE ORDERS Routine orders will be read to all personnel by Platoon Comdr. and relevant extracts posted on Coy Notice Boards.

71. PERSONNEL WHO VOLUNTEER FOR R.A.A.F. The following is an extract of Military Board instruction No 2183 of 9 JAN 42.
Any applicants who are at present serving members of Militia Units, who desire to volunteer for service with the R.A.A.F. are to be permitted to complete the R.A.A.F. application form and C.O.'s will forward that application to the nearest R.A.A.F. recruiting Centre.
Personnel in sub-para above will NOT be required by the R.A.A.F. Before 1 J V 42 and will therefore continue training with Militia Units until that date or as required..

(CONTD)

PERSONNEL WHO
VOLUNTEER FOR
R.A.A.F.

Personnel will, however, be required to undergo selection, and intelligence tests, and R.A.A.F. medical examination prior to that date but NOT Before 1 APR 42, when R.A.A.F. Selection Officers will visit unit Camps for the purpose of interviewing applicants. Details of arrangements for these examinations will be communicated later.

72. NATIONAL SECURITY REGULATIONS
CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY ORDER

(a) OBJECTS WHICH MAY NOT BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITHOUT A PERMIT.

A person shall NOT, except under the authority of a written permit granted in pursuance of regulation 19 of the National Security (General) Regulations, make any photograph, sketch, plan or other representation of places, persons, things or occurrences of the descriptions following, that is to say,

- (a) Any fortification, battery, searchlight, listening post or other work of defence;
- (b) Any Aerodrome or seaplane station;
- (c) Any assembly of any of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth, or of His Majesty's other forces.
- (d) Any barracks, encampment or building occupied or in course of preparation for occupation by any of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth.
- (e) Any arsenal, factory, magazine or store for munitions of war, arms, equipment or supplies for any of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth, whether completed or in course of construction.
- (f) Any Wireless, telegraph, telephone, signal or cable station;
- (g) Any wharf, dock, caisson, dockyard, harbour, shipbuilding works, slipways or loading pier,
- (h) Any vessel of war either complete or under construction, or any merchant vessel or vehicle engaged in the transport of supplies or personnel.
- (i) Any aircraft or the wreckage of any aircraft;
- (j) Any building structure, vessel or other object damaged by enemy action or as a result of steps taken to repel action.
- (k) Any hospital or station at which casualties, whether civil or otherwise are treated, any ambulance or convoy of injured persons, or any injured persons.
- (l) Any electricity, gas or water works, or any gasometer or reservoir, or any oil store;
- (m) Any assembly of persons for the purpose of transport or evacuation, or any temporary camp or other accommodation or transport vehicles used for the purpose of evacuation.
- (n) Any riotous or disorderly assembly, or premises or other object damaged in the course of such an assembly.
- (o) Any roads or railways or bridges exclusively connected with works of defence or
- (p) Any area declared to be a protected area.

PUBLICATION
OF PHOTO-
GRAPHS

A person shall Not publish in any manner any photograph, sketch, plan or other representation made under the authority of a permit granted in pursuance of regulation 19 of the NATIONAL SECURITY (General) REGULATIONS, unless and until it has been submitted to and approved for publication by a press censorship authority and then only in accordance with such conditions or restrictions as are imposed by that authority.

73. BOOTS -

CARE & PRESERVATION COY. Comdrs will carry out REGULAR inspections of all boots on issue to ensure that troops do NOT continue to wear boots until they are U.S. If the outer sole is worn through, the boots will be taken into store and repaired, meanwhile the soldier will wear his second pair of boots.

74. SOLDIERS

PAY BOOK -
W.F.5 - ENTRY
SCHOOLS & COURSES

1. The last page of a soldiers pay book should show his record of schools and courses.
2. It has been observed that in many instances, No entries have been made in the soldiers pay book of the schools, courses etc. he has attended.
3. These entries must be made and the record kept up to date.

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Before a soldier is transferred to a unit or from one unit to another the degree of the trg. including weapon trg. and firing done, is to be entered as a separate entry in the last page of his paybook.

75. COLOUR PATCHES

All Officers irrespective of their Corps or Branch will as from 26 FEB 42 wear the Colour Patch of the unit to which they are attached or allotted for duty.

(A.V.SMITH) Major
A/Adjt. 59th Bn

WAR DIARY APP "D"

✓ Summary of Ride March Exercise to WANGARATTA
& Ceremony of Laying up Regimental Colours
in Church of England Cathedral.

