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Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
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2/32 Infantry Battalion

November 1942

WAR DIARY

2/32 AUST INF BN

or

Nov '42

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bn HQS 87043041 (SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN 1/25,000 Overprint)	1st Nov		<p>Reports from all Coys on ops from 30 Oct to 5 Nov are att. A general report was also att. to Oct '42 War Diary.</p> <p>200 enemy inf reported advancing NW of ry line on Bn front, arty DF fire was brought down on these tps.</p> <p>2/28 Bn report counter attack repulsed.</p> <p>" " tks attacking from North, armd support requested.</p> <p>Suspected e/O.P. located at 87203034.</p> <p>Command post reports to 26 Bde - casualties slight, Bn intact..</p> <p>C.P. advises 2/15 Bn of e/tps advancing on their front.</p> <p>C.P. advises Bde - tks observed to right of 2/43 Bn.</p> <p>C.P. " " - tks firing from ridge at 87103045 to 87133043. Arty fire brought down on that area.</p> <p>Reported to Bde that e/arty posns at 86763054 troublesome. E/tps on B ll feature and its vicinity moving S.E.</p> <p>Request sent for our tks to be sent to right flank 2/43 Bn</p> <p>Enemy inf advancing along main rd, all available arty fire brought down.</p> <p>6 e/tps to right of ry line 1500 yds from Blockhouse, and Bn e/inf on right of ry line, 2 coys inf left of ry line West of our FDLs. Engaged by arty DF fire..</p> <p>Arty fire driving enemy back along ry line.</p> <p>2 enemy tks and considerable movement noted area 87193036 and 87193034.</p> <p>1725 Suggest "football team" (18 bombers) on area 870303.</p> <p>1736 To Bde. Require tank support Eastern front and DF 2 between rd & ry line, urgently.</p> <p>1741 To Bde. Arty concentrations required on 86953053.</p> <p>The above is extracted from Bn Log, kept under difficult conditions at this period. Entries for Nov 2 were as follows -</p> <p>2nd 0800 Sit Rep to Bde. At last light (1 Nov) enemy attack was in progress from both East & West, while covering fire</p>	<p>Congratulatory Messages, 1, 2, 3.</p>

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Bn HQs 87043041 (SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN) 1/25,000 Overprint)	2 Nov		<p>was supplied by MGS North of Bll. The Easterly attack developed after some MET had passed in defilade North of Bll. Visibility was poor but it was believed that enemy convoy consisted of 3 tks followed by inf in approx 15 lorries. For some time doubt existed as to identity of party as the movements of COMP FORCE was unknown to us at that time (1600 hrs). Later fire was opened by arty, A/tk guns & MMGS on convoy and at least 2 vehs were K.O'd. Excellent fire effect was obtained by our DF. Main attack on West was inf supported by some fire on our FDLs. DF was brought down and attacks terminated at 2300 hrs. When PW gave himself up to our right fwd coy infm was obtained that attackers were 1 Coy 361 I.R. from North West and 115 P.G. from North East. It was felt some reliability could be placed on his statement and DF was commenced again apparently with effect and enemy withdrew firing flares and MGS. At 2300 hrs only signs of enemy were a number of flares and small amount MG fire. From 2400 to 0300 hrs DF was stopped and parties of enemy could be heard. No estimate of e/casualties can be given. Desultory MG fire from NE was replied to by mortars and MGS. Enemy supported his attempts by shelling ry line at gap with 88 mm air burst.</p> <p>0600 4 tks moving Westward at 87123045. Some sniping and 88 mm shelling Bn HQ area this morning. Our casualties reported as 5 ORs killed, 1 offr & 30 ORs wounded. Enemy killed estimated at 100 in front 2/28 Bn FDLs.</p> <p>1012 5 enemy ambulances moving East on main rd.</p> <p>1033 To Bde. unidentified plane crashed to West, pilot baled out. Tks & inf seen moving West - DF 3 called for.</p> <p>1412 One of our fighters crash landed approx 1200 yds forward of our FDL. Pilot was rescued under cover of smoke barrage, (Flying offr Gilbert, 238 Sqn).</p> <p>1700 Enemy dive bombers appeared and immediately intercepted by</p>	Reports on Ops. 30 Oct/5 Nov. #

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	4th		Enemy shelled area throughout day, and judging from news of fighting further south, he is doing this to cover his forces withdrawing to west of SIDI RAHMAN.	
	5th		During night 4/5 Nov Bn was relieved by 2/13 Bn and moved to area as shown on att. map. By time trucks were unloaded and slit trenches dug it was daylight, and many turned in for a rest, others spent a few hrs looking over vacated enemy posns and going for a swim. General interest is aroused by the endless stream of tpt moving West along main rd and along all available parallel rds, and Bn was heartened to see 9 Aust Div Cav move along main rd to SIDI RAHMAN. The knowledge that the enemy is on the retreat has invigorated everyone after a very tiring week. Tonight at approx 1900 hrs a lone enemy bomber dropped bombs on main rd, and in 2/43 Bn area, causing a truck to catch fire on rd and inflicting casualties on 2/43 Bn personell. About 1 hr previously Bn had received its first draft of the reinforcements recently arrived in M.E., and to these newcomers the bombing must have been a warmer welcome than they expected, the remainder, just	

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SIDI RAHMAN Area	5th		out of battle, suffered the raid with fatalistic disgust. This proved to be the last interference we were to bear from the enemy before leaving the desert.	List of Battle Casualties - A
	6th		After the operations of recent days the Bn spent day resting until 1600 hrs, when we shifted a short distance to an area adjoining seashore, as shown on att. map. During the day tpt of all kinds continuously streamed Westwards along the line of enemy's retreat, and it is noteworthy that we have not seen a single enemy plane apart from single bomber last night; on the other hand our planes are constantly overhead.	
	7th		This morning each coy held a muster parade which was addressed by acting C.O., Maj. Gillespie. He spoke on the North African situation and read out congratulatory messages from Gov. General of Australia, General Montgomery and Comd 30 Corps, then praised the work of the Bn in its recent engagement. Day was then spent resting, swimming etc. During last night a few sharp showers made the tracks in the area very boggy and difficult for MT. Since evening of 5th many of the chaps have given vent to their high spirits by having a "fire works" display each evening by shooting off numerous captured flares.	
	8th		Voluntary church service - day of rest. A warning was issued that Bn is to be prepared to move West and possibly to attack TOBRUK should enemy make stand there. Offrs and personnel employed part of their rest period in the acquisition of enemy material, some parties going well beyond immediate neighbourhood.	

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SIDI RAHMAN Area	9th		Our new C.O., Maj. T.H. Scott, formerly of 2/48 Bn, joined unit today. Day of rest and relaxation. Ground is commencing to harden again after recent showers.	R.O's - 5
	10th		Everybody enjoying period of relaxation, with swimming and sunbathing forming main activity.	
	11th		Rest and relaxation.	R.O's - 6
	12th		C.O.'s conference this afternoon, after which it is announced that rest period has ended and routine tng of camp life will commence tomorrow. Heartened at news that almost all of enemy forces have now been driven out of Egypt. Tng Instn att.	R.O's - 7 Tng. Instn. 8
	13th	0630 0635 0830	Reveille Adm parade. Parade for inspection. Coy tng during day, with specialist sections working independently on their own tng. A plan is in hand to send a representative force from each Bn to Tobruk, - operation instn attached.	Operation Instn No. 2. - 9
	14th	0930	Bn parade followed by inspection by Brig. Evans, DSO, who is our new Bde Comdr following the loss of Brig. Godfrey who died of wounds received in action. Brig. Evans followed his inspection with an address, indicating that a short period of intensive tng would ensue, including methods of improving our striking power by profiting from lessons learnt during the recent fighting. After lunch C.O. held coy comds conference, dealing with coy tng and methods of profiting by past errors. Salvage return and tng syllabus attached.	R.O's - 10 Salvage Return 11

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SIDI RAHMAN Area	15th	1000	Bn church parade, attended by Brig. Evans. Parade was conducted by Chaplin Johnson, who replaced Chaplin Bask in early this month. Afternoon devoted to "make and mend". During leisure hrs at evening most men gather round wireless sets listening to news and musical programmes. Each coy has its own wireless set. Chaplin Johnson has opened a tent fitted out as a reading and writing room, where men can gather of an evening.	R.O's - 12
	16th		Coy tng. This afternoon Maj. Joshua, O.C. HQ Coy, made recce of his new area sq. 869305 (SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN 1/25000 Overprint). It is thought that leave to ALEXANDRIA and CAIRO is about to recommence.	
	17th		HQ coy and "B" ech. move to new area sq. 869305. This fulfilled a Bde order. 15 partly buried Germans were found in carrier pls new area. Coy tng according to syllabus. Beer and canteen stores available tonight; the canteen supplies have been quite satisfactory this month. "D" coys popular C.S.M. - WO <u>ll</u> Harrison, left for OCTU today.	R.O's - 13
	18th	0900	Some more rain last night has again turned the country rather boggy and made the tracks difficult for MT. C.O. attended Bn comds conference at Bde HQs. Sweeps are being made up on the Melbourne Cup, which, however, seems rather remote now.	R.O's - 14
	19th		B & C coys moved into new areas approx 500 yds from beach, as personnel were somewhat cramped in present areas and swimming ceases to be so attractive. Other coys remain in same posns. The possibility of leave to ALEXANDRIA & CAIRO recommencing has disappeared. Weather windy with some driving sand.	

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SIDI RAHMAN Area	20th		<p>NCO's cadre is to commence tomorrow. C.O.'s conference, after which it is announced that we will be returning to palestine at an early date, in meantime syllabus continues to dominate coy routine. Junior Comds school at Bde HQs, 8 offrns from Bn to attend. Windy weather with poor visibility, on account of which the trip arranged by Brig. for coy comds to visit tank battlefield was postponed..</p>	
	21st		<p>C.O. Lt Col Scott, goes to hospital. Bn HQs received advice that Lt Col Balfe would not be rejoining unit. Coy tng as per syllabus. Under guidance of Chaplin Johnson a concert was held tonight, the artists coming from the ranks of the Bn. The outstandingly popular items were the chants of the Hillbillies and the "Carmen Miranda" and "Adolf Hitler" as portrayed by Lieut Kennedy. Some community singing was interspersed with items and an enjoyable time was had by all present. It says much for R.A.F. air superiority that naked hurricane lamps were rigged up almost in the open and no interruptions from the air were experienced.</p>	
	22nd	0830	<p>Bn Church parade. Brig. took party of offrns including Coy Comds, Adjut, I.O., on recce of tk battle ground SIDI RAHMAN area. 'I' personnel commenced salvage recce in area south of GHALLAL. Afternoon is make and mend. The NCOs cadre continues. Melbourne Cup results announced, proving profitable for the venturesome spirits who made books on the race.</p>	

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SIDI RAHMAN <u>Areas</u>	23rd		The cadre at Bde Hqs, which 3 offr's & 3 ORs from unit attend, was today replaced by tng in desert navigation. "I" personnel continue salvage recce, submitting daily reports. Swimming still continues for those desirous, but weather is noticeably cooler now.	
	24th		3 offr's & 3 NCOs at Bde, tng in desert navigation. Bn continues coy tng. Weather fine. Winter kit arrived from kit store.	
	25th		Adv party of 2 Offrs & 22 ORs left for KHASHA Camp, PALESTINE. This evening NCOs cadre carried out a night exercise.	
	26th		Acting C.O. (Maj. Gillespie) attended conference this morning at Bde Hqs. A party of Bn offr's visited EL DABA area on a recce/salvage trip. This evening under the supervision of Adj't Tibbs, Bde Salvation Army offr, a silent picture show was given in Bn area, but broke down just as an old Charlie Chaplin show was about to commence. Adj't Tibbs distributed hot coffee after show.	R.O's - 15
	27th		Tng as per syllabus. Preparation is also proceeding apace by teams engaged in the forthcoming inter bn weapon tng competition. Programme included competition in tng, such as marching and drill, wire crushing, MMGs, A/tks, mortars, stretcher bearers.	

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SIDI RAHMAN Area	28th		Acting C.O. (Maj. Gillespie) attended conference this morning at Bde Hqs. A conference of coy comds, I.O., Adjt, T.O., discusses inter bn competitions to be held tomorrow, for which intensive practice goes on today. Bn movement order issued today for forthcoming move to PALESTINE, and is attached. Coy tng continues.	Tng Syllabus 14/28 Nov.
	29th	0830 1000	Bn Church parade. Bn march past, followed by Bde competition at 1100hrs, lasting until 1700 hrs. Bn won A/tk, MMG & respirator competitions. 'I' sec personell having completed their salvage recce in GHALLAL area, spent day in area where fighting recently took place in order to secure a map reference and details of every grave discovered, the report on days work being forwarded to Bde Hqs.	17-18 - Movement Order 19
	30th	0930	offrs conference re impending move to PALESTINE. Many men had their final swim today probably for several months, as it will be too cold to continue in Palestine. Arrangements are made to dispose to salvage of all enemy equipment and stores, which have been acquired in the last few weeks. It is with some reluctance that this Bde order is carried out but even the coy cookers, tents etc. of enemy origin are returned.	R.O's - 16

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FROM 1st NOV '42 TO 30th NOV '42

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MOVEMENTMOVE TO
PALESTINEAdvence party left for Khassa, Palestine
25 NOV.42. Movement Order. App.19.2/32 AUST INF
BN NOV42SPECIAL MESSAGESCONGRATULATORY
MESSAGESFrom GOV GEN of AUST, Gen Montgomery,
Comd 30 Corps, read by C.O (acting)
7 NOV.42. Apps. 1, 2 & 3.2/32 AUST INF
BN NOV42APPOINTMENT & COMMAND

NEW C.O

Lt Col. T.H. Scott, formerly 2/48 Bn joined
unit. 9 NOV.2/32 AUST INF
BN NOV42

NEW BRIG.

Brig. B. Evans DSO inspects BN. 14 NOV.

TRAINING
COMMENCESTRAINING

13 NOV.42. Trg Instn. App.8.

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BN NOV42N.CO's cadre begun. 20 NOV.
Trg in desert navigation at Bde HQ. 24 NOV.AMENITIESBDE FIELD
SPORTS29 NOV. Bn won A/TK, MMG and respirator
competitions.2/32 AUST INF
BN NOV42EQUIPMENT OWN

SALVAGE RETURN

for week ended 14 NOV. App.11. Other
salvage carried out later in month.2/32 AUST INF
BN NOV42EQUIPMENT ENEMY

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BN NOV42MAPS

TRACE OF

various dispositions and flanking units
from 30 OCT to 6 NOV.42. Attd.2/32 AUST INF
BN NOV42OPERATIONSOFFENSIVE
CONTINUED

Reports attached from all Coys on Ops (30 OCT - 5 NOV

BUSY DAY
1 NOV.42Artillery DF fire dispersed infantry on Bn front, and
Command Post (1615 hrs) advises Bde of hostile tanks'
positions, including those on B11 moving SE. Request
sent for our tanks to be sent to right flank 2/43 Bn.
All available artillery fire brought down on enemy
infantry advancing along Main Rd.ARTILLERY
DISPERSE
ENEMYArtillery fire drove enemy back along railway line.
1736 hrs. To Bde.-Require tank support eastern front
and DF2 between road and rlwy line urgently. Arty
concentrations required on 86953053 (Rahman 1:25,000)ATTACK FROM
EAST & WESTAt last light, 1 NOV., enemy attack in progress from
both east and west. Eastern attack unsuccessful; met our
accurate arty DF. Western attacks met same fate and
terminated at 2300 hrs. Enemy withdrew after firing
flares.DIVE BOMBERS
DRIVEN OFFEnemy supported his attempts early on 2 NOV. by
shelling rlwy line at gap with 88mm air burst.
1700 hrs 2 NOV. Enemy dive-bombers appeared: driven off
by our fighters and jetisoned bombs.

OUR A/TK GUNS

knocked out enemy amn truck and gun personnel, 3 NOV.,
attempting to move into postn.

ENEMY CRACKING UP

It is believed enemy starting to crack up. Tonight Bn
sent out patrol to ascertain strength of enemy posts
and take PsW.

