

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and Citizen  
Military Forces unit war diaries, 1939-45 War**

Item number: 8/5/2

**2/2 Machine Gun Battalion**  
**December 1942**

1 MAY 1943

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or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 5.

Unit R/R Aust Inf Bn

Commanding Officer

Month and Year ~~NOVEMBER~~ 42

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Sidi Bahmen	Tues.		C.O. + party of officers on trip to western areas.	
Egypt.	Dec	1	Day completed my practices of firing.	
	42			
			Final issue of "Diggers Desert Daily" (within unit only).	

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Sidi Rahman Egypt	2 Dec	1.   1530	Bn muster parade, addressed by C.O. on necessity to hand in or report captured weapons, souvenirs; behaviour on move to PALESTINE; security in PALESTINE.  All salvage, drawers, etc pulled down  Trucks took salvage to DWD dump, 2 Pups.	
Sidi Rahman Egypt	3 Dec	  1100	Final clearing of bn area & salvage, Trucks being packed preparatory to move tomorrow.  Visit by Sgt. Elliott (Aust Press Unit).	

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Sidi Rahman	4	0415	Reveille & final preparations for move.	
EGYPT.	Dec.	0600	Br moves off from area for Alamein, in convoy of 135 vehs.	
		0800	Head of convoy "J" moves off from Alamein Sta. 2/2 mgdn in van, then 2/3 pmtrn, 101 Aust Gen Sp Coy & Div Tro of AAAC, & det 2/3 4d Amb. Total of approx 292 vehs.	
		1100	Halt for lunch at causeway near junction Cairo & Alexandria roads.	
		1525	Head of column reaches Wadi Natrun; refuels. Camp for night.	
WADI NATRUN	5	0800	Convoy departs Wadi Natrun for Cowley.	
-CAIRO-	Dec.	1110	" refuels Cowley. I.O's truck proceeds ahead to Cairo to report 2 men killed.	
CANAL		1230	" passes through Cairo.	
		1440	Halt for lunch on outskirts of Cairo.	
		1730	Refuelling at Ismailia, thence to bivouac area E bank of Canal.	

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CANAL -	6	0700	Convoy departs for ASLUS.	
BIR ASLUS	Dec	1200	Halt for lunch at Kilo 78 - 3/4 hr.	
		1540	" at Kilo 150.	
		1800	arrived BIR ASLUS. Camped for night.	
"ASLUS -	7	0715	Refuelled, departed ASLUS.	
JULIS	Dec.	0830	Halt near Beer Sheva.	
Palestine		1130	arrived JULIS camp.	
			For encamped in MONASH lines at northern end (NW corner) of JULIS camp.	
			New Tentage, mainly R.Ds, provided for Corps.	
			Day duty Coy till 11 Dec. Orderly officer, Lieut MOULDER; ord Sgt, Sgt Lee; ord Cpl, Cpl BOYD. H.P. Tentative Standing Orders issued.	

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JULIS Palestine	8 Dec (Tues)		Unit settling into new lines, preparing drains for tents, paths, etc.	
			Preparations, by Cpl Baker, for printing of Christmas booklet in Tel Aviv.	
"	Wed	0830	Bn parade.	
	9		Winter dress to be worn forthwith (see R.O. att as Appx F)	Appx F
	Dec		Work continued on Coy lines & Tents.	

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	Thurs 10	0830	Bon parade	
	Dec.		Did I Summary 356 received	
		1230	C.O. Major BROWN, visit TEL AVIV.	
	Friday	0830	Bon Parade	
	11		A Coy duty Coy. Lieut MELVILLE ad jfr; ad Sjt, Sjt KENYON; ad Cpl, L/Cpl	
	Dec		O'DONNELL.	
			2P Taken on strength see mgfy Coy (incl X list)	

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JULHS	Sat 12 Dec	0830	Bn parade. Offs & ORs for duties with military Government in Cyrenaica required. Applications called for from Coys. Bn Standing Orders for JULHS Camp issued.	appendix 1 Standing Orders:
			A Coy d. Div Sigs R Union, R I-O. Bn also won hockey & soccer matches, lost Aust Rules. 9 Div. O.O. 34 received, for ceremonial parade at GAZA airport 21 Dec 42	Appn "C"
	Sun 13 Dec			



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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
	Mon		Bn O.O No 1 issued. 2 p.m. g.m. will parade with 9 Australian ceremonial parade in honour of fallen comrades near GAZA AIRPORT (100099) December 21	Appendix C O.O. No 1.
	14			
	Dec		Rieut W.A. TIPPETT appts Bn PAD & CW offr; Rieut J.F. LAYAN appt leave & amenities offr. Cpl OAKES as 26 hde HQ on special duty. Pls SHOVELLER, E.T., FOLEY, I.M., WATERS, C.J., BUTLER, C.A. attending 9 Div Elementary Sig School Detail from A Coy laying out paths, garden in front of Bn HQ.	
	Tues	0830	Baranaka	
	15			
	Dec.			
			NX 27687 Cpl BENDALL, B.A. attending No 12 Gas School 16-31 Dec.	
			NX 34344 Cpl GARLAND, D.M., QX 1655 Cpl HARRIS, A.E.L., att. No 7 Tank Destruction Course (16 Dec-2 Jan)	
			NX 31111 Cpl VILLIERS, L.J., QX 10125 L/Cpl WATTS, J.R. att No 7 Course G (R) School (16 Dec-19 Jan)	
			QX 10579 Sgt GOLDSMITH, D.H., NX 20200 L/Cpl MATHIESON, W.A., att Tough Tactics course (16 Dec-5 Jan)	

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	Wed 16 Dec	0830	<p>Bn parade. Henceforth Bn to form up on bn parade daily as for inspection, &amp; march past, at ceremonial parade of BATA 21 Dec.</p> <p>New for duty, 3 Coy. Old Cpl Today Cpl Snodgrass, C.R.</p> <p>Rec'd LAVAN trans from 3 Coy to HQ Coy.</p> <p>Rec'd STUART " " C " " " " "</p> <p>9 Div. Adm Order no 7 for Ceremonial Parade on 21 Dec.</p> <p>C Coy def. Bty of 3 BTh Regt, RLM, 18-0.</p>	<p>Appx 'C'</p> <p>Ceremonial Parade</p>
	Thurs 17 Dec.		<p>Heavy fall of rain during early hours of morning; Bn parade postponed to afternoon because of wet ground.</p>	
			<p>Amendment no 2 to 9 Div. O.O. no 34 issued</p>	<p>Appx "C"</p>

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	Friday	0830	Bn parade; rehearsal for ceremonial parade.	
	18 Dec		Amendment no 3 to 9 Div O.O. 34 issued	
			Pte LOWICK, R.L. (WX 483) sent 7 days detention <del>for conduct</del> to prejudice to 14 days detention for disobeying lawful command.	
	Sat.	0830	Rehearsal for ceremonial parade at KHAUSA, with 2/3 Pm Bn. Unit departed	Appx <sup>~</sup> C
	19 Dec		JOLIS 0830, returned 1130 hrs. Bn Band combined with 2/3 Pm Bn Band for Parade. Amendment no 1 to 9 Div Adm Order no 7 issued; also Amendment no 4 to O.O. 34	
			Inter-platoon football (Rugby), C & A Coys in afternoon. Bn Aust Rules Team visited EL BUREIS camp, defeated by 2/5 Sahelgt Bty, 80-2.	
			NX18291 Sgt Palmer, S.C., attending ME Intelligence Institute - No 8 NCO Intelligence Duties Course	

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JULIS Palestine	20 Dec	0900	Rehearsal for Ceremonial Parade in 24 hde area with 2/3 pm bn, followed by church parade with Chap. Alcorn.	
	42	1200	Return to unit lines.	
	21 Dec 42	1030	Parade now to take place tomorrow morning. Coy parades today. Present PEACHEY and R.P. on recce of area of parade.	
			NX 56137 R/Cpl V D BRINCKLEY (Med Orderly) trans to AA.MC.	

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		0545	Reveille; 0615, Breakfast; Coy Pdes, 0645 hrs; In Parade, 0700 hrs.	
Julis	22	0730	Bon departs Julis for Ceremonial Parade to Fallen Comrades at GAZA Airport.	
	Dec		Travel in 30 vehs, in convoys.	
	42.	0830	at dispersal pt & debus 0840.	Appendix C " CEREMONIAL PARADE TO FALLEN COMRADES "
		0915	Coy parades, followed by Bon Parade. Bon moved to assembly area on Parade ground, in coln of route.	
		1030	Rehearsal of parade up to General Salute.	
		1050	Arrival of C-in-C. M&V. General Sir Harold Alexander. General Salute. C-in-C inspects Division in open roadster, accompanied by Lt Gen Sir Leslie MORSEHEAD.	
		1115	Division salutes Fallen Comrades	
		1125	Division begins march past in files, with	
			close column by Coys in line, frontage of 38	
			a distance of 10 yards between Coys & 100 yards between units.	
		1300	After each gp marched past it returned to dispersal pt. Bunch & Bon returned to Julis 1645 hrs (dep Gaza 1535 hrs)	
			Pte Young, W., sentenced to 28 days detention, AWL from 0630 hrs 17 Dec to 0545 hrs 22 Dec.	

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	23			
	Dec			
	42			
			Advice received that mails posted in ME between 1-15 Nov 42 were received in Melbourne by 10 Dec 42.	
		1730	C.O. at Home in Mess, attended by COE, Lt-Gen Marshead, G.I. (Col Wells), Brig Whitehead, Windeyer Evans, Col Grant, Col. , & all C.Os of units.	
	24		4 X list taken on strength 22 MG Troop Coy	
	Dec		Capt R.J. CRIST Taken on strength & posted to B Coy.	
	42		Lieut PE. GARDINER " " " " " D "	
			" M.D. JOHNSON " " " " " C "	
			Midnight mass in Julius Cinema.	

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	Wed. 25		Christmas Day, Holiday. Church services in morning.	
	Dec	1100	Sgt's take over Guard.	
	42	1200	Cops hold Christmas dinner in own messes, decorated for occasion. Affairs of each Coy act as "mess orderlies" Christmas books distributed, on basis of 2 per man, free. C.O. leaves on 9 days leave.	Appx "K".
	Sat. 26		Conference at HQ 9 Aust Div, attended by Major G. SEARLE (2 1/2 Adm Comd), at which preliminary arrangements for LIDDINGTON were discussed. A heat & Trog sub-units to join parent unit before end of month.	LIDDINGTON (Jan diary)
	Dec.		2X 8954 R/Sgt Cumming, G.H. attending Cadre MT Maintenance Course, 9 Div.	

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	Sun. 29			
	Dec			
	42		Football match planned against Dudds (Camp comp), postponed because of vaccinations tomorrow.	
	Mon. 28		16 Oks Taken on strength on MG Coy, incl X hist.	
	Dec 42		5 offs "temporarily attached" from HQ AIF (ME) Reinforce Depot	} E Coy.
			Bn as a whole receives new Vaccination + TAB inoculations. Approx 800 vaccs, 800 TABs + 100 TT injections (E Coy, except most recent reinforcements, done at same time or later in week).	
			LIDDINGTON - Returns covering measurement of baggage, etc.	



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	29 Dec		34 ORs "temp. att" (as E Coy) from HQ AIF (ME) Reinf Depot.	
	↙		9 Aust Div Op Instr no 100 received. Amendments & further details concerning LIDDINGTON.	
	30 Dec		30 ORs "Temporarily attached", as E Coy from HQ AIF (ME) Reinf Depot.	
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	31		HQ AIF adm Instr @ 32 L received, re return of Ordnance stores.	"LIDDINGTON"
	Dec			(Jan diary)
	12			
			<p>Lieut AB Farquhar Taken on strength of MG Coy; Lieut LA WALL ceases to be seconded &amp; resumes regimental duties.</p>	
			<p><i>Jeanette Oulds</i>  <small>Lt. Col.</small>            CO 2/2 Aust MG Bn</p>	
				<p><i>Mr Mackay</i>  <small>Lt. Col.</small>            10. a/2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. m. G. Bn.</p>



2/2 AUST M.G.BN  
WAR DIARY  
DECEMBER, 1942

A P P E N D I C E S

- "A" ..... C.O.'s SUMMARY
- "B" ..... MOVE TO PALESTINE
- "C" ..... CEREMONIAL PARADE
- "D" ..... HONOURS & AWARDS
- "E" ..... MEDICAL DIARY
- "F" ..... ROUTINE ORDERS
- "G" ..... PARATROOPS DEMO
- "H" ..... STANDING ORDERS & O FOR GUARD
- "I" ..... X LISTMOVEMENT
- "J" ..... AF W3009s.
- "K" ..... maps : 1:100,000 { Jaffa Jilbaris  
Gaza  
Hebron  
BeerSheva
- "L" ..... Souvenir Christmas Booklet.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S SUMMARY

Month of December 1942

The unit left SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN on 4 Dec 42, and returned to PALESTINE by easy stages, taking four days for the trip which covered a distance of 500 miles. At last we were allotted a well established and equipped camp, with electric light and good huts.

Training, in the first fortnight, was devoted almost entirely to preparation for the Divisional Parade on 22 Dec. The Bn was grouped with 2/3 Pioneer Bn, under comd of Lt-Col Gallasch, and was referred to as Composite Bde.

The Unit was complimented on its turnout and drill during the parade by the GOC-in-C, and according to all spectators the parade was most spectacular.

Christmas and New Year festivities then occupied the remainder of the year. Unfortunately there was a shortage of beer - but plenty of the right spirit(s)!

The camp has provided ample facilities for organised sport, and the Bn has been able to field Rugby, soccer, Australian Rules, and hockey teams against other units. A camp Rugby, hockey and soccer competition was inaugurated at the end of the month.

Bn H.Q.

MOVEMENT ORDER 2/2 AUST.M.G.BN.

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Appn B

1. ORDER OF MARCH    The Bn. will arrive at JULIS in the following order:
- (a) Bn.H.Q. less R.A.P. VEHICLES.
  - (b) Q.M. vehicles.
  - (c) B Coy.
  - (d) A Coy.
  - (e) D Coy.
  - (f) C Coy.
  - (g) R.A.P. vehicles
  - (h) Sig. Pl.
  - (i) H.Q. Coy. in the following order Coy.H.Q.,  
A.A. Pl., Transport Pl.
  - (j) OFFICERS MESS vehicle.
  - (k) L.A.D.

2. GUIDES.    The Unit will be guided into MONASH LINES by M/C Orderlies. To enter the LINES the column will be broken into two groups. The first group will be led through GODDARD LINES and the second group (headed by the Sig. Pl.) through HOBBS LINES. The M/C Ord. guiding the second group will meet the column at MAJDAL.

3. UNLOADING.    On arrival at Coy. areas vehicles will be unloaded immediately.

4. GUN STORES    Gun Stores will then be reloaded into one vehicle per Coy. and when ready to move will report by phone to the Q.M. On advice from the Q.M. the Stores will be placed in the Bn. Tech. Store under the supervision of the Coy. Tech. Storemen, who will be quartered therein.

5. AMMUNITION    All ammunition will then be reloaded ready for removal to the Ammunition Dump. The R.S.M. will be notified when Coy. is ready for handover.

6. VEHICLES    When all Coy. vehicles have been completely unloaded the F.O. will be advised by phone and he will arrange movement to the Bn. Tpt. Lines.

7. ARMS    Arms of ALL RANKS will be handed into the Bn. Tech. Store during the afternoon. The Q.M. will advise Coys. of times. Receipts will be issued for arms as received. Duty Coy. will retain sufficient arms for Guards and Prowlers, other Coys. will retain one rifle each for Prowler Picquet.

*G. Head*  
.....Major  
2 1/c 2/2 AUST.M.G.BN.

DISTRIBUTION.

- Bn.H.Q.
- H.Q. COY.
- A    "
- B    "
- C    "
- D    "
- L.A.D.

*Mr Peacock*  
10. 2/2 Aust. M.G. Bn.

677/55/1

SECRET

9 AUST DIV OO NO 34.

Copy No 8  
11 Dec 42.

Ref Map GAZA 1/100,000

INFORMATION

1. A ceremonial parade in honour of fallen comrades is to be held in the vicinity of GAZA AIRPORT 100 099

The C-in-C Middle East Forces is expected to inspect the parade and take the salute at a march past by 9 Aust Div

2. Additional tps under comd for the parade

2/3 Aust CCS (if available)  
 14 and 20 Aust Dental Units  
 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop  
 2 L of C Rec Sec  
 2 Corps Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk  
 Band of 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn

INTENTION

3. 9 Aust Div will parade at GAZA AIRPORT on 21 Dec 42

METHOD

4. Parade Formation - See Appx "A" att

- (a) The Div will parade without vehs and will form up in line of units in close column
- (b) Units will be organised so that coys are of even strength. Unit frontages may vary from 38 to 42 files allowing a lateral space of 27 ins per man. Each bde HQ will occupy a frontage of 10 yds
- (c) Interval between gps 20 yds; interval between units 10 yds
- (d) Diagramatic layout of a unit is shown at Appx "B". This is the same for the inspection and march past. Appx "B" also shows posns of bde comds, staffs and unit comds for the march past. Posns for bde comds, staffs and unit comds on the Inspection line are shown in Appx "A"
- (e) Offrs will remain in front of their coys and will NOT take post in review order. WOs and sgts not required to act as guides, will form serrefile but other WOs will be distributed in the ranks

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<b>NOTED</b>	
C.O.	2
2i/c	3
Adj.	1
Q.M.	
M.O.	
I.O.	4
T.O.	
R.S.M.	

5. Grouping

Gp No	Gp	No of Blocks	Gp Comd	Forming up line allotted for March Past
1	9 Aust Div Cav Regt	1	CO 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	No 1
2	RAA 9 Aust Div	5	A/CRA	Nos 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
3	(a) RAE 9 Aust Div (b) Sigs 9 Aust Div & HQ 9 Aust Div incl A Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn less three pls B Sec FSW 9 Aust Div Emp Pl 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office 9 Aust Div Postal Unit 9 Aust Div Salvage Unit 9 Aust Div Reception Camp	2	CO Sigs 9 Aust Div	Nos 1 & 2
4	20 Aust Inf Bde	4	Bde Comd	Nos 3, 4, 5 & 6
5	24 Aust Inf Bde	4	Bde Comd	Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4
6	26 Aust Inf Bde	4	Bde Comd	Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4
7	(a) 2/2 Aust MG Bn (b) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	2	CO 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	Nos 1 & 2
8	AMSC 9 Aust Div	2	CMASC	Nos 3 & 4
9	2/3 Aust Fd Amb 2/8 Aust Fd Amb incl 2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec & 20 Aust Dental Unit 2/11 Aust Fd Amb & 14 Aust Dental Unit 2/3 Aust CCS (if available)	1	ADMS	No 5
10	2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop 2 L of C Rec Sec 2 Corps Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	1	ADOS	No 6

6. Assembly

- (a) Units will form up in assembly areas to be allotted and will march by shortest routes to posns on the parade ground, clearing assembly areas as soon as possible
- (b) Gp Comds will take over after units are in posn

7. Marking of Parade Ground - See Appx "A"

X The following is being carried out under Div arrangements. Flags and signs mentioned in (a) below will be removed as soon as units are in posn

- (a) A unit Serial No will mark the right and a flag the left of each unit frontage. Pegs will mark right marker of each coy
- (b) For the March past
  - (i) Six forming up lines will be marked at right angles to the Passing Line. These forming up lines will be numbered and will enable six units to form up simultaneously. Detail of gp and unit forming up lines are shown in para 5
  - (ii) Red flags to mark pts C and D at which the salute will begin and finish respectively
  - (iii) Blue flags to mark pts A, B, E and F
  - (iv) Small blue flags at 16 paces interval will mark the Passing Line. These flags will give unit comds a guide as to when to give the comd "eyes front" X

8. Unit Signs

Gp comds will arrange to supply the following to CRE before 19 Dec 42

- (a) One unit sign per unit for use in marking right end of unit frontage on Inspection Line - see para 7 (a)
- (b) Four signs for use at the corners of gp assembly areas
- (c) Four signs for use at the corners of gp veh parking area

9. Order of the parade is given in Appx "C" att. This starts at the approach of A/Div Comd

10. Timing

Units will be in posn, bayonets fixed, on Inspection Line by 1100 hrs

11. Saluting

- (a) On Inspection Line : Units not carrying rifles will remain at attention during present arms except for the "Salute to Fallen Comrades" when all ranks without rifles will salute. All offr's will salute on every present.
- (b) In March Past:
  - (i) Bde and gp comds will salute without giving comd
  - (ii) Each bn etc comd only will order "Eyes Right" as he passes Pt C and "Eyes Front" when the rear of the bn clears Pt D. The whole unit will act on bn comd's orders

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11. Saluting (Cont'd)

(iii) All offr's will salute, the left arm being kept steady at the side

12. Words of Command

(a) Orders by the parade Comd will be repeated by bde etc comds and unit comds in accordance with Appx "C" att

(b) In order to ensure that units work simultaneously the following procedure will be adopted

(i) On the cautionary word being given by unit comds a flag located in front of the parade, see Appx "A", will be held aloft

(ii) Unit comds will give executive word of command as the flag is lowered

(c) Should the execution of the above procedure be interrupted unit comds will conform, as quickly as possible, to the movement they see in execution

13. Rest

After reaching parade posn and until arrival of A/Div Comd tps may be allowed to sit down whilst standing easy. After arrival of A/Div Comd tps will not sit down

14. March Past

See Appx "C" att, serials 19, 20 & 21

15. Rehearsal

(a) It will not be possible to hold a full dress rehearsal on the site before the day of the parade but some practice will be carried out after A/Div Comd takes over

(b) Each formation and unit will send a recce party in one veh to the parade ground between 1000 hrs and 1100 hrs ~~20~~ Dec 42. These recce parties will locate their debussing and assembly areas, parade posns and routes to them, and dispersal areas

(c) Formations and units will carry out as many rehearsals as possible in their own camp areas

16. Marshalling

(a) Chief Marshal : Maj J RODD

(b) Assistant Marshals : RAA and each inf bde will detail one junior offr to report to Chief Marshal on parade ground at 0930 hrs ~~20~~ Dec 42. These offr's are to be available for duty until after the parade

(c) Marshals will wear red arm bands

17. Bands and Buglers

- (a) Detailed programme issued separately as Appx "F"
- (b) Bands will be provided as follows :-
  - (i) 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn Band
  - (ii) 20 Aust Inf Bde )  
24 Aust Inf Bde ) combined band
  - (iii) 26 Aust Inf Bde Band
  - (iv) 2/2 Aust MG Bn )  
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn ) combined band
- (c) For the march on of units and until **after** serial 18 Appx "C", bands will be massed in rear of the parade - See Appx "A"
- (d) After serial 18 bands will march to posn for the March past - opposite dais and 60 yds from the passing line
- (e) Bands will play their own formations or units past with regtl tunes where possible
- (f) Buglers will be supplied by units under separate arrangement and will form up and move with bands

18. Dress

(a) Offrs

- (i) Bde comds, Div and bde staffs accompanying their comds, gp comds; SD offrs pattern, sam browne belts without shoulder straps, hats turned up, anklets web. No pistols, sticks or gloves
- (ii) All other offrs : SD offrs pattern, belts web and braces. Pistols, without lanyards, worn below arm pouches on left side, hats turned up, anklets web. No sticks, or gloves
- (iii) Staff offrs will not wear arm bands

(b) OR

SD, drill order, hats turned up, anklets web. Rifles will be carried by units armed with the rifle.

19. Amplifying System - is being provided by HQ AIF (ME). This will be installed and operated by Sigs 9 Aust Div

20. AA Protection - 4 Aust Lt AA Regt will detail one bty to provide AA protection for the Review Ground and approaches. Bty cmd will contact PO EVANS at GAZA AIRPORT to make preliminary arrangements

21. PAD - arrangements are given in Appx "E" issued separately

22. Security

Time of parade will not be notified below bn etc comds until the night before. People knowing the date of the parade will be kept to a minimum

ADM

23. Orders and movement tables issued separately

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*H. J. Swin Maj*  
for Col  
GS 9 Aust Div

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HQ 9 AUST DIV  
13 Dec 42

1. Ref para 21 of 9 Aust Div OO No 34. All are copies of Appx "B" as shown in the distribution list to that order.
2. Acknowledge

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GS 9 Aust Div

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P A D

1. Warning. The following can be expected :-

- (a) YELLOW - 40 mins
- (b) RED - 10 - 15 mins

2. Alarm.

- (a) YELLOW by word of mouth to Parade Comd
- (b) RED by siren
- (c) ALL CLEAR by siren

3. Action.

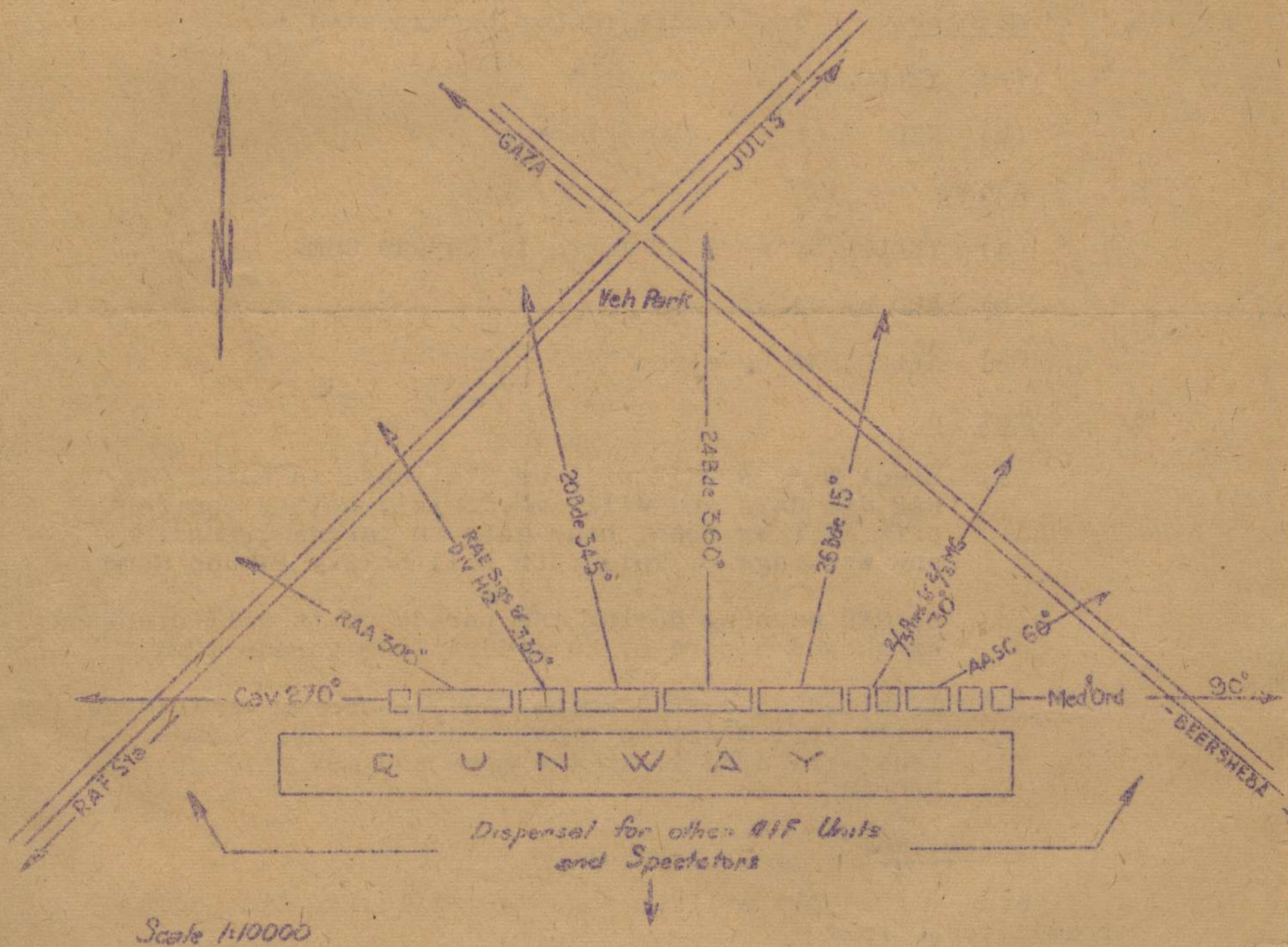
- (a) Lieut W J WILKIE will be stationed in Watch Office RAF Sta GAZA and will immediately notify the staff offr at flag posn, near dais on parade ground, of any warnings. This offr will notify Parade Comd
- (b) On RED warning during the parade units will disperse, as shown in para 5, on orders from Parade Comd
- (c) If attacked whilst embussing, debussing or in vehs units will disperse under orders of unit comds. Vehs will stop if on the move and men will go to ground.

4. Intercomn.

Sigs 9 Aust Div will arrange the following line comms from Watch Office

- (a) To Satellite LG where two HURRICANE aircraft are to be at readiness - approx 1½ miles
- (b) To HQ Lt AA Bty - see OO 34 para 20
- (c) To staff offr near dais on parade ground

5. Dispersal thus :-



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6. Reassembly. Units will reassemble in original assembly areas as soon as "ALL CLEAR" is given



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9 Aust Div OO No 34  
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ORDERS FOR BANDS AND BUGLERS

1. Conference - Reps from bands will meet in Sgts' Mess HQ 9 Aust Div at 0915 hrs on Thursday 17 Dec 42.

2. Rehearsals - Final rehearsals for all bands and buglers will be held at GAZA AIRPORT on 19 and 20 Dec commencing 1300 hrs.