24 Feb 42.

DAY	TIME	
19 Feb 42	I320	A Gp.assembles on Bn.Parade Grd)- Weather threatening.
	I324	A Gp.moves off by tpt.and B Gp.marches off through heavy rain.
	I435	A Gp.arrives at 80 mile post and debusses.
	I530	B Gp.embusses at 64 mile post.
	I657	A Gp.completes 7 mile march at 87 mile post.
	I735	A Gp.embusses.
	I825	A Gp.arrives at VIOLET TOWN Recreation Reserve.
	I855	B Gp.arrives at " " " " " "
	I915	Mess.
	2100	Owing to rain all tps are billeted in Local Halls.
20 Feb 42	0630	Reveille. Weather - fine and cool.
	0800	Bn.assembled and marched to Recreation Reserve for breakfast.
	0900	Regtl.Band march school children to school.
	0930	A Gp.leaves Rec.Reserve and march 1 1/2 miles to embussing point at 106 mile post.
	I000	A Gp.embusses.
	I050	B Gp.marches off.
	I045	A Gp.debussesat 123 mile post and commence marching.
	I235	A Gp.finishes march and embusses at 128 mile post.
	II50	B Gp.embusses at 108 mile post and travel to 126 mile post.
		B Gp.marches to 130 mile post.
	I345	A Gp.arrives at Wangaratta Common and bivouac site.
21 Feb 42	0700	Reveille. Weather fine and cool.
		Morning - P.T. & Cleaning of weapons.
	I030	Coy.Cmdrs make recce of areas to be occupied by them during exercise to cover afternoon and evening,
	I400	Tactical Exercise - Defence of WANGARATTA - in co-operation with V.D.C.
	I515	Bivouac Area "raided"from air by machine from BENALLA trg.School.
	2000	Local A.R.P.Organisation co-operate in exercise with Bn.& V.D.C.
	2130	Total blackout of WANGARATTA.
	-2230	
	2300	Exercise completed.See report attached.
22 Feb42	0800	Reveille.Weather fine and cool.
	0955	Bn.assembles in bivouac area preparatory to moving off to individual Church Parades.C.O.explains to troops the object of the visit.
	I005	Bn.led by Regtl.Band moves off,marches through town and disperses to individual Church Parades/
	I200-1300	Church Parades march back to bivouac area independently.
	I430	Bn.assembles preparatory to movement to Cathedral for ceremony of Laying up Regimental Colours.
	I530	Ceremony commences with National Anthem rendered by Regimental Band.
	I700	Salute taken by Brigadier Jackson of 15 Inf.Bde.
	I800	Camp opened to visitors until 1900 1900 hrs. &
23 Feb 42	0730	Reveille.Weather fine and cool.
	0905	A Gp.embusses at bivouac area.
	0950	A Gp.debusses at 130 mile post and commencesmarching.
	I035	B Gp.embusses at bivouac area.
	II20	B GP.debusses at 128 mile post and commences marching.
	II35	A Gp.embussesat 126 Mile post.
	I250	A Gp.debusses at 108 mile post and marches to Recn.Reserve VIOLET TOWN.
	I330	B Gp.embusses at 123 mile post.
	I330	A Gp.arrives at Recn.Reserve.
	I420	B Gp. " " " " " "
24 Feb42	0700	Reveille.Weather dull and cool.
	0920	A Gp.assembles preparatory to moving off.
	0935	A Gp.embusses at 105 mile post and moves off.
	I020	B Gp.embusses and travels to 87 mile post.
	II50	A Gp.embusses at 95 mile post and travels to 64 mile post.
	I420	B Gp.embusses at 80 mile post and returns to Camp Site 20 B.
	I450	A Gp. arrives at Camp Site 20 B.
	I520	B Gp. arrives at Camp Site 20 B.

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H.Q., 59 Bn.,
Camp site No 30,
SEYMOUR.

18 FEB 42.

SECRET.Copy No. 4
15 INF BDE.PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR.

In reply to S 42/16 15 INF BDE of 17 JAN 42.

PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR:- Same as our report 21 JAN 42.

- (a) OFFICERS. Same as our report of 21 JAN 42.
- (b) N.C.O's. Same as our report of 21 JAN 42.
- (c) RANK & FILE. Present Unit strength is 758, making an increase of 182 since our return of 21 JAN 42.

This increase has been caused almost entirely by personnel marched in from R.T.B.

1. MOBILE ROLE.

Same as our report of 21 JAN 42.

2. Same as our report of 21 JAN 42.

- (d) EQUIPMENT. Same as our report of 21 JAN 42.
- (e) TRANSPORT. Same as our report of 21 JAN 42.
- (d) MUSKETHY. Recruits have fired preliminary course showing the necessity for the intensive training already mentioned.
- (e) FAST PENETRATION OF WIRES. All sub units under their own Comdrs have been exercised in Fast Penetration of wire obstacles.
- (f) LEAVE AND TRAINING. Position the same as our report of 21 JAN 42.
- (g) PERSONNEL. Whilst this Unit is slowing building W.E. in personnel, the constant drain under sub para (b) of 15 INF BDE 342/16 still makes an appreciable drain on strength.
- (h) HEALTH OF TROOPS. The health and physical fitness of all troops is of a high standard and is being maintained. Morale is good.

(Signed)

R. P. Whalley

Lt Col.
Commanding 59 Bn.

H.Q. 59 Bn.
Camp Site 20 B,
SEYMOUR.

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25 Feb 42

H.Q. 15 Inf Bde.

I. Report on A. E. NEWMAN of WANGARATTA.

Prepared by Lieut. A.C. JACKSON. IO.

INTERNAL SECURITY. Suspected Subversive Activity.

NEWMAN first contacted 59 Bn convoy at BENALLA, and questioned a D.R. M/cyclist about the number of vehicles in the column. His car was then seen passing the bivouac site at the Common, WANGARATTA, on several occasions and the guard reported that Newman had asked such questions as to the strength of the Unit. At 1700 hrs 21 Feb 42, NEWMAN was conducted into Bn.H.Q. for questioning by the C.O., and the following information was ~~submitted~~^{obtained} (added to later by questioning WANGARATTA members of the Unit).