BATTALION RELIEVED

4 NOV. Enemy shelled area throughout day and, judging
from news of fighting further south, he is doing this
to cover his forces withdrawing to west of Rahman.
night of 4/5 NOV. by 2/13 Bn and moved to area near
coast. Map attd. (trace).

List of battle casualties (34 killed) App.

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TO : LIST 07
FROM : MAIN 9 AUST DIV

Q 711

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the following message received by GOC 9 AUST DIV from the Governor-General of AUSTRALIA is to be communicated to all ranks (.) begins (.) heartiest congratulations to you and all ranks under your comd on splendid achievements which have filled us all with pride and admiration here (.) ends

W. Grant Lt Col

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TOO : 1200

PRO-FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

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EAR HQ 9 Aust
Ref: A51/1/1948
10 Nov 42

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Hereunder is a copy of a letter received from Comd 30 Corps by
Comd 9 Aust Div:

" Now that we have a pause in the fighting I would like to write a line to congratulate you on the magnificent fighting which your Division has carried out.

I would be very grateful if you would explain to the men the immense part they have played in the battle. It is perhaps difficult for them quite to realise the magnitude of their achievement as the main break-out of our armour was accomplished on another part of our front; thus could not be seen by them. But I am quite certain that this break-out was only made possible by the heroic fighting over your Divisional sector.

When it was no longer possible for the crumbling process to go on in the South you will remember that the Army Commander decided to continue with his crumbling policy in the North. This led to five days bitter fighting on your front. During this time your Division attacked four times and were counter-attacked incessantly by enemy infantry and tanks.

The main mass of heavy and medium artillery was concentrated on your Divisional front. It was obvious that the enemy meant to resist any advance along the coastal route, and as we now know, they concentrated the whole of the Panzer Corps against you in the Northern area.

Your fighting gave the opportunity for the conception of the final break-through in the centre, but this could never have been carried out if your front had been broken. The final break could not have been made unless the Army Comd was certain of the valiant resistance that would be put up by your Division. If the Germans could have broken your Division, the whole gun support of the attack would have been disorganised and its success vitally prejudiced.

It has been for me a very proud occasion to have an Australian Division serving in the Corps and I am very happy that this is to continue in the subsequent advance."

Please ensure that this is promulgated to all ranks.

J. H. ...
AA & QMG 9 Aust Div

N. D. ...

EIGHTH ARMY

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Personal Message from the Army Commander

TO BE READ OUT TO ALL TROOPS.

1. When we began the Battle of Egypt on 23 October I said that together we would hit the Germans and Italians for six right out of North Africa.

We have made a very good start and to-day, 12 Nov., there are no German and Italian soldiers on Egyptian territory except prisoners.

In three weeks we have completely smashed the German and Italian Army, and pushed the fleeing remnants out of Egypt, having advanced ourselves nearly 300 miles up to and beyond the frontier.

2. The following enemy formations have ceased to exist as effective fighting formations :

Panzer Army.—	15 Panzer Div.	20 Italian Corps.—	Ariete Armd. Div.
	21 Panzer Div.		Littorio Armd. Div.
	90 Light Div.		Trieste Div.
	164 Light Div.		
10 Italian Corps.—	Brescia Div.	21 Italian Corps.—	Trento Div.
	Pavia Div.		Bologna Div.
	Folgore Div.		

The prisoners captured number 30,000, including nine Generals.

The amount of tanks, artillery, anti-tank guns, transport, aircraft, etc., destroyed or captured is so great that the enemy is completely crippled.

3. This is a very fine performance and I want, first, to thank you all for the way you responded to my call and rallied to the task. I feel that our great victory was brought about by the good fighting qualities of the soldiers of the Empire rather than by anything I may have been able to do myself.

4. Secondly, I know you will all realise how greatly we were helped in our task by the R.A.F. We could not have done it without their splendid help and co-operation. I have thanked the R.A.F. warmly on your behalf.

5. Our task is not finished yet; the Germans are out of Egypt but there are still some left in North Africa. There is some good hunting to be had further to the West, in Libya; and our leading troops are now in Libya ready to begin. **And this time, having reached Bengasi and beyond, we shall not come back.**

6. On with the task, and good hunting to you all. As in all pursuits some have to remain behind to start with; but we shall all be in it before the finish.

B. L. MONTGOMERY,
General,

G.O.C.-in-C., Eighth Army.

12-11-42

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KILLED IN ACTION

Capt P.R. JACOBY
Lieut D. STIRLING
" E.J. RICHARDS

WX 1974	WO 1	LAWSON P.
QX 3026	Sgt	LEESON H.T.
NX 11719	A/Cpl	BUCHAN A.S.
NX 5217	Sgt	SHORT W.L.
QX 1040	WO 11	MONTGOMERY H.
WX 9078	A/Cpl	HOPKINS R.N.
WX 9809	Pte	DOHERTY T.
WX 9117	"	BUNTING T.
NX 11482	"	CALCOTT J.E.
VX 35798	"	MIDDLEBOROUGH E.A.
WX 14387	"	JONES D.J.
VX 15842	"	HOWARD L.H.
WX 15005	"	McKAY K.
WX 12831	"	WILLIAMSON C.J.
WX 14417	"	EYRE G.W.H.
WXc 14934	"	SMITH C.E.F.
VX 12455	"	PHILLIPS R.
SX 476	"	UPTON J.F.
WX 10881	"	CHANLEY F.
QX 9254	"	GORLICK A.H.
QX 1491	"	NICOL R.C.
VX 15673	"	FITZGERALD W.
WX 14305	"	GORDON T.H.
WX 9712	"	RAITT W.T.
WX 17222	"	STRONACH A.B.
WX 9119	"	HOLLIS F.R.

DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION

WX 11465	Pte	CUNNINGHAM A.H.
WX 15137	"	GRIMSHAW W.
WX 11401	"	COLGAN P.J.
VX 42336	"	BANNA F.J.
QX 3774	"	HUGHES F.E.

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Lieut THORNTON J.J.
Lieut CRONK R.G.
Lt Col BALFE J.W.
Lieut HALLIGAN J.R.
Capt HUTTFELDT H.
Maj JOSHUA R.
Lieut HAYES E.D.P.
Lieut LYPHE K.

VX 2981	Cpl	O'CONNELL G.
NX 11966	Pte	MARTIN J.H.
QX 22726	"	TAYLOR T.W.
QX 1544	Cpl	SHELLARD F.
WX 10255	Pte	KELLY P.E.
VX 42005	"	GARVEY J.F.
WX 16603	"	YOUNG L.J.
VX 27401	"	MAIN T.M.
WX 15105	"	BOULTER J.F.
WX 14250	"	CHAPMAN G.C.
NX 8082	"	BEACHAM P.J.J.
VX 46807	"	STROUD J.C.
TX 707	"	CROSS F.A.
WX 14982	"	GOLDING W.J.
NX 11233	Cpl	EVELEIGH J.
WX 12560	Pte	SHAW H.R.
QX 7024	A/Cpl	DRAPER H.T.J.
WX 14532	Pte	LONGVA S.
NX 33531	"	PARKES G.F.
QX 3180	"	SCHMIDT H.

WOUNDED IN ACTION (cont)

QX 3183	A/Cpl	COPELIN W.E.
WX 12854	Pte	BISHOP E.
SX 888	"	CHAPLIN M.G.
VX 23319	"	WICKING L.G.
NX 10142	"	WALKLATE E.M.
QX 3579	"	HOSKINS E.R.
WX 14308	"	VEAL G.
NX 3750	Cpl	CHRISTIE F.G.
NX 11616	Pte	LENHOLM R.S.
VX 23631	"	McKAY D.
VX 42617	"	SIMPSON D.L.
WX 12184	Cpl	BOYLE J.A.H.
WX 14282	"	McNESS A.
WX 14960	Pte	BASSETT D.
NX 34179	"	COULTER T.H.
QX 3835	"	COULSON A.
QX 4736	"	McCANN T.
QX 3164	"	SABBY J.J.
WX 11397	"	LANGLEY W.T.
VX 38052	"	KENNEDY J.F.
NX 11274	"	TAYLOR P.B.
VX 27849	L/Cpl	BENTON J.E.
VX 22978	Pte	BEATTON F.S.
QX 1419	Sgt	JEFFREY A.S.
QX 11963	Pte	MAHONEY R.
WX 1702	"	THOMSETT R.N.
NX 10018	"	COUPE W.T.
QX 2285	Cpl	McDONALD K.
VX 23882	Sgt	SERGEANT D.H.
WX 1859	Pte	WALSH V.
WX 11468	"	WESTERN S.J.
WX 9029	"	HARRIS A.J.
WX 9711	"	HELD A.A.
VX 26387	Cpl	TAYLOR R.T.
VX 22899	Pte	DURKIN D.T.
QX 3033	"	MESSENGER F.
SX 2241	Cpl	MORRIS F.R.
WX 1792	Pte	RICHARDSON R.C.
VX 42678	"	BOXSHALL J.
VX 11687	"	SYMONS P.R.
WX 14108	"	SCOTT A.T.L.
SX 103	"	EDMONDS J.J.
WX 1022	"	McPHAIL J.
VX 40374	"	EVERETT W.R.
WX 13081	"	CASTLE F.J.
WX 11476	A/L/Cpl	SNOW E.W.
VX 8026	Pte	COTTER J.
QX 10101	"	BODEN W.H.
WX 13162	"	STANLEY L.W.
QX 5036	"	RICK C.L.
WX 9695	"	SLINGSBY F.
WX 9307	"	BROWNING F.M.
WX 12668	"	SCHULZ A.H.
QX 3511	Sgt	DAVIS G.I. WX 17249
WX 17249	Pte	HARRIS T.W.
WX 12678	"	McDOUGALL J.
VX 29714	Cpl	GILMORE R.W.T.
QX 4203	Sgt	CALCINO A.V.
VX 27719	Pte	KEISNER A.H.
QX 4645	"	ROBINS C.
WX 9030	"	LITTLE T.N.
WX 12608	"	ATKINSON H.J.
VX 46587	"	RILEY T.H.
WX 11424	"	BELL G.H.
NX 10074	"	TOPHAM L.C.
VX 47310	A/Sgt	POCKNEE J.H.
WX 15038	Pte	WILLIAMS J.
QX 1749	"	BAKTER R.G.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
Routine Orders Part 1

by

Maj A.B.GILLESPIE
No 154

Adm Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
9 Nov 42

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1. DISCIPLINE

The undermentioned sentences by Courts Martial are published for infm:

- (a) A pte soldier, convicted of AWL for three days, in the Field (AA 15(i)), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for one year.
- (b) A pte soldier, convicted of deserting His Majesty's service in the Field (AA 12(i)(a)), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for two years.
- (c) A pte soldier, convicted of stealing public property in the Field (AA18 (4)), was sentenced to undergo detention for 120 days.
- (d) A pte soldier who pleaded guilty to a charge of being improperly in possession of certain public property (AA40), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.

(ref AIF (ME) Orders para 1319 of 31 Oct 42)

2. DISPERSION

Standing Orders for the dispersion of vehs are to be strictly enforced. By day the minimum interval between vehs is 100 yds. Maximum density on the move is 20 vtm.

3. WEARING OF ENEMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

It has come to notice that a number of troops are wearing items of enemy clothing and equipment.

Coys will ensure that this practice ceases forthwith.

4. PROMOTIONS, REVERSIONS

QX 2976	Cpl	SPRING C.	promoted to rank of A/Sgt	8 Nov 42
VX 27850	"	BENTON F.A.C.	" " " "	"
VX 25453	L/Cpl	TOLLIDAY W.	" " " A/Cpl	"
SX 2053	Pte	WALDRON H.X.N.	" " " "	"
NX 8430	"	ROACH J.E.	" " " "	"
WX 9137	"	EDMONDSON G.	" " " "	"
WX 15116	"	PHILLIPS S.D.	" " " "	1 Nov 42
WX 1955	"	COLEMAN B.	" " " "	8 Nov 42
WX 12564	"	ATKINS F.	" " " "	"
QX 1965	A/Sgt	HEALES W.	rank of Sgt confirmed	"
WX 9115	A/Cpl	FREEMAN A.H.	reverts to rank of pte at own request	"
WX 18389	A/Cpl	BENISON F.J.	reverts to rank of pte on joining unit from reinfnts	6 Nov 42
WX 16976	A/Sgt	HANCOCK A.J.	" " " " " "	"
WX 13534	A/L/Sgt	HALLETT T.H.	" " " " " "	"
WX 13939	A/Cpl	HOYLE R.	" " " " " "	"
WX 16940	"	MCLEOD K.H.	" " " " " "	"
WX 15014	"	PAGES-OLIVER L.	" " " " " "	"
WX 19258	"	HAMILTON A.R.	" " " " " "	"
WX 18295	A/L/Sgt	JOYSEN-POWELL V.	" " " " " "	"
WX 17948	A/Cpl	McMURDO P.H.	" " " " " "	"
WX 14942	"	PERKINS R.A.	" " " " " "	"

5. TRANSFERS

WX 12278	Pte	GRAY K.C.J.	from "D" Coy to "HQ" Coy	8 Nov 42
WX 9796	"	HILLS E.C.	" "B" Coy to "HQ" Coy	"
WX 12883	"	EVANS A.C.	" " " " " "	"
WX 9980	"	NEEDHAM E.W.	" "D" Coy " " "	"

J.B. Burn
Lieut
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

SPECIAL MESSAGES

The following messages received by the GOC 9 Aust Div are to be communicated to all ranks:

(a) from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Army:

"I send my heartiest congratulations to yourself and offrs and tps under your comd for their glorious part in present battle in Western Desert. The news of the heroic exploits of Australians was received with great enthusiasm by people and men and women of fighting forces in Australia and in other parts of SW Pacific Area. The thoughts of all Australians are with you and your men to-day. The success of your Div under your capable leadership has been a great tonic to whole nation and will act as a further stimulus to all in war effort on home front. Kindly pass this message on to the offrs and the men of AIF in ME."

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
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by

Lt Col T.H. SCOTT
No 155

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
11 Nov 42

ORDER OF THE DAY

by

Lieutenant-General Sir Oliver W.H. LEESE, Bt., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Commanding 30 Corps

To all ranks of 30 Corps

After twelve days of bitter fighting we have achieved our object of breaching the enemy's defences and so have made possible the passage of our Armoured Formations towards the enemy's rear.

I have received a special message from Comd, 10 Corps, expressing his great appreciation of our achievements in this respect.

During this period we have inflicted severe losses on the enemy both in men and material; losses which when they become known may well prove crippling.

I desire to express to all ranks my gratitude for their untiring energy and devotion to duty during this critical period, and my deep admiration for the fighting spirit which has enabled us to overcome the elaborate system of defences with which the enemy surrounded himself.

It was a hard fight.

It was won through the bravery and absolute determination of every man to do his duty.

Well done - all. ooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

1. DUTIES

Bn Detention Compound: A guard, comprising 1 NCO and 3 ORs, will be placed on the Bn Detention Compound.

Time for mounting	0900 hrs	
Tour of Duty	24 hrs	
Roster	11 Nov	"HQ" Coy
	12 Nov	"A" "
	13 Nov	"C" "
	14 Nov	"D" "

2. BEACONS

It has been reported that eight figure map reference beacons have been pulled down and in some cases removed.

These are operationally necessary and will NOT be tampered with or removed. (ref 9 DROs para 591 of 8 Nov 42)

3. UNEXPLODED BOMBS

Reports of unexploded bombs, together with accurate location and if possible type of bombs, will be reported by quickest means to this HQ.

(ref 9 DROs para 592 of 8 Nov 42)

4. BRITISH AND ENEMY MT - Locations

Units will report to T.O. the locations of any British or enemy MT which are non-runners and which cannot be towed in by unit resources. British non-runners should be evacuated through LADs. Enemy non-runners to derelict veh park SOUTH of MAIN rd at 86653085.

