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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	JULY 1941			
	1-3		Bn rested and was re-equipped	
	2		Draft of 1 Offr and 38 ORs reported in.	
	3		2000 hrs Bn moved to BAQOUN area with 1 Pl 2/3 MG Bn. CO made recce of DAMOUR Area.	
	4		Recces by Coy Comds - Recce party shelled.	
	5		Night 4/5 July C Coy heavily shelled (casualties 1 Offr 2 ORs). 2 Offrs, 26 ORs "X" List reported in.	
	6		Mules were allotted for transport of supplies &c. Bn received warning order for attack on DAMOUR. Capt. E.S. Walker evacuated sick. Capt. J.A.Y. Denniston, O.C. "B" Coy transferred to 6 Aust Div HQ. Operation Order received for crossing of Damour River, flanking movement through hills East of Damour, and cut main coastal road north of town. The attack was to take place during night 6/7 July with 2/3 Bn on right, 2/5 Bn on left and the 2/2 Pioneer Bn in reserve. FUP in track leading from EL BOUM to point 495.	
	7		2/3 Bn left El Rezaniye at 0010 hrs, and reached the north side of the Damour River at 0300 hrs. El Boum was reached at 0530 hrs and after reforming the Bn was ready to move at 0845 hrs. CO's conference was held at 0950 hrs. Start time set for 1030 hrs. Daraya feature reached at 1230 hrs. D Coy moved on. El Gargate feature and the remaining coys captured Kheurbat El Biar feature by 1500 hrs. At 1745 hrs enemy counter-attacked B Coy's sector, but were repulsed. The Bn came under heavy shelling and MG fire. The unit supply line was temporarily disorganised by the shelling. Numerous enemy snipers were cleaned out. C Coy reached their objective, a deep wadi, North of En Naame and hospital. B Coy held its position, repulsing counterattacks. A Coy attacked and captured Bare Feature area and then enemy arty position at Baroche (five guns were captured). One pl of D Coy moved on to Pt 335. At 2000 hrs C Coy 2/5 Bn reported in under command of 2/3 Bn.	
	9		D Coy was relieved and moved on to Wooded Pimple. Warning order received for B Coy to move to area 12822032 to cover right flank of 2/5 Bn.	
	10		B Coy moved in terms of warning order at daylight. C Coy 2/5 Bn rejoined its unit. FOO from 10 Arty reported to Pt 569.	
	11		Bde ordered D Coy to objective 13052045 and A Coy to 12982029. A Coy gained objective, D Coy were held up and remained on feature 12972034. A and D Coys were heavily shelled; 2200 hrs order to cease fire at 0001 hrs 12 Jul 41.	
	12		Armistice came into force. Casualties, 1 killed, 7 ORs wounded, 27 Offrs 396 ORs Bn strength, 2 Offrs and 25 ORs sick.	
			Coys remained in positions awaiting results of Armistice negotiations.	

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	July 1941	13	Bn HQ Pt 569 HQ Coy 12662029 A Coy 12982029 B Coy 12822032 D Coy 12972034 C Coy Attached to UGUT.	
		14	At 1300 hrs order to move was received, 2/3 Bn minus B Coy concentrated at El Maame. Majority of troops bathed in the sea. C Coy rejoined unit.	
		15	B Coy rejoined Bn. Bn moved to bivouac in vicinity of Zghorta.	
		16	Spent in settling down and administration. YMCA van in area supplied troops with cocoa, biscuits and writing materials.	
		17	Administration and rest. Warning order to move received.	
		18	Moved from Zghorta to Camp Legoult. Bn HQ established at A.A. post.	
		19/31	Administration, re-equipment, issued of mosquito nets and ointment. Swimming parades, leave to Beyrouth and El Mina (Tripoli had been placed out of bounds to all troops except Vichy troops).	
		21	A Tripoli Picquet was introduced to keep British troops out of the town. Leave to Beyrouth was commenced.	
		22	English Arty took over A.A. guns. Capt. E.S. Walker rejoined unit. Recce parties by various companies were commenced. It was noted that this unit generally encountered and fostered a friendly feeling towards the British by the local inhabitants in the localities visited during the recces.	
		25	1 Offr 46 ORs from "X" List marched in. Personnel were trained in use of A.A. guns in area. A.A. guns fired.	
		26	Medical inspection held.	
		27	Party left to take over Bren Carriers. 20 ORs left for Divisional Rest Camp.	
27	Jul/2 Aug		Handing over of French arms, equipment and vehicles.	
		28	Guard of 1 Sgt and 10 ORs mounted on coastal guns south of Tripoli. 7 Carriers received.	

On the night 30/Jun/1 Jul the unit moved from QATANI to DEIR EZ ZAHRANI coming under command of 17 Aust Inf Bde at midnight. The head of the column arrived at its destination at 0430 hrs but all vehicles did not report in until 1100 hrs.

The unit bivouaced in the area for three days, during which time certain shortages in clothing and equipment, including ^{four} one ton trucks, were made up.

A draft of 36 ORs from "X" List and Lieut Turner from MEWTS reported in on 2 Jul making the Bn strength 24 Offrs 402 ORs.

The Bn Comd carried out a recce of the DAMOUR area from the vicinity of ES SAYAR, identifying certain points, including a concrete building referred to as POST OFFICE.

At 2000 hrs 3 Jul the unit embussed and moved to an area NORTH of BAAQOUN. "A" Echelon proceeded to SABLINA and "B" Echelon remained at ZAHRANI. One platoon of "B" Coy 2/3 MG Bn reported in at 2000 hrs under Lieut A. Clarke.

Leaving the main coast road $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo NORTH of QASSOUBA the men marched over a stony mountain track, arriving in the area at 0300 hrs after a two hours march.

"C" Coy picqueted the village of BAAQOUN, and a water point was established in ER REZANIYE.

Coy Comds carried out a recce of defensive positions to be taken up if necessary on features 432 and 459. Recce parties came under shellfire and the slightest movement on either feature caused the enemy to shell them.

On the night 4/5 Jul "C" Coy were shelled heavily on two occasions by the enemy; casualties were 1 Offr, 2 ORs.

A draft of 2 Offrs 18 ORs "X" List marched in on 5 Jul.

C.O. carried out a recce of EL BATTAL and the "I" Section recced track ER REZANIYE, EL LABIYE to the River DAMOUR.

The medical arrangements in the Bn area were not satisfactory. Although the location of the R.A.P. had been sent on, the Field Ambulance failed to evacuate any men sick or wounded by shell fire and the unit was thrown on its own resources.

It took eight men to carry one case to the main road approximately three and one half hours. With three cases, one day, twenty four men were required - practically half the strength of one rifle coy.

On 6 Jul, T/Capt E. S. Walker, Adjutant, was evacuated, and Capt. J. A. Y. Denniston, O.C. "B" Coy, transferred to 6 Aust Div. Capt. Gibson, 2 i/c "A" Coy, was posted to command "B" Coy.

A number of mules were allotted the Bn for carrying equipment and supplies. As the country was very rough, it was found that the mules were soon "knocked up" and as there were not any mules in reserve, supplies were restricted. A number of fresh mules arrived on the night 6 Jul, but were late and the unit moved without its reserve S.A.A.

At 2330 hrs the B.M. arrived in area and delivered the Bde Operation Order, implementing the warning order for an advance of the Bde across the DAMOUR R River and a flanking movement through the hills to the EAST of DAMOUR and the cutting of the main coastal road NORTH of the town.

The objective of the 21 Bde on the previous day had been given on

as the WADI DAQOUN and it was hoped to use this line as the SL. The plan provided for an immediate move of the Bn during the night 6/7 Jul from ER REZANIYE through EL LABIYE across the DAMOUR River to an FUP on track leading from EL BOUM to point 495. The 2/5 Bn was on the left, and 2/3 Bn on the right.

It was decided to move the Bn forward from EL BOUM in diamond formation with "C" Coy leading, "D" on the right, "A" on the left and "B" in rear as the reserve. One section of MG were put under comd of "A" Coy and one section in reserve with "B" Coy. A detachment of Mortar was allotted to each "C" and "D" Coys, owing to the broken nature of the ground on the right flank.

Due to the formation to be adopted, the Bn left EL REZANIYE in the following order of march - C.O. and A/Adjt with B.M., "C" Coy, "D" Coy, "A" Coy, Bn HQ, "B" Coy, H.Q. Details (to form a rear echelon at EL BOUM). All mules except Mortar and MG were placed at the rear of the column so that they would not impede progress. The Bn moved off at 0010 hrs in single file with a guide from 21 Bde - guide knew the route as far as LABIYE and not the to river. The estimated time to the river was 2½ hours.

After passing LABIYE the track became precipitous, men frequently using the seat of their trousers to make any progress, and a light shower of rain fell to add further to their difficulties.

Approximately halfway down, the track entirely disappeared in shale from shelling and mortar bombs; some equipment lay strewn round marking the route of the 27 Bn on the previous night. Fifteen minutes were spent in endeavouring to locate the track. The mules were ordered to be left at this point, if they managed to reach it, and the gear manhandled.

The Bn moved downwards and eventually located the track. On arrival at the river road, "D" Coy 27 Bn was found to be in a banana grove and the O.C. pointed out the river crossing, advising that the signal wire led to Bn HQ at EL BOUM.

The B.M. remained at this point and requested C.O. to move to the left flank of the unit at the F.U.P. to liaise with Lt.Col. King, C.O. of 2/5 Bn, who would give any orders on policy affecting both units.

The head of the unit reached the NORTH side of the river at 0300 hrs. A diligent search failed to locate the signal wire after it passed under a pile of loose earth dislodged by recent shelling.

After fifteen minutes rest the men were then led by the C.O. straight up the hillside; a more difficult climb it would be hard to experience.

Towards the summit the track was located in the half light and progress was easier. The leading coy reached EL BOUM at 0530 hrs but it took until 0730 to collect stragglers, and it was found that eight men were missing, as was the Intelligence Officer who had been injured in the descent to the river.

The Mortar Officer, on instructions that one Mortar at least must be brought forward, even if it meant manhandling, managed to bring one up by 1000 hrs.

After breakfast and one hour's rest the Bn was ready to move at approximately 0845 hrs (Less Mortars and S.A.A. Reserve).

C.O. endeavoured to locate C.O. 2/5 Bn with Liaison Officers and guides. Saw Liaison Officer of 2/5 Bn who was also looking for C.O. Eventually a message arrived and Conference held at 0950 hrs.

HQ 27 Bn was located and C.O. advised any undue movement at EL BOUM led to enemy shelling from a new arty posn to the Eastward. C.O. 27 Bn stated two coys 14 Bn had passed through and should at that time be on DARAYA feature. The unit had patrols on feature 560.

C.O. 2/5 Bn desired advance to commence at 1015 hrs, but O.C. coys 2/5 Bn stated that they were not ready, so start time was set at 1030 hrs.

The Bn moved off at 1030 hrs with 500 yds between coys. Communication with Bde was not altogether satisfactory, messages being sent by the only Lucas lamp in the unit to Bde O.P. on point 394, the line of advance being due NORTH.

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The DARAYA feature was reached at 1230 hrs, where a halt was made and men rested.

O.C. Coy 27 Bn - Capt Nicholls - stated he had patrols on feature 560; despite the enemy MG fire from that point. He stated 14 Bn had moved a coy across WADI DAQOUN and had now swung in the direction of DAMOUR. It was found later that the Coy had moved across on the WEST end of the feature KHEURBET EL BIAR. Intermittent MG fire came from KHEURBET EL BIAR feature particularly from positions in vicinity of EL 1267 1999.

Heavy MG fire was heard from WADI in direction of DAMOUR and 3" Mortar was detached from "D" Coy and sent over, as it was thought 2/5 Bn were meeting opposition on their front, but returned advising it was a coy of 14 Bn, and the assistance was not required.

All contact with 2/5 Bn had been lost after leaving the F.W.P. owing to the nature of the terrain. The map failed to reveal the true nature and steepness of the wadis.

It was decided to push on. "D" Coy moved on according to previous plan, infiltrating into the wadi and occupying the EL GARGATE feature.

The remaining coys were then ordered to attack the KHEURBET EL BIAR feature. "C" Coy on the right - objective, 'the HUMP' - actually pt 335. "B" Coy centre - objective STONE HOUSE - with "A" Coy covering the left flank across the WADI.

The approach to the WADI commenced at 1330 hrs. Capt Bennett, 2/5 Bn, arrived with his coy, coming up in rear of 2/3 Bn HQ. He pointed out our attack was over the Bn boundary. It was pointed out the whole feature had to be taken and decided that Capt Bennett's coy would take over "A" Coy's role on the left flank. "A" Coy were ordered to remain in the Wadi bed.

C.O. 2/5 Bn then arrived and stopped Capt Bennett's coy from moving and held 2/5 Bn on DARAYA feature.

Owing to heavy MG fire breaking out at certain intervals from different points C.O. 2/5 Bn decided to remain in his position and ask for artillery support in continuance of the advance the following morning.

The coys were on their objectives by 1500 hrs, although a number of sniper's posts remained to be cleaned up.

Bn HQ on being acquainted with the decision of CO 2/5 Bn moved forward at 1600 hrs to Pt 335.

øøø ----- OC MG Pl and 3" Mortar being ordered to remain at DARAYA until a "C" Coy set a stiff pace and the other coys were hard pressed, as owing to their small numbers each man was carrying on an average of 300 rds of ammunition besides equipment and bombs.

suitable crossing over the WADI DAQOUN could be found for mules, but to move forward as soon as possible the following day.

"A" Coy were sent up the Eastern end of WADI DAQOUN and moved into position on forward slopes of Pt 335.

"B" Coy earlier cleaned up two MG posts holding up advance of a coy 14 Bn moving towards DAMOUR, but a sniper on an Hotchkiss in between Bn HQ and "B" Coy continued to give trouble.

The Liaison Officer with a Thompson Gun and a section from "C" Coy endeavoured to locate him in the failing light.

At 1745 hrs the enemy appeared to be preparing a counter attack against "B" Coy from a ridge on the WEST of their position. Heavy MG fire opened up but the attack was broken up.

A patrol was seen again at 1900 hrs and another attack appeared to be developing. A platoon from "C" Coy was moved round to assist but finally routed out the snipers - about ten in number who escaped in the half light. At 1830 hrs the 2/5 Bn were observed moving in single file down the SOUTH bank of the WADI, the HQ Coy passing through "B" Coy area at 2200 hrs that night and advising they were going on to the forward ridge.

The Liaison Sgt arrived from 2/5 Bn at 2015 hrs and advised the unit was moving forward to its objective.

"A" Coy sent patrols along enemy 'phone wire to feature SOUTH of Pt 569 but failed to locate any enemy or O.P.

Not knowing the exact positions of 2/5 Bn it was decided to remain in the existing positions until daylight.

MG Platoon opened fire at DARAYA at 1800 hrs. Target appeared to be feature 560. At 0600 hrs heavy fire was heard to come from DARAYA and feature 560, and the enemy appeared to be attacked. The 3" mortar was heard firing.

Whilst on KHEURBET EL BIAR feature the enemy gun positions could be seen through the EASTERN end of WADI DAQOUN and a request was made for an F.O.O. to be sent forward as our guns were shelling the wrong area (and at 1500 hrs shelled "C" and "D" Coys as they reached their objectives).

The enemy heavily shelled EL BOUM during the day, disorganizing the Unit supply line. The R.A.P. Sgt was killed and one stretcher bearer was wounded. Two mules were killed.

At 'Stand To' on 8 Jul the Liaison Sgt of 2/5 Bn was sent off to locate 2/5 Bn HQ, but failed to return by 0545 hrs, when Liaison Sgt 2/3 Bn was sent off on same mission. At 0600 hrs "A" and "B" Coys reported that Australian troops could be seen in the hospital area.

The Bn immediately moved on with "B" Coy on the right, "C" Coy on the left, and "A" in rear. "D" Coy remained covering the right flank in rear astride the WADIMand GARGATE feature.

The Bde Liaison Officer moved off to try and locate 2/5 Bn HQ.

"C" Coy arrived on their objective and dispersed the Platoons with two forward and one in reserve, which in effect lined a deep wadi NORTH of EN NAAME and hospital.

"B" Coy endeavoured to hold their front but as it had a number of ridges and was approx 1000 yds the mortar on moving up was attached to that coy.

"B" Coy were ordered to send a section patrol to "BARE FEATURE", actually point 569. Whilst "A" Coy were ordered to send a standing patrol on the "WOODED PIMPLE" to the SOUTH of it.

CO then on advice of Liaison Sgt 2/3 Bn found CO 2/5 Bn and Bde Liaison Officer. The dispositions of 2/5 Bn were obtained.

Heavy MG fire then opened up from BARE FEATURE and "B" Coy was held up, one man being wounded.

"A" Coy was then ordered to attack BARE FEATURE with a line of approach back to KHEURBET EL BIAR and under cover of timber to "WOODED PIMPLE".

Owing to fatigue of the men, which was increased due to necessity of using rocks for movement to avoid MG fire, the OC rested the men halfway up the feature and dumped their packs, then moved to the summit where they rested again; the actual attack did not develop until 1430 hrs.

A signal to Bde was sent giving the exact position of the 105 mm Bty at BAROUCHE but requesting it should not be shelled until after our attack.

The attack was successful but once again a sniper remained carefully concealed until dark and continued to annoy the personnel in the vicinity of Pt 353 - although "A" Coy dislodged one sniper from a tree.

"A" Coy was placed in a difficult position; the enemy Bty was only 500 yds distant and was in a position to use open sights, but the LMGs were laid on the Bty and any movement before dark towards the guns discouraged. Fifteen men from "B" Coy were placed under command of "A" Coy to assist in consolidation and to repel any counter attack.

Owing to the enemy re-occupying feature 560, supply trains were disorganised before arriving at DARAYA, but the wireless and one mule with ammunition managed to reach that point.

"D" Coy by superhuman efforts manhandled some S.A.A. forward and two boxes reached "A" Coy just prior to the attack. As the wireless was ordered forward, two men of the pioneer platoon strapped it on their shoulders, and struggled over the Wadi DAQOUN without damaging it, giving a wonderful demonstration of physical endurance.

"D" Coy captured six prisoners and a water party took another twelve artillerymen into custody who were wandering in from the hills.

During the night "A" Coy attacked the arty position at BAUAROUCHE after some preparation from the LMGs, but found the crews were withdrawing and had had time to run four the guns back. Five guns were captured.

During the day L/Cpl. Hickson of "I" Section endeavoured to locate 14 Bn area in vicinity of DAMOUR, as it was thought protection would be required on EL BATADIYE feature should the enemy withdraw in force from DAMOUR. Hickson reported one man of 14 Bn lying dead in vicinity of 1255 1955; the enemy still occupied DAMOUR, and a patrol tried to capture him but he escaped, a platoon of 14 Bn covering him with LMG fire.

A platoon of "D" Coy was then moved to Pt 335. Later Bde put "C" Coy of 2/5 Bn under command to be disposed in that area. The coy moved in at 2000 hrs.

Permission was asked to move "D" Coy up to occupy "WOODED PIMPLE" in order to support "A" Coy and allow the fifteen men to return to "B" Coy as the latter Coy was holding its front with only eighteen men.

At midday on 9 Jul "D" Coy was relieved by 14 Bn and moved to "WOODED PIMPLE". "A" Coy sent in three prisoners.

The MGs were ordered forward and found a route through DAMOUR, arriving at 1800 hrs.

One Section was sent to "A" Coy and one to "B" Coy, but as the mules were unable to continue due to lameness a slight delay occurred.

It is considered that the MGs were responsible for holding the rear line at DARAYA and smashing the enemy attack. The prisoners of war spoke in awe of the effective fire on their unit, 1/6 Regt. Foreign Legion.

The enemy ranged on WESTERN end of BATADIYE and EL FATIHA with air-burst shrapnel.

The men had been without rations all day as a mule train which left EL BOUM at 2200 hrs on 8 Jul failed to appear, but M.T. brought up dry rations and a hot meal at 1700 hrs. Owing to the mules being exhausted and lame only three coys and MG Platoon received the benefit of the hot meal.

At 1400 hrs Bde issued a warning order for "B" Coy to move to area 1282 2032, to cover the right flank of 2/5 Bn, who were moving forward. The O.C. left on his recce at 1530 hrs but owing to nature of country did not return until 2200 hrs.

Patrols were sent out to cover position during the night and the coy moved out at daylight on 10 Jul, the MG section being withdrawn and placed under command of "C" Coy. Another 3" mortar arrived and was placed under command of "D" Coy.

"B" Coy came under heavy shelling and mortar fire that evening but suffered only two casualties. The 3" Mortar knocked out two enemy MG posts with direct hits.

"C" Coy 2/5 Bn rejoined its own unit and FOO from 10 Arty reported to point 569. On morning of 11 Jul Bde ordered "D" Coy to objective 1305 2045 and "A" Coy to 1298 2029.

During the afternoon six figures were seen to move on the feature 130203. After the Coys passed AIN DRAFFIL they were not seen again until "D" Coy Lucas Lamp opened up at 1800 hrs from 1297 2034.

MG fire had been heard in the WADIS during the afternoon. "D" Coy reported "A" Coy on objective and enemy approximately one Bn with heavy MG 600 yds to their right front and on feature 130203. "D" Coy had contacted "B" Coy and were remaining in existing position.

The light was failing quickly due mainly to mountain mist but 10 Bty registered immediately on enemy feature and laid out on a D.F. task, to be fired on a white ~~Verey~~ Verey light from either "A" or "D" Coy.

During the night the enemy shelled "A" and "D" Coys areas very heavily but the men obtained cover on the reverse slopes of their features. At 2200 hrs a message was flashed to Coys ordering them to cease fire at 0001 hrs 12 Jul 41.

It took until 2345 hrs to repeat to "D" Coy and "B" Coy did not receive it until 0030 hrs. If sent by runner it would have taken at least four hours.

Upon review it is considered the small number of casualties is due to a number of factors:-

- (i) The personnel taking part in the battle are all trained men and make the best possible use of cover;

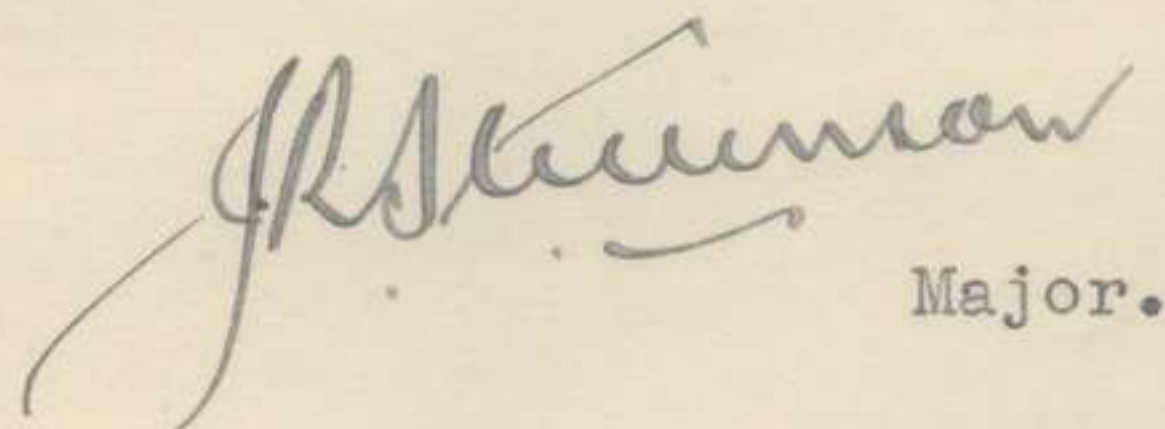
- (ii) The French MG were sited on high positions in the hills and they failed to appreciate the full effect of plunging fire;
- (iii) Although the French MG withheld their fire until sufficient men were concentrated in the area to present a good target, their opening fire went high and our troops immediately advanced toward the MG so that the French rarely dropped quickly enough to catch them.

The campaign has brought out some amazing feats of endurance and determination in the men. Two men, although exhausted, were seen to struggle on until they collapsed and then did not have the strength to rise for over half an hour.

Water presented a problem but the unit was fortunate in that every waterhole shown on the map except Pt. 569 contained drinkable water and a pipe line carrying water to DAMOUR which was found broken in WADI DAQOUN provided the necessary water in the WADI area.

The remaining men are hard and fit, for any man who was at all soft dropped out early in the advance. The men themselves say they found it more strenuous than either Libya or Greece.

The Unit appreciates the assistance of 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ and the information which was pushed forward despite the difficulties of communication and the nature of the country.



Major.

Admin Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

R.A.P. REPORT

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- July 1. Camped in Olive Grove. Wogs very inquisitive. Washing done by Arabs at same well as our water supply drawn. Arabs allowed water to run back. They have no idea of hygiene.
- July 2/3. Nothing of importance to report. Swimming parties arranged to coast.
- July 4. Moved out through Saida after dark. De-bussed and started climb up stony hill. Arrived at new position at 0200 hrs.
- July 5. Rudely awakened by artillery fire on both ridges. Hurriedly moved back to transverse.
- July 6. Two wounded "C" Coy, from enemy shell fire previous night. Both slight. Hot meal arrived late at night. Left village of El Rasaniya to go forward.
- July 7. All night scramble over hills to Damour River. Reorganised at bridge. Started for El Baum. MO and Sgt Stocks bringing up the rear. Established RAP near well. Sgt Stocks killed and Pte Wathen wounded. Were compelled to shift RAP. A/Sgt Alexander and A/Cpl Jones carried Pte Wathen down hill under heavy shellfire.
- July 8. Padre Galloway buried Sgt Stocks under shellfire. Treated wounded from 2/5, 2/27, and 2/14 Bns. Our Bn suffered no casualties. Village heavily bombed by enemy planes.
- July 9. Still in same post. French prisoners and deserters quite a common sight.
- July 10. Moved back to Damour River. Proceeded through Damour to Dead End Rd.
- July 11. Same post. Diarrhoea most prevalent. Shifted to Hill 569 and took up post just below crest. Artillery fire stopped at midnight.
- July 12. Complete days rest. General Dentz passed through to discuss terms of peace.
- July 13. Returned to Dead End Rd.
- July 14. Armistice signed. Moved through Damour to coast. M.O. not too good
- July 15. Packed again and moved to Camp near Tripoli.
- July 16. Sick Parade heavy. Mainly Syrian Sores. A/Cpl Tomlinson returned from "C" Coy.
- July 17. Shifted to Hill Camp, north Tripoli.
- July 18. Treating own Bn and attached units.
- July 19.) Routine work. Syrian Sores, Diarrhoea and Sandfly Fever.
- July 22.)
- July 23. M.O. relieved by Capt Kenny for duties at Damour Rest Camp.
- July 24.) Routine work. Syrian Sores and Sandfly Fever. Latter being
- July 31.) heaviest.

