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<u>TOBRUCH Reserve Bn - RAS el MEDAUUAR Sector</u>				
	1 Aug		Rifle Coys are dispersed in positions where they can be easily moved to the assistance of any of the three Bns manning the RAS el MEDAUUAR Salient, if so required. Bn HQs and HQ Coy are situated map ref. 40334315 TOBRUCH 1/50000 overprint. No activity during day, which was spent resting.	R.O's - 1
	2 Aug		Arty activity by enemy and our own guns during day. "A" Coy moved into a posn at rear of 2/28 Bn lines, on right flank of "Salient".	
	3 Aug	0300 0800 1945	Bn stands to, as an attack commences on Posts S6 & S7 by 2/28 Bn, and on Post R7 by 2/43 Bn. Stand down shortly after daylight. "C" Coy moved into 2/28 Bn area. Approx 20 enemy dive-bombers attacked positions to EAST and NORTH of Bn HQs - bombing did not affect Bn. Canteen and comforts stores distributed today.	R.O's - 2

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<u>TOBRUCH</u> <u>Reserve Bn - RAS</u>			<p><u>el MEDAUUAR Sector</u></p> <p>4 Aug</p> <p>It was learned today that the 2/28 Bn had succeeded in capturing Post S7, but the enemy counter attacked at approx 2130 hrs, 3 Aug and recaptured the post, either killing or taking prisoner 2/28 Bn personnel who were in post. Subsequently, at approx 0230 hrs 4 Aug (today) No.7 Pl of "A" Coy (Lieut. Payne - comd) Nos 14 Pl "C" Coy (Lieut. Cronk comd) and 15 Pl "C" Coy (Lieut. Fidler - comd) were ordered to attack Post S7 and re-capture it from the enemy.</p> <p>The attack was met by very heavy enemy arty, mortar and small arms fire and our troops were forced to withdraw, after suffering many casualties, which were -</p> <p>1 Offr & 1 O.R missing - believed killed. 1 Offr - died of wound received in the action. 1 O.R. missing - believed wounded 2 O.R's missing - believed P.O.W. 24 O.R's wounded in action.</p> <p>WX 2073, Lieut. Payne, who is missing, believed killed in action, joined the Bn in England as a Cpl, gaining his commission last month. Known to the men as "Tiger", he was a popular member of the Bn.</p> <p>VX14866, Lieut. Fidler, joined the Bn as 2i/c of "D" Coy when that Coy linked up with the Bn in Palestine. Later he was transferred to 15 Pl "C" Coy, where he was highly esteemed as an officer whose constant interest was the well being of his men. He died shortly after receiving severe shrapnel wounds in the above engagement.</p> <p>The loss of these two gentlemen is deeply regretted by every member of the Bn.</p> <p>WX 1982 A/Cpl E.W. Symons - missing, believed P.O.W. - Was a stretcher-bearer and is possibly the most well-known identity in the Bn, being known to all as "Sox". A typical 'hard case', his disappearance occurred after the engagement, when upon hearing that several men were missing, he went out in a truck to vicinity of Post S7, then proceeded on foot to the post, accompanied by Pte. Harbrow of S.B's. Apparently the enemy refused to recognise the fact that the men were engaged on Red Cross duties, as neither returned to our lines. It is reported that Cpl. Symons was last seen leaving the post carrying stretcher and moving towards enemy lines.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>T.M. Conroy Lt. Col.</i></p>	<p>R.O.- 3</p>

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<u>Reserve Bn - RAS el MEDAUUAR Sector</u>				
1941				
	5 Aug		Full particulars of our casualties in yesterday's attack on S7 are as follows :-	
			WX 2073 Lieut. Payne - missing, believed killed.	
			VX14866 Lieut. Fidler - died of wounds received in action.	
			VX 4649 Pte. Lindorff. I.L. - Wounded in action.	
			VX 3750 " Woodyard. - " " "	
			QX 7393 " Casey. L.E. - " " "	
			VX10093 " Deas. N.A. - " " "	
			WX 2034 " Osborne. J.W. - " " "	
			QX 7387 " Weier. G.W. - " " "	
			WX 2162 Sgt. Richards. E.J. - " " "	
			VX27290 Pte. Lindsay. H.A. - " " "	
			QX 1431 " Jeffreys. F.E. - " " "	
		VX29458	VX27458 " Bell. H.J. - " " "	
			QX 7052 " Lock. R. - " " "	
			VX45365 " Mowat. M. - " " "	
			VX27032 " Lyne. C.W. - " " "	
			VX45211 " Hose. H.H. - " " "	
			VX27849 " Benton. J.E. - " " "	
			VX26904 Cpl. Ledwidge. A.C. - " " "	
			VX12643 L/Sgt Calder. E.J. - " " "	
			VX18819 Pte Cooper. R.C. - " " "	
			QX 7030 Cpl Stack. E.R. - " " "	
			WX 1978 Pte Peterson. V. - " " "	
			WX 1859 " Millar. K.D. - " " "	
			SX 2130 " Martin. S.S. - " " "	
			WX 2046 " King. H.E. - " " "	
			VX17082 " Long. J.W. - " " "	
			WX 1982 Cpl Symons. E.W. - Missing, believed P.O.W.	
			VX29621 Pte Harbrow. R. - " " "	
			VX 2919 " Flett. J.C. - " , believed wounded	
			SX 1421 " Carlon. P.J. - " , believed killed.	
			No activity during day.	

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	1941 6 Aug		<p>No activity during day. Tonight Bn moved to reserve Bn area, PILASTRINO Sector, Bn HQs being situated at 407043130 TOBRUCH 1/50000.</p> <p>It has been regretfully learned that our previous C.O. - Lt. Col. Anderson - has died, as a result of complications setting in following his injuries received when his car was blown up on minefield in the el ADEM sector.</p>	
<u>TOBRUCH</u> <u>Reserve - PILASTRINO Sector</u>	7 Aug		<p>Day spent settling in new position and resting. Swimming parties are arranged as from today, going per truck to the beach every day. VX 4649 Pte Lindorff. I.L. died today of wounds received on 4 Aug '41.</p>	R.O's - 4
	8 Aug		<p>Coys are engaged on the preparation of positions to strengthen the Blue Line defensive system. Swimming parties to beach. C.O. - Lt. Col. Conroy, is resting at the Convalescent Hospital.</p>	R.O's - 5
	9 Aug		<p>Work proceeding on 'Blue Line' defences. Usual swimming parties. Further canteen stores issued today (principally tobacco and chocolate)</p>	R.O's - 6

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	1941 <u>TOBRUCH</u> <u>Reserve Bn - PIIASTRINO Sector</u>			
	14 Aug		New position for Bn HQs, Sig Office and 'I' Office has been completed, location is under bridge at map ref 40704303 TOBRUCH 1/50000. L/Cpl E.R. Wright - QX5076 - died today of wounds received in an enemy bombing attack on hospital in TOBRUCH, he was an inmate of hospital owing to bullet wound in foot.	R.O.s- 10
	15 Aug		Bn HQs shifted to new location during day. Swimming parties continue, also work on Blue Line defence system. Issue of supplementary rations made today.	R.O's - 11
	16 Aug		Uneventful period.	R.O's - 12
	17 Aug		Preparations made for moving into SIDI DAUD Sector to relieve 2/23 Bn.	R.O's-13

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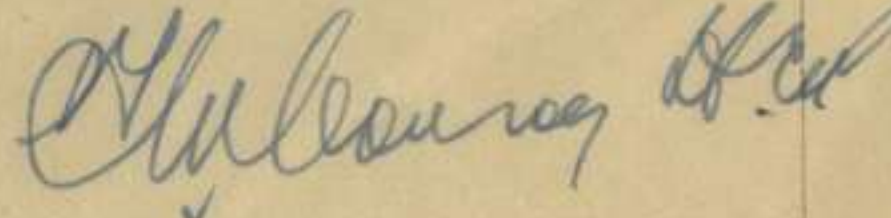
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<u>TOBRUCH</u>				
<u>Reserve Bn - PILASTRINO Sector</u>				
	1941 18 Aug		Tonight Bn moved to right flank of SIDI DAUD Sector, relieving 2/23 Bn. Posts manned are from Post R54 to Post R69 inclusive. Reserve Coy ("A" Coy) situated at map ref 41794225 and Bn HQs at 41794231 TOBRUCH 1/50000. Change over was carried out without incident.	
<u>TOBRUCH</u>				
<u>Right flank - SIDI DAUD Sector</u>				
	19 Aug		Settling in new position, no incidents of note. C.O. - Lt. Col. Conroy has returned to Bn after a spell at Convalescent Hospital.	R.O's- 14
	20 Aug 1950		B Coy area shelled for 20 minutes, otherwise uneventful day.	R.O's -15
	21 Aug	1200	Patrol comd by Lieut. Cronk and another patrol comd by Lieut. O'Mara contacted enemy positions last night, apparently the positions are in the nature of strongposts. Our OPs reported seeing the usual traffic along the el ADEM escarpment. Enemy bombers, after making a raid on TOBRUCH town, flew over area firing their MGs, no damage was caused. The two O.Ps forward of the perimeter manned by the Bn are known as BASH at ref. 41874182 and BOB at ref. 41484162. The posts are each manned by a section of men and an 'I' Sec man as observer.	'I' Summ -1
				
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<p>1941 TOBRUCH Right flank - SIDI DAUD Sector</p>	22 Aug	0800	<p>Last night patrol from "C" Coy, comd Sgt. Trotter, again contacted enemy strongpost, being fired on by MGs and mortars. An enemy patrol accompanied by a dog passed our patrol leader while he was observing. Other patrols made no contact with enemy. Troops received the best canteen issue obtained to date, plenty of chocolate and tobacco. Today enemy shelled "B" Coy area and BASH O.P without causing any damage.</p>	<p>R.O's -16 'I'Summ -2</p>
	23 Aug	0800	<p>During last night a patrol from "A" Coy, comd Sgt. Thompson, contacted enemy strongpost again and enemy put down heavy fire, but patrol returned without suffering casualties. Enemy endeavoured to stop us using pole O.P. at BASH today, shelling it every time man climbed up pole. "B" Coy area again shelled. No damage at either places. Our arty was also active during day, shelling enemy O.P's and positions, also a party of 150 men, who rapidly dispersed.</p>	<p>R.O's-17 'I'Summ-3</p>
	24 Aug	0800	<p>Last night fighting patrol comd by Lieut. Bennett and 16 ORs visited BIR GHERSA locality but made no contact with the enemy. Recce patrol comd by Cpl. Ledwidge with 3 ORs sighted enemy patrol at map ref 41994148 - el ADEM 1/50000. Day uneventful.</p>	<p>R.O's-18 'I'Summ-4</p>

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<u>TOBRUCH</u> <u>Right Flank - SIDI DAUD Sector</u>				
	1941 25 Aug	0800	A recce patrol from G Coy comd by Cpl. Ledwidge with 3 ORs observed enemy working party during night 24/25 Aug. Other patrols had nothing to report. B Coy area was lightly shelled by enemy. No damage caused.	R.O's-19 'I'Summ-5
	26 Aug		Last night patrol comd by A. Harrison (W.O.11) with 2 ORs moved forward to make recce, they reached their objective and shortly after turning form home an enemy party attempted to ambush them, firing on patrol with several MGs. Patrol leader fired on enemy with his Tommy gun to cover his men's withdrawel, and patrol returned safely. Our arty was active, shelling enemy positions forward of this sector during the day.	R.O's-20 'I'Summ-6
	27 Aug	0800	Patrols out night 26/27 Aug all reported no sign of enemy. A week of active patrolling has now passed and enemy positions have been accurately plotted. BASH O.P. was shelled again by enemy today, no damage being caused.	'I'Summ-7 2-D

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<u>TOBHUCH</u> <u>Right Flank - SIDI DAUD Sector</u>	1941 28 Aug	0800	<p>Patrols report last night as being uneventful. B Coy area received 81 shells from the enemy. No damage. Besides the usual observation of enemy troop and transport movements made by our O.Ps, for the last few days various numbers of unidentified aircraft have been reported flying in both directions along the el ADEM escarpment. Today 1 Offr (Lieut. Cherrington-Hunter) and 38 ORs marched in to Bn. They comprise reinforcements and 'X' List personnel returning to unit.</p>	R.O's-21 'I'Summ-8
	29 Aug	0800	<p>A patrol of 1 NCO (Cpl Smith) and 3 ORs last night moved to position of enemy strongpost and fired several Bren magazines into same, and then withdrew safely. Other patrols made no contact with enemy. During day enemy shelled "B" and "C" Coy areas and BASH O.P. without causing any damage, otherwise day was as quiet as usual.</p>	'I'Summ-9
	30 Aug	0800	<p>Patrols report no contact made with enemy. Day uneventful.</p>	R.O's-22 'I'Summ-10

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<u>TOBRUCH</u> <u>Right Flank - SIDI DAUD Sector</u>	1941	31 Aug 0800	Last night "D" Coy, comd by Maj. R.J. Daldy, moved out to attack enemy strongpost vicinity 418414 (el ADEM 1/50000) but through getting on wrong bearings were unable to locate the enemies position, and returned without making contact. "B" and "C" Coy areas again shelled by enemy today, no damage sustained.	'I' Summ-11
				<p>C.O.'s Circular - 12 O.O. No.5, - 13 O.O. No.6, - 14 O.O. No.7, - 15 O.O. No.8, - 16</p>
				<p>The "Newt" Nos. 17 to 22.</p>
				<p>_____ _____ 10/30 July 41 No. 23</p>
				<p>Int. Summary by C.O. - Lt.Col. T.M. Conroy, for period 10/11 Jul to 30/31 Jul '41. No. 23.</p>
				<p><i>T.M. Conroy Lt Col</i></p>

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OPERATIONS

HEAVY
CASUALTIES

to Bn when patrol attempts to recapture Post S7
4 Aug. This post had been captured by 2/28 Bn on
night of 3 Aug but the enemy later recaptured it.
Patrol forced to withdraw. Casualties 1 offr and
1 OR missing, believed killed; 1 offr died of wounds;
1 OR missing believed wounded; 2 ORs missing
believed POW; 24 ORs wounded in action.

BN MOVES

to reserve Bn Area, Pilastrino sector 6 Aug. Relieves
2/23 Bn SIDI DAUD sector. 18 Aug.

SIX WOUNDED

when EA bombs swimming party. Later death of Lieut
Downs reported.

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Believe it when you see it in **The Newt**

Three days ago our source of 'News Supplies' went and done us wrong, and like our old friend Greta Garbo we were left all alone - and woe was us. But, you will agree, such a state of affairs could not be, and so your rambling reporter, "The Newsy Newt", was detailed to brave what e'er may be, but get the NEWS he must. And this is what he got:
Notes from BBC Broadcasts up to 1900 hrs (4 Aug).

MALAYA

Something interesting about the boys in Malaya - Big detachments of Australian and British tps are leaving Malaya for Burma, where they will be trained in bush warfare, similar to that of Abyssinia. Correspondents refer to the excellent EE defences, augmented by the "toughness" of Australian "diggers" and the finest Indian tps.

RUSSO-GERMAN CONFLICT

The main fighting in the Eastern battle-front is now in the Ukraine to the South and in Esthonia to the North. Two days have passed since the Germans renewed their thrust towards Kiev, but appear to have made little progress. The Comd. of the Russians in the South describes these movements as a pincer, firstly against Zitounir, secondly against Kiev. The Germans speak of big battles in the Ukraine. They claim that German and Rumanian tps are driving from the South toward Dnjepropetr(?). The Germans are clearly giving up hopes, at least for the present, of a major victory at Smolensk. Until just recently Smolensk was described as the decisive battle of the war, and now the Germans hardly mention it! The Russians state there is fighting round the Smolensk and Leningrad sectors. The Russian Air Force is still as active as ever - a total of 72 German planes shot down on Friday and Saturday for a loss of 38. Russian planes are co-operating with land units against enemy mech. units, infantry and artillery. Eight German transports escorted by five destroyers in the Baltic were attacked by Russian planes and naval vessels. One transport and one destroyer were sunk, two others damaged - and the remainder forced to turn round and sprint for safety. Officials of the Soviet Infm. Bureau estimate German losses on the Eastern front at 1,500,000. An example of Russian tactics was when 300 German tanks were allowed to pass through advanced Russian posns, surrounded and then destroyed. One Soviet unit, after carrying out operations behind the enemy lines for three weeks, during which time it received supplies from the air, and kept in touch with HQ by wireless, rejoined the main army.

BERLIN RAIDED

The RAF were at full throttle last Saturday night, and made widespread attacks over Germany, including the heaviest raid of the war on BERLIN. The many fires started in Berlin could still be seen blazing fiercely over 80 miles away. Five bombers were lost in these operations. The RAF continue their daily sweeps along the Channel and over N. France. During July the RAF sank or severely damaged over 90 enemy ships (approx 300,000 tons) in the North Sea and the Atlantic.

Berlin has been bombed over 50 times, twice in the last nine days.

JAPANESE ACTIVITIES

There is further news of Japanese pressure on Thailand. Demands are supported by threats by large Japanese forces in Indo China. Thailand reports leave no doubt that Japan wants urgently such things as rubber and tin. It has been learned from Tokyo that sailings to the US have been suspended. Japanese press attacking Britain and US. London is watching the position closely in the light of Britain's traditional policy with Thailand. Japanese troop concentrations in Manchuria are great enough to impose a direct threat on the Russian Forces at Vladivostock.

VICHY TROUBLES

Fresh German pressure on Vichy for "concessions" in Nth Africa. German controlled Paris press announces that further changes in Vichy Govt are imminent. Efforts being made to get Pro-Nazi Frenchmen into the Cabinet.

HERE AND THERE

Major-Gen. Sir Ivan Mackay has been made Commander in Chief of Defence announces Mr Menzies.

Rolls-Royce engines are now Being made by Packard Coy in America.

THE EDITOR L/Cpl B. Ahearn.

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Taken from Reuters News to the Forces 1500 hrs 7 Aug
Notes from BBC Broadcasts at 1900 and 2100 hrs 7 Aug

RUSSO-GERMAN CONFLICT

Although the Germans state the fighting in Smolensk has gone according to plan, and that victory is virtually theirs, the plain fact stands out that they are as far away as ever toward gaining their goal of a triumphal drive to Moscow. The Russian communiques were sharp and to the point - no change of consequence in the position on any front. Fighting is heavy in the Byelsyatskerov area of the Ukraine on the Esthonian sector, and in the Eholm region, which is midway between Leningrad and Smolensk. The Russian Air Force is a most powerful factor in stopping the German advance, mercilessly punnelling the Germans' L of C, mechanised units, and infantry divisions. They are a more than worthy foe for the Luftwaffe. Results show they are bringing 2 German planes for every one they lose themselves. 100 German planes have been shot down in four days. Leading Swiss newspapers are stressing the wonderfully high morale of the Red Army, and the Russian civil population. The strength of the Russian Forces can be gauged by the fact that 3 armies, numbering over 1,000,000 men, are facing a Japanese force of 250,000 (being rapidly increased) along the China Manchukuo border, guarding Vladivostock.

JAPANESE TENSION

Japan now have 50,000 tps stationed in Indo-China, and also occupied 3 aerodromes; this action is a serious threat to Thailand. Bangkok, the capital, is within easy bombing range for the Japs planes. Thailand has reiterated her policy of goodwill towards the British Empire. It is revealed that Thailand withstood heavy pressure from Japn (10 times refusing) before recognising the Manchukuo Status Quo. Mr Anthony Eden (Britain) and Mr Cordell Hull (US) have issued a strong warning to Japan regarding the latter's policy in the F.E. This has been welcomed by the whole of the F.E. - excepting Japan. Influential quarters in the US view Japan's present activities as part of a well planned Axis plan aiming at German dominance of the Atlantic, and Japanese overlordship of the Pacific. British forces in the EE are such as to ensure the keeping open of the "vital Burma Rd." These forces have been in the EE for some time, and are well versed in the conditions of warfare that may be expected in these regions. One of the largest shipping agencies of Japan has closed its agencies in nine of the worlds largest ports, including Singapore, Bombay, Sydney, New York, and Los Angeles.

NAVES OF BOMBERS

With rain dripping from their wings it was an inspiring sight to watch waves of bombers speeding across the Channel on their way to bomb Mannheim, Frankfurt, Karlsruhe, Calais, Ostend, Dunkirk, and other places. On their return the pilots were elated at the success of the operations, despite the bad weather - they spoke of hearing the ice crackling on their planes. On one the trailing aerial was carried away by lightning. Eight bombers are missing. For the umpteenth time the Fighter Command made a big sweep over N. France. A large number of planes pestered Sicily with bombs. The Coastal Command made raids on shipping off S. Norway, and also attacked a convoy off the Dutch Coast. Once more Benghazi heavily raided (over 70 times in less than three months) - Derna and Gazala also paid a social call. In the last three months the Axis Forces have lost 1057 planes - 933 German, 119 Italian. This does not include those brought down by the Fleet Air Arm or shipping. British losses - 651.

TOBRUK

During their aggressive tactics outside Tobruk our raiding patrols, on Tuesday, seized a German post and despite heavy enemy counter attacks inflicted many casualties, and brought back prisoners. Our arty and mechanised forces have been active at the Frontier.

HERE and THERE

The damaged German battle cruiser, Scharnhorst, has returned to Brest where she is undergoing repairs.

Two German prisoners spies, aged 35 and 26, were executed at Wandsworth Prison, England, on Wednesday morning. They reached England by a German sea plane, and landed in Scotland from a collapsible rubber boat, which was discovered and led to their arrest. They possessed English money, & wireless sets.

Druno Mussolini, son of the Duce, has been killed in action. An air pilot, he was 22 yrs old and married.

THE EDITOR L/Cpl D. Ahenen.

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' THE NEWT ' DAILY NEWS BULLETIN.
Believe it when you see it in the 'Newt'.

London.

British fighters destroyed three enemy fighters during their offences patrol over the channel and N. France yesterday. Two of our planes missing. One pilot is safe. Fourteen Messerschmitts were destroyed on Tuesday.

The war office has decided to set up an army Bureau in order to enable military officers to tell their men why they are fighting, and to keep them abreast of events, policies and personalities of the 'World at War'.

Australia.

The Labor Party has strongly opposed the proposal that the P.M. Mr Menzies be sent to London.

Mr Menzies, in a speech before the House of Representatives said that Australia must regard Singapore and Malaya as vital towards the defence of Australia, and that while Australians were peaceful they would not avoid any sacrifice in defending these places. Japan's talk of encirclement was untrue and that the occupation of Indo-China by Japanese Military Forces was regarded by Britain and America as an act of aggression vitally threatening these countries interests.

After Mr Menzies's speech parliament went into a 6 hour secret session.

Wingcommander Tom Hite, former Commonwealth Minister of Customs has been appointed to command the R.A.A.F. station shortly to be formed in England. Wingcommander Hite was the only Australian prisoner of war to escape from Turkey during the last Great War.

RUSSIAN Conflict

Marshal Vorosholov, commanding the Northern Soviet Army, broadcast a strong appeal to the citizens of Leningrad this morning to defend the city to the bitter end. The Russian Army, he said, was heroically defending the approaches to the city, and the Russian Air Force and Navy were inflicting heavy blows on the enemy. He also announced that new detachments of the National Militia were being formed to help the Russian Army in the defence of Leningrad.

R.A.F. activities.

Bombers of the R.A.F. flew through terrific storms to bomb Northern Germany on Tuesday night, their main objective being Kiel, (canal).

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

2/32 Btn Mother's, Wives and Sweethearts Club.
(Tentative Title)

A club, the object of which is to co-ordinate the efforts and energies of folks at home for the good of the members of our Battalion is in existence.

Under the enthusiastic patronage of our C.O., a special 'Club Edition' of the 'Newt' giving full details will be issued shortly.

The Editor, Cpl D. Ahearn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
LT-COL. T.M. CONROY

No. 253

1 Aug 41.

COMD 2/32 BN.

933. Duties

Night 1/2 Aug

1800 to 0200 hrs	Lieut. O'Mara, M.J.
0200 to 1000 hrs	Lieut. Morrish, J.
1000 to 1800 hrs	Lieut. Davidson, J.J.G.

Night 2/3 Aug.

1800 to 0200 hrs	Lieut. Fahey, J.P.
0200 to 1000 hrs	Major Sharp, D.P.
1000 to 1800 hrs	Lieut. Fidler, T.

934. Beach Hospital

Owing to change in locations for operational reasons the area defined below is reserved for one by bty 4 A.A. Bde, 4 AGH, and dets of 2/3, 2/8 and 2/11 Md Amb.

Tpt vehs, unless on duty with 4 A.A. Bde or med units concerned will NOT be permitted to enter the following area -

Area Boundaries

NORTH	-	Coastline from 41154382 to 41034381
WEST	-	Grid 4103
SOUTH	-	Track from 41034369 to PTE PERONNE, thence line of ridge to 41154366
EAST	-	Grid 4115

Swimming is NOT permitted within this area.

935. Swimming

Previous instructions are amended as follows -

1. Tps, incl res bns, of fwd bdes will NOT be permitted to leave their allotted posns to attend swimming parades.
2. Swimming is NOT authorised at beach 41124360 nor between grids 4103 and 4115.

Units stationed West of rd TOBRUK - EL AIEM who previously used that area for swimming will find that extra beach accomodation now exists astride grid 4150.

936. Awards of Compensation against Offenders in order to Prevent Financial Loss to the A.I.F.

A.I.F. Order (M.E.) 406 is repeated -

1. As a result of offences committed by members of the A.I.F. in some cases loss or damage has been caused to property or persons belonging to the A.I.F. and in others the A.I.F. has been put to the expense of paying compensation to private individuals or to local authorities.

2. Offenders, as part of their punishment for the offence, will be made to pay for the loss, damage or expense they cause.

Unless he is put under stoppage of pay in the Summary Award or Court-Martial sentence, there is ordinarily no way of recovering from an offender compensation for the loss and expenses caused by his offence. See A.A. 46 (7) and Rules of Procedure 6 (B)

3. Attention is drawn to A.A. ss 137 and 138 and Defence Act s 97, by virtue of which a member of the A.I.F. who commits an offence can, by means of a Summary Award or Court-Martial sentence, be put under stoppages of pay in order to recover from him any of the following amounts -

(a) The amount of any expenses, loss, damage or destruction caused to any private person or public authority by the commission of the offence.

(b) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by the offender to any buildings or property, whoever the owner thereof may be.

(c) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by the offender to any arms, arm, eqpt, clothing, instruments or regt necessities or military decoration, or to any other article owned by the Commonwealth of Australia or by a unit of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth.

4. C.Os and superior military authorities of the A.I.F. will therefore take the following steps to enable compensation for such loss, damage and expense to be recovered from the offenders by Summary Award or Court-Martial sentence -

(a) In each charge there should be stated the nature and value of any expense, loss, damage or destruction alleged to have been caused by the offence.

If the C.O. has not already obtained adequate info regarding the extent of the losses and expenses incurred by the offence, the accused after being charged, should, if the circumstances of the case are not sufficiently grave to justify his being held in custody, be released pending the receipt of further info, without prejudice to his re-arrest in accordance with A.M.R & O. 404. The C.O. should take all necessary steps to obtain the requisite info as soon as possible thereafter.

(b) C.Os (and also Summary Authorities within the meaning of the A.A. s 47) should, whenever losses or expenses have been caused to any public authority or private person by the offence for which they convict the accused, include in each Summary Award an award of stoppages of pay as compensation in respect of such losses or expenses.

Such an award of compensation can be inflicted conjointly with any other summary or minor punishment (A.M.R & O. 413 (7) (a)).

C.Os in awarding compensation, will award it as a stoppage of pay and for a specific sum (A.M.R & O. 413 (b)). Correct forms of sentence are to be found in the Second Appx to the Rules of Procedure (Manual of Military Law p 753 (t)) and should always be followed.

(c) A C.O., before applying for a Court-Martial against any member of the A.I.F. under his cond, will ascertain, and will include in the "particulars" of the charge, as accurate details as possible concerning the amount of losses and expenses caused to the Army or to any private or public person or body as a result of the offence with which the accused is charged (Rules of Procedure 13 (F) and First Appx (Note 23))

If the accused's C.O. does not include such details in the "particulars", the convening Officer will ascertain such details and ensure that they are included in the "particulars" of the charge before the accused is arraigned and tried.

987. Photographs - A.I.F Units

The practice of forwarding to Australia personal photographs taken in such a manner as to show the portrait superimposed or inset on facsimile Australian Bank Notes in the blank oval space for the water-mark will cease. The possession of such photographs in Australia constitutes an offence under the Commonwealth Bank Act, and any person within the Commonwealth in possession thereof is liable to prosecution. (A.I.F. Order (M.E.) No. 500)

988. Loot and Traffic in Arms

It has been definitely established that members of H.M. Forces have been selling captured arms and amm.

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

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

This order will be brought to the notice of all ranks. (A.I.F. Order (M.E.) 614).

989. Stand-To

Hours of Stand-To are as follows -

2030 to 2130 hrs

0500 to 0600 hrs.

Coys will report to Duty Offr at beginning and end of each Stand-To.

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990. Promotions

NX 9256 L/Sgt. Lewis, R.T. to be A/Sgt as from 1 Aug 41.
QX 7381 L/Cpl. Sloan, C. to be A/Cpl. as from 1 Aug 41.
QX 2291 Pte. Coulthard, D.T. to be L/Cpl. as from 1 Aug 41.
WX 1981 Pte. Renton, D.L. to be A/Cpl. as from 1 Aug 41.
VX 29714 Pte. Gilmore, R.W.T. to be A/Cpl. as from 1 Aug 41.
VX 26716 Pte. Mooney, J. to be A/Cpl. as from 1 Aug 41.
VX 28002 Pte. Leviston, S.F. to be A/Cpl. as from 1 Aug 41.
VX 26904 L/Cpl. Ledwidge, A.C. to be A/Cpl. as from 1 Aug 41.

991. Transfers

VX 28002 A/Cpl. Leviston from HQ Coy to D Coy.
NX 6238 Sgt. Meers, P. from B Coy to D Coy.

J. Young
.....Capt.
Adj. 2/32 Bn.

NOTICE

Pistols

The owners of the undermentioned pistols are advised that they are held by H.Q. 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.

.455 Smith & Wesson pistol in leather pouch No. 82003
.38 Enfield pistol in web pouch No. F 7953

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL. T.M. CONROY

COMD 2/32 BN.

No. 254

3 Aug 41

992. DUTIES

NIGHT 3/4 Aug 41.

1800 to 0200 hrs	LIEUT. J.T. COOK
0200 to 1000 hrs	LIEUT. H.G. DAVIES
1000 to 1800 hrs	LIEUT. J.E. WALKER

993. PROMOTIONS

VX 23382 Cpl. Sargeant, D.H. to be A/Sgt as from 1 Aug 41.
OX 5504 L/Cpl. King, D.J. to be A/Cpl. as from 1 Aug 41.
NX 3060 Pte. Reeves, S.E. to be L/Cpl. as from 1 Aug 41.

994. COMFORTS

Receipt is acknowledged of the following A.C.F. Comforts, which have been issued to Coys for distribution to all ranks -

316 tins Tobacco
312 pkts Cigarettes
309 tins Sweets
1411 pkts Chewing Gum
176 bars Washing Soap
31 tins Fruit
12 packs Playing Cards
1322 sheets Writing Paper
900 Envelopes

J. Young
..... Capt.
Adjt 2/32 BN.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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by

LIEUT. COL. T.M. CONROY - COMMANDING 2/32 BN.

No. 255

4 Aug. 41.

995. DUTIES

Night 4/5 Aug.

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Major Sharp	D.P.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. Bennett	A.M.
1000 - 1000 "	Lieut. Downs	A.J.

Night 5/6 Aug.

1000 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Fahey	J.P.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. Cook	J.T.
1000 - 1000 "	Lieut. Davies	H.G.

Night 6/7 Aug.

1000 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Walker	J.E.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. O'Mara	M.J.
1000 - 1000 "	Lieut. Morrish	J.

996. BEDSTEADS

Any iron bedsteads, all types, which are in possession of Coys. will be returned at once to Rear H.Q.

997. KIT OF SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

9 Aust Div R.O. 116 is repeated :-

"When a soldier is admitted to a M.D.S. or hospital, whether sick or wounded, if his personal gear and kit do not accompany him, his unit should forward them, PROPERLY LABELLED, as soon as possible, to the medical unit to which he was admitted. Great inconvenience to the patient, and much unnecessary work to medical units is caused by failure to do this."

In view of above RAP will check that all personnel evacuated to MDS or hospital are in possession of personal gear and kit. If for any reason personnel evacuated are not in possession of kit, Bn. H.Q. will be notified at once so that immediate steps can be taken to have it forwarded.

.....*J. Young*.....Capt.
Adj. 2/32 Bn.

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No. 256

7 Aug 41.

998. DUTIES

Night 7/8

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Cook	J.T.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. Davidson	J.J.G.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. Downs	A.J.

Night 8/9

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Fahey	J.P.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. Bennett	A.M.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. Davies	H.G.

Incoming duty officers will ensure that they report to Bn. H.Q. in sufficient time to relieve the outgoing duty officer at the correct time.

If for any reason an officer is unable to undertake his tour of duty Bn. H.Q. will be advised as early as possible.

Duty officers will bring with them, their batman who will draw rations for them. The phone must on no account remain unattended.

999. FELT HATS

All ranks may wear felt hats while in the present area.

1000. PERSONAL HYGIENE

Coys. will make every effort to provide washing water for use of troops. Swimming will be allowed and particulars will be advised separately. Shaving will be insisted upon. A barber will be made available who will visit all Coys.

T. Young
.....Capt.
Adj. 2/32 Bn.

NOTICE

A message has been received from the parent unit of the 2/32 Bn. A.I.F. stating their interest in our welfare and progress, and conveying best wishes to all ranks. The assurance is also given that any organisation in Australia working for this unit will receive their ready assistance.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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LT. COL. T.M. CONROY
No 257

by
COMD 2/32 BN.
8 Aug 41.

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1001. DUTIES

Night 8/9 Aug

1800 hrs to 0200 hrs
0200 " " 1000 "
1000 " " 1800 "

LIEUT J.P. FAHEY
LIEUT A.M. BENNETT
LIEUT H.G. DAVIES

Night 9/10 Aug

1800 hrs to 0200 hrs
0200 " " 1000 "
1000 " " 1800 "

LIEUT J.E. WALKER
LIEUT G. CRONK
MAJOR D.P. SHARP

Runners: 1 from each Coy to report to Bn HQ.

1002. SCHOOLS & COURSES

The following is a report on 9 Div Sig Refresher Course attended by the u/m personnel from 26 Jul-1 Aug:

VX 29505	Pte Taylor R.W.	Good
QX 3840	" Lloyd W.C.	"
QX 3841	" Lloyd W.H.	"
VX 14983	" Sullivan J.J.	"

Jung
.....Capt
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE Church Service Sunday 10 Aug 41

Holy Communion C. of E. and O.P.D's.

A Coy	0730 hrs	
B "	0830 hrs	1130 hrs
C "	1030 hrs	
D "	0930 hrs	
HQ "	0830 hrs	

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LIEUT. COL. T.M. CONROY - COMMANDING 2/32 BN.

No. 258.

9 Aug 41.

1003. DUTIESNight 9/10 Aug

1800 - 0200	Mrs. Lieut. Walker	J.E.
0200 - 1000	" Lieut. Cronk	G.
1000 - 1800	" Major Sharp	D.P.

Night 10/11 Aug.

1800 - 0200	Mrs. Lieut. Cook	J.T.
0200 - 1000	" Lieut. O'Mara	M.J.
1000 - 1800	" Lieut. Merrish	J.

1004. ECONOMY OF PETROL

Careful control of unit transport is to be continued. Now that A Echelon vehicles are up with Companies, the control of unit MT by T.O. will be most difficult and almost impossible unless Coy. Commanders cooperate. On no account will an extra supply of petrol be authorised and it is suggested that all Coy. Transport Mks should be grounded and should only be used when special authority is given. Work tickets will be issued for all jobs. Unit tpt will not be used for swimming parades, transport required for this will be supplied by Troop Carrying Coy and diesel line lorries.

1005. SITUATION REPORTS

Situation reports will be phoned through hourly between 1800 hrs. and 0600 hrs. and at 1000 hrs. and 1400 hrs. Coy Comds. or 2 i/cs will remain in the vicinity of Coy. H.Q.s at all times and be available to the phone.

1006. PROMOTIONS AND REVERSIONS

VX 12643	L/Sgt. Calder	L.J.	Appointed Sgt.	9 Aug 41.
QX 1593	Cpl. Williams	J.E.	" A/Sgt.	"
WX 2075	Cpl. Berry	A.	" A/Sgt.	"
WX 6490	Cpl. Balziel	G.A.	" A/Sgt.	"
QX 5024	Cpl. Muleahy	R.	" A/Sgt.	"
QX 1419	Cpl. Jeffrey	A.S.	" A/Sgt.	"
QX 11	L/Cpl. Bleaney	E.P.	" Cpl.	"
QX 2842	Pte. Wright	G.J.	" Cpl.	"
WX 2159	Pte. Bowman	J.S.	" A/Cpl.	"
WX 2110	A/Cpl. Smith	E.A.G.	Appointment confirmed	9 Aug 41
QX 160	W.O. II Thomson	C.P.	reverts to rank of Sgt. at own request from	8 Aug 41.
VX 11687	A/Cpl. Symons	P.R.	Reverts to ranks from	9 Aug 41.

1007. TRANSFERS

WX 507	Lieut. O'Mara	M.J.	from "B" Coy.	to "A" Coy.
NX 8033	A/Cpl. Thynne	P.A.	" " "	" " "
QX 2579	Pte. O'Connor	P.B.	" " "	" " "
NX 8032	" Thynne	R.	" " "	" " "
SX 375	" Hardwick	K.	" " "	" " "
VX 6213	" Sheedy	D.J.	" " "	" " "
VX 41310	" Andersen	G.T.	" " "	" " "
NX 9333	" Boston	W.B.	" " "	" " "
VX 28782	" Hawker	B.	" " "	" " "
VX 25908	" McLachlan	J.	" " "	" " "
NX 11966	" Martin	J.H.	" " "	" "C" 2
VX 6550	" Everard	W.A.	" " "	" "H.Q. Coy.

1007. TRANSFERS (Continued)

Initials	Rank	Name	Initials	From	To
NX 6370	S/Sgt.	Hill	R.W.	from "H.Q." Coy.	to "C" Coy
VX 11687	Pte.	Symens	P.R.	" " "	" " Bn. H.
VX 45526	"	Ewins	C.T.	" " "	" " "A" Coy.
VX 38322	"	McMartin	L.	" " "	" " "
VX 15673	"	Fitzgerald	W.	" " "	" " "
VX 46737	"	Bird	C.H.	" " "	" " "C" "
VX 46882	"	Boyce	P.	" " "	" " "W" "
VX 29505	"	Taylor	R.W.	" " "	" " " "
VX 11760	"	Leggett	P.C.	" " "C" "	" " "H.Q." "
NX 6238	Sgt.	Meers	P.	" " "B" "	" " "B" "
SX 532	Pte.	Carey	F.A.	" " "	" " "C" "
QX 3825	"	Coulson	A.	" " "	" " " "
QX 3164	"	Saaby	J.E.	" " "	" " " "
WX 1964	"	Griffiths	W.E.	" " "	" " Bn. H.Q.