3. Musical programme - Allocation will be as follows:-

First part of Slow March for General Salute	2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn Band
Slow March during inspection	All bands in rotation, final details at conference
Last Post } Reveille }	Massed bugles
Advance Australia Fair	2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn Band
March of bands from rear of parade to saluting base	2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn Band
March Past	All bands in rotation, final details at conference

4. Order of March - from rear of parade to saluting base

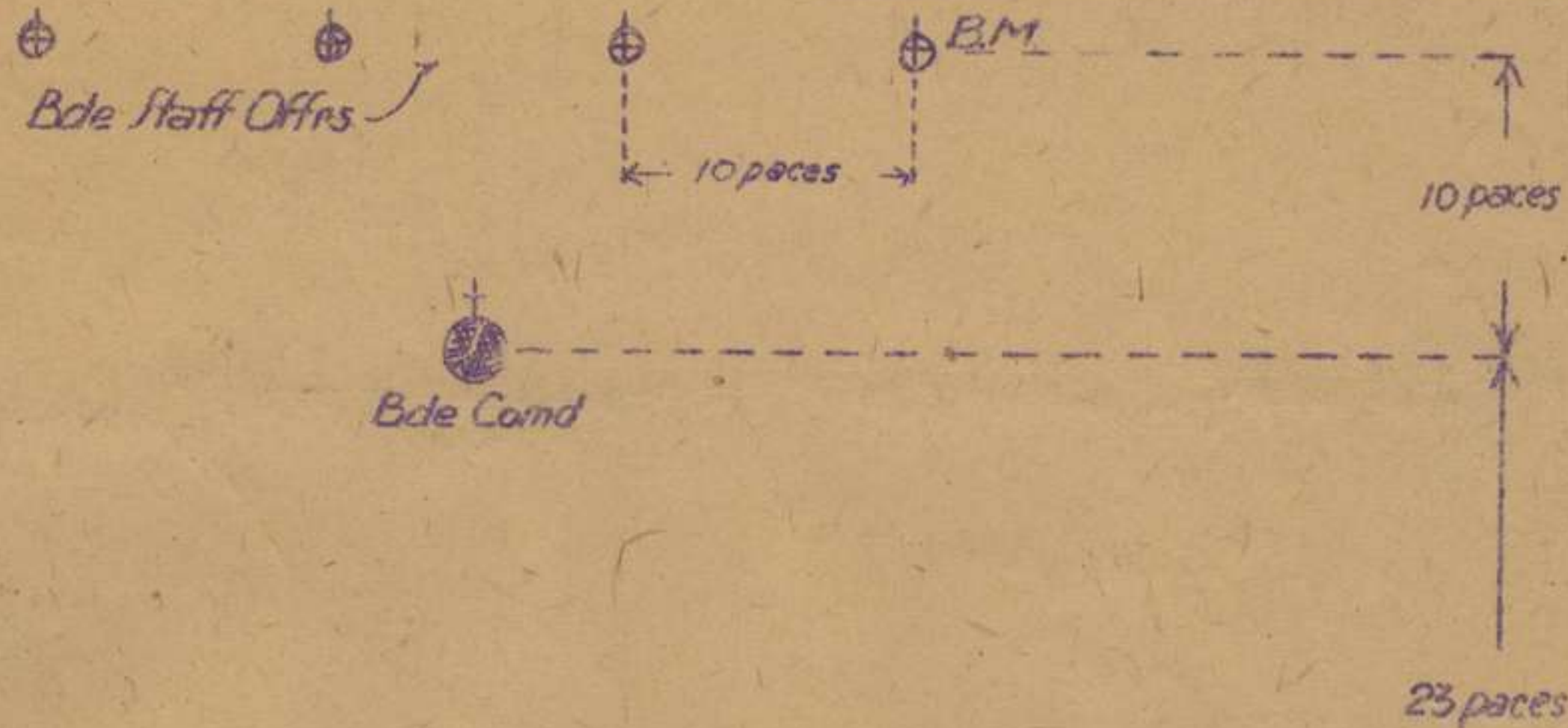
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20 Aust Inf Bde } 24 Aust Inf Bde }	Combined band
26 Aust Inf Bde	Band
2/2 Aust MG Bn } 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn }	Combined band

5. Tpt for rehearsals and parade - 2/2 Aust MG Bn, 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn and 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn will provide own tpt, other units under bde arrangement.

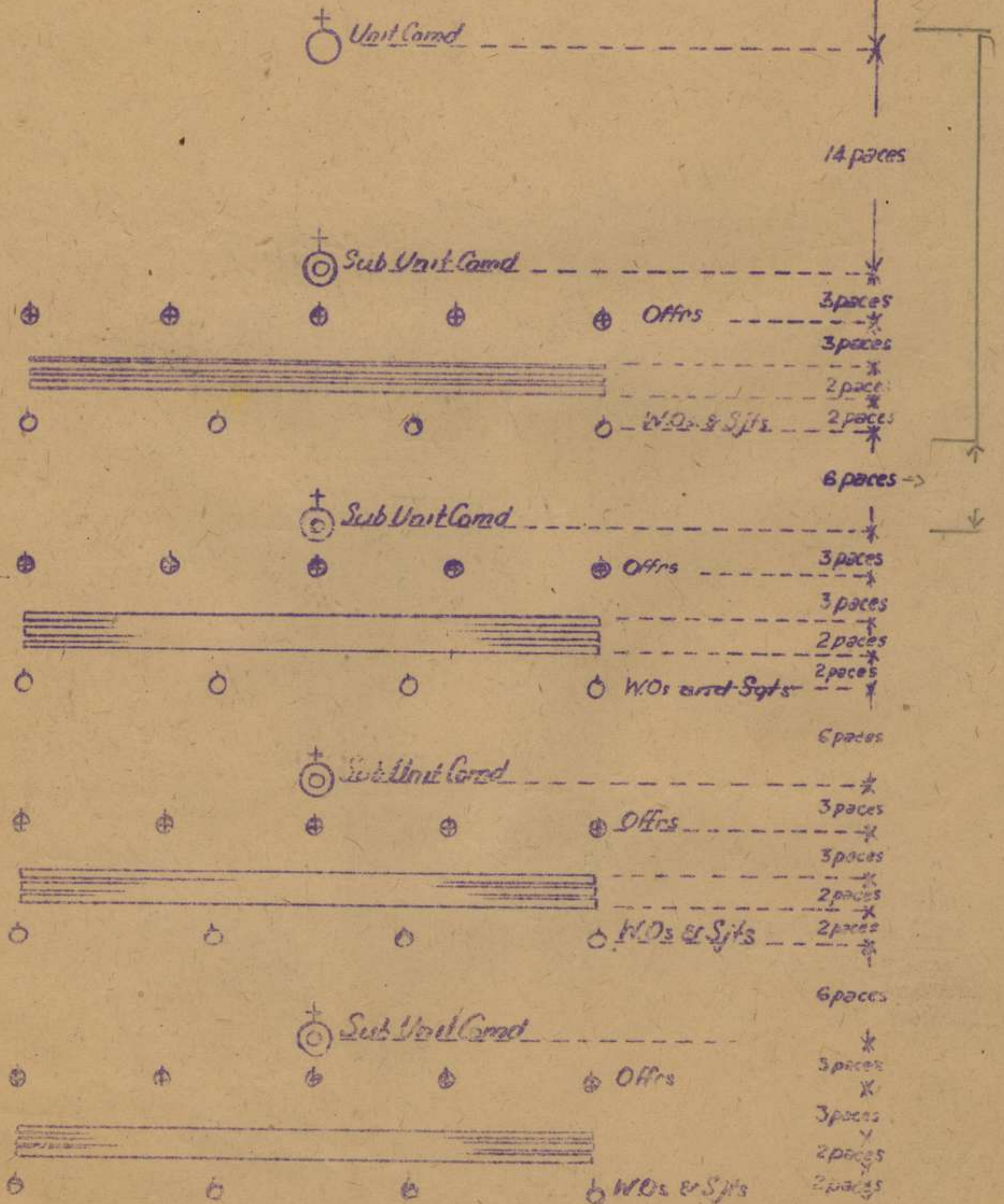


APPX B TO 9AUST DIV  
 O.O. N° 34 DATED 11 DEC 42

Posn of Bde Comd  
 & Staff for  
 March Past Only



Diagrammatic Layout  
 of a Unit for the  
 Inspection Line and  
 March Past



War Diary

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2/2 AUST MG BN - OO No 1

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14 Dec 42

Ref map GAZA 1/100,000

INFORMATION

- 1. A ceremonial parade in honour of fallen comrades is to be held in the vicinity of GAZA AIRPORT 100099. The C in C Middle East Forces is expected to inspect the parade and take the salute at a March Past by 9 AUST DIV.
- 2. 9 AUST DIV will parade at GAZA AIRPORT on 21 Dec 42.

INTENTION

- 3. 2/2 AUST MG BN will parade with 9 AUST DIV and all tps at GAZA AIRPORT on 21 Dec 42.

METHOD

- 4. Parade Formation - See Appx "A" att.
  - (a) The Bn will parade w/o vehs in close column by Coys in line.
  - (b) Coys will be organised so that they are of even strength. Unit frontage will be 38 files allowing a lateral space of 27 ins per man.
  - (c) Interval between units - 10 yards.
  - (d) Diagrammatic layout of unit is shown in Appx "A". This is the same for inspection and March Past.
  - (e) Offrs will remain in front of their Coys and will NOT take post in review order. WO's & Sjts not required to act as guides, will form serrifile but other NCO's will be distributed in the ranks.
  - (f) Personnel armed with pistols will form up in centre rank.

5. GROUPING

Gp No	Gp	No of Blocks	Gp Comd	Forming up line allotted for M-P.
7	(a) 2/2 Aust MG Bn		CO 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.	
	(b) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	2		Nos 1 & 2

6. ASSEMBLY

- (a) Coys (as a Bn) will form up in assembly areas to be allotted and will march by shortest routes to posns on the parade ground, clearing assembly areas as soon as possible.
- (b) Gp comds will take over after units are in posn.

7. MARKING OF PDE GROUND - See Appx "A"

as per Div Order para 7 (att to Appx "A")

8. UNIT SIGNS

- Q.M. will arrange to supply the following to C.R.E. before 19 Dec 42.
  - (a) One unit sign for use in marking right end of unit frontage on Inspection Line - see para 7(a)
  - (b) Four signs for use at the corners of gp assembl areas.
  - (c) Four signs for use at the corners of gp veh parking area.

9. TIMING To be notified later.

10. SALUTING

- (a) On Inspection Line. Personnel not carrying rifles will remain at attention during present arms except for the "salute to Fallen Comrades", when all ranks without rifles will salute. All Offrs will salute on every present.
  - /(b) the March Past

(b) In March Past.

- (i) The Commanding Offr only will order "Eyes Right" as he passes pt C and "Eyes Front" when the rear of the Bn passes pt D. The whole unit will act on Bn Comd's Orders.
- (ii) All officers will salute, the left arm being kept steady at the side.

11. WORDS OF COMMAND

- (a) In order to ensure that units work simultaneously the following procedure will be adopted:-
  - (i) On the cautionary word being given by Unit Comds a flag located in front of the parade, see Appx "A", will be held aloft.
  - (ii) The commanding officer will give his executive word of command as the flag is lowered.
- (b) Should the execution of the above procedure be interrupted Coys will be prepared on the CO's order to conform, as quickly as possible, to the movement they see in execution.

12. REST

After reaching parade posn and until arrival of A/Div Comd tps may be allowed to sit down whilst standing easy. After arrival of A/Div Comd tps will not sit down.

13. MARCH PAST

See Appx "A".

14. REHEARSAL

- (a) It will not be possible to hold a full dress rehearsal on the site before the day of the pde but some practice will be carried out after A/Div Comd takes over.
- (b) MAJOR C C BROWN and Bn Provost personnel will make a recce of the pde ground between 1000 hrs & 1100 hrs 20 Dec 42 to locate Bn debussing and assembly areas, parade posns and routes to them, and disposal areas.
- (c) Coys will carry out as much practice as possible other than on Bn Pde.

15. MARSHALLING

- (a) Chief Marshal - Major J. RODD
- (b) Assistant Marshals - R.A.A. & each Inf Bde  
1 offr
- (c) Marshals will wear red arm bands.

16. BANDS & BUGLERS

Unit band will be combined with band from 2/3 AUST PNR BN.

17. DRESS

- (a) Offrs  
SD Offrs pattern, belts web & braces. Pistols without lanyards, worn below amn pouches on left side, hats turned up, anklets web. No sticks or gloves.
- (b) ORs  
SD, Drill order, hats turned up, anklets web.

/18. P.A.D.

18. P.A.D.

- (a) Warning The following can be expected:-  
 (i) YELLOW - 40 mins  
 (ii) RED - 10-15 mins
- (b) Alarm  
 (i) YELLOW by word of mouth to Pde Comd.  
 (ii) RED by siren  
 (iii) ALL CLEAR by siren.
- (c) Action  
 (i) YELLOW - Pde notified by Comd.  
 (ii) RED - Bn disperse on 30° bearing on orders from Pde Comd.  
 (iii) If attacked while embussing; debussing or in vehs units will disperse under orders of unit Comd. vehs will stop if on the move and men will go to ground.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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Adjnt 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

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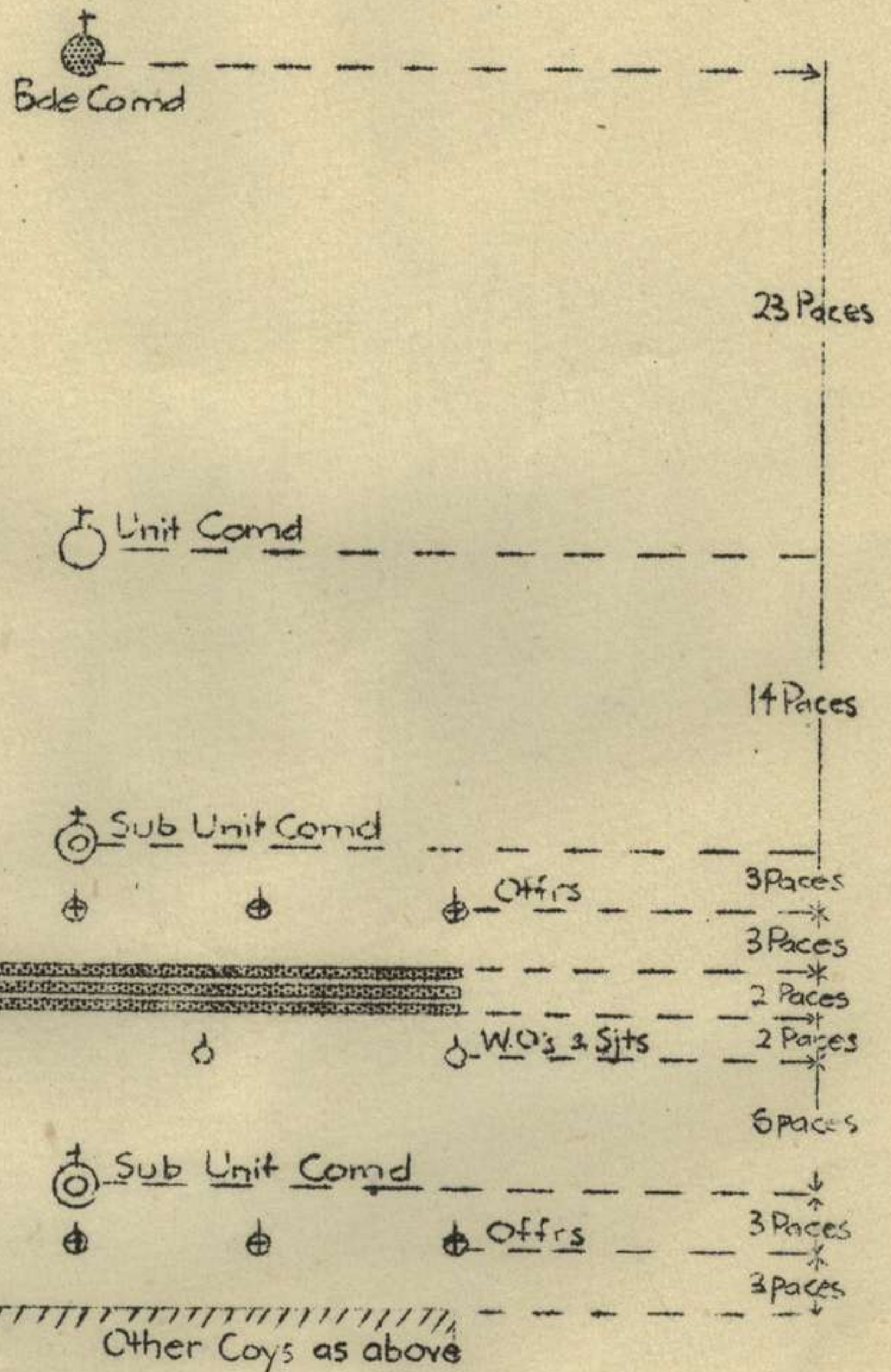
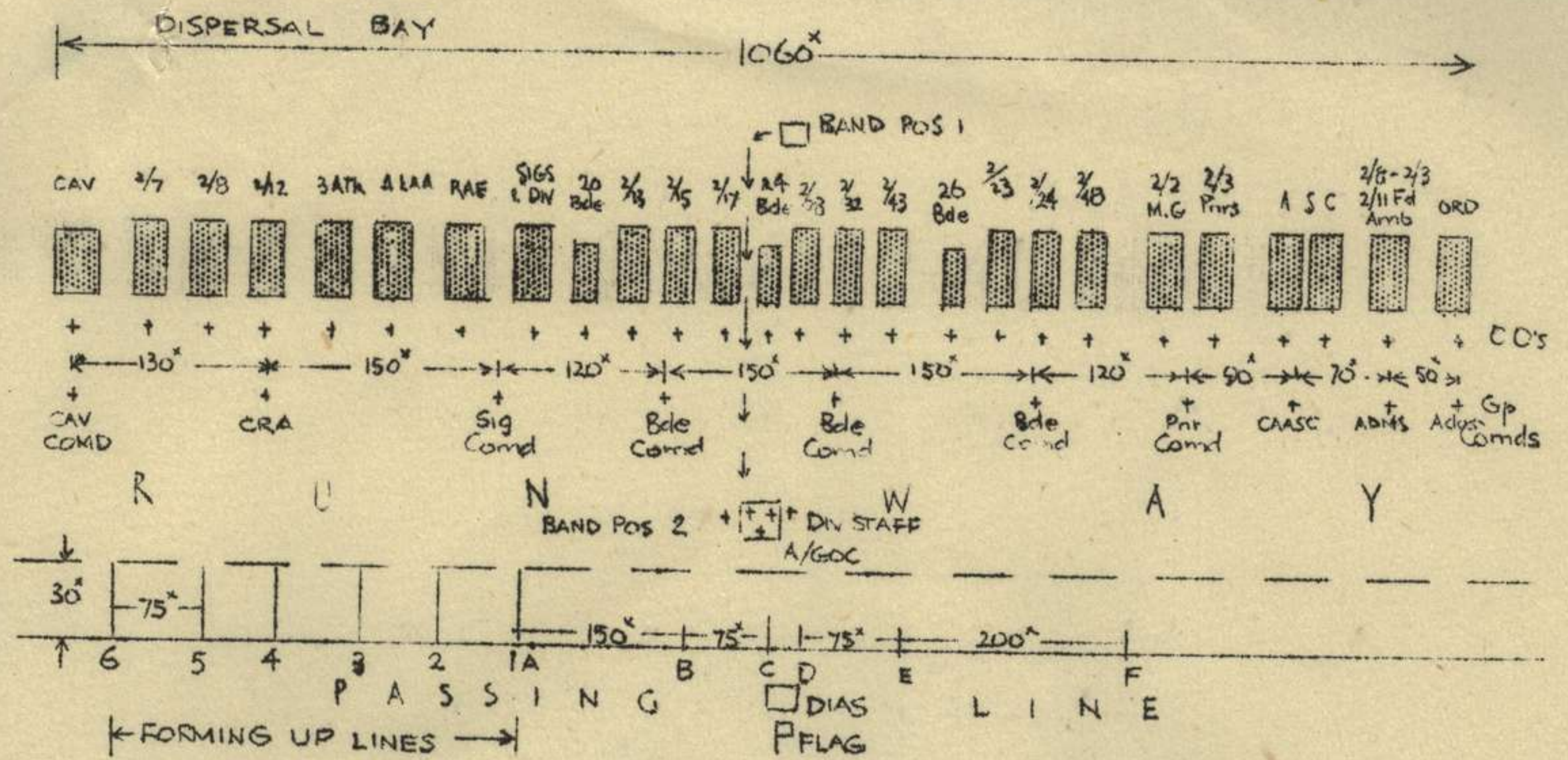
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## MARKING OF PARADE GROUND

The following is being carried out under Div arrangements.  
Flags and signs mentioned in (a) below will be removed as soon as units are in posn -

- (a) A Unit Serial No will mark the right and a flag the left of each unit frontage. Pegs will mark right marker of each Coy.
- (b) For the March Past.
  - (i) Six forming up lines will be marked at right angles to the Passing Line. These forming up lines will be numbered and will enable six units to form up simultaneously. Detail of gp and unit forming up lines are shown in para 5
  - (ii) Red flags to mark pts C and D at which the salute will begin and finish respectively.
  - (iii) Blue flags to mark pts A, B, E and F.
  - (iv) Small blue flags at 16 paces interval will mark the Passing Lines.  
These flags will give unit comds a guide as to when to give the cmd "eyes front".

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Diagrammatic  
Layout of a  
unit for the  
Inspection Line  
and March Past

APPX "A"

TO 2/2 AUST M.G. Bn C.O. No 1.

DATED 14 DEC 42

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AMENDMENT NO 1 - 2/2 AUST MG BN O.O. NO 1

MARCH PAST

1. (a) Bn will move up to forming up line by moving to the right in threes, wheeling left and moving on to the unit forming up line. A forming up line is provided for each unit in each gp, the right hand unit of each gp, forming up on No 1 forming up line. Gp will march past in close cols with distances 100 yds between units. When Gp has marched past it will return to parking area. To avoid checking following units on the Passing line, Bn will move in accordance with the following sub-paras.
- (b) If the review ground is dry. Doubling should be unnecessary provided Coys maintain their pace and do not reduce frontage prior to arrival in veh parking area. When clear of pt F Bn will continue in close column until clear of the Eastern end of the Inspection line. When it will move to the left in threes and continue until clear of the original posn occupied by Ord personnel on the Inspection Line. They will then turn left and return to veh parking areas and continue moving in threes.
- (c) If the review ground is wet. Less space will be available for movement and gp and Unit Comds will comply with instns given by the Marshals.

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2/2 AUST MG BN - ADMN ORDER NO 1

Ref Map PALESTINE 1/100,000 Sheet 9.

General

1. To be read in conjunction with 2/2 AUST MG BN OO NO 1 of 14 Dec 42.

2. This order sets out the method of movement and the adm<sup>m</sup> arrangements for the Ceremonial Parade in honour of fallen comrades to be held at GAZA AIRPORT.

Method

3. Move to Airport. Move will be made in accordance with Movement Table Appx "A" att.

4. Veh Parking Areas (see sketch map Appx "B" att)

(a) Colns will close up when entering parking areas so as to occupy less rd space and to clear X rds 10071002 as soon as possible.

(b) Areas shown will be marked at four corners by flags and unit signs. Drs will remain with their vehs throughout the parade.

5. Debussing

Personnel will debus in veh parking areas and march by routes shown to gp assembly areas. Bn Regtl Police personnel will act as guides.

6. Assembly Areas

Gp assembly areas are shown on sketch map Appx "B" att. These areas will be marked at four corners by flags and unit signs.

7. Responsibilities for all arrangements necessary in veh and assembly areas to be issued later.

8. Return to Unit lines

(a) At conclusion of midday meal in assembly or veh parking area, Bn will move off in accordance with Movement Table Appx "C" att.

(b) Zero will be notified at conclusion of parade. After March Past Bn will send rep to "Orders" flag posn near dais.

9. To concentrate the Div into the restricted area round the review ground in a short time, does not permit the allowance of large gaps between movement serials, it will be necessary to take steps (by closing up to shorter interval if necessary) to see that the rear of each convoy moves on to the rd not later than the time allowed for the serial. This will be of even greater importance on return journey.

10. Traffic control

(a) Bn Regtl Police will give assistance where necessary at entrances or exits of parking area.

(b) Also control of movement from veh parking area for return journey.

11. Security Bn lines

Personnel from Coys not medically fit to attend parade, with Coys will assist in security of Bn lines. 1 Offr, 1 NCO, & 18 ORs will take over Guard duties until return of Bn. Coys will also leave their own lines guarded and necessary personnel at Cook houses to prepare evening meal. By 1600 hrs 20 Dec Coys will submit names of personnel not attending parade and who will be available for Bn Guard.

/12. Wet Weather etc.



12. Wet Weather - Alternative plan

In the event of wet weather making the use of parking area off the rd impossible, the following variations will be made:-

- (a) Route B
  - (i) Tps will debus on mainrd GAZA -BEERSHEBA, as shown in Appx "B" & vehs move on to turning pt at K 14 10990946.
  - (ii) After turning, coln will halt on main rd, close to 80 vtm, with lead one mile short of rd junction 10071002
- (b) In each case tpt will close right up before tps debus, in order to clear X rds 10071002 and rd junc 09930987.
- (c) Tps will embus on rds in same areas as for debussing.
- (d) All other arrangements unchanged.
- (e) Codeword for alternative plan "MUD".

Admn

13. Meals

- (a) Coys will arrange for a haversack lunch and tea to be left under gd in assembly or veh parking areas during pde. This meal will be consumed at conclusion of March Past.
- (b) As the Bn will have a comparatively early start the provision of a subsidiary meal in veh parking or assembly area will be necessary.

14. Greatcoats

Bn will carry greatcoats to be worn if ordered. These will be left in veh parking or assembly areas if not required.

15. Boots

As Bn will have to march from veh parking area to pde ground each Coy will provide materials to polish boots before the parade.

16. Colour Patches

New pattern colour patches will be available before date of parade, and will be worn by all ranks.

17. Rece

- (a) One breakdown vehicle will move with convoy.
- (b) Two breakdown lorries will be stationed off rd at corner 10071002 from 0630 hrs.

18. Medical

The following will be in posn at each of the three Aid Posts shown on sketch Appx "B" att. One Medical Offr with first-aid kit. One Mot Amb.

19. Latrines

Coys will provide screens and shallow trench latrines in veh parking or assembly areas.

20. Tidiness

Coys will be responsible for filling in all trenches & leaving their assembly & veh parking areas in a tidy condition.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*F.A. Varley* CAPT.  
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Adjt 2/2 1st MG Bn.

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2/2 AUST M.G. BN - MOVEMENT TABLE

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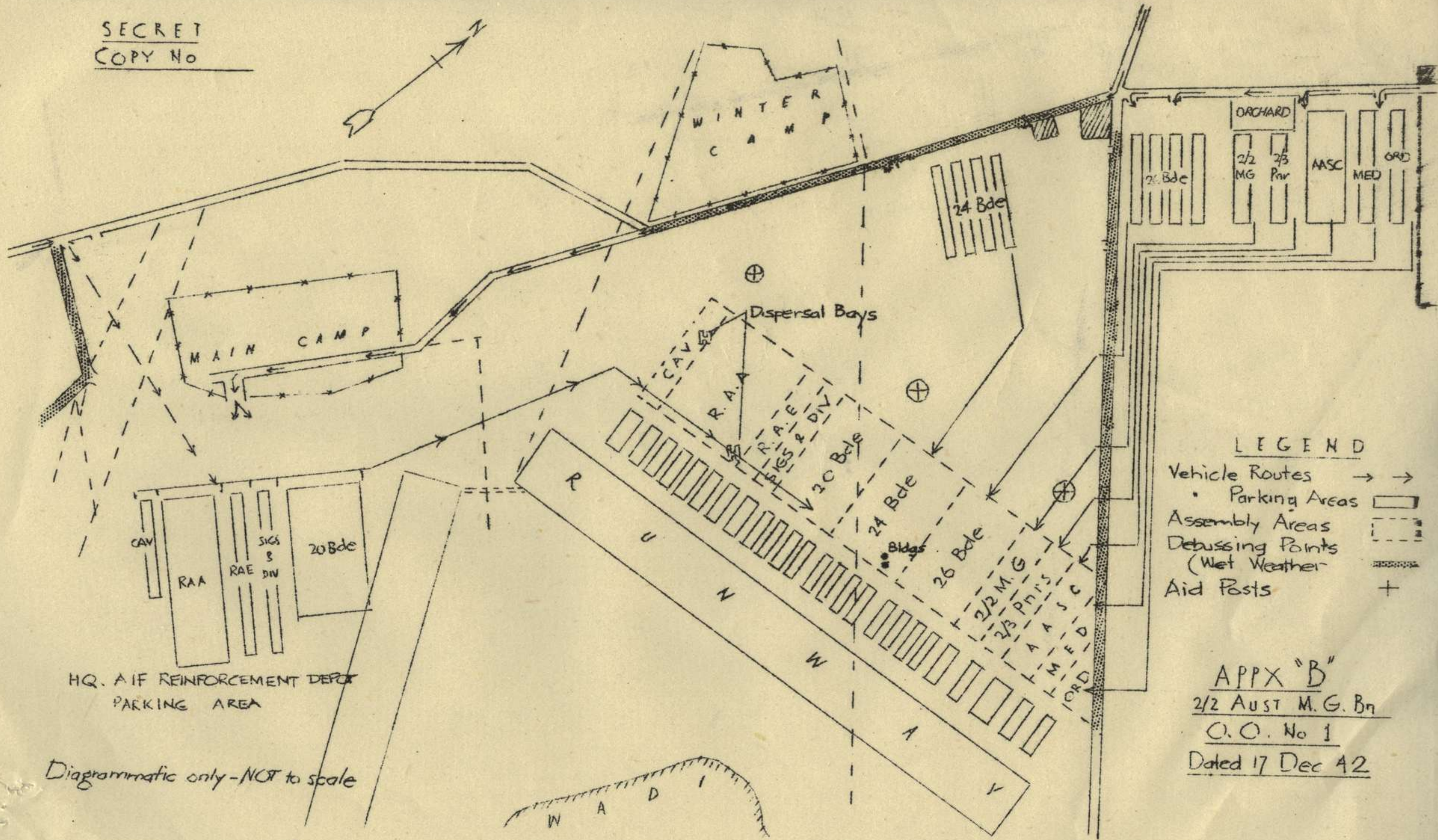
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2. DENSITY. 20 vtm
3. WALKS. Full
4. ROUTES. Route "B" rd junc 11721213 - BARBARA 110114 - rd junc 10411043 - rd junc 10251022 - rd junc 10071002.
5. TIMINGS.

Serial	UNIT	Total personnel approx.	Total vehs.	Present Location	Route	S.P.	Dispersal Point	Timings.				Remarks	
								Past SP		Past Dispersal pt.			
								Head	Tail	Head	Tail		
6	2/2 Aust MG Bn	600	30	JULIS	"B"	rd junc 11721213	rd & tk junc 10111004	0746	0752	0840	0846	0900 - 1000	

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2/2 AUST MG BN - MOVEMENT TABLE

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APPX "C" to 2/2 AUST MG BN ADMIN

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1. ROUTE Serial 6 rd junc 10071002 -rd junc 10251022 - rd junc 10411043 - BARBARA 1100114~~4~~- rd junc 11721213.

2. SF. Rd and track junc 10111004.

3. SPEED & DENSITY. 20 m.i.h. 20 v.t.m.

4. Alts Nil

5. FIMINGS

Serial 6 2/2 Aust MG Bn

Time past SF

Head zero plus 85 - Tail - zero plus 91.

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9 AUST DIV ADM ORDER NO 7.

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Ref Map :- PALESTINE 1/100,000 Sheet 9

GENERAL

- To be read in conjunction with 9 Aust Div OO No 34 of 11 Dec 42.
- This order sets out the method of movement and the adm arrangements for the ceremonial parade in honour of fallen comrades to be held at GAZA AIRPORT.