5. TRANSFERS

SX 489 Pte WATERSTON R.	from "C" Coy to "HQ" Coy	11 Nov 42
WX 15918 " FORREST E.J.	" " " " " "	"
WX 9050 " YOUNG L.N.	" " " " " "	"
WX 15157 " JOHNSTON B.H.	" " " " " "	"

W. Willis

Licut
Asst. Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
Routine Orders Part 1

by

Lt Col T.H. SCOTT
No 156

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
12 Nov 42

1. DUTIES Daily Routine

1.	REVEILLE	0630 hrs
	ADM PARADE	0635 "
	SICK PARADE	0645 "
	BREAKFAST	0730 "
	MORNING PARADE	0830 "
	LUNCH	1230 "
	AFTERNOON PARADE	1330 "
	EVENING MEAL	1700 "

2. GRENADERS & EXPLOSIVES - Use of

The unauthorised use of grenades and explosives is forbidden. The practice of fishing by means of grenades and explosives will cease forthwith.

3. AIRING OF BLANKETS

Blankets will be aired daily, if possible, by spreading in the sunlight. All blankets will be folded and packed by mid-day. On NO account will blankets be left airing after mid-day.

4. TITLES AUSTRALIA

Wearing of cloth titles AUSTRALIA, on black background, by ORs is contrary to AIF (ME) Orders and will cease forthwith.

5. SICK PARADE

Personnel parading sick will be paraded to RAP by Coy Orderly Cpls. Sick reports will be submitted in triplicate.

The procedure to be adopted for annotating sick reports will be as follows:

- i. M & D (medicine and duty) for trivial cases
- ii. D (duty) for cases reporting sick unnecessarily
- iii. A Attend for treatment and perform all duties
- iv. B 1 Attend for treatment, perform light duties (for cases of injury or disease of legs or other illness preventing marching).
- v. B 2 Attend for treatment, perform light duties (for cases of injury or disease of arms etc, NOT preventing marching, but preventing rifle exercises.
- vi. C Attend for treatment - excused all duties.

6. STRETCHER BEARERS

Vacancies exist for Regtl Stretcher Bearers. Applications to fill the vacancies will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 13 Nov 42. Nil returns will be sent in where applicable.

7. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at 2/43 Bn at 0930 hrs 12 Nov 42 and at such other times and places as the President may so desire for the purpose of enquiring and reporting on the circumstances of the accident on 12 Oct 42 in which SX 8320 Pte WHITE P., 2/43 Bn, received injuries of which he died at 2340 hrs 23 Oct 42.

PRESIDENT

Maj C.H.B. NORMAN
Lieut M.J. KELEY
Lieut R.R. KENNEDY

2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn

8. PROMOTIONS & REVERSIONS

NX 13153	Cpl	STIRLING J.C.	promoted to rank of L/Sgt	12 Nov 42
WX 9722	Pte	WEBB W.	" " " " A/Cpl	"
WX 13662	A/Cpl	BENFORATH E.H.	reverts to Pte on joining unit from reinfts	11 Nov 42
WX 13329	A/Sgt	BURKETT A.	" " " "	"
WX 11431	"	HALE H.J.	" " " "	"
WX 14815	A/Cpl	PEPPER J.G.	" " " "	"
WX 14365	"	HAYES R.B.	" " " "	"

9. TRANSFERS

NX 13153	L/Sgt	STIRLING J.C.	from "HQ" Coy to "D" Coy	12 Nov 42
WX 9722	A/Cpl	WEBB W.	from BnHQ to "HQ" Coy	"
VX 26522	Pte	ROBERTS G.L.	from "D" Coy to "HQ" Coy	"
WX 8772	"	SWANN B.K.	" " " "	"
VX 24226	"	STEPHENS C.N.	" " " "	"
WX 17993	"	CLIFFORD V.	" " " "	"
WX 9774	"	GOODCHILD J.H.	" "C" Coy to "HQ" Coy	"

J. Burn
Lieut
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Hereunder is a copy of a letter received from Comd 30 Corps by Comd 9 Aust Div:

" Now that we have a pause in the fighting I would like to write a line to congratulate you on the magnificent fighting which your Division has carried out.

I would be very grateful if you would explain to the men the immense part they have played in the battle. It is perhaps difficult for them quite to realise the magnitude of their achievement as the main break-out of our Armour was accomplished on another part of our front; thus could not be seen by them. But I am quite certain this break-out was only made possible by the homeric fighting over your Divisional sector.

When it was no longer possible for the crumbling process to go on in the South you will remember that the Army Commander decided to continue with his crumbling policy in the North. This led to five days bitter fighting on your front. During this time your Division attacked four times and were counter attacked incessantly by enemy infantry and tanks.

The main mass of heavy and medium artillery was concentrated on your Divisional front. It was obvious that the enemy meant to resist any advance along the coastal route, and as we now know, they concentrated the whole of the Panzer Corps against you in the Northern area.

Your fighting gave the opportunity for the conception of the final break-through in the centre, but this could never have been carried out if your front had been broken. The final break could not have been made unless the Army Comd was certain of the valiant resistance that would be put up by your Division. If the Germans could have broken your Division, the whole gunn support of the attack would have been disorganised and its success vitally prejudiced.

It has been for me a very proud occasion to have an Australian Division serving in the Corps and I am very happy that this is to continue in the subsequent advance.

Please ensure that this is promulgated to all ranks. "

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn Tng Instn

A period for complete rest and reorganisation was allotted, following our operation that ended 5 Nov 42.

This has been used to advantage, and time now will be allotted daily for tng as outlined below.

Generally, immediate steps will be taken to improve dress, bearing and personal efficiency of all personnel in the Bn.

1. Bn Syllabus

Coys will prepare a syllabus for an initial period of seven days, to incl -

- (a) Progressive tables in PT and organised recreational tng - 1 hr daily, NOT to incl swimming.
- (b) Compulsory daily swimming parade for all personnel.
- (c) Weapon tng - 2½ hrs daily.
- (d) Route marching
- (e) Pl and/or Coy parades and inspection daily (as indicated at CO's conference).
- (f) Guardmounting and sentry duties.
- (g) Tng of specialists and a res of specialists.
- (h) Tng of reinfts, and use of schools as required for MG, ATK and Mortar personnel.
- (i) 30 min lectures.

Syllabus will be fwded to BnHQ for approval by 1000 hrs 13 Nov and will ~~xxxx~~ commence on 14 Nov.

2. Inspections

- (a) The Bn will parade in mass, without tpt, for inspection by the Bde Comd at 0930 hrs 14 Nov 42.

Dress Shirts, shorts, boots, puttees, hat (turned up), drill order.

- (b) Kit inspections will be held at least once a week to check completeness of kits and to remove unnecessary trophies. Binoculars and compasses held as trophies, or by personnel NOT so entitled in WEs, will be appropriated.

3. Assault Courses

Each coy should construct itself a bayonet ~~xxxxxx~~ assault course, and an ~~xxx~~ obstacle course for use in PT.

4. Turnout and Bearing

There can be no holiday spirit in the matter of military dress. Turnout must now be improved by constant inspection and correcting; cleanliness of clothes and daily polishing of boots insisted upon. Offrs will give a better example in turnout and bearing.

- 5. Let us remain - fighting fit, and fit to fight - and no half measures.

A. Willis Lieut
Asst Adjt

Distribution

HQ Coy	1
A "	2
B "	3
C "	4
D "	5
CO	6
2 i/c	7
Adjt	8
War Diary	9-11 ✓
Spares	12-14

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Operation Instn No 2

Ref Maps MATRUH 1:500,000
 SALUM - TOBRUCH 1:250,000

INFORMATION

1. 9 Aust Div is providing a force to represent the Div at TOBRUCH. This composite force, representing all units in the Div, is to be comd by Lt Col COLVIN, 2/13 Bn, and be now formed to await orders to move.

INTENTION

2. 2/32 Bn will select and prepare a representative det to join the force moving to TOBRUK.

METHOD

3. The unit det has been selected from personnel who saw action in the defence of TOBRUK. Correctness of eqpt and turnout are essential and action will be taken immediately to make good deficiencies and replace badly worn eqpt and clothing. Coy representatives will be mustered at BnHQ as from 0630 hrs 13 Nov 42 and will be prepared to move when ordered.

4. Organisation Comd Lieut G.Mc. GATWARD
 Lieut L.G. CARTWRIGHT
- | | | | |
|---------|-------|----------|-----------------|
| "A" Coy | 4 ORs | "C" Coy | 1 WO 11 & 5 ORs |
| "B" Coy | 4 ORs | "D" Coy | 6 ORs |
| Bn HQ | 2 ORs | "HQ" Coy | 8 ORs |

5. Weapons
 Det will be armed with 3 LMGs, 3 TSMGs and 1 ATK Rifle

ADM

6. Tpt 2 x 30 cwt trucks.
 7. Amn 50 rds SAA per man; 1500 rds SAA per LMG; 1000 rds .45 per TSMG; 3000 rds SAA res boxed.
 8. Sups 3 days sups on det vehs.
 9. Water 2 gals per man in new patt 2 gal containers.
 10. Pet Full tks plus minimum of 100 miles with each veh.

INTERCOMN

11. Code-word for the operation - HOLLYWOOD

CK
 Time of signature 1030
 Method of issue DR

J. Burn Lieut
 Adjnt

Distribution

- | | |
|---------------|---------|
| "HQ" Coy | 1 |
| "A" " | 2 |
| "B" " | 3 |
| "C" " | 4 |
| "D" " | 5 |
| CO | 6 |
| 2 i/c | 7 |
| Lieut GATWARD | 8 |
| " CARTWRIGHT | 9 |
| Adjnt | 10 |
| QM | 11 |
| TO | 12 |
| War Diary | 13-15 ✓ |
| File | 16 |

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
Routine Orders Part 1

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Lt Col T.H. SCOTT
No 157

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
13 Nov 42

1. DUTIES Detention Compound 15 Nov "B" Coy
16 Nov "HQ" Coy
17 Nov "A" Coy
18 Nov "C" Coy
19 Nov "D" Coy

refer to ROs 155 para 1 of 11 Nov 42 for instns

2. VEHICLES PROCEEDING WESTWARDS

AIF vehs will NOT proceed beyond Western limits of 9 Aust Div area unless in possession of an authority signed by staff offrs of HQ 9 Aust Div. Veh check posts have been est on Main Rd and Ry tracks on WESTERN LIMITS of 9 Aust Div area. All vehs will stop at check posts and produce authority prior to proceeding Westwards.

(ref 24 Bde ROs 15 para 74 of 13 Nov 42)

3. PROMOTIONS, SPEC PAY

NX 8060	L/Sgt	REEVES S.E.	promoted to rank of Sgt	12 Nov 42
VX 12330	"	CAMERON A.	" " " "	"
NX 8446	Cpl	SHANLY A.D.	" " " A/Sgt	"
WX 6944	"	LOVERING R.	" " " "	"
NX 11252	Pte	FEWRELL F.J.	" " " A/Cpl	"
VX 41310	"	ANDERSON G.T.	" " " "	"
QX 7110	"	VICKERMAN W.	" " " "	"
WX 12432	"	OSBOINE E.G.	" " " "	"
WX 12729	L/Cpl	EMERY R.L.	" " " "	"
VX 25908	Pte	McLACHLAN J.	" " " "	"
QX 13998	L/Cpl	BAYLY B.	" " " "	"
VX 42508	"	FABRICIUS J.W.C.	" " " "	"
VX 30066	Pte	BROWN F.G.	" " " "	"
WX 11405	"	SCOTT A.F.	" " " "	"
NX 4955	"	EDWARDS R.J.	" " " "	"
WX 11431	"	HALE H.J.	" " " "	"
WX 13329	"	BURKETT A.	" " " "	"
WX 9980	"	NEEDHAM E.W.	" " " "	"
WX 2082	A/Sgt	RICHARDSON R.H.	rank of Sgt confirmed	"
WX 12847	A/Cpl	OVENS G.T.	" Cpl " "	"
WX 14288	"	CLARK G.	" Cpl " "	"
NX 8061	"	LEES J.	" Cpl " "	"
VX 37672	"	MANKEY W.A.	" Cpl " "	"
WX 1846	Pte	SHADDICK N.F.	promoted to rank of Cpl	"
VX 26887	"	TAYLOR R.T.	" " " "	"
WX 9020	"	BANNON J.M.	graded Spec Pay Gp111-clerk	"
VX 12488	"	LANE A.L.P.	" " " Gp11 -carpenter	"
WX 9016	"	HAMEISTER L.F.	" " " " "	"
WX 1976	"	MULLALLY J.S.	" " " " "	"
WX 14353	"	GLANCE I.D.	" " " Gp111-gunlayer	"
QX 20403	"	Pattison C.	" " " " "	"
WX 9728	"	ARTHUR C.J.	" " " " "	"
VX 45486	"	KRAEHEBUEHL E.D.	" " " " "	"
WX 12855	"	REGAN R.J.	" " " " dr"mech	"
WX 9735	"	HEALY P.	" " " Gp11 -signaller	"
WX 10615	"	MELL J.B.	" " " " "	"
WX 11424	"	BELL G.H.	" " " " "	"
NX 67931	"	TURTON A.	" " " " "	"
VX 47079	"	FORBES J.A.	" " " " "	"
VX 47079	"	FORBES J.A.	relinquishes Spec Pay Gp111-clerk	11 Nov 42
QX 2260	"	STAPLETON T.A.	" " " Gp111-dr mech	12 Nov 42

J. Burn Lieut
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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TO B HQ Q

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HQ Coy., 2/32 Aust Inf Bn,
In the Field,
18 Nov 42

OC
HQ Coy

SALVAGE RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED
14 Nov 42

Date	Receipt No.	Description	
11 Nov 42	K934022	Tyres	98
		Tubes	40
		Dust Rims	30
		Run Flats	45
11 Nov 42	K934014	Oil drums 5 gals	4
		Petrol Tins	105
12 Nov 42	K934032	General Salvage	3 Tons
13 Nov 42	K463168	General Salvage	3 "
14 Nov 42	K463173	Clothing	2 3/4 tons

In addition to the above a truck load of foreign weapons was handed over to ADOS Dump, while over 300 2-gal containers were exchanged for new type water tins, and another load of clothing was taken to ADOS Dump represented by Web Equipment and clothing etc/

Re Receipt No. K463173:- This load included some hundreds of Italian Blankets and foreign clothing while salvage of our own was as follows:-

Greatcoats	25.
Pullevers blue	20
" khaki	28
Trousers KD	27
Shorts khaki	22
Shirts khaki	17
Respirators	16
Hats KF	17
Sheets ground	9.
Underpants	12
Singlets	22
Pouches basic	10
Packs web	7
Haversacks	17
Straps supp	20
Bottles water	6
Capes anti-gas	7
Towels	10
Nets sand fly	10

The following is a list of the salvaged weapons (foreign) which were sent to 9 Div RSD:- Guns Machine Spandau 9, Breda 2, Fiat 1, A/Tk Fiat 1, German SM 1, also a qty of associated parts

R. Hartwright
Capt
QM, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

9. Officer

To be included in W.D

JRS 16/11/42

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part 1

by

Lt Col T.H. SCOTT

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

No 158

15 Nov 42

1. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT

(a) For the present, captured enemy and recaptured British MT may be retained by units, to meet existing deficiencies in WE.

(b) Coys will fwd a state of all enemy pattern equipment in possession to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 18 Nov 42. Equipment will be described as fully as possible. (ref 24 Bde ROs 16 para 77 of 14 Nov 42)

2. TROPHIES OF WAR AND OTHER CAPTURED MATERIAL

(a) Captured technical and optical equipment and pistols will be returned to QM and NOT to salvage.

(b) AIF (ME) Orders 236 and 1046 are repeated hereunder and will be read on parade as directed in these orders.

AIF (ME) Order No 236

1. (a) Captured material which may be claimed by units as trophies of war will be notified through HQ AIF, to GHQ ME, 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 & Pistols

Rifles

Ammunition

Rangefinders

Dial sights and parts

Telescope

Binoculars

Optical stores

Technical equipment

Cine and other cameras

Wireless sets

Other items which are clearly of value

Signalling instruments & parts
Surveying & drawing instruments
Gun parts, Tools, Spares,
Magazines etc.