1008. INOCULATIONS

Unit	Date	Time
"B" Coy.	Aug 10, 1830	hrs.
"J" "	" 11, 1830	"
"C" "	" 12, 1830	"
"A" "	" 13, 1830	"
H.Q. Coy.)	" 14, 1400	"
Bn. H.Q.)		

J. Young
Capt.
 Adj. 2/32 Bn.

NOTICE

R.C. Church Parade, Sunday 1100 hrs. at R.A.P.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
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by

LIEUT. COL. T.M. CONROY - COMMANDING 2/32 BN.

No. 259

10 AUG 41.

1009. DUTIESNight 10/11 Aug.

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Cook	J.T.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. O'Hara	M.J.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. Morrish	J.

Night 11/12 Aug.

1800 - 0200 Hrs.	Lieut. Davidsen	J.J.G.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. Downs	A.J.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. Pahey	J.P.

1010. TRANSPORT

All transport will be kept below ~~the~~ the escarpment in order to make the area less conspicuous and avoid shellfire.

1011. PETROL RETURNS

Coy. usage up to 1800 hrs. for the preceding twenty four hours will be phoned through to Bn. H.Q. by 1830 hours.

1012. CORRESPONDENCE

Many letters are being handed in for censorship which have NOT the writers name, rank and number at the top. In future any letters which do not contain this information will be destroyed.

1013. PROMULGATION OF ORDERS

It is apparent from repeated enquiries received by Bn. H.Q. that routine orders are in many cases not promulgated to all ranks. Coy. Comds. will ensure that all paragraphs affecting troops are passed on to them.

1014. HEADRESS

It has been noticed that many personnel are wearing types of headress not authorised by A.I.F.

This practice is to cease forthwith, and every breach of this instruction will be treated as a disciplinary offence.

Coy. will take steps to collect all helmets etc. of unauthorised pattern and return to Rear H.Q. who will return them to A.O.D.

A certificate that this action has been completed will be submitted to reach this H.Q. by 1800 hrs. 11 Aug 41.

1015. PROMOTION

VX 14610 A/Cpl. Scott, J.D. appointed A/Sgt. 9 Aug 41.

1016. TRANSFERS

VX 13589 Pte. Munro, D.	from "B" Coy. to Bn. H.Q.
WX 1984 " Griffiths, W.D.	" Bn. H.Q. " "B" Coy.

..... *T.M. Conroy* Capt.
Adjnt. 2/32 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

MAJOR J.P. COX

ADMN CMD 2/32 BN.

No 260

11 Aug 41.

1017. DUTIESNight Aug 11/12

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Davidson	J.J.G.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. Fahey	J.P.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. Bennett	A.M.

Night Aug 12/13

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Davies	H.G.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. Walker	J.E.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. Cronk	G.

Night Aug 13/14

1800 - 0200 Hrs.	Major Sharp	D.P.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. O'Mara	M.J.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. Merrish	J.

1018. TRANSPORT

Coy. Comds. will advise Bn. H.Q. of minimum requirements of transport for swimming parades. All trucks must be loaded to capacity.

1019. TRANSFERS

VX 42074 Pte. Hill, F.G.T. from "C" Coy. to H.Q. Coy. and attached to 24 Aust Inf Bde for duty.
 VX 16647 Pte. Fitch, F.N. from 2/32 Bn to A.A.M.C. 30 May 41, and attached to 2/32 Bn. for duty.

1020. PROMOTIONS

VX 16647 Pte. Fitch, F.N. appointed Cpl. as from 31 May 41.
 NX 8060 L/Cpl. Reeves, S.E. appointed A/Cpl. 9 Aug 41.
 NX 8061 Pte. Lees, J. " L/Cpl. 9 Aug 41.

1021. SPECIALIST PAY

QX 3778 Pte. Gunther, A.W. GP 11 Signaller as from 1 June 41.
 VX 23319 " Wicking L.G. GP 11 Mason " " 10 Aug 41.

..... *J.P. Cox* Capt.
 Adj. 2/32 Bn.

by

MAJOR J.E. COX

ADMN CMD 2/32 BN.

No 261

12 Aug 41

1022. DUTIESNight Aug 12/13

1800 hrs to 0200 hrs

LIEUT H.G. DAVIES

0200 " " 1000 "

LIEUT J.E. WALKER

1000 " " 1800 "

LIEUT G. CRONK

Night 13/14 Aug

1800 hrs to 0200 hrs

MAJOR D.P. SHARP

0200 " " 1000 "

LIEUT M.J.O'MARA

1000 " " 1800 "

LIEUT J. MORRISH

1023. BEARDS

The growing or wearing of a beard is NOT permitted. Coy Comds will ensure that the practice of regular shaving is maintained.

1024. BOUNDS - 9 B.S.D.

All ranks are warned that the whole of the area comprising 9 B.S.D. is out of bounds to all personnel not required to be there in the course of their duties.

Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel who infringe this order.

1025. TRAFFIC - EL GUBBI AERODROME

The surface of EL GUBBI Aerodrome is rapidly becoming unserviceable through vehicles driving across it and making deep ruts. In future all vehicles, incl., R.A.F., will drive around and NOT across the Aerodrome.

1026. ITALIAN AMMUNITION

Italian Ammunition will NOT be removed from Dump bounded by grids 411412 - 432433. This ammunition forms part of the Fortress Reserves and is controlled by 501 A.A.D.

1027. PETROL DRUMS

It has come to notice that Units are failing to return petrol drums when emptied. To ensure that drums are returned, no petrol will be issued from the depot unless an equivalent number of drums complete with bungs is returned prior to issue.

A number of drums have also been returned in a dirty condition inside owing to bungs being left out for a period before return. Units will ensure that bungs are replaced in drums as soon as the latter are empty.

1028. PROMOTIONS & SPEC PAY

NX 4062 L/Cpl D. Ahearn appointed A/Cpl 6 Aug 41

VX 40863 Pte W.H. Weir Spec Pay Gp 11 M.T. Mechanic 10 Aug 41

1029. CORRIGENDA

Ref. Duty Offrs for night 13/14 Aug. To read as follows:

1800 hrs to	0200 hrs	MAJOR D.P. SHARP
0200 " "	1000 "	LIEUT J. MORRISH
1000 " "	1800 "	LIEUT M.J.O'MARA

J. Young
..... Capt
Adj't 2/32 Aust Inf Bn -

NOTICES

MAILS

Three bags of mails, including Air letters, and three bags of parcels, portion of the Australian mail recently advised as "lost by enemy action", have floated ashore and have been reconditioned and forwarded to the addressees. A small proportion of addresses were undecipherable owing to the action of sea water and could not be sent forward.

All covers so salvaged have been stamped "SALVED FROM THE SEA."

Losses by Enemy action

Information has been received of the loss by enemy action of 16 bags of surface mail and 162 bags of parcels of mails from Australia for units in the TOBRUCH area.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

MAJOR J.P. COX - ADMN. COMD. 2.32 BN.

No. 262

14 Aug 41.

1030. DUTIESNight 14/15 Aug

1800 - 0200	Mrs. Lieut. Davidson	J.J.G.
0200 - 1000	" Lieut. Fahey	J.P.
1000 - 1800	" Lieut. Bennett	A.M.

Night 15/16 Aug.

1800 - 0200	Mrs. Lieut. Davies	H.G.
0200 - 1000	" Lieut. Walker	J.E.
1000 - 1800	" Lieut. Cronk	G.

1031. DAGGERS, KNIVES and SWORDS - SOUVENIRS

Previous restrictions on the importation into Australia of daggers, knives and swords forwarded as souvenirs by A.I.F. personnel are now lifted. The provisions of A.I.F. Order (M.E.) No 236, of 16 May 41, in respect of such articles still apply.

1032. BANK ACCOUNTS - PERSONNEL

Personnel who have opened private banking accounts in the Middle East will furnish particulars thereof through the usual channels to the Chief Paymaster.

This information is required in order that balances of bank accounts held by deceased personnel will not be overlooked.

1033 DRESS - SAFARI SHIRTS

Approval is given for the wearing, by officers only, of Safari Shirts, purchased at own expense, in lieu of shirts K.D.

1034. STRETCHERS, AMBULANCE - ILLEGAL USE OF

It has been brought to notice that troops are using stretchers, ambulance, as beds. Stretchers will only be used for legitimate purposes. O.Cs will take immediate steps to stop this practice and will take disciplinary action where necessary.

1035. PROMOTIONS

WX 1864	L/Cpl. Shaddick	N.F. appointed A/Cpl. 14 Aug. 41.
WX 1884	Pte. Scott	G.A. " " " " "

1036 TRANSFERS

VX 6550	Pte. Everard	N.A. transferred to 24 Aust. Inf. Bde.
VX 15883	" Everett	J.M. " from C Coy to Bn. HQ.

1037. CORRIGENDA

Ref. ROs No. 261 para 1028, Spec Pay.
VX 40863 Pte. Weir W.H. Gp II Spec to read Gp III Spec.

.....*J.P. Cox*.....Capt.
Adjnt.

NOTICE Church Service R.C. Mass Friday 15 Aug 41 0930 hrs.

Buildings in B Coy Area.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

MAJOR J. P. COX - ADMN. CMD. 2/32 BN.

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No 263.

15 Aug 41.

1038. DUTIES Night 15/16 Aug.

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. H.G. Davies
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. J.E. Walker
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. G. Cronk

Night 16/17 Aug.

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Major D.P. Sharp
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. M.J. O'Mara
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. J. Morrish

1039. REF. 2/32 AUST. INF. BN. TRAINING INSTRUCTION

It is proposed to train an additional typist-clerk on Bn. H.Q. Coy. Comds. are requested to assist in finding a suitable applicant. Names will be submitted as soon as possible.

The following specialists are required by Bn. Coys. are requested to submit immediately names of personnel holding the necessary qualifications.

Carpenters	3
Bricklayers	1
Tailors	1

In addition, the following are required urgently:-

Pioneers	2
Regtl. Police	1

.....*J. Cox*.....Capt.
Adj. 2/32 Bn.

NOTICES Church Service Sunday 17 Aug.

C. of E. and O.P.Ds./ Holy Communion at 1000 hrs
Buildings in B Coy area.

Congratulatory Messages

The following messages have been received in connection with the operations against Posts R7 and S7 on 3/4 Aug.

From General Sir Claude J.E. Auchinleck (c in C ME)

"Please convey to all units taking part in the recent attacks against Posts R7 and S7, particularly 2/28 and 2/43 Bns, my congratulations on their stout-hearted effort and the results achieved."

From Lieut-General Sir T.A. Blamey

"Congratulations to 24 Aust Inf Bde on the thoroughly prepared effort for the attacks against R7 and S7 and also to 28 and 43 Bns on the gallant way in which the operations were carried out."

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No. 264

16 Aug 41.

1040. DUTIES

Night 16/17 Aug

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Major Sharp	D.P.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. O'Mara	M.J.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. Morrish	J.

Night 17/18 Aug

1800 - 0200	Mrs. Lieut. Bennett	A.M.
0200 - 1800 "	Lieut. Davidson	J.J.G.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. Fahey	J.P.

1041. COMFORTS

Receipt is acknowledged of the following A.C.F. Comforts, which have been issued to Coys. for distribution to all ranks:-

- 119 tins Tomato Soup
- 82 tins Baked Beans
- 11 tins Golden Syrup
- 126 tins tins Tobacco
- 133 Toothbrushes
- 34 tins Coffee & Milk
- 133 pkts. Cigarettes
- 3 only Block Cakes
- 45 pkts. Playing Cards
- 4000 Sheets Writing Paper
- 660 Envelopes
- 72 pkts. Cigarette Papers
- 290 pkts. Razor Blades
- 3 only tins Sliced Tomatoes
- 1 only XINS Set Domino
- 1 only Set Quoits

..... *J. Young* Capt.
 Adj. 2/32 Bn.

NOTICES

Church Services Sunday 17 Aug 41.

R.C. Mass 1100 hrs.

Buildings in "B" Coy. area.

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by

MAJOR J.P. COX - ADMN. COMD. 2/32 BN.

No. 265

17 Aug. 41.

1042. DUTIES

Night 17/18 Aug.

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Bennett	A.M.	
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. O'Mara	M.J. Davidson	J.F.G.
1000 - 1300 "	Lieut. Morrish	J. Fahey	J.P.

Night 18/19 Aug.

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Cronk	G.	
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. Walker	J.E.	
1000 - 1300 "	Lieut. Davies	H.G.	

1043. TROPHIES OF WAR AND OTHER CAPTURED MATERIAL

1 (a) Captured material which may be claimed by units as trophies of war will be notified through HQ. A.I.F. to G.H.Q., M.E. with particulars of the circumstances of capture, when a decision will be given on the claim.

(b) If the material claimed cannot be retained by the unit, it will be clearly marked with the unit's name and evacuated through Salvage channels to be taken charge of by the Deputy Controller of Salvage in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Vol. 1. 1930, Sec. 137, para 5.

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

Revolvers and Pistols
Rifles
Ammunition
Rangefinders
Dial Sights and Parts
Telescopes
Binoculars
Optical Stores
Technical Equipment
Cine and other Cameras
Wireless Sets

Signalling instruments and parts
Surveying and Drawing Instruments
Gun Parts, Tools, Spares,
Magazines etc.
M T Spares and Tools
Typewriters, Duplicators etc.
Military Literature - incl Maps
& Manuals
Private Cars and other vehicles
Medical Equipment
Money in Italian Currency
Other items which are clearly of
value

(b) It is known, however that large quantities of the items listed are in the possession of units and individual officers and other ranks. Formations will accordingly take all possible steps to recover such items. These will include the publication by units of orders to the effect that --

(i) all items will be handed over immediately to the Salvage Organisation or to Ordnance Depots.

(ii) The retention of any such articles will involve disciplinary action.

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

1044. Spec Pay

QX 3019 Pte Bemrose, R. Gp.111 spec pay - Clerk as from 9 Aug 41

1045. Vacancies for Tradesmen. - 76 L.A.D.

- 1. Driver Mechanics (Trade Group 111) - 3
- 2. Fitters M.T. (Trade Group 1) - 3

Of the three Fitters M.T. mentioned above, one will be required to perform the duties of Electrical Fitter. This man should possess a good knowledge of electricity as applies to the automobile, or alternatively be possessed of a knowledge of Electrical Principles - as a radio mechanic, power electrician, telephone mechanic etc - sufficient for specialised training in M T Electrical Work.

Applications for the above to be forwarded through the normal channels.

1046. Reversion

VX 5326 Cpl Langford. W.L. reverts to ranks at own request 17 Aug '41.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Capt
 Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

[Faint, mirrored text from the reverse side of the page, including phrases like "the following items", "Medical Equipment", "Tactical Stores", "Other items which are clearly of value", and "It is known, however that large quantities of the items listed are in the possession of units and individuals officers and other ranks."]

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT. COL. T.M. CONROY - COMMANDING 2/32 BN.

No. 267

19 AUG 41.

1051. DUTIES

Night 19/20 Aug.

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Capt. Young	T.W.
0200 - 1000 "	Major Sharp	D.P.
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut. O'Mara	M.J.

Night 20/21 Aug.

1800 - 0200 hrs.	Lieut. Fahey	J.B.
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut. Walker	J.E.
1000 - 1800 "	Capt. Young	T.W.

1052. TPT. - PARKING OF VEHS.

On NO account will vech come inside the wire enclosure surrounding Bn. H.Q. area, but remain dispersed outside.

1053. RIFLES - REPORT ON.

Following on the recent inspection, and report, on rifles by the Armourers', Coy. Comds. are to submit a return by 1800 hrs. on 22 Aug 41 as to condition of rifles held by Coys.

1054. TRANSFER

NX 3701 Pte. DEVER, H.A. transferred to 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Young
Capt.
 Adj. 2/32 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LIEUT. COL. T.M. CONROY - COMMANDING 2/32 BN.

No. 258

20 AUG 41.

1055. DUTIESNight 20/21 Aug.

1800 - 0200	hrs.	Lieut. Fahey	J.P.
0200 - 1000	"	Lieut. Walker	J.E.
1000 - 1800	"	Capt. Young	T.W.

Night 21/22 Aug.

1800 - 0200	hrs.	Major Sharp	D.P.
0200 - 1000	"	Lieut. O'Mara	M.J.
1000 - 1800	"	Lieut. Fahey	J.P.

1056. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS

DURING RECENT OPERATIONS at the Frontier two cases occurred where Officers left secret documents in vehicles which were later abandoned by their drivers and were subsequently captured by the enemy.

It is pointed out that every officer is personally responsible for the safe custody of secret documents in his possession. Under no circumstances will secret documents be left in vehicles unless specific instructions are given to drivers regarding their disposal.

Should any cases occur in future of documents being left in abandoned vehicles, disciplinary action will be taken against the Officer responsible.

1057. CARRIAGE OF PERSONNEL IN VEHICLES.

The following irregularities have been noted. Units will take necessary action to prevent same in future :-

(a) Crowding of front seats. In vehicles with gear change on steering column, three including driver may travel in front seat - in other vehicles, only two including driver.

(b) Travelling on running boards, mudguards etc. In vehicles where air spotting cannot be done from the cab or body one person only may be permitted to travel outside the cab or body for this purpose.

(c) Personnel will not sit on the sides of trucks. They will either sit on the floor or stand holding on to the framework of the canopy.

1058. WATER RESERVE

Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 200 June 41.

(a) A considerable quantity of water is being wasted through units failing to turn over regularly their reserve water, thereby causing rust to form inside containers which contaminates the water.

(b) Coys. will ensure that a complete "turn over" of reserve water is made at least once a week.

(c) Coys. will report all causes of water being unfit for use to Bn. H.Q.

1059. PARADE PICTORIALS

Copies of the "PARADE" are available at two (2) piastres a copy. Units will advise this H.Q. by 1200 hrs. 21 Aug 41. the number of copies required. Method of distribution will be through the A.A.C.S.

.....
T. Young Capt.
 Adj. 2/32 Bn.

21 Aug '41

(For period ending 0600 hrs 21 Aug.)

Copy No.

GENERAL
 During the night 20/21 Aug active patrolling SOUTH of the Bn area established that there is what is believed to be a defended perimeter camp in area between E 418 - 419 & N 414 - 415. Camp is known to be defended with several MGs and mortars and probably A/tk weapons. Only enemy activity (offensive) was light shelling of B Coy area.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy dispositions :- Weapon pits or sleeping bays located in vicinity 41674143 - MG posn 41814139 - Pole OP on top of Escarp. in sq 406412 - Sangars at 41704151, 41644154, 41904155, 41964156 - an OP at 41864154 - a defended post in area between E 418 - 419 and N 414 - 415 defended by 7 MGs, 2 81mm mortars and probably A/tk weapon. These are the only weapons so far accounted for in camp, which may be more strongly defended.

(b) Observed Movement :- 0820 hrs 6 men working in vicinity 41374140. 0910 hrs 4 men seen moving among bushes 41904155. 0932 hrs 3 men seen moving in approx same vicinity as 0910 hrs. 1030 hrs 1 man again seen moving in this area. 1110 hrs 4 men moved from sangaer back over escarp. in sq 413412. 1217 hrs 4 men seen disappearing over crest of hill at 41934155. 1235 hrs 2 cars believed to be staff cars moving NW for approx 300 yds at 42084164. Cars then turned EAST and disappeared over crest of hill. 1258 hrs one truck moving along foot of escarp. into dead ground 411413. 1259 hrs ~~was seen moving~~ 3 men moving at 41874154. 1315 hrs 4 men moved fwd to sangaer at area 413412. 1425 hrs car seen approaching 42114168 then turned SOUTH. 1518 hrs 2 groups of men at 41904155. 1940 hrs 2 men moving towards escarp into dead ground sq. 413413. 1945 hrs 3 lge trucks or tanks with approx 20 men moving along escarp. from W to E.

(c) Shelling :- B Coy report 39 shells in area between 1950-2015 hrs

MINEFIELDS

Enemy minefields at 41814149 consists of barbed trip wire on enemy side. 2 furrows denoting width of field which is 50'. Field consists of 2 rows of TELLER mines - 15' between rows - mines 20' apart. On NORTH side of field, one row of anti-personnel mines 3' inside furrow, these mines are also 20' apart. Composition does not alter for 1200 yds in Southerly direction.

ENEMY FIRE WORKS

2145 hrs, 8 bright flashes fwd of area. No sounds of explosions. White illuminating flares fired from 41904145.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Patrols :- On night 19/20 Aug a recon patrol proceeded to following - 41674143, 41694139, 41734134.

On night 20/21 Aug patrol comd by Lieut. O'Mara left BOB and proceeded to 41704151, 41814147, cut telephone wire, continued on and located strong point at 41904145, listened and observed for 1 hr during which time 7 MGs were firing, 2 or 3 hand grenades were thrown. None of this fire was actually directed at patrol, but it is believed that they were aware of movement in the area and were putting down a defensive fire. What is believed to be an A/tk rifle was also heard firing. Patrol withdrew, encountering minefield described above, which they followed for 1200 yds in Southerly direction, thence direct back to BOB.

A patrol comd. by Lieut Cronk, moved from KW to BASH, thence to sangars at 41904155 crossing several tracks en route, 500 yds beyond sangars shot was fired slightly left of patrol front. Patrol deviated Eastwards to get round this posn and after having proceeded some distance further SOUTH enemy opened fire with MGs. Patrol moved further round EAST side of enemy posns until MGs were firing WEST of patrol posn, fire was not directed at patrol but is believed to have been a defensive fire task.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY (Cont'd)

Number of weapons believed to be in action were - 7 MGs 2 81 mm
Mortars and rifle fire.

Patrol from B Coy report crossing a stony rd 42044193 and also
telephone wire at 42024180, as patrol was returning 4 shells landed
near it, otherwise N M S.

OWN SHELLING

At 1520 hrs and 1612 hrs Arty shot at posns known to be occupied at
41904155.

J. Walker
.....Lient.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE.

by

LT. COL. T.M. CONROY - COMD NO 2/52 BN.

22 AUG 41.

No. 270

1065. DUTIES

Night 22/23 Aug

1800 - 0200 hrs Lieut. J.E. Walker

0200 - 1000 hrs Major D.P. Sharp

1000 - 1800 hrs Lieut. H.G. Davies

1066. LOSS OF EQUIPMENT.

The following is the report received on loss of equipment.

- (a) The deficiencies in personal clothing and equipment disclosed by the recent kit inspection points to a decided laxity on the part of Coy and Pl commanders.
- (b) The wastage and loss is far in excess to a figure which could be classed as reasonable. You are to take immediate steps to eradicate this needless waste.
- (c) The present method of issue to the men is due to conditions of service and the ease with which troops obtain items tend to make them careless.
- (d) In future troops are to be called upon to pay for deficiencies unless Bn Comds are satisfied that the loss was not due to negligence.

1067. PROMOTION.

WX1884 A/Cpl Scott G.A.

appointment confirmed 22 Aug 41.

1068. TRANSFERS.

QX118 Pte Wagner J.N.

Transferred to 2/33 Bn 22 Aug 41.

VX48505 Pte Walker W.C.

Transferred to 4 A.G.H. 21 Aug 41.

TX1153 L/Cpl Way R.C.E.

Transferred to 2/33 Bn 22 Aug 41.

1069. RECORD OF WEAPONS.

Instructions have been received that a permanent record of weapons shall be kept and maintained. This will be the responsibility of the Bn Armourer. Coys will submit a nominal roll giving the number of the weapon on charge to each individual.

Weapons shall include rifles, pistols, tommy guns and if applicable Bren guns.

J.P. Walker
..... Capt.
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 58Copy No.....
22 Aug 41

(For period ending 0600 hrs 22 Aug 41)

GENERAL

Bn again actively patrolled fwd of area, two patrols operated in vicinity of enemy defended post vicinity sq 418414. Enemy aircraft MGd area between 1200 and 1230 hrs.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions :- 2 sangars and pile of amm boxes 41384167. (Old posn) Posn being prepared by 15 to 20 men at 41144170, 41184170. At 1500 to 1800 hrs MGs could be heard firing in this area. Sangars occupied by 2 men in each at 41164129 and 41274126. Arty posn 41154166, ~~41154166~~ and near vicinity - 1 gun coupled to truck, other guns in posn, 5 trucks dispersed in vicinity. As no movement was seen in area it is thought that this posn is disused. Weapon pits at 41964148, 41974145 (disused) A wooden post with tin on top (may be sighting peg) at 42004139. Enemy OPs (Poles) at 41244133, 41194147. Extensive diggings in sqs 422417, 423418.
- (b) Observed Movement :- 0830 hrs to 1200 hrs 131 vehs observed moving West along top of escarpment, majority of vehs appeared to be large covered trucks, and were generally in convoys of 20/30 vehs. 40 vehs seen travelling East in convoys of small numbers (2 to 8 vehs) vehicles were large covered type. At 0720 hrs MT movement West along foot of escarpment, 0740 hrs 2 MT at 41144130. 0812 hrs at camp 41144170 - 41184170, 2 MT remained in area all day, 15/20 men working in area. 0800 to 0945 hrs 8/10 men moving round sangars 41164129, 2 men at 41274126. At 1000 hrs MT stopped at this posn and 4 men unloaded something. 0930 hrs MT moved down escarp. rd. stopping half-way down at 41134127, after men unloaded it, it remained in same posn all day. 1000 hrs to 1106 hrs, men could be seen working in vicinity 41134120. 1000 hrs, a 1 ton MT moved up escarpment, parked and remained at 41074130 all day. 1200 to 1600 hrs 72 vehs travelling West, 54 vehs travelling East. Late afternoon 5 vehs travelling West, 15 East. Practically all vehs were large covered type. 1440 hrs 2 MT parked at 41254167. 1500 hrs 2 men at 41344125. 1905 to 1930 hrs 8 men entered sangars between 41364140 and 41434140. Throughout day considerable movement in sqs 415411 and 416412. Enemy patrol reported during night in area 422418.
- (c) Works proceeding :- 15 to 20 men working constructing posn 41144170, 41184170. At 41154130 blasting and fall of rock in large excavation indicating quarry Rd repairs by 6 men for 1 hr at 41134120.
- (d) Shelling :- Nil

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Patrols :- A patrol comd by *Cpl. Brice* ~~Lieut. Morrison~~ moved out on bearing 115 deg for 5200 yds from BOB but report N M S. A recon patrol from R 67 comd by Lieut Bennett with 3 ORs moved to following refs, 41944195 - 41984196 - 42074182 - 42194182, returning To R 67. Observations made reported above. Patrols from C Coy comd Sgt. Trotter with 4 ORs, moved 4000 yds Sth of BASH, discovered weapon pits and were fired on from enemy strong-point with MGs and 2" Mortars, a/tk gun and heavy Mortars. While patrol leader was observing a patrol of 8 men thought to have a dog with them, passed them moving in a northerly direction. During firing enemy used red, green and white flares.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Between 1200 and 1230 hrs enemy aircraft returning after raid on TOBRUCH machine gunned area. 1830 hrs further aircraft returning from raids passed over area, but no reports have been received of machine gunning. In early morning planes were seen flying low along escarpment in Easterly direction, identity of these planes are unknown.

.....*Walker*.....Lieut.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

LT. COL. T.M. CONROY --- CMD. 2/32 BN.
23 AUG 41.

No. 271.

17

1070. Duties.

Night 23/24 Aug.

1800 - 0200 hrs Lieut. J.P. Fahey.
0200 - 1000 hrs Lieut. J.E. Walker.
1000 - 1800 hrs Major. D.P. Sharp.

1071. Punishments.

- 8XII170 Pte. Merity J. A.A. 15 (i) Absent without leave from 1830 hrs to 11 Aug 41, to 0915 hrs 12 Aug 41. 14 days Field Punishment-Forfeit 14 days pay.
- QX II17 Pte. Kendrick J.
QX285I Pte. Johnson C.
- VX4754I Pte. Prichett T. A.A. 15 (2) Absent from a stated place of parade at 0815 hrs 18 Aug 41. Admonished.
- VX47503 Pte. Curry D.
VXI532 Pte Wallace L. A.A. 15 (i) A.W.L. from 2359 hrs 14 Feb 41 (At Durbin) Until reporting at Durban Barracks at 0500 hrs 17 Feb 41. Period 53 hrs. Fine- £2.
- VXI3574 Pte. McDowell C. A.A. 15 (i) A.W.L. at Durban From 2359 hrs 13 Feb 41 until reporting to camp at Durban at 1330 hrs 41. Period 123hrs 30 mins. 28 days Field Punishment- forfeit 28 days pay.
- VXII47I Pte. McLaughlin F. Neglect to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline. So negligently handled a rifle as to cause it to be discharged and there by injuring his left foot. A.A. 40. 28 days Field Punishment-forfeited 28 days pay.
- NX6206 Pte. Austin L. A.A. 15 (ii) Absenting himself from place of parade at 2100 hrs. Admonished.

J. Young Capt
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Notice Church Service Sunday 24 Aug

G. of E. and O.P.Ds. Holy Communion R.A.P. Tent 1100 hrs
(for BnHQ - HQ Coy - A Coy)
Monday 25 Aug
1000 hrs For B Coy - B Coy's Lines
1100 " For C Coy - C Coy's Lines

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(For period ending 0600 hrs 23 Aug 41)

GENERAL SITUATION.

Enemy activity on the front remains practically nil, patrols have to penetrate deeply to make any contact with enemy. Only shelling reported by "B" Coy.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy dispositions:- Enemy OP 42114156; 41144142; 40984145. Enemy barbed wire fences 41924146; eight MGs and several 2" Mortars 41924145.

(b) Observed movement:-
0900 hrs 5 MT and 12 men in vicinity 41224141; 0930 hrs three men moving amongst bushes 41884145; 0904 hrs to 1020 hrs four vehs reported in vicinity 41224141, moved of singly in different directions. 0940 hrs to 1806 hrs 103 MT travelling East along rd below Escarp in convoys of three to thirty vehs. 0930 hrs to 1430 hrs twenty MT travelling West along rd below Escarp in two convoys eight and twelve. 0950 hrs thirty men and two vehs in vicinity 42124162; 1026 hrs seven men in vicinity 42104153; 1045 hrs convoy of 17 vehs moving East along rd top of Escarp. 1105 hrs seven men around truck 41224141, what appeared to be large sangar could be seen in rear of truck. 1345 hrs four men in vicinity 41464139; 1428 hrs one truck moved into sangar on face of Escarp bearing 224 degrees from BOB (41484167). 1715 hrs one men in vicinity of stone Cairn 41964136 appeared to be observing; 1947 hrs two trucks moving East stopped at 40864140, twenty men came from Wadi and unloaded trucks which then moved off. Men remained in area until dispersed by our Arty. Enemy strong-post 418414 fired MGs and 2" Mortars while our patrol was in vicinity. Ten to fifteen men sighted at 42104163.

(c) Enemy shelling:-
"B" Coy reports 59 shells in area. Seventeen shells reported around BASH 41874182. Damage nil.

(d) Minefields:-
Patrol encountered minefd running approx East and West at 4191-4146, consisted of two rows long box-type A/Tk mines. Fd had plain trip-wire on enemy-side.

(e) Enemy defences:-
Barbed wire fences reported above were 2'6" high, numbering three, spaced ten ft apart with trip-wire in between. These fences run parallel with and in rear of above minefd.

(f) Works proceeding:-
At 1210 hrs blasting was heard in vicinity of 41944142.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols:- Patrol comd by Sgt Thompson moved to old diggings 4190-4196 continued on to 41914148 discovering minefd described above, thence to 4192 4146 where barbed wire fences were encountered. Patrol climbed through fences with intentions of attacking post, but were unable to make contact owing to MG and Mortar-fire. Patrol-comd believes this to be a fwd strong-post manned by Italians. Patrol withdrew and returned; no casualties. Patrol comd by Sgt Meers moved out from R69, made observations from vicinity 42064186 during late afternoon, then after dark proceeded towards Bir Ghersa (42104157); when approx 350 yds from objective patrol observed approx twelve men 40 yds to their front. Comd is unable to state the nature of their activities; after observing for 25 mins patrol withdrew. Patrol comd by Cpl Ferguson moved out from BOB bearing 105 degrees approx 2000 yds; report N M S or H. Two OPs manned BOB 41484162 and BASH 41874182.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Planes passed over area returning from raid over TOBRUCH.

.....*Shaker*.....Lieut.

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AUS ~~R~~ALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part I
by

Lt Col T.M. Conroy

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

No 272

24 Aug 41

1072. Duties

Night 24/25 Aug

1800-0200 hrs
0200-1000 "
1000-1800 "

Lieut H.G. Davies
Lieut J.P. Fahey
Lieut J.E. Walker

1073. F.G.C.M. - Promulgation

QX 2124 Cpl BURVILL William Aidan Hugh - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Charge AA 15 (i) When on active service, Absenting Himself without leave in that he at TOBRUK, on 12 Jul 41, absented himself without leave from his post in "C" Coy area from 0130 hrs till he reported to Rear HQ 2/32 Aust Inf Bn at 0900 hrs.

Verdict Guilty

Sentence Reduced to the ranks, and 28 days detention.

Sentence confirmed by G.O.C., 9 Aust Div., Maj-Gen L.J. Morshead C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D., on 18 Aug 41.

1074. Cartridge Clips

Owing to shortages it is impossible to obtain further supplies of clips. In future, when bandolier packed ammunition is expended the clips will be saved.

1075. Improper Use of MT

Over the past month there have been numerous instances of breach of traffic regulations.

It is the responsibility of all drivers to be in possession of a Work Ticket covering each journey.

Future breach of Traffic Regulations will also constitute a breach of this Standing Order, and will involve disciplinary action.

This order will be promulgated to all drivers.

1076. Reversion

QX 2124 Cpl Burvill W.A.H. reverts to ranks 18 Aug 41.

1077. Transfers

SX 730 Pte Allard A.C. from HQ Coy to Bn HQ 25 Aug 41.
VX 47162 " Sloan L.J. from A Coy to Bn HQ 25 Aug 41.

J. Young
.....Capt
Adjutant 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

(For period ending 0600 hrs 24 Aug 41)

GENERAL

During night Bn still maintained policy of active patrolling special attention being paid to known defended camp in area 418414. Enemy arty shelled BASH on several occasions during day. B Coy also report shelling.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions :- Suspect OP at 42324165. Arty bty in sq 423416. 5 tents in Wadi 41194128. Gun posn at 41904145. Enemy minefd of 'S' type mines encountered at 41834146. Enemy defended camp verified as being in sq 418414.
- (b) Observed movement :- 0720 hrs 3 large trucks moving WEST, stopped at 40924137; drivers conversed for approx 8 mins and one truck moved to Wadi 41154129, the other to Wadi 41124129. 0725 hrs 1 truck parked alongside 2 others at 41154129; 8 men came from Wadi and crowded around truck. 0805 hrs 3 trucks, 11 men at 41124129 approx 30 men coming out of Wadi nearby. 0820 hrs trucks and men 41124129 dispersed by our arty, one truck with approx 20 men aboard moved off WEST. 0825 hrs another truck with men moved WEST from same posn. 0830 hrs 2 trucks moved WEST from 41154129, second truck with 20 men aboard. 0900 hrs men ambussing at 41154129 and 41124129. 1000 hrs 5 men moving around in vicinity 41194123. 1205 hrs 2 trucks went into wadi 41154129 from top of escarpment 1 came out on bottom rd and proceeded WEST. 1305 hrs 3 men moving about in vicinity 41384142. 1308 hrs 1 large covered truck from EAST moved into wadi 41194128. 1730 hrs 1 large truck came out of wadi 41154129. 1750 hrs 7 men at 41194123 walked down into wadi 41194128. 1825 hrs 20 men working 41904145. 1055 hrs approx 150 men were sighted at 41884144; dispersed quickly when shelled by our arty. 1130 to 1330 hrs 51 vehs moving WEST on rd top of escarpment. 15 vehs moving EAST on same rd.
- Observations made by patrol :- 7/8 men working in vicinity 42154163 3 men observed at 42104156.
- (c) Works proceeding :- 7/8 men observed at 42154163 were thought to be engaged in wiring.

SHELLING

In an endeavour to prevent observation from BASH enemy arty shelled posn on each occasion that observer occupied OP, approx 70/80 being reported. Only during which observer was able to occupy post for any length of time was between 1130 - 1400 hrs.

B Coy report 41 shells in area. Damage from shelling - nil.

ENEMY METHODS

Patrol on night 22/23 report that the enemy used triangle shaped object on pole as means of signalling. This was done by intermittently changing black triangle for white. On this signal, working party in vicinity dispersed and went to ground.

MINEFIELD

Minefield encountered at 41844149; consisted of 2 rows 'S' type mines, distance between rows and mines cannot be definitely stated, but is approx - rows 15 yds apart, mines 8 yds apart. A furrow 8" wide and 3" deep was on both sides of field.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Patrols :- Patrol comd by Lieut. O'Mara with 4 ORs moved from BOB on bearing 112 degs to establish posn of defended camp believed to be located in sq 418414. When this area was reached patrol came under heavy fire from MGs, light mortars and hand grenades. Patrol moved back to BOB along known enemy minefd - no casualties. Patrol from C Coy - 1 Sgt (Sgt Battley) & 3 ORs moved from BASH on bearing 180 degs to rd running SE - NW in area 418415. As patrol attempted to cross rd, they were held up by MG fire. As this prevented them from crossing rd in this vicinity they moved 400 yds NW crossed rd and moved South for 200 yds where they encountered enemy minefield reported above. Patrol waited considerable time

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY (Cont'd)

for enemy MGs, 4 of which were firing along minefield, to cease fire, with the intentions of continuing recon beyond field, but as enemy continued his fire patrol withdrew and returned to coy lines - no casualties. Patrol from B Coy of 1 NCO (Cpl Massey) & 3 ORs moved from R 67 to 42094163 where they observed enemy working party 4215416. Patrol moved to 42104157 where they observed men (3) near BIR GHERSA 42104156. Patrol observed this posn for approx 45 mins and then moved to 42134164, thence to coy lines - no further movement seen.

OUR SHELLING

1055 hrs - 18 shells fired at approx 150 men at 41884144, all shells in target area, enemy dispersed rapidly.
1815 hrs - 4 shells on OP 42324165.
1950 hrs - 45 shells on OP 42324165. 3 men seen running from pole.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Between 0635 hrs - 1915 hrs, air activity was noticed along escarpment, several planes appeared to land and come from el ADEM aerodrome.

J. Baker
.....Lieut.

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Lt Col T.M. Conroy

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

No 273

25 Aug 41

1078. Duties Night 25/26 Aug

1800-0200 hrs
0200-1000 "
1000-1800 "

Major D.P. Sharp
Lieut H.G. Davies
Lieut J.P. Fahey

1079. Postal

All letters, cables and parcels will in future be sent to Bn HQ for stamping. Unnecessary delay is being caused through sending these direct to Rear HQ.

1080. Transport

Coy Comds will ensure that where drivers are NOT in possession of a standard Work Ticket they are provided with a signed authority for the job for which they are leaving the Coy lines.