NEWMAN is an ~~Insurance~~ Insurance Agent operating WANGARATTA - BENALLA area. Lives in WANGARATTA, renting a house owned by PTE J. PUGSLEY of this Unit. Drives an AM.P. car, a light Vauxhall, colour yellow, No AB213, Petrol Ration 25 gallons per month.

Previously conducted grocery business in WANGARATTA, became Bankrupt, left district and on return became Insurance Agent. Local residents say this man had BAD PRINCIPLES in business (Source reliable). NEWMAN stated he is patriotic and had applied to enlist in the A.I.F. recently.

During the interrogation it was evident that NEWMAN was guarded in his answers and I consider his actions and movements require further investigation.

R.P. Halley
.....Lt.Col.
Commanding 59 Bn.

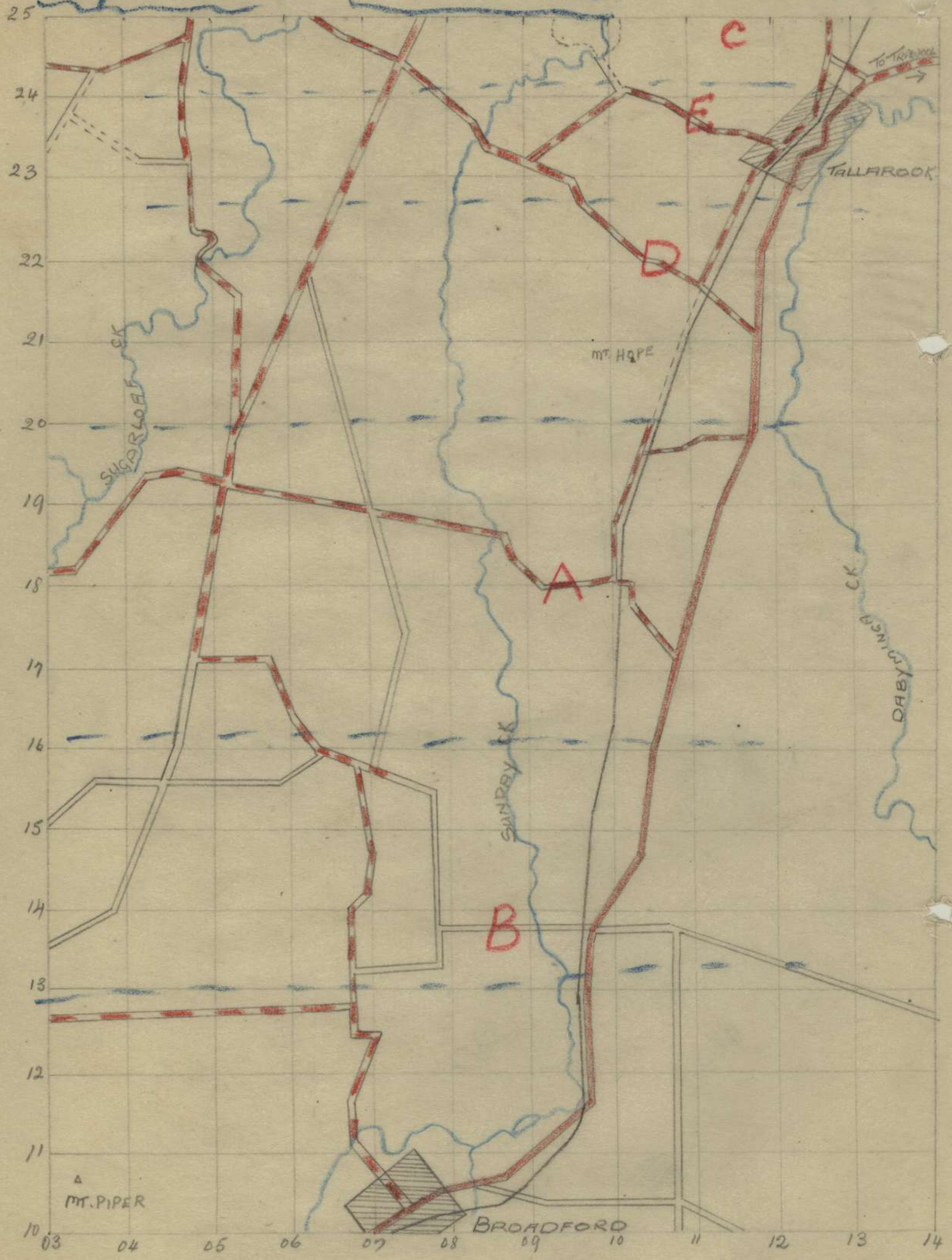
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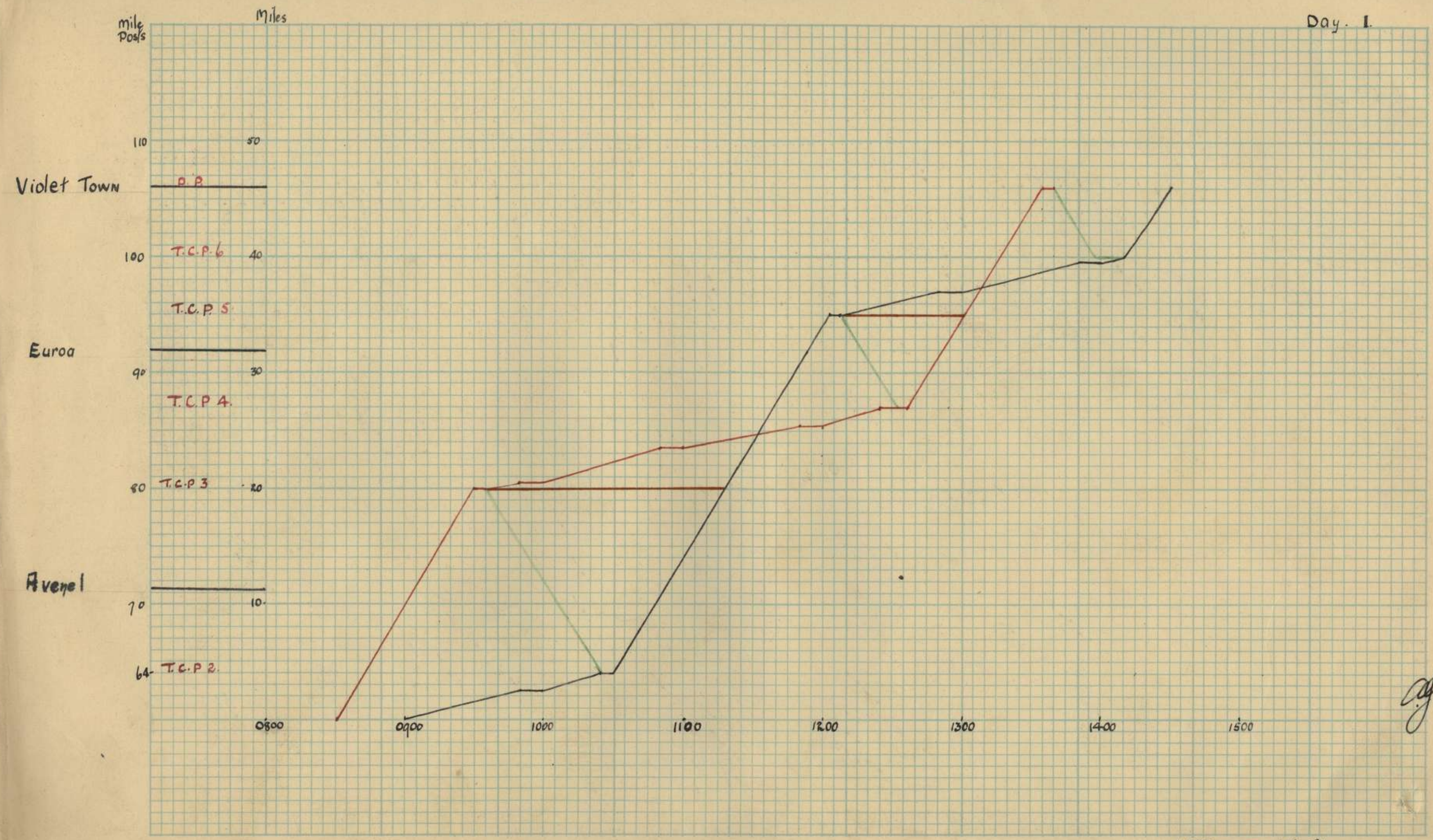