METHOD

- Move to Airport  
Move will be in accordance with Movement Table Appx "A" att.
- Veh parking areas - (see sketch map Appx "B" att)
  - Colns will close up when entering parking areas so as to occupy less rd space and to clear X rds 10071002 as soon as possible.
  - Areas shown will be marked at four corners by flags and unit signs. Drs will remain with their vehs throughout the parade.
- Debussing  
Personnel will debus in veh parking areas and march by routes shown to gp assembly areas. Gps will arrange own guides.
- Assembly areas  
Gp assembly areas are shown on sketch map Appx "B" att. These areas will be marked at four corners by flags and unit signs.
- Bde and gp comds will be responsible for all arrangements necessary in veh parking and assembly areas.
- Return to unit lines
  - At conclusion of midday meal in assembly or veh parking areas, units will move off in accordance with Movement Table Appx "C" att.
  - Zero will be notified at conclusion of parade. After March Past units or formations concerned will send reps to "Orders" flag posn near dafs.
- To concentrate the Div into the restricted area round the review ground in a short time, does not permit the allowance of large gaps between movement serials, it will be necessary to take steps (by closing up to shorter interval if necessary) to see that the rear of each convoy moves on to the rd not later than the time allowed for the serial. This will be of even greater importance on return journey.
- Traffic control  
9 Aust Div Pro Coy will arrange traffic control as follows :-
 

(a) rd juncs	11731213
	11151169
	10951126
	10411043
	09951014
	10251022
	10071002
	10000993
	09930987
	09560973
	09280949

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10121066 (blind corner)

10. Traffic control (Cont'd)

- (b) Rd patrols on routes A, B and C.
- (c) Entrances and exits of parking areas.
- (d) Control of movement from veh parking areas for return journey.

11. Security - Unit lines

Sufficient personnel will be left in unit lines to ensure security during absence of units.

12. Wet weather - alternative plan

In the event of wet weather making the use of parking areas off the rd impossible, the following variations will be made :-

(a) Route A

- (i) Tps will debus on rd as shown in Appx B and vehs move to GAZA via rd junc 09560973. Coln will turn at rd junc 09951013 and return via same route.
- (ii) After turning coln will halt on rd, closed to 100 vtm with head at rd junc 09560973 until called for by Pro.

(b) Route B

- (i) Tps will debus on main rd GAZA - BEERSHEBA, as shown in Appx B, and vehs move on to turning pt at K 14 10990946.
- (ii) After turning, coln will halt on main rd, closed to 80 vtm, with head one mile short of rd junc 10071002.

(c) Route C

- (i) Tps will debus on new rd to Sulphur Quarries as shown in Appx B. Vehs move to turning pt at Sulphur Quarries.
- (ii) After turning coln will halt on rd closed to 80 vtm with head at rd junc 09930986.

(d) In each case tpt will close right up before tps debus, in order to clear X rds 10071002 and rd junc 09930987.

(e) Tps will embus on rds in same areas as for debussing.

(f) All other arrangements unchanged.

(g) Codeword for alternative plan "MUD".

ADM

13. Meals

- (a) Units will arrange for provision of a haversack lunch and tea if required to be left under gd in assembly or veh parking areas during parade. This meal will be consumed at conclusion of March Past.
- (b) For bdes and units arriving early at the review ground the provision of a subsidiary meal in veh parking or assembly areas may be necessary.

14. Greatcoats

Units will carry greatcoats to be worn if ordered. These will be left in veh parking or assembly areas if not required.

15. Boots

As units will have to march from veh parking areas to parade ground, each unit should provide materials to polish boots before the parade.

16. Colour patches

New pattern colour patches will be available before date of parade, and will be worn by all ranks.

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17. Rec  
(a) Each convoy of 20 vehs or more will include one breakdown vch under arrangements convoy comd.  
(b) ADOS will arrange for one vch to report to 2/3 Aust Par Bn prior to move.  
(c) Two breakdown lorries will be stationed off rd at corner 10071002 from 0630 hrs.

18. Medical  
ADMS will arrange for the following to be in posn at each of three Aid Posts shown on sketch Appx B att.

One medical offcr with first aid kit  
One mot amb.

19. Latrines  
Units will provide screens and shallow trench latrines in vch parking or assembly areas.

20. Tidiness  
Units will be responsible for filling in all trenches and leaving their assembly and vch parking areas in a tidy condition.

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RAE	6	6	20-24	6
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9 AUST DIV MOVEMENT TABLE

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1. SPEED 20 mih
2. DENSITY 20 vtm (Inf bde and RAA gps will move in blocks of approx 20 vehs, 400 yds between blocks)
3. HALTS Nil.
4. ROUTES

Route "A" rd junc 11721213 - BARBARA 110114 & rd junc 10411043 - GAZA 099101 - rd junc 10071002

Route "B" do - do - do - rd junc 10251022 - rd junc 10071002

Route "C" rd and track junc 09270949 - rd junc 09560973 - rd junc 09930986
5. TIMINGS :-

Serial (a)	Unit or Formation (b)	Total personnel (approx) (c)	Total vehs (d)	Present Location (e)	Route (f)	SP (g)	Dispersal Pt (h)	Timings				Move to Assembly Areas between (n)	Remarks (o)
								Past SP		Past Dispersal Pt			
								Head (j)	Tail (k)	Head (l)	Tail (m)		
1	RAE	800	40	BEIT JIRJA	A	rd junc 10951126	rd junc 10071002	0615	0622	0648	0655	0900/0915	
2	20 Aust Inf Bde	2150	110	JULIS	A	rd junc 11721213	do	0605	0624	0702	0721	0730/0845	
3	HQ 9 Aust Div, incl) B Sec FSS Fd Cash Office Postal Unit Reception Camp Salvage Unit HQ Sigs 9 Aust Div	220	30	JULIS	A	do	do	0638	0643	0735	0740	0845/0900	9 Aust Div Salvage Unit will join coln at SP
		250											
4	25 Aust Inf Bde	1900	100	BEIT JIRJA	B	rd junc 10951126	rd & track junc 10111004	0715	0733	0745	0803	0815/1000	Follows serial 3
5	24 Aust Inf Bde	2000	100	KHASSA	A	rd junc 11721213	rd junc 10071002	0716	0734	0813	0831	0845/1000	

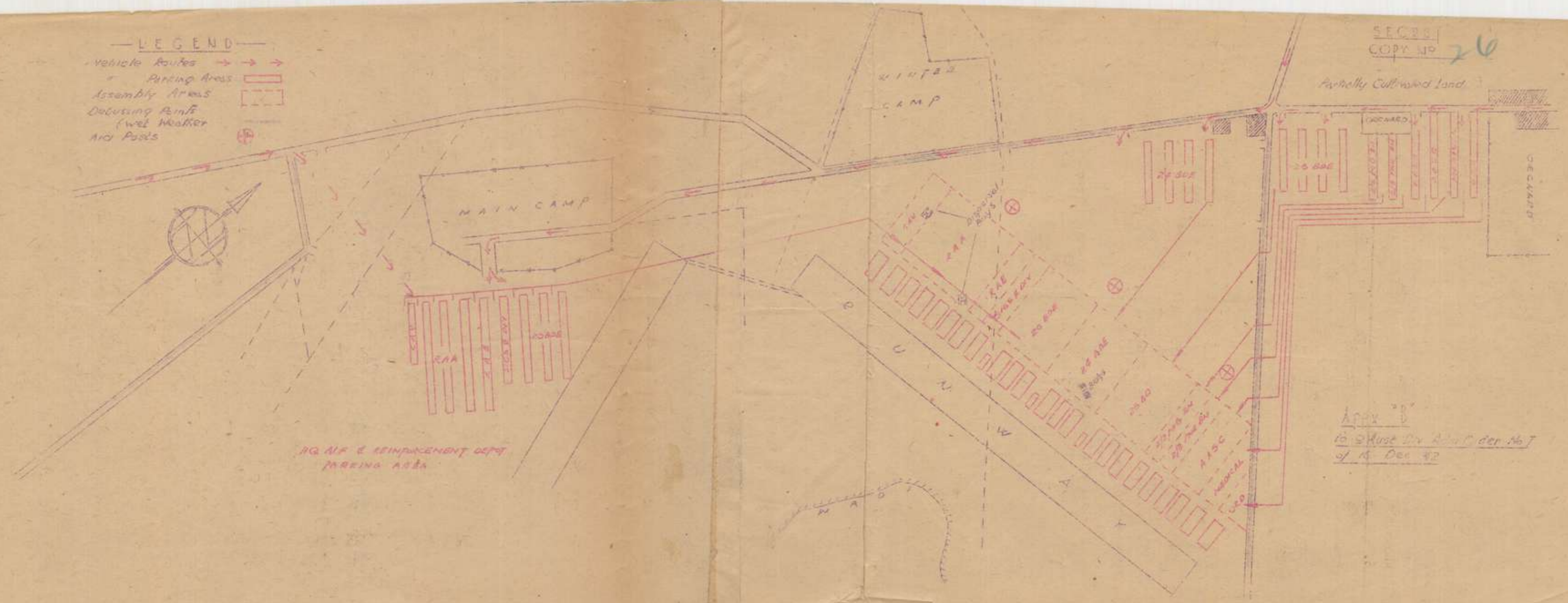
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
6	2/2 Aust MG Bn	650	33	JULIS	B	rd junc 11721213	rd & track junc 10111004	0746	0752	0840	0846	0900/1000	
7	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	650	33	HILL 69	B	do	do	0802	0808	0856	0902	0915/1000	
8	AASC	1200	60	KHASSA ) HILL 69)	B	do	do	0818	0828	0912	0922	0930/1000	
9	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	160	10	KHASSA	B	do	do	0838	0840	0932	0934	0945/1015	
10	2/8 Aust Fd Amb 2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec 20 Aust Dental Unit)	220	11	JULIS	B	do	do	0842	0844	0936	0938	do	
11	2/11 Aust Fd Amb 14 Aust Dental Unit)	164	10	BEIT JIRJA	B	rd junc 10951126	do	0910	0912	0940	0942	do	(1) Follows serial 10 (2) 14 Aust Dental unit at present with RAA will re- port to 2/11 Fd Amb before 0830 hrs
12	Ord	500	25	BARBARA	B	rd junc 11151169	do	0910	0914	0942	0952	1000/1015	Follows serial 31
13	RAA	2950	135	AL BUREIJ	C	rd junc 09280949	rd junc 09930987	0815	0840	0830	0855	0915/1000	
14	9 Aust Div Cav Regt	430	20	MUGHAZI	C	do	do	0910	0914	0925	0929	1000/1015	
15	Band 2/1 Aust Hq Gd Bn	30	3	MUGHAZI	C	do	rd junc 09930987	0916	0917	0931	0932	0945/1000	Follows serial 14
16	9 Div Mob Laundry & Fwd Deen Unit	100	5	MUGHAZI	C	do	rd junc 10071002	0933	0934	0952	0953	1000/10 5	To combine with Ord in veh pk allotted

— LEGEND —

- Vehicle Routes → → →
- Parking Areas [Red Box]
- Assembly Areas [Dashed Box]
- Debussing Points (wet Weather) [Red Circle with Cross]
- Air Posts [Red Circle]

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Approx 10  
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9 AUST DIV MOVEMENT TABLE

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1. ROUTE                      Serials 1 - 12 incl:- rd junc 10071002 & rd junc 10251022 - rd junc 10411043 - BARBARA 110114 - rd junc 11721213  
    Serials 13 - 16 incl:- rd junc 09930986 - rd junc - 09560973 - rd and track junc 09270949.
2. SP                              Serials 1 - 12 incl:- rd and track junc 10111004  
    Serials 13 - 16 :- rd junc 09930987
3. SPEED & DENSITY 20 mih 20 vtm
4. HALTS                              Nil
5. TIMINGS :-

Serial	Unit or Formation	Time past SP	
		Head	Tail
1	RAE	zero	zero plus 7
2	20 Aust Inf Bde	zero plus 9	zero plus 28
3	HQ 9 Aust Div incl B Sec FSS Fd Cash Office Postal Unit Reception Camp Salvage Unit HQ Sigs 9 Aust Div	zero plus 32	zero plus 37
4	26 Aust Inf Bde	zero plus 39	zero plus 57
5	24 Aust Inf Bde	zero plus 62	zero plus 80
X 6	2/2 Aust MG Bn	zero plus 85	zero plus 91
7	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	zero plus 93	zero plus 99
8	AASC	zero plus 101	zero plus 111
9	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	zero plus 114	zero plus 116
10	2/8 Aust Fd Amb 2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec 20 Aust Dental Unit	zero plus 117	zero plus 119
11	2/11 Aust Fd Amb 14 Aust Dental Unit	zero plus 120	zero plus 122
12	Ord	zero plus 124	zero plus 128
13	RAA	zero	zero plus 25
14	9 Aust Div Cav Regt	zero plus 30	zero plus 34
15	Band 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	zero plus 35	zero plus 36
16	9 Div Mob Laundry & Fwd Dean Unit	zero plus 37	zero plus 38

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AMENDMENT No. 1 TO 9 AUST DIV ADM ORDER No. 7.

1. Para 4, insert new subpara :-

(c) Staff cars will be kept to a minimum and will be parked as follows :-

(i) Div HQ - car pk in MAIN CAMP, SE of rd after passing garages.

(ii) Other formations and units - in respective gp parking areas.

2. Para 10, subpara (a), add :-

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10121006 (blind corner)

3. Para 10, add new subpara :-

(e) The following from 9 Aust Div Pro Coy will be placed under comd HQ AIF (ME) to act as escort for C-in-C :-

Pilot car	-	one offr and dr	( Offr to report
Outriders	-	8 MCs	( HQ AIF (ME) on 20
			( Dec 42, for
			( instructions.

4. Appx "B"

(a) Veh parking areas shown for :-

20 Aust Inf Bde  
Sigs 9 Aust Div and HQ 9 Aust Div  
RAE 9 Aust Div  
RAA 9 Aust Div  
9 Aust Div Cav Regt

will be moved approx 200 yds to the SW, so that the leading line of 20 Aust Inf Bde vehs will be in the posn at present shown as "RAE".

(b) The route shown for marching personnel from these areas, to assembly areas, will clear the northern end of the Runway, and not cross it as shown. It is essential that tps be kept clear of the Runway.

5. Appx "A", insert new serial :-

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
15A,	2/3 Aust	100,	5,	MUGHAZI,	C,	do,	rd junc	0930,0931,	0949,	0950	
	CCS,						10071002,				

Serial 15A, joins Medical units in veh pk allotted.

6. Appx "C", insert new serial :-

	Time past SP (rd junc 09930987)	
	<u>Head</u>	<u>Tail</u>
15A, 2/3 Aust CCS	zero plus 36	zero plus 37

9 Aust Div Pro Coy will ensure that serials 15A and 16 are on rd clear of parking area by zero plus 32.

*[Signature]*  
for Col  
GS 9 Aust Div

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AMENDMENT No 2 TO 9 AUST DIV OO No 34  
(Letter G6/50/8 of 15 Dec is Amendment No 1).

The abovementioned OO is amended as follows :-

1. Appx "A" (inset):

The distance of 9 paces between CO's and the Inspection Line (i.e. the front rank of the leading sub-units) will be increased to 20 paces.

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2. Appx "C" - serial 20:

(a) When gps have marched past they may either return to their assembly or veh parking areas. To avoid checking following units on the Passing Line units will move in accordance with the following subparas.

(b) If the review ground is dry:

Doubling should be unnecessary provided units maintain their pace and do not reduce frontage prior to arrival in assembly or veh parking areas. When clear of Pt F units will continue in close coln until clear of the eastern end of the Inspection Line when they will move to the left in threes and continue until they are clear of the original posn occupied by Gp 10 on the Inspection Line. They will then either turn left and retire to their assembly areas in close coln or (for any of Gps 5 - 10 incl moving direct to their veh parking areas) continue moving in threes.

(c) If the review ground is wet:

Less space will be available for movement and gp and unit comds will comply with instns given by the marshals.

ACKNOWLEDGE

*Acked. FAV*

*M. Reed Maj  
for  
Col.,*

GS 9 Aust Div.

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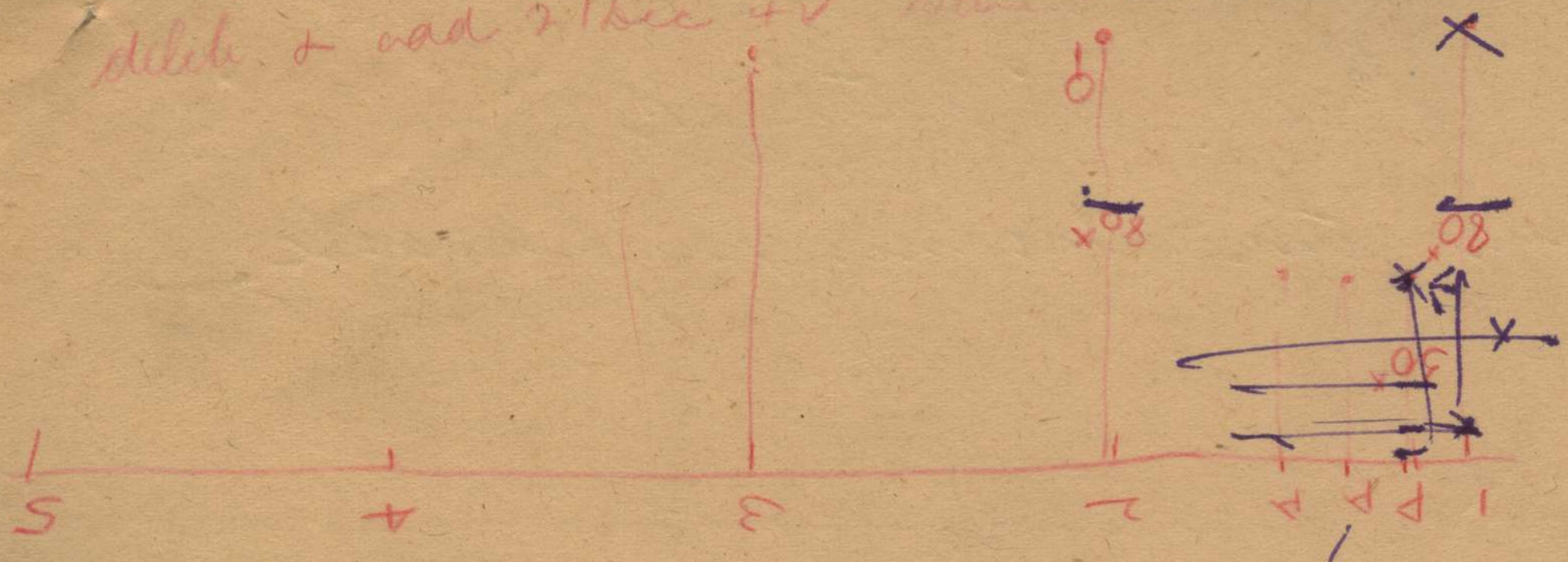
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20 Dec 42

Pages 15 & 16 give date for receipt patterns

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B. M. 26 Bdc rang

re Brig. Whitehead

and this morning's parade.





1. Date of Parade

The parade will take place 22 Dec 42.

2. Rehearsal

A Div rehearsal without staffs and without tps, to test out arrangements for the passing of commands will be held at the Review Ground at 1500 hrs Sunday 20 Dec 42.  
All bde, gp and unit comds will attend.

3. Movement from Inspection Line

Ref Appx "C" para 20.

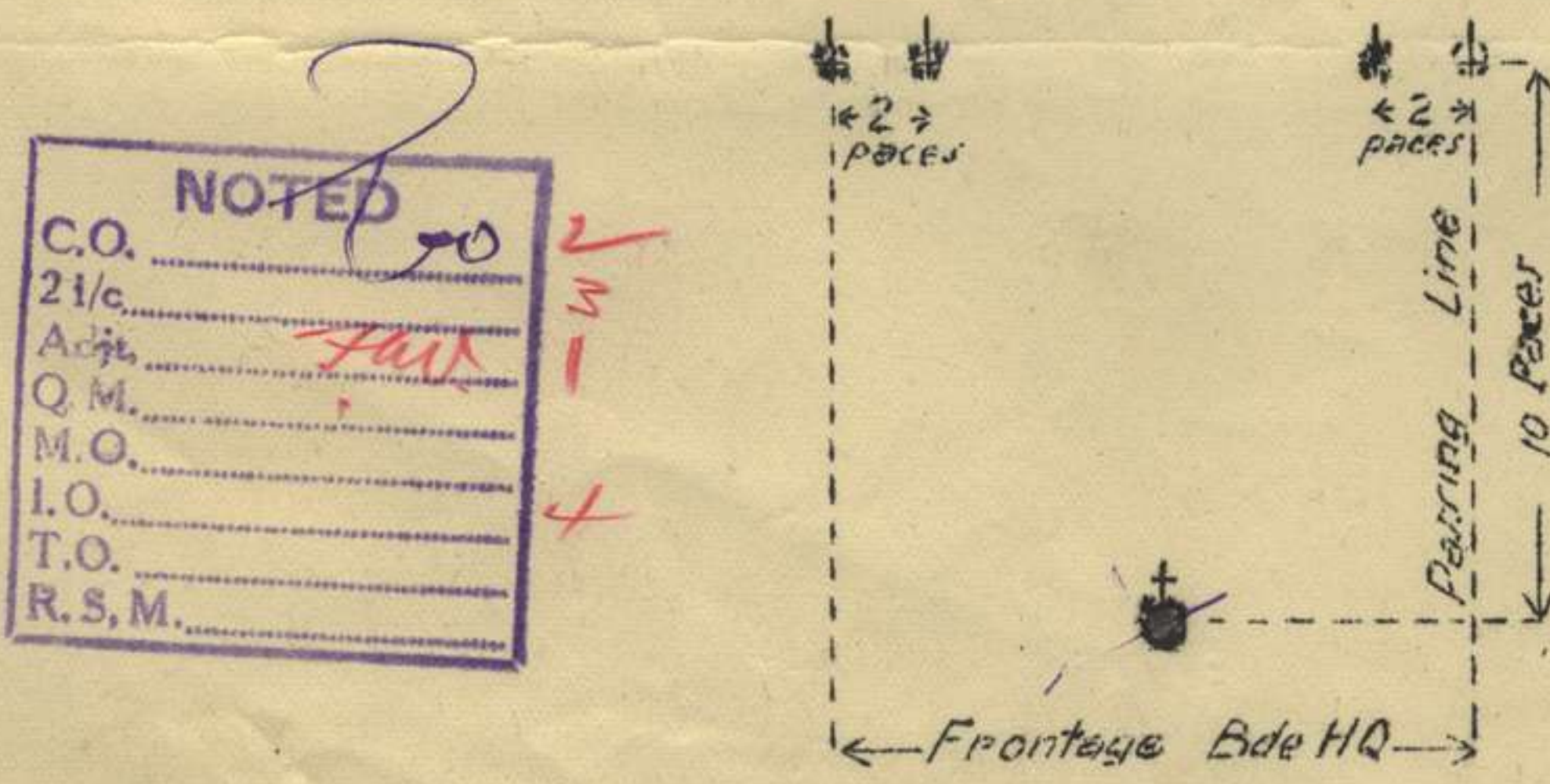
- (a) To avoid long periods of marking time by rear units, bde comds and comds of gps of more than one block, will order a distance of 100 yds between units when moving off from their posn on the Inspection Line.
- (b) Gp comds will commence the movement from their posn on the Inspection Line, so that they are in posn to move onto the Forming Up Line as soon as the preceding gp is clear and will time their movement so as to avoid halting during the movement along the Inspection Line.

4. Forming Up and Marching Past

- (a) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will not move off from the Forming Up Line until it is seen that RAA 9 Aust Div will be ready to follow at 200 yds distance.
- (b) The above applies to gps Nos 1 and 2 only. Other gps will move off as soon as it is evident that their rear units will be ready to move at the correct interval.
- (c) Dressing on Forming Up Lines will be carried out quickly to ensure that the distance between gps in the march past is not excessive.

5. Formation for bde staffs in march past.

To balance the posn of bde staffs and comds with the leading unit (bde HQ) the following formation will be adopted instead of that given in Appx "B":-



Adj. 2/2 Aust. M.G. Bn. Capt.

6. Marching Past.

When saluting during the march past offrs tend to step short with the result that the units behind them have to shorten the pace.

Separate parades for offrs should be held to correct this tendency.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Checked* *Fail*

*The Road Maj*  
*for*  
*Col.,*

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The abovementioned OO is further amended as follows :-

1. In para 7 -

- (a) Delete "Flags and signs mentioned in (a) below will be removed as soon as units are in posn" and substitute "As soon as each unit is in posn it will remove the unit sign, flag and pegs referred to in sub-para (a) and place them in the SE corner of its assembly area.  
After the March Past units will take all their unit signs with them and RAE 9 Aust Div will collect all flags and pegs."

- (b) Add at end of sub-para (b) (i) the following :-

"To enable units to keep direction in moving to the Forming Up Lines, pts on the Runway 80 yds distant from the numbers on the passing line and in line with the forming up lines will be numbered to correspond with the numbers on the forming up lines. Small blue flags on the passing line will mark the right marker of each subunit and marks on the ground will indicate pts 30 yds distant from and at right angles to these flags so that subunits can quickly obtain their dressing and interval."

2. Recce parties and marshals (paras 16 and 17) -

- (a) The date for recce parties and RV of marshals on the parade ground will be 21 Dec at the times mentioned in paras 16 and 17 respectively. *between 1000 hrs & 1100 hrs.*
- (b) Vehs will at all times keep of the Runway.

3. Appx "C" Serial 20 (as amended).

For a period of 30 mins immediately after the tail of Gp 10 has passed pt F gp comds will not permit units to cross or move on to the GAZA - BEERSHEBA rd.

4. Intercomn -

- (a) Div Report Centre (Maj T Luxton MBE) will be established on 22 Dec -
- (i) from 0645 to 0950 hrs at south corner of X rds 10071002 and
- (ii) from 1000 to 1100 hrs on north edge of Runway opposite the dais
- (b) Gp comds will send to this centre -
- (i) A report on arrival of gps in assembly areas.
- (ii) A gp parade state - by 1030 hrs.
- (iii) A report when gp is in posn on Inspection Line. *to be report: not gallant*

*J. M. Read Maj*

Col.,  
GS 9 Aust Div.

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*2* 20., notify R.S.M. re parade state for  
*1* Br report.  
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HQ 9 AUST DIV  
7 Dec 42

20 Aust Inf Bde (4)  
24 Aust Inf Bde (4)  
26 Aust Inf Bde (4)  
2/2 Aust MG Bn  
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn  
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CEREMONIAL PARADE - 21 Dec 42.

1. In connection with the above, it is proposed that units of this div together with 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn will provide massed brass and bugle bands for the occasion.
2. A meeting of unit bandmasters or reps will be held at 3 Mess HQ 9 Aust Div at 0915 hrs on 10 Dec.
3. Those attending will bring the following information:-
  - (a) Number of bandmen and buglers available
  - (b) Type of instrument played.
  - (c) Deficiencies in instruments, if any.
  - (d) Repertoire of band and music available.
  - (e) Number of drums and drummers available.
4. As the playing of the band will materially affect the standard of the parade, it is requested that bandmasters and others taking part be given every assistance.

*Arthurley Hunt*  
Col.  
HQ 9 Aust Div.

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HQ 9 Aust Div  
10 Dec 42

20 AUST INF BDE (4)  
24 AUST INF BDE (4)  
26 AUST INF BDE (4)  
2/2 AUST MG BN  
2/3 AUST PNR BN

*Practice alternate days  
commencing Monday at 1330.*

BANDS FOR CEREMONIAL PARADE - 21 DEC

Ref 9 Aust Div G965/50/8 dated 7 Dec 42.

1. It has now been decided that individual bands will be combined in the following gps:-

20 Aust Inf Bde	}	1
24 Aust Inf Bde		
26 Aust Inf Bde		1
2/2 Aust MG Bn	}	1
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn		

2. Bandmasters in the gps concerned have reached mutual agreement as to the trg of the combined bands and will be allotted as much time for daily rehearsals as may be required.

*H. J. Linn*  
for Col  
GS 9 Aust Div

HQ 9 AUST DIV  
15 Dec 42.PARADE OF 9 AUST DIV

Ref 9 Aust Div OO No 34.

1. Saluting during the March Past

In response to queries the following direction is given. When the head and eyes are turned to the right and the hand is brought up to the salute the following posn will be maintained :-

- (a) Left arm steady at the side
- (b) The shoulders level with the ground and kept square with the front
- (c) The right upper arm in line with the shoulders
- (d) The offr will look at the Inspecting Offr in front of and not in rear of his right hand and forearm.

When it is no longer possible, owing to the movement fwd, to look at the Inspecting Offr, the posn of the salute will be maintained in accordance with paras (a), (b) and (c) above until the comd "Eyes Front" is given.

Gp and unit comds will ensure that mistakes in offr's salutes are eliminated during rehearsals and that offr's do not stiffen up the body unnaturally during the salute.

2. Film and Photography of the Review

The GOC is most anxious that a complete film of the review is obtained.

To enable this to be done a considerable part of the film must be built up by filming rehearsals; also by this means it is hoped to prevent photographers moving in front of the "Passing Line" during the parade.

Gp and unit comds are asked to provide every possible facility during rehearsals to photographers for this purpose.

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*L.M. Reed Maj*

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19 Dec 42

2/2 AUST MG BN - OO NO 2

This Order to be read in conjunction with 2/2 Aust MG Bn OO No 1 dated 14 Dec 42

Information.

1. A rehearsal for Ceremonial Parade in honour of fallen Comrades will be held in 24 Aust Inf Bde area 11791240.
2. Tps to take part -

2/2 AUST MG BN  
2/3 AUST PNR BN

Intention.

3. Composite Gp will parade at site 11791240 on 19 Dec 42.

Method.

4. (a) Bn will move to an assembly area immediately in rear of Inspection Line under 2 i/c and form up in close coln of Coys with 10x interval between units.  
(b) The area for pde will be marked out in similar manner as for the Review Assembly area and position on Inspection Line will be marked by flags with Bn serial sign indicating right of unit frontage.  
(c) Vehicles will be dispersed as directed by 2 i/c.

5. Timing - 19 Dec 42  
Reveille - 0600 hrs  
Breakfast - 0700 "  
Coy Pdes - 0740 "

Vehs ready to move - 0830 T.O. to have vehicles on road 0815 in following order HQ, A, B, C & D Coys to move out past Offrs Mess. Bn will be in position, bayonets fixed, on Inspection Line by 0900 hrs 19 Dec 42.

6. Marshalling.

Lieut BURTON 2/3 Pnr Bn will perform the duties of Marshall.

7. Music.

Unit Bands will combine for the the rehearsal and function under existing arrangements as for review.

8. Procedure.

The procedure and all other particulars will conform to 2/2 Aust MG Bn OO NO 1.