MT spares and tools

Typewriters, Duplicators etc

Military literature, incl maps
and Manuals

Private cars and other vehs

Medical equipment

Money in Italian currency

(b) It is known however, that large quantities of the items listed are in the possession of units and individual offrs and ORs. Formations will accordingly take all possible steps to recover such items. These will incl the publication by units and establishments 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.

3. Lists of items handed over in accordance with para 2 (b) (i) will be fwded to HQ, AIF, through formation HQ.

4. It is notified that loot incl any property or money in the possession or under the control of any offr or soldier which has not been obtained by issue, by free gift on the part of the lawful owner, or by lawful purchase for fair value. So called souvenirs of battle are incl in the term. The possession of loot by any member of the AIF is forbidden.

5. Any offr of the AIF detected in the possession of loot will be tried by Court Martial. ORs will be dealt with as considered fit by superior authority not below the rank of Colonel.

6. This order will be republished in Unit Routine Orders and will be read three times on parades and posted on unit notice boards.

AIF (ME) Order No 1046 - ARMS - RETENTION OF NON-SERVICE TYPES

1. All members of AIF are forbidden to have any arms, weapons or arm other than WD service types unless they are in possession of a certificate signed by the CO of the unit, authorising the retention of such weapons.

AIF (ME) ORDER No 1046 - ARMS-RETENTION OF NON-SERVICE TYPES (cont)

2. COs are authorised to sign such certificates only when:
 - (1) Exigencies of the service require that the member should be armed with a weapon not of service type.
 - (2) The weapon is personal property obtained from a legitimate source, or
 - (3) is unserviceable and its only value is as a souvenir.
3. In the case of sub-para (2) these arms to be held only in addition to, and not in lieu of, WD issue.
4. All ranks will hand in all arms and weapons for which a certificate is not granted. Units will be responsible for returning these to nearest Ordnance Depot.
5. This order will be repeated in all unit orders and read on parade three times, and posted on unit notice boards.
6. The certificate will be in the following form:

No Rank Name Unit
is authorised to be in possession of
(full description of weapon) as (Private property
(a souvenir
(a weapon
(ref 24 Bde ROs 16 para 78 of 14 Nov 42)

3. JERRICANS AND " GALL CONTAINERS

- (a) Petrol Jerricans may be retained for use as petrol containers.
- (b) Jerricans marked either "VASSER" or with a WHITE CROSS are required by Eighth Army and will be returned to salvage.
- (c) Jerricans will NOT be used as water containers.
(ref 24 Bde ROs 16 para 79 of 14 Nov 42)

4. CLEANING OF AREAS

- (a) When units have cleared all useful salvage from the areas allotted in 9 Aust Div HQ Q109/1/376 of 6 Nov, rubbish and other material which is not worth salvaging will be burnt or buried.
- (b) Documents or maps found during salvage operations will be given to the Intelligence Offr.
- (c) Areas in the vicinity of derelict vehs will be left clean and tidy.
(ref 24 Bde ROs 16 para 80 of 14 Nov 42)

5. PROMOTIONS

WX 2086	Sgt	THOMPSON N.L.	promoted to rank of A/WO 11	12 Nov 42
QX 4060	L/Sgt	McDONALD D.	" " " Sgt	14 Nov 42
WX 9116	A/Cpl	KEENE D.L.	rank of Cpl confirmed	30 Oct 42
WX 9732	"	READ J.W.	" Cpl "	"

6. TRANSFERS

TX 1321	Pte	SHEA R.R.	from "D" Coy to "A" Coy	14 Nov 42
WX 11392	"	WALTON R.	" BnHQ to "A" Coy	"
WX 14092	"	CHERRY R.	" "A" Coy to "B" Coy	"

A.E. Willis
Lieut
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

SPECIAL MESSAGE: Army Comd wishes all tps to know that the PRIME MINISTER ordered Church bells to be rung throughout BRITAIN on 7 Nov in celebration of our victory.

ACF Distribution: The undermentioned items were received from ACF for distribution on the dates shown

17 Oct	1 oz tobacco	3 Christmas Cards) per man
	1 pkt cigarette papers)	
	1 handkerchief)	
7 Nov	1 oz tobacco)	per man
	1 pkt cigarette papers)	
	2 razor blades)	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
Routine Orders Part 1

by

Lt Col T.H. SCOTT
17 Nov 42
No 159

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
17 Nov 42

1. CLEANING OF AREA

There are still quantities of rubbish, tins and other untidy material in unit areas. The present Div area will be taken over by other tps if 9 Aust Div leaves it. Coys will take immediate steps to see that their areas are kept in a clean and tidy state.

(ref 9 DROs 603 of 15 Nov 42)

2. USE OF ROADS

Ref previous instns as to use of MAIN rd. Water tank lorries may use the MAIN rd when proceeding to and returning from WP.

(ref 9 DROs 604 of 15 Nov 42)

3. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS AIRGRAPH TO AUSTRALIA

1. Arrangements have been made for a Special Christmas Airgraph Service between the ME and Australia. This is a special service only and must NOT be regarded as indicating that a regular Airgraph Service is operating.

2. Each member of the AIF (ME) is permitted to send one Airgraph to Australia free of charge.

3. Airgraphs should when possible be written in dark ink. Typed or pencilled Airgraphs do not always photograph satisfactorily.

4. Airgraph forms, when completed, must be handed into the Orderly Room. They will NOT be accepted from individual members at Field Post Offices.

5. After censorship, units will fwd Airgraphs, per Postal Orderly, to their respective Field Post Offices.

6. Airgraph forms should be kept flat. Folded or otherwise creased forms do not photograph well.

7. When all airgraphs from each unit have been lodged at FPOs a certificate will be rendered to 9 Aust Div Postal Unit that the distribution of forms within the unit was on the basis of not more than one to each man on the strength at the time of distribution.

8. Special Xmas Airgraphs will be accepted daily at FPOs up to 1800 hrs 27 Nov 42.

9. A supply of blank Airgraph forms, estimated to be sufficient for the issue of one to each soldier is being sent to FPOs for distribution to units. If the number received is insufficient for a full distribution, application should be made to OC 9 Aust Div Postal Unit for an additional supply of forms.

10. It must be clearly understood that each soldier is entitled to despatch one Airgraph only under this special Xmas Airgraph scheme. There is no provision for the despatch of additional Airgraphs to Australia, post-prepaid or otherwise. (ref 9 DROs 603 of 15 Nov 42)

4. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EFM CABLEGRAM TEXTS

Standard EFM Texts will be withdrawn for the period 7 Dec 42 to 27 Dec 42 and the following special texts A, B, C, D, E, and F substituted.

A. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All well

B. Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. All well.

C. Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all at home.
All well.

D. Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from all at home.
All well.

E. Love and best wishes for a Happy New Year. All well.

F. Every good wish for the New Year.

The sender of the Cablegram will select one only from the above texts.

Regulations applying to Standard Texts EFM's will apply to Christmas EFM's.

5. GERMAN ELECTRIC BOMB FUSES

Coys finding serviceable German electric bomb fuses will return them to Unit Salvage Dump.

6. PUNISHMENTS BY COURTS MARTIAL

The following sentences, imposed recently by Courts Martial held in this Div are published for infm:

A pte soldier convicted of two charges of desertion and one of escaping from close arrest was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for three years.

A pte soldier convicted of desertion was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for two years.

Two pte soldiers convicted of desertion were each sentenced to one years imprisonment.

A pte soldier convicted of striking his superior offr was sentenced to 18 months detention.

A WO 11 convicted of WAL from a Con Depot was fined £5 and reduced to Cpl.

Two pte soldiers AWL for two days were sentenced to one years detention and one years hard labour respectively.

A pte soldier convicted of desertion was sentenced to one years imprisonment with hard labour.

(ref 9 DROs 611 of 15 Nov 42)

TROPHIES OF WAR AND OTHER CAPTURED MATERIAL

Ref ROs 158 para 2 sub-para 6.

The interpretation of this Order is amplified in Adm Instn issued on 16 Nov 42.

TRANSFERS

VX 42225 Pte DOUGHTON H.G. from "B" Coy to "C" Coy 16 Nov 42

SPEC PAY

VX 32526 Pte DOWLEY G. graded Spec Pay Gpl11 - dr mech 16 Nov 42

J. Burn Capt
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

DONATION

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of £A 8 from the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund. This sum has been placed to the credit of Regtl Funds.

Section

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Routine Orders Part 1

by

Lt Col T.H. SCOTT
No 160

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
18 Nov 42

1. DUTIES

Detention Compound	20 Nov	"B" Coy
	21 Nov	"HQ" Coy
	22 Nov	"A" Coy
	23 Nov	"C" Coy
	24 Nov	"D" Coy

2. FIELD CENSORSHIP

Field Censorship Regulations, ME Forces, 1942, para 15, is hereby cancelled and replaced by the following:-

"It is forbidden to write on Service matters to the Press, civic authorities or any public body. Correspondence to Members of Parliament is permitted provided no breach of security is occasioned."

"Articles of a non-service nature it is desired to despatch for publication in the Press will be forwarded, properly enveloped, addressed and stamped, in an outer cover, through units to H.Q., A.I.F., M.E.
(ref AIF (ME) Orders para 1329 of 7 Nov 42)

3. DISCIPLINE

The under-mentioned sentences by Courts Martial are published for infm:

(a) A warrant officer, convicted of AWL in the Field (AA15(i)), was sentenced to be reduced to the rank of Cpl, and fined the sum of five pounds.

(b) A Cpl, convicted of conspiring with other soldiers to steal private property (AA41), two charges of stealing public property (AA18(4)), and two charges of improperly using an Army vehicle to improperly carry away public property (AA40), was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks, to undergo detention for 13 months, and to be put under stoppages of pay to make good the sum of £A 32/6/10.

(c) A pte soldier, convicted of AWL in the Field for 5 days (AA15(i)), was sentenced to suffer field punishment for 90 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 90 days.

(ref AIF (ME) Orders para 1331 of 7 Nov 42.

4. BERETS BLACK

Berets black will be worn by Cav Regts only.

(ref AIF (ME) Orders para 1334 of 7 Nov 42)

5. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

Acknowledgment is gratefully made for the receipt of the following goods from ACF.

Playing Cards	36 pkts
Writing Pads	200
Envelopes	1500
Ink	36 tins
Books	16
Housewives	50
Magazines (Blighty)	1 bundle

6. POSTAL

It is advised that the name of the unit MUST NOT be shown on the outside of ANY mail.

7. TRANSFERS

VX 30917 Pte SINCLAIR R.A.
VX 12269 " ROBINSON H.

from "A" Coy to "HQ" Coy
" "C" Coy to "HQ" Coy

18 Nov 42
"

A.W. Willis Lieut
Capt
Asst Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
Routine Orders Part 1
by

Maj A.B.GILLESPIE
No 161

Adm Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
26 Nov 42

1. DISCIPLINE

The undermentioned sentences by Courts - Martial are published for information:-

- (a) A private soldier convicted of four charges of obtaining money by false pretences; (A.A.41), four charges of uttering his paybook; (A.A.41), and being improperly in possession of two paybooks; (A.A.40), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for two years.
- (b) A private soldier convicted of striking his superior officer in the execution of his office; (A.A.8(1), and using threatening language to his superior officer; (A.A.8(2), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.
- (c) A private soldier convicted of improperly making away with by selling a pair of military boots, public property; (A.A.40), was sentenced to undergo detention for ninety days.
- (d) A private soldier convicted of two charges of passing valueless cheques; (A.A.40), and of absenting himself without leave while under open arrest; (A.A.15(1), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.

2. TRANSFERS

WX 11420	Pte BAYLEY L.C.	from "A" Coy to "HQ" Coy	26 Nov 42
VX 46807	" STROUD J.C.	" " "	"
WX 13363	" ROSEVEARE W.	" " "	"
WX 10345	" MARWICK J.	" "HQ" Coy to "B" Coy	21 Nov 42
VX 13298	" SPEED R.C.	" 2/32 Bn to ADOS - att to 2/32 Bn for duty	"
SK 1939	" LANG D.K.	" " " "	"

3. SPEC PAY

WX 10345	Pte MARWICK J.A.	graded Spec Pay Gp111-dr mech	21 Nov 42
SK 1939	" LANG D.K.	relinquishes Spec Pay Gp11 mech MT	20 Nov 42
VX 13298	" SPEED R.C.	" " "	20 Nov 42
SK 1939	" LANG D.K.	graded Spec Pay Gp1 - Fitter MT	21 Nov 42
VX 13298	" SPEED R.C.	" " "	21 Nov 42

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

NOTICES

ARRIVAL OF MAILS IN AUSTRALIA

Advice has been received that mails posted in Middle East between 12 Sept 42 and 5 Oct 42 were received in Melbourne by 4 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Maj. A.B. GILLESPIE
No. 162

Adm Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
30 Nov 42.

1. SHOOTING OF CARRIER PIGEONS

1. Many cases are occurring of carrier pigeons being shot at, and not only have valuable birds been killed or injured, but the training of others seriously upset. This has resulted in the non-delivery or delay of important messages, and it must be realized that messages carried by pigeons are often of an S.O.S nature, the prompt delivery of which may lead to the saving of men's lives.

2. All personnel are, therefore, forbidden to shoot at pigeons of any sort, and in addition, will report immediately any cases they encounter of pigeon shooting, whether by service personnel or civilians.

2. NOMENCLATURE OF AUSTRALIAN FORCES

1. To ensure standard usage and interpretation, the following definitions are promulgated:-

The expression " Australian Military Forces " means the whole of the military forces of the Commonwealth of Australia. It therefore includes the Australian Imperial Force.

The expression " Citizen Military Forces " means the military forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, other than the Australian Imperial Force and the Permanent Military Forces. It includes the Volunteer Defence Corps.

2. The following abbreviations are authorised:-

A.M.F. for Australian Military Forces
A.I.F. for Australian Imperial Force
P.M.F. for Permanent Military Forces
C.M.F. for Citizen Military Forces

3. It is to be particularly noted that " C.M.F." is NOT an abbreviation for " Commonwealth Military Forces ". Use of the expression " Commonwealth Military Forces " will be avoided.

3. DISCIPLINE

The undermentioned sentences by Courts-Martial are published for information -

(a) A private soldier, convicted of using violence to his superior officer (AA 8 (ii)) in the field; striking his superior officer (AA 8 (ii)) in the field; using threatening language to his superior officer (AA 8 (ii)) in the field; and losing by neglect his paybook (AA 24 (ii)), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for one year.

(b) A private soldier, convicted of deserting His Majesty's Service (AA 12 (i)) in the field, was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for one year.

(c) A private soldier, convicted of when a soldier acting as a sentinel sleeping on his post (AA 6 (ii)), was sentenced to undergo detention for sixty days.

(d) A private soldier, convicted of forging entries in a Muster Pay Roll with intent to defraud (AA 41), and conspiracy to obtain money by false pretences (AA 41), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for one year.

4. TRANSFERS

VX 38579 Pte O'REILLY J. From "C" Coy to "HQ" Coy 30.11.42.