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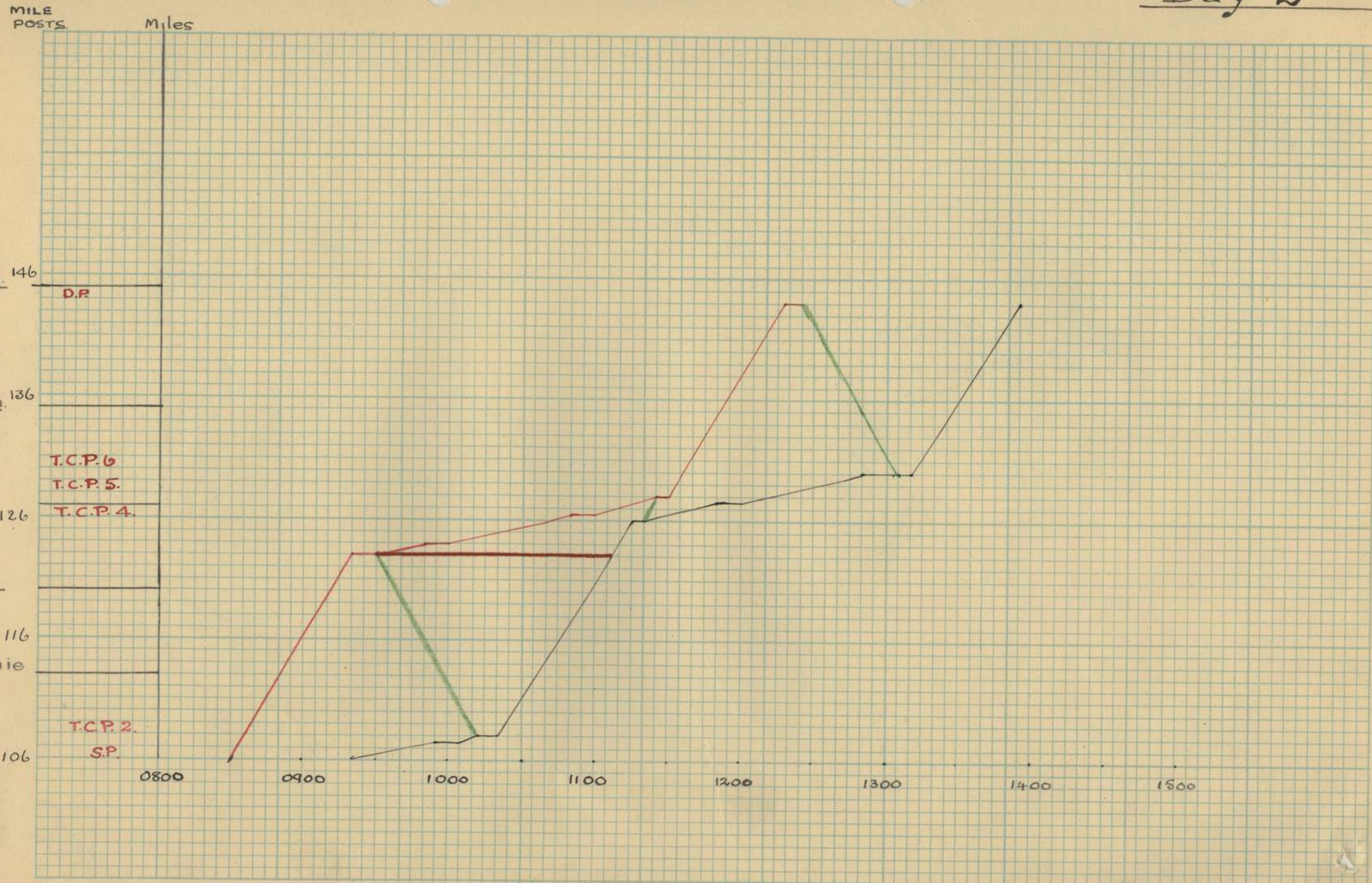
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 — M.T. Tje Carrying - Returning Empty.
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Day 2 ~