9. Recce Party.

Lieut M. Peachey & Sjt Palmer, E.C. to report to Major Anderson at site of pde at 0815 hrs on 19 Dec 42. Sjt Palmer to act as Bn guide.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*F.A. Varley*  
CAPT.  
(F.A. Varley)  
Adjnt 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

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2/2 AUST. M.G. BN.  
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18 DEC 1942  
This order is to be read in conjunction with 9 AUST DIV O.O. No 34 dated 11 Dec 42.

Ref Map GAMA 1: 100000

INFORMATION

1. A rehearsal for Ceremonial Parade in honor of fallen comrades will be held in 24 AUST INF BDE area 11791240.
2. Tps to take part:
  - 2/3 AUST M G BN
  - 2/3 AUST PIONEER BN

INTENTION

3. Composite Bde will parade at site 11791240 on 19 Dec 42.

METHOD

4. (a) Bns will move to an assembly area immediately in rear of Inspection Line under Unit arrangements, and form up in close col of Coys with 10x interval between Units.

(b) The area for pde will be marked out in similar manner as for the Review. Assembly area and position on Inspection Line will be marked by flags with a Unit Serial sign indicating right of Unit frontage. For this purpose M G Bn will fwd one Unit serial sign to 2/3 AUST PIONEER BN HQs by 1600 hrs on 18 Dec 42.

(c) 2/2 AUST M G BN will choose suitable area for assembly of their vehs.

TIMING

5. Units will be in position, bayonets fixed, on Inspection Line by 0900 hrs 19 Dec 42.

MARSHALLING

6. LIEUT BURTON of 2/3 AUST PIONEER BN will perform the duties of Marshall.

BANDS

7. Unit Bands will combine for the rehearsal and function under existing arrangements as for Review.

PROCEDURE

8. The procedure and all other particulars will conform to 9 AUST DIV O.O. No 34 including appendix "C", except in so far as amended by this order.

RECCE PARTY

9. 2/2 AUST M G BN will detail 1 offr and 1 NCO to report to MAJOR ANDERSON at site of pde at 0815 hrs on 19 Dec 42. The NCO will act as Bn guide.

10. ACK.

DISTRIBUTION

HQ 9 Aust Div  
2/2 Aust MG Bn ✓  
2/3 Aust Pioneer Bn  
War Diary  
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*Lauasch*  
(A V GALLASCH) Lt Col  
Commndg Composite Bde Gp



Ref Map GAZA: 1/100,000

GENERAL

- 1 To be read in conjunction with 9 AUST DIV O.O. No 34.
- 2 The arrangements as set out hereunder are in amplification and not in substitution of detailed instructions embodied in 9 AUST DIV O.O. No 34.

METHOD

- 3 Move to Airport  
Move will be in accordance with Movement Table Appx A to a/n Div order.
- 4 Veh Parking Area  
(a) Lieut J K AYERS 2/3 AUST PIONEER BN will controll marshalling of Gp vehs.  
(b) 2/2 AUST M G BN will detail a tpt NGO to report in a veh at S P Rd June 11721213 to LIEUT AYERS at 0740 hrs 22 Dec 42.

5 ASSEMBLY AREAS

- (a) Units will move to their Assembly Areas independently between following times:-
- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 2/2 AUST M G BN | 0900/1000 hrs |
| 2/3 AUST PNR BN | 0915/1000 hrs |
- (b) Units will provide their own guides from Debussing pt to Assembly Area.

6 MARCH PAST

- (a) After March Past EASTERN end of Inspection Line will be cleared before unit moves to left in threes.
- (b) Units will then return to veh park continuing in same formation until they have crossed BEERSHEBA - GAZA Rd when further movement may be by column of route.

7 PAD

- (a) Attention is drawn to para 21 9 AUST DIV O.O. 34.
- (b) Unit Comds will ensure that Coy comds are fully conversant with PAD precautions.

8 ADMIN

Parade State Units will furnish a pde state to Gp Comd immediately on arrival at Assembly Area.

*A V Gallasch*  
(A V GALLASCH) Lt Col  
Commdg Composite Bde Group

DISTRIBUTION.

Group Comd.  
2/2 Aust. M.G. Bn. ✓  
2/3 Aust. Pnr. Bn.  
File.

Address made to the A.I.F. (M.E.) by General Hon. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, K.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., Commander in Chief, The Middle East Forces at a parade of the A.I.F. held in Palestine on 22nd December, 1942, in commemoration of Fallen Comrades.



**O**FFICERS, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Australian Imperial Force; these great days we are living in are a time for deeds rather than words, but when great deeds have been done there is no harm in speaking of them. And great deeds have been done.

The battle of Alamein has made history, and you are in the proud position of having taken a major part in that great victory. Your reputation as fighters has always been famous, but I do not believe you have ever fought with greater bravery or distinction than you did during that battle, when you broke the German and Italian Armies in the Western Desert. Now you have added fresh lustre to your already illustrious name.

Your losses have been heavy indeed and for that we are all greatly distressed. But war is a hard and bloody affair, and great victories cannot be won without sacrifice. It is always a fine and moving spectacle to see, as I do today, worthy men who have done their duty on the battle field assembled in ranks on parade, and those ranks filled again with young recruits and fresh reinforcements.

To these future warriors I extend a warm welcome and greet them as brothers in arms who have come to join the forces in the Middle East which it is my honour to command.

What of the future? There is no doubt that the fortunes of war have turned in our favour. We now have the initiative and can strike when and where we will. It is we who will choose the future battlegrounds, and we will choose them where we can hit the enemy hardest and hurt him most.

There is a hard and bitter struggle ahead before we come to final victory and much hard fighting to be done. In the flux and change of war individuals will change. Some will come; others will go. Formations will move from one theatre to another, and where you will be when the next battles are fought I do not know. But wherever you may be my thoughts will always go with you and I shall follow your fortunes with interest and your successes with admiration. There is one thought I shall cherish above all others—under my command fought the 9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



## Ninth Symphony



 TRA-LA-LA



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### March Music

AIF bandsmen and buglers played for the parade in Palestine when men from all units of the Ninth Australian Division were reviewed by Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, C-in-C., ME. It was the Ninth's symphony of victory.—MH and I.



 RATTATA-TAT



 CAVALRY KEEP IN TIME

# The Last Spike

Last spike in a Syrian railway built in 1942 by an AIF construction company was driven in by Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, C-in-C. MEF, at Dog River. Faced with forbidding country, the Australians had to blast through rocky headlands bridge gorge after gorge. See story Page 14. MHI Pictures



Gen. Alexander driving in the last spike—historic finishing touch to a long, hard job by Australian railway builders.



Gen. Alexander unveils tablet at Dog River, telling story of line's construction.



First engine to travel over the new stretch of line was driven by Gen. Alexander. Australian driver at window.



Fifteen major bridges, numerous smaller ones were built. Right: S. African miners and Basutos cut 4800 ft. tunnel at Chekka.



Line twists like a snake through rugged country. Australians at work on a bend.



Tracer shells score the early morning sky as escorting British fleet battles Axis planes near North African coast.



**FIREWORKS AS SHIPS NEAR COAST**

Axis bomb bursts near smoke-screened transports heading inshore for North African landing.



Destroyer laying smoke screen round Allied transport as ships make for Oran, where Vichy French resisted fiercely.

## Dramatic First Pictures

# NORTH AFRICA BATTLE

In a move to sweep the Axis from the Mediterranean, the United Nations staged the biggest seaborne expedition in history. Allied troops made simultaneous landings in French North Africa, Tunisia becoming the big battlefield. First non-radioed pictures of the landings have arrived.



Landing barge filled with troops for Algiers landing leaves big ex-liner, one of 500 transports which made up mighty Allied armada.



U.S. troops stream across beach at Surcouf. Their flag goes in front.



British troops all rigged out for the landing are inspected on their transport before reaching landing point. Note rope coiled around equipment.



U.S. and British troops watch a landing barge (top) nose into the beach at Algiers. It dropped its ramp and discharged a truck (centre). Third picture shows another barge beaching at Algiers.

## LATEST IN THE AIR



Sentinel, new U.S. observation plane; can hover at below 45 m.p.h. directing fire; climbs almost vertically.



Britain's hard-hitting new Martlett naval fighter landing on aircraft carrier Victorious. Note distinctive wing shape.



New Spitfire has four-bladed propeller and two radiators under the wings.



New Spitfire aloft. The wings differ in their tapering from other versions.



Italian battle buggy being hauled on to float for salvage. Big tyres will prove valuable. Picture shows salvaging needs tough men.



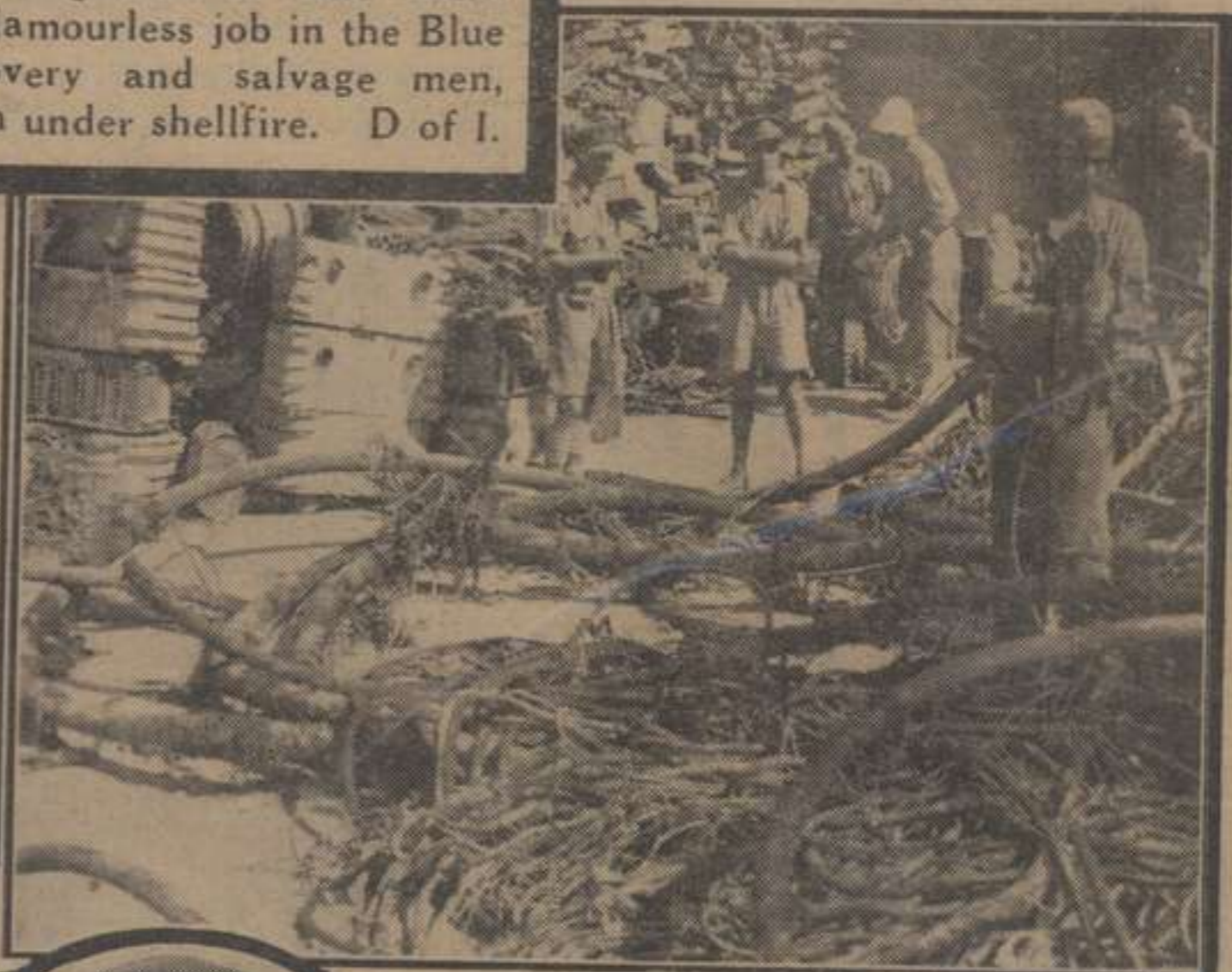
Modern Aladdin with old lamps for the melting pot back at a dump.

# SALVAGE

In the wake of war go the recovery and salvage units, fine-combing wreck-strewn battlefields for derelict vehicles and scrap. This picture-story is in recognition of fine work done in a glamourless job in the Blue by AIF recovery and salvage men, toiling often under shellfire. D of I.



Wrecked Messerschmitt will be further wrecked and parts sorted. Aluminium will be melted into ingots.



Treasure trove of scrap is this back area dump, where Arabs help in work. Cables yield rubber, lead and copper wire.



Men of an AIF L of C Recovery Unit photographed during a break from their salvage work in the Desert. Inset — Lt. R.A.J. Hall, head of the unit.



It's got "good" on it and it's still good for scrap. Pte. E. F. Riley taking an old tyre to the junk truck.



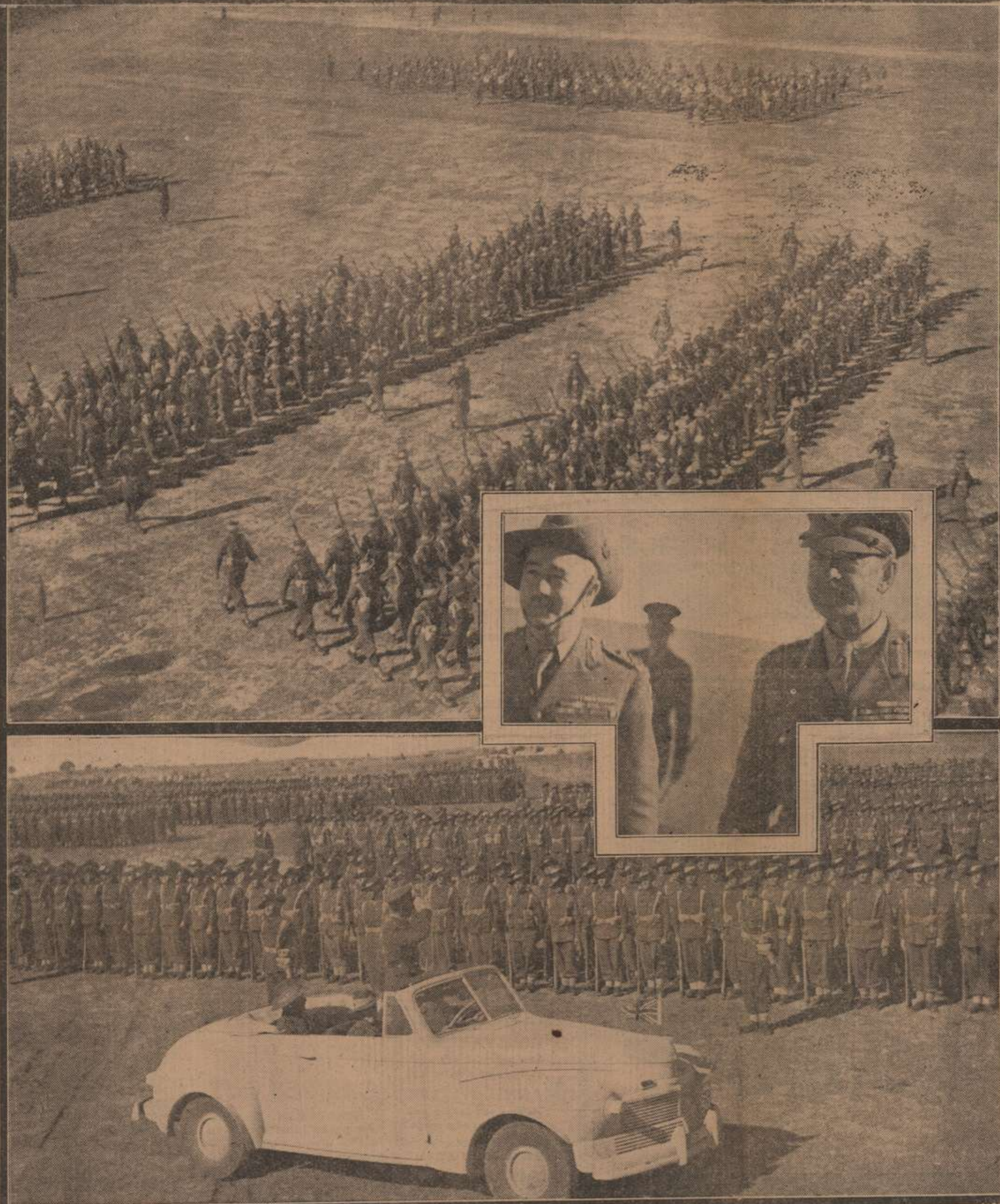
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## C-IN-C REVIEWS SOME OF NINTH DIV.



WORDS OF HIGH PRAISE were uttered by the Commander-in-Chief, M.E., (General Sir Harold Alexander) when he reviewed men representative of all units of the Ninth Australian Division at a parade in Palestine. Pictures show the march past, inspection and (inset) the GOC, AIF., M.E. (Lieut-Gen. Sir Leslie Morshead) and General Alexander after the parade. — MH and I. **SEE OTHER PICTURES--PAGES 3,9**

### Shark Kills Girl Refugee In Harbour

SYDNEY: A young girl refugee was killed by a large whaler shark while paddling in shallow water in upper Middle Harbour, Sydney.

She was a member of a picnic party and was standing in about two feet of water when she was seized by the legs and dragged under.

The girl was shockingly injured and was dead when several youths scared off the shark a few minutes later and carried her body to the shore.

Her father and brother are prisoners of war in Japan.

The tragedy occurred not far from where Miss Zieta Steadman, of Ashfield, was killed by a shark in shallow water last January.

Miss Steadman, who was 28 and single, was so shockingly mutilated that only the upper part of her body was recovered.

### Cartoon Of Week



Special prize of A15/- to VX81348, Pte A. Baker.

### Miss Lawrence Sings In America

MELBOURNE: Marjorie Lawrence, the Australian soprano, who has made a surprising recovery from a severe illness, sang at the Metropolitan Opera House on December 17, states a New York message.

The concert was arranged as a tribute to her spirit.

# WEEK'S HEAVY TOLL OF JAP SHIPS INCLUDES CRUISER AT RABAUL

CANBERRA: In three smashing raids on Rabaul, vital Japanese base in New Britain, Allied bombers have scored three direct hits on a large cruiser, which was probably destroyed, and heavily damaged seven big ships, including one of 15,000 tons.

As the Japanese garrison at Buna airfield was making two unsuccessful attempts to break the Allied ring closing around it, Allied fighters and bombers were pounding the many Japanese bases north of Australia.

Attacking the long Jap supply lines, our bombers sank a destroyer, a 5000-ton transport and six cargo vessels near New Guinea and damaged four more, hit a 6000-ton enemy cargo ship off Timor and sank three vessels in the Solomons.

It has been a great week for the Allied air forces, which have pounded Japanese harbours, aerodromes and installations at Lae, Salamua, Timor, New Britain, New Ireland and New Georgia.

A significant feature this week has been the first appearance in combat in this area of Lockheed Lightning fighters.

Twelve of them attacked 27 zeros and 15 dive-bombers, shooting down 15 planes without loss. This made Jap losses 31 planes within a few days.

American planes based on Guadalcanar Island in the Solomons have kept up their attacks on Jap airfields at Munda (New Georgia). Fourteen of the planes which tried to intercept one raid were shot down without loss and 10 were destroyed on the ground.

### Half Square-mile

Although Japs hold only about half a square mile at Buna and two wedges have been driven into their positions, they are fighting bitterly for every yard and our troops have to overcome a maze of heavy defences.

The coast has been reached at one point.

An idea of the grim resistance of the Japanese is given by the announcement that the Allied column operating towards Sanananda has advanced 150 yards.

This is considered to be a real success because the Allies have been holding on to bitterly-won ground surrounded by swamps.

Allied forces are trying to cut the Japanese defences in two by driving to the sea at Giropa Point, at the eastern extremity of the Jap beach-head.

The remaining Japanese positions are only about a mile long and a few hundred yards wide.

### Blasted Path

Allied artillery, tanks, planes, mortars and automatic weapons were used to cut a path through to the main Buna airfield.

Allied infantry followed and crossed a creek of high strategic importance. The creek flows between the main aerodrome and what is known as the new air strip. It crosses the path of the defence system of both fields.

The Allied troops had to rebuild across the river a route destroyed by the retreating Japanese.

From one point of the Allied line 100 enemy dead could be seen lying in fairly open country. Other bodies were scattered in the wooded territory between the air strip and the airfield.

THE DUNSTAN GOVERNMENT, which has established a record by holding office in Victoria, since April 1935, has been congratulated by citizens. Mr. Dunstan was presented with a gold watch and each member of his Government with gold sleeve links.

**RAAF MEN DINE WITH MR CURTIN**  
CANBERRA: Seven R. A. A. F. men had Christmas dinner with the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) at his official residence at Canberra. The Treasurer and Minister for Postwar Reconstruction (Mr. Chifley) was present to help Mr. Curtin to entertain the guests, who were chosen by ballot.

### Four Killed In Smashes At Christmas

CANBERRA: Four people were killed at Christmas, when there were traffic accidents in all States.

On the Geelong road, Melbourne, a soldier was killed and another seriously injured in a collision which occurred while they were being given a lift to Melbourne.

A man fell 50 feet into a deep hole at Melbourne on Christmas Eve and fractured his skull.

A bus driver was killed and some passengers severely injured when a bus crashed into a shop at the corner of Point Nepean and Gardenvale Roads, Melbourne.

In Sydney, two men were killed when a lorry crashed into them. They were standing on a kerb talking to a friend.

Later the lorry driver was charged on two counts of manslaughter and with having driven while under the influence of liquor.

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### Hospital Scene Of Rapid Reunions

(By PETER DUFFIELD, Australian War Correspondent)

Wounded in the left leg by mortar fire when leading a section of Australian infantry attacking a German machine-gun nest at El Alamein, James Holt, a 31-year-old former clerk of Sydney, was taken to a N.Z. hospital in Syria.

In a ward of that hospital there took place one of the strangest series of reunions of the war.

First the ward orderly who assisted Holt turned out to be George Gibson, RAMC, who had worked in Holt's office. In the next bed to the wounded Australian was a cousin, a NZ gunner from a Waikapu farm whom he had not seen for 10 years.

The next day a new casualty arrived in the ward, this time from a naval action in the Mediterranean. He was a Royal Australian Navy Petty Officer who was the fiance of Holt's sister.

### BROKE IN, CARRIED OUT

MELBOURNE: Wireless patrol police intervened in a fight which developed in a house at Kingsville after private detectives had forced an entry to seek divorce evidence.

The police were called to the house by a report that thieves had broken in.

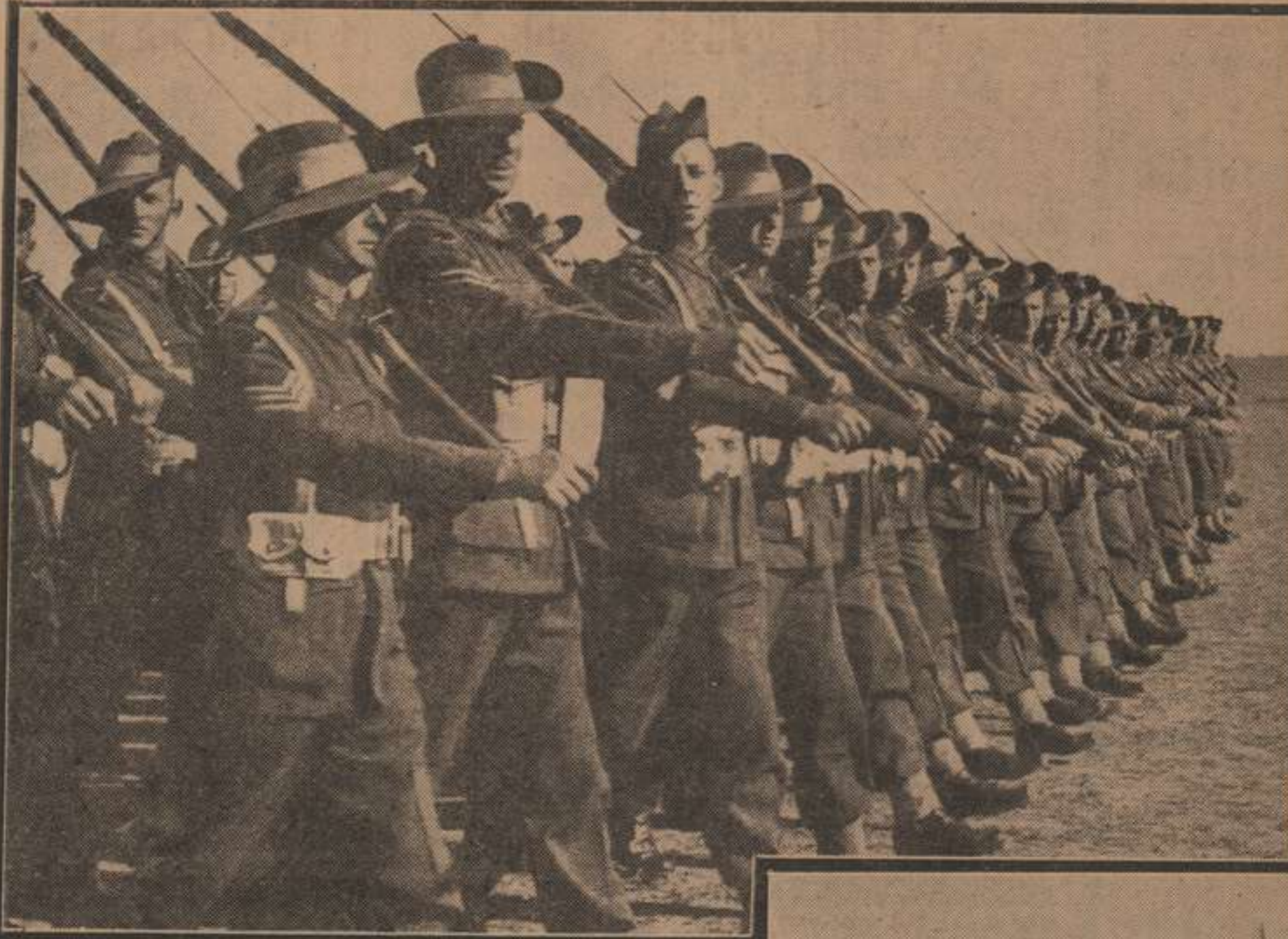
Three private detectives were injured in the fight, and treated at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Six private detectives, including three women, entered the house.

### YANKS BECOME LIFE SAVERS

CANBERRA: A team of seven American servicemen has qualified for the Bronze Medal of the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia and is patrolling the beaches where the Americans surf. Several Americans have been drowned at these beaches in recent months.

# "A Fine and Moving Spectacle"



SCENES FROM "THE BIG PARADE": Eyes right passing the saluting base (above); General Alexander at the microphones (upper right) and The Present. Note that the smartly groomed pup missed his cue and didn't sit to attention. — MH and I.

## GEN. ALEXANDER'S STIRRING WORDS AT BIG PARADE

In bright sunshine, the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Forces, (General Sir Harold Alexander) reviewed somewhere in Palestine last week a parade of Australian troops which included representative detachments of all units that fought with the Ninth Australian Division in the advance from El Alamein.

It was a brilliant parade in a setting of green fields, far different from the country in which these men had fought with such distinction.

The men swung past the saluting base to the music of massed bands. The GOC AIF ME (Lieut-Gen Sir Leslie Morshead) stood on the dais with the Commander-in-Chief.

Many high Army, Government and civic officials were present, and attended a luncheon after the parade.

Troops of the training units, Lines of Communication and Base, nurses and VADs lined the route of the march past. Dotted among the khaki crowds were figures in hospital blue — sick and wounded men who had come to watch men from their units parade.

The feelings of those who watched were aptly expressed in the words of the Commander-in-Chief — «It is always a fine and moving spectacle to see, as I do to-day, worthy men who have done their duty on the battlefield, assembled on parade.»

### General Salute

On arrival by plane, the Commander-in-Chief was met by Sir Leslie Morshead. He drove in an open touring car to the parade ground, where he was accorded the General Salute.

Then, with Lt. Gen. Morshead and Brigadier A. H. Ramsay, he inspected the parade, standing in the back of the car. After the inspection the Commander-in-Chief mounted the saluting base and addressed the parade.

«These great days in which we are living are the time for

deeds rather than words», he said. «But when great deeds have been done then it does no harm to speak of them, and great deeds you have done.

### Alamein Feat

«The Battle of El Alamein will make history, and you are in the proud position of having taken a major part in that great victory.

«Your reputation as fighters has always been famous, but I do not believe that you have ever fought with greater bravery or distinction than you did during that battle when you broke the German and Italian armies in the Western Desert.

«Now you have added fresh lustre to your already illustrious name. Your losses have been heavy indeed, but war is a hard and bloody affair, and great victories cannot be won without much sacrifice.

### Recruits Welcomed

«It is always a fine and moving spectacle to see, as I do today, worthy men who have done their duty on the battlefield, assembled on parade, and those lines filled again with young recruits who have come to take the places



## GOC's CONGRATULATIONS

"I wish heartily to congratulate all ranks on the parade," states Lieut-Gen. Sir Leslie Morshead, GOC, AIF (ME), in a special order.

"From beginning to end there was the fullest evidence of preparation, keenness and effort by every unit and every single individual, and of efficient and careful staff work. The arms drill and marching were excellent, and I have never seen troops steadier and with higher bearing on parade.

"You all did credit to yourselves. Also the bands are to be highly commended on their performance. Altogether it was a parade which we shall often recall, and we shall always remember that salute to our fallen comrades."

of your fallen comrades," the General continued.

«To them I extend a warm welcome and greet them as brothers-in-arms, and welcome them to the forces of the Middle East, which it is my honour to command.

«The fortunes of war have turned in our favour. We now have the initiative and will strike when we will and where we will. It is we who will choose the future battle grounds, and we will choose them where and when we can hit the enemy hardest. There is a hard and bitter struggle ahead before final victory. There is much hard fighting to be done.»

### Fallen Comrades

After the speech the troops presented arms in memory of Fallen Comrades, and massed buglers sounded «Last Post» and «Reveille». The parade then marched past the saluting base.

Among the guests were:—

\*Maj-Gen. D.F. McConnell, Lt-Gen. R.L. McCreery, Maj-Gen. Sir E.L. Spears, Air Commodore M.L. Taylor and Lady Tedder, Mrs. R.G. Casey and Mr. James Payne. — M.H. & I.

## "Flawless Display", Says War Correspondent

Excerpts from a despatch by RONALD MONSON, Australian War Correspondent.

PALESTINE, Dec. 23: At their big parade to-day, «Morshead's Men» demonstrated to expert observers, who included generals from all Allied armies, the little-known fact that Australian parade-ground discipline is equal to their battle discipline.