A.W. Williams Lieut
Capt.
Asst Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

ARRIVAL OF MAILS IN AUSTRALIA

Advice has been received that mail posted in the Middle East between 6 and 16 October 1942 was received in Melbourne by 15 November.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Proposed Syllabus of Tng for period 14 Nov/21 Nov 42

Rifle Coys

Date	0830-0845	0845-0915	0915-1000	1000-1100	1100-1230	1330-1430	1430-1530	1530-1600	1600-1630
Nov 14	Coy Parade and Inspection	P & RT	Bn Parade		Weapon tng - Bren	Lectures - two	Weapon tng - TSMG	P & RT	Swimming
Nov 15	do	Church Parades, Coy Adm, Make and Mend					30 mins P & RT Remainder of afternoon-Swimming		
Nov 16	do	P & RT	Weapon tng - Bren	Weapon tng - Rifle	Lecture--and Gds & Sentries	Weapon tng 2" Mortar	Route March	P & RT	Swimming
Nov 17	do	do	Fd Form & Sigs	Weapon tng - TSMG	Route March	Weapon tng - Grenades	Weapon tng - Bren	do	do
Nov 18	do	do	Lecture	Bayonet tng	Weapon tng - Grenades	Weapon tng - ATK Rifle	Route March	do	do
Nov 19	do	do	Drill	Weapon tng - TSMG	Weapon tng - Bren	Route March		do	do
Nov 20	do	do	Weapon tng - Rifle	Weapon tng 2" Mortar	Fire Control and Orders	Gds and Sentries	Weapon tng - Grenades	do	do
Nov 21	do	do	Route March		Weapon tng - Bren	Weapon tng - ATK Rifle	Lectures - two	do	do

Date	0830-0845	0845-0915	0915-1000	1000-1100	1100-1200	1330-1430	1430-1515	1515-1545	1545-1615	
22 Sun	Coy Parade & Inspection	Church Parade - Coy Adm - Make and Mend - Swimming								
23 Mon	"	P & RT	Map Reading	Weapon trg - Bren	Lecture	Squad Drill w/arms	Fd Formations & Sigs	P & RT	Swimming	Night Exercise (a)
24 Tue	"	"	Prismatic Compass	9 Div Concert Party (b)		Route	March			" (c)
25 Wed	"	"	Map Reading	Weapon trg - ATk Rifle	Lecture	J D Range Cards	Weapon trg - 2" Mortar	P & RT	Swimming	Night Exercise (a)
26 Thu	"	"	"	Weapon trg - Bren	Lecture	Squad Drill w/arms	Weapon trg - Grenades	"	"	
27 Fri	"	"	"	Weapon trg - TSMG	Lecture	Route	March			" (c) Night Exercise (a)
28 Fri	Route (c)	March - returning from Night Exercise				Cleaning and checking weapons	Lecture	P & RT	Swimming	

- Notes:
- (a) Trg Instn No 11 (24 Bde)
 - (b) Day's syllabus will be adjusted within coys to conform with programme of performances of 9 Div Concert Party.
 - (c) Route marches will be 10 miles minimum.

Extract from 24 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn No 11, para 1 (a)

"Pl night exercises directed by Coy Comds to practice;

- (i) Movement by night in battle formation.
- (ii) Reorganization in the dark - combatting the tendency for sec posts and weapon pits to be huddled together.
- (iii) Maintenance of direction in featureless country.
- (iv) Drill for digging in a pl type of section post.

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn Movement Order No 3

Ref Map EL ALAMAIN 1:50,000

INTENTION

1. 2/32 Bn will move to KHASSA Camp, PALESTINE.

METHOD

2. Move will be by rd in two phases.

Phase 1

Move to Bde concentration point in ALAMEIN area under Bn control on 1 Dec 42.

Phase 2

Move to PALESTINE under Bde control commencing 2 Dec 42.

3. Phase 1

(a) Assembly Areas

BnHQ, A, B, C and D Coy convoys will assemble in present areas, all vehs clear of COAST rd and Bn track to MAIN rd.

HQ Coy convoy will assemble in present area and move to RV junc MAIN rd-track (87213034) by 1300 hrs to join Bn convoy

(b) Order of March

BnHQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy, HQ Coy (from MAIN rd).

(c) Start Point

Junc COAST rd-track 87363070

(d) Start Time

Head of convoy passes SP 1230 hrs.

(e) Route

Track COAST rd 87363070 to MAIN rd 87213034 - MAIN rd.

(f) Speed & Density

- i. tracks 7½ mih 20 vtm
- ii. MAIN rd 20 mih 20 vtm

(g) Tpt

One guide per coy (except HQ Coy) will RV at 0945 hrs 1 Dec 42 on track to MAIN rd just SOUTH of "C" and "B" Coy areas to guide Tp Carrying Tpt to coy areas.

Unit tpt will report to coys etc by 1600 hrs 30 Nov 42.

(h) Concentration Area

Coy areas at concentration point will be marked with coy signs by "I" Sec.

(i) Carriers

4 Pl and carriers will entrain at AMIRIYA. Entrainment date and orders for move will be issued by 24 Bde later.

4. Phase 2

(a) Bde Gp is composed as follows:

- HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
- K Sec Sigs
- 2 Pl HQ Gd Bn
- 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- 76 LAD

(b) Start Point)

(c) Start Time)

(d) Route)

(e) Staging)

(f) Speed and Density)

(g) Halts)

Appx "B"
Movement Table

(h) Convoy Adv Parties

IO and staff will leave convoy at mid-day halt each day, and move fwd to arrange coy etc areas and marking of same at Staging Areas.

5. Lights

NO restriction in the use of blacked out lights.

ADM

6. Ann

1st line ann ONLY will be carried.

7. POL

(a) Vehs will commence with full tks plus 50 miles.

(b) Replenishment as follows:

- 2 Dec - WADI NATRUN 3 Dec - COWLEY
- 4 Dec - EAST BANK of CANAL 5 Dec - ASLUJ

- 7. POL (cont)
(c) On leaving EAST BANK of CANAL tks plus res should be sufficient for at least 180 miles.
- 8. SUP
(a) Unconsumed portion of day s ration will be carried on departure. (phase 2). QM will carry 3 days ME hard scale in addition.
(b) QM will draw and hold 2 days rations ME hard scale at EAST BANK of CANAL, to ensure arrival with 2 days intact.
- 9. Water
Replenishment at staging areas. One gall per man carried in welded steel containers. Water bottles filled.
- 10. Rec
Breakdown veh at rear of convoy.
- 11. Medical
RAP will travel with BnHQ.
One amb veh, 2/3 Fd Amb, per Bn, will travel at rear of convoy.
- 12. AASC Vehs
Relief drs will ride with dr unless an offr or WO 11 is travelling on the veh.
- 13. Canteen
NO beer will be consumed on journey or carried to destination.
- 14. Salvage-Cleanliness of Areas
Coys will collect all salvage in areas and deliver direct to Div Salvage Depot by 0830 hrs 1 Dec 42. At least one veh will be left unloaded for this purpose by each coy.
Particular attention will be paid to leaving concentration and staging areas clean.
- 15. Convoy Discipline
Personnel will NO ride on cabs, hoods, or frames, or seated on sides of vehs,
- 16. Kitchen Vehs
These vehs will remain with coys until completion of phase 1, when they will join HQ Coy as in Appx "A"
- 17. Dress
Hats, Trousers KD, Shirts, Pullovers, and Gaiters will be worn for the journey.

INTERCOMM

- 18. Bn HQ closes present location 1200 hrs 1 Dec 42.
- 19. Codeword which will prefix all messages dealing with the move - DEANERY

ACK
 Time of Signature 1440
 Method of Issue DR Orderly

J. Burn Capt
 Adjt

Distribution

	<u>Copy No</u>
HQ	1-10
A	11
B	12
C	13
D	14
CO	15
Adjt	16
QM	17
IO	18
RMO	19
RSM	20
24 Bde	21
War Diary	22-24
File	25
Spares	26-30

R O A D T A B L E

Appx "A" to 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Movement Order No 3

Coy	Ser	Type	Unit	Personnel	Stores	Remarks
Bn HQ	1	Car DS	Own	CO Adjnt Batman Dr		
	2	Bantam	"	Dr		
	3	M/C Solo	"	Sig DR		
	4	"	"	Sig DR		
	5	15 cwt GS	"	IO Batman "I" pte Dr	"I" Stores	
	6	Bantam	"	Dr		"I" Sec
	7	1 ton OV	"	Ord R Sgt 1 clerk 1 batman Dr	Bn Records etc	
	8	3 ton GS	"	2 cooks Offrs Mess Steward Dr	BnHQ Kitchen Offrs Mess Kitchen	
	9	3ton GS	"	RSM Dr 2 RPs	1st line amm	
	10	3 ton GS	"	Ord R Sgt RP Sgt Dr 1 RP	1st line amm	
	11	3 ton GS	AASC	Asst Adjnt "I" Sgt 3 "I" Ptes Batman Ord R Sgt		
	12	1 ton GS	24 Bde	Chaplain Batman Dr		
HQ	13	15 cwt GS	Own	OC Batman CSM Ord R Col Dr	Coy Records	
	14	M/C Solo	"	1 pte ATK Pl		
	15	M/C Solo	"	1 pte MMG Pl		
	16	3 ton GS	"	COMS 2 cooks Storeman Dr	Coy Kitchen	
	17	30 cwt GS	"	Sig Offr Storeman Batman Dr	Sig Stores	
	18	30 cwt GS	"	Sig Sgt 8 Ptes Dr	Sig Stores	
	19	3 ton GS	AASC	18 ORs Sig Pl		
	20	15 cwt GS	Own	Mortar Offr 3 Ptes Batman Dr	Mortar Pl Stores	
	21	30 cwt GS	"	Sgt 2 Ptes Dr	3 x 3" Mortars.Amm	
	22	3 ton GS	"	Sgt 2 Ptes Dr	3 x 3" Mortars.Amm	
	23	3 ton GS	AASC	18 ORs Mortar Pl		
	24	3 ton GS	"	9 ORs Mortar Pl 2 ORs Coy HQ 3 ORs 5 Pl 3 ORs MMG Pl		
	25	30 cwt GS	Own	Pioneer Offr Batman 4 Ptes Dr	Pioneer Stores	
	26	3 ton GS	"	Sgt 5 Pioneer Ptes Dr	Pioneer Stores	
	27	15 cwt GS	"	QM Batman Clerk Dr	Q Records	
	28	50 cwt GS	"	Cook 3 Ptes "A" Coy Dr	"A" Coy Kitchen	

Coy	Ser	Type	Unit	Personnel	Stores	Remarks
HO	29	50 cwt GS	Own	Cook 2 Ptes "B" Coy Dr	"B" Coy Kitchen	
	30	50 cwt GS	"	2 cooks 2 Ptes "C" Coy Dr	"C" Coy Kitchen	
	31	30 cwt GS	"	Cook 2 Ptes "D" Coy Dr	"D" Coy Kitchen	
	32	30 cwt Water Tank	"	1 Pte Dr		
	33	30 cwt Water Tank	"	1 Pte Dr		
	34	3 ton GS	"	3 Ptes Dr	Rations	
	35	30 cwt GS	"	5 ORs Dr	Rations	
	36	30 cwt GS	"	5 ORs Dr	Rations	
	37	3 ton GS	"	RQMS 4 ORs Dr	A/Gas clothing Res Clothing	
	38	30 cwt GS	"	Armourer Pay Sgt Postal Cpl Dr	Armourers Tools Pay Records Postal Records	
	39	3 ton GS	"	2 ORs Dr	POL	
	40	3 ton GS	"	3 ORs Dr	Fitters Tools MT Spares	
	41	3 ton GS	"	2 Cooks 1 Pte Dr	"B" Ech Kitchen Canteen Stores	
	42	Portee	"	Offr Batman 2 ORs	1st line amm ATk Gun	
	43	"	"	3 ORs Dr	" "	
	44	"	"	4 ORs Dr	" "	
	45	"	"	4 ORs Dr	" "	
	46	"	"	4 ORs Dr	" "	
	47	"	"	3 ORs Dr	" "	
	48	"	"	3 ORs Dr	" "	
	49	"	"	3 ORs Dr	" "	
	50	3 ton GS	"	3 ORs Dr	ATk Pl Stores Amm	
	51	3 ton GS	"	Offr Batman Dr	" "	
	52	30 cwt GS	"	MMG Pl Comd 4 ORs Batman Dr	3 MMGs complete 1st line amm	
	53	30 cwt GS	"	6 ORs Dr	" "	
	54	3 ton GS	AASC	13 ORs MMG Pl		

Coy	Ser	Type	Unit	Personnel	Stores	Remarks
"A"	55	50 cwt GS	Own	OC Batman Pte Dr	Coy Records Weapons Amn	
	56	3 ton GS	AASC	18 ORs (incl 1 SB att)		
	57	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	58	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	59	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	60	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
"B"	61	50 cwt GS	Own	OC Batman Pte Dr	Coy Records Weapons Amn	
	62	3 ton GS	AASC	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	63	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	64	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	65	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	66	3 ton GS	"	9 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
"C"	67	50 cwt GS	Own	OC Batman Pte Dr	Coy Records Weapons Amn	
	68	3 ton GS	AASC	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	69	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	70	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	71	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	72	3 ton GS	"	17 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
"D"	73	30 cwt GS	Own	OC Batman Dr	Coy Records Weapons Amn	
	74	30 cwt GS	"	2 ORs Dr	" "	
	75	3 ton GS	AASC	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	76	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	77	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	78	3 ton GS	"	18 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		
	79	3 ton GS	"	7 all ranks (incl 1 SB att)		

Coy	Ser	Type	Unit	Personnel	Stores	Remarks
BnHQ	80	3 ton GS	Own	RMO Batman 2 Med Orderlies SB Sgt SB Dr	RAP	
	81	3 ton GS	AASC			Spare
	82	3 ton GS	"			Spare
HQ	83	15 cwt GS	Own	TO Batman Dr clerk	MT P1	

NOTE: Ser 15 M/C may travel with TO

M O V E M E N T T A B L E

Appx "B" to 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Movement Order No 3

Units	Veh	Men	ALAMEIN		WADI NATRUN		Refuel		SUEZ CANAL		BIR ASLUJ		GAZA area	Remarks
			2 Dec		2/3 Dec		COWLEY KILO 8		3/4 Dec		4/5 Dec		5 Dec	
			T.P.	S.P.	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	22	71	0600		1300	0600	0830	0900	1600	0600	1625	0600	0905	Lower figure in each coln is time of arrival last veh in convoy.
K. Sec Sigs	13	46												
2 P1 HQ Gd Bn	3	40												
2/28 Bn	88	679												
2/32 Bn	82	654												
76 LAD	6	18	0638		1338	0638	0908	0938	1638	0638	1703	0638	0943	
	214	1508												

Route: EL ALAMEIN-AMIRIYA-WADI NATRUN-CAIRO-ISMAILIA-BIR ASLUJ-GAZA-Camp areas

S.P. Rd junc 83732942 (SPRINGBOK rd)

Staging Night 2/3 Dec WADI NATRUN
 " 3/4 Dec EAST BANK SUEZ CANAL
 " 4/5 Dec BIR ASLUJ

Speed and Density 17 mih 20 vtm

HALTS

<u>2 Dec</u> hrs		<u>3 Dec</u> hrs		<u>4 Dec</u> hrs		<u>5 Dec</u> hrs	
0740-0800	x	0830-0900	(COWLEY)	Halts at Kilos 78 and 150 only		0740-0800	x
0900-0930		1040-1100	x				
1140-1200	x	1200-1230					
		1440-1500	x				

X - Convoy comds may vary these twenty min halts as and when necessary to avoid any part of the convoy halting in a camp or congested area.

Report on signal Comms

21 Nov '42

During Operations 30 Oct/5 Nov '42

Phase 1

30 Oct - 1900 hrs 31 Oct

The Signal plan for the attack was:-

R/T comm between Bn HQ, C.O., HQ Coy Comd and all coys by means of the 18 set.

L/T to all coys as soon as possible after capture of objectives.

W/T comm to Bde by means of the Bde 101 W/T set.

L/T comm to Bde as soon as possible

Internal comm within the Bn:-

R/T - Generally the No.18 sets used during the attack performed very well..

The set operated by L/Cpl Wood who moved with the C.O. was affected when the C.O.'s Jeep was blown up on the minefd, but L/Cpl Wood repaired it and it performed well until it had to be abandoned owing to the enemy attacking and the party with the set having run out of amm. This occurred after the coys were on their first objectives.

Maj. Joshua had a set in his veh operated by Pte Sharpe, it performed well.

Lieut Lythe had a set in the Bde W/T veh operated by Pte Bonser, it performed well.

"A" COY - "A" Coy had two No.18 sets, both of which performed well. One set operated by Pte Hayne was damaged by enemy fire after "A" coy had reached the "BLOCKHOUSE". Pte Bell was later evacuated.

"B" COY - "B" Coy had two No.18 sets attached, they were operated by Ptes Topham and Furton. Neither set gave any comm for the coy owing to the two sigs losing contact with the coy at the start line and never finding the coy again. Pte Topham was later evacuated.