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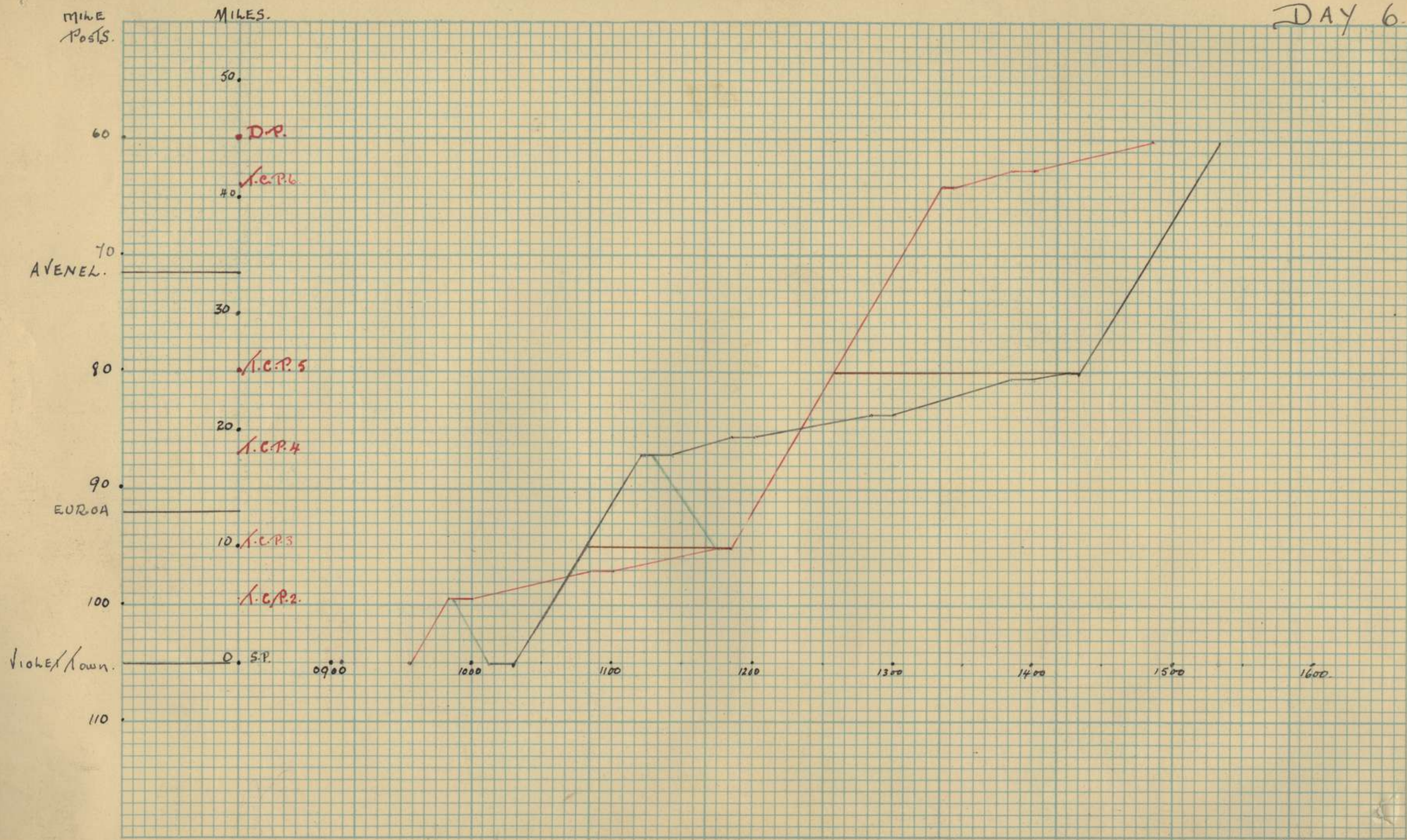
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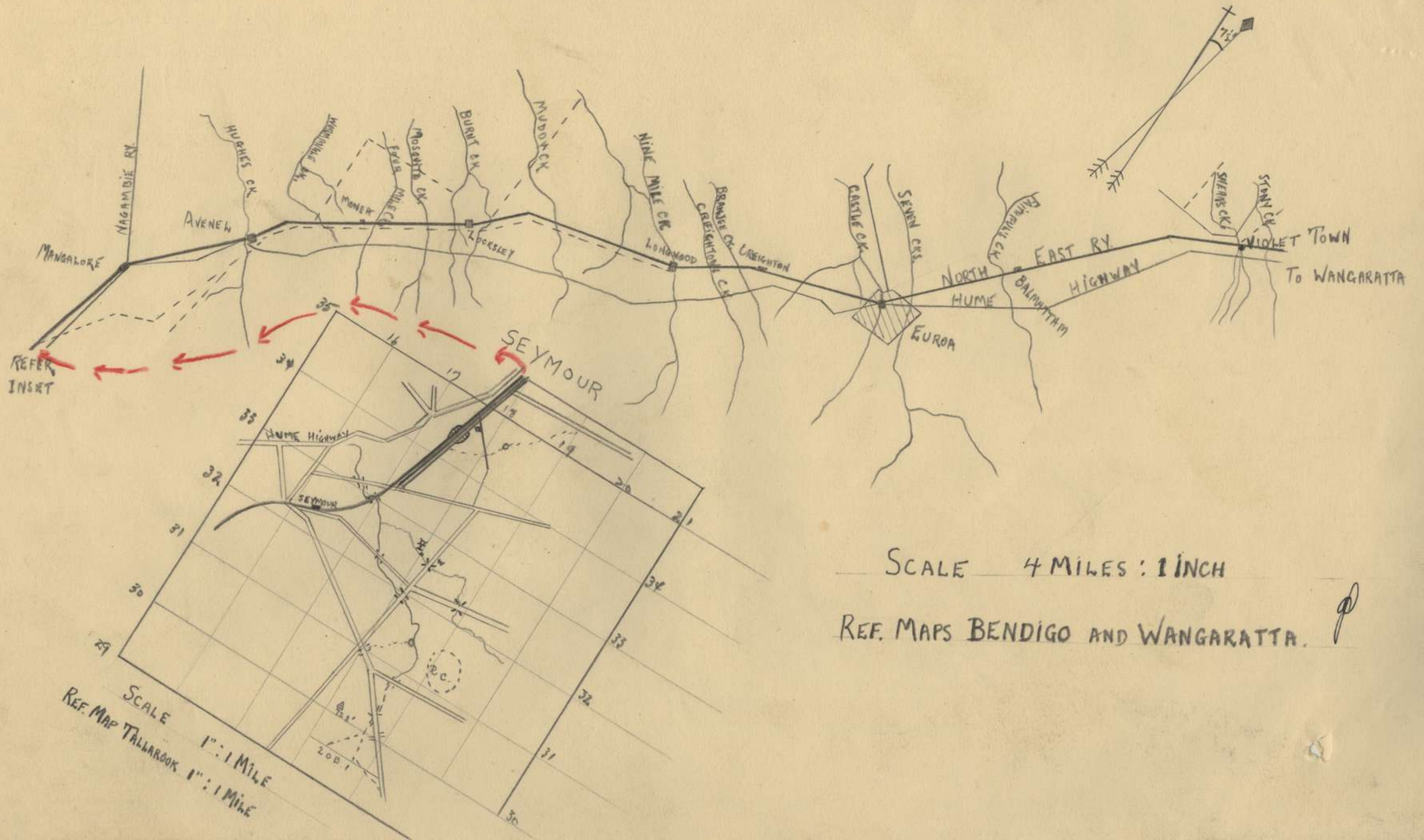
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- T.G.P. CARRYING. RETURN. EMPTY.
- C. & D. G.P.S.
- T.C.P. TRAFFIC CHECK POINT.