M. J. Alexander sgt

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET.
Copy No. 14
23 Jul 41.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No. 8.

INFORMATION:

1. There is no further information other than that contained in Intelligence Summaries issued by higher formations, and orders for handing over of arms have NOT yet been received.
2. Concentration of FRENCH tps is proceeding satisfactorily.
3. FRENCH authorities have objected to the carrying out of recce by us, but these are to be continued notwithstanding.
4. STEVENSON Gp is reconstituted as follows:-
 - 6 Aust Cav less A and B Sqns and three tps C Sqn.
 - 2/5 Aust Fd Regt less 9 Bty and det 10 Bty.
 - 2 Sec 2/9 Aust Fd Coy.
 - 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
5. Following confirms verbal orders issued earlier.

INTENTION:

6. STEVENSON Gp will carry out following tasks:-

- (a) INFANTRY -
- (i) Patrols for general information and "show the flag." duties.
 - (ii) Survey of beaches for possible landing areas.
 - (iii) Recce of defensive positions covering main routes from NORTH and EAST.
 - (iv) Select site for 30 yds ranges and give estimate of amm required for practice.

- (b) ENGINEERS -
- (i) Data as to work required to repair main roads.
 - (ii) Plan for demolition of bridges, cuttings, etc..
NOTE. Only those bridges and cuttings that would form a definite obstacle if demolished - Plan only - preparation not required.
 - (iii) Survey of technical equipment other than arty equipment and explosives, including location, plan for control storage and estimate of guards required.
NOTE. FRENCH occupied territory will NOT be entered unless through arrangements made by Bde LO through this HQ with FRENCH Forces.
 - (iv) Suitable bivouac areas and water supply.

(v) Control of 4 Motor Launches at HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. Application for use to be made through BM.

- (c) CAVALRY -
- (i) Recce of coastal plains in KING Gp area and MONAGHAN Gp area with regard to use by enemy for landing parachute of air-borne tps.
 - (ii) Plan for handling of possible air-borne attack on plains

NOTE. Cav Staff Officer will arrange with Comd STEVENSON Gp for Cav recce parties to be made available for recce of plain in MONAGHAN Gp area and will arrange for distribution of any extra A/Vs required by Gp Comd for recce. Recce of plain in KING Gp area will be made by M/C patrols from STEVENSON Gp under arrangements made by Maj J.E. ABBOTT and a copy of report submitted to Comd KING Gp.

(d) FIELD ARTILLERY.--(1) Preparations for following possible role:-

- (1). Fire on main routes out of TRIPOLI.
- (2- Engage seaward attacks by enemy.
- (3) Training.
 - (ii) Survey of arty technical equipment.
 - (iii) Recce of OPs etc. in conjunction with inf task(iii).
 - (iv) Calibration of guns. Submit proposal covering area required and estimate of amm both own and FRENCH with time and date of firing.
 - (v) Report on arty amm and SAA in dumps.

NOTE. As for Engineer Task(iii).

METHOD.

7. (a) Recce parties will be made up as follows:-

1	Inf Offr.)	
3	ORs (Rifle Coy).)	
1	OR (Intelligence Sec)))	
1	Signaller.)	2/3 Bn) per rifle coy.
1	Pioneer.))
	Small Party 6 Aust Cav)	
	Small Party 2/5 Aust Fd Regt .)	
	Small Party 2/9 Aust Fd Coy.)	

(b) Duty coy will NOT carry out recce during tour of duty.

8. Tasks laid down for eng., cav. and arty. will be carried out by party mentioned in para. 7(a) in conjunction with inf recce. OC recce party from these sub-units will liaise with coy comd each evening regarding following day's recce. Separate recces will NOT be carried out by sub-units without prior reference to Gp Comd.

9. Parties will leave Gp area by 0800 hrs and return by 1600 hrs daily. Under no circumstances will recce parties enter the town of TRIPOLI.

REPORTS.

10. (a) Daily recce reports will be submitted to Gp HQ by all arms by 1200 hrs on following day. Reports received will be consolidated and forwarded to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. Sub-units will NOT report direct to Bde HQ.

(b) Reports should conform to guide set out in FSPB Pam 3 (1939) Sec 9. In describing roads, no description other than a classification as set out in that sec need be given.

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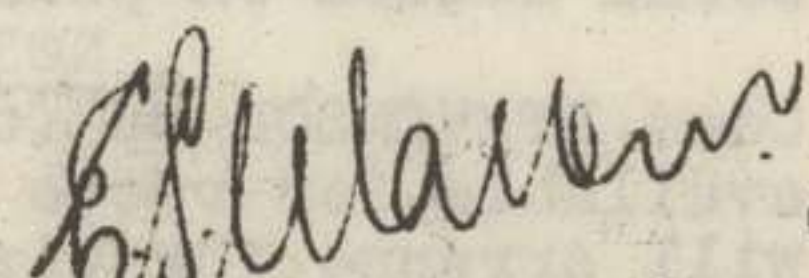
11. Detailed Adm arrangements are the subject of separate instructions and routine orders.

12. Leave will be continuous and swimming along beaches in sq 166280 is to be encouraged.

13. Welfare will be administered by Maj PALMER - Salvation Army.

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4	- C Coy	9	- CO	12 - 17 Aust Inf Bde
5	- D Coy	10	- Bn 2 i/c	13/15 - War Diary

The following extracts from Army Training Memorandum no. 38 are promulgated to all officers:-

"1. SECURITY-MINDEDNESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

'After lunch I went and collected my brother-in-law, Victor, and took him to a Bridge drive in Lille. Victor's buying steel for the British and French Armies. He often passes through Lille or Arras on his way from Paris to Brussels. It's queer to see him in civilian clothes among so many soldiers. And his presence raises constant security problems. He has a passport on which is written NOT VALID FOR ANY MILITARY ZONE. He has only to show this and he is at once let through He has never yet been asked for his proper authorizations.

I Found Victor slightly drunk. He'd been lunching with a Highland regiment.

'But how did you find them?'

'A man I met in a bar told me where they were.'

'What sort of a man?'

'A British officer.'

'Did you know him?'

'Never seen him in my life before.'

'Didn't he seem suspicious of you?'

'Not in the least.'

'Good God!'

The trouble with the British is that they are incurably freindly. It's an attractive failing. But it makes life difficult for a security officer."

From "MY FIRST WAR" by Captain Sir Basil Bartlett, Bt. (Chatto and Windus).

The above quotation will serve to demonstrate the point that the whole basis of security is the security-mindedness of the individual. This state of mind cannot be imposed by rules and regulations from outside; it must be fostered within the unit.

2. ARE YOU READY FOR GAS?

Vigilance against the threat of chemical warfare by the enemy must not merely be maintained but intensified. It is the enemy's only unused weapon; its effectiveness will depend solely on the measure of surprise he is able to achieve. The Army must be ready for anything.

3. EFFECT OF EQUIPMENT IN TAKING BEARINGS.

The wearing of certain items of equipment when taking compass bearings causes large deviations, and must be borne in mind.

The effects are as follows:-

(1) Pistol. No effect unless it is in the same horizontal plane as the compass, and within 12 inches in the case of the No. 1 pistol, and six inches in the case of the No. 2 pistol.

(ii) Steel Helmet. No effect unless worn on the head with the rim joint in front.

- (iii) Respirator. No effect except when the facepiece is adjusted - when considerable errors in bearings are likely to be obtained. These will be most marked when taking bearings North and South, and least marked when taking East and West.
- (iv) Cap Badges, cap stiffeners and Spectacle frames. Errors of several degrees can be caused.
- (v) The exact position relative to the compass of the helmet and facepiece, worn singly or in combination, will account for minor variations.

4. USE OF TESTS OF ELEMENTARY TRAINING.

The value of tests of elementary training is largely lost if strict records are not kept. Apart from their more obvious uses, they are designed to prevent any detail of elementary training from being overlooked, and to enable officers charged with the preparation of individual training programmes to determine what proportion of time available shall be allotted to the various subjects. Exact information is needed to meet these two requirements, and no junior commander can carry out his work efficiently if he is not in possession of it.

5. LAYING OF 3-in. MORTARS.

In the laying of the 3-in Mortar, all orders must be repeated and acknowledged. (See Small Arms Training Vol. I, Pamphlet No. 9, Lessons 19 - 26). Neglect of this instruction must be unfailingly rebuked."

Joe Meyer
Boyer

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By

TRIPOLI,
SYRIA.

Major J. R. Stevenson,

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PART I

19 Jul 41

1. DUTIES.

The following Duties will mount at Retreat 19 Jul 41:

Duty Coy.	"A" Coy. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	"B" Coy. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
Security Coy. (Stand By)	H.Q. Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	"A" Coy. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
Town Guard	"D" Coy. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

2. CHURCH SERVICES. 20 Jul 41.

Church Parades (Combined Services) will be held in Coy. lines as follows:-

"A" Coy.	-	0830 hrs.
"B" Coy.	-	0900 hrs.
"C" Coy.	-	0930 hrs.
"D" Coy.	--	1000 hrs.
HQ Coy.	-	1030 hrs.

3. R.A.P.

The R.A.P. is open for Routine treatments during the following hours:-

0800 hrs - 1030 hrs daily;
1530 hrs - 1730 hrs daily.

4. LEAVE.

No leave will at present be granted from Camp area. The town of TRIPOLI is strictly out of bounds to all ranks. The maintenance of good order and soldierly behaviour is particularly desirable in view of the fact that the French Army G.H.Q. is situated in this area.

5. MEDICAL.

If it can be proved that any soldier who develops malaria has neglected the precautions laid down, he will be liable to disciplinary action.

The precautions laid down are:-

1. From Sunset to Sunrise:-

- Long trousers with gaiters or putties, and long sleeves;
- Use of anti-malaria cream;
- Use of nets where practicable.

2. Daily use of quinine.

6. LOCAL PURCHASES.

(a) Ice. Ice is available in TRIPOLI and may be purchased there. Advice has been received, however, that the ice is manufactured from impure water and utmost care must be taken to ensure that none is con-

sumed, and that food does not come in contact with the ice.

(b) Milk. The last reports on local milk supplied are that it is tuberculous and must be sterilized by boiling before use.

(c) Fresh Meat. Fresh meat on issue from F.S.Ds in this country will not keep for longer than 24 hours, and for that reason it should be consumed as soon as possible after being obtained.

(d) Other Local Purchases. As TRIPOLI is still out of bounds, local purchases may only be made by Officers.

7. SECURITY.

(a) British and Australian troops are occupying the whole of SYRIA from 16 Jul 41.

The security problem that lies before us is not going to be a simple one, but its execution will be rendered either most difficult or comparatively easy in accordance with the attitude that the present inhabitants adopt towards us.

(b) This attitude will be formed quickly and will be almost entirely dictated by our behaviour - both officers and men - in the occupied territory.

(c) The French forces under General DENTZ have put up a very gallant defence against our superior forces. It is up to each of us, officers and men, to show to the defeated enemy all possible courtesy and consideration.

If we do so, we will find that not only will the courtesy and consideration be reciprocated but also that it will do much to heal the bitterness of defeat, may even mean that later these same Frenchmen may join us against our common enemy - GERMANY.

(d) The local inhabitants as a whole welcome our arrival - the Christians with some enthusiasm, the Arabs and Druzes in a rather neutral manner. They will judge us by our behaviour off parade; largely by the way we take our liquor. Scoffing, or laughing at their religious customs will be deeply resented, while interference with their women will be the surest road to trouble.

It is worthwhile remembering that to the Syrian it is almost as objectionable for his women to be stared at, called out to or whistled at as it is for them to be actually accosted or seduced. In either case his honour and Oriental proprietary sense is violated, and he will never forgive.

(e) It is known that German agents still exist in the country. They will not be slow to spread and magnify the importance of any incidents which occur.

H. B. Turner. Lieut.

A/Adjt. STEVENSON GROUP.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. Receipt is acknowledged on 17 Jul 41 from the YMCA Representative of the following YMCA and ACF issues:- cocoa, biscuits, writing material, books, newspapers and periodicals.

DISTRIBUTION.

H. Q. Coy.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	RSM
A Coy.	CO	War Diary (3) ✓
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PART I

22 Jul 41

22. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 22 Jul 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.

Security (Stand By) Coy.	"A" Coy.
Next for Duty	"B" Coy.

O.C. Leave Party (1 day) Lieut. A. Randall.

23. LOOT & TRAFFIC IN ARMS.

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

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

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

24. SECURITY.

The necessity for continuance of the strictest observance of security precautions, especially in sig procedure, will be promulgated to all ranks.

The armistice which has just been signed is NOT the end of our struggle, and our real enemy still exists. He will always be ready to take advantage of any lapses on our part.

25. AWARDS OF COMPENSATION AGAINST OFFENDERS IN ORDER TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL LOSS TO THE A.I.F.

(a) As a result of offences committed by members of the AIF in some cases loss or damage has been caused to property or persons belonging to the AIF, and in others the AIF has been put to the expense of paying compensation to private individuals or to local public authorities.

(b) Offenders, as part of their punishment for the offence, will be made to pay for the loss, damage or expense they cause. Unless he is put under stoppages of pay in the Summary Award or Court Martial sentence, there is ordinarily no way of recovering from an offender compensation for the loss and expenses caused by his offence. See Army Acts 46(7) and Rules of Procedure R 6 (B).

(c) Attention is drawn to Army Acts 137 and 138 and to Defence Acts 97, by virtue of which a member of the AIF who commits an offence can, by means of a Summary Award or Court Martial sentence, be put under stoppages of pay in order to recovering from him any of the following amounts:-

- (i) The amount of any expenses, loss, damage or destruction caused to any private person or public authority by the commission of the offence;
- (ii) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by the

offender to any buildings or property, whoever the owner thereof may be;

- (iii) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by the offender to any arms, ammunition, equipment, clothing, instruments or regimental necessaries or military decoration, or to any other article owned by the Commonwealth of Australia or by a Unit of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth.

(d) COs and superior military authorities of the AIF will therefore take the following steps to enable compensation for such loss, damage or expense to be recovered from the offenders by Summary Award or Court Martial sentence:-

- (i) In each charge there should be stated the nature and value of any expenses, loss, damage or destruction alleged to have been caused by the offence.
- (ii) If the CO has not already obtained adequate information regarding the extent of the losses and expenses caused by the offence, the accused, after being charged should, if the circumstances of the case are not sufficiently grave to justify his being held in custody, be released pending the receipt of further information, without prejudice to his re-arrest in accordance with AMR & O 404. The CO should take all necessary steps to obtain the requisite information as soon as possible thereafter.
- (iii) COs (and also Summary Authorities within the meaning of the Army Act s 47) should, whenever losses or expenses have been caused to any public authority or private person by the offence for which they convict the accused, include in each Summary Award an award or stoppages of pay as compensation in respect of such losses or expenses. Such an award of compensation can be inflicted conjointly with any other summary or minor punishment (AMR & O 418 (7)(a)). COs, in awarding compensation, will award it as a stoppage of pay and for a specific sum (AMR & O 418b), correct forms of sentence are to be found in the Second Appendix to the Rules of Procedure (Manual of Military Law, p 758(b)), and should always be followed.
- (iv) A CO before applying for a Court-Martial against any member of the AIF under his command, will ascertain, and will include in the "particulars" of the charges, as accurate details as possible, concerning the amount of losses and expenses caused to the Army or to any private or public person or body as a result of the offence with which the accused is charged (Rules of Procedure, 13(F), and First Appendix (note (23))). If the accused's CO does not include such details in the "particulars" the Convening Officer will ascertain such details and ensure that they are included in the "particulars" of the charge before the accused is arraigned and tried.

26. ROAD CONTROL POINT.

A Road Control Point has been established on the road between the Camp Area and TRIPOLI. This point will be picqueted by 1 NCO and 6 ORs, to be provided by coy nominated by this HQ. Tour of duty, 0600 hrs to 2359 hrs daily.

The picquet will check all SANG vehicles for worktickets, and all personnel of STEVENSON GROUP for duty passes. Unauthorised vehicles and personnel will be turned back.

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No. 2 dated 20 Jul 41.

H B Turner Lieut.
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LOST. Brown leather wallet, billfold type, containing paybook no. D12054, containing Syrian currency, key and Australian stamps, in H.Q. Coy. or En. H.Q. area. Finder please return to this HQ.

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PART I

23 Jul 41

27. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 23 Jul 41:-

Duty Coy. H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty H.Q. Coy.

Security (Stand By) Coy. "B" Coy.
Next for Duty "D" Coy.

O.C. Leave Party (1 day) Lieut. A. Randall.

28. ONE-DAY LEAVE.

(a) Leave to BEYROUTH will NOT in future be granted on Wednesdays.

(b) As food in the town of BEYROUTH is scarce, leave parties will carry haversack lunches.

(c) Leave passes must be carried by ALL RANKS.

(d) Debussing & embussing points have been arranged at the ramps of GRAND SERAIL block and in PLACE DES MARTYRS. Tpt will be parked in the racecourse during the day.

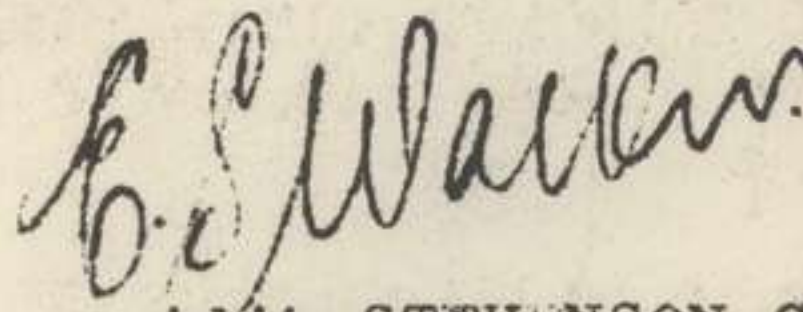
(e) A P.A.D. has been established in the METROPOLE HOTEL.

(f) Paras. (c)-(e) apply also to two-day leave. Existing orders relating to leave remain unaltered.

29. STANDING ORDERS FOR DRESS.

The wearing by NCOs of detachable armbands bearing chevrons will cease forthwith. Chevrons will be of white tape the same size as chevrons, worsted or khaki, bars (as normally on issue), and will be SEWN in position on the upper arm.

The badges of rank of WOs will NOT be worn on a leather strap on the wrist when shirts are worn but will be affixed to the sleeve itself. When short sleeves are worn the badge will be attached to the sleeve one inch above the bottom edge.


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Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

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24 Jul 41

30. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 24 Jul 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"D" Coy.
Next for Duty	"A" Coy.
Beyrouth Leave Picquet	O.C. - Capt. A. S. MacKinnon. 15 men each from "A" & "C" Coys.
O.C. Leave Party (1 day)	Lieut. M. H. Murdoch.
Town Guard	Capt. E. T. Gibson - Guard Comd. 12 O.Rs. provided by "B" Coy. 12 O.Rs. provided by GULP. 12 O.Rs. provided by RINO.

E. T. Gibson

Capt.

Adj. STEVENSON GROUP.

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25 Jul 41

31. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 25 Jul 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"A" Coy.
Next for Duty	"C" Coy.
O.C. 2-day Leave Party	Capt. I. Hutchison, M.C.
O.C. 1-day Leave Party	Lieut. R. A. Gordon.

32. DRY CANTEEN.

Any requirements may be handed in each day to Company Headquarters with cash, which will be handed to Padre before 0830 hrs each day. These requirements will then be purchased and delivered to the Companies each afternoon.

33. CHURCH SERVICES. 27 Jul 41.

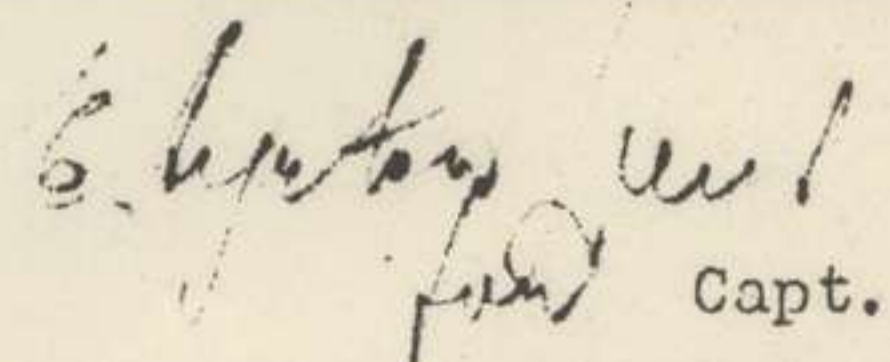
Church Services will be held in the various company lines at the following times:-

"A" Coy.	0830 hrs.
"B" Coy.	0930 hrs.
"C" Coy.	0930 hrs.
"D" Coy.	1000 hrs.
H.Q. Coy.	1030 hrs.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in H.Q. Coy. lines at 0700 hrs.

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26 Jul 41.

34. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 26 Jul 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"C" Coy.
Next for Duty	"D" Coy.

Beyrouth Leave Picquet - O.C., Capt. A.S. MacKinnon.
15 ORs. each from "B" & "D" Coys.

O.C. one-day Leave Party Lieut. A. Seward.

Town Guard, Tripoli, to mount 1800 hrs 27 Jul 41:-

O.C.	Capt. T. B. Brown.
Detachments:	1 Offr. & 12 ORs from MOPI.
	1 " " 12 " " GULP.
	1 " " 12 " " RIHO.

35. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following Awards and Mentions in respect of the Campaign in the Western Desert, Libya and Cyrenaica from the capture of Sidi Barrani to the surrender of Benghazi:-

NX. 322	Capt. F. G. Hassett	"X" List.	Mention in Despatches.
NX. 89	Lieut. L. D. Calman	(since Deceased)	do.
NX. 339	Lieut. E. Jay	(since deceased)	do.
NX. 4900	A/WO.1. G. R. Roberts	("X" List - missing)	do.

36. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The following Special Order of the Day by General Sir H. Maitland Wilson, CBE, KCB, DSO, Commanding the British Forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan is promulgated for communication to the troops:-

"The Secretary of State for War on behalf of the Army Council, on sending congratulations on the conclusion of the campaign in Syria, wishes the following message to be conveyed to the troops:-

'Thank the troops from the United Kingdom, Australia and India and the Free French Forces under your command for their gallantry and endurance in arduous fighting over difficult country. You will share my hope that never again will Imperial Troops have to fire upon the brave soldiers of a recent Ally, nor the Free French Forces oppose their countrymen in battle.

I mourn with you the losses you have suffered in this conflict unnatural but forced upon us.'

(Sgd) H M WILSON, GENERAL.

37. SECURITY - TELEPHONES.

The importance of telephone security is STILL not realised. It must be remembered that telephone lines in occupied SYRIA are former

civil lines and therefore ALL telephone conversations are liable to interception. Reference to "bn", "bdes", "div" etc as such MUST not be made during a conversation and the use of code words for these formations will be continued. In addition a slip of paper bearing the inscription "THE WAR IS NOT OVER - THIS LINE IS STILL INSECURE" will be affixed to each telephone in offices, billets, etc.

38. HARMFUL FOOD - WARNING TO TROOPS.

Troops are warned against eating a SYRIAN dish called CHIBEE. It is made of minced raw meat, mixed with barley, wheat or corn to which is added spice and although attractive looking and palatable is liable to cause infection by intestinal worms.

39. WIRELESS PROGRAMMES.

Each Sunday afternoon, the P.B.S. in conjunction with the B.B.C. broadcasts a programme "Calling all Troops" from 1615 hrs to 1645 hrs. Troops listening to this programme are invited to communicate with the P.B.S. by mail so that songs, etc., which they favour may be played.

40. PAYBOOKS - ENTERING OF PLACE OF PAYMENT.

The practice of entering location in which payment is made will cease immediately and the only entry which will appear in the third column will be "On Service".

41. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

The number of traffic accidents in the Nile Delta involving third parties only, now amounts to approximately one hundred per week. This figure is excessive and must be reduced in the interests of efficiency and economy. Most accidents are caused by neglect of elementary traffic regulations or by speeding.

It is the responsibility of Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge of Transport to ensure that adequate instructions on these points are given to all drivers under their command and to take severe disciplinary action where they are disobeyed or neglected.

It is the duty of all officers and other ranks to report cases of speeding and bad driving immediately and all such reports are to be investigated most carefully.

This Order is to be repeated in all Formation and Unit Orders and Commanding Officers are to have this order specifically brought to the notice of all drivers under their command at least once every month.

42. PHOTOGRAPHS.

The practice of forwarding to Australia personal photographs taken in such a manner as to show the portrait superimposed or inset on facsimile Australian Bank Notes in the blank oval space reserved for the watermark will cease. The possession of such photographs in Australia constituted an offence under the Commonwealth Bank Act, and any person within the Commonwealth in possession thereof is liable to prosecution.

43. BOTTLES, OIL, AND PULLTHROUGHS.

Heavy wastage in bottles, oil, and pullthroughs is occurring. Coy. Comds. will ensure that stricter supervision is exercised in regard to the carrying of these items in butts of rifles. When pullthrough cords become unserviceable the weights must be returned to Q.M.

44. CHURCH SERVICES.

R.C. Church Services for personnel in the area will be held tomorrow, 27 Jul, in 2/5 Aust Fd Regt lines at 0645 hrs, and in Field Ambulance Lines at 0900 hrs.

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B. J. Walker Capt.
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45: DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 27 Jul 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.

Security (Stand By) Coy.	"B" Coy.
Next for Duty	"D" Coy.

O.C. EL MINA Leave Party to mount duty 1630 hrs 27 Jul 41:-

Lieut F.B.Haven.
Next for Duty - Lieut R.F.Michel.

O.C. one-day Leave Party - Lieut F.A.Stanton.
Next for Duty - Lieut C.K.Brown.

46. CONTROL COMMISSION.

The Control Commission has opened an office opposite HQ I Aust Corps ALLY.