"C" COY - "C" Coy had a No.18 set operated by Pte Hoskins and a No.108 set operated by Pte Healy. Both sets performed well during the ops. After crossing the ry line Pte Hoskins was evacuated, Pte Healy then carried on with the No.108 set.

"D" COY - "D" Coy had two No.18 sets operated by Ptes Howard and Geary, these sets gave excellent service and provided the only means of comm until 1700 hrs 31 Oct '42. Pte Howard was killed in an attack on the ry line on the night 30 Oct '42.

During the latter end of the attack comm could NOT be got to the C.O., this was probably after the C.O.'s set had been abandoned.

L/T. Signal Centre.

On the arrival at the ry line the sig Sgt contacted the Sig Offr Lieut Lythe, and then proceeded to site the Sig Office.

Difficulty was found in locating coy posns, this was caused mainly through some coys failing to sent the normal orderlies to Bn HQ. It was found impossible to lay lines to coys immediately. This resulted in all lines having to be laid in daylight.

Bde line was handed into the sig Office about 0500 hrs. This line was laid from us to Bde Hqs by Bde sigs. This link to Bde never worked and we had to rely entirely on wireless, and L.O. for comm to Bde.

"A" COY - Line was laid to "A" coy in its final posn, on the left of D Coy and comm was established by 1730 hrs. This line was laid by ptes Stewart and L/Cpl Wood and gave comm for the coy during the remainder of the ops.

"B" COY - Attempts were made by a cable party consisting of Ptes Stewart and Parry to lay a line to "B" coy in a carrier, but owing to enemy fire was unsuccessful. Attempts were then made to lay by hand, the party moved out until they were advised to go no further by Lieut Stirling, they left the line and connected the phone to the A/tk pl there. Another line was laid by Ptes Parry and Stewart to B Coy and comm was established by 1300 hrs.

"C" Coy - After the cable party ptes Stewart and Parry had returned from laying the line to the A/tk pl they laid a line to "C" Coy HQ; this line was through by 0630 hrs. Later a line to 2/43 Bn was run to "C" Coy HQ and provided us with comm to 2/43 Bn

"D" Coy - Line was NOT laid to "D" Coy until 1700 hrs; prior to this the coy had been in comm by R/T. This line was laid by Ptes Stewart and L/Cpl Wood.

2/2 M.M.G. - A line was laid to the pl of 2/2 MMG Bn att, during the morning.

External comm - Bde link

W/T lol set - The sig offr Lieut Lythe travelled in this truck with two operators. The set gave comm to Bde until it was hit by enemy fire and the set and truck were damaged. The two operators and Lieut Lythe were wounded at first light. Luckily, the lol set attached to the 2/3 Pnr Bn was in the vicinity of Bn HQ and extensive use was made of it until it broke down, then we used a lol set belonging to an Arty O.P.O. until the Bn HQ moved at last light 31 Oct '42.

L/T : Bde sigs laid a line from Bn HQ back to Bde HQ. The cable party left the line at our sig Office at approx 0500 hrs. This line never functioned at any time and we relied on R/T and L.O. for all Bde comm.

W/T lol set - Bde sent a lol wireless truck to replace the one damaged on 31 Oct - this new set arrived approx 0500 hrs 1 Nov. The set was immediately set up in a hole and the veh sent away. During the whole of the operations from this time onwards this set did sterling work and proved by far the most reliable means of comm with Bde.

During the ops R/T was used throughout except for a brief period when W/T had to be used owing to interference.

A point of interest on the enemy's methods was that while endeavouring to pass a message to Bde calling for arty def fire, we repeated the message five times without getting an acknowledgement from Bde. After the fifth time an answer was received, it was sent by wrong procedure and the voice was definitely different to the Bde operator. The message was then sent to 2/28 Bn for retransmission to Bde. Bde then received the message and acted upon it.

PHASE II. - 1800 hrs 31 Oct - 5 Nov 42.

Internal Comm within Bn. -

Soon after last light Maj. Joshua ordered the Bn HQ to move to a new posn.

A new sig plan was made and provided L/T comm to A, C, D Coys, M.M.G pl, A/tk pl, C.O., orderly room, 2 arty O.Ps, pl of 2/2 M.M.G Bn, 382 A/tk Bty, Bde HQ, 2/28 Bn, 2/43 Bn, 2/3 Pnr Bn and orderly to B Coy.

At first light the new sig office was fully established and was in comm with all subscribers.

This plan to provide such extensive L/T comm was only made possible by immediately utilising a quantity of captured enemy equipment, and would NOT have been possible with the normal W.E. of sig equipment.

The lines performed excellently although enemy shelling repeatedly cut lines and linesmen were continually out repairing broken lines. The Bn sigs laid all lines except the Bde, 2/28 & 2/43 Bn's lines which were laid by Bde sigs.

External comm to Bde

L/T - Bde sigs laid a line from Bde to 2/28 Bn then to 2/32 Bn, then to 2/43 Bn - this line was in comm by 0300 hrs 1 Nov. It was found that a single line to the three fwd Bns was not sufficient and more often than not the line was out of comm and was most unreliable.

Report by Pte Healy P. - sig att. to "C" Coy during
ops 30 Oct 42 - 5 Nov 42.

I was att to "C" coy with Pte Hoskins. I had a 108 set and Pte Hoskins had a No. 18 set. We netted the sets before leaving Pt 26 and were in comm with control.

Lieut Cronk was Coy comd. After crossing the start line we spread out until we met a strong post and minefd. Here engrsd directed us the way to go. The strong post was approx 500 yds from the S.L., we opened out again and continued until we arrived at the Ry Line. Here we rested and adjusted our sets.

After crossing the line we seemed to be in our own arty fire, this I reported to control and they acknowledged. Lieut Cronk and Pte Hoskins had both been wounded. I took over the No. 18 set. Arty fire was still landing amongst us. Lieut Keley decided to dig in and reinforce our posn.

Control said that "A" coy was in a precarious posn and would "C" Coy go to their assistance.

A line arrived from Bn about first light and we were in comm by L/T from then on.

Later tks attacked over our posn and dragged the line with them. The 2/48 Bn had a line from us. We then used R/T.

About 1400 hrs enemy tks attacked us, we reported by R/T and arty fire was brought down on them.

"C" Coy had comm with an arty O.P.O. by line until his two sigs were killed and the line made unserviceable.

On the night of 31 Oct we moved the coy's posn to SOUTH of the Ry Line. In this posn we had line comm until relieved.

Report by WX11424 Pte BELL G.H. - sig att to "A" Coy
during ops 30 Oct - 5 Nov '42.

After debussing with "A" coy at the assembly area, I moved with Pte Hayne (the other sig) with Lieut Walker to the Start Line. Both Pte Hayne and myself had No. 18 sets.

We only halted on the S.L. for a few minutes and then moved off into the attack. I moved with Pte Hayne on my left with Coy Hq. Capt Huitfeldt returned to Coy Hq from fwd during the attack and ordered the sigs to separate. I then moved in rear of No. 7 pl who were under comd of Sgt. Short.

On approaching the Ry Line the pl was held up by a very strongly held enemy post near the burning tank. While the pl was held up I was in comm with Pte Hayne, who was with Capt Huitfeldt; also with control.

Sgt Short was killed and Cpl Curwin took over comd. Cpl Curwin ordered me to send a message asking for help or if it was not available, for direction to "A" Coy Hq.

Shortly afterwards our arty opened up and the enemy post surrendered. After the pl had searched for weapons, they marched the PWs back to the 2/23 Bn cage. PW were estimated at 500 by a Capt of 2/23 Bn in charge of the cage. The PW were usually transferred to the Bde cage by trucks, but as there were not enough trucks available we had to start marching the PW back further. Two trucks were used to ferry the PW while they marched.

Three men were left in charge of the pls gear and my No. 18 set and I got on the second truck trip and told Cpl Curwin that I was going to report to the 3 Fd Amb to have my shoulder treated. It had been strained carrying the No. 18 set.

I reported to the Fd Amb and a Cpl examined my shoulder and sent me to the C.D.S. from there I went to the Div Rest Stn and rejoined the unit on 5 Nov.

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Report by Pte GEARY C.E. - sig att to "D" coy for
ops 30 Oct - 5 Nov '42.

I moved with Pte Howard of the sig pl to the debussing area with "D" coy HQ. We then moved to the Start Line and at 2200 hrs I switched my No. 18 set on. We crossed the S.L. at 2210 hrs. Capt Davies tried to contact "B" coy by runner. I then contacted the C.O. by R/T and the C.O. said he thought we were too far to the left. Bearings were checked and Capt. Davies decided to adv. The coy had adv about 600 yds from the S.L. when we were fired on from the immediate front. Capt. Davies then ordered the coy to ground and asked me to contact the C.O. again. After trying for ten minutes without success, the coy moved into the attack. We moved on taking another enemy posn. I had tried throughout this adv to contact "B" coy without success, reason unknown. I heard "A" coy No. 2 set calling for help as they were held up by strong enemy post. Then "A" coy No. 1 set asked me if I had heard their No. 2 set. I then passed on to them all the messages from No. 1 set. I was also in touch with "G" coy throughout the attack and passed some traffic for "G" coy. "D" coy moved to their final objective taking more prisoners. I again tried to comm with the C.O. but could NOT so I called Maj. Joshua and he ordered the coy to attack immediate front, which was Ry. We came under by MMG fire and Pte Howard was killed. The enemy withdrew and the coy retired to the posn from which it had attacked the Ry. Comm was maintained by R/T until 1700 hrs 31 Oct '42 and then by L/T. At NO time was the coy out of comm with Bn HQ. I moved with coy HQ at all times.

Report on Operations 30 Oct/5 Nov '42

by

No. 3 (MORTAR) Pl - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

No. 3 pl moved with Coy A ech; pl HQ moved with Bn Hqs. While waiting for the gap to be blown in the ry line we were sniped at from the pimple which was cleaned out and 1 German PW sent back.

Personnel att to "A" coy and "D" Coy moved from the column first and "A" coy mortars had no difficulty in getting into posn. One of the carriers for "D" coy broke down; personnel, weapons, amm were transferred to T.02 truck and went into action just south of the gap just before first light and was able to silence enemy MG. Pl Hqs crossed the line and established Hqs between gap and R.A.P. Sgt Anderson and Pte Dudley at once took amm out to dets at this stage and runner had reported to Pl Hqs that "D" coy mortar was out of amm. All weapons were given at least 100 bombs.

"B" coy mortars moved with A ech but one carrier broke down and Sgt Richardson reported the matter to me so we loaded his mortar amm and personnel on to pl 15 cwt truck and moved out towards "B" coy posns. Held up by MG fire and told that counter attack developing and "B" coy had not been contacted.

ordered Sgt Richardson to go into action in broken ground 200 yds West of gap and along ry line, he commenced firing and digging in - range 600 yds. Cpl Mankey sent runner back to Pl Hqs saying could not contact "B" coy and wanting instructions. Sent runner back and Cpl Mankey came back and went into action 50 yds East of Sgt Richardson - opened fire at 1000 yds (first light).

During the firing I had adv along line and found enemy in dugouts in ry embankment. Ordered Huns out and on receiving no reply fired 2 shots into dugout and called Sgt Richardson. 2 Huns came out of first dugout but one tried to escape - he was shot.

Searched along line (West) and found more dugouts and followed the same procedure as before - Jerry's would not come out so threw grenade into dugout. MG fire had ceased by this time so I took PW back to Bn Hqs and reported ry line clear for approx 600 yds each side. We had seen enemy evacuating posns along ry line to about this distance and had been firing on them.

Sgt Richardson reports that he saw about 12 men ("B" coy) attack and chase a large number of enemy (approx 150 he thought) about half way between ry line and feature on right - at this time Cpl Mankeys bombs were falling among adv enemy and causing casualties. At one stage Sgt Richardson received orders to move both mortars South of ry line - he did this and then reported to me and I told both dets to go back. Sgt Richardson did not know who the offr was who issued this or der..

Both dets fired on targets of opportunity throughout the day. At approx 0700 hrs I moved West along line to check on enemy dugouts and found one Hun in entrance to dugout (grenade had been thrown in here) badly wounded so went back to Pl HQ and forced German S.B. to come back with me, searched all dugouts, S.B. going in first at pistol point and all told got 9 PW, all wounded, sent them to R.A.P.

Reported to Maj Joshua that sig equipment was in dugouts, went back to North side of line and found 4 wireless sets and number of phones and other sig gear - kept 1 wireless set which was damaged later.

During day mortar fired on opportunity targets and by late afternoon amm supply was very low. Our own trucks were damaged so I instructed Sgt Anderson to use a/tk portee to go back for amm, which arrived late at night and was delivered to dets at once. Cpl Taylors det was wiped out and all members evacuated to hospital. Sgt Anderson took over with a scratch crew and did some sniping at MG posts etc. Cpl Morris wounded plus two men - Pte McLachlan took remainder over assisted by Pte Little kept mortar in action.

All targets seen were engaged and expenditure of amm high - borrowed 72 rds from 2/43 Bn and later "borrowed" approx 40 cases which was the property of 2/5 Pns (without their knowledge). Pte Dudly of No. 6 pl and Sgt Anderson did a good job on the amm supply, twice moving from the area in daylight under shell fire. Smoke bombs used for screen for pilot from crashed plane did not belong to me but some one had put them near my mortar posn, so we used them.

During the action the pl fired more than 4,000 bombs without damage to the weapons. They had no over head or flanking problems except in the case of Sgt Richardson and Cpl Mankey, who supported "B" coy from the left flank. usual safety angles allowed.

(sgd) G. W. Gatward - Lieut -
O.C. No. 3 Pl

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Report on Operations of morning 31 Oct '42
by A/tk det - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

I was in comd of a det of 2 guns to be att to "B" coy. We travelled with the coy's A ech vehs without incident until held up awaiting the engrs to make a break in the ry line. We then came under fire from both flanks.

A guide met the vehs and was to guide us to B coy posns. After travelling approx 500 yds North of the Ry enemy were observed commencing to infiltrate. The guide then turned back towards the gap - I stopped the guide and on enquiring what was happening was told by him that he was returning to Bn. I immediately ordered all personnel in the ech to take up fire posns with their weapons and we engaged the enemy, who had commenced firing on the 2/3 Pnr Bn who appeared to be forming up on a start line.

The enemy had a hy calibre gun on the flat and after we had engaged them for approx 30 mins they drove the gun up on to the rails and then drove off along the rails under fire from our MMGs.

Contact could not be made with any coys North of the ry as it was commencing to get light and movement of what appeared to be enemy armd vehs was observed on our front.

Maj. Joshua was advised and he endeavoured to get arty fire on them. Tps and vehs from various units were commencing to move back through the ry gap, so I ordered the ech personnal to move back. The A/tk guns were sited covering the gap, the remainder of the ech were taken over by their comds.

(sgd) K. McCullough - Lieut.

An Account of "A" Coy's part in Operations
from night 30/31 Oct to 5 Nov '42.

At approx 1800 hrs 30 Oct the coy moved in tp carriers from its defensive posns on the Southern slopes of Pt 26 (87903001) to an assembly posn. This move took longer than was intended owing to some doubt as to the correct route..

The coy moved from the assembly area to the start line, which had been laid by the "I" sec, from 86893023 to 86943020. As a result of the earlier delay the coy was ten minutes late in crossing the start line, therefore the arty barrage had lifted some distance when the coy moved off; but, as the rate of adv was only 100 yds in 5 mins the barrage was soon caught and the coy forced to slow down.

After the coy had closed up to the barrage it was noticed there was a tendency to adv too fast, necessitating two or three halts to avoid walking into it.

After advancing 1400 yds the coy encountered the first enemy opposition, the presence of the enemy was first given away by flares which they fired. The tps quickly closed with the enemy, mopping up the posns and proceeding with the attack.

Some 800 yds prior to reaching the first objective which was the ry line, 7 pl while moving to mop up enemy's posns struck strong opposition and had a hard fight during which they suffered casualties which included their comd, Sgt. Short (killed).