Such flawless execution of orders, such martial bearing throughout the long, arduous parade was never excelled by crack units from any army.

It is perhaps a pity that millions more could not have seen that pageant in the green amphitheatre of the Palestinian plain across which the fathers of the men taking part made their deathless cavalry charge 25 years ago.

It would have convinced all that here were gathered men of the southern breed as valiant as their fathers, and as unconquerable in battle.

These marching men moving with faultless precision represented more than that which could be seen — they represented Australia's manhood at war.

## SHIPPING POSITION IMPROVES

CANBERRA. — The Australian shipping position has improved in recent months.

Revealing this, the Minister for Shipping (Mr. Beasley) said our shipping difficulties had caused considerable concern at one stage of the war.

Steps taken since had led to a marked improvement in shipments of coal, sugar and other essential cargoes to southern ports.



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# MESSAGES OF GREETING TO AIF LAUD RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

«You have added fresh distinction to the glorious name of the AIF,» states the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) in a Christmas and New Year message to the AIF in the Middle East.

His message is one of a number received by the GOC, AIF, ME (Lt-Gen. Sir Leslie Morshead).

Mr Forde's message states:

«On behalf of the Government and people of Australia I extend to you and to every member of the AIF under your command the heartiest Christmas and New Year greetings and best wishes for your future success and well-being.

«It is also my privilege to send the cheers of comrades who were with you earlier in the year and who have had a special adventure in thrashing the Japanese.

«Vital Part»

«We have watched with profound pride and admiration the achievements of the AIF in the Middle East during recent months which have won the unstinted praise of all the Allied Nations.

«Not only have you all played a vital part in the great victory which has lately been won in North Africa but you have also added fresh distinction to the glorious name of the AIF.

«Our hearts are with you all and the Australian nation which has unshakeable confidence in you and will support you at all times to the limit of its strength.

«Kindly convey this message to the officers and men under your command.»

«Delighted»

The following message was received from General Sir Thomas Blamey, C-in-C, Land Forces, Australia:—

«Heartiest seasonal greetings from all comrades in Australia. We are delighted with your successful operations. The AIF in the Middle East is continually in our thoughts and those of the Australian community.»

Other messages were received from General Sir Bernard Montgomery, GOC - in - C, Eighth Army, Sir Miles Lampson, British Ambassador to Egypt, and Lieut-Gen. R. G. W. H. Stone, GOC, BTE.

(Mr Curtin's message to the forces - Page 5)

## Greetings To RAAF

The following message to all RAAF personnel in the Middle East has been received by the RAAF Liaison Officer, ME:

«The Air Officer Commanding and staff of Overseas Headquarters, London, extend cordial Christmas greetings and best wishes for New Year.»

## More Money For Nurses

CANBERRA — The salaries of nurses will be increased from January 4 by an award made by the Hospital Nurses' Wages Board. Increases will be made in all categories.

Matrons will be paid according to the number of patients. The salaries of sisters will be increased as follows: First year £2/10/- to £3/15/- a week; second year £2/15/- to £4; thereafter £3 to £4/5/-.

Staff nurses will be paid £2/15/- a week for the first year compared with £2/2/- previously, £3 for the second year and £3/5/- thereafter.

Trainees' wages have been increased from 10/10 to £1 a week for the first year, 15/10 to £1/5/- for the second and £1 to £1/10/- thereafter.



DOWN THE «DUCKBOARD», on to New Guinea soil from a Jap landing barge — but the soldier is an American. The Japs brought the craft ashore, but didn't live to raise the stern again. — BMI.

## First State Favours Wider Federal Power

MELBOURNE. — After a debate lasting nine hours, the Legislative Assembly has passed the second reading of the Bill extending the powers of the Federal Government for postwar reconstruction.

Victoria is the first State to consider the Bill—a standard measure named the Commonwealth Constitution Bill, which all State Premiers have undertaken to place before their Legislatures before the end of January.

The Bill will probably be introduced in the NSW, WA and Tasmanian Parliaments within a few weeks.

The SA Parliament will deal with it on January 19.

## Women Now Stack Wheat, Read Meters, Repair Cars

CANBERRA: From three States this week come stories of new fields of work invaded by women. Women are now working as motor-mechanics, meter-readers and wheat-stackers.

The Women's Employment Board has granted permission

to the Victorian State Electricity Commission to employ women as motor mechanics.

The Board prescribed a probationary period of three months, during which the rate of pay must be 86.6 per cent of the male wages.

After that the rate will be 90 per cent.

The Amalgamated Engineering Union objected on the ground that the work was too dirty for women.

### Daughters Help

BRISBANE: Women are playing a prominent part in harvesting Darling Downs wheat.

Frank Guy, a Wheat Board receiver at Yangan Siding (Qld), was unable to obtain male labour. He employed his daughters Ibis and Jean, who took delivery and stacked 10,000 bags.

### Compulsory Service

ADELAIDE: More than 200 shoppings in the Adelaide metropolitan area have been compulsorily diverted to essential war work.

The authorities propose to re-examine exemptions granted to many other retail store assistants.

### Permission Sought

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. Advice has been received that the C-in-C MEF has approved of Immediate Awards listed below.
2. Personnel may be confidentially informed of the awards they have been granted, but no information is to be released to the press nor any publicity given until further advice is furnished by this HQ.

*M. J. Cochrane Capt for Col.*  
A.A. & Q.M.G., 9 Aust Div.

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BAR TO D.S.O.

Brig	W.J.V.	WINDEYER, <u>DSO</u> , <u>ED.</u>	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Brig	D.A.	WHITEHEAD, <u>DSO</u> , <u>MC.</u>	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

D.S.O.

Brig	A.H.	RAMSAY, <u>CBE.</u>	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div
Col	H.	WELLS, <u>OBE.</u>	HQ 9 Aust Div
Col	E.W.	WOODWARD, <u>OBE.</u>	HQ 9 Aust Div
Lt-Col	H.H.	HAMMER	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
Lt-Col	B.S.	HANSON, <u>OBE.</u>	2/8 Aust Fd Amb
Lt-Col	W.W.	LEMPRIERE	2/11 Aust Fd Amb
Lt-Col	R.J.H.	RISSON, <u>OBE.</u>	RAE 9 Aust Div
Lt-Col	N.W.	SIMPSON	2/17 Aust Inf Bn
Lt-Col	C.G.	WEIR	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Maj	G.D.	HOUSTON	2/12 Aust Fd Regt
Maj	B.D.	STRANGE	2/15 Aust Inf Bn

M.C.

Capt	W.H.	CAMPBELL	AAMC att 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	J.H.	DINNING	2/17 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	P.C.R.	GOODE	AAMC att 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	O.H.	ISAKSSON	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	I.F.	McMASTER	2/17 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	R.K.	REID	2/23 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	R.S.	SHILLAKER	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	B.	WILLIAMS	2/15 Aust Inf Bn (20 Aust Inf Bde)
Lieut	R.	BOEKEMAN	2/28 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut	J.F.S.	BROWN	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut	A.G.W.	GREATOREX	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut	D.W.B.	MAUGHAN	2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut	T.A.	RODRIGUEZ	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
Lieut	A.J.G.	STEVENSON	2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Chaplain	E.J.	SEATREE	AA Ch D att 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
WO II	F.M.	CAMERON	2/24 Aust Inf Bn

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C.O. *JB*  
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*M. J. Cochrane*  
*12/2/43 no Aust. M.G. Bn.*

D.C.M.

WO II	K.D.	JOYCE	2/23	Aust	Inf Bn
Sgt	A.R.	BENTLEY	2/13	Aust	Inf Bn
Sgt	G.T.	BERRY	2/24	Aust	Inf Bn
Sgt	J.F.	CORTIS	2/17	Aust	Inf Bn
Sgt	L.J.	DINGWALL	2/24	Aust	Inf Bn
Sgt	R.K.	EASTER	2/13	Aust	Inf Bn
Sgt	D.	MACDONALD	2/32	Aust	Inf Bn
Sgt	R.F.G.	RANFORD	2/48	Aust	Inf Bn
Cpl	K.G.	ALBRECHT	2/48	Aust	Inf Bn
Cpl	J.H.	ANDERSON	2/24	Aust	Inf Bn
Cpl	V.	ANDERSON	2/15	Aust	Inf Bn
Cpl	E.	HARRIS	2/17	Aust	Inf Bn
Cpl	R.F.	KENNEDY	2/48	Aust	Inf Bn
Pte	J.P.	O'BRIEN	2/24	Aust	Inf Bn
Sigmn	T.F.	McALLISTER	Sigs 9	Aust	Div

M.M.

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Sgt	G.M.	MOORE	2/28	Aust	Inf Bn	
Sgt	M.J.	PETTIGREW	2/7	Aust	Fd Coy	
A/Sgt	V.	RAE	AAMC att	2/17	Aust	Inf Bn
L/Sgt	F.R.	FREEMAN	2/12	Aust	Fd Regt	
Cpl	J.T.	SHEPPARD	2/15	Aust	Inf Bn	
L/Cpl	F.P.	BINGHAM	2/3	Aust	Fd Coy	
L/Cpl	E.T.	MULLEY	2/3	Aust	Par Bn	
Gnr	S.A.	WARD	2/7	Aust	Fd Regt	
Sigmn	J.	TRINDER	Sigs 9	Aust	Div	
Pte	A.J.	DAVIDSON	2/32	Aust	Inf Bn	
Pte	W.C.	DUNN	2/48	Aust	Inf Bn	
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Dr	A.	HANCOCK	AASC att	2/3	Aust	Fd Amb



MEDICAL DIARY FOR DECEMBER, 1942

Personnel.

Personnel now number 15, due to one more reinforcement being added, and one of the stretcher bearers being allowed to join his Coy as a gun number. The exchange was all on our side.

Evacuations.

Evacuations for the month amounted to 40, varying from haemorrhoids, through football injuries to diarrhoea and measles. All kinds and varieties of conditions were met.

Sickness and Health of Unit.

The health of the Unit during this month has attained its former standard, due to better living conditions, better food, more fresh fruit, considerable facilities for sport, and no dust. Flies have been negligible during the whole period. During the early part of the month mosquitoes were very prevalent, all captured being the Culicine and not the anopheline, or malarial ~~xxxx~~ breeding variety. Since the water-bearing areas in the orchard opposite have been almost cleared up, the mosquitoes have disappeared to almost negligible proportions.

During the month the whole area which, unfortunately, is the worst in the camp, and during wet weather is very swampy, has been systematically drained. This work is continuing, and in a short time we hope to have a respectable area even under tropical rain conditions.

The hygiene of the Unit has not been up to standard during this month, due to the lack of interest of everyone concerned. This has been counteracted, and the unit is gradually coming back to its senses.

Remarks.

During the earlier part of the month a delightful surprise was sprung on the stretcher bearers, when they were given an impromptu examination. The majority of the papers were answered excellently, and the first six were better than I could have answered myself. The standard was very very pleasing, especially among the latest additions to our personnel.

The biggest difficulty, as regards RMOs, still lies in the fact that consultations for most cases are still too slow in coming to hand. It must be realised by the hospital specialists that for the most part patients are not sent to them for diagnosis, but to confirm the fact - already known by the M.O. - that the patient has nothing at all wrong with him! The mere word of the M.O. that the patient is well is insufficient for a certain type of mentality so readily found in the AIF. If only the specialists would realise what weight their consultations carry with the ordinary troops they would not curse the RMO for sending too many cases, but sympathise with him in his distress!

Supplies are extremely short, and during the festive season we completely ran out of our supply of aspirins, which we cannot now obtain except by private purchase. This not only applies to aspirins, but also to most other commodities used by the M.R.A.P. This is not due to excessive use of such commodities by the medical personnel, but to the stagnant state of supplies. It is not my province to suggest how such supplies may be obtained, but in my opinion local purchases for the whole Division has not been tried out sufficiently.

T.A.B. and T.T. inoculations, and Vaccinations, were carried out during this month throughout the whole Bn, including E Coy and the MG Trg School. If the Coys played ball, everyone in the Unit is now complete.

V.D. for the month has been extremely low, especially as we are now in an epidemic area. We have not had one case of V.D during the month. This may be due to the tps being more scared than usual, but is probably due to not so many brothels as usual being available !

*K Dorney*

Capt

(K. Dorney)

RMO, 2/2 Aust MG Bn

*Mr Maccheykin*  
*10 2/2 Aust. M. G. Bn.*

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(326-352)

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COMMANDING

JULIS

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

29 Dec 42

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NEXT FOR DUTY	to 8 Jan 43	A Coy
ORD OFFR	to 31 Dec 42	Lieut M.D. Johnson
NEXT FOR DUTY	to 8 Jan 43	Lieut C.P. Craven
ORD SGT	to 31 Dec 42	Sjt <del>Shepherd</del> , D.
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ORD CPL	to 31 Dec 42	L/Cpl Day, E.C.
NEXT FOR DUTY	to 8 Jan 43	Pte Webb, W.

326. AIRING OF TENTS

All tents and blankets will be aired after Bn Parade 30 Dec 42 and will be carried out at same time each Saturday.

327. CAMP AREA

Coys will make a check to see that their responsibility for the cleanliness of Coy Areas is adhered to regularly particularly regarding latrines and cook houses.

328. CITRUS ORCHARDS - OUT OF BOUNDS

- (a) All Citrus orchards are placed out of bounds. Guards & Prowler Piquets will ensure that this instruction is carried out.
- (b) The citrus crop in PALESTINE this season is a particularly small one and at the same time there is a heavy demand for fruit.

329. QASTINA CAMP

QASTINA Camp is OUT OF BOUNDS to personnel of 9 Aust Div.

330. ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE - SPECIAL ENTRY, 1943

Applications are invited to fill three vacancies at a special 12 months course to be conducted at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, commencing 27 Mar 43.

2. Candidates for selection must be serving members of the A.I.F., not below the rank of corporal.
3. To be eligible to attend the Special Entry Course a candidate must :-

- (a) Pass the prescribed medical examination.
- (b) Be unmarried.
- (c) Be a British subject.
- (d) Be over the age of 20 yrs and under the age of 23 yrs on 27 Mar 43.
- (e) Have attained the following minimum educational qualifications:-  
A leaving (or equivalent) certificate, including at least one mathematical subject & physics at a public University examination.
- (f) Be recommended by a selection Board.
- (g) Be approved by the Minister for the Army.

4. Applications are to be submitted through the usual Military channels.

5. Commanding Offrs etc.

- (5) Commanding Officers are to submit a confidential report on each candidate.
- (6) Closing date for receipt of applications at HQ AIF (ME) will be 7 Jan 43.
- (7) On conclusion of the course, successful candidates will be recorded as having graduated at the Royal Military College and will be appointed Lieutenants in the Australian Staff Corps with nominal salary commencing at 297 pounds per annum (Standard rate) with normal increments and promotion as prescribed. For the period of the war however, rates of pay will be as prescribed by W.F.R.
- (8) Whilst at the Royal Military College, selected candidates will receive outfit allowance of 30 pounds and a maintenance allowance at the rate of 262 pounds per annum, from which deductions will be made to cover the cost of uniform and clothing, books, instruments, messing, washing and other approved expenses. Pocket money at the rate approved by the Commandant may also be drawn from this allowance.
- (9) Candidates holding commissions will be required to resign them from the date of joining the Royal Military College.
- (10) Applications from students at Schools are to be submitted through their respective units.

(331 & 332 see below)

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N O T I C E S

SPECIAL ORDER:

From Lt-Gen Sir LESLIE MORSEHEAD - GOC AIF (ME)

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XMAS & NEW YR GREETINGS

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"On behalf of the Government & people of AUSTRALIA I extend to you and to every member of the AIF under your command the heartiest Xmas & New Yr greetings and best wishes for the future success & well being. It is also my privilege to send the cheers of comrades who were with you earlier in the year and who have had a special adventure in thrashing the Japanese. We have watched with profound pride and admiration the achievements of the AIF Middle East during recent months which have won the unstinted praise of all the Allied Nations. Not only have you all played a vital part in the great victory which has lately been won in North Africa, but you have also added fresh distinction to the glorious name of the AIF. Our hearts are with you and the Aust Nation which has unshakeable confidence in you & will support you at all times to the limit of its strength. "

From Lt-Gen R.G.W.H. Stone GOC The British Tps in Egypt

"The GOC and all ranks B.T.E. send their best wishes to the GOC and all ranks AIF for Xmas and the New Year.

Xmas Greetings (Contd)

The following message has been received from MAIN HQ 51 DIV.  
(Begins) Best wishes for Xmas & New Year from Commander and all  
ranks 51 (H) DIV (ends). The following reply has been sent.  
(Begins) Comd and all ranks 9 Aust Div heartily reciprocate  
your best wishes for Christmas and New Year (Ends).

LOST

Brown leather purse containing 2 LP 1 notes and 2 1/2 notes  
lost in Canteen or between canteen & "B" Coy Ord Rm on night  
of 21 Dec 42. Finder please return to HQ or to "B" Coy Ord  
Rm. or owner QX 8732 Pte Porter, P.J.

331 BEER From and including Wednesday 30 Dec 42 Coys  
will not draw beer individually from Canteen. Beer will  
be picked up by Bn HQ and delivered to Coys at 1400 hrs  
daily. Coys MUST pay for beer on delivery. Empty bottles  
will be redeemed by Bn HQ representative at time of  
delivery.

332. CANTEEN - EMPTY BEER BOTTLES  
Empty beer bottles will in future be redeemed  
under Coy arrangements. On no account will the canteen  
redeem empties from individuals.

Adjt S/S Aust MG Bn.  
(P.A. Valley)

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LETTER TO THE HON. T.M. FORDE, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER & MINISTER FOR THE AIR

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS BY

(326-332)

LT-COL E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOWCOMMANDING

JULIS

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

29 Dec 42

DUTY COY	to 31 Dec 42	C Coy
NEXT FOR DUTY	to 8 Jan 43	A Coy
ORD OFFR	to 31 Dec 42	Lieut M.D. Johnson
NEXT FOR DUTY	to 8 Jan 43	Lieut C.P. Craven
ORD SJT	to 31 Dec 42	Sjt <del>Shepherd</del> , D.
NEXT FOR DUTY	to 8 Jan 43	Sjt Harrop, G.A.
ORD CPL	to 31 Dec 42	L/Cpl Day, E.C.
NEXT FOR DUTY	to 8 Jan 43	Pte Webb, W.

326. AIRING OF TENTS

All tents and blankets will be aired after Bn Parade 30 Dec 42 and will be carried out at same time each Saturday.

327. CAMP AREA

Coys will make a check to see that their responsibility for the cleanliness of Coy Areas is adhered to regularly particularly regarding latrines and cook houses.

328. CITRUS ORCHARDS - OUT OF BOUNDS

- (a) All Citrus orchards are placed out of bounds. Guards & Prowler Piquets will ensure that this instruction is carried out.
- (b) The citrus crop in PALESTINE this season is a particularly small one and at the same time there is a heavy demand for fruit.

329. QASTINA CAMP

QASTINA Camp is OUT OF BOUNDS to personnel of 9 Aust Div.

330. ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE - SPECIAL ENTRY, 1943

Applications are invited to fill three vacancies at a special 12 months course to be conducted at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, commencing 27 Mar 43.

2. Candidates for selection must be serving members of the A.I.F., not below the rank of corporal.
3. To be eligible to attend the Special Entry Course a candidate must :-

- (a) Pass the prescribed medical examination.
- (b) Be unmarried.
- (c) Be a British subject.
- (d) Be over the age of 20 yrs and under the age of 23 yrs on 27 Mar 43.
- (e) Have attained the following minimum educational qualifications:-  
A leaving (or equivalent) certificate, including at least one mathematical subject & physics at a public University examination.
- (f) Be recommended by a selection Board.
- (g) Be approved by the Minister for the Army.

4. Applications are to be submitted through the usual Military channels.

5. Commanding Offrs etc.

- (5) Commanding Officers are to submit a confidential report on each candidate.
- (6) Closing date for receipt of applications at HQ AIF (ME) will be 7 Jan 43.
- (7) On conclusion of the course, successful candidates will be recorded as having graduated at the Royal Military College and will be appointed Lieutenants in the Australian Staff Corps with nominal salary commencing at 297 pounds per annum (Standard rate) with normal increments and promotion as prescribed. For the period of the war however, rates of pay will be as prescribed by W.F.R.
- (8) Whilst at the Royal Military College, selected candidates will receive outfit allowance of 30 pounds and a maintenance allowance at the rate of 262 pounds per annum, from which deductions will be made to cover the cost of uniform and clothing, books, instruments, messing, washing and other approved expenses. Pocket money at the rate approved by the Commandant may also be drawn from this allowance.
- (9) Candidates holding commissions will be required to resign them from the date of joining the Royal Military College.
- (10) Applications from students at Schools are to be submitted through their respective units.

(331 & 332 see below)

*F.A. Varley* CAPT.  
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N O T I C E S

SPECIAL ORDER:

From Lt-Gen Sir LESLIE MORSHEAD - GOC AIF (ME)

I wish heartily to congratulate all ranks on 22 Dec parade. From beginning to end there was the fullest evidence of preparation, keenness and effort by every unit and every single individual, and of efficient and careful staff work. The arms drill and marching were excellent and I have never seen troops steadier and with higher bearing on parade. You all did credit to yourselves. Also the bands are to be highly commended on their performance. Altogether it was a parade which we shall often recall and we shall always remember that salute to our Fallen Comrades.

XMAS & NEW YR GREETINGS

From The Hon F.M. Forde, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for The Army

"On behalf of the Government & people of AUSTRALIA I extend to you and to every member of the AIF under your command the heartiest Xmas & New Yr greetings and best wishes for the future success & well being. It is also my privilege to send the cheers of comrades who were with you earlier in the year and who have had a special adventure in thrashing the Japanese. We have watched with profound pride and admiration the achievements of the AIF Middle East during recent months which have won the unstinted praise of all the Allied Nations. Not only have you all played a vital part in the great victory which has lately been won in North Africa, but you have also added fresh distinction to the glorious name of the AIF. Our hearts are with you and the Aust Nation which has unshakeable confidence in you & will support you at all times to the limit of its strength."

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Xmas Greetings (Contd)

The following message has been received from MAIN HQ 51 DIV. (Begins) Best wishes for Xmas & New Year from Commander and all ranks 51 (H) DIV (ends). The following reply has been sent. (Begins) Comd and all ranks 9 Aust Div heartily reciprocate your best wishes for Christmas and New Year (Ends).

LOST

Brown Leather purse containing 2 LP 1 notes and 2 1/2 notes lost in Canteen or between canteen & "B" Coy Ord Rm on night of 21 Dec 42. Finder please return to Bn HQ or to "B" Coy Ord Rm. Owner QX 8732 Pte Porter, P.J.

331 BEER From and including Wednesday 30 Dec 42 Coys will not draw beer individually from Canteen. Beer will be picked up by Bn HQ and delivered to Coys at 1400 hrs daily. Coys MUST pay for beer on delivery. Empty bottles will be redeemed by Bn HQ representative at time of delivery.

332. CANTEEN - EMPTY BEER BOTTLES  
Empty beer bottles will in future be redeemed under Coy arrangements. On no account will the canteen redeem empties from individuals.

ALL 2/3 AND HQ HQ  
(R.A. Verley)  
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From The Hon P. J. Fox, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for The Army

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

(321-325)

LT-COL E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

COMMANDING

JULIS

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

24 Dec 42

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DUTY COY	to 1 Jan 43	C Coy
NEXT FOR DUTY	to 8 Jan 43	D Coy
ORD OFFR	to 1 Jan 43	Lieut M.D. JOHNSON
NEXT FOR DUTY	to 8 Jan 43	D Coy
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321. FD CONDUCT SHEETS

Coys will submit by 1800 hrs 26 Dec 42 nominal roll of personnel for whom no AF Bl22 is held. When any personnel join Coys subsequently and no AF Bl22 is received Bn HQ will be informed immediately.

322. INTOXICATING LIQUOR (Base Area Order 998)

Soldiers will not be in possession of intoxicating liquor in bottles or other containers, outside the premises where the sale and consumption of such liquor is authorised, except with the authority of an officer of the Australian Imperial Force.

323. PAMPLETS - "NOTES ON PREVENTION OF VEN. DISEASES"

1. Copies of this pamphlet have been distributed to Coys for distribution to all officers and men.
2. Coy Commanders will ensure that each of his offr and men, on strength and attached, will receive a copy.

324. SPARE TYRES - SECURITY OF

1. Drivers of vehicles will be held personally responsible for the security and safeguarding of spare tyres & wheels on vehs.
2. T.O. is responsible that arrangements are made for checking each vehicle morning and night to ensure that all spare tyres and wheels are complete.

325. JERRYCANS

Further to instructions issued to Coys before move from EGYPT. There are still Jerricans within Bn lines, which will be returned immediately to QM, who will account for same.

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CAPT.  
(F.A. Varley)  
Adjt 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC.

Capt R.J. CRIST Taken on Strength and Posted to "B" Coy.  
Lieut P.E. GARDINER, " " " " " " "D" Coy.  
" M.D. JOHNSON " " " " " " "C" Coy.

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NX 36921 Pte GREENWOOD, H. trans from "B" Coy to *Hq Coy* 23.12.42

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Friday 25 Dec 42 JULIS CINEMA.

Sunday - 27 Dec 42 0700 hrs JULIS CINEMA - 0830 hrs Julis Cinema.

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319. UNIT COLOUR PATCHES (9 Div RO 668)

Unit colour patches will be worn on hats, jackets S.D. and greatcoats.

(a) with hats felt, on the right hand side of the hat centrally disposed with the bottom of the colour patch in coincidence with the bottom of the puggaree.

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(W. A. Varley)  
Adjnt 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 3608	Pte COLLIER, W.L.	trans from "A" Coy	to BN HQ	21.12.42
QX 11355	" ROWE, R.G.	" " "D" "	" "	"
QX 16451	" GREEN, R.W.J.	" " "G" "	" "	"
QX 10480	" ANDERSON, A.	" " BN HQ	to "B" Coy	"
NX 7335	L/Cpl CLARK, A.R.	" " AAMC	to BN HQ	"
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CANTEEN HRS - XMAS DAY

On Christmas Day canteen will be open from 0800 hrs to 1000 hrs ONLY.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Greetings from the following have been received from AUSTRALIA:-

2/2 Machine Gun Bn Comforts Auxialiary,  
Mrs Baldry (Bruce Walker's people).

PARADES 22 DEC 42 - CEREMONIAL PDE

Reveille	0545 hrs	Bn Pde	0700 hrs
B'fast	0615 "	On trucks	0725 "
Coy Pde	0645 "	Move off	0735 "

T.O. to ensure vehs on road passing Tpt lines by 0715 hrs.



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17 Dec 42

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317. VACCINATIONS & INOCULATIONS

1. Inoculations will be commenced not later than 27 Dec 42.
2. All personnel whose paybooks do not show evidence of successful vaccination against small-pox since 1 Jan 42 will be vaccinated concurrently with TAB & TT inoculations.
3. Coy Comds will prepare nominal roll as per undermentioned pro-forma, ready for MO's inspection of paybooks 18 Dec 42. When he will enter in appropriate colns vaccination, TAB &/or TT. required for personnel concerned. Coys will call in paybooks for MO's inspection and give assistance in compiling MO's requirements commencing with HQ Coy, A, B, C & D.
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PRO-FORMA.

VACCINATIONS & INOCULATIONS

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Scrap metal of all sorts (ferrous and non-ferrous)  
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**APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC**

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NX 27534	Pte	McCARTY, J.	Apptd L/CPL	-	14.12.42
NX 23514	A/Sjt	WOOD, J.E.	Rnk confirmed	-	17.12.42
NX 29661	A/Cpl	POYNTING, N.G.	" "	-	17.12.42

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**R.C. CHURCH PARADE**

R.C. Church Parade will be held in JULIS Cinema Sunday 20 Dec 42 at 0700 hrs & 0830 hrs. Personnel attending will fall in at rear of BN HQ at 0645 hrs & 0815 hrs.

**GAZA HOUSE**

Gaza House will be out of bounds to all personnel between the hours of 0930 and 1630 hrs on 22 Dec 42.

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2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

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317. VACCINATIONS & INOCULATIONS

1. Inoculations will be commenced not later than 27 Dec 42.
2. All personnel whose paybooks do not show evidence of successful vaccination against small-pox since 1 Jan 42 will be vaccinated concurrently with TAB & TT inoculations.
3. Coy Comds will prepare nominal roll as per undermentioned pro-forma, ready for MO's inspection of paybooks 18 Dec 42. When he will enter in appropriate cols vaccination, TAB &/or TT. required for personnel concerned. Coys will call in paybooks for MO's inspection and give assistance in compiling MO's requirements commencing with HQ Coy, A, B, C & D.
4. All possible steps will be taken to ensure that personnel on leave, detachment etc are not omitted from the provisions of these instructions, by compiling separate roll for personnel away from Coys 18 Dec 42.

PRO-FORMA.

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- (a) Coys are reminded that useful salvage work can continue under present conditions.
- (b) Coy Salvage arrangements will be overhauled and Salvage Offr & NCO appointed. Names to be submitted to BN HQ.
- (c) Coy Salvage will be dumped as directed by Lieut LAVAN and cleared in unit tpt to EL MAJDAL Salvage Depot for which "C" grade 4 gall tins may be obtained from EL MAJDAL Salvage Depot.
- (d) The following is a list of material wanted as salvage and likely to be found in camps and trg areas:-

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Waste Paper of all sorts.

Cardboard, this includes cigarette packets and cartons of all descriptions.

Silver paper. Metal foil.

Scrap metal of all sorts (ferrous and non-ferrous)

Petrol tins and oil drums (non-returnable)

Scrap of all sorts e.g. rags, twine, bottles and jars. This

does not include items on charge to supply depots and accounted for on unit container statements e.g. sacks or fruit juice bottles, which will be returned supply depots. Used Meat wrappers. Packing cases & boxes.

Hessia (sacks) Rags. Cotton clothing (linen). Mosquito netting. Rope cordage. Sump oil. Bottles (particularly

with screw tops) Cigarette tins. Food tins should not for the present be treated as salvage, as there is insufficient solder to make recovery worth while, and there

are no blast furnaces in the MIDDLE EAST. Salvage Depots will receive all empty containers, with the exception of

the following items which are returnable to AASC. Baskets Field Boxes and sacks issued in connection with Fruit

rations. Bottles and crates which have contained Fruit Juice.

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AMENDMENT NO 2 S.O.

Chapter 1 para 27 delete 2215 hrs and substitute 2230 hrs.

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302. BN CEREMONIAL

1030 hrs Saturday 19 Dec 42 the Bn will be inspected by Brigadier D.A. WHITEHEAD, D.S.O., M.C. followed by a March Past.