DAY 6



LEGEND: — "A" G.P.
 — "B" G.P.
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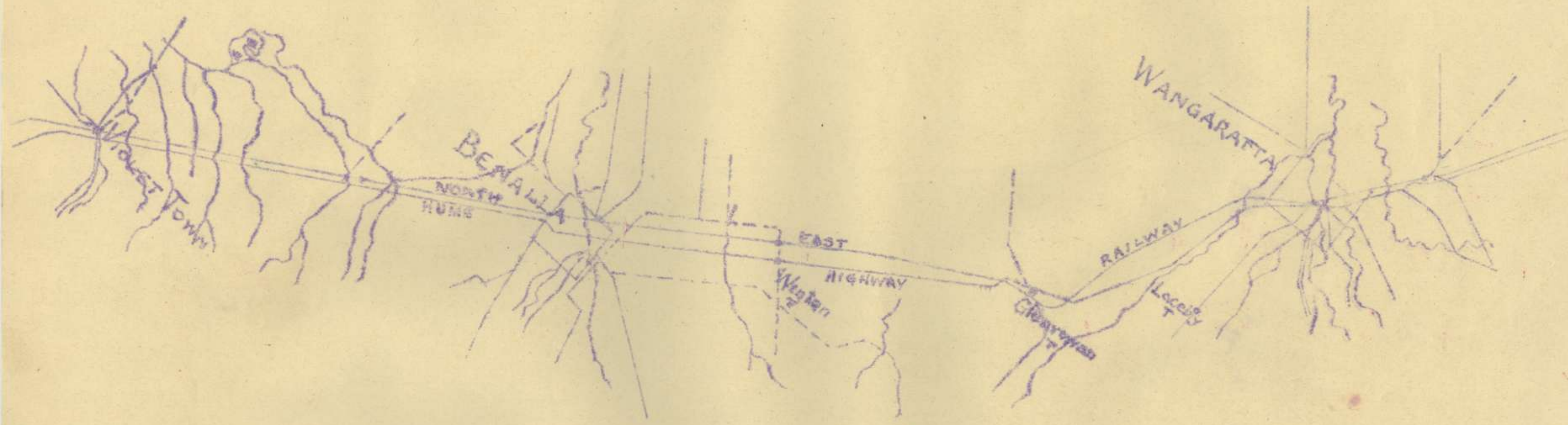
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SCALE 4 MILES : 1 INCH