J. J. Young
..... Capt
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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3/22 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 61

(For period ending 0600 hrs 25 Aug '41)

GENERAL

Normal amount of movement fwd of the area and along escarpment, was observed from OPs manned by Bn during the period. Patrols fwd of the area during darkness made no contact with the enemy. No shelling of Bn area, but enemy arty again shelled fwd OP

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions :- Enemy OP 41864161 Wadi at 41194129 believed swing to movement observed in the area, to be a HQs. What appears to be Walled Camp at 41764150, considerable movement around this point, diggings to the left at Pt 120. 42304175, suspected enemy gun posn
- (b) Observed Movement :- 0850 hrs 10 men moved from dugout 41194129, movement observed around sangers 41134132, 10 men observed fwd of wadi 41144132, 0900 hrs 1 man appeared at top of escarp. 41164124, moved down to 41194129 - 1 stationary MT 41084133. 0905 hrs D.R. appeared from dead ground 41084133, moved around foot of escarp, was met by one man at 41194129, moved on and disappeared into Wadi 41224128. 0910 hrs 20/30 men moving around dugouts 41194129, also movement at 41154131. 0930 hrs 20 men observed at 42034172, 0935 hrs truck moved from 41194129 in westerly direction along foot of escarp. 0945 hrs, movement observed around stationary truck 4108-4133. 1000 hrs troops appeared to be embussing and considerable again observed at 41194129. D.R. stopped at 41194129. 14 men at 41134132, at 1020 half of this party moved to truck 41084122. 1010 hrs 2 men observed walking West along top of escarpment 4109-4127, disappeared into Wadi. 1247 hrs 2 men observed at 42084143. 1250 hrs 2 men at 41834157. 1925 hrs working party digging at 42304175. 1130 hrs considerable movement at posn 6 MT and men. 1230 hrs what looked like a carrier at 41224123, moved down escarp to 41194129. 1250 hrs 1 MT moved East to 41194129. 1 MT at 41224123, moved towards 41194129 and disappeared into Wadi. 1430 hrs 16 MT moved out of Wadi 41194129, 5 men at 41164126 appeared to be working party. 1505 hrs 4 men in a trench 41364135. 1800 hrs M cyclist seen at 41164126 moved West. 1820 hrs 2 MT at Walled Camp 41764150. Also 20/30 men slightly left of this posn at Pt 120. 0945 hrs to 1655 hrs 65 MT moving EAST along rd top of escarp. 48 MT moving WEST. Recce patrol sighted enemy patrol of 12 men moving at 41994148.
- (c) Shelling :- Enemy arty again shelled BASH OP - 17 shells being reported.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Patrols :- A Patrol comd by Cpl North moved from BOB OP to area 417413 to ascertain whether enemy were in area, report N M S or H. Recce patrol of 1 NOO (Cpl A Ledwidge) and 3 ORs moved on bearing 162 degs from BASH, sighted what is believed to be an enemy patrol at 41994148, no other movement seen or heard. Fighting patrol from B Coy, comd by Lieut. Bennett with 16 ORs, moved out to area BIR GHERSA (42304156) no contact made with enemy. Regular OPs were manned by Bn personnel during period.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No hostile action was taken against this area. Several planes of unknown identity were observed flying along escarpment during the day.

.....J. Walker.....25000

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Comd 2/32 Bn.

No 274

26 Aug 41

1081. Duties

Night 26/27 Aug

1800-0200 hrs

Lieut J.E. Walker

0200-1000 "

Major D.P. Sharp

1000-1800 "

Lieut H.G. Davies

1082. Promotions

WX 1884 Cpl Scott G.A. appointed A/Sgt 26 Aug 41.

TX 1235 L/Cpl Mullins H.J. appointed A/Cpl 26 Aug 41.

WX 2121 Pte Lowes C.W. appointed A/Cpl 26 Aug 41

VX 48196 " Mills C.F. appointed A/Cpl 26 Aug 41.

1083. Transfer

VX 36510 Pte Foulkes A.C. from H Coy to D Coy

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.....Capt
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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26 Aug 41

2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 62

(For period ending 0600 hrs 26 Aug 41)

GENERAL

Except for light shelling of B Coy area, enemy aggressive action on this front was nil. Patrols again penetrated deeply into no man's land - little enemy activity observed.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy dispositions :- Enemy wire contacted at 42024142.

(b) Observed movement :- 0720 hrs 12 men in vicinity 41284127. 0730 to 1925 hrs 6 trucks moving East along lower escarp. rd. 0835 hrs small explosion 40984218, believed to be blasting. 0754 hrs 3 men moving in vicinity 41954126 were sent to ground by our arty. 1057 hrs 1 truck moving East along lower rd into Wadi 40984133. 1207 hrs 1 truck moving South along EL ADEM rd about 1000 yds from escarp. 1440 hrs approx 12 men moving in sqs 419414 and 418414. 1840 to 1843 hrs 4 trucks moved NE along track from 41254120 ~~to~~ 41174130. One moved further West and did not reappear. 1908 hrs 2 men near OP at 41814126. 1920 hrs 2 trucks at 41954145; one moved East. 1937 hrs 1 truck moving East along lower rd moved South into Wadi at 41184130; one truck appeared at 41174130; moved East along lower rd, then South at 41074134 and went into Wadi at 41064132. 1942 hrs 1 truck (seen at 1920 hrs at 41954145) moved South then West along lower escarp. rd. 1943 hrs 1 man in OP 41814126. 0800 to 1934 hrs 153 trucks moving WEST in convoys of 4 to 37 vehs. 110 trucks moving EAST in convoys of approx average 20 vehs.

From explosions observed on several occasions during day near BIR GHERSA and enemy strongpoint (418414) it is thought that the enemy were registering D F tasks.

(c) Works proceeding :- Recce patrol from C Coy observed an enemy working party believed to be large, (but definite number cannot be stated) digging in vicinity 41994142; this patrol also heard sounds which indicated that other parties were operating in vicinity of 42024142.

(d) Shelling :- B Coy report 24 shells in area - damage nil.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Patrols :- Patrol from B Coy of 1 Offr (Lieut. Bennett) and 14 ORs moved to vicinity BIR GHERSA (42104157). Patrol comdr and 2 ORs left main body to recce area, 7 or 8 men were seen on East side BIR GHERSA, no action was taken as recce party were unable to locate main body. Both parties returned safely.

Patrol from C Coy of 1 NCO (Cpl Ledwidge) and 3 ORs moved out to 4199-4142 where enemy working party reported above was observed, thence to vicinity 42024242 where enemy wire was contacted. In this vicinity sounds of what may have been other working parties were heard. From here patrol returned, no further movement being seen or heard.

Patrol from BOB left to recce area 418413 - only report yet received is that patrol returned safely to HOPA lines having missed their direction on return journey.

Regular OPs were manned during daylight. Observations made reported above.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No hostile action against this area but a Henschell was observed spotting for arty shooting on el ADEM sector. Several unidentified planes were observed flying along escarpment during day.

[Handwritten Signature]
.....Lieut.

2/22 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 63
(For period ending 0600 hrs 27 Aug 41)GENERAL

This sector continues to be exceptionally quiet. No aggressive enemy action being experienced during the period. Bn patrols penetrated deeply in an endeavour to definitely pin-point enemy defended positions and minefields.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions :- OP at 41804155 - no movement observed near pole during day. Ruins converted into strongpoints Northern extremity 41804159 - Southern extremity 41864146. Diggings extend from 41804151 to 41864144, at least held with one coy strength. Dumps near wadis 41894125 and 41894124.
- (b) Observed movement :- 0700 to 1200 hrs considerable MT movement along top of escarp. - 145 vehs WEST and 95 vehs EAST. 4 vehs moving West had trailers attached, one veh had 2 trailers, possibly gun and limber. Vehicles were of large covered type, travelling in convoys, and were sighted in EL DUDA area. Movement on direct and right front very slight, one convoy of 14 MT travelling West. 1200 to 1500 hrs 19 vehs travelling WEST (1 with trailer) along top of escarp. - 69 vehs (1 with trailer) travelling EAST, similar type of veh as above and mainly in small convoys. 1500 to 1900 hrs 107 vehs WEST, 63 EAST - majority large covered type. 0715 hrs 14 enemy left trenches at 41274127 and moved to wadi at 41224129, disappearing up wadi. Veh parked at 41254125 remained in this position all day. 0820 hrs car moved North from bottom rd and disappeared at 41874146. 0830 hrs party of 4 to 6 men observed 41874142 - appeared to be digging party. 0920 hrs car reappeared 41874146 and moved South along well used dusty rd to foot of escarpment, this rd apparently leads to strong point in area 418414. 1015 hrs 5 men moving among sangars 41164121 and 41214120. 1040 hrs 6 men around sangars 41204130. 1100 hrs veh moved down face of escarp stopping at 41184130, 41224125, one man alighted at first ref. and entered dug-out. 1130 hrs M Cycle coming East stopped at 41204130, man entered sangars, returned a few minutes later and moved West. 1140 hrs 2 vehs moved down escarp, stopped at 41204130, two men entered nearby sangars and vehs moved West. 1500 hrs 2 men entered truck at 41874146, drove South to rd foot of escarp and then moved East. 1655 hrs 14 light AFVs moving East along top escarp rd. 1800 hrs movement observed at sangar 42004143. 1820 hrs 2 men observed in same position. 1825 hrs 5 men walking around vicinity of sangars 41894141. 1920 hrs movement observed at 41874142 again thought to be digging party
- (c) Works proceeding :- Heavy explosions throughout morning, possibly blasting, in square 416412. Working party 4/6 men sighted at 41874142 twice during day.
- (d) Minefields :- Minefields encountered at 42004133 - Compositions : Two rows of large a/tk mines, approx 3 ft between mines and 3 yards between rows. 1 yd behind mines as a trip-wire. A branch field of the same composition runs from above field on a bearing of 50 degs from 42014133, branch field ends at 40274142, this branch field has a double section at 42064142, length of this section 30 yds. Original field ends at 42034135.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Patrols :- Report from patrol night 25/26 Aug 41. Patrol comd by A. Harrison (W.O.2) and 2 ORs, moved from BOB on a bearing of 126 degs with object of making recce of area 418413. At 41564156 and 41664150, old disused weapon pits examined, moved on to 41844136 carried out recce of area as instructed, on return at 41764142 patrol was fired on by 4/5 MGs from a distance of approx 30 yds on patrol's right front. Patrol leader ordered his men to break away to the left while he fired Tommy Gun in direction of enemy, then moved after men. Continued on return journey but missed direction slightly and reported in at R 45 (2/15 Bn) Patrol from C Coy comd by Sgt. Mulcahy and 1 NCO, 2 ORs moved from BASH on bearing 162 degs to 41914170, crossed telephone wire.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY (Cont'd)

crossed well used rd running E/W 41924167 and a second telephone line was crossed at 41944162. After 4400 yds had been covered patrol turned due South to 42004138 where minefd reported above was encountered. No enemy posns located but patrol comdr reports several rds converge in general direction of enemy strongpoint. A patrol from B Coy moved out to contact enemy, if possible, in vicinity BIR GHERSA. Patrol reported back to Coy lines but report has not yet been received. Regular OPs were manned during daylight, also strongposts for entire period.

(b) Our arty :- 0930 hrs fired on party 4/6 men at 41874142 - results unknown. At 0940 hrs ranging on sq 418414. 1117 and 1500 hrs, shells vicinity of 41144170, results unknown. 1940 hrs again fired on diggi party at 41874142, results unknown.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No hostile action against this area, but a number of planes were observed flying fwd of area along escarpment.

.....*J. Walker*.....Lieut.

Late report.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY. Patrols:-

A patrol of 1 NCO (Cpl. Ranton) and 2 ORs left BOB(41474163) on bearing 129 degrees to 41834135 where double telephone wire was crossed. Thence to 41874133 from where an MG was seen (by flashes) to fire 4 to 5 bursts. Patrol moved 375 yds in direction of MG but did not locate same and returned to "BOB".

A fighting patrol of 1 offr (Lieut. Davidson) and 16 ORs left perimeter at 2115 hrs 26 Aug to BASH (41874182) thence for 3500 yds on 134 degrees which brought patrol approx 300 yds North of 42104156 (Bir Gherse). Patrol comd suspected a discrepancy in the pacing and thought patrol had "overshot" its objective (Bir Gherse). Area was recce'd but obj. was not sighted after which patrol returned to perimeter arriving 0400 hrs. During patrol's outward journey a green Verrey light was seen in SW direction at 0035 hrs. A plane passed overhead East to West at 0050 hrs and a moment later an object fell with a swishing sound to the East of patrol and a small light or flame appeared twice in that direction later. About 800 yds SW of BASH a telephone wire was cut and a considerable length of same removed by patrol. N.M.S. or H.

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Lt Col T.M. Conroy
No 275

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf
28 Aug 41

1084. Duties Night 28/2 Aug 41

1800 - 0200 hrs	Lieut H.G. Davies
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut J.P. Fahey
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut J.E. Walker

1085. Allocation of Reinfts

The following personnel were marched in from the 25 I.T.B. on 28 Aug 41, and allocated to the Coys mentioned hereunder:

VX 27605	Lieut B. Cherrington-Hunter	D Coy
TX 398	Pte Holdent J.B.	HQ "
VX 46980	Pte Byatt W.	HQ "
WX 8700	Pte Briggs E.R.	HQ "
WX 9774	Pte Goodchild J.H.	HQ "
WX 8134	Pte Watkins R.J.	HQ "
WX 9706	Pte Roberts L.S.	HQ "
WX 9739	Pte King B.J.	HQ "
WX 7520	Pte Hegerty J.P.	HQ "
VX 28517	S/Sgt Barley E.	HQ "
WX 2162	Sgt Richards E.J.	A "
QX 7030	Cpl Stack E.R.	A "
WX 2137	Pte Kent H.M.	A "
VX 38618	Pte Sproule I.H.	A "
VX 45328	Pte Brazil J.	A "
WX 8259	Pte Jarvis E.C.	A "
VX 3015	Cpl Jeffers A.G.	A "
VX 38529	Pte Tabbiner R.C.	B "
WX 9040	Pte Shaw R.	B "
WX 9728	Pte Arthur C.J.	B "
WX 9711	Pte Heald A.A.	B "
WX 9047	Pte Blewett F.W.	B "
WX 9734	Pte Penn L.F.	B "
WX 9051	Pte McCaig W.	B "
QX 2963	Pte Newton H.W.	B "
VX 40777	Pte Watt A.B.	C "
WX 9115	Pte Freeman A.H.	C "
WX 9102	Pte Heald S.A.	C "
QX 2285	Pte Burnett T.W.	C "
WX 2675	Sgt Scott L.G.	D "
QX 3180	Cpl Rail A.	D "
WX 9166	A/Cpl Watkins F.H.	D "
WX 9708	Pte Bickford E.H.	D "
WX 9745	Pte Riggs H.E.	D "
WX 9704	Pte Reynolds R.C.	D "
WX 9792	Pte Hodson H.	D "
WX 9116	Pte Keane D.L.	D "
WX 34200	Pte Stephens G.	D "
NX 8450	Cpl Sherringham W.H.	Bn HQ

1086. Reversion

VX 28517 S/Sgt Barley E. reverts to the ranks ^{14 Sgt.} at own request 28 Aug

1087. Transfers

VX 28517 Sgt Barley E. from HQ Coy to C Coy
NX 8749 Sgt McDermott R.I. from C Coy to HQ Coy

J. J. J.
..... Capt
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

The following personnel were marked in from the 22 I.T.D. on 28 Aug 41, and allocated to the Coy mentioned hereunder:

Coy	Name	Rank	Service No.
D Coy	Sgt Barley E.	S/Sgt	VX 28517
D Coy	Sgt McDermott R.I.	Sgt	NX 8749
H Coy	Pte Holden J.B.	Pte	VX 2858
H Coy	Pte Ewart J.	Pte	VX 2859
H Coy	Pte Egan J.A.	Pte	VX 2860
H Coy	Pte Goodwin J.M.	Pte	VX 2861
H Coy	Pte Roberts J.L.	Pte	VX 2862
H Coy	Pte King D.B.	Pte	VX 2863
H Coy	Pte Haggerty J.	Pte	VX 2864
H Coy	Sgt Barley E.	Sgt	VX 2865
A Coy	Pte Richards J.W.	Pte	VX 2866
A Coy	Cpl Black J.A.	Cpl	VX 2867
A Coy	Pte Brown J.H.	Pte	VX 2868
A Coy	Pte Brazil J.	Pte	VX 2869
A Coy	Pte Jarvis J.C.	Pte	VX 2870
A Coy	Cpl Jefferson J.G.	Cpl	VX 2871
B Coy	Pte T. Thomas J.C.	Pte	VX 2872
B Coy	Pte Shaw R.	Pte	VX 2873
B Coy	Pte Arthur G.J.	Pte	VX 2874
B Coy	Pte Heald A.A.	Pte	VX 2875
B Coy	Pte Hewitt P.W.	Pte	VX 2876
B Coy	Pte Fern J.F.	Pte	VX 2877
B Coy	Pte McGill W.	Pte	VX 2878
B Coy	Pte Newton H.W.	Pte	VX 2879
C Coy	Pte Watt A.B.	Pte	VX 2880
C Coy	Pte Freeman A.H.	Pte	VX 2881
C Coy	Pte Heald J.A.	Pte	VX 2882
C Coy	Pte Bennett T.W.	Pte	VX 2883
D Coy	Sgt Scott J.C.	Sgt	VX 2884
D Coy	Cpl Kell A.	Cpl	VX 2885
D Coy	Cpl Watkins F.H.	Cpl	VX 2886
D Coy	Pte Rickford J.H.	Pte	VX 2887
D Coy	Pte Rigg J.A.	Pte	VX 2888
D Coy	Pte Reynolds J.C.	Pte	VX 2889
D Coy	Pte Rodan H.	Pte	VX 2890
D Coy	Pte Kane D.L.	Pte	VX 2891
D Coy	Pte Stephens G.	Pte	VX 2892
H Coy	Cpl Shearman W.H.	Cpl	VX 2893

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28 Aug '41

2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 64
(For period ending 0600 hrs 28 Aug '41)

GENERAL

This period has been exceptionally quiet, the only aggressive enemy action reported was shelling of BASH OP. Patrols report no enemy activity in areas patrolled.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions :- 2 unoccupied sangars at 41994149, empty ITALIAN veal tins and latrine indicate recent occupation. 11 weapon pits, disused, 42084168. Disused sangars reported at 41684154, 41694153. 5 pits measuring 6' x 4' X 3' deep at 41744151, from appearance have not had any recent use.
- (b) Observed Movement :- 0750 hrs sound of vehs approaching post (BOB) these could not be seen owing to bad visibility, and judging by sound vehs again moved South. 0822 hrs, small truck moved East along lower escarp rd, a similar veh (probably the same one) moved West along same rd and in to wadi at 41264126 at 0823 hrs. 0835 hrs 4 men observed in sangar 41994158. 0857 hrs, 1 truck moved North from 41294122 to Wadi 41274128 and disappeared. 0917 hrs a truck moved out from 41274128, moved South. 1100 hrs 4 men moving around earth-works 41294164. 1320 to 1420 hrs, 4 trucks parked on escarp. at 42164142. Explosions, preceded by black smoke and bursts of MG fire could be heard from escarp between bearing 219 & 230 deg. from BOB. 1829 hrs 1 truck moved North from 41294122 to 41274128. 1915 hrs 1 truck moved South ^{from} 41774154 to 41874146 where man jumped on running board and truck continued South. Patrol reports having seen a dog moving East at 41224145, movement of vehs heard South of area 42014124.
- (c) Shelling :- BASH OP shelled by enemy arty - 13 shells, no damage.
- (d) Minefield :- Minefd located at 41994145, composition 2 rows of ITI. box type mines, 4' between rows, 2' between mines.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Patrols :- A fighting patrol from B Coy of 1 Offr (Capt. Petrie) and 15 ORs moved out to BIR GHERSA with intention of attacking any enemy in occupation and if possible obtaining prisoners. Position was found to be unoccupied, a thorough of area surrounding was made. Patrol from C Coy of 1 NCO (Sgt Jeffrey) & 3 ORs moved out from BASH to 41994149 where 2 unoccupied sangars were examined, then to 41994145 where minefd reported above was encountered thence to 42014133. Here, vehicles could be heard moving further South. Patrol returned on back bearing along same route. Patrol comd by Sgt Reardon moved from BOB to 41684154 where 5 empty sangars were found, thence to 41694153 further sangars examined, Patrol moved on to 4200 yds from BOB on bearing 113 degs, N M S or H - patrol returned along same route. Regular OPs and outposts manned during period.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No hostile taken against this area. Large number of planes were reported by OPs flying fwd of perimeter along escarpment

Walker
.....Lieut.

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29 Aug '41

2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 65
(For period ending 0600 hrs 29 Aug '41)

GENERAL

Enemy shelling of the area increased over this period. Patrols penetrated deeply but no contact was made with the enemy.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy dispositions :- Wired posn at 42274161. During shelling of fwd areas the following sound bearings were taken from BASH :- 70 - 90 - and 105 degs. These can only be given as approximate.

(b) Observed Movement :- During morning vehicle movement was as follows - 65 veh moving WEST, 62 moving EAST. Vehicles were of a large covered type. One car and 1 M/Cycle also observed travelling East. 1 truck remained stationary on escarpment near ED DUDA rd for greater part of day. A few vehicles pulled up at this point but remained only a short time. During afternoon 78 vehs moved WEST and 69 EAST. There were about 5 convoys during day, most movement of MT being in two's and three's. 0700 hrs 4 men observed around sangars 41284127. 0800 hrs, a truck appeared at approx 42224165, when engaged by our arty men were seen running from truck which remained in same posn all day. 0945 hrs 20/30 men moving about sangars in area 417415, movt was observed in this area until 1800 hrs. 1600 hrs, truck moved along lower escarp rd to sangars at 41284127. 1815 hrs, 3 men seen in vicinity 41284127. During day movt was observed in vicinity of above mentioned wired posn 42274161. Visibility around midday and early afternoon was very poor.

(c) Shelling :- B Coy report 81 shells - damage nil.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Patrols :- Patrol of 1 Offr (Lieut Bennett) & 7 ORs moved to BIR GHERSA (42104157) via demolished monument in sq 420418, remaining in vicinity of BIR GHERSA from 2245 hrs to 0315 hrs, during which time N M S. A patrol from BOB of 1 NCO (Cpl Smith) and 3 ORs moved out 4000 yds on bearing 112 degs, where they took up posn to fire on enemy strong post vicinity 418414. After one mag had been expended an enemy MG opened up with direct fire but patrol had already moved 15 yds to their right. From here one more mag. was fired after which patrol moved right again, firing a further two magazines. Enemy then opened fire with three guns from right flank of their posn (enemies) firing on fixed lines across their front. After these had fired a few bursts a red flare was sent up and all fire ceased. Patrol returned to BOB, no other movement seen. Patrol estimates enemy guns were approx 800 yds fwd of their posn.

Regular OPs and strongposts were manned during period.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No hostile action against this area, but following air activity reported from OPs :- 1000 hrs - 12 planes flying very low fwd of escarpment flying West. 1415 hrs 1 plane seen low over escarpment flying West.


.....Lieut.

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Lt. Col. T.M. Conroy
No 276

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
30 Aug 41.

I088. Duties.

Night 30/31 Aug 41.

1800 - 0200 hrs
0200 - 1000 hrs
1000 - 1800 hrs

Lieut. J.E. Walker
Major. D.P. Sharp
Lieut. H.G. Davies

I089. Cameras.

It has been decided that in future the only persons entitled to possess a camera within the Fortress of Tobruk will be Accredited War Correspondents and Official Historians. It will be an offence to possess one after 3 Sep 41. Coys will collect all cameras forthwith and return them properly labelled to Bn HQ by 1000 hrs 1 Sep 41. These cameras will be sent on to FSS who will arrange disposal and safe custody.

J. Young
..... Capt.
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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COPY NO. 18
30 Aug '41

8/38 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 65
(For period ending 0600 hrs 30 Aug '41)

GENERAL

During period enemy maintained their increased shelling in this part of sector. Patrols were again well fwd of perimeter but no contact was made with the enemy.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions :- Sangar at 41184131 appears to be HQs. OP at 41134140 manned by 2 men. Circular pit 12 paces across built breast high with stones at 42014138, did not appear to be recently occupied.
- (b) Observed Movement :- 4 men vicinity of ruins 41834148 at 0700 hrs, were around small fire, apparently cooking breakfast. 0740 hrs, 9 or more men working (appeared to be digging) at BIR GHERSA. Movement noticed this posn throughout day. 1 man entered sangar at 41184131. 0800 hrs 1 man left sangar at 41244125 and moved up Wadi. 0820 hrs 1 truck parked at 42874148 with a number of men moving around it. 0925 hrs 4 men around sangar at 41184131, M/cycle came down well used track from top of escarpment to this sangar, rider entered and remained inside for few minutes, then rode off West, 6 men moved from nearby Wadi and entered same sangar. 0955 hrs men (3) observed at 41254124, moved down wadi on face of escarpment. 1030 hrs considerable movt of single persons to and from sangar 41184131, and groups of men moving into and about sangar. 1045 hrs covered truck arrived at 41864145 from East, stopped among ruins ~~41834148~~, men crowded around truck (probably ration truck) 0940 hrs approx 30 men observed digging in area from 41834147 to 41884143, apparently strengthening Southern end of strongpoint. 1130 hrs OP at 41134140 observed to be manned and relief of 2 men was seen to go the pole, 4 men observed at foot of pole for few minutes, then 2 moved out of sight behind ridge. 1140 hrs 6 men at mouth of Wadi 41094132, then moved to 3 dug-outs nearby. MT came down face of escarpment from 41224124 to 41184131 then moved WEST. Blasting heard from behind escarpment bearing 223 degs from BOB. 1310 hrs 6 men among sangars at 41204130. 1625 hrs MT at 41834148 came from East, remained at posn for 20 mins, moved West out of sight. 1935 hrs, 2 men observed walking along crest of escarp. at 41184125, disappeared into Wadi. 1930 hrs, 56 men and 10 groups of varying numbers in vicinity 4181-4149 (possibly at mess) 0802 hrs to 1620 hrs 50 MT moving EAST, 72 WEST along top of escarpment. Main movement in convoys up to 1115 hrs, only 8 vehs observed after this time.
- (c) Shelling :- B Coy report 74 shells in area - damage nil.
C Coy report 5 " " " " "
BASH OP report 21 shells. " "
- (d) Works proceeding :- Patrol could hear sounds of digging East of 41994150 estimated distance 400 - 500 yds. Blasting heard from behind escarp. bearing 223 degs from BOB.
- (e) Minefields :- Previously reported closely laid field of ITALIAN box type mines was again contacted by patrol at 41974142. Trip wire on enemy side of field is set with tins and other contraptions to create noise when knocked.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Patrols :- Patrol of 1 Offr (Lieut Cronk) & 3 ORs moved from BASH on bearing 160 deg, proceeded to 41994150 where they waited until moon set, during which time digging could be heard East of posn. After moon set patrol moved to 42014144 thence on bearing 180 degs to 42014134 where track running East and West was contacted- as this did not appear to be the one patrol was looking for, they returned to one crossed previously at 42014138, where circular sangar was examined. Moved along rd to 41974142 where above reported minefield was contacted. Trip wire on enemy side was accidentally knocked which created noise causing dogs to bark in distance, but no enemy fire occurred. As time was short patrol resumed over same route to Coy lines.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY (Cont 'a)

Patrol of one sec strength comd by Sgt. Sergeant moved out to area BIR GHERSA. At present no written report to hand, phone report given as nil.

Patrol from BOB of 1 NCO (Cpl Bleaney) & 3ORs moved on bearing 120 degs for 2500 yds thence on bearing 15 degs to minefd which was followed back to BOB. Report N M S or H.

(B- Our Arty :- At 08.37 hrs shelled BIR GHERSA, men working dispersed rapidly. 1820 hrs BIR GHERSA shelled, rounds fell on target.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No enemy air action against this area. At 1445 hrs one enemy aircraft flying West very low over escarpment. 1628 hrs 8 enemy aircraft flying East very low over escarpment.

.....*R Walker*.....Lieut.

2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 66
(For period ending 0600 hrs 31 Aug 41)

Copy No.
31 Aug '41

GENERAL

No hostile enemy action was carried out against this front during period. Raid on enemy strongpoint 418414, by "D" Coy, did not eventuate. A brief report by O.C. Coy (Maj. Daldy) is included in Summary.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions :- Nil
- (b) Observed Movement :- 0745 hrs 12 men at 41244228. 0815 hrs 9 men at 41134131. 1115 hrs movement of vehicles in vicinity of 41864148. 1125 hrs truck or tank at 41824149 moved South into dead ground. 1218 hrs 1 truck moved South from 4181 4147. 1306 hrs another truck moved from this vicinity. 1312 hrs MGs firing from escarpment on a sound bearing 225 degs from BOB. 1328 hrs 1 truck moved south to 41814147. 1510 hrs 1 truck moved from 41214131 along rd foot of escarpment. 1830 hrs 2 men observed at 42114152, they were carrying what appeared to be a large yellow coloured tarpaulin. 10 men among sangars 42114152. 1900 hrs 3 vehs moving along lower rd stopping for a short period vicinity 41214131. 1930 hrs approx 50 men were seen in vicinity of strongpoint 41824148. 0920 to 1720 hrs 92 vehs moving WEST - 0920 to 1830 hrs 248 vehs moving EAST.
- (c) Works proceeding :- Working party heard SE of BIR GHERSA, 42104156.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

Report on proposed raid :- D Coy, Comd by Maj. Daldy, moved out from perimeter 2230 hrs, proceeded to BASH, which they left at 0130 hrs, with right guide moving on bearing 160 degs, proceeded for 4080 yds where previous recce on this bearing had placed ITALIAN box type minefd 41954147. Shortly before reaching this point engineers with fwd pls went ahead with scouts to delouse gaps. Sgt. Breasley, RAE, reported no field and went fwd with recce patrol 500 yds and then West, returned and reported no mines on route taken. At this stage times worked out on recce were according to schedule and this posn was reached at 0250 hrs. Recce had shown rd running SE towards escarpment, so Coy comdr decided to proceed on bearing to the rd, which would give him direction for the raid, there being no other land marks. Proceeding approx 600 yds and the rd not being found, it was decided to withdraw. At 0410 hrs 2 flares were seen just over the ridge, they were not in sight long enough to take a bearing and appeared too bright to be as far off as el ADEM, judged to be about 2000 yds away, and to be from posn enemy strongpoint 418414. With the exception of enemy working party judged to be 500 yds E-SE from 41954147, (from which posn a dog was also heard to bark) no movement seen or heard. The party could not be heard when 2/28 Bn opened fire in Bardia rd area. Compass (oil type) used was found to be affected at least 2 degs by grenades HE, carried in basic pouch. Patrol from BOB of 1 NCO (Sgt Richards) & 3 ORs moved out at 0445 hrs on a bearing of 113 degs for 3000 yds from where they fired half magazine from Bren in direction of enemy strongpoint; moved left 50 yds, fired remaining rds from magazine, again moved 100 yds to the right from where they fired 3 parts another magazine before moving back to a posn from where they again fired. Fire covered the whole front of known enemy posns 418414, tracer was used; in not getting any reply from enemy patrol moved back to BOB on bearing 295 degs, arriving 0635 hrs. No other movement seen or heard. Patrol detailed to protect left flank of "D" Coy and to intercept any enemy assistance from vicinity BIR GHERSA in case of raid on strongpoint 418414 eventuating, report only movement heard or seen was working party heard SE of BIR GHERSA. Detailed written report not yet to hand, as patrol returned too late to allow time for writing of report.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No hostile action carried out against this area, but a number of planes were observed flying fwd of area along escarpment

D. Daldy

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 2/32 BNCovering period 10/11 Jul to 30/31 Jul 41INFM

1. Enemy: (a) General: Information gained during the period substantiates the belief that there is a large proportion of ITALIAN troops in this sector of the salient. During the first week to ten days the enemy MGs were very active, and very little retaliation was attempted; the reason for this being that it was considered that the FDLs did not provide adequate cover, and the front wire was very inadequate consisting of only one single dannert containing numerous gaps which had not been repaired. During the last ten days retaliation has been carried out with all arms, and this, coupled with fighting patrols and deep patrolling generally has definitely re-established our superiority in this sector.
- (b) Enemy posns: On the right, from the WATER TOWER area to FIG TREE rd inclusive, there are a number of enemy sangars which are not always occupied, and in this area ITALIANS have been definitely identified. The closest of these sangars is approx 500/600 yds from our FDLs. Disposition of Minefields, etc., are shown on 1/10000 enlargement. In front of the centre Coy enemy posns consisting mostly of sangars, and some trench systems are close to our FDLs, distances ranging from 300 yds to 100 yds. Area is strongly held by MGs. The nearest point of contact on this front is at 39924305 in which locality there is a strongly defended listening post backed by a row of sangars and earthworks. Situation in front of left fwd Coy is similar to that of centre Coy, the enemy averaging from 200 yds to 300 yds distance. The No Mans Land here contains a large number of booby traps and it has been necessary to clear lanes 50 yds long and 20 yds wide to establish listening posts in front of our wire.
2. Own Tps (a) Ground activity: On the right deep patrolling has been carried out almost every night. From infm received from these patrols minefields, sangars, etc., have been fairly accurately plotted. In the centre principal activity has been directed towards destroying of defended localities in area 39924305. Although we have not succeeded in destroying sangars, listening posts in front of our wire are not now occupied. Continued offensive action has now considerably subdued this locality. On the left it has been impracticable in the short time to clear the area and conduct fighting patrols or deep recce patrols. (Copies of patrol reports and tracing are being handed over to incoming "I" Sec).
3. Shelling & Mortars (a) Enemy: Copies of shelling map are handed over and it will be seen from these that enemy shelling activities cover a wide area particularly concentrated about the centre posn. Mortar activity has been considerable and has been particularly accurate.

- (b) Own activity: Shelling has consisted mainly of counter battery work, but the 51 Fd Regt has cooperated in opportunity shoots on sangars and other enemy posns. They occupy two O.Ps. (ref 39904323, 40034313), and have a L.O. at Bn HQ. D.F. tasks are as shown on sketch but would suggest a revision. 2/12 Fd Regt have established an O.P. at 40094323 and are registering the zone.
- (c) Mortars: On the right flank retaliatory shooting was commenced after posns had been prepared in the vicinity of Coy HQ. One shoot was carried out but retaliation by enemy was so swift and accurate that it was considered wise to withdraw the mortar from that Coy. It is impossible to conceal posns in country which is unsuited for employment of mortars, and where alternative posns cannot be occupied except by night. This mortar was brought back to an area 40054324 where although it is a British mortar Italian amm was used with success. In the centre Coy area two shoots have been carried out from alternative posns with moderate success with no damage or casualties by retaliation. On the left mortar posns are good and several successful shoots have been carried out.

4. Troops in Support

Two Pls 1 INF have penetration roles in the area. Harassing shoots on X Rds - S 4 area on two occasions using two Pls - one from vicinity left fwd Coy, and other from fwd of BIANCA. A direct fire shoot was carried out by one sec of Lieut BORNE's Pl from vicinity FORBES MOUND. This shoot was very successful but could not be repeated from the same posn owing to swift retaliation by GERMAN mortars. Direct shooting has also been carried out by Lieut HILLMAN's Pl., targets being observed movement near sangars front of centre Coy. Further opportunity shoots are being prepared, but they involve at least three nights in preparation owing to the fact that recce takes 24 hrs, then preparation of posn a similar period, or longer.

5. Works

During the period of duty in the sector the following works were completed:

- (a) Three rows of wire have been laid right across the Bn front. Some of this wire is damaged, but most of it is commercial barbed concertina. All existing gaps were filled in.
- (b) All existing weapon pits have been deepened and improved.
- (c) All communication trenches have been deepened.
- (d) With few exceptions all living quarters have been provided with Mortar proof head cover, using galvanised iron, sandbags, and in a number of cases reinforced concrete slabs.
- (e) 2/13 Fd Coy, in support, have provided all materials, and given every assistance.

Stubbins
Lt Col
 Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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In the Field

1 Aug 41.

To - All Officers, N.C.O's and O.R's, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

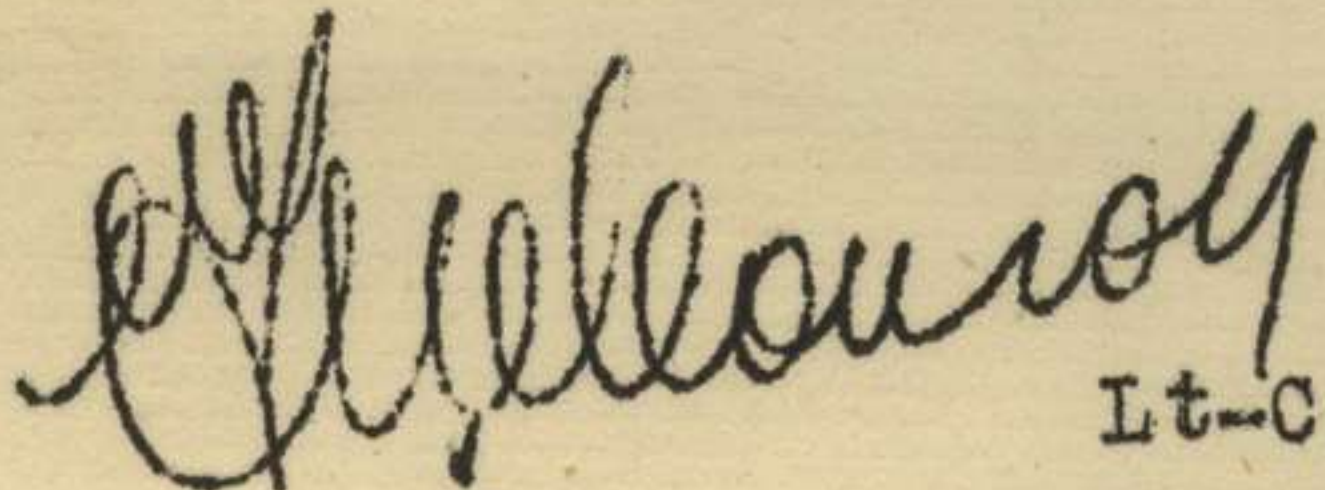
Having completed a tour of duty in the Salient I desire to express my satisfaction at the conduct of all ranks under particularly trying conditions.

The unit has done very good work, which reflects credit on everyone, and in particular the junior leaders.

Under the circumstances the inevitable casualties of war were extremely light, and this, I feel sure, is largely due to the way Coys carried out their defensive works.

Remember that team work is essential for success.

I look forward to future operations with every confidence.


Lt-Col.

Cond ..

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No. 5

INFM

1. Enemy

On 13 Cav and 2/23 Bn fronts 19 and 20 Inf Regts of BRESCIA Div have been identified.

In the salient opposite 2/43 Bn and 2/43 Bn, two Bns of 115 Mot Inf Regt (German), elements of 2 MG Bn (German) and some Italian tps are holding posns in strength.

There are a number of mortar and MG posns in the salient area. Fwd posts in many cases are wired and protected by booby traps.

The enemy occupies many alternative posns in known areas, but those occupied posns cannot be accurately determined.

The state of the minefield previously laid by us from 39394313 SW to 39364303, fence SE to 40104234 is not definitely known.

No enemy tanks have been observed on this sector for over three weeks, and presence of mines and booby traps renders it a difficult manoeuvre area for tanks.

2. Own Tps

24 Aust Inf Bde with units under cond., occupies Western sector.

Units under Comd

13 Cav

Det LAY FORCE

2/43 Bn

X and Z Coys 1 R.N.F.

W Coy (less 1 Pl) 1 R.N.F.

MG Pl A.A.S.C.