The Commission has requested that formations publish as widely as possible their badges which are as follows:-

A White Flag)	With the
A White Pennant)	letters
A white Brassard)	CC in black.

Lt.Col. LIENNES and Major HACKETT are the members of the Commission with whom DIV might have dealings.

47. WATER SHORTAGE.

The Civil Authorities point out that the local water supply is limited and if the present rate of drawing is maintained a serious shortage is expected.

Care is to be exercised to ensure that no undue waste occurs and if there is no marked change in the quantity supplied, rationing will be introduced.

48. PROMULGATION.

EX.4955 Pte. EDWARDS R.J., 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, was charged with having, while being a soldier of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia on war service, committed the following offences:-

<u>First Charge:</u>	When on active service, failing to appear at a place of
<u>Army Act</u>	Parade appointed by his Commanding Officer, in that he,
<u>Sec 15(2)</u>	at JULIS on 18 Jun 41, failed to appear on an embussing
-----	Parade held at 2030 hrs on 18 Jun 41.

Second Charge: When on Active Service, drunkenness, in that he, at JULIS
Army Act on 18 Jun 41, when his battalion was under orders to move,
Sec 19. was drunk.

The Court found the accused NOT GUILTY of the first charge and
GUILTY on the second charge on the chargesheet.

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for forty-two
days.

The Sentence was confirmed.

49. PROMULGATION.

NX.7985 Pte. HUMPHRIES, J.W.J., 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, was charged with
having while being a soldier of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth
of Australia on War Service, committed the following offences:-

First Charge: When on Active Service, failing to appear at a place of
Army Act Parade appointed by his Commanding Officer, in that he,
Sec 15(2). at JULIS on 18 Jun 41, failed to appear on an embussing
----- Parade held at 2030 hrs on 18 Jun 41.

Second Charge: When on Active Service, drunkenness, in that he, at JULIS
Army Act on 18 Jun 41, when his Battalion was under orders to move,
Sec 19. was drunk.

The Court found the accused guilty on the first charge and the
second charge on the Chargesheet.

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for ninety
days.

The sentence was confirmed.

E. S. Walker
Capt.
Adj't STEVENSON GROUP.

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By

Major J.R. Stevenson.
Commanding STEVENSON GROUP.

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28 Jul 41.

50. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 28 Jul 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"D" Coy.
Next for Duty	"C" Coy.
O.C. Beyrouth Picquet	Capt. A. C. Murchison, M.C.
O.C. Leave Party	Lieut. G. E. Brown.

51. ELECTRIC LIGHTS 2/3 BN.

Under no circumstances are electrical fittings in HQ buildings to be interfered with without reference to Signals Offr. Electric lights will not in future be used in rooms other than stores, orderly rooms or Offrs' rooms without permission from this H.Q.


Capt.
Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

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29 Jul 41

52. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 29 Jul 41:-

Duty Coy.	HQ Coy.
Next for Duty	HQ Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"C" Coy.
Next for Duty	"B" Coy.

The following Town Guard, TRIPOLI, will mount at 1800 hrs 30 Jul 41:-

O.C.	Capt. I. Hutchison, M.C.
SANG "D"	1 Lieut. & 12 ORs.
GULP	1 Lieut. & 12 ORs.
RINO	1 Lieut. & 12 ORs.

53. CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES IN PAYBOOKS.

In the event of any entry being unsigned due to the soldier failing to draw money and the Paying Officer or Pay Sergeant is aware of the circumstances, the entry will be ruled through, marked "No Entry" in the place column and signed by the Paying Officer or Pay Sergeant through the "Amount" and "Progressive Total" columns.

J. R. Stevenson Capt.
Adj. STEVENSON GROUP.

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AFTER ORDER.

54. ENTRIES IN PAYBOOKS.

No entries of any sort are to be made in a paybook by the soldier to whom it is issued.

Credit entries will NOT be signed by any person other than an officer or a member of A.A.P.C.

J. R. Stevenson Capt.
Adj. STEVENSON GROUP.

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Commanding STEVENSON GROUP.

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PART I

30 Jul 41

55. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 30 Jul 41:-

(a) Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"B" Coy.
Next for Duty	"D" Coy.

O.C. 1-day Leave Party (Beyrouth) on 31 Jul 41:-

Next for Duty	Lieut. F. J. M. Reid.
	Lieut. J. M. Gall.

(b) C.O.'s Orderly Room will be held every morning at 0815 hrs.
Personnel concerned will report to RSM at Bn HQ at 0800 hrs.

56. VENEREAL DISEASE - FORFEITURE OF PAY IN RESPECT OF.

As from 5 Jul 41, members of the A.I.F. shall forfeit one-third of their daily rate of pay and pay allowances for each day during which they are absent from duty suffering from venereal disease.

The number of days for which pay will be forfeited as a result of V.D. will be the full period of treatment, commencing and terminating dates off duty inclusive.

57. ILLEGAL USE OF D.FACED POSTAGE STAMPS.

Several instances have recently been detected of personnel in Egypt and Palestine attempting to use previously used stamps for prepayment of air mail letters. In each case an attempt had been made to erase the previous postmarks.

Postal articles bearing previously used stamps will not be forwarded by the Army Postal Services but returned to the Censoring Unit for disciplinary action against the senders.

58. CAPTURED ENEMY SMALL ARMS.

It has been reported that the number of captured enemy pistols still being held by personnel of AIF or being disposed of by them illegally, is alarming in proportions.

Action will be taken against any soldier not entitled to carry a pistol who is in possession of one.

59. SECURITY - SECRET DOCUMENTS.

There is very good reason to believe that officers' baggage abandoned in the recent operations contained documents of military importance which gave valuable information as to Imperial troop dispositions in the Middle East.

The attention of officers is once more drawn to the vital importance of safeguarding all documents of military value and to ensuring that private papers contain nothing that can be of assistance to the enemy.

60. FILM CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES LEAVING EGYPT.

Cases are continually occurring of service personnel attempting to leave Egypt with undeveloped photographic negatives in their possession. It is notified for information that it is prohibited by Egyptian Government Decree to take undeveloped photographic negatives out of Egypt. In future, when such negatives are found on service personnel, they will be confiscated and destroyed.

61. WEARING OF PILOTS' AND OBSERVERS' WINGS.

Pilots' and Observers' Wings are badges peculiar to the Air Force and are to be worn by members of the Australian Imperial Force only when serving with the Royal Australian Air Force.

62. AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEEN SERVICE - MESS ACCOUNTS.

Accounts due to the Australian Army Canteen Service will be paid, in the case of:-

(a) Sergeants' Messes - 7 days after the 15th day of the month and 7 days after the last day of the month;

(b) Officers' Messes - 7 days after the last day of the month.

63. AMMUNITION & EXPLOSIVES - CARE & HANDLING OF.

Rough usage of ammunition and explosives or packages and their contents may cause misfires, hangfires, blinds or prematures. In any case, such treatment will impair the efficiency and shorten the service lives of ammunition and explosives. The greatest care will, therefore, be taken in the handling of all ammunition or explosives, whether boxed or unboxed.

66. REGISTERED POST.

(a) Personnel are advised to send by registered post any packet - not exceeding one (1) lb weight - containing valuable enclosures. The additional fee is 3d.

(b) Registered articles are checked from hand to hand and safeguarded against loss during transit.

(c) These should not be placed in a posting receptacle but presented at an Army Post Office, where a receipt will be issued.

(d) Registered packets must be properly packed and securely wrapped. Linen, canvas or calico is the most suitable type of cover.

A. Stevenson
Capt.
Adj. STEVENSON GROUP.

NOTICE: FORMATION OF MILITARY HISTORY AND INFORMATION SECTION,
H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.).

Applications are invited from personnel qualified to fill the following vacancies in the War Establishment of the Military History and Information Section, H.Q., A.I.F. (M.E.) -

	<u>No. Required</u>	<u>Rank Provided</u>
Cinema Camera Operators	2	W.O.I
Press Photographers	2	W.O.I
Cinema Script-writer	1	W.O.I
Caption Writer (for Photographs)	1	W.O.I
Accountant	1	W.C.I

There are, in addition, two vacancies to which it is desired to appoint A.I.F. personnel who are members of the Third Division of the Commonwealth Public Service.

Applications, with particulars of qualifications, will be forwarded through the usual channels to Military History and Information Section, H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.)

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- (a) Sergeants' Messes - 7 days after the 15th day of the month and 7 days after the last day of the month.
- (b) Officers' Messes - 7 days after the last day of the month.

REGISTRATION OF AMMUNITION

House usage of ammunition and explosives is regulated and their use is controlled by the War Department. In any case, such treatment will be given to the service lives of ammunition and explosives. The greatest care will be taken in the handling of all ammunition, whether boxed or unboxed.

REGISTERED BOTTLES

- (a) Personnel are advised to handle by registered bottles only - not exceeding one 1 1/2 lb weight - containing volatile substances. The additional fee is 50.
- (b) Registered bottles are marked from time to time and re-registered against loss during transit.
- (c) These should not be placed in a vessel's cargo hold but stowed in an open hold, where a receipt will be issued.
- (d) Registered bottles must be properly sealed and securely wrapped. When carried on deck is the most suitable type of cover.

NOTICE: DONATION OF MILITARY HISTORY AND INFORMATION

Applications are invited from persons qualified to fill the following vacancies in the War Department of the Military History and Information Section, H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.)

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- 1.0.4
- 1.0.5
- 1.0.6
- 1.0.7
- 1.0.8
- 1.0.9
- 1.0.10

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ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Major J. R. Stevenson,

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31 Jul 41

67. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 31 Jul 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"D" Coy.
Next for Duty	"C" Coy.
O.C. 1-day Leave (BEYROUTH)	Lieut. J. M. Gall 1 Aug. 41.
Next for Duty	Lieut. F. B. Haven 2 Aug. 41.
O.C. 2-day Leave (BEYROUTH)	Capt. A. C. Murchison, M.C.
(1 Aug 41).	
O.C. BEYROUTH Leave Picquet	Capt. B. T. Gibson.
(1 Aug 41)	

68. CHEMICAL WARFARE & SECURITY OFFICERS, 2/3 AUST. INF. BN.

The following appointments have been approved:-

Chemical Warfare Officer	-	NX.12474	Lieut. G.W. Gibbins.
Security Officer	-	NX.12174	Lieut. J.M. Gall.

69. COLOUR PATCHES.

For security reasons, the practice of obtaining unit colour patches from any other source than A.A.O.C. or Unit Q.M. will cease immediately.

70. CAMP AREAS - CONTROL OF HAWKERS.

(a) Fruit sellers and hawkers of goods generally are NOT to be permitted entry to or to operate in the vicinity of camp areas.

(b) It is the responsibility of area and camp commanders to ensure compliance with the above.

71. VEHICLES ON THE MOVE - CARRYING OF SCRIM NETS.

Attention of all units is again drawn to the practice of carrying camouflage nets on vehicles whilst on the move. This not only causes the nets to become torn and frayed, but has no value from the point of view of camouflage. These nets are issued for the camouflage of vehicles when stationary; when vehicles are on the move, the nets should be packed neatly and stored inside the vehicle.

B. Walker Capt.
W. C. B.

Adj. STEVENSON GROUP.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

43 AVST INF BATTALION (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	-	-	1
Majors ...	2	-	1
Captains ...	6	-	2
Lieutenants ...	24	5	-
2nd Lieutenants ...	-	-	-
Quartermasters ...	-	-	1
District Officers ...	-	-	-
Totals ...	32	5	5

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Gibbins G W	43 Bn	5 July 41	Returned from Chemical Warfare School Cair
"	Seward A	"	5 July 41	Returned from M. E. W. T. S.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Brown C R	43 Bn	30 June 41	Evacuated to hospital.
"	Madsen R L	"	3 July 41	" " "

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major		Stevenson J.R.	Admin Comd	Yes	
		McGregor W.R.	Bn 2 ¹ / ₂	Yes	
Capt		Denniston JAY	OC B Coy	Yes	
"		Fulton J.C.	-	No	Det 16 Aust Inf Bde
"		Gibson E.T.	2 ¹ / ₂ A Coy	Yes	
"		Hutchison I (M.C.)	OC D Coy	Yes	
"		MacKinnon A.S.	OC HQ Coy	Yes	
"		Parbury P.K.	OC A Coy	Yes	
Lieut	T/Capt	Murchison A.C. (M.C.)	OC C Coy	Yes	
"		Walker E.S.	Bn Asst	Yes	
Lieut		Aurton E.N.	Bn 4 ⁰	Yes	
"		Byrne M.T.	Supernumary	No	Rear Party JULIS
"		Darcey W.L.	"	No	Det 16 Aust Inf Bde
"		Gall J.M.	Carrer Officer	Yes	
"		Gibbins G.W.	Pl Comd.	Yes	
"		Gidley King G.B.	"	Yes	
"		Gordon R.A.	"	Yes	
"		Haven F.B.	Supernumary	No	At AIF Small Arms School
"		Herwig L.C.	QM	Yes	
"		Macdonald J.E. (M.C.)	Asst Asst	Yes	
"		Mackay D.F.	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		McIntosh R.J.F.	"	No	Det 16 Aust Inf Bde
"		Murdoch M.H.	"	Yes	
"		Pepper A.C.	"	No	Det 16 Aust Inf Bde
"		Randall A.	Sig Officer	Yes	
"		Reid F.J.M.	MTO	Yes	
"		Robertson D.J.	"	No	Rear Party JULIS
"		Seward A.	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Stanton P.A.	"	Yes	
"		Thompson A.F.	"	Yes	
"		Turner H.B.	Mortar Officer	Yes	
"		Williams D.E.	2 ¹ / ₂ C Coy	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Neesworth E.T.C.	AA MC	3 May 41	R.M.O.
Padre		Swindlehurst L.M.	AA Ch D	3 July 41	Chaplain

17th AUST INF BATTALION

(Unit.)

JULY 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
17th AUST INF BDE

(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

213 Aust Inf Battalion (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	2		
Majors ...	5		
Captains ...	22		
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	29	3	6

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Capt.	Walker E.S.	213 Bn.	6 July 41	Evacuated to Hospital
Lieut	Gudley King G.B.	"	7 July 41	"
Capt	Dennistun J.H.	"	6 July 41	Marched out to REEF

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/3 AVST INF BATTALION (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	-	-	1
Majors ...	2	-	1
Captains ...	4	-	4
Lieutenants ...	22	3	-
2nd Lieutenants ...	-	-	-
Quartermasters ...	-	-	1
District Officers ...	-	-	-
Totals ...	28	3	7

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Carter L.B	2/3 Bn	14.7.41	Joined on strength - see 16.8.41
"	Michel R.F	"	14.7.41	"
"	Stone L.L	"	14.7.41	"
"	Charlton J.V	"	19.7.41	Rejoined unit - Released Prisoner of War
"	Sydney G.N	"	19.7.41	Joined on strength - in Div Rest Camp

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Sydney G.N	2/3 Bn	14.7.41	Evacuated to Div Rest Camp
"	Thompson A.F	"	19.7.41	Evacuated to Hospital

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
2nd Capt	Walker	G.S. 2/3 Bn	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/3 AUST INF BN. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...			1
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	3		5
Lieutenants ...	24		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			1
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	29	5	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Walker ES	2/3 Bn.	22.7.41	Taken c.p. Strength - ex. 16. I.T.B
Lieut.	Brown CK	"	22.7.41	"
"	Haven P.B	"	25.7.41	Referred to Unit from A.I.P. School. ex 16. I.T.B

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Parbury PK	2/3 Bn	22.7.41	Evacuated to hospital

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

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

July 1914
H. H. H.

FIELD WORKERS OF OFFICERS

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major		Stewart J.P.	Army Band	Yes	
		McGowan H.R.	Bn 2/4	Yes	
Capt		Fisher J.C.		No	Det 10 Dist by Bde
		Gibson E.T.	2nd Coy	Yes	
		Holmes J.P.	2nd Coy	Yes	
		McKinnon H.S.	2nd Coy	Yes	
		Paterson H.K.	2nd Coy	Yes	
Lieut	T/O	McGowan			
		Marchant J.C.	2nd Coy	Yes	
Lieut		Lyons E.H.	Bn 1/0	Yes	
		Lyons H.T.	Sperry	No	Partly Full
		Gray W.L.		No	Det 10 Dist by Bde
		Grant J.H.	Army Officer	Yes	
		Gibson G.W.	Pl. Comd.	Yes	
		Gordon R.B.		Yes	
		Hunter F.B.	Sperry	No	Det 10 Dist by Bde
		Harris E.C.	Sperry	Yes	
		Macdonald J.F.	2nd Coy	Yes	
		McGowan J.F.	2nd Coy	Yes	
		McGowan J.F.	2nd Coy	No	Det 10 Dist by Bde
		McGowan H.H.		Yes	
		Miller H.C.		No	Det 10 Dist by Bde
		McGowan J.F.	Sig. Officer	Yes	
		Grant J.H.	Pl. Comd.	Yes	
		McGowan J.F.		No	Partly Full
		McGowan J.F.	Pl. Comd.	Yes	
		Stanley E.A.		Yes	
		Thompson A.F.		Yes	
		Taylor H.B.	Army Officer	Yes	
		McGowan J.F.	2nd Coy	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		McGowan J.F.	ARMY	1 May 41	R.A.C.
Pl. Comd.		McGowan J.F.	ARMY	1 June 41	Chaplain

2/4th Aust. Inf. Battalion (Unit.)
11th July 1941 (Date of Despatch.)

R. Sturgeson (Signature of Commander.)
2/4th Aust. Inf. Battalion (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major		Sevenson J.R.	Main Comd	Yes	
		McGregor W.R.	Bn 2 1/2	Yes	
Capt		Futter J.C.		No	At 16 Aust Inf Bde
"		Gibson E.T.	OC B Coy	Yes	
"		Hutchison I.M.C.	OC D Coy	Yes	
"		MacKinnon A.S.	OC HQ Coy	Yes	
		Parbury P.K.	OC A Coy		
Lieut	T/Capt	Murchison A.C.	OC C Coy	Yes	
Lieut		Ayrton E.V.	Bn 1.0.	Yes	
		Byrne M.T.	Supernumerary	No	Rear Party JULIS
		Darwin W.L.		No	At 16 Aust Inf Bde
		Gall J.M.	Carrier Officer	Yes	
		Gibbins G.W.	P/Comd	Yes	
		Gordon R.A.	P/Comd	Yes	
		Haven F.B.	Supernumerary	No	At A.I.F. Small Arms School
		Herwig L.C.	Q.M.	Yes	
		Macdonald J.E.	Imc. Asst. Adjt		
		MacKay D.F.	P/Comd	Yes	
		McIntosh P.J.F.		No	At 16 Aust Inf Bde
		Murdoch M.H.	P/Comd	Yes	
		Paterson A.C.		No	At 16 Aust Inf Bde
		Riddall H.	Sig Officer	Yes	
		Reid F.T.M.	M.T.O.	Yes	
		Robertson D.J.		No	Rear Party JULIS
		Seward A.	P/Comd	Yes	
		Stanton F.A.	"	Yes	
		Turner H.B.	"	Yes	
		Williams D.F.	2 1/2 C Coy	Yes	
		Maitland F.J.V.	P/Comd	Yes	
		Carter E.B.	"	Yes	
		Michel R.F.	"	Yes	
		Stone L.L.	"	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Malesworth E.J.C.	A.A.M.C.	3 May 41	R.M.O.
Patrol		Swindlehurst L.M.	A.A.C.D.	3 June 41	Chaplain

2/3 Aust Inf BATTALION
(Unit.)
20th July 1941
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
17th Aust Inf BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major		Deane J P	4th Coy	Yes	
		Mickel W P	Bn 2 1/2	Yes	
Capt		Gibson E T	8 Coy	Yes	
		Hutchinson L M	3 Coy	Yes	
		Mackinnon A S	4 Coy	Yes	
		Barber			
Lieut	T/Capt	Mitchison I C	1 Coy	Yes	
		Walker E C	Bn 1st	Yes	
Lieut		Ayton E N	1 Coy	Yes	
		Angus C R	Pl Command	Yes	
		Byrne M T	Sp Coy	No	Att 2/1 Dn
		Clark E B	Pl Command	Yes	
		Gall J M	Carrier Coy	Yes	
		Gibson G W	Pl Command	Yes	
		Gordon R A		Yes	
		Haven F B		Yes	
		Hughes L C	P Coy	Yes	
		McLellan F E	1st Coy	Yes	
		McKay D F	Pl Command	Yes	
		McLellan F J V		Yes	Absent on Duty
		Michel R F		Yes	
		Murdoch M N		Yes	
		Randall J	Co Officer	Yes	
		Rudd F T M	Bn 2 1/2	Yes	Att 2/1 Dn
		Robertson D J		Yes	
		Seward A	Pl Command	Yes	
		Horton E A		Yes	
		Taylor H B	Carrier Officer	Yes	
		Williams D E	Pl Coy	Yes	
		Stone L L	Pl Command	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Molesworth E T C	AAMC	20 May 41	R.M.C.
Chaplain		Sumner L M	AAGD	21 June 41	Chaplain

42 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

R. J. ...
(Signature of Commander.)

27th July
(Date of Despatch.)

42nd Aust Inf Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 AUST INF BATTALION (Unit). 6th JULY 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Infantry, Royal Tank Corps, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarter units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	5	-	1
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	24		3
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	52		9
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	321		332
TOTALS	406	*	347

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Nx7596 Sgt Law JH	AAPC		
Nx7971 Cpl Wimmer E	AA Postal C		
Nx2993 Cpl Benton CE	AAOC		
Nx4818 Sgt Stock CF	AAMC		
Vx4539 Sig. TR Neenan	6 Div Sigs		
Vx1116 Sig. Margetts D	6 Div Sigs		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
Nx15463	Cpl	Kellett M H		16 th I T B

43 AUST INF BATTALION Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Saddle Tree Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Wheelers																		
General duty personnel										1	1	13		9	352	347		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										1	1	13		9	352	347		

2/3 AUST INF BATTALION

Unit.

Date of Despatch 6th JULY 1941

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.
17th AUST INF BDE.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 AVST INF BATTALION (Unit). 13th JULY 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Infantry, Royal Tank Corps, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarter units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	5	-	1
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4	-	41
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	24	-	3
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	49	-	12
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	291	-	362
TOTALS	373	* -	* 380

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Nx7596 Sgt Law JH	AAFC		
Nx7971 Cpl. Winner E	AA Postal C.		
Nx2993 Cpl Penton CG	AAOC		
Vx4539 Sig. TR Neeman	6 Div. Sigs		
Vx1116 Sig D Margetts	6 Div. Sigs		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
Nx15463	Cpl	Kellett M H	2/3 Bn	16 th I.T.B

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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																1	1
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																1	1
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																4	4
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
Carriers (Drivers)																8	8
Mortar Personnel																16	16
Anti Aircraft (Bron Gunners)																9	9
Pioneers (Non Specialists)																6	6
Equipment Repairer																1	1
General duty personnel										1	1	1	3	-	11317	334	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										1	1	1	3	-	12362	380	

2/3 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Unit.

Date of Despatch

13th JULY 1941

R. Stevenson
Signature of Commander.
17th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BDE.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

43 AVIATION INF BATTALION (Unit). 20 JULY 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	5	-	1
W.Os. Class II.	5	-	1
W.Os. Class III.	5	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4	-	1
Staff Serjeants	5	-	1
Serjeants	24	-	3
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	5	-	1
Corporals	51	-	10
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, etc.	320	-	333
TOTALS	404	*	407

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX 7596 Sgt Low JH	AA P.C.		
VX 7971 Cpl Munier E	AA Postal C		
VX 2993 Cpl Parker CG	AA O.C.		
VX 4539 Sgt Newman JH (RM)	6 Div Sigs		
VX 1116 Sgt Margoth D	6 Div Sigs		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
VX 15463	Spl	Keller M.H.	43 Bw	16 th I TB

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 ...																	1		1	
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																		8		8
" " (Wheeled) ...																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																		1		1
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																		1		1
Motor Mechanics																		6		6
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																		4		4
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>Motor Personnel</i>																			16	16
<i>Anti-Aircraft (Barr. Gunners)</i>																			9	9
General duty personnel ...											11		13				9	25	303	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											11		13				10333	349		

313 AUST INF BATTALION Unit.

H. Steerman
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *20th JULY 1941*

17th AUST INF BDE
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 Avst INF. BN (Unit) 27th JULY 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	5		
Serjeants	23		4
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	60		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	351		302
TOTALS	446	1	308

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Nx7546 Sgt Low JH	AA PC		
Nx7971 Cpl Winner E	AA Postal C		
VX2903 Cpl Penton CA	AA OC		
VX4539 Sig Heeman TR (MM)	6 Div Sigs		
VX1116 Sig Margetts D	6 Div Sigs		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
Nx15013	Cpl	Kellett M H	4/3 Bn	16 th I T B

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	2	
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			10	10
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																			1	1
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																			10	10
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																			2	2
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																			6	6
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
Anti-Aircraft (non-Gunner)																			10	10
Mortar Personnel																			16	16
General duty personnel		1							1	1				4					24	25
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).	1								1	1				4					30	30

2/3 Aust Inf Bn
Unit.
Date of Despatch 27th July 1941

Signature of Commander.
175 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET.
Copy No. 1
23 Jul 41.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No. 8.

INFORMATION:

1. There is no further information other than that contained in Intelligence Summaries issued by higher formations, and orders for handing over of arms have NOT yet been received.
2. Concentration of FRENCH tps is proceeding satisfactorily.
3. FRENCH authorities have objected to the carrying out of recce by us, but these are to be continued notwithstanding.
4. STEVENSON Gp is reconstituted as follows:-
 - 6 Aust Cav less A and B Sqns and three tps C Sqn.
 - 2/5 Aust Fd Regt less 9 Bty and det 10 Bty.
 - 2 Sec 2/9 Aust Fd Coy.
 - 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
5. Following confirms verbal orders issued earlier.