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Sundays tpt will be provided by Bn to convey personnel to other camps, leaving Tpt lines at 1100 hrs. Tpt to remain at MG TNG COY, NUSEIRAT and return at 2000 hrs. Coys to notify Bn 1600 hrs Sats number of personnel requiring tpt for following Sunday. Leave parties to be issued with Leave Passes by Coys, and inspected by Coy Duty Offr. Tpt will find out the destination of personnel and time they would like to return, if before 2000 hrs, and arrange loading and times of return for all vehs, to suit the majority and warn all personnel of these times.

304. AUTHORISED PHOTOGRAPHERS

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2. Authorised photographers display a sign indicating they are authorised to handle military business and tps should ensure that they lodge their films only in such establishments.

Cameras: Any person buying or selling a camera will immediately advise the I.O. of such purchase or sale.

Photographing of the following subjects is prohibited: Military Ops: Diagrams of Weapons: Ships of any kind: Mil vehs of all kinds: Weapons: Aerial views: Tanks: Camps: Signal equipment: Artillery weapons: Defences: Aircraft: Aeroplanes: Fortifications.

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NX 24678	Pte	OLIVER, V.L.	Apptd T/Gp (iii)-Clerk	- 7.12.42
NX 55059	"	McLAURIN, R.J.C.	Relinq "	-R/tker. - 12.12.42
NX 31230	"	BROWN, N.A.	" "	-dr-mech - 12.12.42



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11 Dec 42

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3. On no account will four-gallon P.O.L. tins be used for the holding of water or food-stuffs of any kind, nor will cooking utensils of any description be made from them, as from now onwards the tins may be made of TERNPLATE.

297. BOUNDS - (Base Area RO 976)

The following Cafes have been placed "Out of Bounds" to all ranks:-

PHIL'S BAR - Citrus House, Harakevet St., Tel Aviv  
HINGA BAR - 10 Geula St., Tel Aviv.

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gX 8415 " WHITEHEAD, A.G. " " 2 (cook) - 14.11.42  
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COMMANDING

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2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

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DUTY COY	to 11 Dec 42	D COY
" "	to 18 Dec 42	A COY
ORD OFFR	to 11 Dec 42	Lieut V.C. Moulder
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280. STATIONERY

Coys etc will submit stationery requisition, based on estimated MINIMUM requirements for two months, by 1800 hrs 12 Dec 42.

281. DRESS

- (a) Winter Dress will be worn forthwith. For working, trousers KD with anklets web, jerseys pullover & shirts tropical, belts waist. Personnel whose duty takes them into town will wear Service Dress. Officers will wear belts Sam Browne, caps may be worn when not parading with tps.
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282. E.F.M. CABLEGRAMS. (9 Div RO 647)

The use of E.F.M. Cablegram Special Xmas and New Year Greetings Texts will be discontinued on 25 Dec 42 and NOT on 27 Dec 42 as previously notified. E.F.M. Standard Texts will be used after Unit's Cablegram clearance hour on that date.

283. CABLEGRAM & TELEGRAM CHARGES (9 Div RO 617)

Rates for cables and telegrams lodged in PALESTINE are as follows:

/ Cablegrams etc.

Cablegrams lodged in Palestine

	<u>TO AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>TO UNITED KINGDOM</u>
Full Rate	62 mils per word	62 mils per word
Deferred(LC)	31 " " "	31 " " "
Daily Letter		
Telegram (DLT)	525 mils for 25 words 21 mils each additional word.	
Night Letter		
Telegram (NLT)		475 mils for 25 words 19 " each additional word.
E.F.M.	125 mils per message	125 mils per message.

Telegrams lodged in Palestine

To Palestine	50 mils for 10 words, 10 mils each additional two words.
To Egypt	60 mils for 10 words, 10 mils each additional word.
To Syria	15 mils per word.

284. E.F.M. XMAS CABLES.

To ensure delivery of all EFM Xmas Cables by Xmas it is desirable that an even plane of traffic be maintained. To this end all personnel are advised to lodge cables as soon as possible.

285. CAMP HYGIENE.

Personnel will refrain from throwing papers or rubbish into latrine trough or buckets.

286. LAUNDRY BUILDING-HOBBS LINES. (20 Bde RO No 9)

Laundry Building No 92 in HOBBS LINES is for serving KHASSA Camp only and is OUT OF BOUNDS to all units in this Camp.

287. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL BEYOND OWN CAMP AREA.

(9 Div RO 638)

- (a) The large number of soldiers walking along the Main Road is causing danger and delay to traffic.
- (b) Personnel not on duty will not be allowed to proceed outside JULIS Camp area unless in possession of a leave pass indicating definitely where they are authorised to proceed.
- (c) Subpara (b) will not apply to movement within the area Hill 69 - Julis - Khassa nor within the area Nuseirat - Mughazi - El Bureij.

288. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS. (9 Div RO 639)

- (a) When a soldier has lost his paybook by neglect he should be charged with losing by neglect his regimental necessaries (AA 24 (2)). Proof of deficiency is prima facie evidence of loss by neglect in the absence of circumstances which disprove culpable neglect.
- (b) When a soldier has NOT lost his paybook but, due to neglect, is NOT carrying same when called upon to produce it, he may be charged with either neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he was not in possession of AAF WF5 (AA 40) or with neglect to obey a routine order (AA 11), subject in the latter case to proof of promulgation of the order to the soldier.
- (c) In the absence of culpable neglect NO offence is committed by the mere loss or failure to be in possession of a paybook.



289. TPT WORK TICKETS (AAF G2 or AF G3518)  
(9 Div RO No 641)  
Ref extracts from AIF (ME) Base Area ROs pQ3, para 915 and pQ4, No 93 para 934.  
(a) From icnl 10 Dec no veh will leave unit tpt lines until a work ticket for the duty has been completed. Vehs without work tickets will be sent back to the unit lines by check posts.  
(b) For vehs proceeding outside the Div area, the special pass mentioned in Div RO 626 will be provided in addition.
290. VISITS TO 6 AUST GEN HOSP. (9 Div RO 637)  
(a) It is undesirable that the number of visitors to 6 AUST GEN HOSP become excessive, but there is no intention to prohibit offr or ORs from visiting relatives or close friends whom they have not seen for some time, and who are unlikely to rejoin their unit at an early date.  
(b) It is left to the discretion of camp comds and COs to interpret the above policy.  
(c) The following visiting hours will be strictly observed:-  
Daily 1400 - 1630  
1830 - 2030 (offrs only)  
Sundays additional 1000 - 1200 hrs.
291. NOMENCLATURE OF AUST FORCES. (AIF Order 1349)  
1. To ensure standard usage & 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. (a) The following abbreviations are authorised:-  
A.M.F. for Australian Military Forces  
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P.M.F. " Permanent Military Forces  
C.M.F. " Citizen Military Forces.  
(b) It is to be particularly noted that "C.M.F" is not an abbreviation for "Commonwealth Military Forces". Use of the expression "Commonwealt Military Forces" will be avoided.
292. USE OF PRIVATE MOTOR CARS & MOTOR VEHS (AIF Order 1352)  
1. In order to implement the policy for the conservation of petrol and rubber, as from the date of this Order, subject to the exceptions enumerated in para 2 below, no offr below field rank or soldier will drive or use in any way any privately owned motor vehicle, including motor cycle, whether his own or another person's property, unless he is in possession of a written permit from his C.O.  
2. It is not intended to restrict service personnel from travelling as passengers in vehs plying for hire (taxis), nor from casual journeys as passengers in private vehs in the ownership of which the offr or soldier has no interest, nor the bona fide hiring of a motor veh for a period not exceeding twelve hours while on leave.
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1. The undermentioned sentences by Courts-Martial are published for information:-  
/ (a) A Private soldier etc

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294. FIELD CENSORSHIP - WRITERS ADDRESS (AIF Order 1372)

1. Attention is directed to the ME Fd Censorship Regulations 1942 Pt 1, para 5 which provides that all letters of all ranks must bear at the head the full official address of the writer.

2. An example of correct address is:-

Army No.; Rank, Name  
Sqn., Bty., Coy., etc  
Unit  
A.I.F. MIDDLE EAST

Other cases are shown in the above para of the regulation.

295. FD CENSORSHIP-ACCOUNTS OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCES (AIF Order 1373)

1. Accounts in letters of personal experiences in battle are not permitted unless specifically authorised by AIF (ME) Order.
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28 DEC 1942

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.  
27 Dec 42.

Ref: G12/3/603.

Sigs 9 Aust Div.  
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2/2 Aust MG Bn. 3.

4. Any unit unable to take up its allotment will notify this HQ not later than 0900 hrs 28 Dec 42.

5. Movement:

One veh per unit. Party will RV this HQ 0600 hrs 2 Jan 43.

6. DR guides will meet parties at X rds 10071001 at 0645 hrs on Sat 2 Jan 43.

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T.O.	
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*Sumner* Maj.  
EM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

2/c  
adjt  
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*McEachey*  
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702/61/1

HQ 9 AUST DIV  
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24 Aust Inf Bde	12	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	3
26 Aust Inf Bde	12	AASC 9 Aust Div	6
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	3	Medical	2
RAA 9 Aust Div	16	Ord	1
RAE 9 Aust Div	4		

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Under orders of</u>
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24 Aust Inf Bde ) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn ) AASC 9 Aust Div )	24 Aust Inf Bde
26 Aust Inf Bde ) RAE 9 Aust Div )	26 Aust Inf Bde
Medical	Report to appropriate Camp Comd

Comds will ensure that the minimum of tpt is used.

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*[Signature]*  
Col  
GS 9 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :-

List "A" less serials 10 - 15, 18 - 19, 22 - 26, 29.

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No. of Groups.  
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Office Date Stamp

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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TO

2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns, 9 Aust Div Sigs, 2/2 MG Bn

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20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time of Origin

1720

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

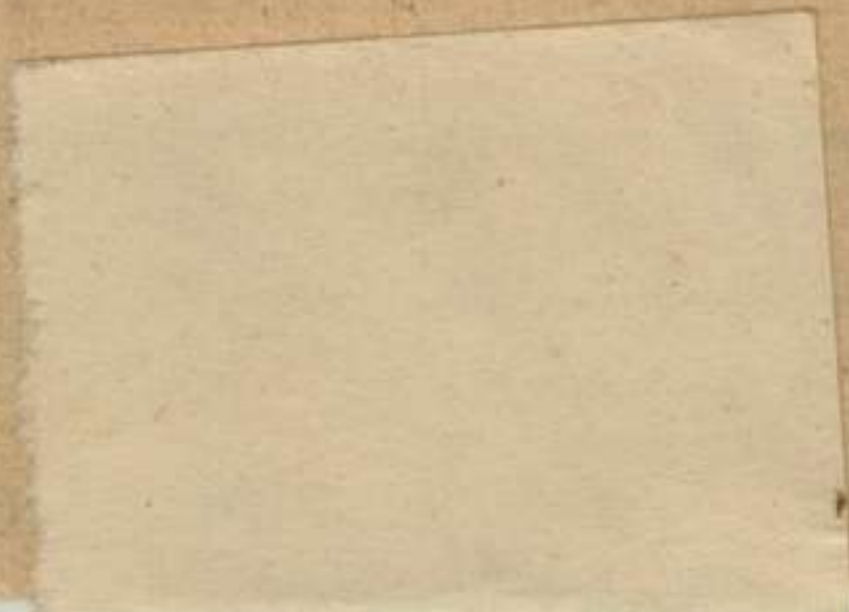
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**TO** 2/2 AVST MG Bn

**FROM** 9 AVST Div

Originator's Number: 0236

Date: 1

In Reply to Number: —

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These orders will come into operation as from date of issue. They will be read to all ranks immediately on issue and once each month thereafter. Any amendments will be issued by BN HQ to personnel holding copies, who are responsible for ensuring that they are kept up-to-date.

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CHAPTER 1 - ADMINISTRATION.

1. Daily Timetable

Reveille	-	0630 hrs
Adm Pde	-	0645 "
Sick Pde	-	0700 "
B'fast	-	0730 "
Parade	-	0830 "
Dismiss	-	1130 "
Lunch	-	1200 "
Parade	-	1300 "
Dismiss	-	1500 "
Evening Meal	-	1630 "
Retreat	-	1700 "
Offrs Mess	-	1800 "
First Post	-	2130 "
Tattoo	-	2200 "
Lights Out	-	2215 "

2. Returns

Coys will submit to BN HQ a daily strength return by 0830 hrs. Certificate included that all arms & amm on issue are in possession of personnel or in Bn "Q" Store. Deficiencies to be stated and report submitted.

3. Mails

- (a) Coy mail for censorship to be lodged at Bn P.O. by 1500 hrs.
- (b) Postage rates as notified in Unit Routine Orders.

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5. Pictures

Starting times - 1730 hrs - 2000 hrs

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7. Leave

- No leave will be granted except as follows:-
- (a) When authorised allotments are notified to Coys.
  - (b) After Tng Pde till 2215 hrs within the camp area.
  - (c) On Sunday general leave after Church Parade until 2215 hrs. Leave or Duty Passes are required by any member proceeding beyond the Camp Area and all personnel will be inspected by an officer before proceeding on leave. Offrs will sign the warning out sheet in the Offrs Mess & notify the Adjt.

/8. Pay

8. Pay

Pay will be available each alternate Tuesday.

9. Rolls

Each Coy and Pl will keep nominal rolls & a card showing name of tent comd and occupants will be placed on each tent.

10. Private Property

Personnel are warned against leaving articles in unprotected places. Bn or sub-units will not except responsibility for any losses.

11. Messages

Originators numbers as shown in Chapter VI will be used for all messages.

12. Bounds

The following are out of bounds:-

Taps and concrete slabs used for conservancy.

All arab buildings, private houses, contractors buildings, tents, dumps & ration houses, water tanks, DCRE Compound.

Native quarters in canteen buildings.

All orchards, unoccupied buildings.

All areas under crops within and without the Camp.

All canteen bulk stores and behind counters at canteens except when on duty.

Div HQ area and Bde HQ area.

YMCA and other recreational huts are out of bounds to all tps during pde hours.

13. Supplies

All food supplies will be inspected by:-

R.M.O.

Q.M. or (A/Q.M.)

Ord Offr.

14. Alcoholic Liquor

No alcoholic liquor will be brought into camp except by authorised persons delivering to Officers & Sjts Messes & Canteen.

15. Losses.

Any losses of clothing, fire arms or equipment are to be reported immediately to Coys by personnel concerned. Coys will submit immediately a written report to BN HQ.

16. Purchases

Any purchase made by personnel for the Unit must be set out in order book held by Q.M. The purchase will be authorised by the C.O. by initialling the entry in the order book. Receipts or dockets MUST be obtained for all purchases made.

17. Gambling

Gambling is strictly forbidden. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

18. Arabs

(a) No Arabs or civilians will be allowed in camp area unless bona fide. Unless bona fide is proven, these people will NOT be allowed within 200 yds of camp perimeter. All ranks must realise that it is their personal duty to see that these instructions are carried out.

(b) Personnel will not trade with arab hawkers. If the arabs have articles for sale which are required by tps

/ Bn HQ

- Bn HQ will arrange for the purchase of same.
- (c) All Arabs, Jews or other natives seen with parcels or bundles within Camp lines will be searched in the presence of an officer. If found in possession of Military articles, person will be detained and Adjut, R.S.M., or Prov Sjt notified immediately.

19. Government Property

No government property of any description (including comforts) will be sold or given away.

20. Library

Bn library will operate under the supervision of the Padre. Books will NOT be held longer than seven (7) days and are to be given all possible care.

21. Discharge of Fire-arms

No fire-arms will be discharged unless to prevent natives from thieving or attempting to thieve or when the soldiers life is endangered. All shots fired will be reported immediately and confirmed in writing.

22. Sporting Equipment

Each Coy has an allotment of sporting equipment. Coys will ensure that this is properly cared for and not misused. Where possible sporting gear to be kept in Bn Sport Room.

23. Drill, rounds, S.A.A.

No drill rounds will be used, that are not the Ordnance issue type.

24. Duty Officers

- (a) Each Coy when concentrated in Coy areas will detail an officer as duty officer.
- (b) If Pls are in the field detached from Coy HQ Coy Comd will ensure that adequate arrangements are made for a responsible NCO to be on duty at all times.
- (c) Dates of Duty Offr will be as for Ord Offr given in Appx "A".

25. Photography

All films for development will be left with Coys with correct amount of money. These will be forwarded to the I.C. who will have them developed as soon as possible, and arrange for their return to Coys. No other source of film development will be used.

26. Fire

Coys will ensure that an adequate supply of water is available at tents or buildings in case of fire.

27. Tattoo Reports

Tattoo reports will be forwarded to BN HQ and will be collected by the Ord Offr at 2215 hrs daily.

28. Blackout

Blackout precautions will be enforced. Sides of tents completely closed, with flaps down, and all buildings blacked out.

/29. C.R.S.

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When patients are evacuated to C.R.S., following articles to be taken:-

Helmets steel; respirator, messing gear & articles of personal toilet.

30. Camp Time

Bn Sig Office will check time with Bde HQ at 0700 hrs daily and notify all Coys and Bn Ord Rm by 0730 hrs.

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CHAPTER 11 - GUARDS & SENTRIES

Guards and Sentries will ALWAYS be posted by day and by night to ensure the safety of Government or Unit property.

Unit guard will be supplied by duty Coy, mounting 1400 hrs Fridays and remain on duty for a period of seven (7) days.

In accordance with orders for the Guard held by the R.S.M.

Following personnel will be supplied by Duty Coy, Ord Offr, Sjt., & Cpl, Bugler (where possible). Field Officer (when applicable).

- Guard of - 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 6 Cpls, 53 ORs.
- Canteen piquet - 1 offr (Ord Offr) 1 NCO & 4 ORs.
- 2 Bn runners
- 4 mess orderlies for Sjts Mess.

Unit working parties as required.

N.B. Orders for Guard as per att Appx "B". Each Coy will supply a prowler piquet of 1 OR to police Coy lines day and night.

Working Parties

Personnel who require working parties must apply to the Adjt by 1700 hrs the previous day for approval. Duty Coy will NOT provide men unless this procedure is adopted.

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CHAPTER 111 - SECURITY & CENSORSHIP

Security

1. (a) Each individual officer and soldier is personally responsible for the safe guarding of such arms & amm Govt or private, as may be issued to him.
- (b) Bolts of rifles and locks of MGs will be removed from the weapons whenever they are not actually in use.
2. (a) Arms & amm will either be carried securely by the individual or securely locked in, or to some immovable box or object.
- (b) Where this is not possible, arms & amm will be placed in a locked room, or tent where there is always a sentry, storeman, or orderly on duty. Or alternatively, where men are sleeping in tents, a hole large enough to take the rifle may be dug under the centre of the palliasse, the rifle only to be placed therein when the man is in bed.
3. (a) MGs will be secured in locked boxes and placed in a locked room.
- (b) Where this is not possible, boxes will be locked & placed in a room or tent where there is always a sentry, storeman or orderly on duty.
4. In the field.
  - (a) By day, when arms are piled, an armed sentry will be posted and MGs will be locked in their boxes.
  - (b) By night, all ranks will have their arms securely attached to them, MGs will be locked in their boxes, an armed guard placed in the centre of the area in which the sub-unit are sleeping.
5. Sub unit comds will report the loss of arms or amm direct to Adjut immediately such loss is discovered. They will ensure that the site of the loss is left untouched until an investigation has been carried out.
6. It is most important that arms on issue, or belonging to officers and all ORs (including cooks etc) are checked daily. All personnel to whom arms are issued MUST know the Reg No. A certificate that this check has been carried out will be submitted by Coys to BN HQ by 1000 hrs daily.
7. When rifles are put away in sleeping tents or elsewhere, the bolts will be removed and placed in a locked box, which will be chained to an immovable object. Until such time as boxes are available the bolts will be withdrawn and become the individual's responsibility for safe-keeping. It is important that the individuals should know the bolt no as well as the rifle no.
8. Except in exceptional circumstances, the loss of any arms will be a Court-Martial offence and it must be borne in mind by all ranks that the safe custody of arms & amm is initially the responsibility of the individual.

Censorship

Cameras Any persons buying or selling a camera will immediately advise the I.C. of such purchase or sale.

Photographing of the following subjects is prohibited:-  
Military operations: Diagrams of Weapons: Ships of any kind:  
Military vehs of all kinds: Weapons: Aerial views: Tanks:  
Camps: Sign: Equipment: Artillery Weapons: Defences: Aircraft:  
Aerodromes: Fortifications.

CHAPTER IV - TRANSPORT

1. Seating

Not more than two (2) persons will ride in the front seat of a vehicle except those with gear lever on the steering column, when 3 persons may occupy the front seat.

2. Loading

The loading capacities laid down for the various types of vehs will NOT be exceeded. These are (in back of truck):-

3 ton trucks	20	15 cwt utilities	6
30 cwt "	12	12 " "	6
1 ton "	8		

3. Headlights

Headlights of all vehs must be shaded and all lights turned out when vehs are stationary.

4. Traffic rules.

Local rules of the road MUST be learned and observed by all drivers. Copies of these rules will be issued to all drivers as soon as possible. Particular care must be taken when overtaking vehs, especially in vehs which have a right side steering wheel.

5. Speed Limits

The following is a table of speed limits for Australian Military vehs in this country. T.O. will ensure that the speed limits for any particular type of veh are clearly shown on a notice pasted on the inside front of the windscreen of that veh, in front of the drivers seat, positioned low down in such a way as not to interfere with normal vision. These speed limits will be rigidly observed by all ranks driving vehs, and any breaches thereof will be treated as an offence.

Type of Vehicle	Open Road	Towns or Villages	Suburban Areas.
Staff Cars, M/Cycles combinations, Box Fords, 12 cwt trucks, 15 cwt trucks, all lorries up to & incl 1-ton	45	20	30
All lorries over 1-ton & under 6-tons	35	20	20
Lorries 6 tons & over	30	15	20
Across country all vehs depend upon surface, but not to exceed speed for suburban areas.	20	15	20
During hrs of darkness.			
ALL vehs -		12 1/2	20

Notwithstanding the speed limits set out above, the driver of an Australian Military Vehicle will not, whilst driving within a town or camp, exceed the speed limits set out on Military Notice Boards erected near the boundaries of or within the town or camp and no Australian Military Motor Veh will be driven on any roads,

- (a) recklessly or at a speed or manner which is dangerous to the public.
- (b) without due care or consideration for other persons using the road.

6. Responsibility

The senior person in a veh, not the driver, will be held responsible for any breaches of regulations.

/7. Road Security

7. Road Security

Regulations regarding road security will be communicated to all drivers. Personnel travelling on roads must make themselves acquainted with security measures. These can be obtained from the I.O.

8. Use of M.T.

Army vehs will be used only for official purposes.

9. Officers driving vehicles

Officers may drive Australian Military Vehicles only in the following exceptional circumstances:-

- (a) When the driver is incapacitated;
- (b) In an emergency: or.
- (c) To afford relief to the driver on long journeys.

10. Requisitions for transport

Will be handed in to 2 i/c the day before tpt is required.

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CHAPTER V - MEDICAL & HYGIENE

1. Formal sick parades will be held twice daily at C.A.Ps, at 0700 hrs and 1500 hrs.

Following procedure will be adopted:-

- (a) Men reporting sick will be fallen out at Adm Pde.
- (b) Coy Ord Cpl will immediately make out Sick Report form.
- (c) Coy Ord Cpl will conduct sick personnel to C.A.P.
- (d) He will "stand by" until the sick parade is completed.
- (e) If a man is too sick to attend the sick parade, his tent comd will advise C.A.P. of his location. This must be done immediately after Adm Pde.
- (f) Any personnel who cannot be dealt with by the C.A.P. will be sent to BN HQ to the R.M.O. by 0830 hrs and 1645 hrs.

2. Prevention of Typhus

Typhus is expected to be prevalent this winter, the most common cause is the louse. Anyone suspecting that they may be infected will report immediately to the R.A.P. Attention to bodily cleanliness is emphasised.

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CHAPTER 6 - CODE NAMES & NUMBERS

1. Code Names

Code names will be issued separately by the I.O.

2. Originators' Numbers

The following letters will be used as prefixes to originators numbers used on message forms:-

C.O.	J
2 i/c	JW
Adj't	O
I.O.	I
M.O.	M
P.A.D.	P
R.S.M.	U
Sig Offr	S
Q.M.	Q
R.Q.M.S.	N
T.O.	L
OC, L.A.D.	E
OC, HQ Coy	K
" " 2 Pl	KB
OC, A Coy	XY
2 i/c A Coy	XW
A1	XA
A2	XB
A3	XC
OC, B Coy	TY
2 i/c "	TW
B1	TA
B2	TB
B3	TC
OC, C Coy	MY
2 i/c "	MW
C1	MA
C2	MB
C3	MC
OC, D Coy	UY
2 i/c "	UW
D1	UA
D2	UW
D3	UC

# STANDING ORDERS.

## APPENDIX "A"

### DUTIES OF ORDERLY GROUP

The orderly group will comprise:-

Orderly Officer,  
Orderly Serjeant,  
Orderly Corporal,  
Orderly Bugler,  
2 Bn runners,  
Coy Ord Cpl for each Coy.

### DUTIES

Dress for all duties As for guard except that rifle will not be carried.

#### 1. Orderly Officer

- (a) He will be detailed by the Duty Coy for a tour of duty of 7 days.
- (b) He will see that Standing Orders are carried out & that good order & discipline is maintained in the unit lines.
- (c) He will visit Messes at all meals and adjust any complaints.
- (d) He will inspect the Guard at 0930 hrs daily.
- (e) He will report to the Adjt at 0900 & 1330 hrs daily for any special insts.
- (f) He will see that the Tattoo check is properly carried out and collect Coy reports at 2230 hrs daily.
- (g) He will not leave camp during his tour of duty and will not exchange duty without permission of the Adjt.
- (h) He will submit a report to BN HQ at the conclusion of his tour of duty and advise the oncoming Orderly Offr of anything needing attention.
- (i) He will with Q.M. & M.O. inspect all rations on arrival.
- (j) He will accompany the C.O. or his representative, on an inspection of the camp at 1000 hrs daily.
- (k) In the event of fire or similar emergency he will take charge, till the arrival of a senior officer.
- (l) When not employed he will notify BN HQ where he may be found.
- (m) He will check nominal roll of leave personnel leaving Bn HQ.

#### 2. Orderly Serjeant

- (a) The Ord Sjt will be detailed by the Duty Coy for a tour of duty of 7 days.
- (b) He will assist the O.O. in the execution of para 3 of O.O. Duties.
- (c) He will ensure that all bugle calls are blown at the time laid down.
- (d) He will accompany the O.O. on his camp inspection at 1000 hrs daily.
- (e) He will precede the O.O. into each Mess tent at meal times and order the mess to "sit fast".
- (f) He will "take charge" of the defaulters parade when it is required.
- (g) He will raise and lower the Bn flag at Reveille and Retreat respectively.
- (h) He will not leave camp during his tour of duty or exchange duties without permission of the R.S.M.
- (i) He will carry out any such duties as the OO, Adjt or R.S.M. directs.

/3. Orderly Cpl.

3. Orderly Corporal

- (a) The Ord Cpl will be supplied by the Duty Coy.
- (b) His tour of duty will be for 7 days.
- (c) He will assist the Orderly Serjeant in the execution of his duties.
- (d) He will conduct sick parades at R.A.P.
- (e) He will not leave camp during his tour of duty and will not exchange his duty without permission of the R.S.M.
- (f) When not otherwise employed, he will remain in the vicinity of BN HQ.

DUTIES

As for duties except that title will not be carried.

Orderly Officer

(a) He will be detailed by the Duty Coy for a tour of duty of 7 days.

(b) He will assist the Orderly Serjeant in the execution of his duties.

(c) He will conduct sick parades at R.A.P.

(d) He will not leave camp during his tour of duty and will not exchange his duty without permission of the R.S.M.

(e) He will remain in the vicinity of BN HQ when not otherwise employed.

(f) He will submit a report to BN HQ at the conclusion of his tour of duty and advise the commanding officer of any matters requiring attention.

(g) He will assist in the receipt of all mail for the BN.

(h) He will accompany the O.C. on his inspection of the camp at 1000 hrs daily.

(i) In the event of fire or similar emergency he will take charge of the evacuation of the camp.

(j) When not employed he will remain in the vicinity of BN HQ.

(k) He will maintain a normal roll of leave personnel leaving BN HQ.

Orderly Serjeant

(a) The Ord Cpl will be detailed by the Duty Coy for a tour of duty of 7 days.

(b) He will assist the O.C. in the execution of his duties.

(c) He will ensure that all duties are performed at the time laid down.

(d) He will accompany the O.C. on his camp inspection at 1000 hrs daily.

(e) He will present the O.C. into camp mess tent at noon and order the mess to "sit tight".

(f) He will "take charge" of the Detachment parade when it is required.

(g) He will raise and lower the BN flag at Reveille and Retreat respectively.

(h) He will not leave camp during his tour of duty or exchange his duty without permission of the R.S.M.

(i) He will carry out any such duties as the O.C. may require.

Appx "H"

2/2 Aust MG Bn  
JULIS  
28 Dec 42

ORDERS FOR GUARD

1. COMPOSITION. The Gd will consist of 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls, and 50 ORs.
2. DRESS. F.S.; Gaiters; Hats turned up; Full webbing.
3. TIME Duty Coy will mount at 1400 hrs on Friday each week.
4. QUARTERS Hut 64. Later in tents to be erected. Gd will not leave their quarters except in the execution of their duties. In special circumstances the NCO may grant a man permission to be away for a brief period.
5. POSTS. Posts as per trace.
6. TOUR OF DUTY Tour of duty will be 2 hrs on and off and 4 hrs off.
7. AMN Each member of the Guard will be issued with 5 rounds. When Guards are mounted they will have their magazines charged, but the chamber will be empty. When relieved rifles will be unloaded before entering the Guard tent.
8. SYSTEM OF RELIEF The NCO of each relief will mount the relief and will ensure that they are conversant with the Orders for the Guard.
9. ORDERS. The following general orders will apply to all Guards:- They will (a) Guard all Govt and private property.  
(b) Assist the Regtl Police in maintaining good order and discipline.  
(c) Carry out any instructions laid down in the PAD and Alarm Instructions.  
(d) Ensure the bona fide of any person unknown to them even though such person be wearing the uniform of a member of the Allied Forces.
10. ARAB WORKMEN Sentries intercepting parties of Arab workmen entering the Camp, either in vehicle or otherwise, will personally inspect individual passes of all in the party. Those without passes will be refused entry. This applies to all civilians except where a civilian desires to interview some HQ, when the Gd Comdr will make the necessary arrangements for him to be escorted.
11. HAWKERS Fruit sellers and Hawkers of goods generally are not permitted to enter the camp or to trade in the vicinity of the Camp.  
PASSES OF CIVILIAN WORKMEN  
(a) All civilians employed in camp areas must be in possession of a pass issued either by the DCRE or Pass Issuing Offr of the Camp. The Pass Issuing Offr is usually the Camp Staff Offr.  
(b) Passes are of two types -  
(i) Temporary while the subject is being vetted.  
(ii) Approved - a printed Type "D" pass. Both types of pass have a photograph of the individual attached, with the issuing authority stamp impressed partly on the photograph (& partly on the pass itself.
12. CIVILIANS No civilian other than Canteen & Cinema employees & DCRE employees with a sleep in pass will be in the camp area after 1700 hrs without permission of the Camp Staff Officer.