20 Aust A.Tk Coy

26 Aust A.Tk Coy

C Sec No 2 Troop Carrying Coy

Units in support

51 Fd Regt R A

2/12 Fd Regt R A A (less 1 Tp)

J Bty 3 R H A (6 guns)

10 Bty 2 Aust A.Tk Regt

2/13 Fd Coy R A E

INTENTION

3. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

METHOD

4. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 2/10 Aust Inf Bn night 6/7 Aug 41 and will move to PILASTRINO.

5. There will be no move from present area before 2130 hrs. Relief to be completed by 0300 hrs. New area occupied by 0530 hrs.

6. Nucleus parties will proceed to PILASTRINO night 5/6 Aug 41 as follows:

B & D Coys

2 i/c and batman

Pl Sjts

1 Rep per Sec.

A & C Coys

Out of Battle personnel

H. Coy

As arranged

7. Guides will be provided from B - D - and HQ Coys on nights 5/6 and 6/7 Aug to guide respective 2/10 Bn parties to Coy areas.

"I" Sec will provide guides on both nights for A and C Coys.

RV for guides B and D)
 HQ)
 A and C) PILASTRINO

8. B and D Coys when relieved will march direct to PILASTRINO.

9. Timetable

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Coy</u>	<u>Relieved by</u>	<u>Time of arrival</u>
1	6/7	B	A	2230
2	"	D	D	2230
3	"	HQ	HQ	2330
4	"	BnHQ	BnHQ	2330
5	"	C and B Coys 2/10 move direct to areas vacated by A and C Coys 2/32 Bn.		

Comd.

10. 16. Aust ATK Coy and No 1 Troop Carrying Coy A A S C come under the command of 24 Aust Inf Bde 0400 hrs 7 Aug 41.

11. Transport

- (a) Troop carrying transport will be taken over by 2/32 Bn and will remain under control.
(b) 2/10 Bn vehs will bring in unit stores and will be used by 2/32 Bn for return journey.

12. Weapons: Weapons and magazines filled will be carried by troops.

13. Sig Eqpt Only G 1098 scale will be taken out.

14. Arm:

G 1098 amn will be carried.
All Bren magazines will be filled.
50 rds will be carried on the man.
Grenades will be carried. Three per man.
All .45 magazines will be filled and carried.

A.Ps.

BERNA Rd
PILASTRINO
BARDIA Rd.

15. Supplies and Water

Three days reserve of preserved meat, biscuits, and water will be carried out by Bns.

F.S.D.
W.P.

Unchanged
PILASTRINO

16. P.O.L. Unchanged

B ECH

17. B ECH will move on the 7 Aug to 41304322

MEDICAL

18. R.M.Os. will liase re establishment of R.A.Ps.

2/3 Fd Amb 40884356
2/8 Fd Amb 40914324
2/11 Fd Amb 41534277

INTERCOMN

19. Bn HQ will close present location on completion of relief, re-opening same time at PILASTRINO.

24 Bde HQ will close at 40194328 on completion of relief on night 6/7 Aug 41, and will re-open at 41254275 at the same time.

Time of Signature 1230

Aok

[Handwritten Signature]
.....Capt
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Distribution

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|---|-----|-------|--------|-----------------|
| C | 1. | C.O. | 14. | 24 Aust Inf Bde |
| | 2. | A Coy | 15. | 2/10 Bn |
| | 3. | B " | 16. | File |
| | 4. | C " | 17-19. | War Diary |
| | 5. | D " | 20-24. | Spares |
| | 6. | HQ " | | |
| | 7. | 2 i/o | | |
| | 8. | Adj | | |
| | 9. | I.O. | | |
| | 10. | RMO | | |
| | 11. | QM | | |
| | 12. | T.O. | | |
| | 13. | RSM | | |

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No 6

Map Ref TOBRUK 1/50000

INFM

1. Enemy: As per 9 Aust Div Int Summaries
2. Own Tps: Normal dispositions

INTENTION

3. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

METHOD

4. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/23 Aust Inf Bn on the night 18/19 Aug 41.
5. No move from present posn before 2045 hrs 18 Aug 41.
6. Route: PIIASTRINO - SOLARO - BARDIA EL ADEM X Rds - B 2 Minefield Turnoff
7. Debussing areas: Will be arranged mutually between Coy Comds. Vchs will be dispersed at least 200 yds.
8. Guides: Will be provided by 2/22 Bn at the minefield turnoff, and will lead Coys direct to debussing areas.
9. Timetable:

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Coy</u>	<u>Relieves</u>	<u>Starting Time</u>
1	18/19	D & RAP	D & RAP	2045
3	"	C	C	2100
3	"	B	B	2115
4	"	A	A	2130
5	"	HQ	HQ	2145
6	"	Bn HQ	Bn HQ	2300

Relief to be completed by 0300 hrs

10. Recco Parties: Recco of area was carried out on the morning of 17 Aug 41.

11. Nucleus Parties:

D C B Coys 2 i/c's and batmen Pl Sgts 1 Representative per Sec.
A Coy 2 i/c and Pl Sgts
H. Coy By arrangement

Will move forward on the night 17/18 Aug 41 and will be met by guides at HQ 2/23 Bn/

Nucleus parties will move with all personal gear and will remain in Coy localities.

One vehicle from No 1 Troop Carrying Coy will report to each Coy HQ's at 2015 hrs night 17/18 Aug 41 for transport of nucleus parties. 2/23 Bn nucleus parties will be picked up on return journeys.

12. Patrols: 1 NCO and 5 ORs from A Coy will move forward night 17/18 Aug to occupy outpost at Pt. 149. Normal listening posts and patrols will be taken over as relief progresses.

13. Comd: Comd of EASTERN SECTOR passes to 24 Aust Inf Bde at 2359 hrs 17 Aug 41.
A A S C Coy u/c 2/1 Pioneer Bn remains at present location.

14. Transport:

(a) Coy vchs will take forward Coy eqpt and will be met at HQ to be arranged mutually between relieving coys. After unloading stores one vch only to remain in each Coy area.

(b) Troop Carrying vehs of No 1 Troop Carrying Coy A A S O will move 2/32 Bn to its area, returning with 2/23 Bn.

15. Weapons and magazines filled will be carried by troops. G 1093 scale of weapons will be carried out - all surplus weapons will remain in posts.

ADM

16. Foreign weapons will be taken over in posts as follows:

	D	C	B
75 mm Fd Piece	1	1	
47 mm ATK Gun	1	1	
37 mm ATK Gun	1		
Breda	6	1	2
Fiat	1	1	1
Schwartlose	5	1	4
45 mm Mortar	3		

17. Amn: G 1093 scale plus 50 per cent increase will be carried. All other amn will remain in posn. Amn in forward posts will be checked by responsible Coy representatives. Bn Reserve will be arranged mutually between RSM's.

G 1093 amn will be carried as follows:

On the man: 150 rds bandolier
All Bren ~~xxxxxxx~~ mags filled.

Balance on Coy vehs.

All T S M G's will be carried with mags filled.

18. Trench Stores: Trench stores will be checked by responsible Coy reps. Coy 2 i/c's will ensure that WE scale of tools are available in posts. Any deficiencies will be brought in by 2/32 Bn.

19. Sigs: G 1093 scale will be carried by each Bn. Excess eqpt will remain in posns. Sig ofrs will ensure continuity of communications between all fwd Coys and Bn Hq.

20. Supplies and Water: 3 days reserve of preserved meat, biscuits, and water will remain in present posns, and equivalents will be taken over in posts. 2/23 Bn will carry out sufficient reserve to adjust difference in strength of Bns.

21. B Echs: 2/32 Bn B Ech will relieve 2/23 Bn B Ech as arranged by OMs.

22. Medical: R A P by arrangement between R M O's.

INTERCOMM

23. Bn Hq will close present location at 0300 hrs 19 Aug 41, re-opening same hour at 41794232.

ack
F.O.C. 1450

.....*J. J. Young*..... Capt
Majt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Distribution

1. C.O.
2. A Coy
3. B "
4. C "
5. D "
6. HQ "
7. Adjt
8. I.O.
9. RMO
10. Sig Offr
11. QM
12. T.O.
13. RSM
14. 24 Aust Inf Bde
15. 2/23 Bn
16. No 1 Tp Carrying Coy
17. File
- 18-20. War Diary
- 21-24. Spares

B/33 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No 7

Ref Tobruch 1/50,000

INFM

1. **Enemy** Enemy strong posts in 418414 and 419414. Estimated strength 1 Coy. Up to 150 men have been observed working in area by day, these may include working parties which withdraw at night. No work has been heard during the hrs of darkness in that area. Observed armament: 8 MGs and 2" Mortars. Posn is enclosed on two sides by a minefield. North side field consists of Teller and S Type mines; on the East a spur of ITALIAN Box type. In addition Northern front is protected by triple wire fences 10 ft apart and approx 2 ft high. Fences are interspersed with Trip wires. Posn appears to be dug, with a few sangars. No enemy observed of late West of grid 418, and with the exception of 2 patrols between 4195 and 4205, and a working party on night 28/29 Aug, none to the East in immediate vicinity of the post. Recce indicates bulk of his defensive fire North and West. Suspect 1 Tr of Arty operates from area.

2. **Own Tps** Normal dispositions.

INTENTION

3. To raid, inflict casualties and take prisoners.

METHOD

4. Tps to Carry Out "D" Coy under Comd Maj Daldy.
 5. Tps u/c Att 1 NCO and 8 ORs 2/7 Td Coy
 6. Tps in Support As required
 414 Bty 104 R H A
 One Pl "B" Coy 2/32 Bn
7. "D" Coy will move to BASH locality - thence to minefield 41994148 on bearing 160° - South to rd 41994143. Coy will swing right on two Pl frontage of 200 yds - 17 Pl on right - 16 Pl on left - 20 yds between Pls. 18 Pl will move 150 yds behind right fwd Pl. Coy will advance on disclosed enemy posns on a bearing of 300°. Coy HQ will move with 18 Pl. Guides: 1 member of "I" Sec (att "D" Coy) on right flank will be responsible for maintenance of direction of the advance. Reserve sec of 18 Pl will be responsible for collecting and delivering prisoners to Bn HQ.
8. **Engineers** (A) Engineers will be att on a basis of two per Pl and Coy HQ.
 (B) Engineers att 16 Pl will be responsible for clearing twelve ft lane through minefield at 41994148.
 (C) Engineers att to Pls will be responsible for blowing gaps in defensive wire at enemy posn.
 (D) Two engineers att Coy HQ will carry demolition charges to destroy enemy field guns.
9. Limit of exploitation is the extent of enemy posns. No pursuit beyond this area. On Success Signal Pls will withdraw Northward under Pl control. Listening Posts will be established fwd of own minefield to guide Pls through wire. Pls will assemble at OP near Post 62.
10. Fighting Patrol of 1 Offr, 2 NCOs and 14 ORs from "B" Coy will provide flank protection from vicinity BIR GHERSA from 0130 hrs till 0430 hrs.
11. 414 Bty 104 R H A will give supporting fire at call as follows:
 2 mins rapid
 1 min pause
 2 mins rapid
 To be repeated if called for
12. **Timings**
- | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Leave Coy area | 2200 hrs | 30 Aug 41 |
| Leave BASH | 0130 " | 31 Aug 41 |
| Arrive gap minefield | 0300 " | 31 Aug 41 |
| Arrive F U P | 0305 " | 31 Aug 41 |
| Leave F U P | 0308 " | 31 Aug 41 |

A.M.

- 13. Weapons
 - Fwd Pls 2 T S M Gs per sec
Remainder rifles
3 Grenades per man
 - Res Pl 1 Bren per Sec
1 T S M G per sec
Remainder rifles
3 Grenades per man
 - Coy HQ 3 T S M Gs
Remainder rifles
3 Grenades per man
- "B" Coy Fighting Patrol: Normal T/E.
- 14. Amn: Rifl men - Mags charged 50 rds
T S M Gs Mags loaded
- 15. Rations Hot tea will be issued at 2100 hrs
Rum issue on return at ESSEX
Water bottles will be carried filled
- 16. Dress Shorts, shirts, Web Eqt.
Fd Dressings will be carried in left shirt pocket, Pay Books
in right shirt pocket, Identity Discs will be worn.
- 17. Medical 8 SBs carrying four stretchers will travel with 18 Pl.
Adv R A P BASH
Arrangements for guiding to Adv R A P: Series of posts will
be established at 200 yd intervals from pt 143 West to pt
137.
Casualties will be evacuate from BASH to ESSEX by two 1 ton
vehicles.
Mob Sec Fd Amb will be stationed at ESSEX.
3 Carriers will stand-by in rear of Post 65.
- 18. Transport T.O. will arrange transport to move "D" Coy from Coy area
to "C" Coy area and return.
- 19. Discipline Strict night march discipline will be maintained. No
letters or personal papers to be carried. No colour patches
to be worn.
- 20. Stand-to All Coys will stand-to during the operation.
- 21. Out-of-Battle personnel will remain at "D" Coy HQ.

INTERCOMN

- 22. Communication will be by R/T. One set to move with "D" Coy HQ - and
one set at each of BOB and BASH.
Alternative means - Verrey Lights.
- 23. C D F Signal - By R/T.
Alternative: GREEN GREEN GREEN in quick succession.
- 24. Bn HQ remains at present location. Fwd HQ will be established at ESSEX
at 0130 hrs 31 Aug 41.
- 25. Sig Offr will ensure maintenance of communication between BOB, BASH
and Bn HQ.

Ack
T.O.O. 1500
Method of Issue DRLs - runner

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Adjt *[Signature]* Capt

Distribution

1. C.O.	10. 2 i/o	18-20. Bde
2. A	11. Adjt	21. 2/28 Bn
3. B	12. I.O.	22. 2/15 Bn
4. C.	13. Sigs	23. 2/7 Fd Coy
5-8. D	14. T.O.	24. MO
9. HQ	15-17. 104 RHA	25. RSM

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No 8

Map Ref TOBRUK 1/50,000

INFM

1. Enemy AS per 9 Aust Div Summaries and 24 Aust Inf Bde Summaries.
2. Own Tps Normal dispositions.

INTENTION

3. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

METHOD

4. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn on the night 2/3 Sep 41.
5. No move from present position before 2030 hrs. 2 Sep 41.
6. Route: Coy areas - B2 Minefield turnoff - BARDIA Rd - Blue Line turnoff.
7. Embussing and debussing areas will be arranged mutually between Coy Comds. Vehs will be dispersed at least 200 yds.
8. Guides: All be provided by 2/32 Bn at B2 Minefield turnoff on BARDIA Rd on night 2/3 Sep 41 and will lead Coys direct to debussing areas.
9. Timetable

Serial	Date	Coy 2/32 Bn	Relieved by Coy 2/43 Bn	2/43 Bn Starting Time
1	2/3 Sep	A	C	2030
2.	" "	RAP	RAP	2030
3	" "	C	D	2045
4	" "	B	B	2100
5	" "	D	A	2115
6	" "	H Q	H Q	2130
7.	" "	Bn Hq	Bn Hq	2130

10. Relief to be completed by 0300 hrs.

10. Nucleus Parties

Nucleus parties from 2/43 Bn consisting of Coy 2 i/cs and batmen, Pl Sgts and TWO reps per Sec, plus ONE additional rep per Sec from res Coy, will move fwd on the night 31 Aug/1 Sep.

Coys will provide one guide, to report to I.O. at Bn Hq. Similar Nucleus Parties from 2/32 Bn will return on 2/43 Bn transport, and will move to area occupied by Coy relieving them. Guides will report at 1900 hrs, 31 Aug 41

11. Patrols

Reps from 2/43 Bn will move fwd with parties occupying BOB and BASH on night 1/2 Sep, and these posts will be completely taken over by 2/43 Bn by night 2/3 Sep 41. Coy front patrols and listening posts will be taken over by 2/43 Bn on night of relief.

12. Transport

- (a) 2/43 Bn Coy vehs will bring fwd Nucleus Parties on night 31 Aug/1 Sep, and will be used by 2/32 Bn nucleus parties for return journey.
- (b) On night of relief three vehs per Coy from 2/43 Bn will be used to transport stores fwd. These vehs, plus one veh already in area will be used by 2/32 Bn to carry out Coy stores.
- (c) A A S C Troop Carrying Coy will transport 2/43 Bn personnel to area, returning with 2/32 Bn troops.

ADM

13. Weapons:

Bren Guns and T S M Gs will be carried by troops. G1098 scale of weapons will be taken out. All foreign weapons will remain in posts.

14. Amn
2/43 Bn will carry in, and 2/32 Bn will carry out, the following amn:

All Bren mags filled
All TSMG mags filled
50 rds bandolier on the man
2 Grenades per man

Balance of amn, up to G1098 scale plus 50 per cent increase, will be taken over in 2/43 Bn area. All amn in excess of that stated above will be left in posts. All foreign amn will remain in posts.

15. Trench Stores

Coys will arrange mutually concerning exchange of trench stores, ensuring that G1098 scale of tools is held at completion of relief.

16. Sigs

G1098 scale will be carried by each Bn. Excess eqpt and all existing lines will be left in posn. Sig Offrs will ensure continuity of communications between all fwd Coys and Bn HQ.

17. Supplies and Water

Three days reserve of preserved meat and biscuits will remain in present posts, and equivalents will be taken over in reserve position. Where possible 2 gal cans containing reserve water will be exchanged, but 2/32 Bn will ensure that whole of reserve water at completion of relief is in 2 gal containers. QMs will make necessary adjustments to allow for difference in strengths of Bns.

18. B Ech

2/43 Bn B Ech will relieve 2/32 Bn B Ech as arranged by Ms.

19. Medical

R A Ps will be established by arrangement between R M Os.

INTERCOMN

20. Bn HQ will close present location at 0300 hrs 3 Sep 41, re-opening same hour at 41634266.

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Method of Issue DRLs - runner

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Adj't 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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| 1. C.O. | 15. 24 Aust Inf Bde |
| 2. 2 i/c | 16. 2/43 Bn |
| 3. A Coy | 17. File |
| 4. B Coy | 18-20. War Diary |
| 5. C Coy | 20-25. Spares |
| 6. D Coy | |
| 7. HQ Coy | |
| 8. Adj't | |
| 9. I.O. | |
| 10. R M O | |
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THE NEW

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Russian Conflict

The Red Army has taken the initiative in the Central Sector; Marshal Timoshenko has congratulated his troops on their great performance in routing a Rumanian Inf Div., capturing all their artillery and causing 3000 casualties among officers and men. Moreover, Russian troops have routed two Rumanian Divs in stubborn fighting before Odessa in the last week. The enemy suffered no less than 16000 casualties, with many tanks, machine guns and an enormous quantity of ammunition destroyed.

Germans claim the capture of the Black Sea port, Ochakow, yesterday; also claim a success at capture of Dneiper bridgehead at Cherkossy, in the Southern sector of the front.

RAF - still busy

The R A F carried out numerous offensive patrols over N. France on Sunday, during which hangars, barracks, troops, and gun positions were heavily attacked. Little fighter opposition was encountered. None of planes missing from these operations.

Benghazi was heavily raided on Sunday, large fires and destruction caused. Derna and Bomba also raided.

London

Mr Churchill gave his long awaited broadcast last night. He said that certainly 1,500,000 and more probably 2,000,000 Nazi troops have been killed or wounded in Russia. He added, that British Generals now in Russia told him of their admiration at the efficiency of the Russian Military organisation, and the excellence of their equipment. Churchill referred to Japan, and said that recent Japanese movements in the Pacific menaced Thailand and Singapore, the British "lifeline" with Australia and the Phillipine Islands, and said that this has GOT to stop

Talking on aid to Russia, he said the geographical problem was tremendous, but Britain and America would see that Russia received all the aid it was possible to get.

After exhorting the conquered peoples of Europe to have hope he said that help was on its way - mighty forces were arraigned on their behalf, and that deliverance was at hand

The Russian Ambassador warmly praises the RAF for their magnificent work in bombing military and industrial objectives in Germany.

The submarine Union is overdue, and presumed to be missing.

Reports from THAILAND say that they will not consider "Japan's New Order, adding "What is Japan's New Order anyway."

THE EDITOR

Cpl D. Ahearn

THE NEWS

BELIEVE IT WHEN YOU SEE IT IN THE "NEWS". 30 Aug 41.

There has been no important developments on the Russian Front during the last 24 hrs. The latest German claim is that German troops have reached the Leningrad-Moscow railway, and to have captured another town on the Western Bank of the Dnjepr River. The Germans admit that this town was taken only after street by street, and house by house fighting. There is little doubt that the Germans are paying dearly for every advance they make. After a recent battle in the Ukraine the Russians buried 6 thousand Germans of the 152 Inf Div; In a Guerilla action 800 German and Rounainian officers and men were killed. The Nazis claimed yesterday the capture of Tallin- Estonian capital. The Russian Air Force destroyed over 500 German planes during the last week. Soviet losses 262 planes.

Berlin reports state that Hitler and Mussolini held a series of conferences at Hitler's Headquarters last monday and tuesday. They were accompanied by their army and Political Chiefs. A notable absentee was the Duce's Son-In-Law Count Ciano, who, it is stated, was prevented from attending by sickness.

Mussolini's latest battleship is destined to stay in port. Reports reaching New York say that lack of materials has forced Italy to halt construction on 2 thirty-five ton battleships, "The IMPERO" and "ROMA".

The Japanese Government has adopted an emergency labor measure aiming at full mobilisation of man power- affecting 100,000,000 men. The Japanese Premier, Prince Konoye, sent a personal message to President Roosevelt giving Japan's views on outstanding questions affecting the situation in the Pacific.

Commentators report a powerful German Fifth column in Japan trying to embroil the Japanese in a conflict in the Pacific. The Japanese press states the attention of the Nation is focussed on the question of supplies to Russia, a tremendous problem that means the success or failure of the Japanese International Policy.

An Official German News Agency ~~news~~ states that many British planes flew over S.W. Germany on wednesday night.

On thursday night the R.A.F. Bombers made heavy attacks on ~~the~~ Drisberg; Very large fires and explosions observed. Ostend Docks ~~were~~ also attacked, and a number of other targets were also bombed. Nine British Aircraft are missing. During offensive sweeps yesterday R.A.F. Fighters shot down Ten enemy fighters. Ten British fighters are missing- one pilot safe. In the Med. our planes attacked Bardia, Tripoli, Benghazi- three enemy planes destroyed over Malta on Tuesday. Three of our planes are missing from these operations.

Despite cessation of hostilities in Iran it is presumed that the British and Russian Forces will continue their advance, mainly in order to protect installations- and troops who may have to be stationed in Iran until a settlement is reached.

The Australian Labor Party has decided not to move a vote of censure against the Menzies Government, that rejected a Labor proposal to resign to make way for a Labor Administration.

Heavy shelling has been reported at TOBRUK. In the frontier area our ARTY dispersed a large enemy working party. There was some exchange of ARTY fire.

A LIBERATOR BOMBER has flown the Atlantic, from Newfoundland to Ireland (2300 miles) in 7½ hrs.

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The News

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BELIEVE IT WHEN YOU SEE IT IN THE "NEWS"

LONDON

General Von Rundstedt, Commander of the German Armies in the Southern Sector of the Russian Front has been killed. It is said that he was murdered by German officers, many of whom have been arrested.

Broadcasting from French Equatorial Africa General De Galle revealed that the Free French Forces now comprise 2000 airmen, 60,000 troops, 40 warships and 100 Merchant Ships. Less than a year ago the Free French Forces consist of 20 warships, 60 Merchant ships, and 35,000 troops. De Gaulle said that they have but one dream, one determination—to liberate France.

10 German fighters were destroyed by British fighters following a number of offensive sweeps over Northern France on Wednesday. 8 British fighters are missing. On Tuesday night R.A.F. bombers raided Le Havre and Boulogne causing great damage. 3 of our bombers are missing.

IRAN.

The communique issued late on Tuesday night states that the advance of the Indian and British troops continues methodically in South Western and western Iran. The Indian troops cleared Iranian troops in the vicinity of oil installations near Abadan. 350 prisoners, 3 armoured cars and two guns were captured. Samrind and Gilan are also occupied. Soviet troops have advanced a further fifty miles reaching a point fifty-five miles South-East of Tabriz.

VICHY.

It is officially announced that shots were fired at Pierre Laval, Vichy Quisling No 1, and Marcel Deat, Pro-German Editor. The incident occurred in a barrack square at Versailles during a parade of French troops attended by high German Political and Military Leaders. Laval was shot in the arm and chest, but is reported to be out of danger. The assailant, described as a young Frenchman, has been arrested.

LATER IRANIAN NEWS.

Large numbers of German and Italian prisoners were captured at Bandar, Shalpur(?) on the Persian Gulf. Many Iranian Naval Personnel also taken. THE IRANIAN CABINET HAS RESIGNED. No further details.

LIBYA.

No change in the position at TOBRUK.

In the frontier area the enemy opened up heavy artillery fire as a result of the activity of our patrols.

Cpl. D. Ahearn. Editor
Pte. A. C. Allard Sub-Editor.

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<u>SIDI DAUD Sector TOBRUCH</u>	1st	Last night our patrols carried out recces of the BIR GHERSA area without contacting any enemy. Yesterday our supporting arty shelled and dispersed a group of enemy troops. "B" & "C" Coy areas were shelled by enemy during day, no damage or casualties caused.	'I' Sum No. 21 R.Os No. 1 O.O. - 29 The Newt -33	
"	2nd	Last night "D" Coy, comd by Maj. DALDY raided enemy strongpost at map ref EL ADEM 1/50000 418414. The attack did not work out to plan and had to be broken off after a short engagement with enemy, in which we inflicted some casualties on enemy, and suffered 3 wounded ourselves: A/Sgt Leviston S.F. - wounded Sgt Donaldson R. - wounded Pte McDonald. J.E. - wounded	'I' Sum No. 22	
"	3rd	Day quiet. Bn was relieved by 2/43 Bn tonight, taking up a position in reserve on "Blue Line" astride BARDIA Rd	'I' Sum No. 23 R.Os - No. 2	
<u>"BLUE LINE" reserve posn. BARDIA Rd</u>				
	4th	Uneventful day. At 2100 hrs today our "B" Coy relieved "A" Coy, A.A.S.C. - taking over "Red line" north of Bardia Rd to the coast. "B" coy now are under command of 2/28 Bn while in this position.	R.Os - 3 III-Sum---23	

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"BLUE LINE" reserve position BARDIA Rd - TOBRUCH	5th	"A" Coy A.A.S.C. moved into position vacated by "B" Coy last night. Coys are working on the improvement of the positions occupied.	R.Os - 4	
	6th	"C" Coy area lightly shelled. No damage. There has been several light showers of rain during the last few days, and there are indications that the desert winter is approaching.	R.Os - 5	
	7th	Uneventful day.	R.Os - 6	
	8th	A patrol from "D" Coy led by Capt. Joshua, with 7 ORs, made a thorough recce of route to enemy strongpoint at map ref 418414 (el ADEM 1/50000) with a view of carrying out another attack on this post.	R.Os - 7	
	9th	No activity to report.	R.Os - 8	
	10th	No activity to report.	R.Os - 9	
	11th	A recce patrol, comd By Capt Joshua and comprising Lieut Cronk, Lieut Hunter and 1 OR from this Bn, with 2 ORs from 2/7 Fd Coy made a further recce of area in vicinity of		

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"BLUE LINE" reserve position BARDIA Rd - TOBRUCH	11th	enemy strongpost, valuable information was gained and patrol withdrew without being seen by the enemy. Day uneventful.	R.Os - 10 R.Os - 11 O.C. - 30	
"	12th	No activity today.		
"	13th	No activities today, except preparations by Capt. Joshua and a volunteer force from "D" Coy for a raid on the enemy strongpost previously attacked, attack to take place tonight.	R.Os - 12	
"	14th	At 2100 hrs last night (13th) a volunteer force comprising Capt Joshua, comd, - Lieut Cronk, Lieut Cherrington-Hunter, 51 ORs & 8 S.Bs from 2/32 Bn, with 7 engineers from 2/7 Fd Coy attached, left the perimeter at post R 69 to carry out the raid on the enemy strongpost. After a 4 mile walk, the enemy was contacted, and in spite of the fact that when the wire was blown by the Bangalore torpedoes the enemy set up an intense fire which caused many casualties to our troops, they pressed home the attack, destroying two guns which were in concrete pits, taking two prisoners (one a Sgt. Major), and on the count of the last of our men to withdraw - 20 Italians were seen lying about, apparently all dead. W.O. 11 Harrison distinguished himself by the manner in which he led the men after the comd		

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"BLUE LINE" reserve position BARDIA Rd - TOBRUCH				
	14th	<p>Capt. Joshua, had been wounded. Our casualties were -- Capt. Joshua, Lieut. Cronk & 19 ORs wounded in action. Lieut. Cherrington-Hunter & 4 ORs missing. Two killed in action (Sgt. Reardon and an engineer from 2/7 Fd Coy). Full report on raid attached as Appdx No 24. Prior to last night's raid Cpl Grayson, who was to have taken part, had the misfortune to be accidentally wounded.</p>	<p>R.Os @ 13 Report on raid - 24</p>	
	15th	<p>All the Bn was hoping that during yesterday some of the missing men would return, but unfortunately nothing further has been heard of them, so apparently they are wounded and P.O.s or were killed during the engagement, as 3 times the 2/43 Bn sent their carriers out to patrol the area where the men may have been, without result.</p>	<p>R.Os - 14</p>	
	16th	<p>"B" Coy returned to Bn lines and command tonight, being relieved by "A" Coy, A.A.S.C. returning to their former position. Preparations are made for a move back to the front line.</p>	<p>R.Os - 15</p>	
	17th	<p>At 2100 hrs tonight Bn relieved 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn.</p>	<p>O.O. - 31</p>	

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DERNA Rd - RAS el MEDAUUAR Sector TOBRUCH	18th	<p>Relief of 2/1 Pioneer Bn completed by 0100 hrs. Bn now occupies following perimeter posts - "A" Coy S14 to S19 - "B" Coy in reserve - "C" Coy S16, S21, S23, S25, S27. - "D" Coy S11, S12, S13. Change over completed without incident. Bn HQs situated at the well known "Fig Tree" map ref TOBRUCH 1/50000 - 40074334 The sector held by Bn stretches from North of DERNA Rd, across the road to the right Bn holding the Salient area. O.P. is established at 39924363 (TOBRUCH 1/50000)</p>	R.Os - 16	
	19th	<p>Apart from a general shelling of the area by the enemy, day was uneventful.</p>	R.Os - 17 'I' Sum - 25	
"	20th	<p>Today the enemy again shelled and mortar bombed the area without effect. MG fire was also directed at some posts. Our troops M.Gunned an enemy party, who dispersed rapidly, and our arty shelled a wadi known to contain enemy troops and motor transport. Nucleus parties from 2/43 Bn arrived last night, our advance parties proceeded to ARIENTE prior to the Bn shifting back into that position. The news that we are again going into reserve after only 3 days forward has everybody keyed up with excitement as it is rumoured that we will be leaving TOBRUCH shortly.</p>	'I' Sum - 26 O.O. - 32	

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RAS e-L MEDAUJAR Sector DERNA Rd - TOBRUCH	21st	During day our MGs again harassed the enemy's positions, in addition our arty shelled the enemy. Shortly after dark 2/43 Bn commenced to move into area.	'I' Sum - 27	
	22nd	Move back to ARIENTE was completed at approx 0100 hrs this morning. Definite arrangements are now being made for our departure from TOBRUCH, much to the pleasure of all ranks, as the monotony and strain of the desert campaign has had its effect on everybody.	R.Os - 17A	
	23rd	Advance party left camp 1900 hrs today. Day spent in packing and preparing for move, and handing over to the 2nd Bn Leicestershire Regt, who are taking our place in the TOBRUCH Garrison.		
	24th	Gear inspected during day. 2030 hrs Bn embussed and left ARIENTE, arriving at wharves shortly after 2100 hrs. After a wait of 2 hrs destroyers arrived and after unloading, Bn embarked immediately, leaving TOBRUCH at midnight. The vessels carrying Bn and other units leaving TOBRUCH are the destroyers H.M.S. KINGSTON, H.M.S. HOTSPUR, and the mine laying cruiser H.M.S. ABDIEL (which is the fastest ship in the service). Everybody relieved and happy at getting out to sea with out any interference from enemy aircraft, the sailors prove hospitable, sharing hot tea and fresh bread and butter with the troops shortly after		

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<u>ABOARD H.M. WARSHIP'S</u>				
	24th	start of the journey.		
	25th	After an interesting journey, unhindered by the enemy, we berthed at ALEXANDRIA at 1230 hrs. Disembarkation was carried out immediately, in the presence of the G.O.C. General Sir Thomas Blamey. Motor transport was waiting us and within a few minutes we were on the way to AMIRIYA, where lunch was served. During afternoon troops received a free issue of 2 bottles of beer and tobacco.		
	26th	Entrained at AMIRIYA station 0530 hrs, passing through TANTE at 0900 hrs, SAG A ZIG 1015 hrs, ISMALIA 1245 hrs to el KANTARA which was reached at 1330 hrs, and after crossing SUEZ Canal we had lunch. Entraining again, we left el KANTARA at 1550 hrs, travelling on to PALESTINE.		
	27th	Arrived BETT JIRJA at 0100 hrs, where a hot meal was served us at the transit camp, where we spent the rest of night. At 0830 hrs we embussed and drove to camp at KILO 89, occupying same lines (RYRIE Lines) as when we were at this camp last March. Rest of day was spent settling down and drinking the 3 bottles of beer given to each man.		
	28th	Day spent at leisure.	R.Os - 18	
	29th	Resting again today. Everybody much more appreciative of Palestine than formerly, after the 5 months sojourn at TOBRUCH.	R.Os - 19	

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<u>KILO 89</u> <u>PALESTINE</u>	30th	First leave party left this morning for one days leave to TEL A VIV. Bn parade today.	R.Os - 20 Sketch SIDI DAUD Reser ve Posn - 28 The Newt - Nos. 34 - 37	

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Sgt. Ambrym (Missing - believed killed) and Pte. Pollock (now Cpl.) were also spoke n of as having done excellent work.

Also worthy of mention for their efficient work are the engineers and stretcher bearers who were attached to the force, especially the latter for efficiently handling the wounded and bringing them back to the R.A.P., which was maintained 3,000 yds fwd of our own lines by th e 2/32 Bn R.M.O., Capt. W.H. Campbell, from whence they were evacuated to a rear R.A.P. which was efficiently handled by Capt. Rice, R.M.O. 2/43 Bn.

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Also worthy of mention for their efficient work are the engineers and stretcher bearers who were attached to the force, especially the latter for efficiently handling the wounded and bringing them back to the R.A.P., which was maintained 3,000 yds fwd of our own lines by the 2/32 Bn R.M.C., Capt. W.H. Campbell, from whence they were evacuated to a rear R.A.P. which was efficiently handled by Capt. Rice, R.M.C. 2/43 Bn.

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Routine Orders Part I
by

Lt. Col. T.M. Conroy
No 277

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
1 Sep 41.

1090. Duties. Night 1/2 Sept 41.

1800 - 0200 hrs
0200 - 1000 hrs
1000 - 1800 hrs

Lieut. H.G. Davies
Lieut. J.P. Fahey
Lieut. J.E. Walker

1091. Transfers

Major J.P. Cox transferred from 2/28 Bn to 2/32 Bn with Regimental Seniority next after Lt. Col. T.M. Conroy.

X 7589 Pte Anderson W.R. from 2/28 Bn to 2/32 Bn.
These transfers take effect as from 26 Aug 41.

NX 6491 Pte Bell R.S.J. transferred to HQ 9 Aust div. 31 Aug 41.

VX 40374 Pte Everett W.R. transferred from B coy to Bn HQ 1 Sep 41.

J. Young
..... Capt.
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 67
(For period ending 0600 hrs 1 Sep '41)

Copy No. 18...
1 Sep '41

GENERAL

Except for an increase in shelling of the perimeter posts, the period has been exceptionally quiet.

Our own patrolling activities were on a much smaller scale than has previously been the policy of the unit since moving into the sector.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY


- (a) Enemy dispositions :- Nil
- (b) Observed Movement :- 1430 to 1730 hrs 64 vehs moving EAST, 30 vehs moving WEST along top rd of escarpment. 2000 hrs 50/60 enemy troops sighted in sq 422415, they were engaged and dispersed by arty. 2153 hrs, tank movement and M/cycle heard due South of BASH, distance not known. 2230 hrs MT heard on bearing 240 degs from BOB, no distance could be given. 1900 hrs approx 6 men observed in vicinity 42274184. 0030 hrs BOB OP reported MG and mortar fire from approx 40824163, vicinity el ADEM rd.. 0430 hrs MG fire and also mortars firing reported by BASH. Mortar flash bearing obtained 97 degs. Bearings obtained from B Coys HQ during this fire were 130 degs & 135 degs (map ref B Coy HQs 41924212) B Coy report that arty was also firing, area fired on could not be observed. Between the hrs 2300 - 2400 a compressor could be heard working on bearing 220 degs from BOB, distance estimated as being approx 2500 yds.
- (c) Shelling :- B Coy report 84 shells in area - damage nil.
C Coy report 52 shells in area - damage nil.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Patrols :- A patrol of 1 NCO (Cpl Bloxson) & 6 ORs left Post R69 on bearing 171 degs, proceeded to 42064185, thence on bearing 173 degs to BIR GHERSA - 42104156. General recce of area and near surroundings was made, report NMS or H.
- (b) Own Shelling :- Essex troop engaged enemy in sq 422415, enemy quickly dispersed and moved N.E.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No hostile action taken against this area.


.....Lieut.

Amendments to 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No 7

The plan detailed in 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No 7 of 29 Aug 41 will be operative for the night 1/2 Sep 41, with the following amendments:

Para 5. Tps u/c: Substitute - 1 NCO and 10 ORs 2/7 Fd Coy.

Para 9. Delete : Pls will assemble at OP near Post 62.
Add : Pls will move directly to own pl areas. Pl Comds arrange own checking points. Rapid dispersal essential. Pl Comds immediately notify Coy of casualties, missing, etc., if any. NO assembling of tps in Coy fwd areas.

Para 11. Substitute: 414 Bty 104 R H A will give supporting fire at call as follows:

3 mins intense
1 min pause
3 mins intense
1 min pause
2 mins intense (10 per cent smoke)

Para 12. Timings - substitute:

Leave Coy area	0115	2 Sep 41
Leave Wire	0215	"
Arrive BASH	0315	"
Arrive Gap Minefield	0445	"
Contact	0500	"

Para 15. Rations - substitute

Hot tea will be issued at 2400 hrs.
Rum issue on return at Coy area

Para 17. Medical - substitute

8 SBS carrying four stretchers will travel with 18 Pl.
Adv R A P ESSEX
Casualties will be evacuated from ESSEX by Fd Amb vehs.
7 Carriers will stand-by 300 yds in rear of ESSEX

Para 18. Transport: Delete

Para 20. Stand-to - substitute

All Coys will stand-to from 0300 hrs, 2 Sep 41 until ordered to stand-down.

Para 23. C.D.F. Signal: by R/T - Code Word VECE

alternative GREEN GREEN GREEN - 10 secs
GREEN GREEN GREEN

(No Signal before 0515)

Post 55 and 69 will fire tracer at 10 min intervals commencing after the fighting has started; and finishing at 0600 hrs.

Para 24. Substitute: Bn HQ remains at present location. Fwd HQ will be established at ESSEX at 0230 hrs, 2 Sep 41.