INTENTION:

6. STEVENSON Gp will carry out following tasks:-
 - (a) INFANTRY -
 - (i) Patrols for general information and "show the flag." duties.
 - (ii) Survey of beaches for possible landing areas.
 - (iii) Recce of defensive positions covering main routes from NORTH and EAST.
 - (iv) Select site for 30 yds ranges and give estimate of amm required for practice.
 - (b) ENGINEERS -
 - (i) Data as to work required to repair main roads.
 - (ii) Plan for demolition of bridges, cuttings, etc..
NOTE. Only those bridges and cuttings that would form a definite obstacle if demolished - Plan only - preparation not required.
 - (iii) Survey of technical equipment other than arty equipment and explosives, including location, plan for control storage and estimate of guards required.
NOTE. FRENCH occupied territory will NOT be entered unless through arrangements made by Bde LO through this HQ with FRENCH Forces.
 - (iv) Suitable bivouac areas and water supply.
 - (v) Control of 4 Motor Launches at HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. Application for use to be made through BM.
 - (c) CAVALRY -
 - (i) Recce of coastal plains in KING Gp area and MONAGHAN Gp area with regard to use by enemy for landing parachute of air-borne tps.
 - (ii) Plan for handling of possible air-borne attack on plains
NOTE. Cav Staff Officer will arrange with Comd STEVENSON Gp for Cav recce parties to be made available for recce of plain in MONAGHAN Gp area and will arrange for distribution of any extra A.Vs required by Gp Comd for recce. Recce of plain in KING Gp area will be made by M/C patrols from STEVENSON Gp under arrangements made by Maj J.E. ABBOTT and a copy of report submitted to Comd KING Gp.

(d) FIELD ARTILLERY.-(1)Preparations for following possible role:-

- (1). Fire on main routes out of TRIPOLI.
- (2- Engage seaward attacks by enemy.
- (3) Training.
 - (ii) Survey of arty technical equipment.
 - (iii) Recce of OPs etc. in conjunction with inf task(iii).
 - (iv) Calibration of guns. Submit proposal covering area required and estimate of amm both own and FRENCH with time and date of firing.
 - (v) Report on arty amm and SAA in dumps.

NOTE. As for Engineer Task(iii).

METHOD.

7. (a) Recce parties will be made up as follows:-

1	Inf Offr.)	
3	ORs (Rifle Coy).)	
1	OR (Intelligence Sec)))	
1	Signaller.) 2/3 Bn)	per rifle coy.
1	Pioneer.)	
	Small Party 6 Aust Cav)	
	Small Party 2/5 Aust Fd Regt)	
	Small Party 2/9 Aust Fd Coy.)	

(b) Duty coy will NOT carry out recce during tour of duty.

8. Tasks laid down for eng., cav. and arty. will be carried out by party mentioned in para. 7(a) in conjunction with inf recce. OC recce party from these sub-units will liaise with coy cmd each evening regarding following day's recce. Separate recces will NOT be carried out by sub-units without prior reference to Gp Comd.
9. Parties will leave Gp area by 0800 hrs and return by 1600 hrs daily. Under no circumstances will recce parties enter the town of TRIPOLI.

REPORTS.

10. (a) Daily recce reports will be submitted to Gp HQ by all arms by 1200 hrs on following day. Reports received will be consolidated and forwarded to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. Sub-units will NOT report direct to Bde HQ.

(b) Reports should conform to guide set out in FSPB Pam 3 (1939) Sec 9. In describing roads, no description other than a classification as set out in that sec need be given.

ADM.

11. Detailed Adm arrangements are the subject of separate instructions and routine orders.
12. Leave will be continuous and swimming along beaches in sq 166280 is to be encouraged.
13. Welfare will be administered by Maj PALMER - Salvation Army.

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DISTRIBUTION:

E. J. Walker
Capt.

Copy No. 1	- HQ Coy	6	- 6 Aust Cav.	<u>Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.</u>
2	- A Coy	7	- 2/5 Aust Fd Regt	
3	- B Coy	8	- Sec 2/9 Aust Fd Coy	11 - RMO
4	- C Coy	9	- CO	12 - 17 Aust Inf Bde
5	- D Coy	10	- Bn 2 i/c	13/15 - War Diary

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Place	Date 1941	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Aug 1		Capt. E. J. C. Molesworth, RMO, evacuated to hospital.	
	1/31		Recce patrols continued, inspection of area made for vulnerable bridges, or any signs of sabotage. Guards established on two bridges in HALBE area. Tripoli picquet maintained; leave to Beyrouth; swimming parades; training rendered spasmodic by duties. Weather becoming slightly cooler.	
		4	Congratulatory messages on Syrian campaign from Minister for Army and H.M. Amir Abdalla.	
		6	It was promulgated in R.Os. that the basis of exchange would be 2/10d. Australian for £S1, or £S8.83 for £P1, and that in future pays would be in Syrian currency. Great dissatisfaction was expressed as it was possible to obtain up to £S10 for £P1 from the money-changers and shops. Receipt of an instruction emanating from 1 Aust Corps for apprehension of the Vichy French Army and Air Force leaders, Generals Dentz and Jaennikyns respectively. Lt.Col. Stevenson was ordered to arrest the latter, the operation assisted by Lieut. Bartello (English Army) to act generally as interpreter and interviewing officer, and Lieut. D. E. Williams (2/3 Bn) to assist in case any active opposition was encountered. A defensive party from the 2/3 Bn was to be at call. Zero hour was to be 1530 hrs 7 Aug 41.	
		87	At 0100 hrs Lt. Col. At 0800 hrs the defensive parties (B and C Coys) were ordered to stand to. Road blocks were established on the roads, Tripoli/Beirut, Tripoli/Latakia. At 1530 hrs the operation commenced, and Lt. Col. Stevenson apprehended General Dentz and handed him over to Brigadier S. Savage of the 17 Aust Inf Bde. Lt.Col. Stevenson, Lieut. Bartello and Lieut. Williams then proceeded to the French Air Force HQ, Tripoli, to locate General Jaennikyns. They were there informed that the General was in Beirut at the Commission of Control centre. Inquiries at the two road blocks revealed that at about 1800 hrs a dark blue sedan car had approached within approx. 300 yds of each one and then returned in the direction it had come. Further road blocks were established on the Baalbeck road at Les Cedres at the Chekka road-tunnel and on the Aleppo Road from Latakia. A message was sent to Lt.Col. Cameron of 84 L. of C. Sub-Area, Beirut, regarding General Jaennikyns reported presence in Beirut and instructing his apprehension. At 2120 hrs a message was received from HQ 7 Aust Div that General Jaennikyns was not in Beirut and instructing Lt.Col. Stevenson to locate him. Lt.Col. Stevenson accompanied by Lieut. Bartello and a French Liaison Officer then proceeded to French Air Force HQ, arriving there at 2200 hrs, where they were informed that the General was at his residence. General Jaennikyns was apprehended at his residence in Tripoli. Capt. P. K. Parbury, O.C. "A" Coy, and Padre W.P. Hart rejoined the unit.	
		8	At 0100 hrs Lt.Col. Stevenson and party left Tripoli with General Jaennikyns. Arrived at 11 Aust Corps at Aley at 0230 hrs. The Duty Officer advised that the G.O.C. 1 Aust Corps was	

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WAR DIARY

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OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Place	Date 1941	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Aug	8	at his residence and the party could either stay the night at a local hotel or proceed to Jerusalem. Lt.Col. Stevenson decided to continue on to Jerusalem and arrived there at Force HQ and handed over General Jaennikyns at 0915 hrs. At 0700 hrs the defensive parties received instructed to "stand down". Capt. F. G. Hassett was seconded to 6 Aust Div HQ as from 26 Jul 41.	
		9	Capt. E. T. Gibson was seconded to 16 I.T.B.	
		13	Lt.Col. Stevenson Lt.Col. D. J. Lamb was placed upon the Regimental Supernumary List as from 25 Jun 41.	
		21	Major J.R. Stevenson was promoted to the rank of Temporary Lt.Col. and appointed to command vice Lt.Col. D. J. Lamb, both promotion and appointment to date from 25 Jun 41.	
		22	Lieut. D.E. Williams and party left for Jebel Mazar to endeavour to obtain information about Lieut. C.W. Hildebrandt, reported as missing in action at Jebel Mazar.	
		24	Lieut. Williams reported that Lieut. Hildebrandt had been killed and was buried in Damascus cemetery.	
		26	Bn commenced to move into Behjatt Ghanem Barracks, which were found to be ⁱⁿ a foul and filthy condition.	
		29	Battalion settled into Barracks.	
		28/29	NAAFI Concert Party performed in Behjatt Ghanem Barracks; there were good attendances both nights.	

R.A.P. REPORT

- Aug 1.) Routine work. Syrian Sores and Sandfly Fever. Latter being
Aug 2.) heavier. Most cases evacuated to Italian Hospital, Tripoli.
Aug 3. M.Os. batman returned. M.O. in hospital. Capt Kenny replaced by
Capt Day 2/4 Aust Fd Amb.
Aug 4.) Routine work. Syrian Sores nearly cleaned up. Sandfly fever not
Aug 25.) so prevalent. Since being in Syria there has been quite a number
of cases of Malaria. These are prevalent in other Bns. Quite a
number of cases of listlessness have been noticed in this Bn.

M. J. Alexander sgt.

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3 Aug 41.

88. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 3 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H. 2. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"A" Coy.
Next for Duty	"C" Coy.
Water Guard Coy.	"A" Coy.
Next for Duty	"B" Coy.

89. SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP.

The following order is repeated and will be promulgated to all ranks of 2/3 Bn by reading on two occasions and by display on a notice board for one week. A Certificate to that effect will be rendered to this HQ by coy comds by 12 Aug 41:-

"Regulations for the contents of correspondence:-

Allusions to any of the following matters are forbidden at all times in private correspondence during a war, whether relating to naval, military or air forces or operations:-

- (i) Strength, efficiency, morale or organization of our forces, including any comment on the absence or presence in the theatre of war of a unit or formation, or disclosure regarding the formation to which any unit is attached or belongs;
- (ii) Location or movement of any naval, military or air force units or detachments; arrival or lack of reinforcements;
- (iii) Armament or equipment of any kind;
- (iv) Distinguishing signs used for the identification of formations, units and their transport;
- (v) Plans and forecasts of orders for future operations, whether known or merely rumoured or surmised;
- (vi) Communications - such as the use, condition or probable extensions of roads, railways or other transportation facilities, bridging operations etc;
- (vii) State of the maintenance services, including any references to reserves;
- (viii) Position or description of billets, bivouacs, or camps;
- (ix) Casualties before official publication;
- (x) Effect of any action by the enemy. Any remark which might tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause despondency in our own forces or people, or to incite a feeling of hostility among the people in the theatre of war or in neutral countries;
- (xi) Criticisms and statements calculated to bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.

2. Private correspondence in the field will be in plain language. Codes, ciphers and shorthand will not be permitted. Picture postcards will be suppressed by franking officers if they may in any way disclose the writer's present or past location, or the route by which the movements of the writer's unit have taken place. It is not permitted either in the address or text of correspondence to connect the name of a place with that of a unit, or the name of a unit with the designation of an army post office.

3. It is forbidden to send, or to attempt to send, to unauthorized persons:-

- (i) Official documents, including intelligence summaries, orders, reports, maps, etc., or to disclose their contents except in the course of duty;
- (ii) Any document captured from the enemy, or found in places occupied by the enemy, and any document containing information about the enemy;
- (iii) Any official document belonging to the civil authorities in allied or enemy territory.

4. It is forbidden to despatch to neutral or enemy countries:-

Photographs or pictorial matter of any kind, from whatever source they may have been obtained.

5. It is forbidden to communicate to the Press except through the duly authorized channel.

6. It is forbidden to send through the post photographs or films except those taken under proper authority.

7. It is forbidden to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting correspondence with strangers, or to enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such advertisements or invitations.

The greatest caution and reserve are necessary in acknowledging presents from unknown donors, in replying to trade circulars from unknown merchants and dealers. Replies to circulars from neutral countries are forbidden.

8. It is forbidden to make use of the civil postal service in a theatre of operations, or to transmit correspondence by the hand of an officer, soldier, or civilian proceeding outside the theatre of operations, except by a recognised military messenger service.

Under no circumstances will correspondence or parcels of any nature be posted until duly censored and signed by an officer, and stamped with a unit security stamp.

90. PREVENTION OF MALARIA.

All tps proceeding on day leave extending later than 1800 hrs will wear K.D. slacks. M.T. drivers will carry K.D. slacks in their vehicles.

All ranks will in future wear K.D. slacks after 1800 hrs daily.

A. J. Stevenson
Capt.

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

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5 Aug 41.

92. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 5 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy. H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty H.Q. Coy.

Stand By Coy. "A" Coy.
Next for duty "A" Coy.

Water Picquet Coy. "A" Coy.
Next for Duty "A" Coy.

O.C. 2-day leave party Lieut. F. B. Haven.

TOWN GUARD, TRIPOLI, to mount 5 Aug 41:-

O.C. Town Guard To be nominated by 2/5 Aust Fd Regt.
1 Offr and 12 ORs To be nominated by GULP.
1 Offr and 12 ORs To be nominated by RINO
1 Offr and 12 ORs To be nominated by SANG "A"?

J. McDonald Lieut.

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93. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 6 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.

Security (Stand By) Coy.	"A" Coy.
Next for Duty	"A" Coy.

Water Guard Coy.	"A" Coy.
Next for Duty	"A" Coy.

94. ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY.

(a) Electricity and Water Supply Companies have been instructed to render accounts for services supplied to Military billets direct to A.H.O. These accounts will then be submitted to the occupying unit for certification and return to A.H.O. who will arrange the payment.

(b) In the event of any accounts being submitted direct to units, they will first of all check readings on meters, certify if correct, and forward to A.H.O.

(c) It is important for units first occupying billets to note the readings on electricity and water meters.

(d) No bill which includes amounts for other than Military consumption can be passed for payment. Where the hiring applies only to part of the building, the A.H.O. is arranging for the installation of separate meters in the part of military occupation.

(e) A.H.O. is located at I Aust Corps.

95. PREVENTION OF DIARRHOEA.

Fruits and salads are important factors in the prevalence of diarrhoea. NO fruit is to be eaten until it has been washed and peeled. All fruit and salad vegetables must be washed for thirty minutes in water to which has been added water sterilizing powder - one teaspoonfull to one gallon.

96. BANK ACCOUNTS - PERSONNEL.

Personnel who have opened private banking accounts in the Middle East will furnish particulars thereof through unit HQ to the Chief Paymaster, A.I.F. This information is required in order that balances of bank accounts held by deceased personnel will not be overlooked.

97. PAY IN SYRIA.

Arrangements have been made to commence payment to troops in Syrian currency as from next issue of pay.

The basis for paybook entries will be:-

ONE SYRIAN POUND	-	Equivalent to 2/10d. Australian.
FIVE SYRIAN POUNDS	-	Equivalent to 14/2d. "
TEN SYRIAN POUNDS	-	Equivalent to 28/4d. "

Entries will be made to the nearest £5 SYRIAN or £10 SYRIAN, and multiples thereof, except in the case of credits below 14/2d. Australian, and members on restricted rate.

E.S. Wilson
Capt.

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

NOTICE: Found - watch, engraved "M Gallagher" with date and army no. Owner may collect at "Q" Branch, HQ 7 Aust Div.

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(b) In the event of any accounts being omitted direct to units, they will first of all check readings on meters, certify if correct, and forward to A.H.O.

(c) It is important for units that occupying billets to note the readings on electricity and water meters.

(d) No bill which includes amounts for other than military consumption can be passed for payment. Where the hiring applied only to part of the building, the A.H.O. is arranging for the installation of separate meters in the part of military occupation.

(e) A.H.O. is located at 1 Aust Corps.

PREVAILING OF DIARRHOEA

Diarrhoea and other ailments are important factors in the prevalence of dysentery. No fruit is to be eaten until it has been washed and peeled. All fruit and salad vegetables must be washed for thirty minutes in water to which has been added water softening powder - one teaspoonful to one gallon.

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Personnel who have opened private banking accounts in the Middle East will furnish particulars thereof through unit HQ to the Chief Paymaster, A.I.P. This information is required in order that balances of bank accounts held by deceased personnel will not be overlooked.

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Arrangements have been made to commence payment to troops in Syria currency as from next issue of pay.

The basis for paybook entries will be:-

ONE SYRIAN POUND	-	equivalent to 2/10d. Australian
FIVE SYRIAN POUNDS	-	equivalent to 10/5d.
TEN SYRIAN POUNDS	-	equivalent to 20/5d.

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98. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 7 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.
Security (Stand By Coy)	"C" Coy.
Next for Duty	"B" Coy.
Water Picquet	"A" Coy.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount
 8 Aug 41 at 1800 hrs:-

O.C.	Capt. P. K. Parbury
Detachments of 1 Offr. and 12 ORs.) Provided by "C" Coy 2/3 Bn. 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. 6 Aust Cav.

99. FISHING.

The practice of using GRENADES or EXPLOSIVES for fishing is to cease forthwith. The local administration has made strong representations to A.I.F. Comd, TRIPOLI, and have pointed out that fishing by explosives is forbidden under severe penalty by the civil law of the country.

The native fishermen are adopting explosives as an alternative to nets and lines with a very great risk of accidents and the civil powers have very little chance of preventing the natives from using explosives when troops persist in this method.

100. SECURITY - USE OF HEADED STATIONERY.

Headed note-paper showing the name of units or the address of hotels, names of towns etc., will not be used when writing letters.

101. LEAVE AND DUTY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE. (2/3 AUST INF BN).

Subsistence is allowed to personnel on 2-days leave or more to SYRIA, PALLESTINE or EGYPT. Claims must be supported by leave or duty passes. Where more than one person is claiming subsistence the claim will be made on form TS.5a. Claims will be submitted weekly by coys. and will be signed by coy. comds.

102. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS (2/3 Aust. Inf. Bn),

Disciplinary action will in future be taken in all cases of lost paybooks. No application for a new paybook will be considered until receipt by the Pay Sgt. through proper channels of A.F. B.252 showing punishment awarded (if any) and recommendation by officer awarding punishment for renewal of paybook.

Applications for new paybooks will not be made except through the Unit Pay Sgt.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Capt.

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8 Aug 41.

102. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 8 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	R.S. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"B" Coy.
Next for Duty	"A" Coy.
Water Picquet	"B" Coy.
Next for Duty	"A" Coy.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs 8 Aug 41:-

O.C.	Capt. P. L. Parbury.
Detachments, each of)	"C" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
1 Offr. and 12 ORs.,)	2/5 Aust Fd Regt.
from -)	6 Aust Cav.

103. DRESS - WEARING OF CAPS (2/3 AUST INF BN).

The wearing of caps SD Officers by ORs except N.Os will cease forthwith.

MT drivers when driving a vehicle may wear caps MT.

Caps SD Officers worn by WOs will be of the stiff wired type. Under no circumstances will soft caps be worn by WOs.


Capt.
Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

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104. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 9 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	H.Q. Coy.
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy.	"A" Coy.
Next for Duty	
Water Picquet	"A" Coy.
Next for Duty	

105. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

In future two quinine (malaria) tablets will be taken daily by all ranks.

106. CHURCH SERVICES. 10 Aug 41.

(a) Holy Communion will be celebrated as follows:-

In HQ Coy Mess Room at 0830 hrs;
In "A" Coy lines at 0930 hrs;
In "D" Coy lines at 1030 hrs.

(b) Mass (Roman Catholic) will be held as follows:-

H.Q. Coy Mess Room at 0630 hrs;
In 2/5 Aust Fd Regt lines at 0830 hrs for personnel of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt and of 4/9 Aust Fd Coy;
In 6 Aust Cav lines at 1000 hrs for personnel of 6 Aust Cav.

107. PUNISHMENTS BY COURT-MARTIAL.

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

(a) A private soldier, convicted of charges of obtaining money by means of forgery of a soldier's pay book (A.A.41), of stealing a cheque (A.A.41) and of A.W.L. (A.A.15(1)) was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for two years.

(b) A private soldier was convicted of charges of attempted stealing of beer and of assault (both charges under A.A.41). He was sentenced to 120 days' detention.

(c) A private soldier, convicted of charges of possessing a forged duty pass (A.A.40), improperly wearing the rank badges of a sergeant (A.A.40), giving a false name to the military police (A.A.40), disobeying a lawful command (A.A.9(2)), using insubordinate language to his superior officer (A.A.8(2)), and being twice A.W.L. (A.A.15(1)), was sentenced to detention for one year and one month.

(d) A private soldier, convicted of uttering a forged document and endeavouring to obtain money on another forged document (both charges under A.A.41), was sentenced to detention for one year.

(e) A private soldier convicted of charges of using threatening language

to his superior officer and of using insubordinate language to his superior officer (both charges under A.A.3(2)), was sentenced to 75 days' detention.


(f) A private soldier, convicted of charges of improperly using an army vehicle without authority (A.A.40), improperly drawing petrol without authority (A.A.40), and A.V.L. (A.A.15(1)), was sentenced to 90 days' detention.

(g) A private soldier, convicted of charges of desertion (A.A.12(1)) and unlawfully taking and driving away a private motor vehicle without proper authority (A.A.41) was sentenced to imprisonment without hard labour for eighteen months.

(h) A private soldier, convicted of charges of stealing property (a watch) belonging to a person subject to military law (A.A.18(4)), improperly wearing the rank badges of a lieutenant (A.A.40), improperly wearing the rank badges of a sergeant (A.A.40), and when in lawful custody, escaping (A.A.22) was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for one year and to be discharged with ignominy.

108. DUTY AND LEAVE PASSES.

All passes issued after this date will be returned to issuing office on expiration of period of duty or leave.

 Capt.

Adj. t STEVENSON GROUP.

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10 Aug 41

109. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 10 Aug 41:-

	Duty Coy	Hq Coy
	Next for Duty	Hq Coy
5	Stand By Coy	"C" Coy
	Next for Duty	"B" Coy
	Water Picquet	"C" Coy
	Next for Duty	"B" Coy

O.C. 2-day Leave Party, BEYROUTH, 11 Aug 41 - Lieut. F. J. V.
Haitland.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount
1800 hrs 11 Aug 41:-

O.C.	To be supplied by 6 Aust Cav
Detachments, each of)	6 Aust Cav
1 Offr & 12 ORs, from)	2/5 Aust Pd Regt
	"B" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

J. Stevenson

Lieut for Capt.

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11 Aug 41

110. DUTY.

The following duties will be at 1800 hrs 11 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy. Next for Duty	R.I. Coy. R.Q. Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy. Next for Duty	"A" Coy. "C" Coy.
Water Picquet Next for Duty	"A" Coy. "C" Coy.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, THIRP, to mount 1800 hrs on 11 Aug 41:-

C.C. Detachments, each of 1) S/Sr and 12 SAs, from)	To be supplied by 6 Asst Cos. "D" Coy 2/3 Asst Inf Bn 6 Asst Cos 2/3 Asst Inf Regt.
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111. PROMOTION.

On 25 Jul 41 at JERUSALEM, No. 111157 Lieut. George Bartholomew Sidley King, 2/3 Asst Inf Bn, was tried by a General Court-Martial convened by Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Blamey, G.C., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C. AIF (M.C.) On the first charge sheet the accused was arraigned on the following charges:-

- (I) When on active service, committing a civil offence, that is to say, maliciously damaging property, contrary to Section 41 of the Malicious Damage Act, 1861, in that he, at Cairo at about 1830 hrs on 4 May 1941, unlawfully and maliciously damaged a motor car No. 25346, the property of Arabon Mohamed Farhan, by firing a revolver bullet through the roof thereof, thereby causing injury to the value of not more than £2,500 in Palestinian currency - (AA Sec. 41);
- (II) (Alternative to 1st Charge) - When on active service, drunkenness, in that he, at Cairo at about 1830 hrs on 4 May 1941, was drunk (A.A. Sec. 19).

On the second charge sheet the accused was arraigned on the following charges:-

When on active service, drunkenness, in that he, at "Larvia Cabaret", Cairo, on 19 May 41 at about 2130 hrs was drunk - (AA Sec 19).

The accused pleaded in bar to the charges in the first charge sheet that the alleged offences had been condoned. The court overruled the plea, and upon being re-arraigned the accused pleaded guilty to the first charge in the first charge sheet, and the second charge in the first charge sheet was withdrawn by the prosecutor before arraignment. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge in the second charge sheet.

The court found the accused guilty of the first charge in the first charge sheet and guilty of the charge in the second charge sheet. On 25 July 41 the court sentenced the accused to take rank and precedence in his corps and in the Army as if his appointment as Lieutenant bore date the first day of July 1941, and to be fined Twenty Australian pounds.

On 5 Aug 41 Lieut. General Sir Thomas Blamey, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. A.I.F. (M.E.) confirmed the finding of the Court that the plea in bar of trial was not proved and also confirmed the findings and sentence of the court.

112. PROMULGATION.

On 23 Jul 41 at Khassa, No. BX 13334, Lieut. Mervyn Joseph Byrne, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, was tried by a General Court Martial convened by Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Blamey, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. A.I.F. (M.E.) The accused was arraigned on the following charge:-

When on active service, absenting himself without leave, in that he, at Julis, absented himself without leave from 0900 hrs 19 May 41 until 1330 hrs on 22 May 41 - (A.A. Sec 15(1)).

The accused was convicted on the charge.

On 23 Jul 41 the court sentenced the accused to take rank and precedence in his corps and in the Army as if his appointment as Lieutenant bore date the 23rd day of July 1941, and to be fined Twenty Australian pounds.

On 5 Aug 41 the finding and sentence of the court were confirmed by Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Blamey, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. A.I.F. (M.E.)

C. H. Brown Keen for Capt.

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12 Aug 41

113. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 12 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy
Next for Duty

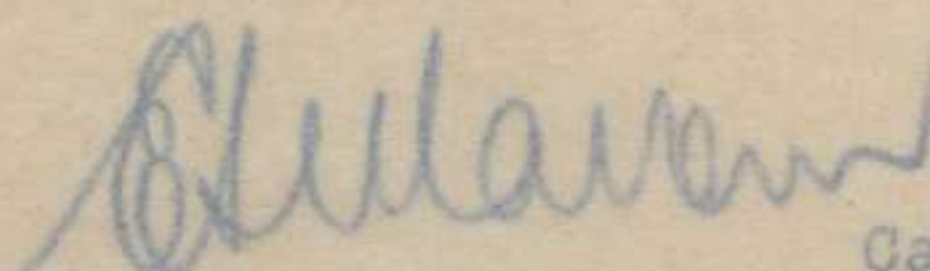
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HQ Coy

Security (Stand By) Coy
Next for Duty

"E" Coy
"A" Coy

Water Picquet
Next for Duty

"C" Coy
"A" Coy



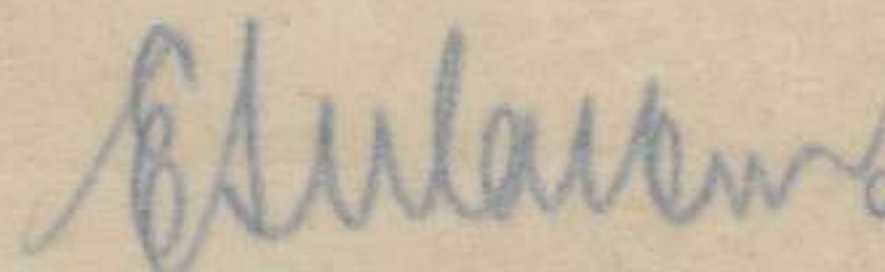
Capt.