/13. ORCHARDS.

13. ORCHARDS

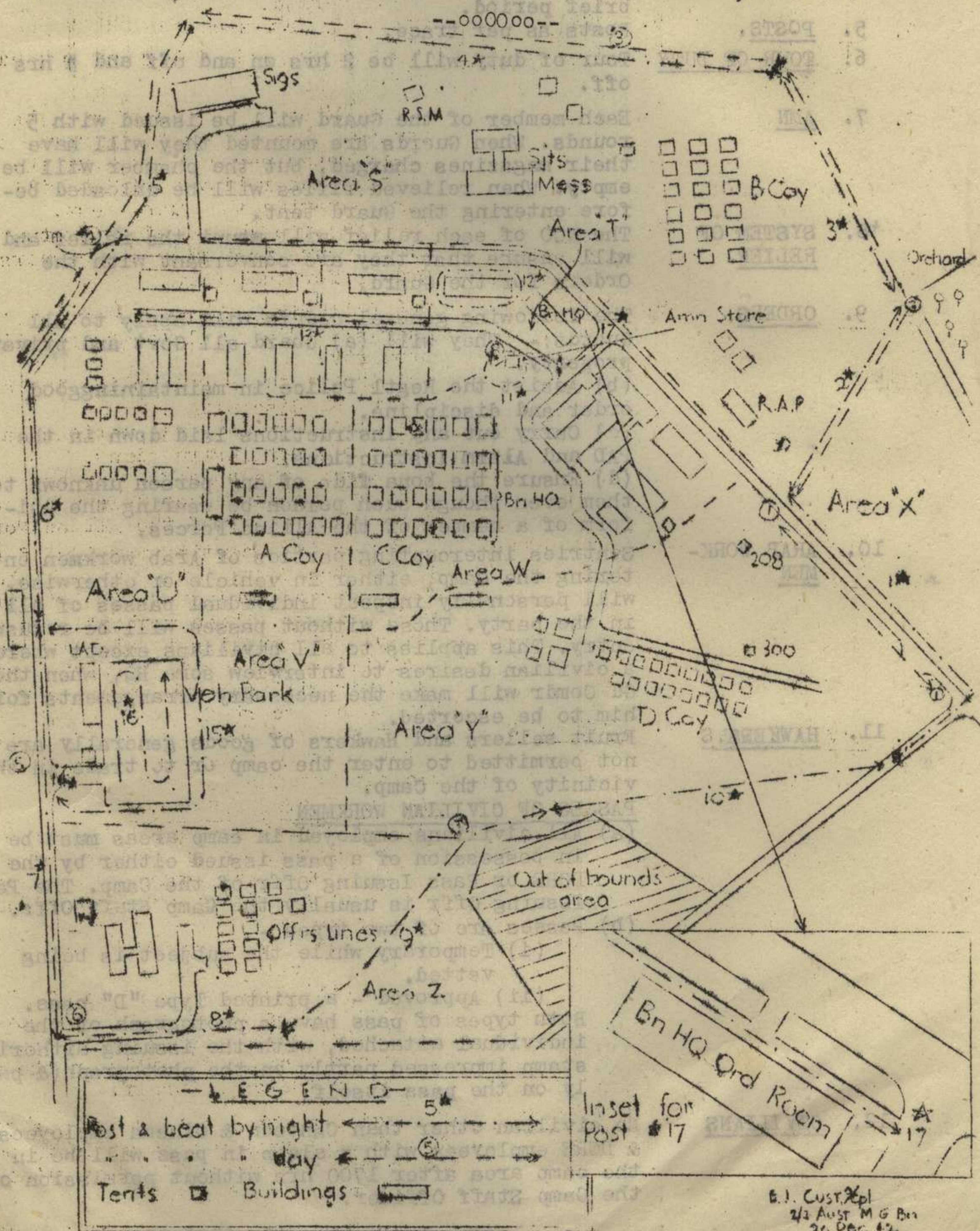
All orchards are OUT OF BOUNDS to tps and sentries will not allow unauthorised persons to enter any orchard in the vicinity of his post.

14. TPT

Tpt Sjt will be awakened at 0445 hrs each morning.

*F.A. Varley* CAPT.  
(F.A. Varley)  
Adjt 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

Guard Duties - Monash Lines - JULIS



B.I. CUST. Pl  
2/2 Aust MG Bn  
29 Dec 42

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Appx I

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

MOST SECRET MESSAGE OUT

TO:

- 9 Aust Inf Tng Bde (10)
- AIF (ME) Comp Tng Regt (10)
- 9 Aust Cav
- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
- 3 Aust A.Tk. Regt
- HQ RAE 9 Aust Div
- 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
- 9 Aust Div
- Concert Party
- 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- No.10 Coy AASC
- 2/8 Aust Fd Amb
- 2/11 Aust Fd Amb
- 67 Aust L.A.D.

Copies for information to:-

- |                     |                        |               |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| HQ AIF (ME) (2)     | Camp S.O. Julis        | S & T         |
| 9 Aust Div (2)      | Camp S.O. Khassa       | 76 D.I.D.     |
| 20 Aust Inf Bde (2) | Camp S.O. Beit Jirja   | 1 Aust D.I.D. |
| 24 Aust Inf Bde (2) | Camp S.O. El Bureij    | War Diary (2) |
| 26 Aust Inf Bde (2) | Camp S.O. Mughazi      | File          |
| O2E                 | Comd (for circulation) | Spare (2)     |
| Camp S.O. Museirat  | 'Q' (Box File)         |               |

FROM: AUSTDEPOT Q 989 21

ref AUSTRECORDS LRO 1956 of 19 DEC 42 and Appx A AUSTDEPOT Mov Order Q 158 of 20 DEC 42 (.) OFFERS 24 O.R. 104 will move 23 DEC NOT repeat NOT before 0800 hrs (.) palliasse will accompany each O.R. (.) blankets 4 per man all ranks will accompany (.) following tents IPP will be delivered 23 DEC (.) by TNG REGT to serial 4 one to serial 7 one (.) by TNG BDE to serial 14 one to serial 16 three (.) unexpired portion days ration in bulk to receiving unit (.) dress SD marching order (.) kitbags in possession will accompany (.) units will indicate on Q(M) 1 those personnel who have received second issue clothing owing to non receipt sandbag (.) 9 Aust Div providing all requisite MT (.)

all ack mp

IMPORTANT

T.O.O.

by L.O.

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SC(Q) AIF (ME) REINFT DEPOT.

*Shigan* Capt.  
*Shigan* Capt.  
 SC(Q) AIF (ME) REINFT DEPOT.

(Appx "A" AUSTDEPOT Mov Order "Q" 158 overleaf).

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T.O.
R.S.M.

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 10. 2/2 Aust. m. g. Bn.

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HQ AIF (ME) REINFT DEPOT  
20 DEC 42

APPX 'A' TO AIF (ME) REINFT DEPOT MOV ORDER 'Q' 158

The undermentioned 'X' List personnel are to proceed to Units under instructions to be issued from this HQ - Authy for movement Echelon L.R.O. 1956 of 19 Dec. 42.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
1.	9 Aust Cav	6	- Lieuts. INGRAM, ODDIE, GRIEVE, O'BRIEN, TAYLOR and CARSTAIRS.
2.	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	1	3
3.	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	1	-
4.	3 Aust A.Tk. Regt.	5	12
5.	4 Aust Lt AA Regt	1	5
6.	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	-	2
7.	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	-	7
8.	HQ 9 Aust Div	-	1 In Ser Tng Coy
9.	9 Aust Div Concert Party	-	1 -do-
10.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	1	-
11.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	1	-
12.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	-	3
13.	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	3	-
14.	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	1	13
15.	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	-	5
16.	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	1	37
17.	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	-	5
18.	2/2 Aust MG Bn	3	-
19.	No. 10 Coy AASC	-	6
20.	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	-	1 In Ser Tng Coy
21.	2/11 -do-	-	2 -do-
22.	67 Aust L.A.D (Att Sigs 9 Aust Div)	-	1 -do-

TOTAL 24 104

Personnel not to move unless classified D.P.1.

*John Lewis*  
Capt.

SC(A) AIF (ME) REINFT DEPOT.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

MOST SECRET MESSAGE OUT.

To:- 9 Aust Inf Tng Bde (10)      2/13 Aust Inf Bn      2/24 Aust Inf Bn  
 AIF (ME) Comp Tng Regt (10)    2/15 Aust Inf Bn      2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
 2/7 Aust Fd Regt                    2/17 Aust Inf Bn      2/2 Aust MG Bn  
 2/8 Aust Fd Regt                    2/28 Aust Inf Bn      2/3 Aust Fd Amb  
 2/12 Aust Fd Regt                    2/32 Aust Inf Bn      2/8 Aust Fd Amb  
 3 Aust A.Tk. Regt                    2/43 Aust Inf Bn      1 Aust Ord Fd Pk  
 4 Aust Lt.A.A. Regt                  2/23 Aust Inf Bn      67 Aust L.A.D.  
 2/3 Aust Fd Coy

Copies for information to:-

HQ AIF (ME)	(2)	O2E	"Q" (Box file)
9 Aust Div	(2)	Camp S.O., NUSEIRAT	S & T
HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	(2)	Camp S.O., EL BUREIJ	76 D.I.D.
HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	(2)	Camp S.O., BEIT JIRJA	1 Aust D.I.D.
20 Aust Inf Bde	(2)	Camp S.O., BARBARA	War Diary (2)
24 Aust Inf Bde	(2)	Camp S.O., KHASSA	File
26 Aust Inf Bde	(2)	Camp S.O., JULIS	Spare (2)
HQ AASC 9 Aust Div	(2)	Comd (for circulation)	

From: AUSTDEPOT

Q 992

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ref AUSTRECORDS LRO 1960 and AUSTDEPOT Mov Order Q 160 of 23 Dec 42  
 (.) FIRST (.) OFFERS 6 ORS 151 will move 0900 hrs 24 Dec (.) SECOND (.)  
 following will accompany (.) each OR palliasse (.) all ranks blankets 4  
 per man (.) kitbags in possession (.) THIRD (.) following tents IPP  
 complete will accompany (.) from TNG REGT to serial 5 one (.) from  
 TNG BDE to serials incl 7 to 11 each one to serial 13 one to serial  
 14 two (.) FOURTH (.) dress SD marching order (.) FIFTH (.) unexpired  
 portion days ration in bulk to receiving unit (.) SIXTH (.) units  
 will indicate on Q(M)1 those personnel who have received second issue  
 clothing owing to non-receipt sandbag (.) SEVENTH (.) 9 AUST DIV providing  
 all requisite MT (.) all ack

IMPORTANT

T.O.O.

by L.O.

1630B

*[Signature]*  
 Capt.  
 SC(Q) AIF (ME) ~~RUINET~~ DEPOT.

(AUSTDEPOT Mov Order "Q" 160-overleaf).



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.      MOST SECRET.

HQ AIF (ME) REINF T DEPOT.

23 Dec 42.

AIF (ME) REINF T DEPOT MOV ORDER "Q" 160.

The undermentioned "X" List personnel are to proceed to Units under instructions to be issued from this HQ - Authority for movement Echelon L.R.O. 1960 of 23 Dec 42.

Serial No.	Unit.	Offrs.	O.R.	Remarks.
1.	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	-	4	X list in Arty Tng Bty.
2.	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	2	3	-do-
3.	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	-	4	-do-
4.	3 Aust A.Tk. Regt	-	6	-do-
5.	4 Aust Lt.A.A. Regt	-	9	-do-
6.	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	-	5	X list in Eng Tng Coy.
7.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	-	16	X list in 20 Aust Inf Tng Bn.
8.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	1	6	-do-
9.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	-	16	-do-
10.	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	-	13	X list in 24 Aust Inf Tng Bn.
11.	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	-	12	-do-
12.	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	2	8	-do-
13.	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	-	13	X list in 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn.
14.	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	-	24	-do-
15.	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	-	2	-do-
16.	2/2 Aust MG Bn	-	4	X list in MG Tng Coy.
17.	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	-	1	X list in A&MC Tng Wing.
18.	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	-	3	-do-
19.	1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	-	1	X list in Ser Tng Coy.
20.	67 Aust L.A.D. (Att Sigs. 9 Aust Div)	-	1	-do-
21.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	1	-	(Lieut. NORRIS)
	<u>TOTAL.</u>	6	151	(X list in 20 Aust Inf Tng Bn.)

Personnel not to move unless classified D.P.1.

*John Lewis*  
Capt.  
SC(A) AIF (ME) REINF T DEPOT.

RR/GN.

<b>NOTED</b>	
C.O.	.....
2i/c	.....
Adjt.	.....
Q.M.	.....
M.O.	.....
I.O.	.....
T.O.	.....
R.S.M.	.....



2/2 Aust. M.G. Bn

Unit.

Army Form W.3009  
(page 2.)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers .. .. .																				
Butchers .. .. .																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks .. .. .								1	1											
Cooks .. .. .						1			1											
Despatch Riders .. .. .																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
"    " (Wheeled)...																				
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians... .. .																				
Equipment Repairers ..																				
Farriers .. .. .																				
Fitters .. .. .																				
Machine Gunners .. .. .								1 (S.P.T.U.)	1									17	17	
Masons .. .. .																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers .. .. .																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ..																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers .. .. .																				
Storemen technical ..																				
Tailors .. .. .																				
Wheelers .. .. .																				
TRANSPORT DIV						1			1											
General duty personnel...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)						3	1		4										17	17

2/2 Aust. M.G. Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch

5 DEC. 42

*W. Warley*

Capt. for Lt. Col.

Signature of Commander.

C.O. 2/2 M.G. Bn.

9 WST. DIV.

IN THE FIELD

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Capt. for Lt. Col.

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## To My Battalion

Well, we've been in action at last. The two years of training and preparation may have been irksome, tedious, and at times boring. But what great dividends those two years have paid!

When we first saw battle, in July, not one of us knew really what our reactions were going to be. The action was by no means a minor one, and from the word 'go' you were in the thick of it. And yet, to see the platoons and sections functioning under those conditions was to see them in training in Australia, or Palestine.

You were all well trained and confident — both in yourselves and your weapons — and your training and confidence were reflected in your behaviour under fire.

Twelve months ago, when administering command of the Battalion, I said that if only we could get a kick at the wretched Boche, we should make our presence felt in no uncertain manner. Now I feel that you have justified my remarks, as many a Hun and Itie can testify — though there are also many who can't (a cross marks the spot)!,

This little book is being published with the idea of perpetuating some of the memories we all have of the last few months. A few names are mentioned, to bring out the highlights of the engagements, but these were not the only ones. Every man played a part, a fine part, in gaining for their Battalion the proud reputation which it holds today.

We know now what we can do, and what we are worth. When our time comes to fight again, I know that we shall play no small part in putting Hitler and his satellites back where they belong.

I am more than proud to command you, and thank you for your splendid behaviour from the bottom of my heart.

A merry Christmas to you all

E. MACARTHUR ONSLOW  
Lt-Col.

## JULY, 1942

The grapes and the apples were ripening under the hot summer sun when we left the Lebanon. All the Syrian hillsides, and the little gushing streams, were drying. As we came through Palestine the melons were ripe, and the young corn.

But we could not pause, for by now everyone knew our mission, and the urgency of it. Tobruk had fallen on June 22, and the night we reached the Canal zone came the news that the New Zealanders, who had left Syria a short time before us, had fought their way out of old Mersa Matruh.

For a night and a day we crept slowly up the road to Amiriya, nose-to-tail, while past us, going the other way, streamed an endless procession of transport from the battle area. Air force groundstuffs, regiments coming back to be re-equipped, damaged tanks on carriers, armoured cars—all the backwash of retreat.

But we were going the other way, forward, and our cheerful desire to get to grips once again with the Hun seemed to give a marked lift to the morale of those who had had to come back so far when so near to victory.

They were glad to see the "mad Aussies" back again in the Desert.

Sand swirled over Amiriya in choking clouds, as always. We halted near the coast, covering the approaches to Alexandria. Rumours flew thick and fast. But at last came the definite news that the tired Eighth Army, strengthened now by the New Zealanders and the Indians, had turned at bay on the Alamein line, where the Qattara Depression slopes up north-eastward to form a 30-mile wide bottleneck with the coast.

The Australians began to move up to the front, and Don Company went with the van. In the early hours of Friday morning, July 10, the AIF went into battle. Instead of a triumphal march through Alexandria, Rommel's forces found they had a stiff fight on their hands.

A Coy, with portion of C Coy, supported the initial attack. It was the first time our men had taken their guns into action against the enemy, but long months of training, and previous experience in the Desert, had prepared them for this hour.

A few days later D Coy went into action in the attack down the Qattara track. On that grim morning of July 28, at Ruin Ridge, we lost a number of our lads from this Company, but most of them, we have learned, are prisoners of war in Italy.

# TANK HUNTER

On the afternoon of July 10, the day of the initial Australian attack on the Alamein front, one platoon of A Company of this Battalion went forward to support an infantry attack across the rail way. They dug shallow slit trenches and gun pits in consolidation of the ground gained.

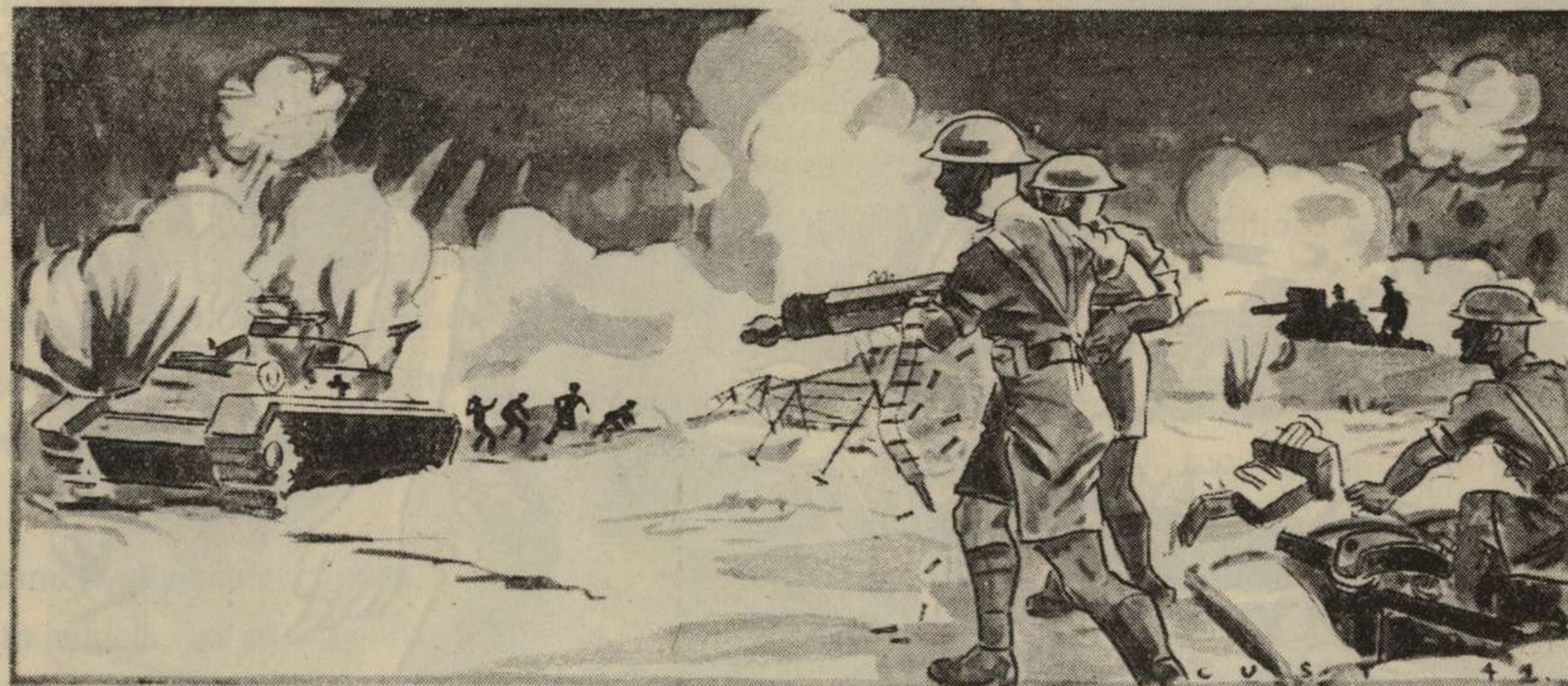
In the middle of the afternoon enemy tanks crossed the railway, and over-ran the platoons' positions. Some of the tanks attempted to crush personnel in the slit trenches by running their tracks through them, and several men suffered injuries.

Sjt Augustus William ("Gus") Longhurst, of Campelltown, was watching one of the tanks, and as it passed his trench he leapt out, with a sticky bomb grenade.

Showing some of his football field dash, "Gus" overhauled the tank and threw his grenade at the tail of it, but just missed. He then turned back, and made an attempt to blow up another of the tanks.

The enemy tanks were being heavily shelled by our own artillery, and were themselves machine-gunning the Australian positions.

As they withdrew towards the railway, one tank was knocked



out by an anti-tank gunner. The crew jumped out, and attempted to escape. Sjt Longhurst tried to shoot them with one of the Vickers guns, but a small rise in the ground prevented this.

So he lifted the gun from the tripod, and with Pte Bill Selmes feeding the belt, he stood up and brought fire to bear on the enemy. They at once surrendered to the nearby infantry.

Sjt Longhurst's action in dealing with tanks as he did gave all the members of the Platoon confidence to face the enemy, and also had an effect on the morale of other troops in the area, one infantryman following his example.

Sjt Longhurst has been awarded the Military Medal.



## Braved Heavy Fire To Carry Comrades To Safety

As they moved in a line, the tanks were hit by heavy fire. One tank was destroyed, and the others were damaged. The soldiers were forced to take cover in the trenches. The fighting was very intense, and the soldiers were brave and courageous. They fought hard and bravely, and they were successful in their mission. The soldiers who were wounded were taken to safety, and they were treated well. The soldiers who were killed were buried with honor. The soldiers who survived were given medals and awards for their bravery. The soldiers who were captured were treated well and were released. The soldiers who were killed were buried with honor. The soldiers who survived were given medals and awards for their bravery. The soldiers who were captured were treated well and were released.

First light on Wednesday, 15 July, saw the German infantry moving in across the flat from the railway to counter-attack the Australian positions on Trig 33 ridge. An attack the previous evening had been driven off.

Now some of the enemy's heaviest tanks moved in to support the infantry, sweeping the forward slopes of the ridge with their guns. Six big Mk IV tanks rumbled right in to within 200 yards of No. 1 Section of a platoon of C Coy in position on the southern side of the feature. Our guns were pouring a steady hail of fire into the Germans.

The positions soon became untenable under the murderous fire from the tanks, to which was added continuous artillery, mortar and Spandau fire. The Section was ordered to withdraw.

Game little "Bunty" Twibble and "Doc" Little tried to get their gun out, but "Bunty" was killed, and "Doc" hit, with the gun lying across his legs and pinning him down.

Jack ("Slippery") Weston, acting as orderly, had fallen badly wounded in the head, shoulder and leg as he tried to get back.

Phil Challands, the rangetaker, and Alec Anderson were killed at the same time. Ray Lynch and Jack Webster on the other gun, had to abandon it, but managed to get back across the ridge to comparative safety.

Big L/Cpl Eric Brandrick, who had been acting as Section Commander, saw "Slip" Weston fall, and he went forward to the abandoned gun positions to carry him back to safety.

Then he went in again, through an area literally swept by shells, mortars and bullets, to lift the gun from "Doc" Little and bring him out, too. "Doc" is now back with us again, but "Slip" Weston died later that day from his wounds.

Though the enemy fire was so intense that it must have been apparent to the big Toowoomba lad that the chances of getting through it alive were very remote, Eric made two separate journeys forward to the gun positions returning each time with a seriously wounded comrade.

His complete disregard for personal safety had a most marked effect in encouraging neighbouring troops to further successful resistance, and the attack was eventually beaten off.

L / Cpl Brandrick has been awarded the Military Medal for his outstanding gallantry.





**"...for most  
conspicuous  
gallantry..."**



One of the few Lieutenants in the AIF to gain the honour, 25 year old Lieut (now T/Capt) Richard William Cameron of Sherwood, Brisbane, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for most conspicuous gallantry and outstanding leadership at Tel-el Eisa on July 22.

Youngest of five brothers, Lieut Cameron has lost three of them, one killed in an air crash at Archerfield before the war, a second, Pilot-Officer in the RAF, killed during night fighter operations over Britain, and a third, a Wing Commander in the RAF, was reported missing over Germany. The fifth brother, John, went through Greece and Crete, and is now back in Australia, a Major in an artillery regiment.

Lieut Cameron led a Section of No. 3 Platoon into action on the morning of July 22, to support the left flank of an attack by the 2/32 Inf Bn on Pt 22. They came under very heavy enemy fire but Lieut Cameron personally established his Section on a ridge forward of the left flank of the infantry, under intense fire from machine guns, mortars and artillery. One man was killed, and three wounded early in the action.

It was now about 0630 hrs. An enemy machine gun, one of several, was firing on the Section from a stone sangar about 40 yards away to the right, and appeared to be causing most of the casualties. Our guns had not been able to locate this particular enemy gunner, who fired in short bursts and then lay low.

Lieut Cameron crawled forward, identified the enemy gunner's position, and fired his pistol at him. He then got to his feet and char-

ged the sangar, firing as he went. The enemy gunner continued firing until Lieut Cameron reached the sangar, when he stood up. He was immediately shot dead by one of the Section, who had crawled forward some 10 yards from our guns.

As Lieut Cameron leapt into the sangar and turned the Spandau onto enemy troops and vehicles, a mortar burst very close to him, but he was not hurt. After a few bursts, the enemy machine gun jammed, and Lieut Cameron returned to his Section, where he fired one of his own guns for a time.

Later, owing to further casualties, and the increasing weight of enemy fire, the Section was compelled to withdraw about 250 yards.

During this withdrawal to the new position, at the cistern, Pte Ronald George Mc Gregor, of Leeton, New South Wales, went forward again under heavy fire and regardless of personal safety to carry out his No. 1, Pte George Hoskins, of Rosalie, Brisbane, who had been wounded.

Pte Mc Gregor, a short, stockily built man, supported his 13-stone comrade, while with the other arm he carried out his gun. When the enemy saw that he was carrying the gun, they sprayed the area with light machine gun fire. Pte Mc Gregor reached his Section's positions, however, and then assisted in manning his gun.



He has been awarded the Military Medal.

Lieut Cameron, at this time, was absent obtaining information and arranging for the supply of ammunition. On his return he found that the Section had been unable to carry a tripod and rangefinder out. Pte Mc Gregor's gun was being fired resting on a rock.

Still under heavy machine gun fire and HE shelling, including air burst, Lieut Cameron went forward alone for a distance of 250 yards, and carried back the tripod and rangefinder.

He reorganised his Section, now reduced to a signaller, Pte Tommy Sanders, of Tamworth, a rangefinder, Pte Ernie King, of Moorooka, Brisbane, a driver, Pte Arthur Luscombe, of Toowoomba and two gunners, Ptes Errol Hilton, of Murrurundi, NSW, and "Jock" Mc Gregor, the latter being slightly wounded.

By his magnificent courage and his personal example, Lieut Cameron so inspired these improvised gun teams that he was able to maintain both guns in action without relief for a further 24 hours. This was done in spite of continuous shelling, and of the fact that from about 8 o'clock in the morning until noon the Section was approximately 500 yards in advance of the nearest of our own troops, and 300 yards to the flank.

Lieut Cameron was granted an immediate award of the D. S. O.

## Inspired Leadership

Shells were bursting all along the ridge known as "Trig 33" with mortars chewing up the sand, and Spandau bullets whistling across from both the sea and the railway. For nearly half an hour our troops had had to keep down, while the enemy rained down everything he could bring to bear on them.

It was the afternoon of July 12, about 4.30. Our own artillery was also bringing down heavy fire between the ridge and the railway where German lorried infantry were debussing and advancing. Dust and smoke obscured everything.

Cpl Victor Henry Knight, Section Commander in charge of two guns of No. 2 Platoon, thought that such a heavy barrage must have something behind it, and he went up to the trig point to look across towards the coast. All the guns were then firing on the infantry advancing from the railway.

He found German and Italian infantry moving in between the coast and the ridge, massing for an attack on Trig 33. He hurried back to his men, and they carried their guns across the ridge to the northern side, through the intense enemy fire.

There was no time to dig in; the two guns were mounted on top of the ground, and L/Cpls Ron Allenden and Johnny Boughton opened a withering fire on the enemy. Cpl Knight stood beside them or helped with the two guns, all the time calmly picking out targets for the No 1s, and directing their fire.

German machine guns from the point to the north-west began to locate the guns, so Cpl Knight judged it time to change position. The guns had scarcely been moved back a little when their previous positions were torn up by shells and mortars.

Seven times, before darkness fell, Cpl Knight coolly shifted his guns back and forth, so that the enemy were never able to concentrate their fire on them. And all the time the Vickers were holding the strong Axis infantry forces at least 2,000 yards from the ridge, inflicting heavy casualties on them.

The attack was finally broken up when the Vickers gunners, by accurate fire on the front slits, helped the anti-tank gunners to drive off enemy tanks skulking near the sandhills.

Cpl Knight's complete disregard for personal safety, his inspired leadership, and his devotion to duty had the greatest effect on the morale of all the troops in the area, and he played a very large part in the successful repulsing of the enemy attack.

He received an immediate award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his gallantry.



## He Died At Alamein

He was sitting in a corner of the slit trench, listening to Charlie Stewart reading the «AIF News» to him.

That morning Jerry had been busier than usual, and Spandaus from the high ground to the west were sniping at any movement in our area, near the Cutting.

It was a morning to keep your head down, unless you were looking for trouble.

«Tip» had been crouching there in the corner for quite a time, when he decided to raise himself a little, to take a kink out of his knees.

He was not used to being penned in a hole in the ground for hour after hour. For his had been a bushman's life, and his thoughts were often of

«Miles and miles of blacksoil on  
the north-west plains;  
Wind on the gurley grass, hand  
upon the reins.»

As he raised himself, «Tip» turned his head, and looked westward, towards the enemy.

In that moment the Spandau bullet struck him, and he fell back, mortally wounded.