Ack

T.O.O. 1400

Method of issue - DFLs - runner

J. Young
..... Capt

Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution

As for O.O. No 7.

THE NEWS

BELIEVE IT WHEN YOU SEE IT IN THE "NEWS". 1 Au 1 Sep 41.

5,000,000 German Troops in Russia.

Estimates prove that there are 171 German Divisions fighting on the Russian Front, a total of over 5,000,000 men; and 90% of their Armoured strength, (hell! the other 10% must be here.)

The German attempts to cross the Dnieper River after two days terrific fighting have failed. In their efforts to place a pontoon bridge in position the Germans lost over 1,000 Sappers and Infantry killed- 50 tanks were destroyed, 6 AA Batteries blown out of existence and large numbers of pontoons were also destroyed. The Russian Air Force assisted by Arty was a dominating factor in the failure in the Nazis forces to cross the River.

Today's Soviet war Communique says: "During August 31, our troops fought the enemy along the whole front. Our gallant Air Force dealt heavy blows to enemy Panzer Troops and destroyed enemy air-craft on their aerodromes. On Friday 125 German planes were destroyed in aerial combats and on enemy aero-dromes. We lost 24 planes".

While the Russian advance in Iran continues it is believed that should the Iranian Government facilitate transit of supplies and war materials through Iran to Russia an early agreement between the two parties will be reached. It is understood that the Allies may undertake to continue payments of Royalties, facilitate the supply of economic necessities, and withdraw their troops as soon as the military situation permits.

LONDON has not had a single alert since July 27, and this alert was the only one for July. therefore August was the only month free of air-raid warnings since July 1940.

On Sunday, the Fighter Command had one of its busiest days since the "BATTLE OF BRITAIN" last year. Offensive operations were carried out on a large scale across the Channel and over Northern France. Several of these sweeps were made during the day and industrial targets in LILLE and other places were severely bombed. Little fighter opposition was met and there were only a few combats where-in one enemy fighter was destroyed. Two of our fighters are missing from all these operations. R. ... yesterday announced that TRIPOLI Harbour was raided, 25 tons of bombs being dropped, two ships being set on fire- one small ship exploded- direct on another medium ship was hit. Harbour installations were set on fire. At BENGHASI, low level attacks were made on the harbour, much damage being caused. The Fleet Air Arm bombed store dumps at BARDIA- many fires started. An 8,000 ton merchant ship escorted by destroyers near the SICILIAN Coast was attacked and hit by torpedos. Blenheim Bombers attacked munition factories at SICILY, scoring many direct hits. One plane missing from these operations. Our Submarines in the Med. continue to harass the enemy. On August 24, three 6 inch gun Cruisers, escorted by six destroyers and sea planes were sighted and the cruisers were attacked. The severe counter attack prevented our sub from observing the result of the explosion which followed the firing of the torpedos. A large schooner with a cargo of oil was sunk by gun-fire. A 4,000 ton supply ship, a heavily laden 2,000 ton vessel and another large schooner were all sunk.

Sunday's Cairo Communique reports that in the TOBRUK Area one British patrol attacked an enemy post with the bayonet inflicting many casualties. During the day there was a fair amount of enemy shelling. No damage resulted from an enemy air-raid. In the frontier area there was some exchange of artillery fire. Petrol rationing ended in Palestine at Mid-night last night, all motorists being asked to return their ration cards to the authorities. This is regarded as evidence that supply conditions are now normal.

2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 68
(For period ending 0600 hrs 2 Sep '41)

GENERAL

Enemy activity was nil, except for shelling, which was lighter than previous period.

"D" Coy went fwd during the night to raid enemy strongpoint 418414 but as no report is yet to hand results cannot be stated.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions :- 4 guns located in area 418414.
- (b) Observed Movement :- MT movement during morning was 58 vehs EAST, 49 WEST along top of escarpment. Vehicles were of a large covered type, and of the total number East, 39 were in one convoy. MT movement during afternoon - 80 EAST and 23 WEST. 0740 hrs, 6 men observed in what appeared to be a wired area 42154154. Movement of single men noted 2 or 3 times during morning at the above reference. 0615 hrs, 6 men observed 41344125, walked along foot of escarpment and went into wadi 41264126. 0720 hrs movement of men and vehs observed at strongpoint 418414. 0750 hrs 3 men observed at 41684128, walking West. 0800 hrs, 2 men moved in dugout at 41874147. Very little movement around this area during day (41874147) 0855 hrs 2 trucks in convoy West observed to be hauling what appeared to be guns. 0915 hrs, 6 men working at 41374133. 0900 hrs, car stopped at 41374133, then proceeded East. 0920 hrs 60 men in vicinity 41904125, in groups of 3 and 4, moved West and disappeared at 41644125. 1317 hrs, 2 men moved into dead ground at 41274137. 1526 hrs, a fast moving car travelling West along foot of escarpment. 1615 hrs, movement of 12 to 14 men observed in area between Pts 42174251 and 42174155. Two vehs moved from posn 42174155, one East, the other West. 1730 hrs, movement again observed in rear of BIR GHERSA (42174151 + 42174155) 15/20 men, movement continued until 1900 hrs, from then on men only appeared in one's and twos. This area is quite large and accommodation appears to be sangars with camouflage covering. 1830 hrs, 1 man appeared at 41874147, walked back toward escarpment. Two men observed moving around 42004142. 1846 hrs, 14 men coming over escarpment into wadi 41154129. 1500 hrs bursts of MG fire could be heard from wadi 41194128.
- (c) Shelling :- B Coy report 58 shells in area - damage nil
C Coy report 64 shells in area - damage nil

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Patrols - As reported above, no reports are yet to hand re raid to be carried out on strongpoint 418414. This will be reported later.
- (b) Our Shelling :- 104 RHA (Essex tp) shelled area 42154154, results are unknown, but one shell when it landed caused a large column of smoke and sheet of flame.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

0815 hrs one plane flying low over escarpment (East).
1150 hrs 37 planes over BOB, flying North, one stick of bombs was dropped at 41504163 (East of BOB)
1 stick of bombs at 41484175 - North of BOB.
1 stick of bombs at 42014218 - 'B' Coy area.
1 stick of bombs at area 422418 (3000 yds SE of B Coy FDLs)
Bash OP reports that enemy planes dropped bombs in vicinity of BIR SALAMA and ED DUDA areas, enemy territory.

Addendum

Enemy Dispositions - Posn at 42154154, which appears to be a wired strongpost, was observed and reported for the first time by Arty OP during a period morning 1 Sep when visibility was good.

J. Walker
.....Lieut.

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COPY No 18.....
3 Sep 41

2/32 Bn INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 69
(For period ending 0600 hrs 3 Sep 41)

GENERAL

This period was exceptionally quiet.
Bn moved from the right fwd area of Bde sector without incident.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions :- Nil
- (b) Observed Movement :- 0730 hrs to 1930 hrs MT movement - 178 vehs EAST and 180 vehs WEST along top of escarpment. Vehs mainly in convoys and of the large covered type. 0700 hrs approx 70 men observed walking around sangars and dugouts vicinity 41784151. 0730 hrs approx 200 men working on rd top of escarpment, men were in gps and were spread over a distance of 500 yds, two tractor type vehs were parked nearby. Judging by the movement of vehs, the rd appeared to be in rough condition. Bearing to working party 137 degs from BOB (41474163) 0750 hrs 10 men observed walking to sangars in wadi foot of escarpment (41104145). 0825 hrs, 3 men with rifles slung walking in an Easterly direction at approx 41634145. 0905 hrs truck drove up to men at 41784151 and stopped for 5 mins, during which time men crowded around, truck then drove off South towards escarpment. 0950 hrs approx 30 men observed in vicinity 41814153. 1025 hrs, men resumed work at 41814153 and remained there until they could no longer be observed owing to bad visibility. 1115 hrs, 1 truck came to 41784151 and remained 10 mins, then departed in South Easterly direction. 1300 hrs, truck to 41784151 remained 15 mins then departed. 1910 hrs, truck stopped on rd 41254136 and men carted articles from it to wadis. 1915 hrs 2 gps of men (6 in each) appeared to be working parties at 41984132.
- (c) Enemy shelling :- Approx 0730 hrs about 35 shells were fired at carriers which had gone out to support S.Bs. No damage to carriers 1015 to 1025 hrs 6 shells in vicinity 41814179, approx 500 yds from BASH OP.
- (d) Works proceeding :- Blasting observed at 41794108 - 41744108, this occurred on rd on top of escarpment

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Patrols :- Owing to change over of units, the Bn had no patrols out, but the regular OPs (BOB & BASH) were manned until relieved by 2/43 Bn. The above observations were made, visibility being very poor owing to dust between the hrs 1200 - 1500.
- (b) Relief :- Relief of 2/32 Bn by 2/43 Bn was carried out well within time set down in orders.
- (c) Own shelling :- Arty engaged party working on escarpment. Shells appeared to land in the middle of one group, men dispersed and 6 MT parked in area were driven off to the EAST. 1045 hrs arty shelled convoy moving EAST, several shells close, but no results observed.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No hostile action taken against area during the day

J. Walker
.....Lieut.

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by

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No 278

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
3 Sep 41.

1092. Duties.

Night 3/4 Sep 41

1800 - 0200 hrs
0200 - 1000 Hrs
1000 - 1800 hrs

Lieut J.E. Walker
Major D.P. Sharp
Lieut H.G. Davies

1093. Schools and Courses.

TX 1076 Pte Parry R.J. attended 9 Aust Div Refresher Course from 23 Aug to 29 Aug 41. His progress was good.

1094. Promotion.

VX 16598 L/Cpl Baker G.J. appointed A/Cpl as from 1 Aug 41.

1095. Transfer.

sx 79 Pte Pollitt G.H. transferred to 2/7 Fd Regt. 2 Sep 41

1096. Spec. Pay.

SX 79 Pte Pollitt G.H. Spec. P. (group 111) ceases 2 Sep 41.

W. J. ...
.....Capt.
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Lt Col T.M. Conroy
No 279

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
4 Sep 41

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1097. Duties Night 4/5 Sep 41

1800 - 0200 hrs	Lieut J.P. Fahey
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut J.E. Walker
1000 - 1800 "	Major D.P. Sharp

1098. Pay Books - Sick & Wounded Soldiers

If a soldier is admitted to a M.D.S. or hospital without his paybook, Coys are to ensure that his paybook is forwarded to this HQ for return to the owner.

1099. Traffic - El Gubbi Aerodrome

Bn RO 1025, of 12 Aug 41 (vide 9 Aust Div RO 310), which is repeated below, is not being complied with by some units. The Order is to be brought before the notice of all ranks.

"The surface of El Gubbi Aerodrome is rapidly becoming unserviceable through vehs driving across it and making deep ruts. In future all vehs, incl RAF, will drive around and NOT across the aerodrome."

1100. Census

G.H.Q. (M.E.) General Order 833 is repeated:

"Remember this time and date.

At 2359 hrs on 6 Sep 41, complete your Census Forms and return them by the quickest possible means to your own HQ."

1101. Bounds - Docks Area and Wharves

(a) The Docks Area and wharves on North and South shore, are out of bounds to all officers and CRs not in possession of a pass duly authorised by Movement Control or Docks superintendent.

(b) Any person who has to visit the docks or wharves on duty, must first report to Movement Control.

(c) Units are reminded that drivers of all vehs entering TOBRUCH town must carry a pass. In this connection, 9 Aust Div RO 167 is repeated:

"It is apparent that there are still a large number of vehs entering TOBRUCH town unnecessarily. Accordingly in future the drivers of all vehs proceeding into the town area (which does not include the hospital area, the ration D.I.D., and pet D.I.D.) will be provided with a pass, signed by an officer, showing the following information:

- (a) Date
- (b) Unit (Code names will NOT be used).
- (c) Registered number of veh
- (d) Name of driver
- (e) Nature of duties in TOBRUCH.

The following exceptions will be permitted:

- (a) Motor Ambs
- (b) Sig D.Rs.
- (c) Vehs containing an offr of the rank of Major or above.

In the case of units located within the town area, a permanent pass may be issued, signed by the Comd's of units concerned."

1102. Transfers

NX 8450 Cpl Sherringham .H. from Dn HQ to B Coy - 4 Sep 41.
WX 2149 Pte Christmas M. " A Coy " HQ Coy - 4 Sep 41.

J. J. ...
..... Capt

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by

Lt Col T.M. Conroy
No 280

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
5 Sep 41.

1102. Duties

Night 5/6 Sep 41

1800 - 0200 hrs
0000 - 1000 "
1000 - 1800 "

Lieut H.G. Davies
Lieut J.P. Fahey
Lieut J.E. Walker

1103. Welfare

Advice has been received from the 2/32 Bn Association AIF, in Western Australia, that they have forwarded the sum of £ 15 for the welfare of members of the unit. They are very keenly interested in us, and the Association has promised to do all in their power to help our relatives at home and provide for our welfare overseas.

1104. Census

If Coys are at all in doubt as to the procedure for rendering the Census Return (2359 hrs., Sat., 6 Sep 41) please contact Bn HQ relative to same immediately.

It is important that this return be forwarded to this HQ as soon as possible after completion.

1105. Promotions

QX 5534 Pte Black J.P. appointed A/Cpl 5 Sep 41
VX 47503 " Currey D.R. " " L/Cpl 5 Sep 41
VX 25453 " Tolliday " " L/Cpl 5 Sep 41
VX 25238 " Foster R.L. " " L/Cpl 5 Sep 41

1106. Transfer

VX 44392 Pte Sharpe W.J. from "C" Coy to HQ Coy

J. J. ...
.....Capt
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6 Sep 41

1107. Duties.

Night 6/7 Sep 41

1800 - 0200 hrs
0200 - 1000 Hrs
1000 - 1800 hrs

Major D.P. Sharp
Lieut H.G. Davies
Lieut J.P. Fahey

1108. Camouflage of dug-outs etc.

Insufficient attention is being paid to camouflage within the Bn area, it being noticed that blankets and other dark materials are being used on light toned surroundings. such coverings, unless toned as same as surroundings will be removed immediately.

1109. PROMOTIONS.

NX 4062 A/Cpl Ahearn D.A. appointment confirmed as from 6 Aug 41.
NX 4062 Cpl Ahearn D.A. appointed A/Sgt as from 6 Sep 41.
WX 2075 A/Sgt Berry A. Substantive rank of cpl as from 6 Sep 41.
VX 14610 A/Sgt Scot tJ.J.D. Substantive rank of Cpl as from 6 Sep 41.
VX 23304 A/Sgt Reardon J.D. Substantive rank of Cpl as from 6 Sep 41.

J. J. J.
.....Capt.
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

Church Service.

Sunday 7 Sep 41.

0900 hrs Holy Communion to be held at the Officer's Mess for BnHQ, HQ Coy, C Coy, D Coy and rear Echelon.

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No 282

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
7 Sep 41.

1110: Duties.

Night 7/8 Sep 41

1800 - 0200 Hrs

0200 - 1000 Hrs

1000 - 1800 Hrs

Lieut. J.E. Walker

Major. D.P. Sharp.

Lieut. H.G. Davies.

1111. Promotions.

VX 28002 A/Sgt Leviston S.F. Substantive rank of Cpl as from 2 Sep 41.

1112. Reversions.

WX 9166 A/Cpl Watkins F.H. reverts to the ranks as from 28 Aug 41.

J. Young
.....Capt.
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

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No 283

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
8. Sep 41.

1113. DUTIES.

Night 8/9 Sep 41

11800 hrs - 0200 hrs
0200 hrs - 1000 hrs

Lieut. J.E. Walker
Major. D.P. Sharp.

1114. PROMOTIONS.

VX 38291 L/Cpl North H.B. appointed Cpl as from 8 Sep 41.

VX 36688 L/Cpl Ferguson J.T. appointed Cpl as from 8 Sep 41.

VX 36510 Pte Foulkes A.C. appointed A/Cpl as from 8 Sep 41.

W. Young
.....: Capt.
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by

LT COL T.M. CONROY

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

No 286

9 Sep 41

1115. Duties

Night 9/10 Aug

1800 - 0200 hrs
0200 - 1000 "

Lieut J.E.Walker
Major D.P.Sharp

1116. Traffic - DIV HQ Area

With reference to 9 Aust Div General Staff Instruction No 72, it is noted that numerous cases have occurred of drivers from various units having failed to adhere to the traffic routes outlined in the above circular. All units will ensure therefore, that all drivers before proceeding to Div HQ., are instructed accordingly.

1117. Ammunition Empties

Attention is directed to 9 Aust Div RO No 220 of 23 Jun 41.

It is apparent that units are NOT making every effort to return empties; for example considerable number of 3" Mortar carriers and boxes were recently salvaged from the Mortar Range. All units will accordingly immediately take action to ensure that in future, every effort is made to return all empties to the nearest AP or direct to the returned empties depot

1118. Acting Appointments

The following, an extract from AIF INSTRUCTIONS TO ^{PAY} SERGEANTS, is promulgated for info to all ranks.

"Acting appointments will be relinquished as follows:

- (a) If authorised by the C.O.; or
- (b) If the appointee is evacuated or transferred from the unit for any reason, including casualties; or
- (c) If a soldier of the appropriate Trade Grouping and classification is taken on strength of the unit and in respect of whom no available vacancy would otherwise exist.

1119. Reversions

SX 280 Cpl Treacy G.S. reverts to ranks at own request as from 9 Sep 41.

NX 10138 A/Cpl Donovan L.J. " " " " " " " " " "

120. Transfer

VX 42742 Pte Wilson J.T. transferred to 9 Aust Div 8 Sep 41.

.....*W. Young*.....Capt
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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by

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No 287.

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
10 Sep 41

1120.

DUTIES.

Night 10/11 Sep 41

2000 hrs - 0200 hrs
0200 hrs - 0800 hrs

Capt. G.E. Dixon
Maj. D.P. Sharp

Next for duty

Night 11/12 Sep 41

2000 hrs - 0200 hrs
0200 hrs - 0800 hrs

Lieut J.E. Walker
Capt. G.E. Dixon

1121.

AIR SENTRIES.

All vehicles will, in future carry on the mudguard or running board, an air-craft spotter, who will keep a strict watch at all times, particularly into the sun.

1122.

PROMOTIONS.

WX 1839 Pte Stokes A.J. appointed L/Cpl as from 10 Sep 41.

Yulef...
.....Capt.
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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Lt Col T.M. Conroy

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

No 285

11 Sep 41.

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1123. DUTIES

Night 11/12 Sep

1800 - 0200 hrs	Lieut J.E.Walker
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut J.R.Halligan
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut G.M.Gatward

Night 12/13 Sep

1800 - 0200 hrs	Major D.P.Sharp
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut J.E.Walker
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut J.R.Halligan

1124. .303 BANDOLIER

Coys are to ensure that all .303 Bandolier carried on the man is cleaned at regular intervals; otherwise the sand and dust will cause a stoppage when filling the magazines of rifles.

1125. Transfers

VX 42074	Pte	Hill F.G.T.	transferred to 9 Aust Div Sigs	10 Sep 41
QX 1030	"	Baker O.S.	" " " 2/31 Aust Inf Bn	11 Sep 41

1126. SPEC PAY

NX 8446	Pte	Shanley A.D.	MT dr.- granted Gp 111 Spec Pay as from 1 Sep 41.
VX 43094	"	Stephens B.R.	MT dr.- granted Gp 111 Spec Pay as from 1 Sep 41.
QX 4379	"	Ruddle R.P.	Gp 111 Spec Pay cancelled as from 1 Sep 41

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Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn. Capt

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by

Lt. Col. T.M. Conroy
No 289

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
11 Sep 41

1127. DUTIES.

Night 12/13 Sep 41

1800 hrs - 0200 hrs
0200 hrs - 1000 hrs
1000 hrs - 1800 hrs

Major D.P. Sharp.
Lieut J.E. Walker.
Lieut J.R. Halligan.

Night 13/14 Sep 41

1800 hrs - 0200 hrs
0200 hrs - 1000 hrs
1000 hrs - 1800 hrs.

Lieut G.M. Gatward.
Major D.P. Sharp.
Lieut J.E. Walker.

1128. Petrol

A check of petrol returns has shown that statements submitted by Coys have not been correct. This has resulted in the consumption of petrol far in excess of the Bn allowance.

Owing to the severe restriction placed on petrol supply, this inaccuracy is regarded most seriously and Coy Comds are reminded that these returns are primarily their responsibility.

1129. Australian Comforts Fund.

Receipt of the following goods from the A.C.F. on 11 Sep 41 is acknowledged.

These goods have been distributed throughout the unit.

535 Pkts Cigarettes
165 " Tobacco
230 " Cigarette Papers
45 Bars Soap
52 Tins Jam
11 " Syrup
27 " Camp pie
114 " Vegetable
16 Pkts Biscuits
1 Ca ke
29 Tins Fruit
84 Prs Sox
138 Handkerchiefs
30 Washers
2010 Sheets Writing paper
2010 Envelopes.
6 Bot ts Sauce
7 Bots Cordial

W. J. ...
..... Capt.
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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11 Sep 41.

2/32 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No. 9

Map Ref. TOBRUK 1/50,000
Local Enlargements.

INFM

1. Enemy
Enemy is holding strong defended locality in sqs 418414 and 419414.
Estimated strength one coy.
Ground and aerial recce show posn is protected by minefields on Northern and Eastern sides and on the EAST a spur of ITALIAN Box Type.
Protective wiring on all sides.
Recce discloses at least 8 LMGs and 2 plus 2" Mortars.
One tp Arty (4 - 75mm Guns) sometimes operates from this area.
2. Own Tps
24 Aust Inf Bde holds a position on the perimeter astride the BARDIA rd - 2/43 Bn on right (Posts R55-R69), 2/28 Bn plus "B" Coy 2/32 Bn on left (Post R70 to coast), 2/32 Bn less "B" Coy in reserve.

INTENTION.

3. During night 13/14 Sep 41 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will raid located enemy posns in 418414-419414, take prisoners and inflict casualties.

METHOD.

4. Tps to Carry Out
Composite force of H.Q. and 2 Pls, "D" Coy w/c Capt JOSHUA.
5. Tps U/C
Att 1 NCO and 6 ORs 2/7 Pd Coy.
6. Tps in Support
414 Bty 104 RHA.
7. Tps to Co-operate
"C" Coy 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will simultaneously raid BIR GHERSA area.
8. Approach March
Raiding party will move to Post R69 by MT.
9. Advance
From Post R69 to F U P at 42014140 on bg of 180°.
10.
Engineers will make 70^x gap in minefield at 41994148
11. Formation at F U P
No. 1 Pl facing N.W. - secs in file at 30^x interval - followed by Force H.Q. at a distance of 30^x - followed by No. 2 Pl - secs in file 30^x in rear.
12. Attack
Force will move to objective on bg of 314° - O.C. Force and Engineers 150^x in front of leading sec - contact being maintained by means of length of Sig wire.
13.
On reaching enemy wire Engineers will blow three separate gaps approx 40^x apart. Engineers will remain at gaps as guides for attacking secs.
14. Mortars
2" Mortar will open fire on enemy FDL on right flank of attack when wire is blown. Amm expenditure 12 bombs. Personnel will then move to junc minefield and track and act as guides for route of withdrawal.
15.
Secs will overwhelm objectives as located by detailed interpretation of air photographs.

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Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
13 Sep 41.

1130. Duties

Night 13/14 Sep 41

1800 - 0200 hrs	Lieut G.M.Gatward
0200 - 1000 "	Major D.P.Sharp
1000 - 1800 "	Lieut J.E.Walker

Night 14/15 Sep 41

1800 - 0200 hrs	Lieut J.R.Halligan
0200 - 1000 "	Lieut G.M.Gatward
1000 - 1800 "	Major D.P.Sharp

1131. Respirators

Respirators will in future be worn during Stand-to periods and practice alerts will be given. The opportunity will also be taken to check up on all anti-gas eqpt.

J. YoungCapt
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Notices

Church Services

C. of E. and O.P.Ds. 0900 hrs at Offrs' Mess Bn HQ
Holy Communion for Bn HQ, HQ Coy, C Coy and Rear HQ.
1200 hrs at respective Coy's lines for A and C Coys.

Roman Catholic Monday, 15 Sep 41 at 0900 hrs - Offrs' Mess

Concert

The 9 Aust Div Concert Party will present a programme at Bn HQ on Sunday night at approx 2000 hrs.
Up to 50% of Coys may attend the concert, providing Coy Comds are satisfied that posts are sufficiently manned.
Personnel will assemble at 1945 hrs. Usual night discipline will be maintained.

Xmas Cards

It is proposed to issue a distinctive 2/32 Bn Xmas Card for personnel to send home to their friends.
To do this, it has been decided to conduct a competition among members of the unit, who are asked to submit original and topical designs suitable for the Xmas Card. The designs (or sketch on) should measure approx 8" x 6" and be drawn with ink, black if possible.
The competition will be open for one week, entries to be submitted to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs, 20 Sep 41.

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by

Lt.Col.T.M.Conroy
No 291

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
14 Sep 41

1132. DUTIES.

Night 14/15 Sep 41

1800 hrs - 0200 hrs
0200 hrs - 1000 hrs
1000 hrs - 1800 hrs

Lieut J.R.Halligan
Lieut G.M.Gatward
Major D.P.Sharp

Night 15/16 Sep 41

1800 hrs - 0200 hrs
0200 hrs - 1000 hrs
1000 hrs - 1800 hrs

Lieut J.E.Walker
Lieut J.R.Halligan
Lieut G.M.Gatward

1133. TRANSFERS.

WX 2022 Cpl Saunders W. transferred to 2/7 Aust Pd Coy R.A.E. 12 Sep 41
QX 2124 Pte Burvill W.A.H. transferred from "C" Coy to HQ Coy as
from 13 Sep 41.

1134. REVERSIONS.

QX 5504 A/Cpl King D.J. reverts to ranks as from 13 Sep 41.
VX 36510 A/Cpl Faulkes A.C. reverts to ranks as from 14 Sep 41.

J. J. Conroy
.....
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

14 Sep '41

Report on RAID on ENEMY STRONGPOINT by a FORCE
from the 2/32 Bn on night 13/14 Sep '41

STRENGTH OF "FORCE" : 3 Offrs (Capt. Joshua, Lieut. Cronk, Lieut. Cherrington-Hunter),
51 O.Rs. - 8 S.Bs. 2/32 Bn personnel.
With att. 7 Engineers 2/7 Fd Coy.

TIME OUT : 21.00 hrs POST : R 69
TIME IN : POST : Majority through R 65
MAP REF : ENEMY STRONGPOINT 418414 - 419414 (TOBRUCH 1/50,000 Extension).

REPORT :

Raiding force left R69 and moved on a bearing of 180° for 6900^x and when at this distance they had not contacted spur of minefd, they knew from information gained on 2 previous recce patrols that they had veered left of their bearing so FORCE moved WEST for 300^x when the spur of fd was contacted on the SOUTH side. The spur was followed to the main fd, this was contacted and the 2" mortar was here placed in posn to carry out its role of neutralising N.E. post of STRONGPOINT. The FORCE then moved SOUTH along main minefd to its end (41994145). SOUTH of this point was the pre-arranged F.U.P., here the FORCE was assembled in battle formation with the Engineers in three groups in line 150^x fwd of the leading Pl (30 yds between groups), the Pls were disposed as follows - one Pl with Lieut Cronk in comd fwd, secs were three fwd in open file, 30^x between secs. The second Pl with Sgt Reardon in comd were in a similar formation 30^x in rear of leading Pl, Capt. Joshua was fwd with centre group of engineers and maintained contact with Lieut. Cronk by means of length of telephone wire, this was also to act as a guide for the centre sec of leading Pl to the gap to be blown in the wire, A. Harrison - W.O.II - was with the right fwd group of engineers, the remainder of Coy HQs being under comd of Lieut. Cherrington-Hunter and in rear of leading Pl. In this formation FORCE moved on bearing of approx 214° towards enemy posns, for the early part of this advance the enemy only fired 3/4 LMGs spasmodically; but when leading Pl was 75^x from wire the number of LMGs firing increased and 2" mortars commenced on a large scale. It was owing to the intensity of this fire that the Pl was unable to say whether at this stage the wire had been blown by the BANGALORE torpedoes. Lieut. Cronk continued to advance until he reached the wire and discovered that it had not been blown, he put the Pl to ground while torpedoes were fired, after which the men immediately arose and continued fwd, at this stage the two outside secs were receiving intense fire from the flanks but they passed on through the wire and proceeded to carry out previously allotted tasks.

From reports received from various men it has been established that at this time the rear Pl had reached the belt of LMG & Mortar fire where their Pl comd was hit and was heard to order his men to go back although he still continued to go fwd himself, this action is believed to have been brought about by his dazed condition, it being thought that he was wounded here by mortar bomb, at this moment A. Harrison, W.O.II, returned to this spot and rallied Pl and led them through the wire from where they carried on to their allotted tasks.

From here as laid down in the original plan the actual mopping up of the individual posts was to be a sec concern, all secs moved fwd after passing through the wire, with the intention of carrying out this object but in many cases the fire from these posts was such that it was impossible to close with the enemy occupying them; but from reports it can be definitely stated that two posts were cleaned out.

After this owing to the O.C. FORCE (Capt. Joshua) having been wounded and also a large number of the men, Lieut. Cronk told A. Harrison W.O.II to collect the wounded and withdraw.

Report on RAID on ENEMY STRONGPOINT by a FORCE from the 2/32 Bn on night 13/14 Sep '41

Estimated enemy weapon strength : Approx 12/15 IMGs and approx same number of mortars. At least two guns believed to be 75m/m were seen in concrete pits these weapons had the appearance that they would have a 360° traverse as they were not on wheels. One of these guns was destroyed by the engineers with gun cotton, another had two hand grenades placed in the bore at the breech end. There was one Tk gun firing tracer.

Enemy captured : Two prisoners were captured, one was a Sergeant Major.

Enemy casualties: It is estimated on the reports of men looking for our own wounded that at least 20 casualties were inflicted on the enemy. All these appeared to be dead.

Our casualties : Two killed (one engineer)
Two missing, believed killed
Three missing (including one Offr)
Twenty wounded (including 2 Offrs & one engineer)
One accidentally wounded
Two treated for shock (one was evacuated to hospital)

"The C.O. wished to convey to all ranks who participated his sincere congratulations for a job well done"

.....Lt Col
Comd 2/32 Bn

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by

Lt Col T.M.Conroy
No 292

Comd 2/32 Aust. Inf Bn
15 Sep 41

1135. DUTIES

Night 15/16 Sep

1800 - 0130	hrs	Lieut J.E.Walker
0130 - 1000	"	Lieut J.R.Halligan
1000 - 1800	"	Lieut G.M.Gatward

Night 16/17 Sep

1800 - 0200	hrs	Major D.P.Sharp
0200 - 1000	"	Lieut J.E.Walker
1000 - 1800	"	Lieut J.R.Halligan

1136. TRAFFIC ROUTE

All vehicles entering or leaving the Bn area will use the made road leading direct to the BARDIA Rd. Dusty side tracks will be avoided.

1137. TIME

At midnight, 15/16 Sep 41, all clocks will be retarded one hour to conform to end of summer time in EGYPT WESTERN DESERT and TOBRUK. Thereafter, local time will be two hours ahead of GMT instead of three hours.

1138. STAND-TO

Commencing morning 16 Sep 41, Stand-to will be as follows:

0500 - 0800	hrs
1900 - 2000	"

1139. PROMOTIONS

VX 5555	Pte Bambridge M.L.	appointed A/Cpl as from 15 Sep 41
VX 26232	" Pollock R.	" " " " " " "
WX 9166	" Watkins F.H.	" " " " " " "
QX 2199	" MacLellan R.	appointed A/Cpl 15 Sep 41 - transferred from HQ Coy to D Coy.

.....
 Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf BnCapt
[Signature]

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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by

LT. COL T.M. CONROY

COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN.

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16 Sep 41

1140. DUTIES.

Night 16/17 Sep 41.

1800 hrs - 0200 hrs	Major D.P.Sharp
0200 hrs - 1000 hrs	Lieut J.E.Walker
1000 hrs - 1800 hrs	Lieut J.R.Halligan.

Night 17/18 Sep 41

1800 hrs - 0200 hrs	Lieut G.M.Gatward
0200 hrs - 1000 hrs	Major D.P.Sharp.
1000 hrs - 1800 hrs	Lieut J.E.Walker.

1141. MEDICAL SURVEY.

All Coys will carry out a check of T.A.B., TETANUS TOXOID, and BLOOD GROUPS, and will submit a nominal roll to reach this HQ by 1900 hrs 19 Sep 41.

1142. PROGRESS REPORTS ON PATIENTS IN 4 A.G.H.

In an attempt to give units some information as to the progress of patients who are more than slightly wounded or sick, each day a report as to the patients condition at 1800 hrs is received at this office, and information may be had by telephone.

Only patients whose condition has caused concern will be on the list; if on enquiry the information given is that the name is "NOT ON THE LIST", that may be taken as favourable, as the patients condition is not causing anxiety.

This scheme will be tried for a time and continued only if it is found useful and practicable.

Coys desiring information relative to the above will contact Bn HQ by 1730 hrs each day, giving full particulars of information required.

1143. FLIES AND DYSENTERY.

The admissions to hospital for gastro-enteritis dysentery group are increasing. It is most important that the hygiene of units be kept up to the high standard that has been reached.

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.....Capt.
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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2/32 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO 10

Map Ref TOBRUK 1/50,000

INFM

1. Enemy As per 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summaries
2. Own Tps Normal dispositions.

INTENTION

3. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/1 Pioneer Bn.

METHOD

4. Relief will take place night 17/18 Sep 41.
5. NO move from present posn before 2015 hrs 17 Sep 41
6. Route Coy areas - BARDIA Rd - BARDIA-DERNA X-rds - DERNA Rd.
7. Embussing and debussing areas will be arranged between relieving Coys. Vehs will be dispersed at least 200 yds.
8. Guides Guides will be provided by 2/1 Pioneer Bn at AIRENTE.

9. Time-table	Serial	Date	Coy 2/32 Bn	Relieving 2/1 Pnr Bn	Starting Time	No of Vehs
	1	17/18	D	D	2015	6
	2	"	RAP	RAP	2015	-
	3	"	C	C	2030	5
	4	"	A	B	2045	5
	5	"	B	A	2100	6
	6	"	HQ	HQ	2115	2
	7	"	Bn HQ	Bn HQ	2115	1

(3 spares)

Relief to be completed by 0300 hrs.

10. Patrols Repts from nucleus parties will be taken out on patrol on night 17/18 Sep, and patrols will be taken over by 2/32 Bn as relief progresses. 2/1 Pnr Bn will leave one (1) NCO per coy who will remain until night 18/19 Sep 41.
11. Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will come u/c 26 Aust Inf Bde on completion of relief.
12. Tpt (a) 1 - 30 cwt and 3 - 1 ton vehs will report to each Coy immediately for tpt of Coy Stores. These vehs will be used by 2/1 Pnr Bn on return journey.
 (b) A.A.S.C. Tp Carrying Coy will tpt 2/32 Bn personnel to area returning with 2/1 Pnr Bn personnel.

ADM

13. Weapons Bren guns and T.S.M.G's will be carried by tps. G1098 scale of weapons will be taken out. All Bren tripods will be carried. One 47 mm A Tk gun will remain in present posn.
14. Amm 2/32 Bn will carry in, and 2/1 Pnr Bn will carry out the following amm.

On the man

- All Bren mags filled
- All T.S.M.G. mags filled
- 50 rds Bandolier
- 2 Grenades
- Balance of G1098 scale

In Vehs

All 47 mm A Tk amm will remain in area.

15. Trench Stores 2/32 Bn will take over all trench stores in 2/1 Pnr Bn area.
2/32 Bn will carry G1098 scale of tools.
16. Sigs G1098 scale will be carried by each Bn. Excess eqpt and all existing lines will be left in posn. Sig Offrs will ensure continuity of communications between all fwd coys and Bn HQ.
17. Supplies and Water Three days reserve of preserved meat and biscuits will be exchanged by Bns. 2/1 Pnr Bn will carry out sufficient quantities to adjust difference in strengths of Bns.
Three days reserve water will be taken over in posts.
18. Eqpt The following scale of personal eqpt only will be taken fwd. Battle Order, Webbing Eqpt, Pouches, Water Bottles filled, Haversacks (containing shaving gear, change of underclothes, spare socks, etc.) Two blankets, ground sheet, greatcoat and sweater (optional).
Packs will NOT be taken fwd but will be dumped under Coy arrangements at Rear HQ.
Hats khaki fur will NOT be taken fwd.
19. Discipline All stores, eqpt, etc., will be placed in posts out of sight before first light.
By day there will be NO movement around posts.
20. B Ech 2/32 Bn B Ech will relieve 2/1 Pnr Bn B Ech on 18 Sep 41 as arranged by Q.Ms.
21. Medical R.A.Ps will be established by arrangement between R.M.Os.

INTER-COMN

22. Bn H Q will close present location at 2115 hrs 17 Sep 41, reopening at new posn on completion of relief.

23. Code words for completion of relief

D Coy	WALLAROO
C Coy	WAROOKA
A Coy	WOODVILLE
B Coy	KADINA
HQ Coy	HOBART

Ack
T.O.O. 1230
Method of issue DRLs - runner

Julian Young
.....Capt
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. "A" Coy | 14. R.M.O. |
| 2. "B" Coy | 15. R.S.M. |
| 3. "C" Coy | 16. 24 Aust Inf Bde |
| 4. "D" Coy | 17. 26 Aust Inf Bde |
| 5. "HQ" Coy | 18. POLISH BDE |
| 6. 2/1 Pnr Bn | 19. 1st CARPATHIAN REGT |
| 7. C.O. | 20. 2/12 Fd Regt |
| 8. 2 i/c | 21. 1 RNF |
| 9. Adjnt | 22. File |
| 10. I.O. | 23- 25. WAR DIA RY |
| 11. Q.M. | 26- 28. Spares |
| 12. T.O. | |
| 13. Sigs | |

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by

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
18 Sep 41

1146. DUTIES.

Night 18/19 Sep 41

1800 hrs - 0200 hrs
0200 hrs - 1000 hrs
1000 hrs - 1800 hrs

Lieut J.R. Halligan
Lieut G.M. Gatward
Major D.P. Sharp

Night 19/20 Sep 41

1800 hrs - 0200 hrs
0200 hrs - 1000 hrs
1000 hrs - 1800 hrs

Lieut J.E. Walker
Lieut J.R. Halligan
Lieut G.M. Gatward

1147. DESPATCHES.

All officers and N.C.Os. visiting Bn HQ will, before leaving, call at the "I" Office, Orderly Room, and Sig Centre and pick up any despatches awaiting delivery.

1148. PROMOTIONS.

NX 8749 A/Sgt McDermott R.I. to be substantive sergeant as from 18 Sep 41
NX 8806 Pte Kirwin E. appointed A/Cpl as from 18 Sep 41

J. Young
.....Capt.
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS MAILS.

It is recommended that Christmas Mail be posted by the following dates in order to reach their destinations by Christmas Day:-

	<u>SURFACE MAIL.</u>	<u>ORDINARY AIRMAIL</u>	<u>AIRMAIL LETTERCDS</u>	<u>AIRGRAPHS.</u>
U.K. & Eire.	18/9/41	25/10/41	25/11/41	25/11/41
Australia	1/11/41	1/12/41	1/12/41	-
India	10/11/41	10/12/41	10/12/41	-
New Zealand	15/10/41	25/11/41	25/11/41	-
South Africa	1/11/41	1/12/41	1/12/41	-
N. & S. Rhodesia	1/11/41	10/12/41	10/12/41	-
East Africa	15/11/41	10/12/41	10/12/41	-

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by

LT COL T.M.CONROY

COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN.