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

AFTER-ORDER.

114. PROMULGATION.

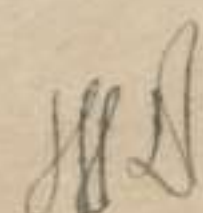
It is advised that the General Court Martial which convicted NX.8759 LIEUT. P. A. L. RICKARD, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, now deceased as PTE. P. A. L. RICKARD, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn, on a charge of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline (.A.A.Sec.40) has been quashed by the G.O.C. A.I.F. (M.E.)



Capt.

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

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13 Aug 41

115. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 13 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Security Coy & Water Platoon	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"C" Coy

The following will comprise the Town Guard, YALFOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs 14 Aug 41:-

O.C.	To be supplied by 2/5 Fd Regt
Detachments, each of)	"A" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
1 Cdr & 12 O.Ns.)	6 Aust Cav
	2/5 Aust Fd Regt

116. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The following officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry to investigate and report on the death in an accident on Rd AARTOU-DANAS on 1 Jul 41 of NX.5612 Cpl. J. Sumner:-

Capt. A. G. Murchison MC	President
Lieut. J. W. Gall	Member
Lieut. P. J. M. Reid	Member

Proceedings will reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 16 Aug 41.

117. GAMBLING.

Attention is drawn to the following provision of A.M.E. & G. 323:- "Gambling in a camp or other military premises is forbidden."

The game of "Two-up" is forbidden within or in the vicinity of any military camp, premises, club or institute in bounds to members of the A.I.F.

Members of the A.I.F. are forbidden to take part in any such game of "Two-up". Taking part in the game includes "keeping the ring" or being present at a "Two-up School."

118. ACCEPTANCE OF CASH DEPOSITS IN PAYBOOKS.

Unless accompanied by written approval from the C.O. that the money was lawfully obtained, amounts in excess of £55 will not be accepted for credit in paybooks.

119. CHANGE IN SENIORITY OF OFFICERS.

By summary award of the Commander, A.I.F. (M.E.) Base Area, Lieut. G. L. Cahill, 3/5 Aust Inf Bn, takes seniority in his unit and in the Army as though his appointment as Lieut. bore the date 10th April 1941.

120. EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMPANY PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL.

Recently men have arrived at medical units without their mess gear. Any soldier who is evacuated from his unit will be accompanied by his complete personal kit - but NOT his mosquito net.

121. STOLEN VEHICLES.

Reports have been received that vehicles are being stolen under varying circumstances. In some cases they have been taken from city streets, and in others removed from unit lines. The stealing or unauthorized use of military vehicles by AIF personnel will be made a Court-Martial offence, and in the case of a stolen vehicle being found in the possession of a unit other than that to which the vehicle is on charge, the C.O. of the unit in which the vehicle is located will be held responsible.

No army vehicle is to be left unattended in a city street, and strict precautions will be taken by all officers in charge of transport to ensure that the vehicles in their charge are not removed by any unauthorized person.

122. BOUNDS - AIF SOPAR.

This town is in bounds to troops, with the exception of the GRAND CASINO HOTEL which is out of bounds to G.Rs. The village of BEAUMONT is out of bounds to all troops.

123. BOUNDS.

It is notified that the town of ZAHLE is out of bounds to all G.Rs. except as follows:-

- (a) To parties under charge of an officer.
- (b) To personnel in possession of a pass signed by an officer authorising a visit to ZAHLE.

124. DISCIPLINE.

All officers and W.Os.I will carry revolvers at all times.

125. MEDICAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Owing to the possibility of Rabies and the prevalence of Hydatid disease among dogs the latter animals will on no account be permitted in Barracks or Camps.

Edwin

Capt.

ADIT STEVENSON GROUP.

OFFICERS CLUB. CERCLE DES OFFICIERS, Rue de Cours, is now open to all French and British officers. Lunch, tea and dinner are served. Prices for drinks will be at RAAPI rates.

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14 Aug 41

126. DUTIES.

The following Duties will mount at 1800 hrs 14 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Stand By Coy & Water Picquet	"O" Coy
O.C. Town Guard, TRIPOLI	Lieut. L. F. Nicks.
Detachments, each of)	A Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
1 Offr and 12 ORs.)	B Coy 2/3c Aust Inf Bn
	2/5 Aust Pd Regt.

127. CHURCH SERVICES.

Roman Catholic Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will be held in HQ Coy Mess Room, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn at 0830 hrs 15 Aug 41.

Comds are requested to make available as many men as are desirous of attending.

J. R. Stevenson

Capt.

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

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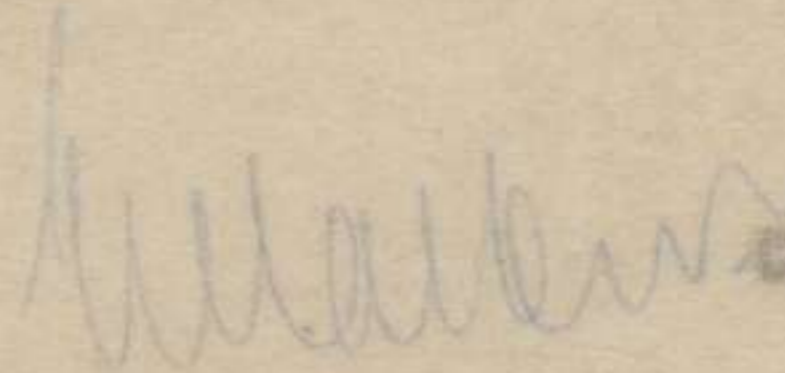
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100. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 10 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy. Next for Duty	Hq Coy. Hq Coy.
Security (Stand By) Coy Next for Duty	"A" Coy. "C" Coy.
Water Guard Next for Duty	"D" Coy. "E" Coy.

G.C. 2-day leave party, SHYRSTON, 10 Aug 41 : Lieut. F. A. Stanton.


Capt.

ACJT STEVENSON TRUP.

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129. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 16 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Security (Stand By) Coy	"C" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy
Water Picquet	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy

The following will comprise the town guard, TRIPOLI, to mount 17 Aug 41 at 1800 hrs:-

O.C.	Lieut. F. J. V. Maitland.
1 Offr and 18 ORs.	"C" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2 Offrs and 18 ORs.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt.

130. BOUNDS.

PHOTO KEMAL-TELL STREET, TRIPOLI, is placed out of bounds to all ranks.

131. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following received today from the Australian Comforts Fund:-

519 pkts. cigarettes;
276 tins tomato soup;
12 pkts air mail paper;
2 boxes envelopes.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following received from the 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Comforts Fund:-

10 cartons assorted goods.

E. J. Maitland
Capt.

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/5 Aust Fd Regt	Adjt
2/9 Aust Fd Coy	RMO
HQ Coy	QM
A Coy	MTO
B Coy	IQ
C Coy	RSM
D Coy	Pay Sgt
CO	File
Bn 2 1/c	War Diary (3)

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132. DUTIES.

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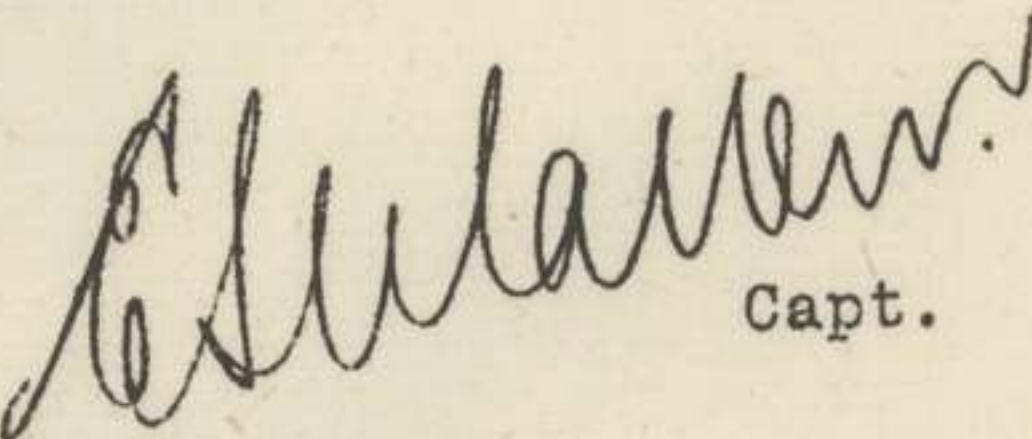
Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Security (Stand By) Coy	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"A" Coy
Water Picquet	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"A" Coy

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs 17 Aug 41:-

O.C.	Lieut. F. J. V. Maitland.
1 Offr and 18 ORs	"C" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2 Offrs and 18 ORs	2/5 Aust Fd Regt.

133. BOUNDS.

The town of ALEY is out of bounds for leave to ORs of this Group.


Capt.

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/5 Aust Fd Regt	Bn 2 i/c
6 Aust Cav	Adjt
2/9 Aust Fd Coy	RMO
HQ Coy	QM
A Coy	MTO
B Coy	IO
C Coy	RSM
D Coy	Pay Sgt
17 Aust Inf Bde	File
CO	War Diary (3).

180. TRIPOLI - BEYROUTH

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134. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 18 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Stand By Coy	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"C" Coy
Water Guard	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"C" Coy

O.C. BEYROUTH leave picquet, 19 Aug 41 Capt A. G. Murchison, M.C.

135. ANTI-MALARIAL MEASURES.

There is still some neglect of the malarial protective measures laid down in Gp. R.O. no. 5 of 19 Jul 41.

Already there have been over 500 cases within the Division including 5 deaths, and the bad season has NOT yet begun.

Every endeavour will be made immediately to ensure that every soldier is issued with trousers KD and long sleeved shirts. These MUST be worn from sunset to sunrise except when under nets.

Two tablets of quinine MUST be taken daily.

Coy Comds will ensure that this order is strictly enforced.

136. ROAD DISCIPLINE.

Cases have come to notice of personnel riding on the cabin roof of vehs, and riding pillion on motor cycles. These practices will cease.

137. BOUNDS - TRIPOLI.

It is reported that parties of troops are endeavouring to enter TRIPOLI on sight seeing expeditions. An order has been issued that the town of TRIPOLI is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to ALL British troops and this order is repeated and emphasised.

138. BOUNDS - BEYROUTH.

As from 15 Aug all Cafes, Bars and Hotels in BEYROUTH will be marked with notices stating whether the places are IN BOUNDS to all ranks or to Officers only. All other Cafes etc. will be "OUT OF BOUNDS" even if they are not specifically marked.

The following PRIVATE Swimming Clubs are "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all ranks except such as are members or present by invitation of members:-

ST. GEORGE SWIMMING CLUB (underneath St. George Hotel);
BRITISH SWIMMING CLUB.

139. PRICES - BEYROUTH.

Cafes etc. "IN BOUNDS" will display price lists in Syrian piastres. Any establishment failing to do so should be reported to the DAPM, BEYROUTH.

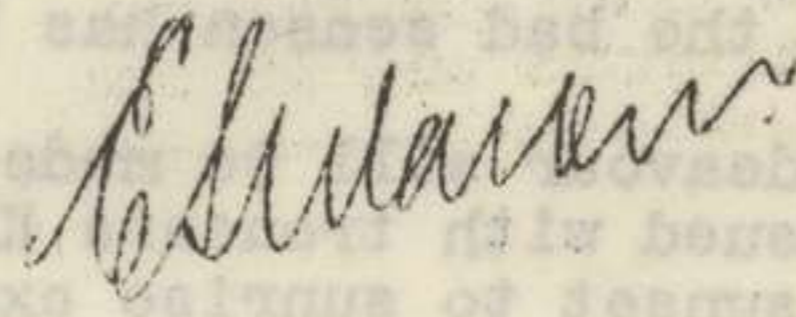
140. PAYMENT IN LIEU OF FURLOUGH TO MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT MILITARY FORCES JOINING THE AIF.

An amendment of the AIF Order regarding the above has been promulgated; the appropriate part is published for information:-

1. Approval has been given for members of the Permanent Military Forces to receive pay in lieu of furlough for which they are eligible and which it has not been possible for them to take prior to appointment, enlistment in or allotment to the Australian Imperial Force.

2. The following are the conditions relating to the grant of this privilege:-

- (a) Members who are eligible for furlough may be granted such furlough upon application to the prescribed approving authority and this includes furlough to members of the Permanent Forces who complete twenty year's service at a date subsequent to the date of their appointment to, enlistment in or allotment to the A.I.F. (M.E.)
- (b) Payment in lieu of furlough is now approved (Authority, Military Board's 28335 of 5th May 1941);
- (c) Remuneration for the period of furlough granted will be at the rate which, had the member continued under the rates of pay applicable to the Permanent Forces, would have been payable to the applicant at the date from which furlough is approved.



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141. DU TIES

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 19 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Stand By Coy	"C" Coy
Next for Duty	"A" Coy
Water Guard	"C" Coy
Next for DUTY	"B" Coy

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs 20 Aug 41:-

O.C.	To be supplied by 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
1 Offr. and 18 ORs	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
2 Offrs and 18 ORs	"A" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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Capt.

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144. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 21 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Security (Stand By) Coy	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"C" Coy
Water Picquet	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"C" COY

145. AUDIT BOARD.

Lieut L.L.Stone is appointed a member of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Audit Board as from 1 Aug 41 vice Lieut D.F.MacKay.

146. DRAFTING OF MESSAGES.

Many messages badly phrased and containing unnecessarily long refs are being originated.

Attention is directed to FSPB Pam No 2 Appx V especially para 1, also Sig Tng (all arms) page 159 Sec 80 para 2 sub para ii (c).

Messages should be brief, concise and clear. Long refs must be avoided by using the "In Reply to" space. All acks and NIL returns should contain one gp only in the text.

E. W. ...
Capt.
Adj. STEVENSON GROUP.

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147. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 22 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Security (Stand By) Coy	"C" Coy
Next for Duty	"A" Coy
Water Picquet	"C" Coy
Next for Duty	"A" Coy

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs 23 Aug 41:-

O.C.,	Lieut F.A. Stanton
2 Offrs and 18 ORs	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
1 Offr and 18 ORs	"C" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
O.C. BEYROUTH picquet,	Lieut Middel
O.C. "A" Touring Party	Lieut L.L. Stone
O.C. "B" Touring Party	Lieut D.F. MacKay

148. CHURCH SERVICES. 24 Aug 41.

Mass. (Roman Catholic) will be held as follows:-

HQ Coy Mess Room at 0645 hrs;
In 2/5 Aust Fd Regt lines at 0830 hrs.

149. CRICKET MATCH.

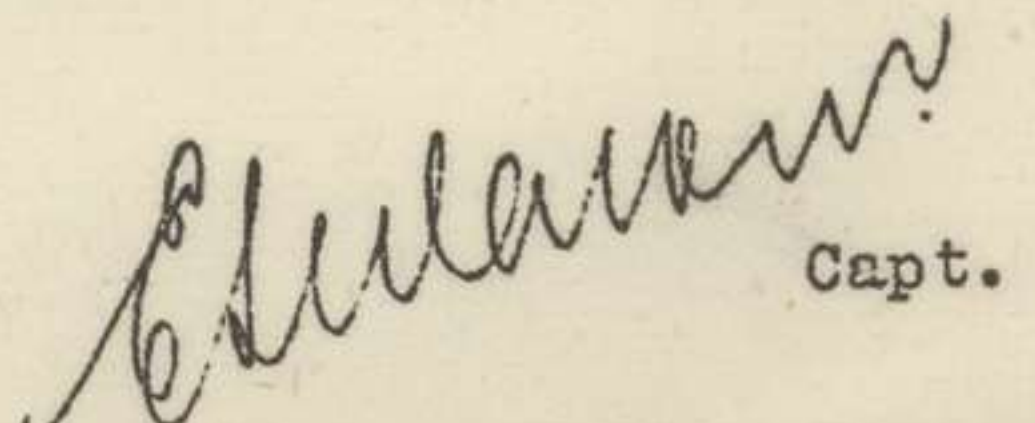
A cricket match has been arranged between representatives of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn and 2/5 Aust Fd Regt to be held vicinity Arty lines at 1400 hrs Sunday, 24 Aug 41.

Personnel desirous of attending as spectators may do so.

149. ADVANCES TO AIF OFFICERS AND IMPREST HOLDERS IN GREECE AND CRETE.

Officers and Imprest holders who received sums of money from AIF or British sources in Greece and Crete to assist in the evacuation of personnel will supply full details of these advances to the Chief Paymaster, AIF (ME).

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150. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 23 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Security (Stand By) Coy	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"A" Coy
Water Picquet	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"A" Coy

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs 23 Aug 41:-

O.C.	Lieut F.J. MacLeod
2 Offrs and 18 ORs	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
1 Offr and 18 ORs	"C" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

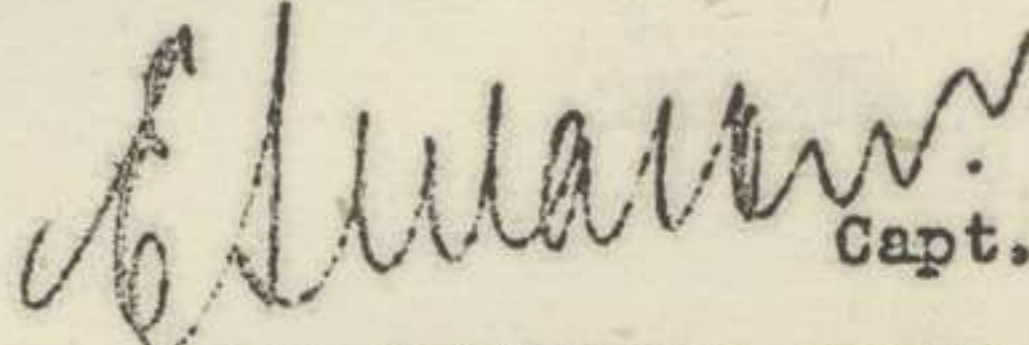
151. CHURCH SERVICES. 24 Aug 41.

Holy Communion will be celebrated as follows:-

In HQ Coy Mess Room at 0830 hrs.

152. CRICKET MATCH

Order No. 149. CRICKET MATCH, is hereby cancelled and is to be read as a Notice to Group Routine Orders.


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153. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 24 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy
Next for Duty

HQ Coy
HQ Coy

Water Picquet
Next for Duty

"A" Coy
"C" Coy

O.C. BEYROUTH Picquet
25 Aug 41.

Lieut C. K. Brown.

154. DISCIPLINE.

On 18 and 19 Aug 41 No. SX 4566 Sign RUTHERFORD, K.C.; Sigs
1 Aust Corps, AIF was tried by a DCM on a charge of robbery with
aggravation - robbing a civilian at pistol point. He was convicted
and sentenced to nine months imprisonment with hard labour.

155. DISCIPLINE.

Gp R.O. No. 124 of 13 Aug 41 is hereby cancelled and the
following order substituted therefor:-

"REVOLVERS. All officers and W.Cs. Class I will carry
revolvers at all times in BEYROUTH."

J. R. Stevenson
for

Capt.

Adj't STEVENSON GROUP.

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25 Aug 41

156. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 25 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Water Picquet	"C" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI to mount at 1800 hrs 26 Aug 41:-

O.C.	Lieut C. K. Brown
1 Offr and 12 ORs	Are being supplied by 7 Aust Cav
2 Offrs and 24 ORs	"A" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

157. INSPECTION OF RESPIRATORS. (2/3 Aust Inf Bn).

All respirators and AG Equipment held in Coys and stores will be inspected monthly by a qualified officer or NCO and reports in terms of instruction dated 8 Aug 41, forwarded to this HQ by the 4th of each month.

158. DISCIPLINE - REVOLVERS.

Ref Gp RO No. 155 of 24 Aug 41.

Revolvers will be carried also at all times outside camp or barrack areas. The carrying of revolvers in offices, barracks etc will remain at the discretion of Officers and WOs class I concerned.

159. OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

2/3 Aust InfBn RO No. 104 of 24 May 41 is repeated.

"The loud-voiced repetition of a certain type of filthy language is prevalent in the Bn. This is not the normal Language of the Australians, and the practice is to cease".

There are sufficient words available for the use of a soldier wishing to express his feelings, without the use of obscenity. In future the repeated use of such language will be treated as an offence.

John H. Gall
for Capt

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP

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26 Aug 41

160. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 26 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Water Picquet	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"D" Coy

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 26 Aug 41:-

O.C.	Capt. I. Hutchison, M.C.
Detachment Commanders	Lieut. E. B. Carter. Lieut. F. E. Haven. 1 Offr. from 7 Div Cav Regt.
Detachments of 12 ORs each	"A" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn "D" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn 7 Div Cav Regt.

O.C. Leave Picquet, BEYROUTH, 27 Aug 41 Lieut. J. M. Gall.

O.C. 2-day Leave Party, BEYROUTH, 27 Aug 41 Lieut. M. H. Murdoch.

161. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The following officers will constitute a Court of Enquiry to enquire into the circumstances surrounding a road accident involving a vehicle no. 58272, and the death of one civilian and the injury of 5 others at TELL PLACE, TRIPOLI, on 15 Aug 41:-

Capt. A. S. MacKinnon	President
Lieut. D. E. Williams	Member
Lieut. R. A. Gordon	Member.

162. INTERVIEWING BOARD (2/3 AUST INF BN).

The Officers holding the following appointments will constitute the 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Interviewing Board:-

Second-in-Command	President.
Adjutant	1st Member.
Comd HQ Coy	2nd Member.
Comd one rifle coy as detailed in Unit ROs	3rd Member.

The Board will assemble from time to time at the discretion of the President or Commanding Officer to interview personnel serving in the ranks recommended as potential officers.

Capt. P. K. Parbury is appointed 3rd Member for the time being.

J. R. Stevenson
Capt.
Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

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NOTICE.

Receipt of the following comforts is acknowledged from 2/3 Bn Comforts Fund:-

1 Parcel containing 21 prs. underpants, 8 bags, 3 prs. long socks, 4 prs. short socks, 1 pr. hose tops;

1 Parcel containing 16 handkerchiefs, 3 hose tops, 4 long socks, 16 prs. short socks.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/5 Aust Fd Coy
- 7 Aust Div Cav Regt
- HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- CO
- Bn 2 1/c
- Adj't
- RMO
- QM
- MTO
- IO
- RSM
- Pay Sgt
- File
- War Diary (3).

HQ Coy
 HQ Coy
 "B" Coy
 "D" Coy

Duty Coy
 Next for Duty
 After Pleas
 Next for Duty

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 23 Aug 41:-

Capt. I. Mackinnon, R.O.
 Lieut. E. D. Carter
 Lieut. P. B. Haver
 I Offr. from 7 Div Cav Regt.
 "A" Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
 "C" Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
 7 Div Cav Regt.

O.C. Leave Ticket, BERYOUTH, 27 Aug 41
 O.C. 2-day Leave Party, BERYOUTH, 27 Aug 41
 Lieut. M. H. Murdoch

The following officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry to enquire into the circumstances surrounding a road accident involving a vehicle no. 50275, and the death of one civilian and the injury of 5 others at FALL VILLAGE, TRIPOLI, on 12 Aug 41:-

Capt. A. S. Mackinnon
 Lieut. D. A. Williams
 Lieut. R. A. Jordan
 President
 Member
 Member

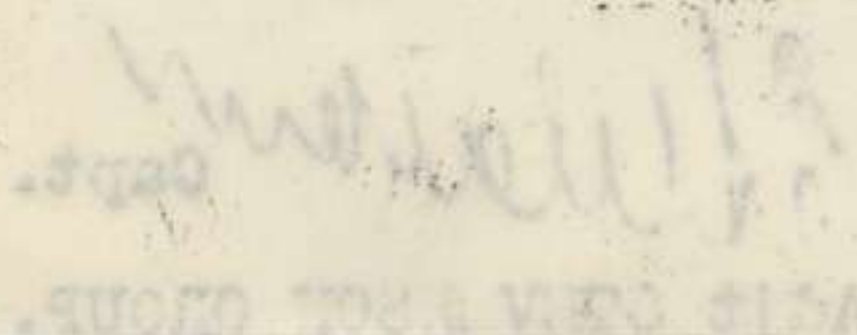
2/3 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL (2/3 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL)

The Officers holding the following appointments will constitute the 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Interviewing Board:-

Second-in-Command
 Adjutant
 Comd HQ Coy
 Comd one rifle coy as detailed in Unit ROs
 President
 1st Member
 2nd Member
 3rd Member

The Board will assemble from time to time at the discretion of the President or Commanding Officer to interview personnel serving in the ranks recommended as potential officers.

Capt. P. K. Farbury is appointed 3rd Member for the time being.


 Capt. P. K. Farbury

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166. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 28 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Water Picquet	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"C" Coy

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 29 Aug 41:-

O.C.	To be supplied by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
2 Offrs and 18 CORs	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
1 Offr and 18 ORs	"B" Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

The following will comprise the BEYROUTH leave picquet on 29 Aug:-

O.C.	Lieut. D. E. Williams.
Sgt., Cpl. and 8 ORs	HQ Coy
Cpl. and 9 ORs	"D" Coy
Cpl. and 9 ORs	"C" Coy

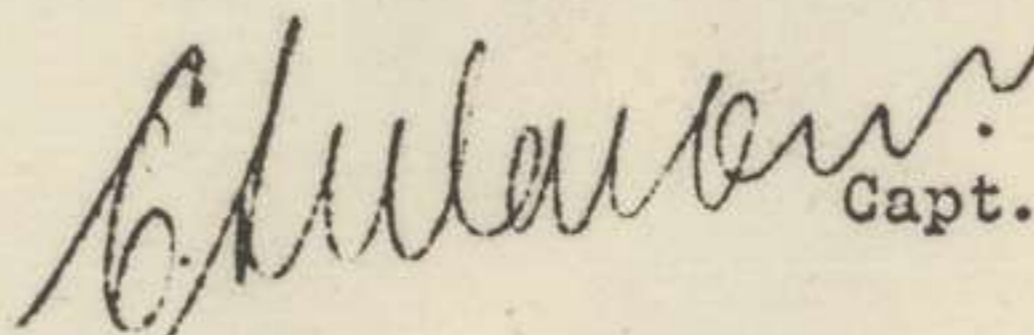
167. FIELD CENSORSHIP - USE OF HOTEL STATIONERY.