REF. MAPS BENDIGO AND WANGARATTA.

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REF. MAP TALLAROOK 1" : 1 MILE



VERBAL ORDERS ISSUED BY C.O. 58 BN. AT SEYMOUR

SHOWGROUNDS AT 0330 HRS., 17 FEB 42.

Ref. Map TALLAROOK 1" to 1 mile.

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy force estimated strength 1 Bde. with attached troops is moving SOUTH from OLD LONGWOOD with the object of effecting river crossings over HIGGIES CREEK from the DROPMORE to the LEG OF MUTTON AREA.
2. 15 Inf. Bde. Gp. is organised into three Bn. Gps. with orders to move:
 - (a) 58 Bn. via HABBIES HOWE to the DROPMORE area.
 - (b) 57/60 Bn. LEG OF MUTTON area.
 - (c) 59 Bn. in reserve.

INTENTION.

3. 58 Bn. will move on 17 Feb 42, as per order of march attached.

METHOD

4. Starting point 182309.
START TIME Head of Main Body to pass S.P. 1030 hrs
17 Feb 42.
5. Order of march as per attached table.
6. Flank Protection. One Sec Carrier Pl. right Flank.
One Sec Carrier Pl. left Flank.

INTER-COMMUNICATION

7. Bn. H.Q.'s head of Main Body during move. Wireless
Set 108 allotted to each Rifle Coy.
Synchronise watches.
Any Questions.

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War Diary

58TH BATTALION EXERCISE WITH TROOPS

Prepared by - Major H.M. Heward,
58 Bn.

SEYMOUR.
17/21 Feb 42.

Reference Maps:- NAGAMBIE, 1" to 1 m.
TALLAROOK 1" to 1 m.

1. 58 Bn will carry out a Bn. one sided exercise with a controlled skeleton enemy from 17/21 Feb 42.

2. OBJECT.

To exercise the Bn. in all the functions of a Bn. Grp.

3. LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT

- (a) Battle procedure, including rapid issue of verbal orders.
- (b) Attack.
- (c) Consolidation.
- (d) Deliberate Defence.
- (e) Counter attack.
- (f) Co-operation with other arms.
- (g) Mobility.
- (H) Protection at rest and on the move.

4. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- (a) Move from camp area to junction RACECOURSE and OLD TELEGRAPH Rds via CAMP and RACECOURSE Rds.
- (b) Attack on WHITEHEADS'S CK. feature.
- (c) Consolidation of position.
- (d) Move to defensive area.
- (e) Occupation of position, night patrols.
- (f) Counter Attack.
- (g) Pursuit of enemy, attacks against unco-ordinated resistance.
- (h) Attack on LOW RIDGE feature
- (i) Consolidation, fighting patrols
- (j) Return to camp.

5. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EXERCISE

Directing Staff.

Director and Chief Umpire:

Lieut. Col. F.W.H. HALE E.D.

Umpire Bn. H.Q. & H.Q. Coy.

Major H.M. HEWARD

Umpire Rifle Coys.

Capt. F.A. DREW

OPENING SITUATION

NORTHLAND and SOUTHLAND are at war.

3 Div. is responsible for the protection of MELBOURNE from the NORTH.

G. O. C. 3 Div. received information to the effect that an enemy force est. strength one Bde. with attached Tps. was moving SOUTH from OLD LONGWOOD with the object of effecting river crossings over HUGHES CREEK from the DROPMORE to LEG OF MUTTON Areas.

15 INF. BDE. GRP. was bivouaced for the night 16/17 Feb 42 in the SEYMOUR area and was ordered to move on 17 Feb to intercept and destroy this force.

Brig. 15 Inf. Bde. organized his force into three Bn Grps. and ordered the 58 Bn. to move via HABBIES HOWE to the DROPMORE Area. 57/60 Bn. Grp. was ordered to the LEG OF MUTTON Area, 59 Bn. Grp. to be held in reserve.

ORDER OF MARCH - 58 BN

Fwd. Body. (Detailed by O. C.)
Int. Sec. 58 Bn.
Recce Party. a. 58 Bn.
 b. 29 Bty.
 c. Tps. 24 A/T Bty.