The remaining two pls reached the first objective and after a pause of 15 mins a patrol crossed the ry and took possession of the blockhouse at 87083039, which was an enemy R.A.P. As there were a considerable number of the enemy there the remainder of the coy were brought across to maintain the guard while the patrol continued to patrol from the blockhouse to the main rd to ensure that the way was clear for the laying of the start line for the attack of the 26 Bde Eastwards along the general line of the ry and main rd. The patrol was without incident and after the attacking tps had passed through, the patrol returned to the Blockhouse.

By this time there were a considerable number of our own wounded being attended to by the German medical offrs, the depleted strength of the coy did not allow for the posting of a guard on the blockhouse and the proceeding to the second objective on which the coy was to re-organize and dig in; therefore the C.O. was contacted and informed of the situation, men were provided to take charge of the prisoners and guard the blockhouse. Lieut. Liddell in charge of 22 carrier pl personnel were attached to the coy, which then proceeded to its second objective.

"D" coy on whose left flank the coy was to dig and occupy posns were contacted and the coy posns sited.

As the left flank of the coy was open, pls were sited as follows:-

7 pl (carrier personnel) right fwd pl

8 pl left fwd pl

9 pl in res behind the left fwd pl with the dual task of providing depth and strengthening the left flank.

One sec of the bn MMGs were placed u/c of coy and were also put in posn to cover the left flank, two dets of mortars u/c of the coy were in posn behind the right fwd pl to cover the dead ground on that portion of the front.

Two a/tk guns (2 pr from the bn a/tk pl) to cover the coy front; the a/tk defences were further strengthened by the addition of a 6 pr bty which moved into the bn area at first light, one 6 pr was sited in the coy area.

By first light the coy was dug in sufficiently to enable them to have some cover from enemy fire, which was mainly small arms, to which our MMGs were replying.

During the morning the enemy towed an a/tk gun to within 3/400 yds of the coy front and attempted to bring it into action; but before they could do so, the a/tk guns had set the gun tractor on fire and the MMGs and LMGs had dispersed the crew. It is doubtful if any of them escaped. Except for this incident the morning was generally uneventful.

In the early afternoon the coy stood to during an enemy counter-attack on the Bns right flank. Later in the afternoon when our own D.F. was called for during a second counter-attack, enemy arty which was still in rear of the Bn posn, opened fire on the coy's posn causing casualties which included the C.S.M. (W.O. 11 Montgomery) the orderly room cpl (Cpl Hopkins) killed and the O.C. coy (Capt. Huitfeldt) wounded.

Shortly after dusk orders were received that the line was to be adjusted as follows:-

"D"	coy	to	occupy	from	the	ry	South	for	approx	400	yds.			
"A"	"	"	"	"	"	left	flank	of	"D"	coy	for	approx	400	yds.
"C"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

On the left flank of "C" coy the 2/3 Pnr bn was to fill in the gap to the 2/15 Bn.

These posns were dug and occupied on the night 31 Oct/1 Nov, as there was no enemy action during the night there were no interruptions to the work.

From 1100 hrs until 2300 hrs on the 1 Nov '42 the enemy launched a succession of counter-attacks, which were mainly broken up by arty and MG fire, during this time the coy was standing to continuously and though personnel had very little if any sleep since before the attack of the night 30/31 Oct '42 they were still in the best of spirits and ready to meet the enemy at close quarters if he had managed to carry his attack through to our posns.

The 2 Nov '42 was generally quiet except for enemy arty action, in the early afternoon one of our own planes made a forced landing just fwd of the enemy F.D.Ls, men from "C" coy went out and brought in the pilot who was uninjured. This was assisted by the arty putting down a smoke screen in rear of the plane.

In the late afternoon the tps were greatly cheered by the sight of our fighters intercepting German Stukas resulting in the enemy dropping his bombs at random and beating a hasty retreat.

Nov 3rd started well with our a/tk guns knocking out two enemy vehs on the ridge fwd of the coy in the early hrs of daylight. Some consternation was caused in the afternoon when our own planes strafed our lines.

Shortly after dark when there was considerable sounds of M.T. in the bn area, caused by the arrival of ration and supply trucks, there was an increase in enemy arty and MG fire.

On the night of the 3 Nov 42, the coy provided a patrol, comd by Lieut Liddell, to recce enemy posns along the South of the ry. The enemy were contacted much closer to our own lines than was expected, as a result it was necessary to throw grenades and use covering fire from the LMGs to extricate them. It is believed that casualties were inflicted on the enemy - our patrol suffered no casualties.

During daylight on 4 Nov, there was considerable enemy shelling, but only a few shells fell in the coy area.

During the five days following the attack, that the bn was in this posn, enemy snipers were very active and caused a number of casualties.

On the night 4/5 Nov 42 the bn was relieved by the 2/13 Bn and moved to a posn in area 871305, where the coy dug in as left fwd coy, with two pls fwd - 9 pl right, 7 pl left & 8 pl reserve. These posns were not completed because at approx 1000 hrs 5 Nov '42 word was received that the enemy had withdrawn during the night.

Report on "C" Coy's 2/32 Aust Inf Bn activities
during ops 30 Oct - 5 Nov '42.

On Friday 30 Oct at approx 1400 hrs Capt. Jacoby was wounded while in Bn recce gp. He died of wounds at approx 1500 hrs. Lieut Cronk who was 2 i/c of "C" coy then took charge. At 1800 hrs we left from biv. area to go to assembly area. "C" coy crossed the start line at 2200 hrs on 30 Oct, being right res coy with distance of 200 yds. After leaving start line we had to slow down our adv several times because we were getting too close to "A" coy. "A" coy reached Ry Line where "C" coy then joined them. "C" coy then reorganised and after waiting 15 mins we passed through "A" coy and crossed over Ry Line at approx 250yds West of Blockhouse. We came under MG, A/tk and shell fire when 150 yds on bearing of 30 degrees from Ry line. Adv on to 400 yds and was pinned down by intense fire from our left flank and front - shell fire was coming from our right flank. Lieut Cronk was wounded and taken out, I then took charge of the coy. 15 pl under Lieut Hayes was given the job of cleaning out MG posts to our left flank, which was successfully done. 14 pl was sent to clean up A/tk fire which was coming from our front - this was successful, 13 pl providing covering fire. We reorganised at 87085044 (Ref map SIDI EL RAHMAN 1/25,000). Lieut Hayes and party went to and along bitumen rd to see if they could locate any enemy posts. None were located. Quite a number of prisoners were taken in this area. About this time found 14 pl to be missing, so reorganised with 15 pl left and 13 pl right. A ech vehs arrived under C.S.M. Rodgers at approx 0400 hrs 31 Oct. Arty O.P.O. was shown a good O.P. post on B 11 and comn was established with "C" coy HQ. Comn with Bn HQ was unsuccessful by W/T so runner was used. At approx 0200 hrs 31 Oct pnr Bn passed through us going North to their objective, followed then by the 2/48 Bn going East to their objective at approx 0230 hrs 31 Oct. Posn was under shell fire most of the night and all next day and L/T and W/T were not satisfactory. L/T was continually broken by tank tracks and shell fire. 14 pl with whom we had lost contact, rejoined us at approx 1300 hrs 31 Oct. They had stuck to the original plan and had consolidated on the Bns Right flank. Counter attacks by tks began at approx 1400 hrs. Tks were coming from NW direction. Counter attacks were repulsed by our own tks and A/tk guns. We were ordered to move from the posn by Bn HQ at approx 2300 hrs 31 Oct. We then moved to posn South of Ry line as the left flank coy of 2/32 Bn. These posns we held until 0200 hrs 4 Nov. when we were relieved by the 2/13 Bn. Lieut Hayes was wounded while on raid on the 3 Nov and was evacuated. On being relieved we took up posns on DOG LEG feature - C Coy right fwd coy at 87163056 (SIDI RAHMAN 1/25,000). The battle for us finished at 0800 hrs 5 Nov, when word came from Maj. Gillespie that the enemy were retreating. "C" coy 2/32 Bn captured one 50 m.m. A/tk gun 75 yds from B 11, and one Spandau.

(sgd) Lieut. M. J. Keley

Report on Operations 30 Oct/5 Nov '42

by

"D" Coy - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

"D" Coy, with a strength of 3 Offr and 62 ORs (incl att tps) crossed the start line at 2210 hrs on the night of 30 Oct '42, and adv on a bearing of 30 degrees for 600 yds. We came under fire from our immediate front and could not understand it as "B" coy of our Bn should have been in front of us. My orders from the C.O. were not to get into a fight without first contacting him, so I put the coy to ground and tried to contact him by means of wireless.

After vainly endeavouring to do so for approximately 10 minutes I then decided to attack my immediate front. The posn was cleaned up and approximately 30 prisoners were taken by us.

We then re-organised and pushed on still trying to contact the C.O. by wireless and again came under fire from our immediate front.

This time we went straight in and attacked, taking more prisoners and capturing two large field guns. Again we re-organised and pushed fwd, this time coming under fire from our left flank but as the posn was too far off our axis of adv we were obliged to ignore it.

Pushing on again we took our final objective taking more prisoners and capturing a great deal of medical and signal equipment.

We observed movement fwd of us near the ry line and sent a recce party out to discover if it were our B Coy, who should have been in that posn. At that time our A ech veh had arrived and I had contacted Maj. JOSHUA by wireless, who informed me that the adv was being held up and to attack my immediate front which was the ry line.

At the same time my recce patrol reported back and stated that it was the enemy on our immediate front.

The Coy was formed up and attacked the ry line where we met with stiff resistance from Spandau fire but after exchange of fire the enemy withdrew from their posn.

We then re-organised on the posn from where we had attacked and established listening posts. By that time it was daylight and apart from sniping there was no further incident until 1230 hrs when we noticed 2/3 Pnr Bn milling about on the ridge East of B11 and at 1515 hrs the enemy counter-attacked but it was broken up by arty and MG fire. On the night 31 Oct/1 Nov we put out standing patrols but the night passed without any incident of note. On the 1st Nov at approx 1100 hrs another attack by approx 200 enemy inf was broken up by arty and MG fire, this attack lasted for three hrs. About an hr later another attack was launched with inf and tks from the main rd and from the West which was finally broken at 2300 hrs. From then onwards throughout the night we fired on fixed lines at irregular intervals full fire power from our posn being used.

Except for the continual sniping from the direction of the "Orchard" and from some sangars on our immediate front the situation became reasonably quiet. These difficulties were dealt with by mortar and MG fire. On the night of the 2nd Nov, Lieut E.J. Richards (16 pl comdr) led a patrol of 2 Offrs and 40 ORs and was killed at approx 2230 hrs.

Total casualties for the operations were 1 Offr and 5 ORs killed and 12 ORs wounded.

(Sgd) H. C. Davies - CAPT -
O. C. "D" Coy.

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	R.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
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Tailors ...																				
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TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																				

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Date of Despatch

W. G. ... maj
Signature of Commander.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	R.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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General duty personnel..										1				4					19	212 236
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)										1				4					19	239 263

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Unit.

Date of Despatch

8 Nov 42

W. S. Gillespie Maj

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

24 Bde - 9 Div

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	R.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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General duty personnel..		1				4		1	6	1								189	190	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)		1				4		1	6	1								206	207	

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch

14 Nov 42

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Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

24 Bde - 9 Div

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	R.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
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2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch

14 Nov 42

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Signature of Commander.

24 Bde - 9 Div

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

2132 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	R.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2			1	4				7	1								1	200	201

2132 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21 Nov 42

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
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General duty personnel..		2				14				71									1	197 198
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)		2				14				71									1	200 201

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch

21 Nov 42

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Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

24 Bn - 9 Div

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
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2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch

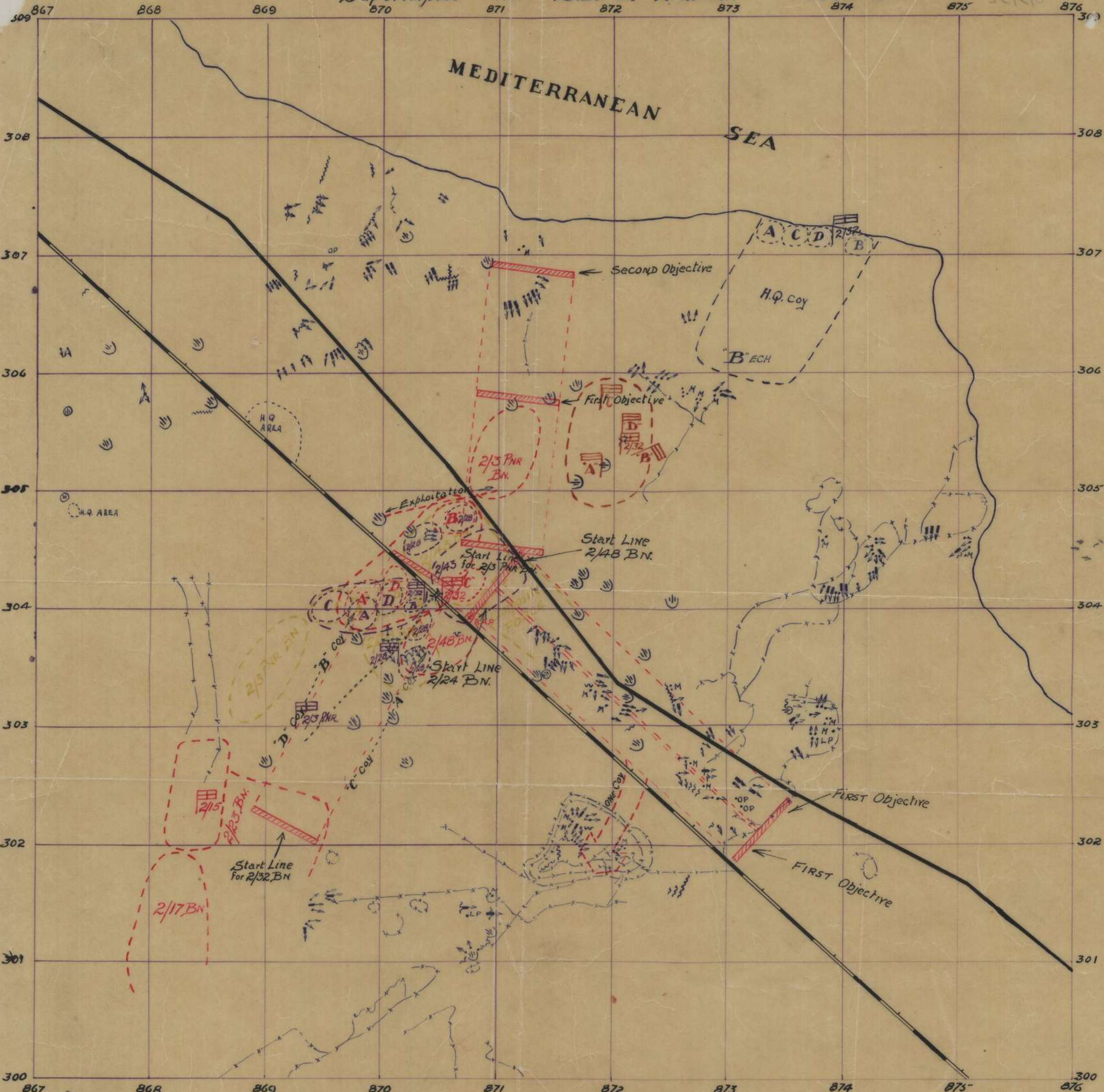
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Signature of Commander.