It is observed that the practice of using hotel stationery for private correspondence is being continued in contravention of Field Censorship Regulations, 1940, Part I, para. 5(ii).

It is notified for information that, as from 1st September 1941, letters written on hotel stationery will not be passed for censorship.

168. POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

Letters brought to an officer for censoring must already be fully stamped and the censoring officer is himself responsible for putting them in the letter box or otherwise despatching them to the A.P.O. They must not be handed back to the writer to affix postage stamps or convey to the post.


Capt.

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

NOTICE: A black sealskin pouch, with a gold stud on flap (initials JECH) was lost in cinema, TRIPOLI, on 27 Aug 41. Finder please return to this HQ.

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169. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 29 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Water Picquet	"C" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 29 Aug 41:-

O.C.
Detachments of 1 Offr
and 12 ORs each

To be supplied by 7 Aust Cav
"B" Coy, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aust Cav
2/5 Aust Pd Regt

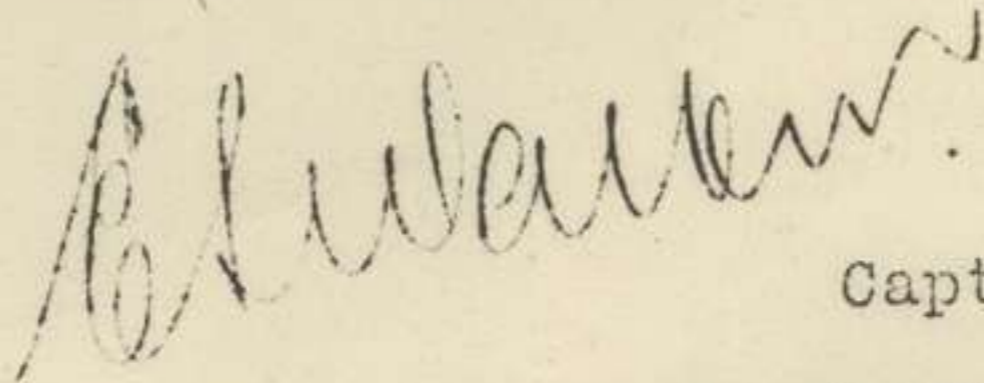
170. BOUNDS

The FRENCH army brothel in vicinity of main gate to these barracks is out of bounds to all ranks.

171. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

Considerable inconvenience has been caused by unauthorised persons attempting to alter existing electric arrangements.

Under no circumstances will any officer or soldier interfere with electric installation without reference to Signals Office.



Capt

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172. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 30 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	"D" Coy
Next for Duty	"A" Coy
Bn. Orderly Officer	Lieut. R. F. Michel.
Next for Duty	Lieut. L. L. Stone.
Bn. Duty Officer	Lieut. D. B. Hunter.
Next for Duty	Lieut. F. B. Haven.
Bn. Orderly Sgt.	A/Sgt. Copeman J.
Next for Duty	A/Sgt. Manley S.R.
Bn. Orderly Cpl.	Cpl. Christoff W.J.
Next for Duty	A/Cpl. Quinn J.P.

173. ROUTINE.

The following routine will take effect from 1 Sep 41:-

0530 hrs.	Reveille
0615 hrs.	Breakfast.
0700 hrs.	First Parade.
0730 hrs.	Bn. Parade (Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays only).
1045 hrs.	Morning teas.
1100/1330 hrs.	Second Parade.
1345 hrs.	Lunches.
1600/1700 hrs.	Sports Parade.
1830 hrs.	Teas.
1900 hrs.	Retreat.
2130 hrs.	First Post.
2200 hrs.	Tattoo.
2215 hrs.	Lights Out.

Coys will conduct a roll call at Tattoo, reporting the names of absentees to Bn. Ord. Offr. by Lights Out. All ranks occupying Barrack Rooms will be in those rooms of tattoo except when on duty necessitating the absence.

174. BOUNDS.

The fixed limits of the camp occupied by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn are defined by the wall surrounding that portion of Camp Legoult known as Casserne Behjatt Ghanem and as shown in sketch issued as appendix "A" to these orders.

The building marked "A" on the sketch referred to is out of bounds to all other ranks.

The area marked "B" is out of bounds to all ranks below that of Sgt., with the exception of corporals holding the appointments of Lance-Sergeants.

Attention is drawn to Army Act Sec. 15(3), which states:-

"Any persone subject to military law who commits the following offences; that is to say, 'Being a soldier when in camp is found beyond any limits fixed or in any place prohibited by any order,

without a pass shall be liable to suffer such punishment as is in this Act mentioned."

This order will be promulgated to all ranks.

175. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Speed of vehs within barracks is limited to 5 mph. All vehs will move in low gear.

Traffic circuit will be completed in accordance with notices indicating direction of traffic stream. Only vehs with officers desiring to visit Bn HQ will be permitted to pass in front of HQ Block (Black D). All other vehs will pass behind that block.

No m/cs or vehs other than staff cars will park in front of D Block. Parking area is in rear.

176. CHURCH SERVICES, 31 AUG 41.

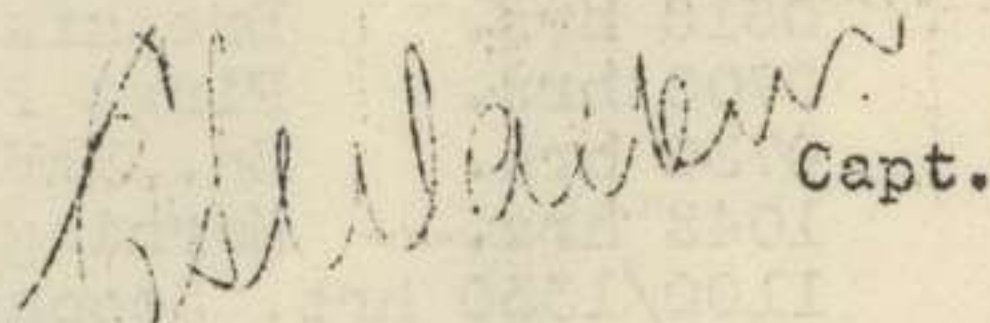
Holy Communion will be celebrated in Recreation Hut opposite R.A.F. at 0700 hrs.

A Church of England Service will be held in Recreation Hut at 0830 hrs.

Mass will be held in Block "N" at 0930 hrs.

177. FIELD CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHY.

All personnel in possession of cameras must register same with their Coy Orderly Room by 0900 hrs 1 Sep 41. Coys will furnish returns showing name, make of camera, camera no., to this HQ by 1200 hrs. the same day.

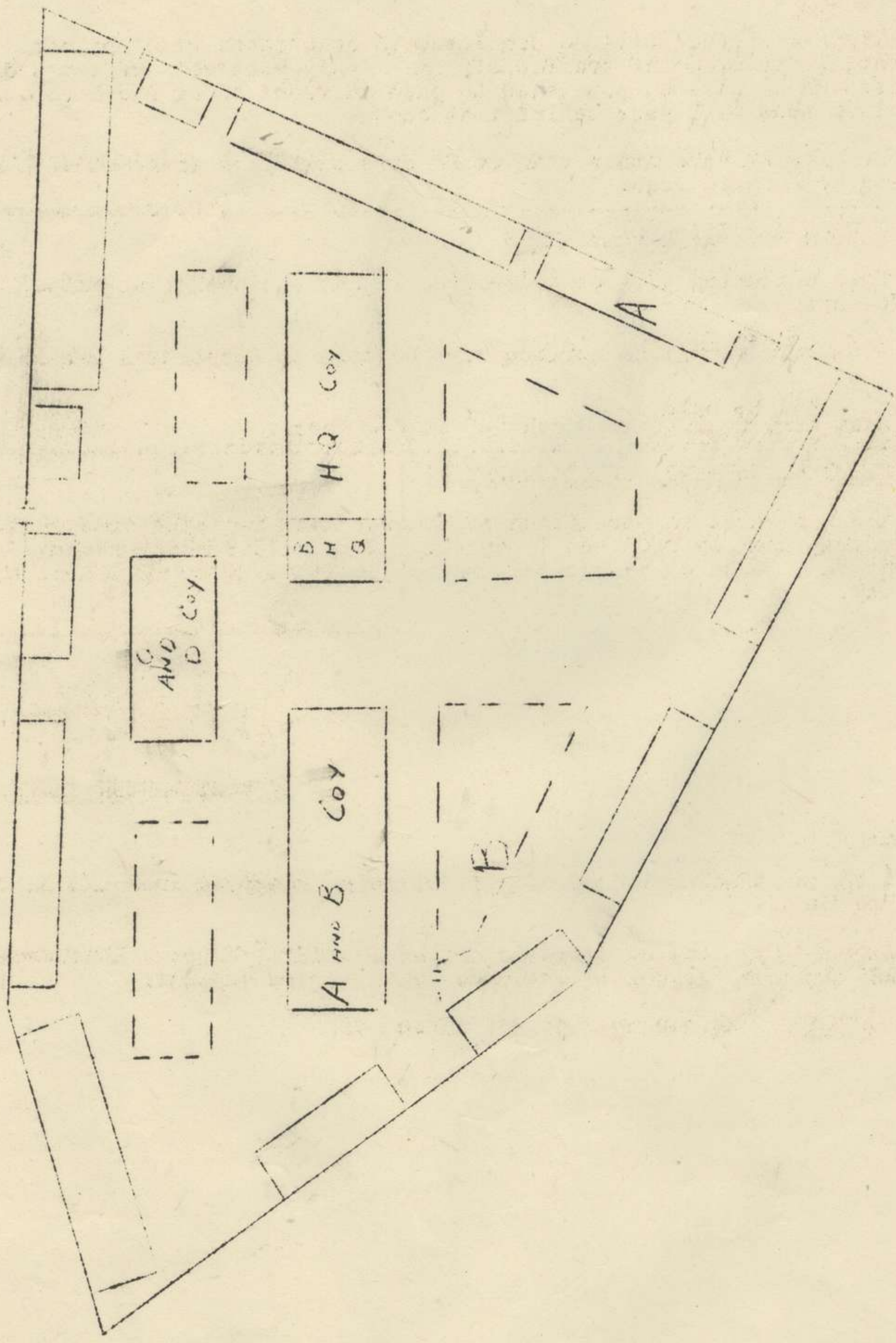

Capt.
Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

NOTICE.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following received from 3/3 Battalion Comforts Fund:-

2 pairs pyjamas; 20 pairs underpants; 9 dilly bags; 6 handkerchiefs;
12 prs long socks; 12 prs underpants; 2 prs pyjamas.

DISTRIBUTION: As per Gp R.Os. of 26 Aug 41.



War Diary

A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E

ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Stevenson,
Commanding STEVENSON GROUP.

NOT TO BE
PUBLISHED

31 Aug 41

PART I

178. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1800 hrs 31 Aug 41:-

Duty Coy	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut L. L. Stone
Next for Duty	Lieut D. F. Mackay
Bn Duty Officer	Lieut F. B. Haven
Next for Duty	Lieut F. J. M. Reid
Bn Orderly Sgt	A/Sgt Manley S. R.
Next for Duty	Sgt Moran R. J.
Bn Orderly Cpl	A/Cpl Quinn J. P.
Next for Duty	Cpl Maguire L.E.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 1 Sept 41:-

O.C.	To be supplied by 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
Detachments of 1 Offr and 12 ORs each	"C" Coy, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn 7 Aust Cav 2/5 Aust Fd Regt

179. ROUTINE

Gp RO No 173 of 30 Aug 41 is amended as follows:-

0545 hrs Sick Parade

180. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Control of all MT reverts to MTO as from 31 Aug 41. Transport will not proceed outside the Barracks without authority of MTO and all drivers so proceeding will be in possession of a work ticket.

181. PIONEERS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS.

Requests for work to be carried out by specialist platoons of HQ Coy will be made through comd HQ Coy and not direct to platoon commanders.

182. OFFRS WITH LEGAL KNOWLEDGE.

Coys will forward to this HQ particulars of offrs as follows:-

- (a) Offrs who by civil profession are barristers-at-law or solicitors.
- (b) Offrs who have received some legal training, but who have not yet completed their articles, or who are in final year at university.

(2)

(c) Offrs who are not included in (a) and (b) above, but who are available and suitable for service on courts-martial in the capacity of defending offr or prosecuting offr.

B. H. ...
for Capt.

Adj't STEVENSON GROUP.

DISTRIBUTION: As per Gp R.Os. of 26 Aug 41.

- Lieut. J. L. ...
- Lieut. D. P. ...
- Lieut. R. B. ...
- Lieut. R. J. ...
- Adj't ...
- Adj't ...
- Adj't ...
- Adj't ...

- In Orderly Officer
- Next for Duty
- In Duty Officer
- Next for Duty
- In Orderly Sgt
- Next for Duty
- In Orderly Cpl
- Next for Duty

The following will comprise the Town Guard, ... at 1800 hrs on 1 Sept 41:-

To be supplied by ...
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Attachments of 1 Coy ... and 12 Coy each

175. ROUTINE

Gp R.O. No 175 of 30 Aug 41 is amended as follows:-

175. ...

180. TRAFFIC CONTROL

Control of all RT movements to HQ on 31 Aug 41. ...
Will not proceed outside the perimeter without authority of HQ and ...
all drivers as proceeding will be in possession of a pass ticket.

181. FIREARMS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS

Requests for work to be carried out by specialist platoons of ...
HQ Coy will be made through HQ Coy and not direct to platoon ...

182. OFFERS WITH LEGAL KNOWLEDGE

Coy will forward to HQ particulars of offers as follows:-

- (a) Offers who by civil profession are barristers-at-law or solicitors.
- (b) Offers who have received some legal training, but who have not yet completed their articles, or who are in final year of university.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/3 AVST INF BN (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	-	-	1
Majors ...	2	-	1
Captains ...	3	-	5
Lieutenants ...	20	1	-
2nd Lieutenants ...	-	-	1
Quartermasters ...	-	-	-
District Officers ...	-	-	-
Totals ...	25	1	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Parbury PK	2/3 Bn	7.8.41	Taken on strength - ex 16 ITB
Chaplain (IV Class)	Hart WP	AACHD (Att 2/3 Bn)	7.8.41	Attached for duty

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Gibson ET	2/3 Bn	9.8.41	Marched out to 16 ITB
Lieut	Turner HB	"	4.8.41	Evacuated to Hospital
Major	Stevenson JR	"	7.8.41	Special Duty
Chaplain (IV Class)	Swindlehurst LM	AACHD (Att 2/3 Bn)	4.8.41	Rejoined 1 A.G.H

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	Thompson AF	2/3 Bn	
"	Gidley King GB	"	
"	Muir HA	"	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major		Stevenson JR	Admin Comd	No	Special Duty
		McGregor WR	Bn 2 1/2	Yes	
Capt.		Hutchinson I (MC)	OC D Coy	Yes	
"		MacKinnon AS	OC HQ Coy	Yes	
"		Parbury PK	OC A Coy	Yes	
Lieut.	T/Capt	Murchison AC (MC)	OC C Coy	Yes	
"		Walker ES	Bn Adjt	Yes	
Lieut		Brown CK	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Carter EB	"	Yes	
"		Gall JM	Carrier Offr.	Yes	
"		Gordon RA	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Haven FB	"	Yes	
"		Herwig LC	QM	Yes	
"		Mackintosh JE (MC)	Asst Adjt	Yes	
"		MacKay DF	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Maitland FTV	"	Yes	
"		Michel RF	"	Yes	
"		Murdoch MH	"	Yes	
"		Randall A	Sig Officer	Yes	
"		Reid FJM	OMTO	Yes	
"		Robertson DJ	-	No	Att 2/1 Bn
"		Seward A	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Stan ton FA	"	Yes	
"		Stone LL	"	Yes	
"		Williams DE	2 1/2 C Coy	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain (IV Class)		Hart WP	AACHD	7.8.41	Chaplain

2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
(Unit.)
10 AUGUST 1941
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
17 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/3 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	-	-	1
Majors	2	-	1
Captains	3	-	5
Lieutenants	20	1	-
2nd Lieutenants	-	-	-
Quartermasters	-	-	1
District Officers	-	-	
Totals	25	1	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Jurmer A.B.	2/3 Bn	15.8.41	In known strength - ex 2/4 Aust Inf. Ambulance
"	Williams D.B.	"	15.8.41	" " "

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Macdonald J.G.	2/3 Bn	11.8.41	Evacuated to hospital
"	Williams D.B.	"	13.8.41	" "
"	Jurmer H.B.	"	15.8.41	Attending Junior Staff School
"	Randall A.	"	10.8.41	Attending Junior Officers School
Chaplain (cross)	Hart W.P.	A.A.C.I.D. (att. 2/3 Bn)	14.8.41	Evacuated to hospital
Lieut	Haven F.B.	2/3 Bn	16.8.41	Leave
"	Reid J.H.	"	16.8.41	"

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	Thompson A.F.	2/3 Bn	
"	Gidley King G.B.	"	
"	Smith H.A.	"	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major		Stevenson J R	Admin Comd	No	Leave Special Duty
"		McGregor W R	Bn 2 1/2	Yes	
Capt.		Hutchison I (mc)	OC D Coy	Yes	
"		Mackinnon A S	OC HQ Coy	Yes	
"		Parbury P K	OC A Coy	Yes	
Lieut	T/Capt	Murchison A C (mc)	OC C Coy	Yes	
"	"	Walker E S	Bn Adjut	Yes	
Lieut		Brown C K	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Carter E B	"	Yes	
"		Gall J M	Carrier Offr	Yes	
"		Gordon R A	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Haven F B	"	No	Leave
"		Herwig L C	Q M	Yes	
"		Mackay D F	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Maitland F J V	"	Yes	
"		Michel R F	"	Yes	
"		Murdoch M H	"	Yes	
"		Randall A	Sig Offr	No	Att Junior Officers School
"		Reid F J M	M T O	No	Leave
"		Robertson D J	-	No	Att 2/1 Bn
"		Seward A	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Stanton F A	2 1/2 D Coy	Yes	
"		Stone L L	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Turner H B	Mortar Offr	No	Att Junior Staff Officer School
"		Williams D E	2 1/2 C Coy	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/3 AUST INF BN (Unit.)

17 AUGUST 1941 (Date of Despatch.)

R R McGregor Major
(Signature of Commander.)

17 AUST INF BDE (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/3 AUST INF BN. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	-	-	1
Majors	2	-	1
Captains	5	-	3
Lieutenants	17	-	2
2nd Lieutenants	-	-	-
Quartermasters	-	-	1
District Officers	-	-	-
Totals	24	-	8

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Chaplain (IV Class)	Hart	WP AACD (att 2/3 Bn)	23.8.41	Returned to unit - ex 2/4 Aust Fed Amb Attached for Duty

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Murdoch	MH 2/3 Bn	20.8.41	Evacuated to Hospital

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	Thompson	AF 2/3 Bn	
"	Gidley King	GB "	
"	Muir	HA "	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	T/Lt-Col	Stevenson JR	Bn Comd	Yes	
Major		M ^c Gregor WR	Bn 2 ¹ / _c	Yes	
Capt.		Hutchison I (Mc)	oc DCoy	Yes	
"		MacKinnon AS	oc HQ Coy	Yes	
"		Murchison AC (Mc)	oc CCoy	Yes	
"		Parbury PK	oc ACoy	Yes	
"		Walker ES	Bn Adit	Yes	
Lieut		Brown CK	oc BCoy	Yes	
"		Carter EB	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Gall JM	Carrier Offr	Yes	
"		Gordon RA	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Haven FB	"	No	Leave
"		Herwig LC	QM	Yes	
"		MacKay DF	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Maitland FJV	"	Yes	
"		Michel RF	"	Yes	
"		Randall A	Sig Offr	No	Att. Junior Offrs School
"		Reid FJM	MTO	No	Leave
"		Robertson DJ	-	No	Att 2 ¹ / _i Bn.
"		Seward A	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Stanton FA	2 ¹ / _c DCoy	Yes	
"		Stone LL	PI Comd	Yes	
"		Turner HB	Mortar Offr	No	Att. Junior Staff School
"		Williams DE	2 ¹ / _c CCoy	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain (IV Class)		Hart WP	AACH D	23.8.41	Chaplain

2/3 Aust INF Bn

(Unit.)

24 AUG 41

(Date of Despatch.)

Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

17th Aust Comd. Pz
INF BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	2	-	1
Majors ...	5	-	3
Captains ...	19	-	-
Lieutenants ...	-	-	-
2nd Lieutenants ...	-	-	1
Quartermasters ...	-	-	-
District Officers ...	-	-	-
Totals ...	26	-	6

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	<i>Shurdock JWH</i>	<i>2/3 Bn</i>	<i>25. 8. 41</i>	<i>Taken on strength - ca 24 Aust Inf Bn</i>
"	<i>Staven JB</i>	"	<i>24. 8. 41</i>	<i>Returned from leave</i>
"	<i>Reid JH</i>	"	<i>24. 8. 41</i>	"
"	<i>Hunter BH</i>	"	<i>26. 8. 41</i>	<i>Taken on strength - ca 16 1TB</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	<i>McGregor WR</i>	<i>2/3 Bn</i>	<i>25. 8. 41</i>	<i>Leave</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	<i>Thompson AJ</i>	<i>2/3 Bn</i>	
"	<i>Gidley King GB</i>	"	
"	<i>Smith HA</i>	"	
"	<i>Jerrey BY</i>	"	<i>Completed OCTO course</i>

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	2/Lt. Col	Stevenson J R	Bn Comd	Yes	
Major		McGregor W R	Bn 2 1/2	No	Leave
Capt.		Mitchison J (M)	OC 10 Coy	Yes	
"		MacKinnon A S	OC HQ Coy	Yes	
"		Murphy A B (M)	OC C Coy	Yes	
"		Parbury P K	OC A Coy	Yes	
"		Walker E S	Bn Adjt	Yes	
Lieut		Brown G K	2 1/2 B Coy	Yes	
"		Barter E B	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Gall J H	Comd Offr	Yes	
"		Gordon R A	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Haven J B	"	Yes	
"		Hewitt J B	Q M	Yes	
"		Huntel D B	Q O	Yes	
"		MacKay D F	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Maitland J H	2 1/2 C Coy	Yes	
"		Michel L F	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Randall A	Sig Offr	No	Attdg Junior Offs School
"		Reid J H	M T O	Yes	
"		Robertson D J	-	No	Attdg 2 1/2 Bn
"		Seward A	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Stanton J A	2 1/2 D Coy	Yes	
"		Stone L L	Pl Comd	Yes	
"		Turner H B	Notes Offr	No	Attdg Junior Staff School
"		Williams L O	2 1/2 A Coy	Yes	
"		Murdoch R O H	Pl Comd	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		Start W P	SA 6th Bn	23.8.41	Chaplain

2/3 AVST INF BN

(Unit.)

31 AUG 41

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

17 AVST INF BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 3 Aug 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	-	-	1
W.Os. Class II.	7	1	-
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	5	-	-
Serjeants	23	-	4
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.		-	-
Corporals	60	-	1
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	337	-	316
TOTALS	432	1	322

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
NX7596	SGT LAW J.H. AAPC		
NX7991	CPL WINNER E. AAP. POSTAL C.		
VX2993	CPL PENTON CA. AAPC.		
VX4539	Sgmn NEEMAN TR. (MM) 6 DIV SIGS		
VX1116	Sgmn MARGETTS D. 6 DIV SIGS		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
NX15460	CPL	KELLETT M.H.	2/3 BN	16TH I.T.B.

2/3 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	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	2
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																			10	10
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																			1	1
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																			10	10
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																			2	2
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																			6	6
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																			10	10
<i>Anti-Aircraft (Bun Gunners)</i>																				
<i>Boatman Personnel</i>																			16	16
General duty personnel		1									1								260	265
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).		1									1								1316	322

2/3 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

R. Sturman
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *2 Aug 41*

17 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 AVST INF BN (Unit). 10 AUGUST 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	-	-	1
W.Os. Class II.	7	1	-
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4	-	1
Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
Serjeants	27	-	-
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	59	-	2
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, etc.	343	-	310
TOTALS	440	1	314

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
NX 7596 Sgt Law JH	AAPC		
NX 7991 Cpl Winner E	AA Postal C		
(2993 Cpl Penton GG	AAOC		
IX 4539 Sig Neeman TR (nm)	6 Div Sigs		
VX 1116 Sig Margetts D	6 Div Sigs		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
NX 15460	Cpl	Kelle H MH	2/3 Bn	16 ITB

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																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled) ...																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>Anti Aircraft (Bren Gunners)</i>																				
<i>Intelligence Duties</i>																				
General duty personnel ...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch *10 Aug 1941*

[Signature]

Signature of Commander.

17 Aust Inf Bde

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

215278

2310314

273 INF BN

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	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																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																			6	6
" " (Wheeled) ...																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																			1	1
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																			4	4
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
Anti Aircraft (Bren Gunners) Intelligence Duties																			10	10
																			3	3
General duty personnel ...		1				2		5		8	1									255 256
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).		1				2		5		8	1									279 280

273 AVST INF BN

Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 17 AUG 1944

17 AVST INF BDE
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

2/3 AUST INF BN

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS 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																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																			10	10
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ..																			1	1
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																			1	1
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
Anti Aircraft (Bren Gunners)																			8	8
Intelligence Duties																			3	3
General duty personnel ...		2				1				3	1								1	267 269
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)		2				1				3	1								1	290 292

(Gas Trained)

2/3 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch 24 AUG 41

R. Stearns Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/3 Signature of Commander.

17 AUST INF BDE

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

2/3 AVST INF BN

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	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																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			6	6
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																			1	1
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																			2	2
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																			2	2
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																			10	10
Anti Aircraft (Bren Gunners)																			3	3
Intelligence Duties																				
General duty personnel	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	254
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)	1					1				2	1								2	278

2/3 AVST INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch 31 AUG 41

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/3 AVST INF BN

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

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WAR DIARY

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 or
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

2/3 AUST INF BN

MONTH AND YEAR: SEPTEMBER 1941

(Erase heading not required).