No 297

19 Sep 41.

1149. DUTIES

Night 19/20 Sep 41

1800 - 0200 hrs
0200 - 1000 "
1000 - 1800 "

Lieut J.E.Walker
Lieut J.R.Halligan
Lieut G.M.Gatward

Night 20/21 Sep 41

1800 - 0200 hrs
0200 - 1000 "
1000 - 1800 "

Major D.P.Sharp
Lieut J.E.Walker
Lieut J.R.Halligan

1150. MEDICAL

Coy Comds will ensure that all personnel attending sick parade at the R.A.P. carry with them complete rations for the day and filled water bottles.

1151. TRANSFER

VX 32055 PTE MARROW G. transferred from "B" Coy to "HQ" Coy.

W. J. Young
..... Capt
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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SECRET

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2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 70
(For period 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 19 Sep 41)

19 Sep '41

1. GENERAL

Owing to heavy dust storm, visibility was practically nil throughout the day. Other than two short patrols, Coys only maintained normal Coy front listening posts. Enemy shelling of area was light.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Enemy Dispositions - 6 large sangars built up 2'6" above ground level, approx 12' square, at 39674349. No sign of any recent occupation. Line of partially dug sec posts at 39634349, A Tk gun or light arty piece fired one rd from approx sq 395434.

b. Observed Movement - During latter part of morning, 13 large covered trucks were observed moving in Northerly direction along rd in sq 395435.

c. Shelling - A Coy report 17 shells, B Coy 2 shells, C Coy and D Coy nil. Bn HQ 11 shells, (9 of these reported by phone) D Coy report 15 mortar bombs in area.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Patrols - A patrol of 2 NCOs (Cpls Mooney & Anderson) and 3 ORs from D Coy, moved out from S13 on bearing 316 degs along foot of escarpment for approx 600 yds - moved to top of escarpment, along which they returned. N M S - heard MT in distance.

A patrol of 1 Sgt (Sgt Richards) 1 Cpl & 3 ORs moved from S19 to 39804348 then to 39674349, where they crossed a large cleared area in which was built 6 large sangars, 12 ft square and built to a height of 2'6" above ground. No recent sign of occupation. Patrol moved to 39634349, in this posn was a line of partly dug sec posts (approx half completed); no sign of recent work. While at this posn patrol saw an A Tk gun or light arty piece fire one round from a posn quarter left of patrol front at an estimated distance of 1000 yds. Patrol then moved to 39664357, on this stage patrol crossed a well worn but not recently used rd running approx East to West. Patrol returned to 39774350, thence back to S19.

b. Works Proceeding - 10 & 12 Pls, B Coy (in res posn) digging communication trenches and improving dugouts.

4. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Nil

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..... Lt Col
Comd 2/32 Bn

2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 71
(For period 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 20 Sep 41)1. GENERAL

Enemy shelling was on an increased scale over the whole of Bn area. A successful shoot was carried out by Polish Arty with co-operation of MGs firing from S19; targets, sangars in sq 397436. Patrols were fwd of area during night but no contact was made with enemy.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. Enemy dispositions - Sangars at 39754371 - 39704359 - 39594368 - 39814367, also between 39714357 and 39714359. Movement has been observed around these sangars.
- b. Observed movement - 0545 hrs, movement of personnel observed sangars 39754371. Movement again noticed at these sangars at 0600 hrs, 0800 hrs, at which times only one man could be seen. Movement again observed in area from 1800 - 1845 hrs.
0630 hrs, 6 men moving around sangars at 39704359. Movement again observed same area 1512 hrs.
0655 hrs, (~~6 men moving around sangars at 39704359.~~) 8 men left of DERNA rd and fwd of escarpment 39594368.
1300 hrs, movement observed around sangars 39714357 to 39714359. Movement again observed at 1400 hrs. (1 man only).
0550 hrs, from S21 man was observed walking near Pt 69 (39814367). He was fired on by MG and was seen to stagger into sangar.
Two men with a dog were also fired on at this point.
Two men observed at 39764350 (observed by "D" Coy).
- c. Shelling - A Coy report 90 shells - damage nil
B Coy report 45 shells - damage nil
C Coy report 132 shells - damage nil
D Coy report 22 shells - damage nil
Bn HQ report 25 shells - damage nil
Mortars - D Coy report 20 bombs - damage nil
- d. Works Proceeding - Patrol reports sound of digging heard in area 397436.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. Patrols - Patrol from "D" Coy of 1 NCO (Cpl Gilmore) & 5 ORs moved out from 39804361 to 39714341. NMS on route, but what is believed to be compressor could be heard some distance fwd of this point. In sangar on flat below WHITE KNOLL a pack and folded blankets and groundsheet were seen. Suspecting booby traps, they were not touched. No signs of recent occupation around sangar. At 39794336 patrol crossed a double telephone wire running slightly EAST of NORTH - wire, which is reported to be new English D3, was cut. Same patrol, after being joined by representatives of 2/43 Bn nucleus party, again moved out to 39794336, and laid up in posn of observation to see whether any effort was made to repair wire. NMS or H.
Patrol from C Coy of 1 NCO (Sgt Trotter) & 5 ORs moved out from S21 on bearing 320 degs to 39854356, then to 39824358, to 39784361 - at this posn digging and voices could be heard to WEST at estimated distance of approx 400 yds. Patrol then moved to 39794367 keeping a special look-out for minefds; whilst in this posn flares were fired from the WEST, continued to 39814367, then to 39864363 where patrol became a little uncertain whether they were on right track, moved SOUTH and contacted DERNA rd which they followed back.
- b. Harassing shoot - In conj. with Polish Arty, post S19, firing 1 Vickers MMG, 1 Schwartzlose LMG, 1 Fiat 8 m/m, 1 Bren LMG, carried out a harassing shoot on sangars in sq 397436. It had been established that these sangars were occupied by large numbers of enemy with MGs. Working parties had also been seen in this area.
First Task - At 1700 hrs Arty opened fire on sangars and wadis over an approx front of 800 yds running NE - SW. Shells landed among sangars. Immediately on commencement of arty fire, MGs swept line of sangars and wadi with sustained accurate fire; arty fire ceased after 2 mins, but MGs continued for 5 mins, results of fire into wadi could not be observed.

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY (Cont'd)

Second Task - 1720 hrs. Arty again shelled line of sangars and wadi same area. MGs fired in bursts for 5 mins. It is considered both Arty and MG fire was so accurate that it is quite possible that casualties would be inflicted, but this cannot be definitely stated. 20 mins after all firing had ceased, dust could be seen moving down wadi, probably caused by vehicle movement. After first and second task enemy retaliated with shells which landed in vicinity S21 and DERNA rd area. Posn of battery 342 degs from S19.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

NIL

[Handwritten Signature]
.....Lt Col
Comd 2/32 Bn

ADDENDUM

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - Patrol from "A" Coy of 2 NCOs (Sgt Thompson & Cpl Shaddick) & 4 ORs moved out from 3315 to 39684350, thence to 39714359, returning back to post S17. Report N M S or H.

Nucleus parties from 2/43 Bn moved into area during night, without incident. Our nucleus parties moved to 2/43 Bn posn at ARIENTE.

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19 Sep 41.

2/32 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO. 11

Map Ref. TOBRUK 1/50,000.

INFM.

- 1. Enemy As per 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summaries.
- 2. Own Tps Normal dispositions.

INTENTION.

- 3. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

METHOD.

- 4. Relief will take place on the night 21/22 Sep 41.
- 5. No move from present position before 2000 hrs 21 Sep 41.
- 6. Route Coy Areas - DERNA Rd - AIRENTE.
- 7. Embussing and debussing areas will be arranged between relieving coys. Vehs will be dispersed at least 200 yds.
- 8. Nucleus Parties. Nucleus parties from 2/43 Bn consisting of Coy 2 i/cs and batmen, Pl Sjts, and one (1) rep per Sec, will move forward on the night 19/20 Sep 41. Similar Nucleus parties from 2/32 Bn will return to AIRENTE on the night 19/20 Sep 41 using 2/43 Bn transport.
- 9. Guides
 - (a) Coys will each provide one guide to report to the WHITE BARREL turnoff on DERNA Rd at 2000 hrs on 19 Sep 41. These will guide Nucleus parties to Coy areas.
 - (b) "A", "B", "D", and "HQ" Coys will detail one (1) guide each to report to Lieut WALKER at FIGTREE at 1900 hrs on 21 Sep 41. These will be posted at WHITE BARREL turnoff on DERNA Rd and will guide 2/43 Bn convoys to Coy areas. "C" Coy will send one (1) guide direct to this RV.
 - (c) Coys will detail a guide from each post to RV within the Coy area and meet 2/43 Bn convoys as they arrive.
 - (d) Coy 2 i/cs will each detail a member of Nucleus party to RV at the EAGLE to guide 2/32 Bn personnel to Coy areas.

10. Timetable.	Serial	Date	Coy 2/32 Bn.	Relieved by Coy 2/43 Bn.	2/43 Bn passes EAGLE.	No. of Vehs.
	1.	21/22	B, RAP	B, RAP	1950	6
	2.	"	C	C	1945	6
	3.	"	A	A	2015	6
	4.	"	B	D	2045	6
	5.	"	HQ	HQ	2115	2
	6.	"	Bn HQ	Bn HQ	2115	1
						(3 Spares)

- 11. Patrols. Reps from Nucleus parties will be taken out on patrol on nights 19/20 and 20/21 Sep 41. Patrols will be taken over by 2/43 Bn on night 21/22 Sep as relief progresses.

- 12. Comd. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will come under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde on completion of relief.

(2)

13. Tpt.

- (a) 2/43 Bn vehs will bring forward Nucleus parties on night 19/20 Sep 41 and will be used by 2/32 Bn Nucleus parties for return journey.
- (b) On night of relief three vehs per Coy from 2/43 Bn will be used to tpt stores forward. These vehs will be used by 2/32 Bn to carry out Coy stores.
- (c) A.A.S.C. Tp Carrying Coy will tpt 2/43 Bn personnel to area, returning with 2/32 Bn personnel.

14. Weapons.

Bren guns and T.S.M.Gs will be carried by tps. Full G1098 scale of weapons will be taken out. All Bren tripods will be carried. Foreign weapons will be left in posts as follows:-

	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	HQ Coy
Boyes A Tk Rifle	1	1	1	-	-
Breda 6.5	7	2	5	9	-
Vickers	1	-	2	1	-
Schwartzlose	2	-	-	1	-
Fiat	3	-	2	2	-
Breda MMG	-	-	-	1	-
Mortar 3"	1	-	-	-	-
Mortar 81 mm	2	1	-	-	-
Mortar 45 mm	2	-	-	-	-
Zollithern	-	-	1	1	-
Verrey Pistols	-	1	-	-	-

15. Amn.

2/43 Bn will carry in, and 2/32 Bn will carry out the following amn:-

On the man

All Bren mags filled
All T.S.M.G. mags filled.
50 rds Bandelier
2 Grenades

In Vehs.

Balance of G1098 scale.

All foreign amn will remain in posts.

16. Trench Stores.

2/32 Bn will pass over to 2/43 Bn all trench stores in the area. 2/32 Bn will carry out G1098 scale of tools.

17. Sigs.

G1098 scale will be carried by each Bn. Excess eqpt and all existing lines will be left in posn. Sig Offrs will ensure continuity of communications in both posns.

18. Supplies and Water.

Three days reserve of preserved meat and biscuits will be exchanged by Bns. Q.Ms. will adjust differences in strengths of Bns.
Three days reserve water will be left in posts and taken over by 2/43 Bn.

19. B Ech.

B Ech. will remain in present posns pending further instructions.

20. Medical.

R.A.Ps will be established by arrangement between R.M.Os.

INTERCOMN.

21.

Bn HQ will close present location and reopen at ARIENTE on completion of relief.

ACK

T.O.O.

Method of Issue

1930

DRLS and Runners.

.....
Adj. 2/32 (Adj. 2/32) Capt.
Adj. 2/32 (Adj. 2/32) Bn.

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SECRET

Copy No.....
21 Sep '41

2/32 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 72
(For period 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 21 Sep '41)

1. GENERAL

Enemy movement fwd of area was on a larger scale than previous period. Harassing shoots by arty and MGs were carried out against enemy posns during the day. Patrols fwd of area during night report working parties active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. Enemy dispositions - Nil
- b. Observed movement - 0700 - 0800 hrs, movement of 7/8 men - stationary truck, observed near sangars 39654367.
Movement at sangars 39754363 - 39764369.
0940 hrs truck moved along DERNA rd and disappeared over escarpment.
1015 hrs smoke observed rising from behind escarpment 39554367.
1840 hrs 1 truck followed by party of men estimated at approx one Coy strength, moved into view 39634366 and proceeded into sangars in vicinity 39754368. Movement continued in this area until 1930 hrs.
During morning movement observed in sq 398436.
Throughout day movement observed in vicinity of sangar 39794358.
" " odd MT movement along rd in vicinity of 39604357.
During night MT movement was heard by patrols.
- c. Works proceeding - "D" Coy patrol reported digging heard in vicinity 39764333, later in night it was established that there were 5 parties, strength each 4/5 men, in this vicinity.
While in a posn at approx 39794366 "C" Coy patrol observed large party 50/60 men moving towards them. Party stopped when 200 yds away and divided into four groups, two groups which appeared to be covering parties went right and left for about 4/500 yds from main body, went to ground and remained silent; remaining two groups commenced work at approx 39784363 - 39784367 respectively, they appeared to be laying mines.
"A" Coy patrol report tapping like sound of pickets being driven, and Italian voices at 39654346. Sounds of shovels being used at 39684367. While patrol was at approx 39714352 blasting was heard well to rear of enemy lines.
- d. Shelling
 - "A" Coy report 20 shells - damage nil
 - "B" Coy report 18 shells - damage nil
 - "C" Coy report 12 shells - damage nil
 - "D" Coy report 68 shells - damage nil
 - Mortars - "C" Coy report 1 bomb - damage nil
 - "B" Coy report 36 bombs - damage nil
- e. MG fire - 1030 hrs enemy MGs fired on Post S21 from behind escarpment - sound bearing 269 degs, estimated distance 1400 yds. At approx 1500 hrs MG firing at intervals on Post S17 from vicinity of carrier 39784336.
- f. Minefields - Enemy minefd comprised of 2 rows Italian Box Type A Tk mines, some of which are booby trapped. Rows 4' apart, mines 3' apart. Field followed from 39804365 to 39794358. Mines across rd are placed on ground and covered with earth, after crossing rd minefd runs in Westerly direction.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. Patrols - Patrol from "C" Coy of 1 NCO (Sgt Jeffrey) & 5 ORs moved out from S23 to 39804365 where they contacted and followed minefd reported above. After leaving minefd patrol moved to 39854360 thence back to S21. Just after contacting field patrol observed large party (50/60 men) reported in Works proceeding. No other movement seen. Patrol from "D" Coy of 1 NCO (acting - Pte. Taylor) & 6 ORs moved out from S13 with object of locating suspected enemy digging vicinity WHITE KNOLL. Patrol moved to 39774333 where digging could be heard approx 400 yds direct front. Patrol moved fwd a further 100 yds where they went to ground to listen, where they report smelling strong aroma of chloride of lime. Patrol moved back and reported same and were sent out again to determine number of parties digging and to clarify situation re smell. On return patrol reported working parties as given above and smell was not located.
"A" Coy patrol of 1 Sgt (Sgt Calder) 1 Cpl & 5 ORs moved from S17 to 39784343

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY (Cont'd)

39784343 from where sounds of hammering could be heard, patrol moved on to 39724344, hammering could still be heard also an Italian voice from the same direction. Patrol moved on to 39714352. During this stage of patrol movement could be heard a long way off (MT movement). From this posn digging could be heard in vicinity 39684337. Proceeding to 39744351 a double telephone wire was found, this was followed for 300 yds to a dead end. Moving on return route patrol contacted empty sangar with posts dug on left and right of it, at 39814349. Skeletons were found in both posts. The post South of sangar contained a destroyed Italian A Tk gun. Patrol returned to SI9.

b. Harassing shoots - ~~at~~ 1400 hrs a Fiat MG was used to fire on troops at 39784333, forcing troops to disperse. Arty also fired on posn during the day. At 1735 hrs and 1745 hrs a shoot with arty and MGs was carried out on area 398436. On each occasion 16 shells were fired and MG fire was sustained for 5 mins. Fire was observed to fall on target. Two trucks moving towards DERNA rd from sq 398436 (Pt 69) were fired on by arty.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Nil

[Handwritten Signature]
.....Lt Col
Comd 2/32 Bn

- 1 Coy report 30 shells - damage nil
- 2 Coy report 18 shells - damage nil
- 3 Coy report 12 shells - damage nil
- 4 Coy report 6 shells - damage nil
- 5 Coy report 1 bomb - damage nil
- 6 Coy report 30 bombs - damage nil

1 Coy was only engaged on 21 from behind
 estimated distance 1400 yds.
 at approx 1500 hrs firing at intervals of 15 min from vicinity of
 39784333. Enemy minefield comprised of 3 rows of 100 yds
 apart, some of which were booby trapped. Rows 1, 2 and 3
 were followed from 39784333 to 39784333. Lines across the
 field were covered with earth, after crossing the minefield
 in a westerly direction.
 Patrol from 39784333 moved out from 39784333 and followed minefield
 to 39784333 where they contacted and followed minefield
 to 39784333. After leaving minefield patrol moved to 39784333
 and after collecting field patrol observed large party
 of 150 (50 men) reported in some proceeding. No other movement seen. Patrol
 from 39784333 (Lt Taylor) & 3 Coy moved out from 39784333
 with object of locating suspected enemy digging vicinity 39784333.
 Patrol moved to 39784333 where digging could be heard approx 400 yds direct
 front. Patrol moved further 100 yds where they went to ground to
 listen, while they report smilling strong aroma of chloride of lime.
 Patrol moved back and reported same and were sent out again to determine
 number of pits digging and to clarify situation re smell. On return
 patrol reported digging parties as given above and well as 1st
 2 Coy patrol of 1 Coy (Lt Taylor) & 3 Coy moved from 39784333 to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT COL T.M. CONROY

17A
CMD 2/32 AUST INF BN.

NO 299

22 SEP 41.

1152. DUTIES

NIGHT 22/23 SEP

1800 - 0200 hrs
0200 - 1000 " "
1000 - 1800 " "

MAJOR D.P. SHARP
LIEUT J.E. WALKER
LIEUT J.R. HALLIGAN

RUNNERS: 1 from each Coy to report to BN HQ at 1800 hrs.

1153. F.G.C.M. - PROMULGATION

SX 2323 PTE BARRY H.W. - 2/32 AUST INF BN

OFFENCE: AA 15 (1) When on active service absented himself without leave in that he at TOBRUK on the 4 Aug 41 absented himself without leave from his post in C COY area from 0200 hrs till he surrendered himself to VX 3440 A/R.S.M. HORSLEY A.J., of the 9 AUST DIV PRO COY at 2000 hrs on 11 Aug 41.
A period of 7 days, 18 hours.

VERDICT

GUILTY

SENTENCE

60 (SIXTY) DAYS DETENTION.

Sentence confirmed by G.O.C., 9 AUST DIV., 18 SEP 41.

1154. PROMOTIONS - REVERSIONS

QX 4334 A/Sjt Clark J.C. appointment confirmed 20 Sep 41
WX 9054 A/Cpl Rowe R.E. reverts to ranks 21 Sep 41
WX 1047 " Hyde E.G.H. reverts to ranks 21 Sep 41

1155. TRANSFERS

VX 29849 Pte Bryant P.J. transferred to Pet Coy Workshops, 9 Aust Div 22 Sep 41
VX 17097 " Cocks R.C. transferred to 8 Bty, 3 Lt AA Regt 22 Sep 41.

J. Young
.....Capt
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part 1

by

LT COL T.M. Conroy

Comd 2/32 Bn

No 300

28 Sep 41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Bn Orderly Offr	Lieut D.W. Young
next for duty	Lieut A.M. Bennett
Bn Orderly Sjt	Sjt Jeffrey A.S.
next for duty	Sjt Scott J.D.
Bn Orderly Cpl	Cpl Bowman J.
next for duty	Cpl Pollock R.

Duty Coy "C" Coy
next for duty "D" Coy

Duty Coy will provide the following:

(a) MAIN GUARD consisting of 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls, 24 ORs.
(1 Cpl and 15 ORs will dismount at 0600 hrs the following morning and report to Coy).

Dress: shorts, shirts, stockings or socks, puttees, steel helmets.

(b) Fire Picquet Consisting of 1 P1.

Runners 1 from each Coy daily from 0700 hrs to 2000 hrs.
Duty Coy will supply a runner between the hrs
2000 - 0700

2. CANTEEN HOURS

Dry Canteen	1200 hrs to 1330 hrs
Wet Canteen	1630 " to 1715 "
Dry Canteen	1630 " to 1715 "
Wet Canteen	1800 " to 1930 "
Dry Canteen	1800 " to 2030 "

3. SICK PARADE

A Sick Parade will be held daily at the R.A.P. at 2030 hrs.

4. PROMOTION

WE 2097 A/Sjt Opie C.C. appointment confirmed as from 4 Apr 41.

.....*D.W. Young*.....Capt
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

Bn Church Parade will be held at 1000 hrs
Monday 29 Sep 41 in area EAST of the camp
beyond the loop road.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part 1

by

LT COL T.M. CONROY

COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN

No 301

29 Sep 41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Bn Orderly Offr	Lieut A.M. Bennett
next for duty	Lieut D.F. Eacott
Bn Orderly Sjt	Sjt Scott J.D.
next for duty	Sjt Berry A.
Bn Orderly Cpl	Cpl Pollock R.
next for duty	Cpl Mills C.F.
Duty Coy	"D" Coy
next for duty	"A" Coy

Orderly Offr will arrange for a runner to collect despatches at Bde at the following hrs:

0900	hrs
1200	"
1700	"

2. SICK PARADE

Sick Parade will be held daily at the R.A.P. at 0700 hrs.

3. SPECIAL BREAKFAST

Breakfast for TEL AVIV leave personnel tomorrow will be at HQ Coy cookhouse at 0700 hrs.

4. MEAL TIMES - Alteration

Evening Meal in future will be at 1715 hrs.

.....*J. J. J.*.....Capt
 Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

by

Lt. Col. T.M. Comroy
No. 303Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
30 Sep 41

1. DUTIES.

Duties commence at 1800 hrs.

Bn Orderly Officer
Next for dutyLieut D.P. Eacott
Lieut J.J. DavidsonBn Orderly Sjt
next for dutySjt Berry A.
Sjt Armstrong E.A.Bn Orderly Cpl
next for dutyCpl Mills C.F.
Cpl Sherringham H.Duty Coy
next for duty"A" Coy
"B" CoyTheatre Picquet next for duty HQ Coy1 Offr 1 Sjt 1 Cpl and 12 ORs to report direct to
Theatre at 1730 hrs, 1 Oct 41.Fire Picquet Supplied by duty Coy., consisting of
1 Pl.
Tour of duty - 1800 - 0600 hrs.2. SICK PARADE

Daily Sick Parade will be held at the R.A.P. at 0630 hrs.

3. PROMOTIONS

NX 11889	Cpl Garnsey K.A.	appointed A/Sjt 30 Sep 41
VX 17575	A/Cpl Brough E.J.	appointment confirmed 30 Sep 41
VX 17575	A/Cpl Brough E.J.	appointed A/Sjt 30 Sep 41
QX 7356	Pte McNae R.	appointed A/Cpl 30 Sep 41
WX 6169	" Waters T.A.	appointed A/Cpl 30 Sep 41
WX 10440	" Moon R.E.	appointed A/Cpl 30 Sep 41
WX 9054	" Rowe H.E.	appointed A/Cpl 30 Sep 41
VX 46524	A/Cpl Brown K.W.	appointment confirmed 30 Sep 41

4. TRANSFERS

QX 67	Pte Sier A.J.	transferred to 2/33 Aust Inf Bn 30 Sep 41
NX 8749	Sjt McDermott R.I.	" from HQ Coy to D Coy
NX 11889	A/Sjt Garnsey K.A.	" from B Coy to D Coy
NX 11303	A/Sjt Armstrong E.A.	" from B Coy to D Coy

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Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Notions

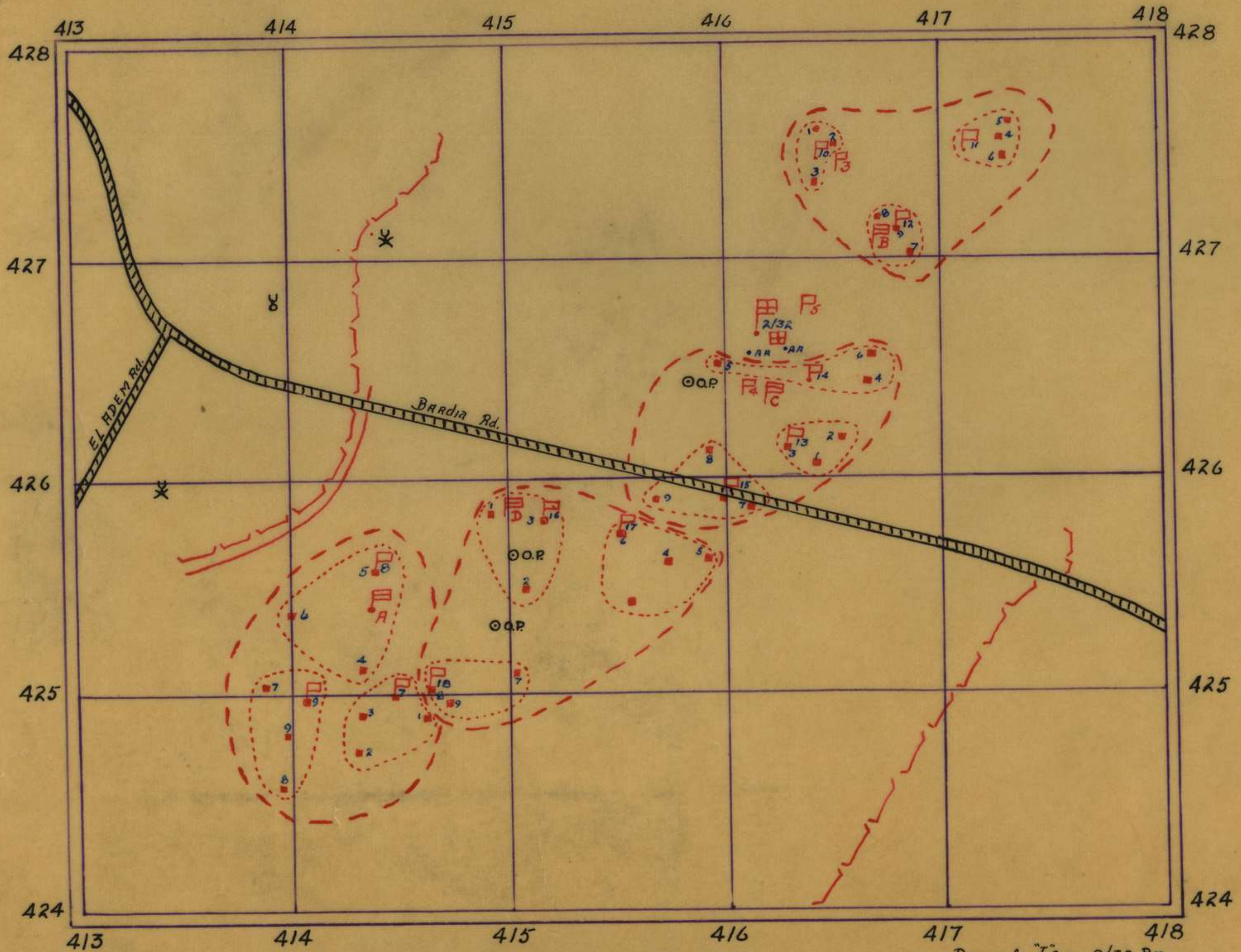
Found

Set of false teeth
Tin, containing toilet necessities
Owners may claim for above at Bn HQ

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Reserve Posn SIDI DAUD

2/32 Bn.



Scale: 1/25000

Drawn by I Sec 2/32 Bn.
6 Sep 41

16. Limit of Exploitation Extent of enemy wire to NORTH and N.W.
17. Rallying Point Will be established on "TRADE ROUTE" 200^x N.W. of enemy wire.
18. Route of Withdrawal Main traffic route S.E. to minefield, thence Northwards to BASH.
19. Signal for Withdrawal Series of Us (··-) on whistle.
20. CDF Plan 414 Bty 104 RHA.

Target.	Rate of Fire.	Time.	Shell.
Registered area Sqs 412414 - 419414.	Intense	S - S plus 3	H.E.
"	"	S plus 4 - S plus 7	H.E.
"	"	S plus 8 - S plus 10	10% Smoke

21. Timings
- | | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Leave Present Coy Area | 1930 hrs. |
| Leave Post R69 | 2045 hrs. |
| Arrive Minefield | 2305 hrs. |
| Leave Minefield | 2310 hrs. |
| Arrive F U P | 2315 hrs. |
| Leave F U P | 2320 hrs. |
| Contact | 2330 hrs. |

ADM

22. Weapons W.E. Scale plus 2 TSMGs and 1 Bren Gun will be carried.
1 - 2" Mortar only will be carried.
3 Grenades per man.
23. Amn Riflemen - Mags charged, 50 rds bandolier.
TSMGs - 5 mags per gun loaded.
Bren Gunners - 7 mags per gun loaded.
Mortars - 12-2" bombs.
24. Rations Water bottles will be carried filled.
25. Dress Shorts, shirt (Sweater underneath shirt optional), Web Eqpt,
Steel Helmets.
Fd Dressing in left shirt pocket; Paybook in right.
26. Medical 8 SBs (4 stretchers) will move with Res Sec, 2 Pl.
Adv RAP - BASH.
Guides to Adv RAP - 2/43 Bn will establish a series of posts
at 200^x intervals from Pt 137 EAST to 400^x beyond Pt 143.
Evacuation of wounded from BASH to 2/43 Bn RAP at ESSEX by
2 - 1 ton trucks (2/32 Bn) and 1 - 1 ton truck (2/43 Bn).
5 Carriers (2/43 Bn) will stand by in rear of Post R62.
27. Transport Equip 4 - 3 ton vehs will report to "D" Coy H.Q. at 1900 hrs
13 Sep 41, will transport raiding party from present location
to Post R69, and will then stand by in rear of Post R62 for
return journey.
28. Discipline Strict night operations discipline will be maintained. No
letters or personal papers will be carried.
No colour patches will be worn.
29. Stand-To All Coys 2/43 Bn will Stand-To during the operation.

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- 30. Report Centre 2/32 Bn Report Centre will be established at ESSEX BOX at 2100 hrs 13 Sep 41. Comm by line from BOB and BASH to Report Centre, thence to 2/43 Bn H.Q.
2/43 Bn Sigs will install phone at ESSEX BOX Sig Centre.
- 31. CDF Signal Verrey light. GREEN GREEN GREEN - 10 secs - GREEN GREEN GREEN. repeated if necessary.
- 32. Reports OPs at BOB, BASH, and ESSEX will watch for signal and report immediately.
- 33. Guide for Direction 2/43 Bn will arrange for one round of tracer to be fired at 5 min intervals from Posts R61 and R67 from 2330 hrs until ordered to stop.

ACK

T.O.O. 1700 hrs.

Method of Issue DRLS and Runners.


Capt.
 Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

COPY NO.....

<u>DISTRIBUTION.</u>		Copy No.
"A" Coy		1
"B" Coy		2
"C" Coy		3
"D" Coy		4-7
"HQ" Coy		8
2/7 Fd Coy		9
104 RHA		10-12
2/43 Aust Inf Bn		13
C.O.		14
2 i/c		15
Adj. t		16
I.O.		17
Q.M.		18
T.O.		19
Sigs		20
24 Aust Inf Bde		21-23
POLISH Bde		24
2/28 Aust Inf Bn		25
RMO		26
RSM		27
WAR DIARY		28-30
Spares		31-33

THE ANSWER

BELIEVE IT WHEN YOU SEE IT IN THE NEWS

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THE GREAT BATTLE OF LENINGRAD APPEARS TO BE FLARING UP TO A CLIMAX. In the North the Finns claim to have advanced beyond their original frontier, but are reported to be meeting fierce Russian resistance. The toughest fighting is West and South of Leningrad, where the Germans are throwing their heaviest tanks, flame throwers, and their crack Panzer Divisions into the battle. The Germans are trying to seize and consolidate positions for a final offensive. They claim that already Leningrad is under artillery fire, but a despatch from the city reports persistent Russian counter attacks. The Soviet Information Bureau reports that already Russians have taken villages, routing German army regiments, and taking large quantities of equipment. A German newsagency admits the Russian counter offensive. Russian bombers smashed two forward German dromes, destroying 74 planes. Russian Marines have been severely mauling German troops at Odessa. The Russian Air Force raided Berlin on Thursday night; at first Berlin officials claimed there was no damage - but three hrs later admitted that 72 people had been killed and 30 injured. As a result of the raid the German Radio was out of the air for some considerable time, and this enabled German listeners to hear, uninterrupted, the "GHOST VOICE" that breaks in on the German broadcasts. The Mystery Voice gave figures of German losses, 2,000,000 on the Eastern front and thousands of guns, planes and tanks destroyed. "THE VOICE" summed up two years of war as a series of lost battles for Germany - The Battles of England, Atlantic, ASIA Minor. Germany was fighting against BRITAIN, AMERICA and RUSSIA. No one would make peace with HITLER - he had broken too many pledges. DOWN WITH HITLER! FREE GERMANY!

News has just come through that on top of the breaking up of an Italian convoy, an 11,000 ton ship was sunk off the coast of TRIPOLI. Also that a large Italian convoy is being attacked in the Central Medit.

THE NEWS

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THE GREAT BATTLE OF LENINGRAD APPEARS TO BE FLARING UP TO A CLIMAX. In the North the Finns claim to have advanced beyond their original frontier, but are reported to be meeting fierce Russian resistance. The toughest fighting is West and South of Leningrad, where the Germans are throwing their heaviest tanks, flame throwers, and their crack Panzer Divisions into the battle. The Germans are trying to seize and consolidate positions for a final offensive. They claim that already Leningrad is under artillery fire, but a despatch from the city reports persistent Russian counter attacks. The Soviet Information Bureau reports that already Russians have taken villages, routing German army regiments, and taking large quantities of equipment. A German newsagency admits the Russian counter offensive. Russian bombers smashed two forward German dromes, destroying 74 planes. Russian Marines have been severely mauling German troops at Odessa. The Russian Air Force raided Berlin on Thursday night; at first Berlin officials claimed there was no damage - but three hrs later admitted that 72 people had been killed and 30 injured. As a result of the raid the German Radio was out off for some considerable time, and this enabled German listeners to hear, uninterruptedly, the "GHOST VOICE" that breaks in on the German broadcasts. The Mystery Voice gave figures of German losses, 2,000,000 on the Eastern front and thousands of guns, planes and tanks destroyed. "THE VOICE" summed up two years of war as a series of lost battles for Germany- The Battles of England, Atlantic, ASIA Minor. Germany was fighting against BRITAIN, AMERICA and RUSSIA. No one would make peace with HITLER - he had broken too many pledges. DOWN WITH HITLER!. FREE GERMANY!

News has just come through that on top of the breaking up of an Italian convoy, an 11,000 ton ship was sunk off the coast of TRIPOLI. Also that a large Italian convoy is being attacked in the Central Medit.

Sgt D.A. Ashorn
Pte A.C. Allard

Editor.
Sub-Editor.

Believe it when you see it in - The Newt

BERLINS' BIGGEST PASTING YET

BRITAIN OCCUPIES NORWEGIAN ISLAND

Leningrad Broadcasts Defiance to the German Hordes

Really, I do not know where to start with the news to-day. First class news, it has come from all directions. My thanks to the AASC Coy attached to us at the moment, particularly the O.C., Capt Brandwood. They have gone to a lot of trouble to see that we get the "latest." And I must not forget George Reidy, our Force phone "expert." Sends over Reuter's News to the Forces as regular as clockwork. They are the little cog in the wheel, and that is paper. Supply of some needs "nursing" at the moment, so temporarily - I hope - "The Newt" will come out every second day.

And so to the news. Let me see. Oh, yes, that place they call BERLIN!

BERLIN RECEIVED ITS BIGGEST PASTING YET on Sunday night. The first batch of planes arrived over the city at mid-night, to find the city laid out like a map in the bright moonlight. The last did not leave until the early hours of the morning. The RAF's largest bombers took part; in fact, it was a "record raid," both in weight of bombs dropped, and number of planes participating. Large fires were started all over the city, one blazing fiercely in the centre of Berlin. Many HE bombs burst over a large railway station. The attack has brought a fierce outburst from German newspapers, such as: "The attack was one of the most rotten made on Berlin, but the shameful attack would be revenged" - "Germany's sword would strike with powerful blows until Britain was brought to her knees."

London says this is just a "pipe-opener" to what the RAF will do this winter.

BRITISH, CANADIAN, AND NORWEGIAN TROOPS have made an unopposed landing on the island of SPITZBERGEN, in the Arctic Ocean, off Norway. Main purpose of the landing is to deny the Nazis access to the coal mines, from which they garnered 600,000 tons last year. Also, this move keeps the sea route open through the Arctic to Russia. And as a result of the raid, some 700 Norwegian merchants, with their families have been landed in Britain; they will all join the Norwegian Forces in Britain.

According to advice received from Cairo an American freighter has been sunk in the Red Sea by a bomb dropped by an as yet unidentified plane.

7 GERMAN AND 1 AUSTRIAN DIVISIONS have been annihilated in the fighting round SMOLENSK during the last week or so. The Russian are counter-attacking strongly, having already recaptured at least one large town.

LENINGRAD has broadcast defiance to the German hordes now battering themselves against the City's defences. It appears that the Germans are still, however, some distance from the City's main defenses. The Germans admit that the Russians' resistance is extremely tough. The Nazis' greatest pressure is from the West and SW. To the South there is a big plain, with a number of roads, but the country is unsuitable for massed attacks, and the marshes to the SE make travelling almost impossible; to the West the Germans have to go through a narrow forest strip subject to heavy fire. There are at least two railway lines connecting Leningrad with the rest of Russia. The German Air Force has been trying to smash Russian communications, and break the people's morale by machine-gunning and strafing. The Leningrad broadcast said that all the danger to the city had not passed, visibility was in sight. The main strength of the Russian Army still seems to be concentrated between SMOLENSK and MOSCOW.

THE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER, NEWS-WEEK, that last week published an article exposing the failure of German strategy has been suppressed.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S WORLD BROADCAST has been postponed until next Thursday, owing to the death of his mother. Mrs Roosevelt was 87.

MR MACKENZIE KING, the Canadian Prime Minister, has arrived back in Canada from England. In an interview he declared his unshaken opposition to an Empire War Cabinet.

A BROADCAST message from ODESSA to MOSCOW said that for nearly a month all German efforts to take the city had been beaten off, and that the enemy would never set his foot inside ODESSA.