One Pl. "B" Coy.
H. Q. 58 Bn less Recce Party.
B Tps. 29 Bty.
"B" Coy. less one Pl.
20 Pl. "E" Coy.
"O" Group.
H. Q. Coy. less Adm. Pl.
"D" Coy.
21 Pl. "E" Coy.
"A" Coy less 2 Pls.
B. Tp. 24 A/T Bty less 2 Secs.
One Pl. "A" Coy.
B. Echelon 58 Bn.
 " B. Tp. 29 Bty.
 " B. Tp. 24 A/T Bty.
One Pl. "A" Coy.
One Sec. 24 A/T Bty.

58 BATTALION ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.8.

Ref. Map Tallarook - 1" to 1 mile.

1. 58 Battalion less essential camp duties as required by Bn. O.O., Lieut. E.M. Griff, will participate in Battalion Exercise in WHITEHEADS CREEK - MT. STEWART - and HABBIES HOWE Area from 17 Feb.42 to 20 Feb.42., both inclusive.

For the purpose of the exercise, Bn. H.Q. will be organised as under -

C.O. - Capt. R.R. Marston.
 2 I/c.- Capt. M.H. Mc.Mahon.
 Adj. - Capt. N.W. Giddings.
 R.S.M.- Sgt. W.F. Houston.

2. DRESS -- Own Troops - Shirts and shorts with felt hats, messing gear and ground sheet in haversack, K.W.D. with blanket and greatcoat in pack.
 Enemy - Battle Order, felt hats, and white band on left arm and in front of hat.

Marching Order will be the order of dress to vicinity FAIRHOLM GATE, 228303. , where packs will be left in Coy. Dumps clearly labelled with each man's Army No., rank and name as Coys. pass through. From here they will be transported to Coy. Areas after midday meal by Coy. vehicles under direction from acting T.O. 58 Bn. From here troops will move in Battle Order.

3. ROUTINE 17 Feb.42.- Reveille -0600 hrs.
 Conference of all Coy.Comds., Q.M.,-
 I.O., Sig. and Mortar Pl.Comds. in
 Adjutant's Office - 0630 hrs.
 Breakfast - 0730 hrs.
 Main Body move from camp - 0945 hrs.
 Head Main Body pass S.P. 182309 - 1030 hrs.

4. TRANSPORT. - At 0630 hrs. 17 Feb.42., 3 Div. A.A.S.C. will make available eight 3 ton vehicles. These are allotted for duration of exercise as under -

Vehicle No.	1.	to	H.Q. Coy.
"	" 2.	"	A "
"	" 3.	"	B "
"	" 4.	"	C "
"	" 5.	"	D "
"	" 6.	"	Q.M. for Stores and water.
"	" 7.)		
"	" 8.)	"	Enemy.

In addition to the above, T.O. 58 Bn. will make available the undermentioned vehicles from Unit Transport. -

One vehicle to each Platoon M.M.G. Coy.
 One vehicle to Bn. H.Q.
 One vehicle to Enemy for Stores.
 Lorry W/Tank to Q.M.

5. MOVEMENT. - 58 Bn. will move as per attached March Table to Assembly Area to be indicated at Conference at 0630 hrs. 17 Feb.42. Each Rifle Coy. will have attached for the duration of the exercise two Sigs. with Wireless Sets 108, two Mortar personnel with flags to represent Mortars, four Stretcher Bearers.
 M.M.G's. will be allotted by C.O. 58 Bn. as exercise progresses as required by the tactical situation from time to time.

6. MESSING. - Q.M. will arrange Cooks and cooking gear for each Rifle Coy. H.Q. Coy. and Enemy for duration of exercise. Coy. Comds. will be responsible for advising Q.M. direct of number of personnel to be rationed during exercise prior to move from camp. During the exercise Coy. Comds. will be responsible for advising Bn. H.Q. each day by 1800 hrs. number of rations required. In the event of any personnel being detached, necessary adjustment of rations will be made by C.Q.M.S.
 Q.M. will advise Coys. of time and place rations will be available on each day. Water will be tested by Cpl. Boyd, who will report to Q.M. who will be responsible for supervising any treatment which may be necessary.

7. INTERCOMMUNICATION. - D.R. will call at each Coy. H.Q. at times to be advised by I.O. 58 Bn. Ration States must be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. on evening run.
At all times during the exercise, Coys. will advise Bn. Sig. Centre of movements by Wireless Set 108., or if this is not successful, full use must be made of runners, as it is most important that Bn. H.Q. be kept fully advised of all movements and action.
8. MEDICAL. - R.M.O. 58 Bn. will visit all Coys. each evening, and I.O. 58 Bn. will be responsible for advising him of areas where Coys. can be located on his arriving at Bn. H.Q. forward each evening.
9. HYGIENE and SANITATION. - Each Coy. Comd. will be responsible for ensuring that all necessary action in this regard is taken.
All Areas occupied by Coys. must be thoroughly inspected and all rubbish etc. must be properly be disposed of before moving to new Area. At all halts Latrine arrangements must be made, each Platoon Comd. being responsible for ensuring that necessary provision is made. Particular care must be taken to sight Latrines and rubbish dumps on ground which will not foul any water supply.

N.W. GIDDINGS. Capt.
Adj., 58 Bn.

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Herewith War Diary of this Unit, with attached Appendices, for month of March 1942.

It is regretted that, owing to a misunderstanding, this Diary was not forwarded at the correct time.

W. Shorburn Major
..... Lt. Col.
Comd. 59 Bn.

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