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

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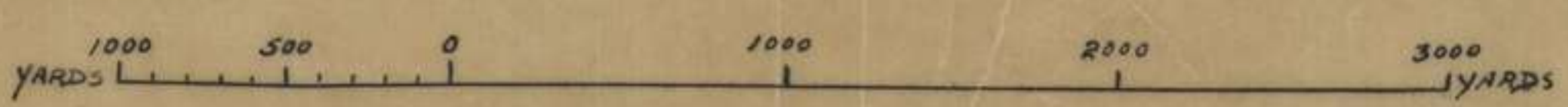


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TRACE showing dispos. of 2/32 BN and Flanking Units from 30 Oct to 6 Nov

- Map of 30/31 Oct shown in **RED**
- " " 31 Oct to 1/2 Nov " **VIOLET**
- " " 1/2 Nov to 4/5 Nov " **YELLOW**
- " " 4/5 Nov to 6 Nov. " **BROWN**
- " " 6 Nov " **BLUE**



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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 14 Nov 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	2		1
	Captains	3		7
	Lieutenants	25	4	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters	1		
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	32	4	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/lt Col	SCOTT TH	2/32 Bn	9.11.42	
Major	JOSHUA R	"	"	from hospital
Lieut	WILLIS A E	"	"	ME Tug Centre - Sch of Adm
"	BRUTON E V	"	10.11.42	24 Bde
"	HAMILTON T R	"	11.11.42	hospital
"	INEY E E	"	"	AIF (MS) Staging Camp - Yemyt

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Major	T/Lt Col	SCOTT T.H. CO	Bn HQ	Yes		
2		"		GILLESPIE AB 2/Lt	"	"		
3		"		JOSHUA R Coy Comd	HQ	"		
4		Capt		DIXON GE "	C	"		
5		"		EACOTT DF "	B	"		
6		"		DAVIES HG "	D	"		
7		"		CARTWRIGHT RE 2/Lt	HQ	"		
8		Lieut		BRUTON EV pl comd	D	"		
9		"		BURN JH Adjt	Bn HQ	"		
10		"		WALKER JE Coy Comd	A	"		
11		"		GATWARD G.M. 3/Lt	HQ	"		
12		"		STEWART HD 1/Lt	"	"		
13		"		DENNESS APA Coy 2/Lt	C	"		
14		"		McCULLOUGH K ATK	HQ	"		
15		"		PITTMAN G 1/O	Bn HQ	"		
16		"		MACKINVEN D.B. T.O	HQ	"		
17		"		THOMSON GP 4/Lt	"	"		
18		"		HAMILTON TR pl comd	A	"		
19		"		GREEN B.G. "	B	"		
20		"		LIDDELL J.N. ATK	HQ	"		
21		"		WORNER JF Coy 2/Lt	D	"		
22		"		GARDINER R.A. 5/Lt	HQ	NO		Fd Wks Scl
23		"		AMBROSE WR pl comd	A	Yes		
24		"		KELEY M.J. "	C	"		
25		"		DAY D.P. "	D	"		
26		"		WILLIS AE Asst Adjt	Bn HQ	"		
27		"		IRELAND RD Mmcr	HQ	"		
28		"		BUCKLEY W pl comd	B	"		
29		"		CARTWRIGHT LG "	C	"		
30		"		KENNEDY R.R. "	A	"		
31		"		LEWIS T.T. "	C	"		
32		"		IVEY EE MMG	HQ	"		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		CAMPBELL WH	AAMC	6.9.42	RMO
Chaplain		JOHNSON W	AACHD	3.11.42	

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

14 Nov 42

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

Lt Col

(Signature of Commander.)

24 Bde - 9 Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 14 Nov 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors ...	2		1
	Captains ...	3		7
	Lieutenants ...	25	4	
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...	1		
	District Officers ...			
	TOTALS ...	32	4	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/lt Col	SCOTT TH	2/32 Bn	9.11.42	
Mag	JOSHUA R	"	"	from hospital
Lieut	WILLIS AE	"	"	ME Tug Centre - Sch of Adm
"	BRITON EV	"	10.11.42	24 Bde
"	HAMILTON TR	"	11.11.42	hospital
"	IVEY EE	"	"	AIF (me) Staging Camp - Yampit

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Major	T/Lt Col	SCOTT T.H. CO	Bn HQ	Yes		
2		"		GILLESPIE AB 2.1/4	"	"		
3		"		JOSHUA R Coy Comd	HQ	"		
4		Capt		DIXON GE "	C	"		
5		"		EACOTT DF "	B	"		
6		"		DAVIES HG "	D	"		
7		"		CARTWRIGHT RE AM	HQ	"		
8		Lieut		BRUTON EV pl comd	D	"		
9		"		BURN JH Adjut	Bn HQ	"		
10		"		WALKER JE Coy Comd	A	"		
11		"		GATWARD G.M. 3pl	HQ	"		
12		"		STEWART HD 1 pl	"	"		
13		"		DENNESS APA Coy 2/4	C	"		
14		"		McCULLOUGH K ATK	HQ	"		
15		"		PITTMAN G I.O.	Bn HQ	"		
16		"		MACKINVEN D.B. T.O.	HQ	"		
17		"		THOMSON GP 4 pl	"	"		
18		"		HAMILTON TR pl comd	A	"		
19		"		GREEN B.G. "	B	"		
20		"		LIDDELL JN ATK	HQ	"		
21		"		WORNER JF Coy 2/4	D	"		
22		"		GARDINER R.A. 5pl	HQ	NO		Fd Wks Sct
23		"		AMBROSE WR pl comd	A	Yes		
24		"		KELEY M.J. "	C	"		
25		"		DAY D.P. "	D	"		
26		"		WILLIS AE Asst Adjut	Bn HQ	"		
27		"		IRELAND RD Mgr	HQ	"		
28		"		BUCKLEY W pl comd	B	"		
29		"		CARTWRIGHT LG "	C	"		
30		"		KENNEDY R.R. "	A	"		
31		"		LEWIS TT "	C	"		
32		"		IVEY EE MMG	HQ	"		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		CAMPBELL WH	AAMC	6.9.42	RMO
Chaplain		JOHNSON W	AACH D	3.11.42	

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

14 Nov 42

(Date of Despatch.)

T.H. Scott

Lt Col

(Signature of Commander.)

24 Bde - 9 Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 21 Nov. 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	*		1
	Majors... ..	2		1
	Captains	4		6
	Lieutenants	24	3	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters	1		
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	31	3	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	SCOTT GA	2/32 Bn	17.11.42	promotion

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	IRELAND R.D.	2/32 Bn	19.11.42	evac to hospital
T/Lt Col	SCOTT T.H.	"	21.11.42	" " "

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Maj	T/lt Col	SCOTT T.H. CO	Bn HQ	Yes		
2		"		GILLESPIE A.B. ^{Adm} pl ^{Cond}	Bn HQ	-		
3		"		JOSHUA R. Coy Comd	HQ	-		
4		Capt		DIXON G.E.	C	-		
5		"		EALOTT D.F.	B	-		
6		"		DAVIES H.G.	D	-		
7		"		CARTWRIGHT R.E. OM	HQ	-		
8		Lieut		BRUTON E.V. pl comd	D	-		
9		"	T/Capt	BURN J.H. Adjut	Bn HQ	-		
10		"		WALKER J.E. Coy comd	A	-		
11		"		GATWARD G.M. 3pl	HQ	-		
12		"		STEWART H.D. 1pl	-	-		
13		"		DENNESS A.P.A. Coy 2/4	C	-		
14		"		MCCULLOUGH K. ATB	HQ	-		
15		"		PITTMAN G. 1.O.	Bn HQ	-		
16		"		MACKINVEN D.B. TO	HQ	-		
17		"		THOMSON C.P. 4pl	-	-		
18		"		HAMILTON J.B. pl comd	A	-		
19		"		GREEN B.G.	B	-		
20		"		LIDDELL J.N. ATK.	HQ	-		
21		"		WORNER J.F. Coy 2/4	D	-		
22		"		GARDINER R.A. 5pl	HQ	No		Fd Wks Sch
23		"		AMBROSE W.R. pl comd	A	Yes		
24		"		KELEY M.J.	C	-		
25		"		DAY D.P.	D	-		
26		"		WILLIS A.E. Asst Adjut	Bn HQ	-		
27		"		CARTWRIGHT L.G. pl comd	C	-		
28		"		KENNEDY R.R.	A	-		
29		"		LEWIS R.T.	C	-		
30		"		IVEY E. MMG	HQ	-		
31		"		SCOTT G.A. pl comd	B	-		
32		"		BUCKLEY H.M.	-	-		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		CAMPBELL W.H.	AAML	6.9.42	RMO
Chaplain		JOHNSON W.	AA CH D	3.11.42	

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

21 Nov 42

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

2 + Bde - 9 Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 21 Nov 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	*		1
	Majors... ..	2		1
	Captains	4		6
	Lieutenants	24	3	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters	1		
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	31	3	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	SCOTT GA	2/32 Bn	17.11.42	promotion

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	IRELAND R.D.	2/32 Bn	19.11.42	was to hospital
T/Lt Col	SCOTT T.H.	"	21.11.42	" " "

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Maj	T/lt Col	SCOTT T.H. CO	Bn HQ	Yes		
2	"	"		GILLESPIE A.B. ^{sgt} Comd	Bn HQ	"		
3	"	"		JOSHUA R. Coy Comd	HQ	"		
4	Capt	"		DIXON G.E.	C	"		
5	"	"		EALOTT D.F.	B	"		
6	"	"		DAVIES H.G.	D	"		
7	"	"		CARTWRIGHT R.E. QM	HQ	"		
8	Lieut	"		BRUTON E.V. pl comd	D	"		
9	"	T/Capt		BURN J.H. Adjut	Bn HQ	"		
10	"	"		WALKER J.E. Coy comd	A	"		
11	"	"		GATWARD G.M. 3pl	HQ	"		
12	"	"		STEWART H.D. 1st	"	"		
13	"	"		DENNESS A.P.A. Coy 2/4	C	"		
14	"	"		MCCULLOUGH K. ATB	HQ	"		
15	"	"		PITTMAN G. I.O.	Bn HQ	"		
16	"	"		MACKINVEN D.B. TD	HQ	"		
17	"	"		THOMSON C.P. 4pl	"	"		
18	"	"		HAMILTON T.R. pl comd	A	"		
19	"	"		GREEN B.G.	B	"		
20	"	"		LIDDELL J.N. ATR	HQ	"		
21	"	"		WORNER J.F. Coy 2/4	D	"		
22	"	"		GARDINER R.A. 5pl	HQ	No		Fd Wks Sel
23	"	"		AMBROSE W.R. pl comd	A	Yes		
24	"	"		KELEY M.J.	C	"		
25	"	"		DAY D.P.	D	"		
26	"	"		WILLIS A.E. Adjut	Bn HQ	"		
27	"	"		BARTWRIGHT L.G. pl comd	C	"		
28	"	"		KENNEDY R.R.	A.	"		
29	"	"		LEWIS T.T.	C	"		
30	"	"		IVEY E. MMG	HQ	"		
31	"	"		SCOTT G.A. pl comd	B	"		
32	"	"		BUCKLEY H.M.	"	"		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		CAMPBELL W.H.	AAMC	6.9.42	RMO
Chaplain		JOHNSON W.	AA Ch D	3.11.42	

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
21 Nov 42
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

2 + Bde - 9 Div
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.) For Week Ending 28 Nov 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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1	Lieut.-Colonels ...			1
3	Majors... ..	2		1
10	Captains	4		6
21	Lieutenants	25	4	
	2nd Lieutenants			
1	Quartermasters	1		
	District Officers			
36	TOTALS	32	4	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	GARDINER R.A.	2/32 Bn	24 Nov	From School
"	MEERS P	-	25 Nov	From AIF(ME) Sig Camp

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lt Col	SCOTT T.H.	2/32 Bn	Hospital
Lieut	IRELAND	-	-

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		MAJOR		GILLESPIE A.B	Adm Comd	Yes		
2		"		JOSHUA R	Coy Comd HQ	-		
3		CAPT		DIXON G.E.	" C	-		
4		"		EACOTT D.F.	" B	-		
5		"		DAVIES H.F.	" D	-		
6		"		CARTWRIGHT R.E.	Q.M.	-		
7		LIEUT		BRUTON E.V.	Pl Comd D	-		
8		"	T/CAPT	BURN J.H.	adjt	-		
9		"		WALKER J.E.	Coy Comd A	-		
10		"		GATWARD G.M.	3rd Comd HQ	-		
11		"		STEWART H.D.	1 " "	-		
12		"		DENNESS A.P.A.	Coy 2/c C	-		
13		"		Mc CULLOUGH K	A/Hq Pl HQ	-		
14		"		PITTMAN G.A.	IO	-		
15		"		MAC KINNEN D.B.	TO	-		
16		"		THOMSON C.P.	4th Comd HQ	-		
17		"		GREEN B.G.	Pl Comd B	-		
18		"		HAMILTON T.R.	" A	-		
19		"		LIDDELL J.N.	A/Hq Pl HQ	-		
20		"		NORNER J.F.	Coy 2/c D	-		
21		"		GARDINER R.A.	5th Comd HQ	-		
22		"		AMBROSE W.R.	Pl Comd A	-		
23		"		KELEY M.J.	" C	-		
24		"		DAY D.P.	" D	-		
25		"		WILLIS A.E.	Asst adjt	-		
26		"		MEERS P	Pl Comd	-		
27		"		CARTWRIGHT L.G.	" C	-		
28		"		BUCKLEY W.M.	" B	-		
29		"		LEWIS R.T.	" C	-		
30		"		KENNEDY R.R.	" A	-		
31		"		INEY E.E.	MMG Pl HQ	-		
32		"		SCOTT G.A.	Pl Comd B	-		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		CAMPBELL W.H.	AAMC	6.9.42	RMD
CHAP		JOHNSON W	AA Q.D.	3.11.42	

2/32 Asst Inf Bn

(Unit.)

28 Nov 42

(Date of Despatch.)

SED A.B GILLESPIE MAJOR

(Signature of Commander.)

24 Bde - 9 Asst Inf
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.) For Week Ending 28 Nov 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...			1
	Majors... ..	2		1
	Captains	4		6
	Lieutenants	25	4	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters	1		
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	32	4	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	GARDINER R.A.	2/32 Bn	24 Nov	From School
"	MEERS P	-	25 Nov	From AIF(ME) Sig Camp

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lt Col	SCOTT T.H.	2/32 Bn	Hospital
Lieut	IRELAND	-	-

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		MAJOR		GILLESPIE A.B.	Adm Comd	Yes		
2		"		JOSHUA R.	Coy Comd HQ	-		
3		CAPT		DIXON G.E.	" C	-		
4		"		ERCOTT D.F.	" B	-		
5		"		DAVIES H.F.	" D	-		
6		"		CARTWRIGHT R.E.	Q.M.	-		
7		LIEUT		BRUTON E.V.	Pt Comd D	-		
8		"	T/CAPT	BURN J.H.	adjt	-		
9		"		WALKER J.E.	Coy Comd A	-		
10		"		GATWARD G.M.	3rd Coy HQ	-		
11		"		STEWART H.D.	1 " " "	-		
12		"		DENNESS A.P.A.	Coy 2/c C	-		
13		"		Mc CULLOUGH K.	1st Lt HQ	-		
14		"		PITTMAN G.A.	T.O.	-		
15		"		MACKENEN D.B.	T.O.	-		
16		"		THOMSON C.P.	4th Lt HQ	-		
17		"		GREEN B.G.	Pt Comd B	-		
18		"		HAMILTON T.R.	" A	-		
19		"		LIDDELL J.N.	1st Lt HQ	-		
20		"		NORNER J.F.	Coy 2/c D	-		
21		"		GARDINER R.A.	5th Lt HQ	-		
22		"		AMBROSE W.R.	Pt Comd A	-		
23		"		KELEY M.J.	" C	-		
24		"		DAY D.P.	" D	-		
25		"		WILLIS A.E.	Asst adjt	-		
26		"		MEERS P.	Pt Comd	-		
27		"		CARTWRIGHT L.G.	" C	-		
28		"		BUCKLEY N.M.	" B	-		
29		"		LEWIS R.T.	" C	-		
30		"		KENNEDY R.R.	" A	-		
31		"		INEY E.E.	MMG Lt HQ	-		
32		"		SCOTT G.A.	Pt Comd B	-		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		CAMPBELL W.H.	AAMC	6.9.42	RMD
CHAP		JOHNSON W.	AA Q.D.	3.11.42	

2/32 Asst Inf Bn

(Unit.)

28 Nov 42

(Date of Despatch.)

SGD. A.B. GILLESPIE MAJOR

(Signature of Commander.)

24 Bde - 9 Asst Div

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