GERMAN AIRFIELDS IN THE UKRAINE heavily bombed. Many planes destroyed on the ground. 100 planes have been brought down in the outskirts of LENINGRAD.

THE MOTHERS CLUB

The next Mothers Club edition of The Newt is due shortly. Order your copy now.

And that was nice big mail we received in the last two days. How about a few extracts for insertion in the "MOTHERS, WIVES and SWEETHEARTS CLUB" edition.

Have them sent to BN HQ.

THE EDITOR

Sgt Ahearn D.

THE NEWS

B ELIEVE IT WHEN YOU SEE IT IN - "THE NEWS" 11 Sep 41

B I G RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

STATE OF EMERGENCY IN NORWAY

German Warships Attacked by Royal Navy

The 1st test Russian Communique repeats the usual cautious statement of "Stubborn fighting along the whole of the Front," but the Soviet spokesman has stated that following the Russian victory in the Central Sector the offensive will increase in volume as time passes by. This is the first time that the word "offensive" has been used in these communiqes. The operations are described as being a big Russian success - the smashing of eight German Divisions was no mean achievement. It was more than a "local success" and has had repercussions all along the front. Recent fighting has been on a scale never known in history. The whole of the Central Sector is aptly described as a "mincing machine". The Germans admit their troops have been engaged in heavy fighting against superior forces.

It is not quite clear if many of the messages so far received all refer to the area around SMOLENSK, but it is clear that the German Forces around GOMEL (about half way between SMOLENSK and KIEV) have been given a resounding blow. The Russians have been hitting back with fierce counter-attacks, smashing German mechanised and infantry forces, taking an additional 47 guns and much eqpt. Thousands of German dead are on the battlefield. A Moscow paper reports that German tanks are being pursued. The Russian Forces have been practically driving the German Forces off the field, and are reported to have destroyed 300 German tanks, and their casualties border on the 80,000 mark. This serious setback will probably prevent the Germans from swinging southward toward Kiev. In another attempt to cross the Dnioper River the Germans lost 4,000 drowned, and 238 tanks and 50 planes.

The Germans have threatened Leningrad with bombing atrocities on a parallel to those of Warsaw. It is thought possible if a frontal attack fails, the Germans may use parachute troops in large numbers, dropping them behind the defences. A STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED IN NORWAY. Theatres, restaurants, are closed at night, alcoholic drinks forbidden, dancing not allowed, a curfew is set, all transport, except railways, has been stopped - and a cordon of German troops surrounds the city.

THE FIRST BRITISH NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSSIANS was announced yesterday - our light forces smashed German Warships convoying supplies to the Germans in the Far North. Four enemy ships were sunk, including a light cruiser, a destroyer, an armed trawler, and another vessel. The British forces suffered no casualties; SEVEN other enemy ships attacked - one off Norway, one in the Channel, and others in the Mediterranean.

OF THE 27,000 VICHY FORCES IN SYRIA 13,000 have joined the Free French Forces. THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF SPITZBERG ISLAND have been evacuated, and little now remains that could be of use to the enemy. The coal mines have been put out of order, and a dump of 150,000 tons of coal set ablaze. A wireless station, from which Germany received valuable weather reports, was wrecked. Canadian soldiers were disappointed at not coming to grips with the Huns.

THE ENGLISH FOREIGN MINISTER, Mr Eden, said that Axis legations in Iran had been told they must be closed. Italian and German populations must be handed over to the British and Russian Forces.

AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER (Mr Fadden) said yesterday that Australia would spend £225 million on her war effort this financial year. The biggest active service measures since the war began are to be held on the N S W Coast.

ONE OF THE LARGEST CONVOY OF SHIPS EVER TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC has reached Britain. The journey across was uneventful. The record freight is now being unloaded for dispersal.

AMERICAN TANKS have arrived in Australia - announced Army Minister, Mr Spender, today. He added that such deliveries would be made at regular intervals from now. These tanks are to form part of the new Australian Armoured Division.

MAJ-GEN G. BRETT, Chief of US Army Air-Corps, has arrived in the ME after a 10,000 mile journey in a four engined Liberator plane. He will make a detailed study of RAF requirements in the ME.

The day draws nigh when the second edition of the "Mothers, Wives and Sweethearts Club Newt" will see the light of day.

Interesting items about the "doings" of our Club back home, an excellent cover sketched especially for The Newt by Lieut Walker, extracts from letters, news of what is to come, and other little tit-bits, are all included.

But there is one little fly in the ointment. Fifty copies only of the issue will be distributed, and it has been decided to place a small (?) charge of piastres on each copy; all monies to be earmarked for the benefit of the Club. Can you imagine the sales value of the 50 "Original Editions" in the years to come - will be worth fully six "ackers" each.

Of course, as stated in the first issue, copies of The Mothers Club Newt will be distributed to all next-of-kin, etc., from the HQ of our Club in Australia.

So order your copy NOW (through your Coy Orderly Room, or direct to the editor, Sgt D.Ahearn, Bn HQ), and save disappointment.

AND HAVE YOU WRITTEN HOME LETTING YOUR FOLKS KNOW ABOUT THE CLUB

"This Place they call Tobruk." The next time I hear those words I'll go'nerts.' My 'huge fan mail' is choked up with requests for the publication of this poem, written by a relative (son, I believe) of the late 'Banjo' Patterson. So here it is:

THIS PLACE THEY CALL TOBRUK

There's places that I've been in
I didn't like too well
Now England's far too bloomin' cold
And Winton's hot as hell
The Walgett beer is always warm
In each there's something crook
But each and all are perfect to
This place they call TOBRUK

I've seen some duststorms back at home
That made the housewives work
Here there's enough inside our shirts
To smother all of Bourke
Two Diggers cleaned their dugouts
And their blankets out they shook
Two Colonels perished in the dust in
This place they call TOBRUK

There's centipides like pythons
And there's countless hordes of fleas
As big as poodle dogs they come
A-snapping round your knees
And scorpions as large as AFV's
Come out and have a look
There's surely lots of livestock in
This place they call TOBRUK

Sometimes we go in swimming
And float about at ease
The water clear as crystal
And a nice clean salty breeze
When down comes blasted Hermann
And we have to sling our hook
We dive clean to the bottom in
This place they call TOBRUK

(NOTE: Read from left to right)

Extract from a letter from Home: "Darling,

having my hair done to-day, I wrote a reply. Composed in twenty minutes, so don't expect a masterpiece."

Here we are without our men
Doing the flamin' work of ten
Wish they'd all come home again
Buddya buddy, buddy.
Once a week its V.A.D's
Twice a week its A.R.P.
Blackout tests and all you see
Buddy, buddy, buddy.

We reckoned El Agheila
Was none too flash a place
El Abair and Beda Fomm
Weren't in the blinkin' race
At towns this side of Benghazi
We hadn't time to look
But I'll take my oath they're Better than
This place they call TOBRUK

There's militant teetotallers
Who abhor all kinds of drink
There's wives who break good bottles
And pour them down the sink
This place would suit them down to the
ground
We've searched in every nook
But booze is rare as hen's teeth in
This place they call TOBRUK

The shelling's nice and frequent
And they whistle overhead
You go into your dugout
And find shrapnel in your bed
And when the Stukas dive on us
We never pause to look
We're down our holes like rabbits in
This place they call TOBRUK

I really do not think this place
Was meant for you and me
Let's return it to the Arab
And he knows what he can do
We'll leave the God-forgotten place
Without one backward look
We've called it lots of other names
This place they call TOBRUK

I loved the poem B.....B.....B..... . Whilst

Shortages of this and that

Almost scared to buy a hat
Life in general's pretty flat
Buddy, buddy, buddy
Wishing wishing with all our might
You'll dodge the buddy bombs tonight
Curse this buddy war? Too right
Buddy, buddy, buddy

THE NEWT.

BELIEVE IT WHEN YOU SEE IT IN THE NEWT

US NAVY ORDERED TO SHOOT AXIS WARSHIPS ON SIGHT

5 R A A F SQUADRONS ABROAD

Fierce Fighting in Russia

PRES ROOSEVELT HAS ORDERED THE US NAVY to "SHOOT ON SIGHT" any Axis Warships seen in American Defence Waters. It is believed that already hundreds of American Warships were carrying out the President's order. The waters probably most affected would be the "Lease-Lend Routes" - the route to Britain, to South Africa, the Pacific route to Vladivostok, to Rangoon and the Red Sea, and patrols may be needed for the route to Australia, and from Australia to Singapore, India and Africa. A summary of London press comment is that Hitler faces his biggest dilemma of the war - whatever choice he makes he has suffered a first rate defeat. West of Iceland American ships will sink Axis ships on sight, and the British Navy the same East of Iceland. It's up to Hitler! The New York "Times" said there was a risk of open war - Germany must make the choice. ACCORDING TO RUSSIAN REPORTS, the Red Army have forced a crossing of the Lower Dnieper River at four points. A river island has been re-captured in the region of Dnepropetrovsk. Two villages have also been re-taken on the Western side of the river. German and Rumanian troops suffered heavily.

MOSCOW IS THE PEAK of a vast triangle, with Leningrad and Kiev at the two other points. Moscow arranged a broadcast relay yesterday between the three cities. Kiev described the destruction of five German divisions in the approaches to the city. Leningrad said the news of Kiev's resistance had been heard, and added: "Fight like lions, give Death for Death, and Blood for Blood!" Three important villages in the approaches to the city have been recaptured. In a smashing attack on a German drome 22 planes were destroyed. THE GERMAN MARSHAL in charge of the attack on Leningrad has ordered that the city must be taken within the next few days - at any cost! One explanation of the hurry is the possible threat to German L. of C. 200 miles to the South, and the German High Command complaint of bad weather and terrible roads. A German commentator has stated that frozen ground would be much preferable to the present bogs.

AT KIEV THE RUSSIANS are holding the front of the city, but the Germans are believed to be threatening the rear from the direction of Gomel.

THE RUSSIANS ARE making strong counter-attacks in the Smolensk area. The Germans are driving toward Murmansk in the North, and the Russians are counter-attacking, but for the present the position is very vague.

AUSTRALIAN AIR MINISTER, Mr McEwen, said to-day that five R.A.A.F. squadrons equipped with the most modern aircraft are serving abroad, and that these are only part of Australia's contribution to the 'Air War.'

THERE ARE MORE AIF POWs of this war than in the whole 4½ years of the 'Great War.'

THE SUEZ CANAL WAS VISITED by enemy planes on Thursday night; HE and incendiaries were dropped. Some damage done to civilian property, and two persons killed. RAF night fighters intercepted the enemy, shooting down one plane and damaging others.

RAF Blenheims attacked an enemy convoy off the Dutch Coast - one large ship left afire with a heavy list to port. Fighter Command aircraft carried out offensive operations over North Sea and Dutch Coast.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT announces that American owned ship MONTANA was sunk a few hours before Pres Roosevelt's speech.

LATER RUSSIAN NEWS: Germans admit Russian attacks in Central Sector - attack made on German inf Div by Russians after heavy arty preparation, supported by tanks. German communique states operations are progressing favourably despite bad weather and difficult terrain. Soviet communique, however, besides stating Russian troops fought enemy along entire front, admit evacuation of CHERNIGOV, about eighty miles NE of Leningrad. Battle proceeding with incredible ferocity. Eleven German planes shot down in attempted raid on Leningrad. Isolated planes broke through and dropped incendiary bombs and he, causing some fires, which were immediately extinguished.

THE EDITOR Sgt D. Ahearn

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<u>KILO 89 Camp</u> <u>PALESTINE</u>	1st	Elementary training was commenced today.	SKETCH OF DERNA RD. R.Os - 1 sector	
	2nd	Elementary training continued.	R.Os - 2	
	3rd	Preparations made for inspection by G.O.C. General Sir Thomas Blamey, to be made in few days. 18 ORs comprising "X" list and Reinforcement personnel marched in today.	R.Os - 3	
	4th	Brigade parade - 24th Aust Inf Bde paraded and was inspected by Bde Comd. - Brigadier Godfrey. Afternoon spent at leisure.		
	5th	Bde Church Parade held this morning, Chaplain Riley officiating and addressing the parade.	R.Os - 4	
	6th	This morning the 24 Aust Inf Bde paraded and was inspected by the G.O.C. - General Sir Thomas Blamey, who then addressed the parade, congratulating the Bde on its effort to date and appealing to every man to work harder than ever in his respective job in order to be prepared for the much sterner struggle ahead. The G.O.C. then took the salute at a march past, following which the Bde again formed up to enable Capt. Frank Hurley and his staff to take further action movie photographs, they having filmed previously the parade and march past.	R.Os - 5	

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Signature..... COMMANDING 2/32 BN. A.I.F.
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<u>KILO 89 Camp</u> <u>PALESTINE</u>	7th	One week of "Bull-ring" training for the whole Bn commenced today.	R.Os - 6	
	8th	Training. Leave continues.	R.Os - 7	
	9th	" " "	R.Os - 8	
	10th	" " "	R.Os - 9	
	11th	" " "	R.Os - 10	
	12th	Church parade this morning, after which rest of day was free, inter camp leave being available to those desiring it.	R.Os - 11	
	13th	New training syllabus commenced, all specialists commencing on their own specialist work. Kit bags arrived from kit store, being received with mixed feelings, pleasure at getting back personal belongings mixed with some annoyance at the additional luggage after travelling light for so long.	R.Os - 12	
	14th	Training continue s.	R.Os - 13	

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Lieut. Col.
COMMANDING 2/32 BN. A.I.F.

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<u>KILO 89 Camp</u> <u>PALESTINE</u>				
	15th	This morning 150 members of the Bn spoke to their families in Australia, the messages were recorded and will be broadcasted at a later date. Weather cooler today, after a long spell of fine, sunny days.	R.Os - 14	
	16th	Training and routine camp life.	R.Os - 15	
	17th	" " " "	R.Os - 16	
	18th	Training this morning, sports in afternoon.	R.Os - 17	
	19th	Church parade this morning, inter camp leave from 1100 hrs.	R.Os - 18	
	20th	Training continued.	R.Os - 19	
	21st	" "	R.Os - 20	
	22nd	Afternoon spent at "Donkey Racing", the "Track" being at rear of 2/28 Bn lines. Races were run on the sweepstake principle, entrance fee 200 mills. Bookmakers were well to the fore, in the persons of Cpl. Vivash and Ptes. Kirkwood - Allard, and an amusing time was had by all.	R.Os - 21	

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COMMANDING 2/32 BN, A.I.F.

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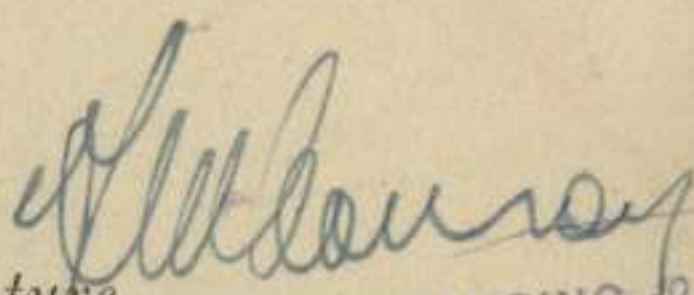
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<u>KILO 89 Camp - PALESTINE</u>	23rd	Training,	R.Os - 22	
	24th	" Six Sgts transferred today to the 25 I.T.B. as instructors to our reinforcements.	R.Os - 23	
	25th	Sports and free period this afternoon.	R.Os - 24	
	26th	Church parade. Three Officers, including Commanding Officer, Lt Col T.M. Conroy, and three ORs left on 7 days leave to CAIRO. The usual amount of leave to various cities in Palestine has been obtained throughout month, and practically everybody in Bn has had at least a few days leave since our arrival in Palestine.	R.Os - 25	
	27th	Weeks training commences.	R.Os - 26	
	28th	Training continues.	R.Os - 27	
	29th	" "	R.Os - 28	
	30th	" "	R.Os - 29	
	31st	" "	R.Os - 30	

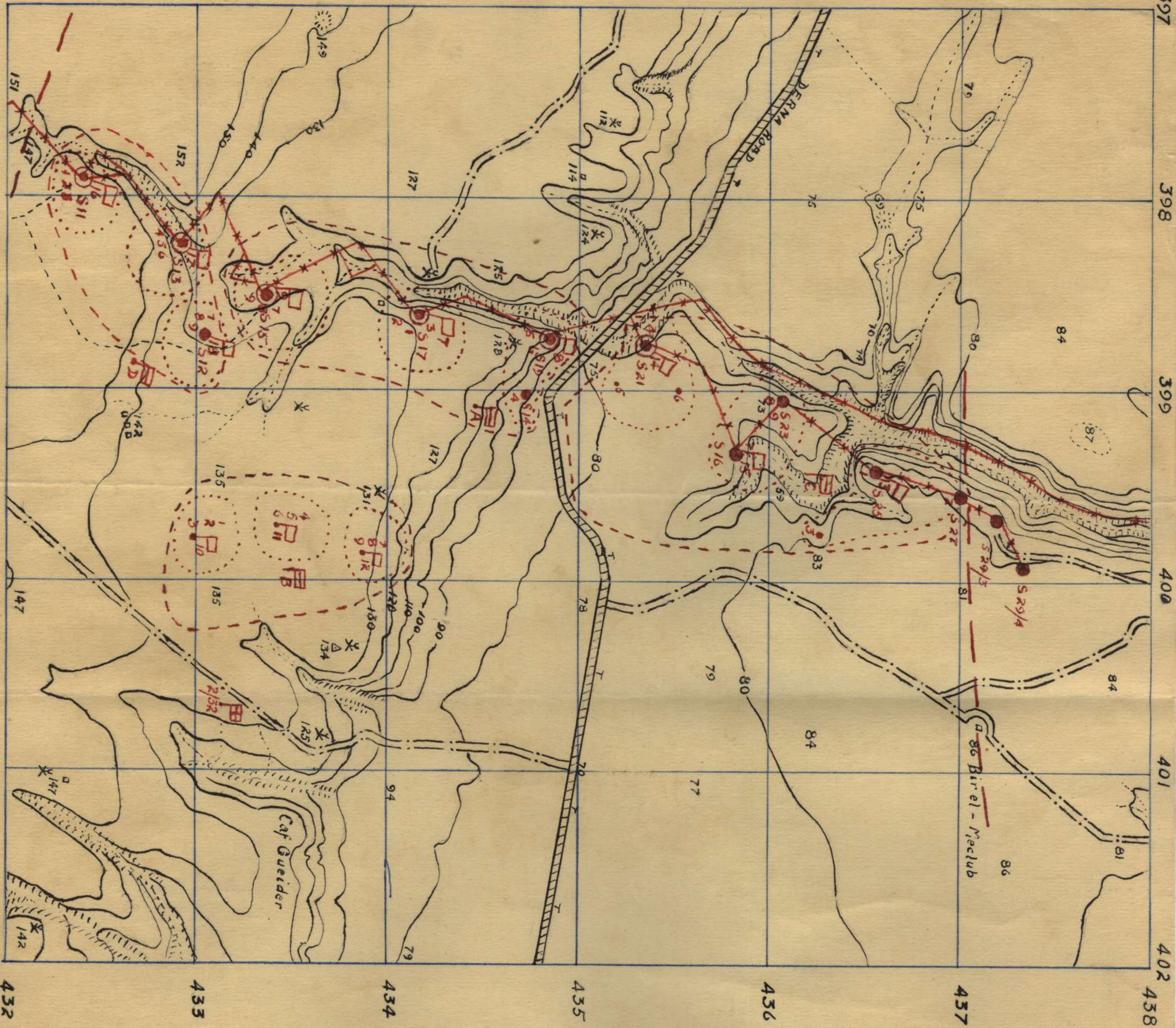
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COMMANDING 2/32 BN. A.I.F.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

by

Lt. Col. T.M. Conroy
304

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
1 Oct 41

1. DUTIES.

Duties commence at 1800 hrs.

Bn Orderly officer
Next for duty

Lieut J.J. Davidson
Lieut A.G. Cronk

Bn Orderly/Sgt
Next for duty

Sjt Patterson R.J.
L/Sjt Battley W.

Bn Orderly/Cpl
Next for duty

Cpl Sherringham H.
Cpl Spring C.

Duty Coy Duty Coy
Next for duty

"B" Coy
"C" Coy

Theatre Picquet

H.Q. Coy.

1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl 12 ORs to report direct
to theatre at 1730 hrs 1 Oct 41.

Fire Picquet

Supplied by Duty Coy/ consisting
of one platoon.

Tour of Duty: 1800 hrs - 0600 hrs.

2. PUNISHMENTS.

NX 12822 A/Cpl Anderson G.A.

Charge: AA15 (1) Absenting himself
without leave from 2200 hrs 27 Sep 41
until apprehended by 6 Div Provost
Coy at TEL AVIV at 12400hrs 27 Sep 41

Punishment:
Severely reprimanded and reduced to
the ranks.

VX 46982 Pte Boyce F.

Charge:
AA15 (1) Absenting himself without
leave from 2200hrs 27 Sep 41 to 0800
hrs 28 Sep 41.

Punishment:
Fined £5, 14 days C.B.

VX 14225 Pte Stroud R.A.

Charge:
AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave
from 2200hrs 27 Sep 41 until
apprehended by the 6 Div Aust Div Pro
Vost Coy in TEL AVIV at 2220 hrs 27
Sep 41.

Punishment:
Fined £5, 14 Days C.B.

VX 6615 Pte Larson A.

Charge:
AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without
leave from 2200 hrs 27 Sep 41 until
apprehended by 6 Aust Div Provost Coy
at 2220 hrs 27 Sep 41

Punishment:
Fine £5, 14 days C.B.

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Nx 10018 Pte Coupe W.T.

Charge:
AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave from 2200 hrs 27 Sep 41 until apprehended by 6 Aust Div Provost Coy at 2220 hrs 27 sep 41.

Punishment:
Fine £5, 14 Days C.B.

VX 401 Pte Culverhouse W.

Charge:
AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave from 2200 hrs 27 Sep 41 until apprehended by 6 Aust Div Provost Coy in TEL AVIV at 0100 Hrs 28 Sep 41

Punishment:
Fine £5, 14 Days C.B.

SX 2013 Pte Davis W.E.

Charge:
AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave from 2200 hrs 27 Sep 41 Until Apprehended By 6 Aust Div Provost Coy in TEL AVIV at 0100 hrs 28 Sep 41

Punishment:
Fine £5, 14 days C.B.

QX 4712 Pte Dudley A.F.

Charge:
AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without Leave from 2200 hrs 27 Sep 41 until apprehended by 6 Aust Div Provost Coy in TEL AVIV at 2316 Hrs 27 Sep 41.

Punishment:
Fine £5, 14 Days C.B.

VX 6213 Pte Sheedy D.L.

Charge:
AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave from 2200 hrs 27 Sep 41 until apprehended in TEL AVIV at 2220 Hrs by 6 Aust Div Provost Coy.

Punishment:
£5 Fine, 14 Days C.B.

SX 283 Pte Carey S.R.

Charge:
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Punishment:
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VX 32526 Pte Dowley G.

Charge:
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Punishment:
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SX 2033 Pte Waldron H.K.N.

Charge:
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Punishment:
Fine £5, 14 Days C.B.

SX 2136 Pte O'Connell J.J.

Charge:

AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave from 2200 hrs 27 Sep 41 until apprehended by 6 Aust Div Provost Coy in TEL AVIV at 0100 hrs 28 Sep 41

Punishment:

Fine £5, 14 Days C.B.

SX 342 L/Cpl Wilson S.J.

Charge:

AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave from 2200 hrs 27 Sep 41 until Apprehended by 6 Aust Provost Coy in TEL AVIV at 0100 hrs 28 Sep 41.

Punishment:

~~Reduced to rank~~

SX 323 T/Sgt Ross P.

Charge:

AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave from 2200 hrs 28 Sep 41 until apprehended by 6 Aust Div Provost Coy in TEL AVIV at 0225 hrs 29 Sep 41.

Punishment:

Reduced to rank of Corporal.

SX 1104 L/Sgt Howlett J.H.

Charge:

AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave from 2200 hrs 28 Sep 41 until apprehended by 6 Aust Div Provost Coy in TEL AVIV at 0225 Hrs 29 Sep 41.

Punishment:

Reduced to rank of Corporal.

3. Censorship.

In outgoing letters troops may say "I am in Palestine".
No mention will be made of any unit moves to Palestine or a description of the method of transport or any other indication that a move or moves have taken place.

.....*J. Young*..... Capt
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE.

Lt. Col. T.M. Conroy
305

by

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2 Oct 41

1. DUTIES.

Duties commence at 1800 hrs.

Bn Orderly Officer
Next for duty

Lieut A.G. Cronk
Lieut H.G. Davies

Bn Orderly Sgt
Next for duty

L/Sgt Battley W.H.
Sgt Armstrong A.E.

Bn Orderly Cpl
Next for duty

Cpl O'Connell G.
Cpl Waters T.A.

Duty Coy
Next For Duty

"C" Coy
"D" Coy

Fire Picquet supplied by duty Coy, Consisting of
one Platoon.

Tour Of Duty 1800 hrs - 0600 hrs.

2. Special Order Of the Day - Promulgation.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

by

MAJOR-GENERAL L.J. MORSHEAD. C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.

Commanding TOBRUK FORTRESS.

It is my great privilege to communicate to all ranks the following message received from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, and to say how deeply I realize the gallantry and devotion to duty which has justly earned such historic recognition:-

" I am very proud to convey to you the following text of a resolution which was passed by both houses of parliament of the Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA:

Parliament of the Commonwealth has placed on record its appreciation of your magnificently stubborn feat of arms.

The Prime Minister and the Ministers for the Army therefore convey to you this Parliament's congratulations on your most effective, gallant and courageous resistance. When the history of this war is written, the epic of TOBRUK will certainly be one of its most glorious pages. "

20 Sep 41

(Sgd) L.J. Morshead

Major General

3. SHAVING

Troops are **NOT** to shave in the showers.

4. USED RAZOR BLADES

Used razor blades will be placed in receptacles provided.

5. PROMOTIONS REVERSIONS SPEC PAY

TX	1006	Cpl	Nicholls G.J.	appointed A/Sjt 2 Oct 41
QX	3019	Pte	Bemrose R.	appointed A/Cpl 2 Oct 41
NX	8446	"	Shanly A.D.	appointed A/Cpl 2 Oct 41
WX	2159	A/Cpl	Bowman J.S.	reverts to ranks at own request 2 Oct 41
VX	14189	Pte	Bradford W.C.	granted Gp 1 Spec Pay as Bricklayer 2 Oct 41
WX	2149	"	Christmas M.	granted Gp 11 Spec Pay as Carpenter 2 Oct 41
WX	9739	"	Hegerty J.P.	granted Gp 11 Spec Pay as carpenter 2 Oct 41.

6. TEL AVIV LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

Breakfast for TEL AVIV leave personnel tomorrow will be at HQ Coy
Cookhouse at 0700 hrs.

Personnel will assemble in front of Bn HQ at 0725 hrs.

7. PUNISHMENTS

WX 1981 A/Cpl Renton D.L.

Offence: AA 15 (i) Absent without leave from 0800 hrs 28 Sep 41 to
1900 hrs 30 Sep 41.

Punishment: Severely Reprimanded

NX 11820 Pte Kirkwood J.

Offence Using insubordinate language to a superior officer.

Punishment: Six days C.E.

VX 14241 Pte Paterson L.

Offence AA 15 (i) Absenting himself without leave from 0730 hrs
to 1030hrs 28 Sep 41.

Punishment: Admonished

W. Walker
.....Capt
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

by

Lt. Col. T. M. Conroy
306

3
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
3 Oct 41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs.

Bn Orderly Officer
Next for duty

Lieut G. M. Gatward
Lieut J. R. Halligan

Bn Orderly Sjt
Next for duty

Sjt Armstrong E. A.
L/Sjt Anderson N. C.

Bn Orderly Cpl
Next for duty

Cpl O'Connell G.
Cpl Boyce K.

Duty Coy.
Next for duty

D Coy
A Coy

Fire Picquet

Supplied by Duty Coy
Consisting of 1 Pl.

Tour Of Duty

1800 hrs - 0600 hrs.

2. ROPES ETC IN TENTS.

Many ropes or cords have been attached to the inside of tents and are being used for the hanging of clothing, etc. These must be removed immediately - Ropes or cords to be used for this purpose are only permitted if tied between tent poles.

3. HANGING OF SERVICE JACKET

Provided a suitable coat hanger is used Service Jackets are to be hung inside tent on the cord used for airing towels.

All jackets hung in this manner must be in the centre of the tent and to the centre pole.

4. LATRINES

All personnel are advised that whilst alterations are being effected to latrine buildings, extra latrine seats have been placed behind the latrines at present being used.

If the seats inside the building are insufficient it is expected that those outside be used.

5. Battalion Runners.

Previous orders re Bn Runners to be cancelled.

In future there will be two Bn Runners daily to be supplied by the Duty Coy.

J. Young
..... Capt
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICE C. of E.

HOLY COMMUNION is to be held at the Salvation Army Hut at
0700 Hrs Sunday 5 Oct 41.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Monday 6 Oct 41, at Camp Cinema

Two FREE performances by "THE RASCALS", an English Soldier
Concert Party at 1800 hrs and 2015 Hrs.

Friday 10 Oct 41

Two performances by the TROUPERS at 1800 hrs and 2000 hrs, the
performance will be a repeat of that given on 25 Sep 41.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

by

Lt. Col. T. M. Conroy
308

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
5 Oct 41

1. DUTIES

DUTIES COMMENCE AT 1800 hrs.

Bn Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut D. W. Young Lieut A. M. Bennett
Bn Orderly Sjt Next for Duty	Sjt Balkin A. J. Sjt Clark J. C.
Bn Orderly Cpl Next for Duty	Cpl Cameron A. Cpl Wright G. J.
Duty Coy Next for Duty	C Coy B Coy
Fire Picquet	As per R.O. 4 Oct 41
Offr's Mess Fatigue	As per R.O. 4 Oct 41

2. VISIT OF G.O.C., A.I.F.

G.O.C., A.I.F. will inspect Units of 24 Aust Inf Bde at 1000 hrs
Monday 6 Oct 41:

Parades will be as follows:

0800 hrs markers to report on Bn Parade Ground.
0815 Bn Parade.
0845 Markers to S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde On Parade
ground.

3. TAKEN ON STRENGTH - DRAFT.

The following X list personnel and reinforcements were taken on
strength from 25 Aust I.T.B. on 3 Oct 41.

X List

VX 3750	Pte Woodyard J.	"A" Coy
SX 476	Pte Urton J. F.	" "
QX 7337	Pte Weier S. W.	" "
QX 2260	Pte Stapleton T. A.	"B" "
NX 806	A/Cpl Reeves S. E.	" "
VA 27032	Pte Lyne C. W.	"C" Coy
VX 45479	Pte Loney J.	" "
QX 2591	Sjt Thompson	" "
VX 47503	Pte Currey D. R.	" "
WX 2098	Pte Warwick R. A.	H.Q. "
QX 4334	Sgt Clark	" "
QX 4203	Cpl Calcino A. V.	" "

REINFORCEMENTS

WX 9780	Pte Duff C. W.	"A" Coy
WX 9808	Pte Adams B. E.	"B" "
WX 9029	Pte Harris A. J.	"D" "
WX 9772	Pte Swann B. K. H.	" "
WX 9804	Pte Gibson J.	H.Q. Coy
WX 9705	Pte Smailes B. S.	" "

4. AUSTRALIAN COMFORT FUND.

Receipt is acknowledged from A.C.F. of the following goods. They have been distributed throughout the unit

663 Tins Tobacco
663 Tins Tobacco
663 Pkts cigarette papers
663 cakes of soap
1989 P.K.s
663 tins boot polish
331 tins veg soup
663 bars shaving soap
663 handkerchiefs
682 pkts cigarettes
171 tins of soup

5. REVERSION

WX 1981 A/Cpl Renton D.L. reverts to rank of Pte at own request
3 Oct 41.

J. Young Capt.
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part 1

by

LT COL T.M. CONROY

COND 2/32 AUST INF BN

No 309

6 Oct 41

1. DUTIES

Field Officer of the Day

next for duty (mount Retreat 7 Oct 41) Capt. A.D. Patric

Bn Orderly Offr
next for dutyLieut A.M. Bennett
Lieut D.F. EscottBn Orderly Sjt
next for dutySjt Clark J.C.
Sjt Sargeant D.A.Bn Orderly Cpl
next for dutyCpl Wright G.J.
Cpl Moon R.E.

Duty Coy

"B" Coy

next for duty

"D" Coy

Cinema Picquet

next for duty (report theatre 1730 hrs
7 Oct 41)

Hq Coy

Duty Coy will supply a Picquet of 1 NCO 15 ORs
for Showers and Ablution Benches.

Fire Picquet as per ROs 4 Oct 41

Offrs Mess Fatigue as per ROs 4 Oct 41

2. LAUNDERING OF UNIFORMS - S.D.

- (a) Arrangements have been made for the laundering of jacket and trousers, S.D.
- (b) Each article will be labelled with a tin disc to be supplied by Q.M. and discs will be numbered to ensure that each uniform is returned to its owner.
- (c) All badges will be removed and peckets cleaned out.
- (d) All uniforms for laundering will be handed in, correctly labelled, by 1000 hrs, Sunday, 12 Oct 41.

3. TRANSFER

SX 261 Pte Blencowe A. transferred to 1 Aust Gen Hosp on 6 Oct 41.

..... Capt.
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

Lost

1 Egyptian wallet containing photos.
Property of WX 6213 Pte Heedy D.J.
Finder please return to this Hq.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part 1

**LT COL T.M. CONROY
No 310**

by

**COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN
7 Oct 41**

1. DUTIES

Duties commence 1800 hrs

Field Officer of the Day	Capt A.D. Petrie
Bn Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut D.F. Eacott Lieut J.J.G. Davidson
Bn Orderly Sjt next for duty	Sjt Sargeant D.A. Sjt Thompson K.
Bn Orderly Cpl next for duty	Cpl Moon R.E. Cpl Christie F.R.
Duty Coy	"D" Coy
Next for duty	"A" Coy
Cinema Picquet (report theatre 1730 hrs	HQ Coy
Fire Picquet	as per previous ROs.
Offrs Mess Fatigues	as per previous ROs.
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

Received from Australian Comforts Fund the following goods -

1 Set Dominoes	1 Set Chess
1 Set Draughts	1 Set Chinese Checkers
4 Packs of Cards	1 Bladder
240 Prs Stockings	6 Cricket Balls
1 Cricket Set	3 Footballs

3. LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

Personnel for 2 day special Jerusalem leave tomorrow, 8 Oct, will form up in front of HQ at 1245 hrs and will report to Bde HQ at 1300 hrs.

Lieut Eacott D.F. will be i/c of the party.

4. TRANSFER

VX 42710 Pte Mallan L.C. from "C" Coy to HQ Coy.

J.W. Young
.....Capt
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

LOST : Two Lee Enfield rifles - C 574 and II 34 -
Coys will check and notify in HQs by 1200 hrs 8 Oct '41
if these rifles are in their possession.
NIL returns are required.

LOST : Part upper dental plate, property of VX 41310 -
Pte G. T. Anderson. Finder please return to this HQ.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders . Part 1

by

LT COL T.M. CONROY

COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN.

No 311

8 Oct 41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Bn Orderly Offr
next for duty

Lieut J.J.G. Davidson
Lieut A.G. Cronk

Bn Orderly Sjt
next for duty

Sjt Thompson K.
Sjt Anderson G.S.

Bn Orderly Cpl
next for duty

Cpl Christie F.A.
Cpl Leesen H.T.

Duty Coy "A" Coy
next for duty "B" Coy

Runners Two from Duty Coy
Fire Picquet As per previous ROs
Offrs Mess Matique As per previous ROs

2. SECURITY

Attention is drawn to Security Regulations governing the disclosure of information in letters. Coy Comds will ensure that all ranks will observe these regulations, especially relating to recent movements. All ranks MUST know that it is an offence to:

- (a) Divulge their last location.
- (b) Route taken from that location
- (c) Method of transport employed during journey.

3. RETURNS

1. Strength States submitted to this HQ 0700 hrs daily
2. Manning Charts submitted this HQ by 1800 hrs on Friday of each week.
3. Sick reports are to be made out by Coys in triplicate. A copy to be submitted to this HQ by 0900 hrs daily.
4. Charge sheets to be made out in duplicate.

4. DUTIES

Duty Coy will supply a Matique Party of one (1) NCO and 10 GRs to report daily at 0715 hrs and clean up the area round Showers and Ablution Houses and Canteen buildings.

5. RAZOR BLADES

All ranks are warned against leaving razor blades in ablution houses or throwing them about the area. Tins have been provided and any future breach of this order will incur disciplinary action.

6. PAY

Commencing Friday, 10 Oct 41 normal fortnightly pay arrangements will apply. Personnel proceeding on two or more days leave may draw pay under special arrangements. Personnel on one day leave are NOT entitled to special drawings.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part 1

by

LT COL T.M. CONROY

COLD 2/32 AUST INF BN.

No 312

9 Oct '41

8

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Bn Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut Young D.W. Lieut G.M. Gatward
Bn Orderly Sjt next for duty	Sjt Waters L.H.T. Sjt Brough E.J.
Bn Orderly Cpl next for duty	Cpl Leeson H.T. Cpl MacCallum E.
Duty Coy next for duty	"A" Coy "C" Coy
Runners	Two from Duty Coy
Fire Picquet	As per previous ROs
Offrs Mess Fatigue	As per previous ROs

2. MAIL to P.O.W.

Before writing to P.O.W. in Germany personnel should study instructions held at this HQs on the subject.

3. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

Received from Australian Comforts Fund the following goods -

Tinned Fruit	348 tins
Vegetable assorted	348 tins

4. TRANSFERS

VX 12747	Pte Lacey E.	from "A" Coy to H Coy.
NX 11273	" Kellcher H.L.	transferred to 1 Aust Gen Hosp.
WX 1700	" Wishart N.	transferred to 1 Aust Gen Hosp.

5. SPECIALIST PAY

VX 12747	Pte Lacey E.	granted Co III Spec Pay (Cook) as from 1 Jul '41
OX 2120	Pte Campbell L.D.	Co III Spec pay cancelled 8 Oct '41
SX 1657	Pte Henderson J.Y.	Co III Spec pay (Tech. Storeman) granted 8 Oct '41

.....
J. Davidson

 Lt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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Routine Orders Part 1
by

LT COL T.M. CONROY
No 313

9
COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN
10 Oct '41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Field Offr of the Day	Capt P.R. Jacoby
En Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut J.R. Halligan Lieut G.M. Gatward
En Orderly Sjt next for duty	Sjt Brough E.J. Sjt Hoffmann S.L.
En Orderly Cpl next for duty	Cpl Massey J. Cpl Leeson H.T.
Duty Coy "C" Coy next for duty "D" Coy	
Cinema Picquet - HQ Coy 1 Offr 1 Sjt 1 Cpl & 12 ORs to report direct to theatre 1730 hrs 10 Oct '41.	
Fire Picquet	As per previous ROs
Offrs Mess Fatigue	As per previous ROs
Runners	2 from Duty Coy.
Showers and Ablution Benches	- This picquet is WITHDRAWN.

2. LOSSES OF PAY BOOKS

A serious view is taken of the increase in loss of pay-books by personnel. In future, a full report is to be submitted to this HQs in the event of loss of pay-book by personnel.

3. SECURITY OF ARMS

It is again stressed that all ranks MUST take particular care against loss or theft of their weapons.