COMMANDING OFFICER: LIEUT-COL. J.R. STEVENSON.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRIPOLI	Sep 1		The Unit is still stationed in BEHJATT GHANEM BARRACKS. The CO and Adj. left on a 2-day Recce on the LEBANON RANGE- CEDARS AREA.	
	4		Capt Hutchison together with the I.O. and Party departed for a 2-day Recce of the Cedars Area.	
	6		The Census was held at 2359 hrs. Evacuations to the Hospital have been very high, the increase being very marked since moving into the Barracks. Since the beginning of the month, two Offrs and 66 OR's have been evacuated to hospital. The previous rate was about 15 per week.	
	7		Evacuations to hospital today totalled 19. Lieut. Stone left to attend an Anti-malarial School at Sarafand.	
	8		The day's evacuations dropped to 8.	
	9		A further ^{Recce} of the Cedars Area commenced. This the time the parties were led by Major McGregor and Capt Murchison, MC. The C.O. and Adj. also spent the day in the area. The original scheme for the defence of the area has been discarded and the area is now to be occupied by 2 Battalions, 'instead' of one. In this Unit's area it will be necessary to have three Coys forward.	
	10		Recces of the Cedars' Area still continue. As most of this area ranges from 9000 to 10,000 feet above sea level the going is very hard. Water is scarce, although at several points a little snow still remains from last season's fall and this provides water at several points.	
	11		The Advance Party leaves for the Unit's new area. For the first time in its history the Unit will live in Billets. The 2 i/c and the I.O. spent the day house hunting.	
BECHMEZZINE	12		Still house-hunting and its hard work as the inhabitants are loathe to leave their homes, especially in view of the fact that they are to be occupied by soldiers. Many of the houses had previously been occupied by the French army and it was apparent from most of the conversations with the locals that the conduct and treatment to the houses were by no means good. The owners of the properties were assured that the Australians would take more care of the properties than did the French. Capt GAYTON, the unit's new MO arrived to join the Bn. As he had come almost direct from the UK news of the war on the home front was still fairly warm. Lieuts RANDALL and ROBERTSON returned to the unit bringing with them 190 reinforcements and "X" List. Although they were badly needed their time of arrival was most inopportune as half of the unit had already moved to the new billeting area and the other half leave the barracks to-morrow/ The strength of the unit is now nearing the 600 mark which makes it greater than it has been for many months.	
	13		The move has been completed, the barracks having been handed over to the 2/25th Bn. The men waste no time in settling into their new abode and once again the cleaning up process is on and all wonder what unit will benefit this time! The unit is fairly well dispersed, occupying 4	

WAR DIARY

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MONTH AND YEAR: September 1941 (Erase heading not required). COMMANDING OFFICER: LIEUT-COL J R STEVENSON.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			occupying 4/	
BECHMEZZINE	Sep 13		villages. BHQ., HQ Coy and "B" Coy are billeted in BECHMEZZINE, "A" Coy is in ABA., "C" Coy in KPAR HAZIR. All these villages are situated in the COURRA district of the LEBANON. The inhabitants appear to have attained a higher standard of education and bearing than is usually found in this part of the MIDDLE EAST. In Bechmezzine a very large percentage of the population speak English. Many of them are school teachers and several are professors from the American University of Beirut.	
	14		After several weeks of early rising, the old routine is returned to and the 0600 Reveille is on again. Although this is Sunday the Padre apparently decided to have a much needed rest. Whether this was because of the settling in process or whether it was due to his pressure of work over the past few weeks none knows, but general opinion favours the latter.	
	15		After a period in which lights have been used freely at night we are once again plunged into darkness and the black-out restrictions are on again.	
	16		The CO and the ADJT leave for a 2 day recce of northern SYRIA and the TURKISH border.	
	18		An official welcome is given to the unit in BN HQ mess. All the notables of the village attended and some very stirring speeches of loyalty were made.	
	19		Capt PARBURY left the unit to take up duties with 6 Aust Div.	
	20		"C" Coy left BDEBBA to take over the harbour defences at EL MINA from 2/2 Pioneer Bn. Bn HQ Officers Mess moved into a more palatial home. The day was marred by an accident, one of "D" Coy trucks over-turning on the road to KPAR HAZIR, 3 men being injured.	
	21.		A Bn Church Service was held in St Georges Greek Orthodox Church, BECHMEZZINE. This was the first Church parade of this nature which the unit has held. The service was conducted by Chaplain W P HART. The local population were largely represented, the children causing the Padre some concern on account of the noise. Maj Gen A S ALLEN CB, CBE, DSO, VD called on the CO.	Appendix F.
	22.		A Platoon of D Coy relieved a platoon of 2/2 Pioneer Bn at Ecole de Skis, The Cedars.	
	23		A Security Guard left for Beirut. The Guard was provided by D Coy and its duty was that of Wharf Guard at Beirut pending the departure of the last ship conveying Vichy troops to France. During the evening films were screened by the YMCA representative.	
	24.		The afternoon was devoted to sport, a football match being played on the Tripoli Oval by two teams from the Unit. A and B Coys both took part in night exercises.	
	25		The CO and 2 i/c dined with Maj-Gen. Allen. The Adjt was evacuated to hospital with sandfly fever.	
	26		The new Coastal defence sector was announced. The Bn will occupy positions covering some	/30 miles/

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

(Erase heading not required). Commanding Officer: Lieut-Col J.R. Stevenson

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 will be prepared in manuscript.

Month & Year September 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BECHMEZZINE	Sep 26		30 miles of coast line.	
	27		The CO left for a Recce of the new coastal sector. The 2 i/c and Guard of Honour 100 strong drawn from A and B Coys left for Beirut.	
	28		The Guard of Honour was inspected by General Verdillac immediately prior to the departure of the S S Colombe conveying the Vichy Forces rear party to France. The Platoon of D Coy returned from Guard Duties at the Cedars. It was relieved by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn who moved into the area.	
	29		Capt Hutchison, MC, and Party left for Northern Syria where they took part in a 3-day TEWT under command 7 Aust Div. 6 Aust Div Concert Party provided an evenings entertainment. Capt Walker returned from hospital. The Bn mounted Tripoli Piquet; tour of duty being for one week.	
	30		A second evenings entertainment was provided by 6 Aust Div Concert Party. Both shows were greatly appreciated by the men. Owing to the move and the fact that the Unit was constantly being called on to provide various duties training in the earlier part of the month was considerably hampered. Toward the end of the month B and D Coys were the only Coys available for training, A and C Coys being on Coastal duties. A syllabus of training was drawn up and training of the remaining two rifle Coys started in earnest on 22 Sept. Platoon and Coy exercises occupied the major part of the syllabus. Considerable trouble was experienced in maintaining communication between the various O.P's on the Coast mainly due to the lack of W/T equipment. Owing to distances L/T was out of the question and the CSO would not permit their lines to be used. Some controversy was apparent among the higher formations as to whom was responsible for providing the communication. Consequently D.R's had to be used to do the work and considerable delay was evident in reports reaching BHQ. The fact that the Unit was spread over such a large area and the number of DR's required for communication was in excess of usual requirements caused a considerable drain on the Sig Platoon who were already taxed to the full maintaining the other existing lines. The Unit was under command 17 Aust Inf Bde for operations and under command 25 Aust Inf Bde for digging and preparation of defensive positions	Appendix B

Lt-Col.

Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

Appendix A

A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E

ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Stevenson,

Commanding STEVENSON GROUP

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1 Sept 41

PART I

183. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 1 Sept 41:-

Duty Coy
Next for Duty

"B" Coy
HQ Coy

Bn Orderly Officer
Next for Duty

Lieut D. F. Mackay
Lieut F. A. Stanton

Bn Duty Officer
Next for Duty

Lieut F. J. M. Reid
Lieut L. C. Herwig

Bn Orderly Sgt
Next for Duty

Sgt Moran R. J.
A/Sgt Burke C. R.

Bn Orderly Cpl
Next for Duty

Cpl Maguire L. E.
A/Cpl Hurley L.W.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 1 Sept 41:-

O.C.

To be supplied by 2/5 Aust
Fd Regt

Detachments of 1 Offr
and 12 ORs each

"B" Coy, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aust Cav
2/5 Aust Fd Regt

184. SANDFLY AND BUSH NETS.

It is imperative that every Coy exercises the strictest control over their existing anti-malarial equipment, sandfly and bush nets since it is anticipated that replacements will not be available for some time.

It is appreciated that these nets are extremely fragile and it will therefore be a matter of Coy discipline to ensure that they are handled carefully.

185. CANTEEN.

The Canteen will be open each day (Sundays excepted) during the following hours:-

1415 hrs - 1600 hrs
1900 hrs - 2030 hrs

The Canteen will be CLOSED on Sundays.

J. R. Stevenson
Capt.
Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.

DISTRIBUTION: As per Gp RO of 26 Aug 41.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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PART I

2 Sep 41.

186. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 2 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy
Next for Duty

H.Q. Coy
"D" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer
Next for Duty

Lieut F.A. Stanton
Lieut F.B. Haven.

Bn Duty Officer
Next for Duty

Lieut L.C. Terwig
Lieut R.F. Michel

Bn Orderly Sgt
Next for Duty

Sgt Powell M.J.
A/Sgt Gluyas J.S.

Bn Orderly Cpl
Next for Duty

A/Cpl Hurley L.W.
A/Cpl Davison S.G.

187. DISCIPLINE. MILITARY BATHING ESTABLISHMENT - BEIRUT.

The attention of all units is drawn to the fact that the Military Bathing Establishment situated near the Light-house in Ras Beirut is a private concern belonging to the F.F.F. and it is only by their kind invitation that British and A.I.F. personnel are permitted to use it. The following hours of attendance must be strictly observed:

Weekdays.

Other ranks in organised parties
Officers and W.Os. ONLY

0700 - 1000
1000 - 1900

Sundays.

Officers and W.Os. ONLY

0700 - 1900

Out of Bounds to Other Ranks all day.

The fee for admission to the establishment is P.L.S.15 but a season ticket may be obtained for Ls.1.00 on application to D.A.P.M., 84 L. of C. Sub-Area.

It is pointed out that if the conditions of admission are not observed by British and A.I.F. Military personnel, it will result in the establishment being placed out of bounds to all ranks at all times.

188. HYGIENE.

Urinals in barrack room blocks will NOT be used except between the hours of 1800 and 0600 daily.

189. WASHING.

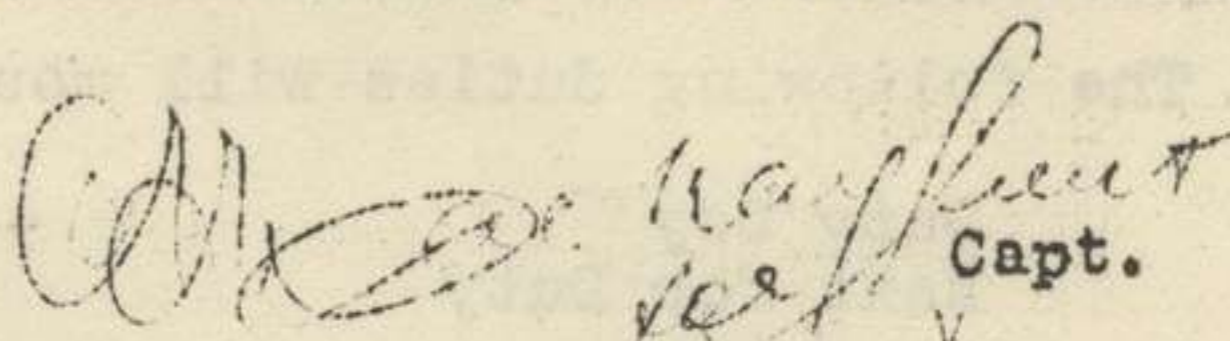
Until unit arrangements are made for the employment of a washing contractor individuals carrying out this service for soldiers will be allowed to wait outside No 3. gate to the barracks.

Personnel desirous of having clothes washed may hand same to these individuals through the gate and similarly collect finished articles.

190. LEAVE.

O.Rs leaving barracks will be stopped by sentry on main gate and requested to produce a leave or duty pass or work ticket in case of M.T. drivers. Personnel will not leave the barracks without such a pass.

All O.Rs returning from leave or duty will report to Sgt or Cpl of Guard and will hand in their leave or duty pass.


Adjt STEVENSON GROUP.
Capt.

NOTICE.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following received from 2/3 Battalion Comforts Fund:-

47 pairs underpants; 26 dilly bags; 5 pairs pyjamas; 14 pairs short socks; 15 pairs long socks; 5 pairs hose tops; 6 handkerchiefs.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following received from the Australian Comforts Fund:-

496 boxes matches; 250 tins tomato soup; 250 tins coffee and milk; 5 packets writing paper; 2½ packets envelopes.

DISTRIBUTION: As per Gp RO of 26 Aug 41.

A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E

ROUTINE ORDERS

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Commanding STEVENSON GROUP.

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PART I

3 Sep 41

191. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 3 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	"D" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut F. B. Haven
Next for Duty	Lieut M. H. Murdoch
Bn Duty Officer	Lieut R. F. Michel
Next for Duty	Lieut F. J. V. Maitland
Bn Orderly Sgt	A/Sgt Gluyas J. S.
Next for Duty	A/Sgt Carmichael W. J.
Bn Orderly Cpl	A/Cpl Davison S. G.
Next for Duty	A/Cpl Parkes G.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 4 Sept 41:-

O.C.	To be supplied by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
Detachments of 1 Offr and 12 ORs each	2/5 Aust Fd Regt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn 7 Aust Cav

192. FRONTIER REGULATIONS.

1. Military personnel crossing the Syrian-Palestine and Syrian-Iraq frontiers must be in possession of Identity Cards or Paybooks (WF 5).
2. Civilians entering Syria from Palestine must be in possession of an exit permit from the C.I.D., Palestine Police, Jerusalem, and a pass issued by APM, Force HQ.

193. SECURITY OF SECRET DOCUMENTS.

All ranks are forbidden to carry secret or confidential documents loose in attache cases or on their persons when travelling to or from Egypt.

Such documents will, in future, be officially sealed before commencement of the journey. This procedure exempts these documents from examination by Customs or Police officials at Kantara or elsewhere on the journey.

194. ORDERS OF DRESS - AIF.

Previous R.Os. regarding wearing of pullovers are amended to read:-

Jerseys, Pullover, Khaki, may be worn ~~down~~ as an outside garment

(2)

but Jerseys, Pullover, Blue, will only be worn as an underneath garment, except when necessary for training or operations.

194. SELLING PRICES OF AUSTRALIAN STAMPS IN SYRIA.

<u>Stamp Denomination</u>	<u>Selling Price £ Syrian</u>
1d.	.030
2d.	.060
3d.	.090
6d.	.180
9d.	.270
1/-	.360
2/-	.720
5/-	1.770

The prices ascend in multiples of 3 Syrian piastres, which is the smallest Syrian amount convertible into Australian currency, until the 5/- value is reached. The 5/- stamp sells at reduction of 3 Syrian piastres from the 3 piastre multiple.

195. HYGIENE.

Order No. 188 is hereby cancelled.

196. PROMULGATION.

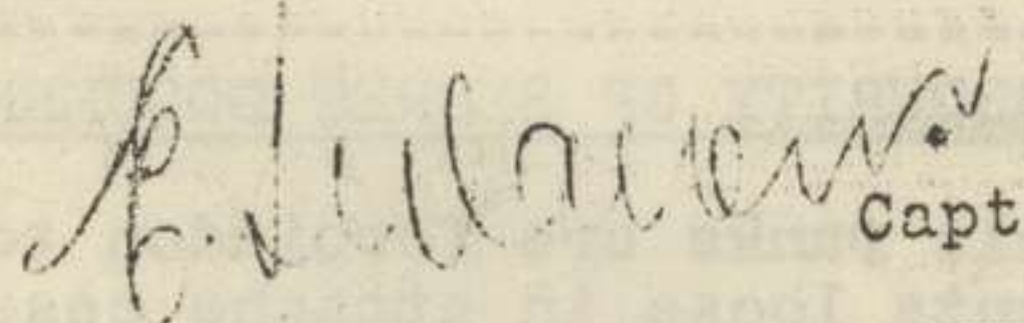
At Heliopolis on 19 Aug 41, NX 15111, Pte Arthur Royden Podrotta, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, att AIF Details, Cairo, was tried by a DCM convened by Lt-Col W.J. Balchin, officer performing the duties of DAG AIF (ME). The accused was arraigned on the following charge:

WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE, DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE, in that he, at JULIS, at 2200 hrs on 16 Jun 41, absented himself without leave from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn until apprehended by the military police at PORT SAID at 2330 hrs on 6 Jul 41, dressed in plain clothes.
(AA. Sec 12 (1) (a)).

The accused was convicted on the charge.

By sentence dated 19 Aug 41 the Court sentenced the accused to be imprisoned with hard labour for two years, and to be discharged with ignominy from His Majesty's Service.

On 30 Aug 41 Lt-Col W.J. Balchin, officer performing the duties of DAG AIF (ME) confirmed the finding of the Court and the sentence of the Court as to imprisonment with hard labour for two years, and reserved the sentence so far as it imposes discharge with ignominy from His Majesty's service for confirmation by superior authority.


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197. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 4 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"C" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut M.H. Murdock
Next for Duty	Lieut D.F. Mackay
Bn Duty Officer	Lieut J.M. Gall
Next for Duty	Lieut C.K. Brown
Bn Orderly Sgt	Sgt Tucker C.E.
Next for Duty	Sgt Burke C.R.
Bn Orderly Cpl	A/Cpl Miller R.W.
Next for Duty	Cpl Varcoe R.

198. 7 AUST DIV KIT STORE BEIRUT.

The kit store at BEIRUT will NOT be referred to as AIF KIT STORE, but will be known as 7 Aust Div Kit Store

199. WATER POINT.

A water point has been established in the barracks at the end of the northern stables. This W.P. may be used at all times except during the following periods when watering of mules is taking place:-

0630 hrs	-	0745 hrs
1045 "	-	1200 "
1630 "	-	1730 "

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5 Sep 41

200. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 5 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	"C" Coy
Next for Duty	"A" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut A Seward
Next for Duty	Lieut R.F. Michel
Duty Officer	Lieut C.K. Brown
Next for Duty	Lieut D.E. Williams
Bn Orderly Sgt	A/Sgt Burke C.R.
Next for Duty	A/Sgt Copeland J.
Bn Orderly Cpl	A/Cpl Miller R.W.
Next for Duty	A/Cpl Smith G.R.

Duty Coy will detail one man daily to report to Recreation Room at 0715 hrs.

201. CHURCH SERVICES - 7 Sep 41. (Church of England)

Special Day of National Prayer ordered by H.M. the King

Holy Communion in Recreation Hut at 0700 hrs
Parade Service " " at 0830 hrs.
The Padre will hold a Discussion Group at 2000 hrs in
Recreation Hut. Coffee will be served at 2100 hrs.

202. SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP.

Group R.O. No 89 of 3 Aug 41 is repeated hereunder.

"Regulations for the contents of correspondence:-"

Allusions to any of the following matters are forbidden at all times in private correspondence during a war, whether relating to naval, military or air forces or operations:-

- (i) Strength, efficiency, morale or organization of our forces, including any comment on the absence or presence in the theatre of war of a unit or formation, or disclosure regarding the formation to which any unit is attached or belongs;
- (ii) Location or movement of any naval, military or air force units or detachments; arrival or lack of reinforcements;
- (iii) Armament or equipment of any kind;
- (iv) Distinguishing signs used for the identification of formations, units and their transport;
- (v) Communications - such as the use, condition or probable extensions of roads, railways or other transportation facilities, bridging operations, etc;

(vi) Plans and forecasts of orders for future operations, whether known or merely rumoured or surmised;

(vii) State of the maintenance services, including any references to reserves;

(viii) Position or description of billets, bivouacs, or camps;

(ix) Casualties before official publication;

(x) Effect of any action by the enemy. Any remark which might tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause despondency in our own forces or people, or to incite a feeling of hostility among the people in the theatre of war or in neutral countries;

(xi) Criticisms and statements calculated to bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.

2. Private correspondence in the field will be plain language. Codes, ciphers and shorthand will not be permitted. Picture postcards will be suppressed by franking officers if they may in any way disclose the writer's present or past location, or the route by which the the movements of the writer's unit have taken place. It is not permitted either in the address or text of the correspondence to connect the name of a place with that of a unit, or the name of a unit with the designation of an army post office.

3. It is forbidden to send, or to attempt to send, to unauthorized persons:-

(i) Official documents, including intelligence summaries, orders, reports, maps, etc., or to disclose their contents except in the course of duty;

(ii) Any document captured from the enemy, or found in places occupied by the enemy, and any document containing information about the enemy;

(iii) Any official document belonging to the civil authorities in allied or enemy territory.

4. It is forbidden to despatch to neutral or enemy countries:-

Photographs or pictorial matter of any kind, from whatever source they may have been obtained.

5. It is forbidden to send through the post photographs or films except those taken under proper authority.

6. It is forbidden to communicate to the Press except through the duly authorized channel.

7. It is forbidden to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting correspondence with strangers, or to enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such advertisements or invitations. The greatest caution and reserve are necessary in acknowledging presents from unknown donors, or in replying to trade circulars from unknown merchants and dealers. Replies to circulars from neutral countries are forbidden.

8. It is forbidden to make use of the civil postal service in a theatre of operations, or to transmit correspondence by the hand of an officer, soldier, or civilian proceeding outside the theatre of operations, except by a recognised military messenger service.

Under no circumstances will correspondence or parcels of any nature be posted until duly censored and signed by an officer, and stamped with a unit security stamp.

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203. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 6 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut R.F. Michel
Next for Duty	Lieut M.H. Murdock
Duty Officer	Lieut D.E. Williams
Next for Duty	Lieut D.B. Hunter
Bn Orderly Sgt	Sgt Baxter W.J.
Next for Duty	A/Sgt Carey K.
Bn Orderly Cpl	A/Cpl Parker E.J.
Next for Duty	A/Cpl Hayer M.T.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 7 Sep 41:-

O.C.

Detachments of 1 Offr
and 12 ORs each

To be supplied by 7 Aust Cav

2/5 Aust Fd Regt
2/3 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aust Cav

204. ENTRANCE TO BARRACKS.

No person other than members of the British Forces will be permitted to enter the barracks unless in possession of a pass signed by one of the following officers:- C.O., Adjt., I.O. or in special cases after reference to an officer of this H.Q.

Capt.
Adj. STEVENSON GROUP.

NOTICE:

Receipt is acknowledged of the sum of £41 being amount allotted to 2/3 Aust Inf Bn in terms of 7 Aust Div Circular A151.

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205. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 7 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	"D" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut F. J. M. Reid
Next for Duty	Lieut A. Seward
Bn Duty Officer	Lieut D. B. Hunter
Next for Duty	Lieut L. C. Herwig
Bn Orderly Sgt	L/Sgt Carey K.
Next for Duty	A/Sgt Moran R.E.
Bn Orderly Cpl	Cpl Clues A.R.
Next for Duty	Cpl Bennison F.W.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 7 Sep 41:-

O.C.	To be supplied by 7 Aust Cav
Detachments of 1 Offr	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
and 12 ORs each	2/3 Aust Inf Bn
	7 Aust Cav

206. LEAVE.

TRIPOLI is now in bounds to all ranks. Cafe MOULIN BLEU is in bounds to officers only.

General leave to TRIPOLI is available to all ranks from 1900 hrs until 2200 hrs.

Thereafter leave to TRIPOLI will be granted by Coys to 2330 hrs only on issue of a leave pass.

Unit transport will NOT be used by personnel proceeding on leave.

207. PAY AND ALLOWANCES IN THE CASE OF OFFICERS WHO ARE PRISONERS OF WAR OR REPORTED MISSING.

Article 10A of the Royal Warrant for Pay promulgated by Army Orders for August, 1940, is re-published below for information. Notwithstanding this, all Officers are, in their own interests, and in the interests of their families and/or dependants, recommended to make arrangements with their Agents, Bankers, and/or Command Paymaster, Middle East Force, Jerusalem, or O.i/c Army Pay Office (Officers Accounts), Manchester, for the payments of such amounts as they may wish to be issued to their families or dependants should they be reported missing or be taken Prisoners of War.

"10A. The pay and any other emolument granted by this, Our

Warrant to an Officer, may, in the event of the individual concerned being officially declared 'missing' in circumstances which do not justify presumption of his death or absence without leave, be paid in whole or in part, at the discretion of Our Army Council or of any Officer duly authorised by them, to the wife and/or other dependant to whose support it shall have been proved to the satisfaction of Our Army Council or any Officer duly authorised by them that the 'missing' person contributed, and a receipt given by such wife and/or other dependant shall be a sufficient discharge for any such claims."

W. L. ...
Capt

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208. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs, 8 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut A. Seward
Next for Duty	Lieut F. A. Stanton
Bn Duty Officer	Lieut L. C. Herwig
Next for Duty	Lieut J. M. Gall
Bn Orderly Sgt	A/Sgt Moran R. E.
Next for Duty	A/Sgt Ducie R. J.
Bn Orderly Cpl	Cpl Bennison F. W.
Next for Duty	Cpl Harkness G. C.

209. ARMBANDS.

(i) Signal Training (All Arms) 1938 appx VII states, inter alia:-

"The blue and white Signal armband will be worn only by.....
.....D.R.'s of R.Signals and motor cyclists of other arms
while employed on despatch riding duties..... The
armband will be worn on each upper arm and will be worn
only during actual duty."

(ii) The wearing of the armband by motor cyclists thus indicates that they are carrying urgent despatches and entitles them to the privilege of the right of the road. This right of way is a much sought privilege and it is most undesirable that it be abused on congested roads.

(iii) It is known that this abuse does take place and that motor cyclists of all arms are wearing Signal armbands at all times, whether employed on despatch riding duties or not. The wearing of the armband thus loses its meaning and tends to become a mere excuse for the exercise of bad road manners and road discipline.