All that day the enemy kept up a heavy fire, and towards evening began a powerful counter-attack which finally pushed us back across the railway line, back to the ridge from which we had thrust forward four days before.

We had buried «Tip» where he fell, in the soft, seeping sand of the desert. We left him there, when we fell back, but before the week was out the ground had been regained, and over his grave a white cross stands.

It is a simple soldier's cross. On the grave lie his pierced tin hat, and a coiled machine gun belt.

So died, far away from the land he loved, a young poet whose gift of song was in the true tradition of C. J. Dennis and «Banjo» Patterson.

Long before we knew him as a poet above the ordinary, we had come to know this stocky, solidly built lad with his unruly hair, blue Irish eyes, and quiet, bushman's ways, as a good man to have along, whatever was doing

Yes, a good man to have beside you, in peace or war in battle or in a Rugby scrum, or at the other crease in a cricket match, or when the beer was flowing.

It was back in early '41, in a Palestine camp, that «Tip» Kelaher made his first serious effort to write poetry since High School days in Sydney. He came back a thousand miles from the west of Queensland to join his boyhood pals in the AIF in Sydney. That was nearly three years ago ; he was 25 then.

In that first poem, «The Digger Hat», he brilliantly caught the spirit of the AIF :

“So I'm proud to wear my rabbit's fur,  
Although its creased and worn  
And not near as neat as polished caps  
That Tommies' heads adorn.  
For it has the air of Aussie.  
Of “Come and have a drink!”  
The good old easy style that leads  
To glory, or the clink.”

Later, during last summer in the Western Desert, and towards the end of the year in Palestine, he wrote a number of poems. Through them all ran a deep understanding and an abiding love of his Australian homeland.

Some of «Tip» Kelaher's verses were published in Australia, and the «Bulletin» marked him out as a poet who might some day stand in the forefront of our balladists. But that was not to be, though there are some in the slender sheaf of poems he left which may endure.

There is, for instance, «Ginger Mick», that tribute to the poet «Tip» loved best of all, with a typical lilt :

“Now if a mortar cops me  
When the shells are sailing thick,  
I hope I go where battlers go,  
And meet old Ginger Mick.  
He's the bloke that Dennis wrote about  
Who came and had a go  
On the rugged slopes of Anzac,  
Over twenty years ago.”

There were others, filled with nostalgic yearnings for the Sydney brightlights, or the thunder of horses' hooves on the cool, crisp morning air as they canter up towards the yard.

“There'll be yellow daisies blowing  
On the sandridge once again  
There'll be wattle on the hillside  
And crowfoot on the plain,  
And the river gums all mottled  
With the sunlight streaming through  
And the high, rank river grasses  
Gleaming golden in the dew.”

His last poem, written a few weeks before he died, we print on the last page in this booklet.

«Tip» Kelaher sleeps at Alamein, with scores of other young men who came there to die, strangers in a soon-forgetting land.

But we who knew him will carry his memory on with us in the great advance to victory, and we'll share our triumphs with him.



## OCTOBER, 1942

Following the initial month of hard fighting on the Alamein front, during which the Australians gained and held the salient running west to Trig 33, and south-west across the railway, came a lull.

This quiet period lasted through August but at the end of the month there was a brief flurry of activity on our sector when the Germans made probing raids preparatory to the launching of their attack in the south. They were flung back, in the north, and in the south they had their first taste of Gen Montgomery's tactical skill.

As the Afrika Korps rolled back behind the minefields from the shattering impact of our concentrated artillery and the pressure of our armoured strength, an uneasy quiet again descended on the front.

While the Axis worked feverishly to strengthen and deepen their defences, particularly in the north opposite the Australians, behind our own front there was also activity, the effects of which have since been felt with crushing force by Rommel. Troops, equipment, supplies began to move up to the front in a steady, carefully concealed stream.

Our patrols worked unceasingly through this period, often going deep into the enemy's defences to chart mine-

fields, locate strong points, and bring back prisoners for identifications. Sometimes they would meet enemy patrols, and there would be a brief, vicious clash, with tommy-guns and Brens stuttering and pyrotechnics from the Axis defence line.

Our gunners, too, watched for targets, or kept the nervous enemy alert with harrassing fire.

In early October the tempo quickened. There were many signs that the lull was soon to end, but great care was taken to deceive the enemy as to our intentions. That care was well rewarded, for when, on the night of October 23, hundreds of our big guns suddenly erupted along 20 miles of front, Rommel's forces were caught unprepared.

That terrific barrage will always remain in the forefront of our memories. It was, for most of us, the first experience of massed artillery on such a scale. Throughout the following days we saw that same powerful supporting arm come to our aid time and again, scattering enemy troops concentrating for a counter-attack, raining down a wall of steel between the enemy tanks and us.

The story of that great battle, and the part played in it by our men, would take a much larger booklet than this. It is a story of bitter fighting, valiant resistance, and a hard-won victory.



## "Bluey" and the "Eyeties"

If you were in a strong post in which were four Spandaus, a heavy Breda machine gun, and other weapons, manned by 46 men, what would you do if a party of the enemy suddenly drove

into the middle of the strong post in two trucks, unloaded Vickers machine guns, and calmly started to dig in?

That is what happened during the recent Battle of Alamein early one morning, when one of our Platoons, unable to link up with the infantry, and prevented by heavy machine-gun fire from crossing the railway near the blockhouse, drew back 500 yards onto a small rise.

The Platoon's gun stores were unloaded, and the sections were busy setting their guns up, and digging them in, when "Bluey" Murray spotted an Italian, his head showing out of a hole, waving a white rag.

Grabbing his rifle, "Blue" went across and ordered the "Eyeties" to come out. He did. Then ensued an argument between "Blue" and the Eyeties, who obviously was trying to explain something to the Botany terror.

At last "Bluey" lost patience; he fired a round into the ground near the Eyeties' feet. It brought results.

From "doovers" and gun pits around him popped up 45 other Italians, including two officers, and two Germans!

They surrounded the horrified "Blue" who, overwhelmed by these offers to surrender, sent out a desperate call for help to his mates. They had watched the little drama develop in astonishment's but "Bronco" Bristow and the rest quickly joined "Blue" and rounded up the prisoners.

It is not every day a machine gun platoon captures a post all by itself, complete with prisoners. Some used impromptu "weapons" such as shovels and pick-handles to intimidate the Italians, who were only too anxious to be sent back.

One Italian officer wishing to surrender, tapped "Bronc" on the shoulder. Bristow was still a little nervous and, thinking he was being attacked, pulled out his pistol and fired as he whirled. He missed the officer by feet, but nearly shot Frank Kemp in the foot!

That finished it, as far as the "Eyeties" were concerned, but they had difficulty in keeping their hands up, as some of the Platoon ordered them to do, and at the same time "turn out your pockets", as those with an eye to souvenirs were urging them to do meantime brandishing bayonets!



## A MESSAGE TO AUSSIE

"To guard their country in her hour of need  
And see her through the dangers of today --"  
We waved farewell and wished them all "Godspeed"  
The lucky ones, those men who sailed away.

And now the die is cast ; we "soldier on",  
A little sad at heart, outcast, forlorn,  
Just longing for the chance to play our part  
In fighting for the land where we were born.

But don't we guard her ? In the desert dawn  
We waited, cold but ready, in the sand,  
To battle for the place where we were born,  
For the honour, faith and freedom of our land.

And steadfastly we stand, whate'er may come,  
To do our job where be the greatest need.  
We don't decide ; we answer to the drum,  
God grant that He may steel us for the deed.

- J. A. KELAHER

(This was the last poem written by "Tip" Kelaher,  
only a few days before we left Syria for Egypt)





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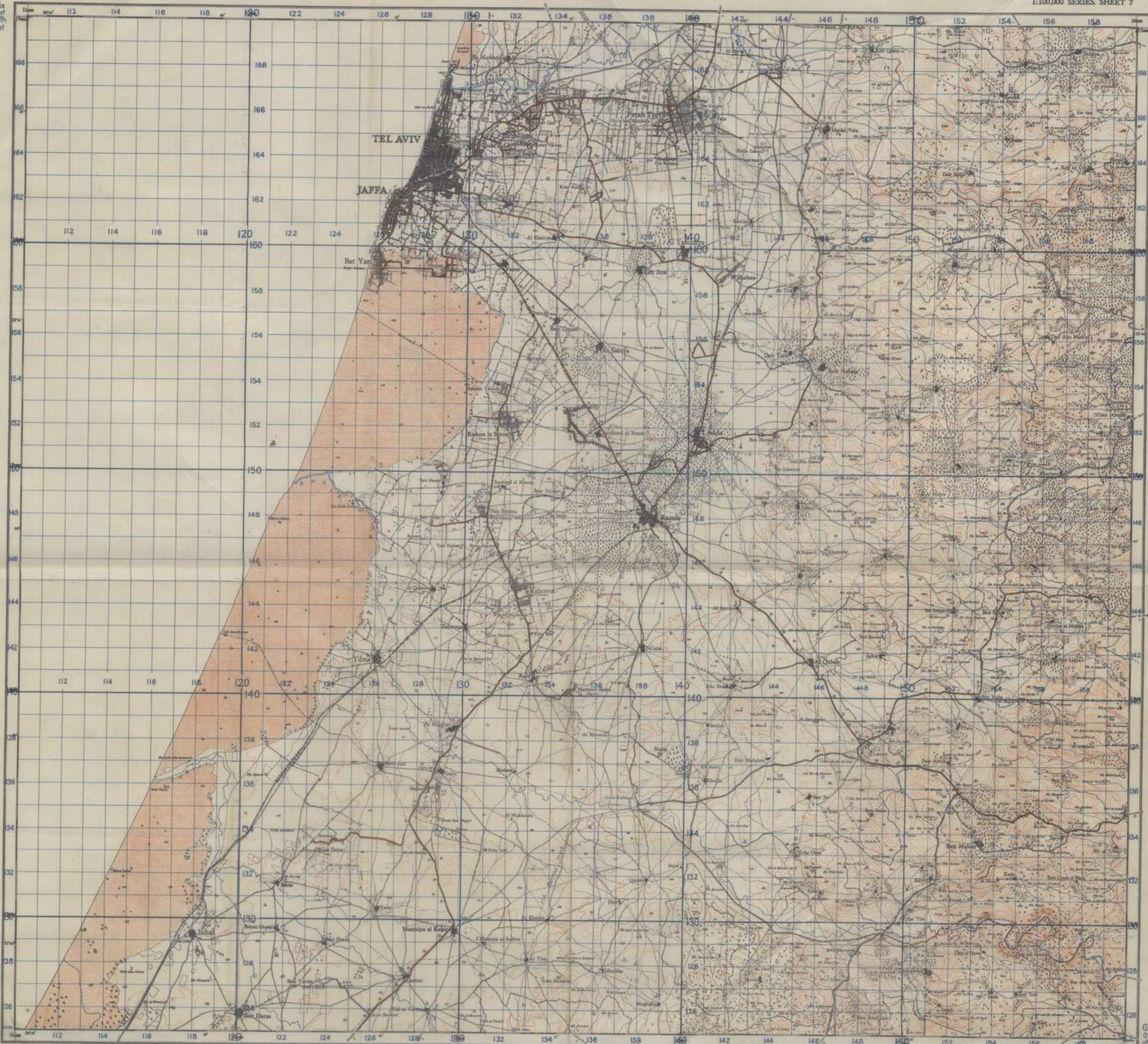
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- City
- Village
- Convent or Church
- Minaret
- Trig. Height

**Scale**  
1 Inch to 1.58 Miles  
1 Centimetre to 1 Kilometre

1 MILE = 1609.3 METRES  
1 KILOMETRE = 0.6214 MILES  
1 YARD = 0.9144 METRES

**Geographical Coordinates of Sheet Corners**

NW Corner	32° 07' 12.5" N	34° 07' 23.0" E
NE Corner	32° 07' 23.0" N	34° 06' 12.4" E
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SE Corner	32° 06' 14.1" N	34° 06' 12.4" E

**Legend**

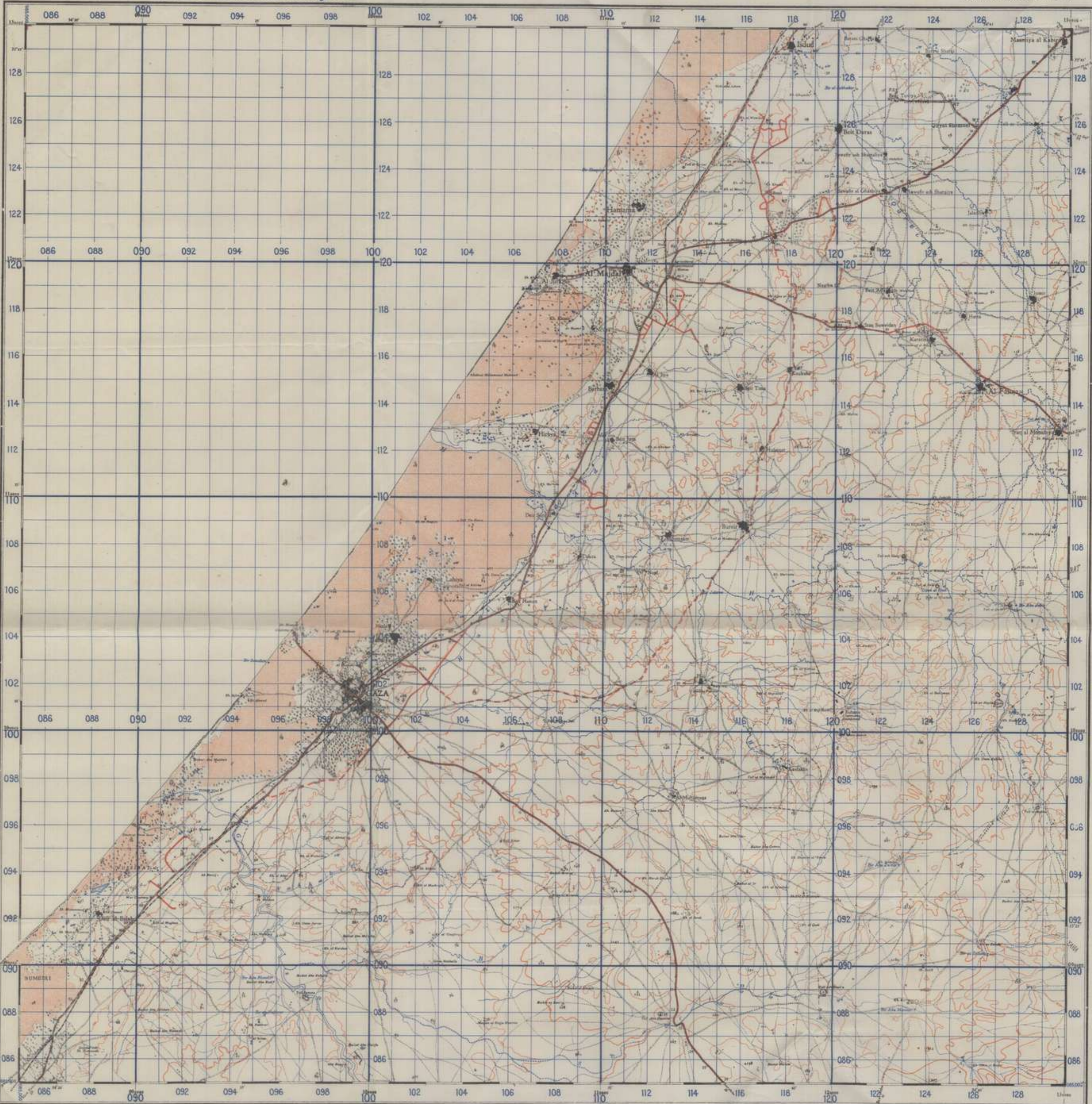
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- Second Class Road
- Other Roads
- Track
- Wall & Bridge
- Rail
- Spring
- Contours at 25 metres Interval Approx.

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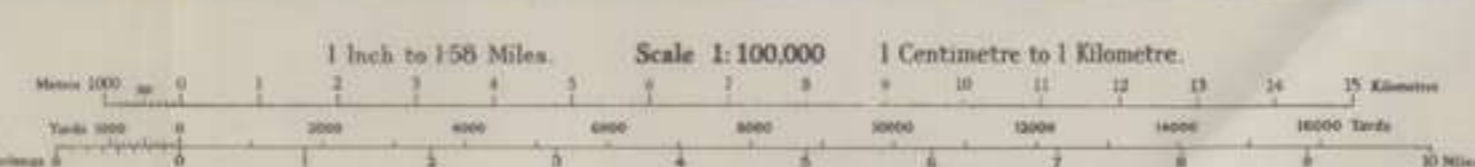
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**POINT - NAJD**

East	North
111	106
REFERENCE 1117068	

Estimate Northings Eastings

**SYMBOLS**

District Boundary

Sub-District Boundary

Railway or Station

City

Village

Convent or Church

Minaret

Triang. Height

Kharab (caveau tombs)

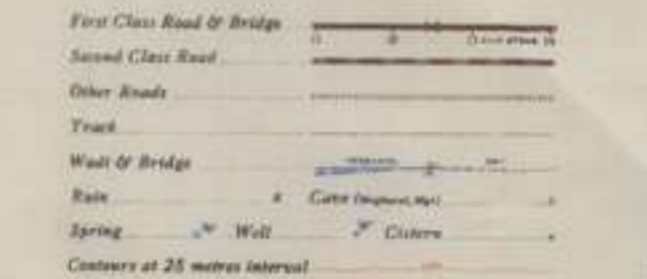
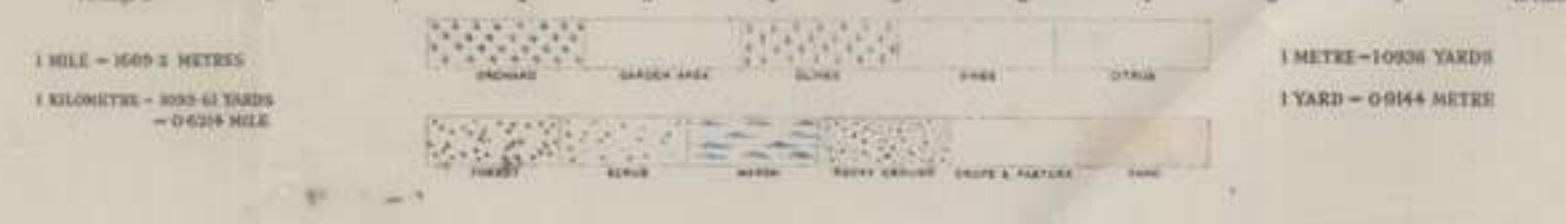
Police Post P.P.

Shuk's Tomb

Spot Height

**GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES OF SHEET CORNERS**

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S.W. CORNER	32°44'41" E	32°44'41" E
S.E. CORNER	32°44'41" E	32°44'41" E



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Sheet 14 - - - 12 ( - - )

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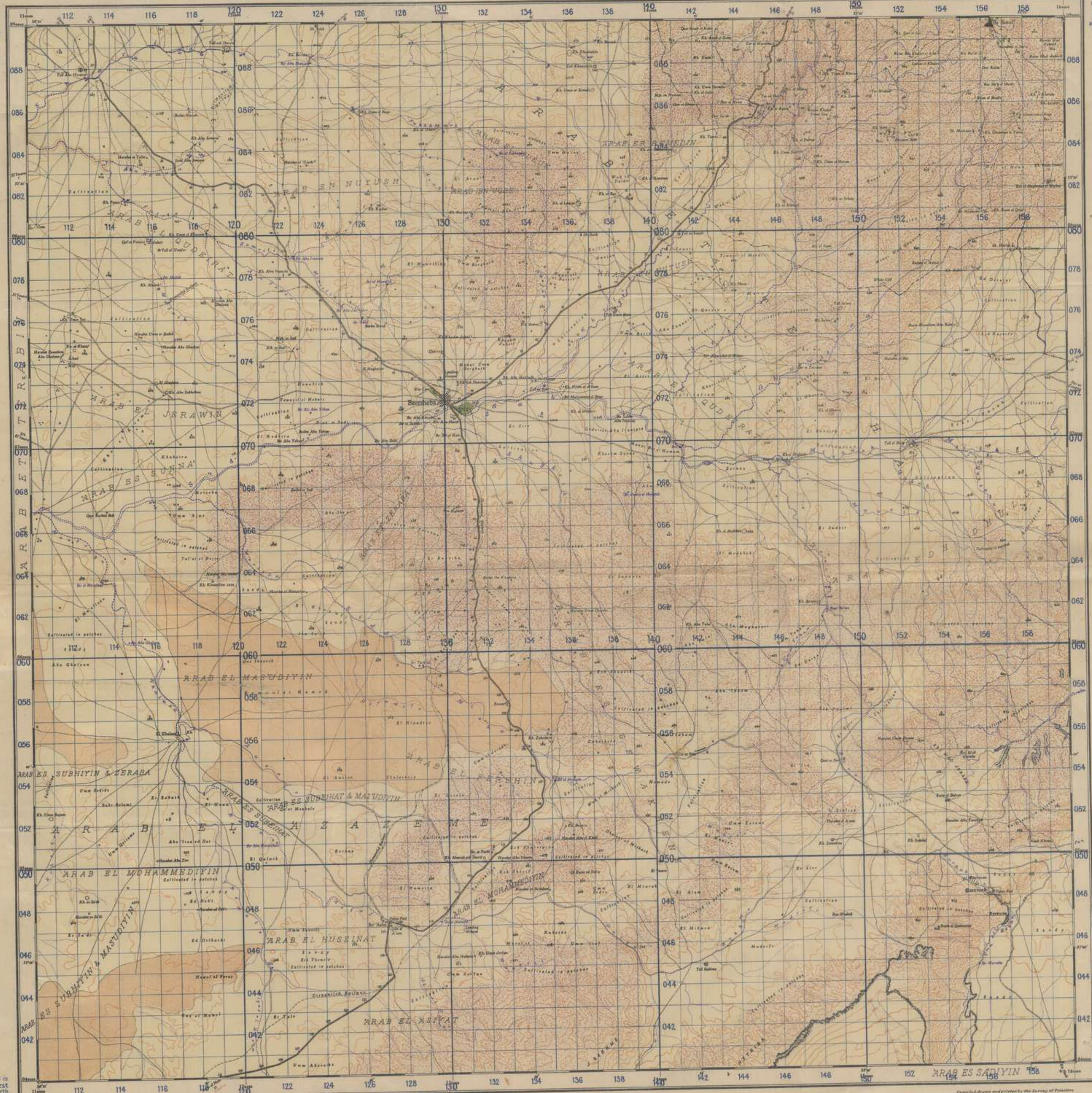
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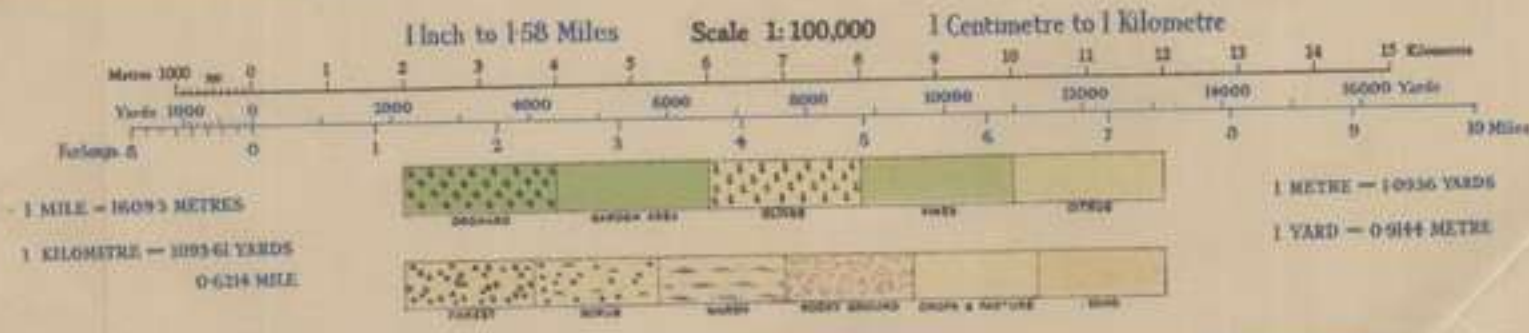
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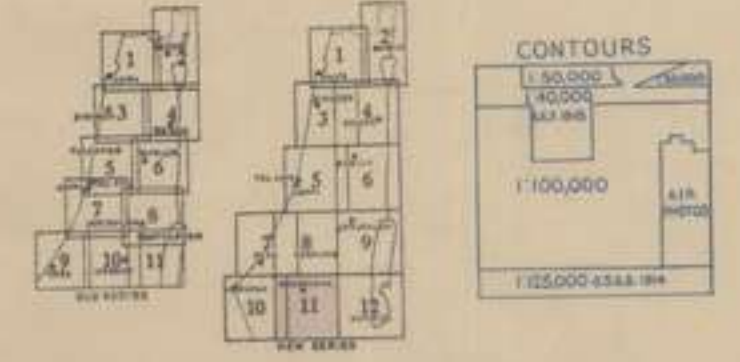
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- District Boundary
- Sub-District Boundary
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- Village
- Convent or Church
- Minaret
- Trig. Height



- First Class Road & Bridge
- Second Class Road
- Other Roads
- Track
- Wall & Bridge
- Well
- Spring
- Contour at 25 metres interval



GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES OF SHEET CORNERS			
N.W. CORNER	112° 00' 00" E	31° 00' 00" N	112° 00' 00" E
N.E. CORNER	114° 00' 00" E	31° 00' 00" N	114° 00' 00" E
S.W. CORNER	112° 00' 00" E	30° 00' 00" N	112° 00' 00" E
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PALESTINE  
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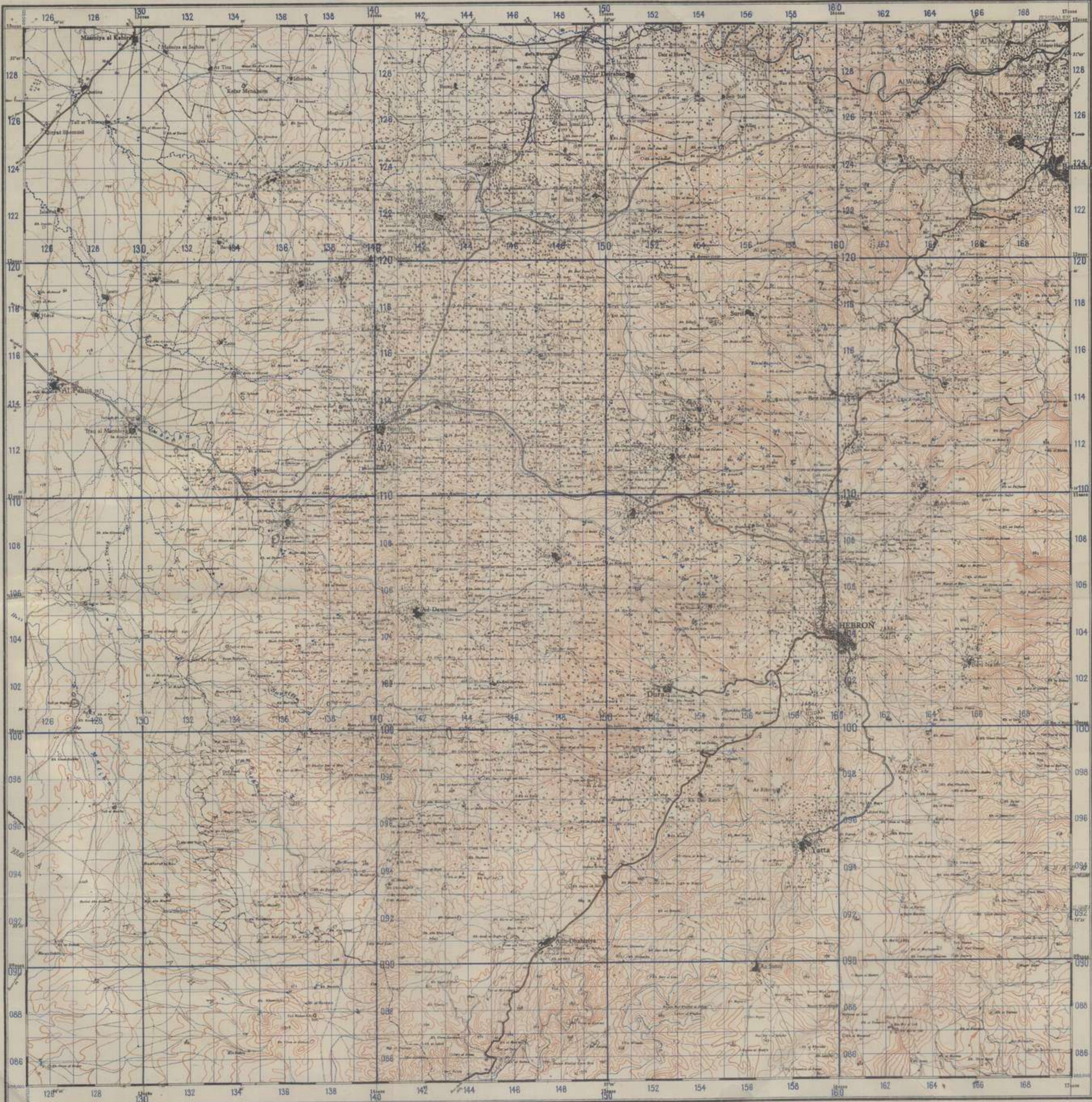
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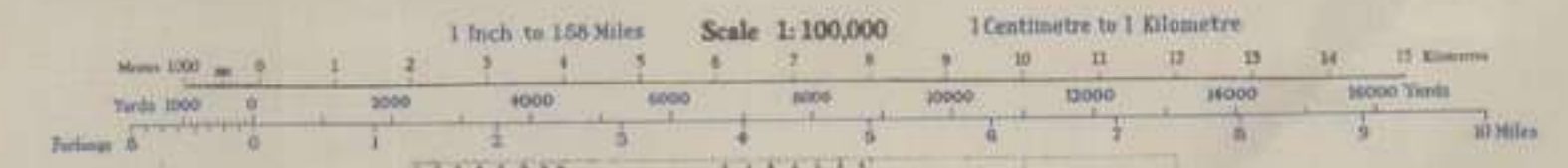
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POINT - BEIT KAHIL			
East	156	North	108
Take west edge of square of above point and read the figure printed opposite this in the north or east margin on the top row (or the east or top edge) of the map.			
Estimate fourth digit(s) from 1000 metres.			
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S.W. CORNER	32° 44' 11.4" E	S.E. CORNER	32° 40' 24.0" E
True		Magnetic	
1938		1938	
1000 metres		1000 metres	



- First Class Road or Bridge
- Second Class Road
- Other Road
- Track
- Walk or Bridge
- Stream
- Spring
- Canal at 25 metres interval
- Wadi
- Cliff
- Cliff