4. BN R.Os.

Coy comds are to ensure that En R.Os are placed in a conspicuous position so that all ranks can read them.

J. J. Davidson
Lieut
for Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE.

by

Lt. Col. T.M. Conroy
No 314

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
11 Oct 41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs.

Bn Orderly Officer
Next for Duty

Lieut J. Morrish
Lieut G.M. Gatward

Bn Orderly Sjt
Next for Duty

Sjt Hoffman S.L.
Sjt Nicholls G.S.

Bn Orderly Cpl
Next for duty

Cpl Leeson A.T.
Cpl McCallum E.

Duty Coy
Next for Duty

"D" Coy
"A" Coy

Fire Picquet
Offrs Mess Fatigue

As per previous ROs.
As per previous ROs.

Fatigue Party

1 N.C.O. and 10 ORs to be supplied
by Duty Coy. Report daily and
clean up area round showers,
Ablution houses and Canteen Build-
ings.

Runners

2 From Duty Coy.

2. TRANSFERS/

- OX 4287 Pte Larcombe P.R. Transferred to 2/1 Aust Field Army
W/Shops 11 Oct 41.
- OX 4327 Pte Larcombe R.R. " " " "
- OX 4329 Pte Ubank R.R. " " " "

J. Sanderson
.....Lieut.
Per Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES

Sunday 12 Oct 41.

Church Of England and O.P.D.s

0700 hrs HOLY COMMUNION Red Shield Hut.
0900 hrs Bn Church Parade Camp Theatre.
Bn Parade 0830 hrs

Roman Catholic

0900 hrs Red Shield Hut.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

by

LT. COL. T. H. Corroy
No 315

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
12 Oct 41

1. DUTIES. Duties commence at 1800hrs Daily

Field Officer of the Day Next for Duty	Capt. N.M. Cahill
Medical Officer Of the Day Next for Duty	Capt W.H. Campbell
Bn Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut G.M. Gatward Lieut J.R. Malligan
Bn Orderly Sjt Next for Duty	Sjt Nicholls G.S. Sjt Garnsey K.D.
Bn Orderly Cpl Next For Duty	Cpl McCallum E. Cpl Loney C.
Duty Coy Next For Duty	"A" Coy "B" Coy
Cinema Picquet Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy
Fire Picquet	As per previous R.O.s
Offr's Mess Fatigue	As per Previous R.Os.
Fatigue Party	As per R.Os. 11 Oct 41
Runners	2 from Duty Coy.

2.
2. MARCHING ON ROADS

In future troops will not march on roads in column of route.
Sections will be dispersed in SINGLE FILE on either side of
the road as in Section Training.

J. Davidson
.....Lieut
For Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part 1

by

LT COL T H CONROY

No 316

COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN

13 Oct 41

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1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Field Offr of the Day	Capt N.M.Cahill
Medical Offr of the Day	Capt W.H.Campbell
Bn Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut J.R.Halligan Lieut D.F.Eacott
Bn Orderly Sjt next for duty	Sjt Garnsey K. L/Sjt Anderson N.C.
Bn Orderly Cpl next for duty	Cpl Jones F.W. Cpl Richardson R.H.
Duty Coy next for duty	"D" Coy "HQ" Coy

Cinema Picquet

1 Offr 1 Sjt 1 Cpl 12 ORs to report direct to Theatre 1730 hrs 13 Oct 41

To be supplied by HQ Coy.

Fire Picquet	as previous ROs
Offrs Mess Fatigue	as per previous ROs
Fatigue Party	as per ROs 11 Oct 41
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. SHOWERS - Tinea Cases

Two roses have been set aside in the hot and cold showers buildings and are to be used ONLY by TINEA CASES.

3. PUNISHMENTS

QX 2983 Pte WATTS G.R.J. AA 15(ii) Failing to appear at place of parade appointed by his CO in that he failed to report at NAZARETH at 1445 hrs 4 Oct 41 5 days CB

VX 46786	" TYE T.R.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
VX 11471	" McLAUGHLIN F.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
NX 33531	" PARKES G.F.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
NX 21113	" BURGE J.H.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

(sentence - 7 days CB)

QX 2825 " McDONALD K. AA 15(ii) Failing to appear place of parade appointed by CO in that he failed to report at HAIFA at 1200 hrs 4 Oct 41 5 days CB

QX 2962	" NEWTON H.J.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
QX 2949	" L'ESTRANGE J.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
QX 2294	" DWYER P.J.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

PUNISHMENTS (continued)

QX 7110 Pte VICKERMAN W, AA 15(ii) Failing to appear place of parade appointed by his CO in that he failed to report at the AUSTRALIAN CLUB at 1900 hrs 5 Oct 41
30 days CB

VX 5555 A/Cpl LAMBRIDGE M.L. AA 15(i) AWL from 2200 hrs 3 Oct 41 until 1200 hrs 6 Oct 41
Reduced to rank of Pte

VX 34690 Pte RILEY L, Absent without leave from 0800 hrs 3 Oct 41 until apprehended by the 6 Aust Div Pro Coy in TEL AVIV at 1035 hrs 3 Oct 41
Fined £ 5 - 14v days CB.

VX 35193 " McManus K.R. Aa 15 (ii) Failing to appear at place of parade appointed by his CO in that he was not on Coy parade 1400 hrs 7 Oct 41.

VX 42503 " Fabricius J.W. " " " " " "

VX 1960 " Freeman W.S. AA 15 (1) Absent without leave from 2200 hrs 5 Oct 41 until apprehended by 6 Aust Div Provost Coy in Jerusalem 2100 hrs 7 Oct 41
Fine £5 14 Days C.B.

" " " " " " AA 19 While being a soldier of the Military Forces of Australia when on active Service in that he, in Jerusalem on 7 Oct 41 was drunk.
Fine 5/-

VX 29867 " Haylock R. AA 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave from 1345 hrs 2 Oct 41 to 1345 hrs 3 Oct 41
Fine £5 14 Days C.B.

VX 46814 " Howe J.A. AA 40 Conduct to Prejudice Good Order and Military Discipline in that he at Hadera at 1400 hrs 5 Oct 41 acted in an unsoldierly like manner
14 Days C.B.

H.L. Davidson
.....Adjt
Adjt Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE.

by

Lt. Col. T. H. Conroy
317

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
14 Oct 41

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1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Bn Orderly Offr
Next for Duty

Lieut D. F. Macott
Lieut A. M. Bennett

Bn Orderly Sjt
Next for Duty

L/Sjt Anderson N. C.
Sjt Hoffman S. L.

Bn Orderly Cpl
Next for Duty

Cpl Richardson R. H.
Cpl Stack E. R.

Duty Coy
Next for Duty

H. Q. Coy
A Coy

Fire Picquet
Offrs Mess Fatigue
Fatigue Party
Runners

As per Previous ROs
As per Previous ROs
As per ROs 11 Oct 41
2 from Duty Coy

2. PUNISHMENTS

VX 42005 Pte Garvey J. F. AA 15 (iii) WOAS being outside bounds of camp area without permission from his C.O. in that he was apprehended by the 6 Aust Div Provost Coy at 2115 hrs on 12 Oct 41 in JAFFA
Fine £5 14 Days C.B.

QX 4524 Pte Crowther L. AA 15 (iii) WOAS being outside bounds of camp area without permission from his C.O. in that he was apprehended by the 6 Aust Div Provost Coy at 2115 hrs on 12 Oct 41 in TEL AVIV.
Fine £5 14 Days C.B.

3. Australian Comforts Fund

Received from the A.C.F. the following goods, which have been distributed through-out the Unit.

703 ounce packets of tobacco
703 Packets of cigarette papers

4. POSTAL

"AIR MAIL" envelopes must NOT be used for surface mail. In future letters intended for surface mail and enclosed in "AIR MAIL" envelopes will NOT be posted, but will be returned to sender.

TRANSFER

VX 9065 Pte Holmes E. Transferred to 2/23 Bn 14 Oct 41.

.....
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn. Capt

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE.

by

LT. COL. T. H. CONROY
318

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
15 Oct. '41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Field Officer of the Day	Major D. P. Sharp
Medical Officer of the Day	Capt. W. H. Campbell
Bn Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut M. J. O'Mara Lieut J. Morrish
Ln Orderly Sjt next for duty	Cpl McLelland R. Sjt McDermott R.
Ln Orderly Cpl next for duty	Cpl McCallum E. Cpl Shaddick H.F.
Duty Coys next for duty	"A" & "D" Coys "D" Coy
Cinema Picquet 1 Cfr 1 Sjt 1 Cpl & 12 to theatre at 1730 hrs.	"D" Coy OR's report direct
Fire Picquet	As per Previous ROs
Fatigue Party	As per Previous ROs
Offrs Mess Fatigue	As per Previous ROs
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM HOSPITAL

ALL Personnel returning from hospital will report to Bn HQ
immediately on arrival.

M. J. O'Mara Lieut.
.....
for Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

Lt. Col. T.H. Conroy
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by

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
16 Oct 41

I. DUTIES.

Duties commence at 1800 hrs Daily.

Field Officer of the Day Next For Duty	Capt. W.R. Stargatt
Medical Officer of the Day Next for Duty	Capt W.H. Campbell
Bn Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut J. Morrish Lieut H.G. Davies
Bn Orderly Sjt Next for Duty	Sjt McDermott R. Sjt Waters L.N.
Bn Orderly Cpl Next for Duty	Cpl Shaddick N.F. Cpl Jones F.W.
Duty Coy Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy A Coy
Cinema Picquet	H.Q. Coy
1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl and 12 ORs to report direct to Cinema at 1730 hrs 17 Oct 41	
Fire Picquet	As per previous ROs
Fatigue party	" " " "
Offrs Mess Fatigue	" " " "
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. DRESS WHILE ON LEAVE

The following instructions will be observed in regard to order of dress to be worn by all ranks when on leave:-

1. Officers

- (a) K.D. Trousers with tunic with collar and tie and belt will be worn by all officers attending public functions or entertainments, race meetings etc, or dining in restaurants or hotels after 1800 hrs or attending theatres or cabarets etc.
- (b) Officers may wear Sam Browne belts, or with K.D. tunic cloth belts to match.
- (c) Belts will be worn in all public places at all times of the day.
- (d) When tunics are worn all buttons will be fastened at all times.

2. ORs.

(a) As far as is possible and subject to articles as being detailed issued or in possession, the following will be the order of dress:-

- (1) Shirt, K.D.
- (2) Shorts K.D.
- (3) Boots, with short puttees or gaiters
- (4) Hat; cap, S.D.; cap F.S.; or beret

DRESS WHILE ON LEAVE (continued)

(5) Belts as issued.

- (b) Commanding Officers will ensure that what ever articles of dress are worn, the turn out of all ranks under their command is at all times smart, tidy and clean.
- (c) Shoes will not be worn by other than officers or warrant officers, Class 1.
- (d) Sticks, fly whisks etc. will not be carried by other ranks.
- (e) Arms will not be carried by other ranks.
- (f) Buttons will be fastened at all times.
- (g) Feaddress will be worn in the street at all times. Hats or caps will not be carried in the hand nor on the shoulder.

3. TROPHIES OF WAR AND OTHER CAPTURED MATERIAL.

It has been found that binoculars and other captured war material including documents and manuals are being sent to Australia by members of the A.I.F.

This practice will cease forthwith.

Such articles reaching Australia will be confiscated and, on receipt of particulars of despatch, disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

4. FIELD SERVICE POSTCARDS - TRANSMISSION BY AIRMAIL.

Commencing 1st November 1941, Field Service Postcards (A.F. A.2042) will be accepted for airmail transmission to Australia. The postage fee on Field Service Postcards is 3d. but the airmail charge of 5d for ordinary postcards is not changed. Cards for airmail should bear an airmail blue label or be effectively marked "By Airmail" in the top left hand corner of the address side.

5. ANKLETS, WEB.

Anklets, Web, will in future be worn with Service Dress in lieu of Gaiters, S.D. Scale of issue is one pair per all ranks. Gaiters, S.D. (Cloth) will be withdrawn and returned to Q.M. immediately.

6. HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS FOR CONSULTATIONS

The following personnel have appointments at 1 AGH on Wed. 22nd Oct. at 0900 hrs.

QX1443	Pte	IRWIN D
QX3693	"	BARSTOW
TX1262	"	WOOD A
VX16615	"	LARSEN A.
TX9382	"	SHEARER R.
QX7054	"	LUDLOW H
VX26895	"	ALLISON W T G
VX12466	"	MAHER M H
VX22239	"	HILLIER T R

It is important that these appointments be kept otherwise future consultations will be difficult to obtain.

7. CAIRO LEAVE

The undermentioned personnel have been granted leave to CAIRO, commencing Sunday 19 Oct '41.

Capt A.D.Petrie
Capt. W.R.Sturgatt
Lieut J.J.Davidson

VX 13338 Pte Webb G.F.
QX 1633 Pte Hindom M.E.
VX 45404 Pte Cotterill T.
VX 2159 Pte Bowman J.S.

NX 8058 Pte Wittenden C.
VX 12466 Pte Maher M.H.
VX 3042 Cpl Coffey B.J.

3. HITCH HIKING

The practice among Military personnel of hailing passing vehicles for the purpose of obtaining carriage between camps and towns has assumed such proportions as to constitute a grave menace to drivers in addition to being extremely dangerous to the personnel themselves. This is evidenced by the accidents, some fatal, which have occurred quite recently.

All personnel are therefore warned that:-

- (a) Hitch-Hiking is forbidden
- (b) Drivers will not carry ORs or civilians without authority.
- (c) Leave passes must be carried by all personnel leaving camp area.

9. SLIT TRENCHES - CLEANLINESS.

Coys are responsible for cleanliness of slit trenches in their area. Organised fatigue parties will clean trenches daily.

10. CLOSING OF TENT FLAPS

Coy line picquets are responsible for closing tent flaps during inclement weather.

J. Young
.....Capt.
Adj. 2132 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

by

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Lt. Col. T. M. Conroy
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Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
17 Oct 41

DUTIES

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs Daily.

Field Officer for the Day	Capt. W.R. Stargatt
Medical Officer for the Day	Capt. W.H. Campbell
Bn Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut J.T. Cook Lieut H.G. Davies.
Bn Orderly Sgt Next for Duty	Sjt Clark J.C. Sjt Dell R.
Bn Orderly Col Next for Duty	Cpl Jones F.W. Cpl Linden A.A.
Duty Coy Next for Duty	A Coy B Coy
Fire Picquet	As per previous ROs
Fatigue Party	" " " "
Offr's Mess Fatigue	" " " "
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. LATRINES

Ample supplies of toilet paper have been placed in all latrines and the needless habit of taking newspaper into the latrines will cease forthwith.

W. Young
.....Capt
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

LT COL T.H. CONROY

COID 2/32 AUST INF BN

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18 Oct 41

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1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Field Offr of the Day
next for duty Capt H.M. CAHILL

Medical Offr of the Day
next for duty Capt J.K. CAMPBELL

Bn Orderly Offr
next for duty Lieut H.G. DAVIES
Lieut M.J. O'MARA

Bn Orderly Sgt
next for duty Sjt DELL R.R.
Sjt MITCHELL J.

Bn Orderly Spl
next for duty Cpl LINDEN A.A.
Cpl RANDALL N.V.

Duty Coy "D" Coy
next for duty "E" Coy

Cinema Picquet "HQ" Coy
next for duty

Fire Picquet as per previous ROs
Fatigue Party as per previous ROs
Offrs Mess Fatigue as per previous ROs
Runners 2 from Duty Coy

Duty Coy will supply a fatigue of three (3) ORs to report to Salvation Army Hrt at 0630 hrs Sunday, 19 Oct 41, to assist in cleaning Hrt before Church Service.

2. LEAVE

JERUSALEM has been placed out of bounds for ALL RANKS on leave from 19 - 22 Oct 41, both dates inclusive.

Personnel will NOT visit JERUSALEM during this period unless on duty and in possession of the necessary pass.

3. INOCULATIONS

All Coys will ensure that their personnel are inoculated for T.A.D. and Tetanus. A nominal roll of personnel who have NOT previously been inoculated in 1941 for either of these will be submitted to this Hq by 1800 hrs, 22 Oct 41.

4. MAIL CARDS

Censorship regulations apply to mail cards as well as letters and all cards MUST show No Rank Name and address of sender. If it is NOT desired to deface the card a separate sheet of paper may be enclosed bearing the necessary information.

5. AMMUNITION

A number of recent cases have occurred of captured am being found in Unit lines. Coys will ensure that all such am is handed into this Hq forthwith.

6. MEDICAL

The following personnel have appointments at the 1 A.G.H. at 1230 hrs, 22 Oct 41.

VX 1751	Cpl	BRICE T.A.
VX 1960	Pte	FREEMAN W.
VX 10075	Sjt	PATTERSON R.J.
VX 10034	Pte	RADGER C.
VX 16711	"	EGAN R.C.
VX 2149	"	CHRISTMAS H.

It is IMPORTANT that these appointments be kept otherwise future consultations will be difficult to obtain.

7. P.A.C. Centres

P.A.Cs for the use of personnel are established at the following places.

JERUSALEM	Hotel Fast
TEL AVIV	(1) Provost Building Hayarkon Street
	(2) Tannous Buildings New Commercial Centre JAFFA

.....
Ltjt 2/32 1st InfCapt

NOTICES

Church Services SUNDAY, 19 Oct 41

C. of E. and O.P.s.	0700 hrs	Communion	Salvation Army Hut
in Church Parade	0900 "	Service	KILO 89 Camp Theatre
0830 hrs. (Parade in Coy areas and report when ready to move).			
<u>Roman Catholic</u>	0700 hrs	Mass	Reading Room, Red Shield Hut.
	0900 "		

ACTIVE SERVICE

The attention of ALL ranks is directed to the publication "ACTIVE SERVICE" which is being produced by the M.E. & I Sec and will be available before long. Arrangements have been made for personnel to send copies to Australia, the cost being debited in their pay-book. Order forms are held by the Unit Pay Serjeant to whom application should be made.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

LT COL T.M. CONROY

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COLD 2/32 AUST INF BN

19 Oct '41

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1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Field Offr of the Day	Capt N. H. GIBILL
Medical Offr of the Day	Capt W. H. CAMPBELL
Bn Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut J. R. HALLIGAN Lieut M. J. O'NEILL
Bn Orderly Sjt next for duty	Sjt MITCHELL J. Sjt THOMPSON H.L.
Bn Orderly Col next for duty	Cpl RANDALL E.V. Cpl SMITH F.J.
Duty Coy next for duty	"HQ" Coy "A" Coy
Cinema Picquet	"HQ" Coy
Fire Picquet	as per previous ROs
Fatigue Party	as per previous ROs
Offrs Mess Fatigue	as per previous ROs
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. PUNISHMENTS

VX 46742 Pte Starbuck G. A.A. 40 WOAS Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at KILO 89 on 17-10-41 left his rifle unattended in an empty tent
3 Days C.B.

VX 1960 Pte Freeman W.E. A.A. 40 M.O.A.S. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at KILO 89 on 17-10-41 after being spoken to by a Superior officer called out from the ranks "I'm wearing my tunic today and tomorrow, I'll wear my greatcoat if I'm cold again" or words to that effect.
3 Days C.B.

A.A. 40 WOAS. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, at KILO 89 at 0900 hrs on 17-10-41, was unshaven
3 Days C.B.

J. J. Young
.....Capt
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN TERRITIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

by

Lt. Col. T. J. Conroy
No 322

Cork 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
20 Oct 41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs daily.

Field Officer of the day
Next for Duty

Major D.P. Sharp

Medical Officer of the day
Next for Duty

Capt W.H. Campbell

Bn Orderly Officer
Next for Duty

Lieut J.T. Cook
Lieut J. Horriah

Bn Orderly Sjt
Next for Duty

Sjt Armstrong E.A.
Sjt Patterson R.J.

Bn Orderly Cpl
Next for Duty

Cpl Smith F.J.
Cpl Millane A.E.

Duty Coy
Next for Duty

"A" Coy
"D" Coy

Cinema Picquet
Next for Duty

"H.Q." Coy

Fire Picquet
Fatigue Party
Officer's Mess
Bumers

As previous ROs
As previous R's
As previous ROs
2 from Duty Coy

2. CLEANING OF RIFLES

Coy Comds will ensure that all rifles are withdrawn from the Armory at least every third day for cleaning.

..... Capt
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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AMERICAN AIR FORCE
ROULETTE CR. R. PART ONE
by

Lt. Col. T. Donroy
344

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
21 Oct 41

1. UTILIS

Duties commence at 1800 hrs daily

Field Officer of the Day	Major D.P. Sharp
Medical Officer of the Day	Capt W.H. Campbell
Bn Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut J. Morrish Lieut D.W. Young
Bn Orderly Sjt Next for Duty	Sjt Patterson R.J. L/Sjt Battley W.H.
Bn Orderly Cpl Next for Duty	Cpl Millane A.W. Cpl Sloan C.
Duty Coy Next for Duty	"D" Coy "B" Coy
Cinema Picquet	H.Q. Coy
Fire Picquet	As per previous ROs
Fatigue Party	As Per previous ROs
Officer's Mess Fatigue	As per previous ROs.
Runners	2 from Duty Coy.

J. Young
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

DONKEY RACES will be held at 1400 hrs 22 Oct 41 in rear of
2/32 Bn lines. All ranks of 2/32 Bn are invited to attend.
BOOKER R. will be in attendance.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

by

Lt. Col. T. H. Conroy
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Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
22 Oct 41

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1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs Daily

Field Officer of the Day	Lieut D.F. Eacott
Medical Officer of the Day	Capt J.H. Campbell
Bn Orderly Officer Next for duty	Lieut D.J. Young Lieut A.H. Bennett
Bn Orderly Sjt Next for Duty	Sjt Waters L.H.T. Sjt Brough L.J.
Bn Orderly Cpl Next for Duty	Cpl Sloan C. Cpl Stack E.R.
Duty Coy Next for Duty	"D" Coy "C" Coy
Fire Picquet Officer's Mess Fatigue Fatigue Party Runners	As per previous ROs " " " " " " " " 2 from Duty Coy

2. LEAVE MATTERS

Personnel for H.A.I.F.A. to day leave tomorrow will have an early breakfast at H.C. cookhouse at 0630 hrs
They will parade at Bn H.Q. at 0700 hrs

D. J. Young
.....Capt
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

Lt. Col. T.M. Conroy
326

by

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
23 Oct 41

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1. **DUTIES**

Duties commence at 1800 hrs Daily

Bn Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut J.R. Halligan Lieut H.G. Davies
Bn Orderly Sjt Next for Duty	Sjt Brough E.J. Sjt Dawson F.A.
Bn Orderly Cpl Next for Duty	Cpl Stack E.R. Cpl Shaddick N.F.
Duty Coy Next for Duty	"C" Coy "D" Coy
Fire Picquet Fatigue Party Officer's Mess Fatigue Runners	As per previous ROs " " " " " " " " 2 from Duty Coy

2. **RIFLES**

Rifles will be drawn by Coys in Platoon lots at following times.

A & B Coys	0645 Hrs	C & D Coys	0700 hrs
H.Q. Coy			0800 hrs

Platoon Commanders will be issued with chain and padlocks to secure Platoon rifles and they will attend and supervise issue of rifles and be responsible for returning any rifles not required for parades or duties to the armoury.

Rifles for special duties or guards will be drawn by making arrangements with armourer.

Rifles will be returned to armourer in following order:-
A and B Coys -- C and D Coys -- H.Q. Coy.

A nominal roll of Coy personnel and rifle numbers arranged in Platoon lots will be furnished to this H.Q. immediately.

The strictest supervision must be exercised to ensure that all rifles (except guards) are returned to the Armoury each evening.

[Signature]
..... Capt
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE.

by

Lt. Col. T. M. Conroy
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Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
24 Oct 41

23

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs Daily

Bn Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut H.G. Davies Lieut M.J. O'Mara
Bn Orderly Sjt Next for Duty	Sjt Dawson F.A. Sjt Nicholls E.S.
Bn Orderly Cpl Next for Duty	Cpl Shaddick N.F. Cpl Kirwan A.E.
Duty Coy Next for Duty	"D" Coy "A" Coy
Fire Picquet	As per Previous ROs
Fatigue Party	As per Previous ROs
Officer's Mess Fatigue	As per Previous ROs
Runners	2 from Duty Coy
Cinema Picquet (Next for Duty)	H.Q. Coy

2. APPOINTMENTS

NX 11302 L/Cpl Linden A.A. appointed A/Cpl as from 30 Sep 41
NX 8060 Pte Reeves S.B. appointed A/Cpl as from 20 Oct 41
QX 5504 Pte King D.J. appointed A/Cpl as from 20 Oct 41

3. PUNISHMENTS.

WX 1960 Pte Freeman W.E.

Charge AA (ii) Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his C.O. in that on the night 21 Oct 41 he failed to report at 2145 hrs for defaulters roll Call
3 days C.B.

QX 7086 Pte Querruell F.

Charge AA 15 (i) WOAS Absenting himself without leave in that he was absent from camp from 0900 hrs 16 Oct 41 to 1350 hrs 17 Oct 41
Fine £5 14 Days C.B.

4. ABLUTION BENCHES

It is to be noted that the bays set aside for the purpose of laundering clothes will, in future be OUT OF BOUNDS until after the morning's inspection by the R.M.O. or the Field Officer Of the Day.

[Signature]
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
Capt

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES R.C. Sunday 26 Oct 41

0700 hrs - 2/43 Bn lines Red Shield Hut.
0900 hrs 2/32 Bn lines Red Shield Hut.

LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

Personnel for two-day JERUSALEM leave tomorrow will parade at
Bn H.Q. at 1245.

LATRINES

The latrines that are marked NATIVES are NOT to be used by personnel.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

LT COL t/m/CONROY

COID 2/32 AUST INF BN

No 327

25 Oct 41

24

1. DUTIES

Duties Commence at 1800 hrs

Field offr of the Day	Capt N.M. CAHILL
Medical Offr of the Day	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL
Bn Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut N.J. O'Mara
	Lieut A.N. DILLMORE
Bn Orderly Sjt next for duty	Sjt NICHOLLS G.S.
	Sjt Garnsey K.D.
Bn Orderly Cpl next for duty	Cpl Kirwan E.
	Cpl Tyson C.J.
Duty Coy next for duty	"A" Coy
	"B" Coy

Special Cinema Picquet

1 Sjt 6 ORs to report direct to Theatre at 1730 hrs to-day. HQ Coy

Cinema Picquet next for duty HQ Coy

Wet Canteen Picquet Duty Coy

1 Sjt 1 Cpl 5 ORs
Tour of duty - 15 minutes before Wet Canteen opens until 15 minutes after closing time.

Fire Picquet	as per previous ROs
Fatigue Party	" " " "
Offrs Mess Fatigue	" " " "
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. SECURITY

Notice has been received that envelopes bearing the address of members of this unit have been found outside the Camp area.

All ranks are to be warned that old addressed envelopes MUST be destroyed and NOT left lying around.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders of this order.

3. PROMOTIONS

OX 3019	A/Cpl	Benrose R.	rank of Cpl confirmed 24 Oct 41
NX 13153	"	Stirling J.C.	rank of Cpl confirmed 24 Oct 41
NX 8806	"	Kirwan E.	rank of Cpl confirmed 24 Oct 41
VX 494	A/Sjt	Norriah W.A.	promoted S/Sjt 24 Oct 41
OX 7030	Cpl	Stack E.R.	appointed A/Sjt 24 Oct 41

.....Lieut
for Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

Church Services Sunday, 26 Oct 41

C. of E. & O.P.Ds. KILO 89 Camp Cinema - 0900 hrs
 Bn Church Parade 0830 hrs (Parade in Coy areas and report when ready to move).
 Roman Catholic 0700 hrs - Red Shield Hrt. - 2/43 Bn Lines

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

LT COL T.M. CONROY

COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN

No 328

26 Oct 41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Bn Orderly Offr
next for duty

Lieut A.N. DILLMORE

Lieut H.D. STEWART

Bn Orderly Sjt
next for duty

Sjt STACK E.R.

Sjt McDERMOTT R.I.

Bn Orderly Cpl
next for duty

Cpl Thynne R.A.

Cpl Scanlon J.F.

Duty Coy
next for duty

"B" Coy

"C" Coy

Cinema Picquet

"HQ" Coy

Wet Canteen Picquet

"HQ" Coy

Fire Picquet

as per previous ROs

Fatigue Party

as per previous ROs

Offrs Mess Fatigue

as per previous ROs

Runners

2 from Duty Coy

2. TRANSFERS

QX 383	WO 11	McKNIGHT J.T.
VX 13353	S/Sjt	BUCKLEY T.C.
VX 23882	A/Sjt	SARGEANT D.A.
VX 14610	"	SCOTT J.D.
QX 1419	"	JEFFREY A.S.
VX 2086	"	THOMPSON N.L.

transferred to 25 I.T.B. 24 Oct 41

"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"

QX 7333 Pte ELLIS H.C.

transferred from HQ Coy to D Coy

A. Walker
Lieut
 for Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part 1

by

LT COL T.M. CONBOY

COMD 2/32 ADST INF BN

No 329

27 Oct 41

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1. DUTIES

Field Offr of the Day next for duty	Capt G.E. DICON
Medical Offr of the Day next for duty	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL
Bn Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut H.D. STEWART Lieut J.R. HALLIGAN
Bn Orderly Sjt next for duty	Sjt DELL E.R. Sjt RICHARDS E.J.
Bn Orderly Cpl next for duty	Cpl SCANLON J.F. Cpl NOBBS J.R.G.
Duty Coy next for duty	"C" Coy "D" Coy
Cinema Picquet next for duty	"H" Coy
Wet Canteen Picquet	"HQ" Coy
Fire Picquet	as per previous ROs
Fatigue Party	as per previous ROs
Offrs Mess Fatigue	as per previous ROs
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. WITHDRAWAL OF EGYPTIAN 10 PIASTRE NOTES

All Pay Sjts and Orderly Room pay personnel generally, are advised that the present issue of Egyptian 10 Piastre notes will cease to be legal currency after the 6th Nov.

The above notes will NOT be used for pay or exchange purposes after receipt of this advice, and such notes will NOT be accepted from personnel unless they can be returned to the nearest Paymaster by the 5th Nov.

A new issue of 10 Piastre notes will subsequently be issued, and will have the distinguishing features of a watermark, and brown wavy lines on the background of the reverse of the note. The present issue bears NO watermark, and the background of the reverse of the note is plain.

Pay personnel are instructed to give very close attention to the above matter, as the above notes cannot be negotiated with British Paymaster, HQ, after the 5th Nov, and any loss resulting will be carried by the persons presenting the notes.

3. MESS TABLES

To ensure that the tops of tables and forms are dry for breakfast meal, after the evening meal, all tables will be laid upside down on their trestles and the forms laid upside down on the tables.

4. OFFRS SHOWERS

In future, the Offrs Showers and Latrines are OUT-OF-SOUNDS to all Ofs.

5. PROMOTIONS

VX 28334 Pte CLEE J.W. promoted to rank of L/Cpl 27 Oct 41
NX 11302 A/Cpl LINDEN A.A. rank of Cpl confirmed 24 Oct 41

6. CAIRO LEAVE

The under-mentioned personnel have been granted leave to CAIRO, commencing Friday, 31 Oct 41.

VX 6733	Pte	BARCLAY V.
NX 3780	Sjt	LAING W.D.
TX 1335	Pte	MATTHEWS K.
VX 29764	Cpl	FUNSTON D.Mc
VX 26886	Pte	TAYLOR J.G.
VX 25622	Pte	ROBERTS G.L.
WX 1886	Pte	WARREN S.E.
NX 4062	Sjt	AHEARN D.A.
VX 494	S/Sjt	NORRISH W.A.
NX 11625	Pte	GALVIN C.
VX 42617	Pte	SIMPSON D.L.
VX 26716	Pte	MOONEY J.
OX 4743	Cpl	LYONS A.G.

W. Young
.....
Adj. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE

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Lt. Col. T.M. Conroy
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by

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
28 Oct 41

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs daily

Field Officer of the Day	Capt G.E. Dixon
Medical Officer of the Day	Capt W.H. Campbell
Bn Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut J.R. Halligan Lieut D.W. Young
Bn Orderly Sjt Next For Duty	Sjt Richards E.J. Sjt Meers P.
Bn Orderly Cpl Next for Duty	Cpl Nobbs J.R.G. Cpl Ferguson J.T.
Duty Coy Next for duty	"D" Coy "A" Coy
Cineman Picquet	"H.Q." Coy
Canteen Picquet	"H.Q." Coy
Fire Picquet	As per previous ROs
Fatigue Party	As per previous ROs
Officer's Mess Fatigue	As per previous ROs
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. LATRINES

The practice of throwing matches and cigarette butts into the urinal must cease.

This practice causes blockage of the urinal.

D.W. Young
.....Capt
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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No. 331

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
29 Oct 41

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1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs daily

Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut D.W.Young
Next for Duty	Lieut D.F.Eacott
Bn Orderly Sjt	Sjt Meers P.
Next for Duty	Sjt Thompson C.P.
Bn Orderly Cpl	Cpl Ferguson J.T.
Next for Duty	Cpl Mullins H.J.
Rehovet Picquet: (1 Cffr 2 NCOs	B Coy
Duty Coy (10 ORs	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy
Canteen Picquet	"H.Q." Coy
Fire Picquet	As per previous ROs
Fatigue Party	As per previous ROs
Officer's Mess Fatigue	As per previous ROs
Runners	2 from Duty Coy.

2. CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS AT 1 AGH

The following personnel have appointments on the dates shown:

SX 1883	Pte	RATHJEN V.A.	1330 hrs on 29 Oct 41
VX 14577	"	BONNELL F.C.	0900 hrs on 7 Nov 41
OK 1496	"	BADCOCK W.	" " " "
WX 9734	"	PENN L.F.	" " " "
WX 1021	"	CLEMENTS H.D.	" " " "
WX 2096	"	OLSEN A.H.	" " " "
VX 48566	"	OPRAY L.C.	" " " "
WX 2032	"	STEWART D.S.	0900 hrs on 12 Nov 41
VX 26894	"	TONGS A.A.	" " " "
WX 9307	"	BROWNING F.H.	" " " "
WX 9102	"	HEALD S.A.	0900 hrs on 26 Nov 41
QX 5054	"	DAVESON H.C.	

3. COY ORDERLY OFFRS

Coy Orderly Offrs will report to the BN ORDERLY OFFR at REVEILLE each day to report as to whether COY DUTIES are in progress.

4. BOUNDS

Cases have occurred recently of persons entering orchards in the area. It is brought to the notice of all ranks that orchards are OUT OF BOUNDS, as per Camp Standing Order No 4.

.....*D.W. Young*.....Capt
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

ACTIVE SERVICE

All ranks are informed that orders for the A.I.F. Book "ACTIVE SERVICE" cannot be accepted after 1800 hrs, 1 Nov 41.

Applications for the book are to be made to the Pay Sjt.

In response to enquiries the following information is given:

1. The book measures $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 ins; about 1 in thick. 144 pages of text illustrated with drawings and 48 pages of illustrations (12 in colour) on art paper. Strongly bound in cloth.
2. It may be sent to any address in the U.K., other parts of the British Empire, U.S.A. or elsewhere without any increase in price.
3. A member of the A.I.F. may order as many copies as he wishes. He may have a copy sent to himself or a friend in the ME.
4. Price of the book is 5 shillings Australian per copy.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

Routine Orders Part 1

by

LT COL T.M. CONROY

COND 2/32 AUST INF BN

No 332

30 Oct 41.

1. DUTIES

Duties commence at 1800 hrs

Bn Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut D.F. EACOTT Lieut A.M. BENNETT
Bn Orderly Sjt next for duty	Sjt Thomson C.P. S/Sjt Trotter H.C.
Bn Orderly Cpl next for duty	Cpl Mullins H.J. Cpl Bloxam A.F.
Duty Coy next for duty	"B" Coy "C" Coy
Rehoveth Picquet next for duty	"D" Coy
Canteen Picquet Fire Picquet Fatigue Party Offrs Mess Fatigue Runners	"Hq" Coy as per previous ROs as per previous ROs as per previous ROs 2 from Duty Coy

2. CIVILIANS ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE ARMS AND S.A.A.

Cases have arisen where AIF personnel have been asked by civilians to sell arms and SAA to them. All such cases are to be reported to this HQ.

3. ARMS AND AMMUNITION - SAFE CUSTODY

It has been noticed that officers and other ranks are still leaving arms, etc., for safe custody in safes of hotels and in suit cases in their rooms, thus leaving them open to theft.

In future, if the necessary security arrangements for safeguarding of such arms etc cannot be made, they should be handed over to the nearest DAPM or detachment Corps of Military Police for safe custody.

4. SAFEGUARDING OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

(a) Force General Order 537 of 6 Oct 41 states:

"WOs and ORs to whom pistols or revolvers are not issued are forbidden to possess them without written permission from their Commanding Officer. A register of all such weapons will be kept by the Commanding Officer."

5. PILFERING OF ROAD MATERIALS

Several complaints have been received from Public Works Dept., Jerusalem, that military vehicles and personnel have been concerned in pilfering road-making materials from public and military roads and constructional depots. This practice will cease forthwith.

6. CONTAINERS - Water - 2 gallon

Sufficient care is NOT being taken to replace the screw caps of containers, water, 2 gallon, after use. These screw caps are increasingly difficult to procure and the result is that large numbers of containers have been rendered unuseable. There is thus an unnecessary diversion of labour and materials from the general war effort.

A chain attachment for securing the cap to the container is at present under trial. Meanwhile, particular attention will be paid to the replacement of screw caps on containers.

PIERRY - [unclear]

As from 1 Oct 41, petrol will NOT be drawn by WD vehicles from the above pump.

8. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged from the ACP of the following goods:

748 tins of tobacco
748 pkts Cigarette papers

J. Young Capt.
Adj. 2/32 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICES

Church Services

SATURDAY 1 Nov 41

Roman Catholic 0700 hrs 2/43 Bn Lines
0900 " 2/32 Bn Lines (Red Shield Hut)

SUNDAY 2 Nov 41

Roman Catholic 0700 hrs 2/43 Bn Lines
0900 " 2/32 Bn Lines R. Shield Hut

Lost

Fountain Pen Waterman black with silver bands
Finder please return to this HQ

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

A.M.R. & O. 1567

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COND 2/32 AUST INF BN
31 Oct 41

1. DUTIES

Field Offr of the Day	Capt W.G. STARGATT
Medical Offr of the Day	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL
In Orderly Offr next for duty	Lieut A.M. BENNETT Lieut J.J.G. DAVIDSON
In Orderly Sjt next for duty	Sjt ARMSTRONG E.A. S/Sjt TROTTER H.C.
In Orderly Cpl next for duty	Cpl RAIL A. Cpl SMITH E.A.G.
Duty Coy next for duty	"C" Coy "D" Coy
Rehoveth Picquet	"D" Coy
Cinema Picquet	"H" Coy
Fire Picquet	as per previous ROs
Fatigue Party	as per previous ROs
Offrs Mess Fatigue	as per previous ROs
Runners	2 from Duty Coy

2. DECORATION

It has been officially announced that the following decoration has been awarded:

MILITARY CROSS VX 15117 Capt R. JOSIA

3. TRANSFER

VX 37410 Pte DURNS R.C. from "B" Coy to Bn Hq.

R. Lewis
for Adjt.
 2/32 Aust Inf Bn