It is therefore incumbent on all concerned to ensure that the privileges extended to the wearer of a Signal armband are NOT abused and that it is worn by motor cyclists only whilst actually carrying despatches.

210. DRESS - OFFICERS.

A request has been received from Comd, 84 L of C Sub-Area that Officers will refrain from dining in public in shirt sleeves.

211. COURTS-MARTIAL - WITNESSES FOR.

General Order 73 of 1941 is republished for necessary action:

Many cases have recently occurred of persons subject to Military

(2)

Law being kept in arrest for an unreasonable length of time and their trial by Court Martial delayed, owing to witnesses having been posted away from, or left, the Station.

In future all Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.Os. and men whose evidence has been recorded in a Summary of Evidence will not on any account be posted away from or leave the station without referende to the authority whose duty it is to convene the Court Martial in the particular instance.

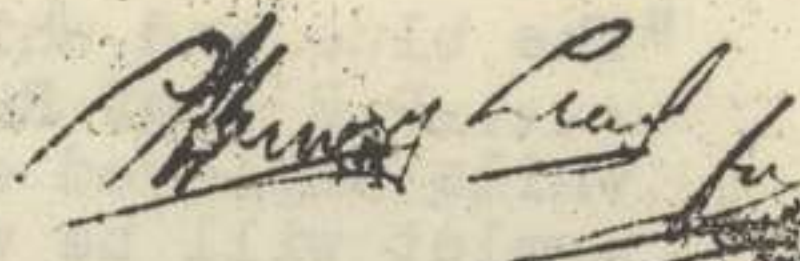
Casualties amongst such witnesses through wounds or sickness will be reported to the convening authority and the fact of their being waiting witnesses at a Court Martial reported on the casualty report.

212. POSTAL.

A considerable number of letters, etc, for officers and other ranks who have been posted and re-posted subsequent to the despatch of mail from the U.K. and whose present addresses are not known at the unit or depot to which the correspondence was originally addressed, are now in process of being traced through Section records at O.2.E.

The work of tracing would be facilitated and the delivery of mail expedited if personnel who are not receiving correspondence, communicated with the Officer in Charge, Post Section at 2nd Echelon, giving full information regarding :-

- (i) Address on embarkation.
 - (ii) Address or addresses which have been used since disembarkation.
 - (iii) Present address.
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Capt
Adjutant STEVENSON GROUP

NOTICES.

1. OFFICERS SHOP- BEIRUT.

The Officers Shop will open at the CITROEN show rooms Rue de Sour (halfway between Hotels St George and Normandie), on 1 Sep.

2. CHURCH ARMY HOSTEL.

A Church Army Hostel has been opened for the use of British Troops where they may obtain sleeping accommodation for the sum of £S.1 per night. Meals are obtainable downstairs in the NAAFI canteen. Reading, writing, and lounge rooms are available to H.M.Forces visiting Damascus.

Limited accommodation is available for Officers.

This hostel is situated above the main NAAFI Canteen and is open from 0900 hrs. Beds must be booked before 2100 hrs.

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213. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 9 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut F. A. Stanton
Next for Duty	Lieut D. E. Williams
Bn Duty Officer	Lieut J. M. Gall
Next for Duty	Lieut R. F. Michel
Bn Orderly Sgt	A/Sgt Ducie R. J.
Next for Duty	L/Sgt Baxter W. J.
Bn Orderly Cpl	Cpl Harkness G. C.
Next for Duty	A/Cpl Quinn J. P.

The following will comprise the Town Guard, TRIPOLI, to mount at 1800 hrs on 10 Sep 41:-

O.C.	To be supplied by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
Detachments of 1 Offr and 12 ORs each	2/3 Aust Inf Bn 2/5 Aust Fd Regt

J. R. Stevenson
for Capt
Adjutant STEVENSON GROUP

NOTICE

Receipt is acknowledged of the following from the Australian Comforts Fund:-

Draughts, Sets	1	Medicine Balls	3
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214. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 10 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"D" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut D. E. Williams
Next for Duty	Lieut F. J. M. Reid
Bn Duty Officer	Lieut R. F. Michel
Next for Duty	Lieut C. K. Brown
Bn Orderly Sgt	L/Sgt Baxter W. J.
Next for Duty	Sgt Wyatt A. J.
Bn Orderly Cpl	A/Cpl Quinn J. P.
Next for Duty	A/Cpl Parkes G.

215. LEAVR.

All general leave is cancelled.

Leave to Tripoli will be granted under similar conditions to El Mina leave.

Michael D. ...
Capt

Adjt STEVENSON GROUP

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11 Sep 41

216. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 11 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut J. M. Reid
Next for Duty	To be detailed
Bn Duty Officer	Lieut C. K. Brown
Next for Duty	To be detailed
Bn Orderly Sjt	A/Sjt Ducie R. J.
Next for Duty	A/Sjt Ducie R. J.
Bn Orderly Cpl	A/Cpl Parkes G. H.
Next for Duty	Cpl Smith F.

217. PRESENTS SENT TO AND BROUGHT BACK TO AUSTRALIA BY MEMBERS OF THE
A.I.F. AND OTHERS SERVING ABROAD - REMISSION OF CUSTOMS DUTY AND SALES TAX

- (1) Presents and other dutiable goods may, subject to the conditions enumerated hereunder, be admitted without payment of Customs Duty and Sales Tax When Forwarded to Australia or brought back to Australia by members of the Australian Imperial Force.
- (2) The conditions governing relief from the payments of Customs Duty and Sales Tax are:-
 - (a) The concession is limited to the admission of dutiable goods to the value of £10 from any one individual in any twelve months and payment of duty is required in respect of any amount over £10.
 - (b) The word "presents" or the term "other dutiable goods" is to be taken as including articles of adornment, curios, jewellery and other such articles which would ordinarily be brought back to Australia by persons returning from overseas.
- (3) Apparel sent to or brought back to Australia as a present by any of the above-mentioned persons is subject to the above conditions, but apparel which is the personal property of any of those persons and is brought back to Australia by them for their own use is regarded as personal effects and, irrespective of value, is admitted free of all duties.

Trinity Aid. Group
Capt
for Adjt STEVENSON GROUP

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218. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1900 hrs 12 Sep 41:-

Duty Coy	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	To be detailed
Bn Duty Officer	Lieut A. Seward
Next for Duty	To be detailed
Bn Orderly Sjt	A/Sjt Ducie R. J.
Next for Duty	To be detailed
Bn Orderly Cpl	Cpl Smith F.
Next for Duty	To be detailed

219.

CHURCH SERVICES, ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass will be celebrated at 0930 hrs on Sunday, 14 Sep 41, at a location to be notified later.

Frank Reid
lieut Capt
for Adjutant STEVENSON GROUP

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220. DUTIES.

Bn Duty Officer

Lieut A. Randell

To mount at 1900 hrs 13 Sep 41.

Next for Duty

Lieut D. J. Robertson

To mount at 1400 hrs 14 Sep 41.

221. BOUNDS.

TRIPOLI is placed out of bounds to all ranks until further notice.

222. CHURCH SERVICES - ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Ref Stevenson Gp R.O. No 219 of 12 Sep 41.

Mass will be celebrated in vicinity of Bn HQ at 0930 hrs on Sunday, 14 Sep 41. Coys will arrange transport for all R.C. personnel desirous of attending Mass.

223. SPEED LIMITS.

Unit vehs will NOT proceed through villages in unit area at a speed greater than 15 m.p.h. This order will be read to all MT drivers.

224. ALCOHOL.

The drinking of Arak by troops is strictly prohibited. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against personnel disobeying this order. All cases of drunkenness, where the suspected cause is Arak, will be remanded to the C.O.

225. ROUTINE.

Stevenson Gp R.O. No 173 of 30 Aug 41 is cancelled.

The following routine will take effect from 14 Sep 41:-

Serial 1.	0600	Reveille
2.	0700	Breakfasts
3.	0800)	
	1200)	First Parade
4.	1215	Lunches
5.	1300 }	
	1600 }	Second Parade
6.	1730	Teas

The above routine will be varied on Wednesdays when Serial 5 will be devoted to organised sport under Coy arrangements.

226. SECURITY.

In view of the present political and military situation combined with the fact that telephone lines to Coys etc pass over long distances and through villages, the need for telephone security becomes vital. No indication of the number or type of unit, or sub-unit, or any staff or other appointment will be given in telephone conversation. Seperate instructions will be issued on this subject to persons most concerned.

of Pan Hall Lieut
for Capt

Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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14 Sep 41

227. DUTIES.

Bn Duty Officer

Lieut D. J. Robertson

To mount at 1400 hrs 14 Sep 41.

Next for Duty

Lieut R. A. Gordon

To mount at 1800 hrs

228. CIVILIANS ARRESTED FOR THEFT ETC.

All civilians arrested by Coys will be brought to Bn HQ prior to delivery to gendarmerie, in order that special instructions can be given to personnel i/c of the civilian.

229. SICK PARADES.

Bn R.O. No 225 is amended as follows:-

After Serial 1 add:

Serial 1a.

0630

Sick Parade

Coys will arrange transport to RAP for personnel to attend sick parades.

Accepted
by Lt Col J. R. Stevenson
14 Sep 41
Lieut 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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230. DUTIES.

Bn Duty Officer

Lieut R. A. Gordon

To mount at 1800 hrs 15 Sep 41.

Next for Duty

Lieut M. H. Murdoch

To mount at 1700 hrs 16 Sep 41.

231. AUDIT BOARD.

Previous orders regarding constitution of above board are hereby cancelled.

The following officers are appointed president and members respectively, of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Audit Board as from 1 Sep 41:-

Major W. R. McGregor
Lieut M. H. Murdoch
Lieut D. J. Robertson

President
Member
Member

232. CIVILIANS IN BILLETS.

For the purpose of this order the term billets includes the grounds or gardens of all houses occupied by troops, as well as the houses themselves.

No civilian will be permitted to enter a billet except an owner desirous of obtaining property left in the billet, and then only with the approval the Coy Comd and if accompanied by a NCO.

233. WATER.

The following methods of drawing water will be carried out by Coys forthwith, pending fulfilment of engineering requirements.

HQ Coy	To be supplied by water cart.
"A" Coy	To draw from main pipe line only.
"B" Coy	Coy HQ to draw from main pipe line only. Pls to be supplied by water cart.
"C" Coy	To be supplied by water cart. (NOTE: All water in BDEBBA has been condemned as unfit for ALL purposes, including washing.)
"D" Coy	To draw from main pipe line only.

This order will be complied with strictly.

Water cart will where possible draw from main pipe line.

234. OFFICERS ON LEAVE - ALEPPO.

All officers proceeding into the area of the 23 Inf Bde, with the exception of those actually visiting Bde HQ on duty, will write their names and the reason for their coming into the area in the book

provided in the Town Major's office at Bde HQ.

W. Walker

Capt

Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS MAILS.

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

	Surface Mail	Ordinary Airmail	Airmail Lettercards	Airgraphs
United Kingdom and Eire	18.9.41	25.10.41	25.11.41	25.11.41
Australia	1.11.41	1.12.41	1.12.41	-
India	10.11.41	10.12.41	10.12.41	-
New Zealand	15.10.41	25.11.41	25.11.41	-
South Africa	1.11.41	1.12.41	1.12.41	-
N & S Rhodesia	1.11.41	10.12.41	10.12.41	-
East Africa	15.11.41	10.12.41	10.12.41	-

The following officers are appointed president and members respectively, of the Audit Board as from 1 Sep 41:-

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| President | Major W. R. McGregor |
| Member | Lieut M. H. Murdoch |
| Member | Lieut D. J. Robertson |

333. CIVILIANS IN BILLETTS

For the purpose of this order the term billett includes the grounds or gardens of all houses occupied by troops, as well as the houses themselves.

No civilian will be permitted to enter a billett except on owner's desire of obtaining property left in the billett, and then only with the approval of the Coy Comd and if accompanied by a NCO.

333. WATER

The following methods of drawing water will be carried out by Coy's forthwith, pending fulfillment of engineering requirements.

- | | |
|--|---------|
| To be supplied by water cart. | HQ Coy |
| To draw from main pipe line only. | "A" Coy |
| Coy HQ to draw from main pipe line only. | "B" Coy |
| To be supplied by water cart. | "C" Coy |
| To be supplied by water cart. | "D" Coy |
| To draw from main pipe line only. | "E" Coy |

This order will be complied with strictly.

Water carts will where possible draw from main pipe line.

334. OFFICERS ON LEAVE - ALBERT

All officers proceeding into the area of the 23 Inf Bde, with the exception of those actually visiting Bde HQ on duty, will write their names and the reason for their coming into the area in the book

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235. DUTIES.

Bn Duty Officer

Lieut M. H. Murdoch

To mount at 1700 hrs 16 Sep 41.

N ext for Duty

Lieut J. M. Gall

To mount at 1700 hrs 17 Sep 41.

M. H. Murdoch
for Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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236. DUTIES

Bn Duty Officer

Lieut J. M. Gall

Next for Duty

Lieut F. J. M. Reid

To mount at 1700 hrs 18 Sep 41.

237. PARKING OF VEHICLES.

Drivers are prohibited from parking vehicles on the road in front of Bn HQ. A car park has been provided adjoining these HQ and must be used on all occasions.

238. PAD? BLACK-OUT RESTRICTIONS.

Blackout will be enforced in the Lebanon as from Monday, 15 Sep 41.

1 Aust Corps RO No 103

239. SECURITY.

(a) PHOTOGRAPHY

Companies are responsible for the registration of cameras brought in to the unit from time to time by reinforcements and X-List personnel returning to the unit.

Developing and printing of negatives will, in future, be carried out under Bn arrangements. Personnel will leave negatives with Coy orderly rooms and they will then be forwarded to these HQ.

A number of cameras have been returned from the kit store and do not bear any name. Owners may claim these upon giving a Satisfactory description to the Intelligence Section.

(b) EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILIANS.

Civilians will not be employed under any circumstances, without first obtaining the necessary authority from these HQ.

240. TRIPOLI LEAVE.

A limited amount of leave to TRIPOLI will be granted each evening. Coys will be notified daily of the numbers. DRESS will be - hats, shirts (long sleeves), trousers.

241. KEYS OF BILLETS.

Coys are responsible for the keys of their billets. Keys should be labelled with the billet number and kept at Coy HQ when not in use.

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242. DUTIES.

Bn. Duty Officer (to mount 1700 hrs.
18 Sep 41) -

Lieut. F. J. M. Reid.
Lieut. F. J. V. Maitland.

Next for Duty

243. ACCEPTANCE OF CASH DEPOSITS IN PAYBOOKS.

R.O. no. 118 of 13 Aug 41 is repeated:-

"Unless accompanied by written approval from the CO that the money was lawfully obtained, amounts in excess of £A5 will not be accepted for credit in paybooks."

The following form will now be used for obtaining the necessary approval:-

"I (No., name of soldier) apply for permission to lodge a cash deposit of £A..... to my paybook, which amount was lawfully obtained by me."

.....(Signature of soldier).
Approved under provisions of A.I.F. (M.E.) Order no. 544.
.....(Commanding Officer Unit).

The above authority should be obtained by the soldier through his coy comd before presenting the money to the Pay Sergeant for deposit to his paybook. It will not be sufficient for the authority to be given by an officer of the unit for and on behalf of the Commanding Officer, but must be signed by the Commanding Officer, for the time being, of the particular unit.

A second deposit of £A5 or less, presented at any Cash Office within 14 days of the date of a previous deposit, will also require approval as stated above.

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244. DUTIES.

Bn. Duty Officer (to mount
1700 hrs. 19 Sep 41)
Next for Duty

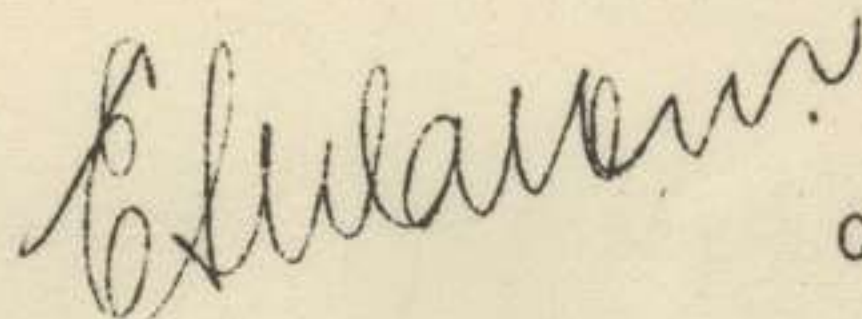
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Lieut. F. A. Stanton.
Lieut. F. B. Haven.

245. PROMULGATION.

Reference Stevenson Gp R.O. No. 12 of 20 Jul 41.

Upon reviewing the proceedings of the D.C.M. which tried and convicted NX.5054 Pte. Richardson P.L., and referred to in the above R.O., and considering a petition made by the accused, the G.O.C. A.I.F. (M.E.) has directed that the finding and sentence therein be quashed.



Capt.

Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Receipt is acknowledged of a gift of air-mail writing paper and envelopes received from a Y.M.C.A. representative this day.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Coy
A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
CO
2 i/c
Adjt
RMO
QM
MTO
RSM
Pay Sgt
War Diary (3)
File.

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246. DUTIES.

Bn. Duty Officer (to mount
1700 hrs. 20 Sep 41):-
Next for Duty

Lieut. M. H. Murdoch
Lieut. L. C. Herwig.

247. CHURCH SERVICES, 21 Sep 41.

Mass (Roman Catholic) will be celebrated at 0830 hrs in the building occupied by HQ Coy Orderly Room.

248. BLACKOUT.

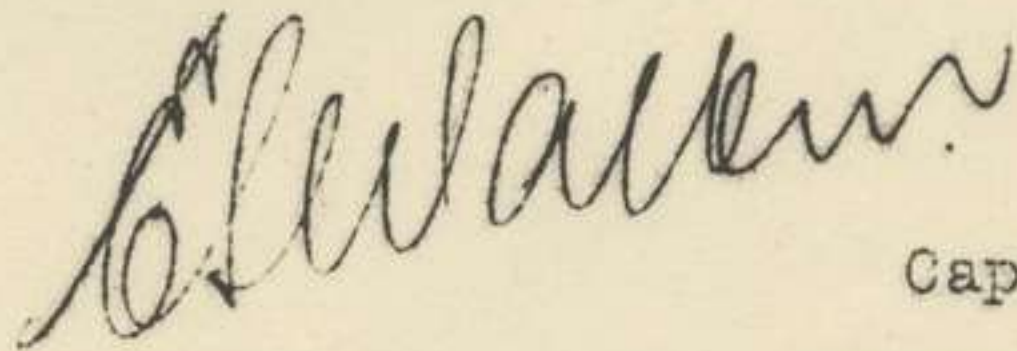
Reference R.O. no. 238 of 17 Sep 41. Blackout in billets and on vehicles in the Lebanon will be strictly enforced.

249. USE OF CROSS GENEVA.

Vehicles bearing the Cross Geneva must not be used as conveyances for armed personnel.

Where it is necessary to convey personnel - under medical treatment - who are under armed escort, vehicles other than those bearing the above emblem must be used.

Care must be taken to ensure that buildings with the Cross Geneva appearing thereon and used for purposes other than medical installations have the emblems effaced immediately on occupancy.



Capt.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following received from a representative of the Australian Comforts Fund this day:-

606 pkts. local cigarettes;
606 tins boot polish;
Quantity writing paper and envelopes.

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250. DUTIES.

Bn. Duty Officer (to mount
1700 hrs. 21 Sep 41):-

Lieut. R. P. Michel.

Next for Duty

To be notified later.

R. P. Michel Lieut.
for Capt.

Adj. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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251. DUTIES.

Bn. Duty Officer (to mount
1700 hrs. 22 Sep 41):-

Lieut. R. A. Gordon.

Next for Duty

Lieut. D. B. Hunter.

252. ORDERS FOR DRESS.

All Officers will wear revolvers in SYRIA whether on leave or on duty.

253. CONTROL OF M.T.

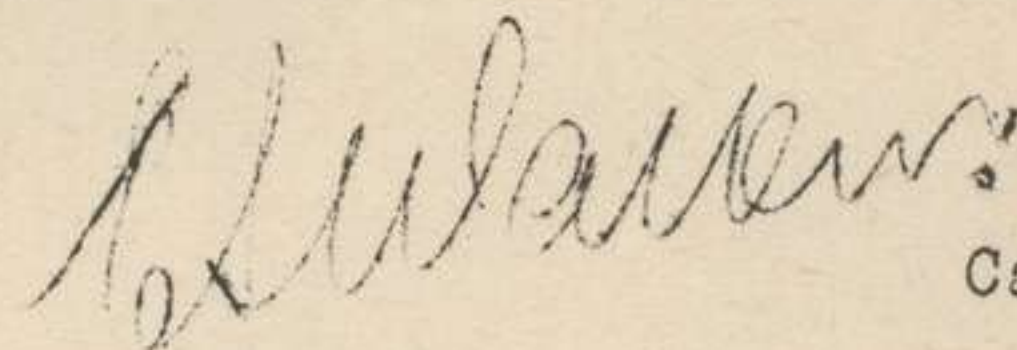
No vehicle will leave its coy area without a workticket.

Worktickets will be issued by the following officers only or in their absence, an officer specifically detailed by them:-

Coy Comds - for vehicles attached to their coys;
MTO - for vehicles under his direct control and
not attached to coys.

The MTO may depute this duty to tpt Sgt in his absence.

Regimental police on patrol duty will from time to time stop vehicles and check the work ticket held by the driver.


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23 Sep 41

254. DUTIES.

Bn. Duty Officer (to mount at
1700 hrs 23 Sep 41):-

Lieut. D. B. Hunter.

Next for Duty

Lieut. F. A. Stanton.

255. PROMULGATION.

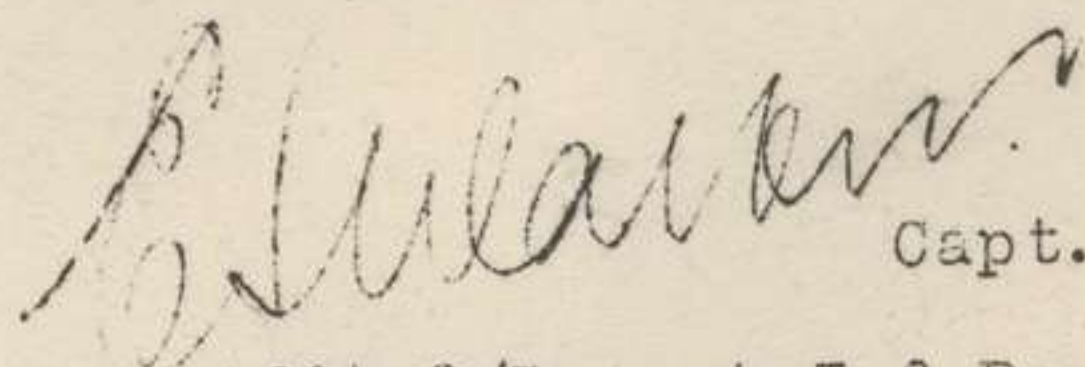
At HELIOPOLIS on 20 Aug 41, Lieut. George Bartholomew Gidley King, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, was tried by a GCM convened by Lieut.-General Sir W. A. Blamey, GOC, AIF(ME). The accused was arraigned on the following charge:

"When on Active Service, drunkenness, in that he, at Victoria Hotel, Cairo, at about 0135 hrs on 3rd August, 1941, was drunk. (AA Sec.19)."

The accused was convicted on the charge.

By sentence dated 20 Aug 41, the court sentenced the accused to be dismissed from His Majesty's Service.

On 19 Sep 41, Lieut.-General Sir T. A. Blamey, GOC, AIF (ME) confirmed the finding and sentence of the Court, but commuted the punishment so that the sentence shall be that the accused is to take rank and precedence in his corps and in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia as if his appointment as Lieutenant bore date the 20 Aug 41, and also that the accused is to be fined the sum of £20 in Australian currency.


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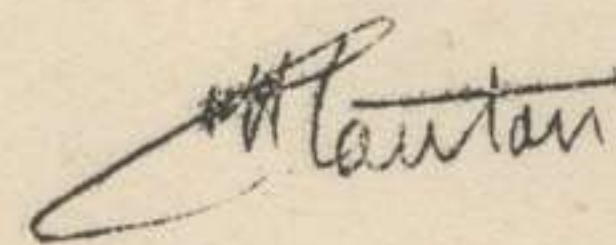
254. DUTIES.

Bn. Duty Officer (to mount
1700 hrs. 24 Sep 41):→

Lieut. F. A. Stanton.

Next for Duty

Lieut. J. M. Gall.



Lieut.
for
Capt.

Adj't 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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25 Sep 41

255. DUTIES.

Bn. Duty Officer (to mount
1700 hrs 25 Sep 41):-

Lieut. J. M. Gall.

Next for Duty

Lieut. F. J. M. Reid.

256. BOUNDS.

MAJLAYA is out of bounds except to those personnel billeted there.

[Signature] Lieut. for
Capt.

Adj. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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257. DUTIES.

Bn Duty Officer (to mount 1700 hrs 26 Sep 41):-
Next for Duty

Lieut F. J. M. Reid
Lieut L. C. Herwig

258. CHURCH SERVICES, 28 Sep 41.

Mass (Roman Catholic) will be celebrated at 0930 hrs in the Tpt Building.

259. IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIALS.

1. All officers, without exception, military personnel and war correspondents, whether visiting or on duty, staying at or passing through Beirut, will immediately upon arrival present their credentials at Surete Generale, Italian Consulate Building, Beirut, Tel No Beirut 6164.

2. Credentials are the means by which a person's identity will be incontrovertibly established and must, therefore, be issued, signed and stamped by a recognised authority and should, moreover, be carried at all times by the abovementioned personnel throughout the Middle East.

3. Failure to observe this security precaution may result in the offender's detention until such time as his identification, through official channels, has been established.

260. AUDIT OF REGIMENTAL TRUST FUNDS AND MESS ACCOUNTS.

In order to simplify the procedure connected with audits of Regimental Trust Funds and Mess Accounts, the following certificate will be submitted in lieu of the certificate at present in use:-

I certify that all Regimental Trust Funds and Mess Accounts in connection with the unit have been audited for the month of 19 , and that the amounts have been reconciled with the respective Trust Account Books.

.....C.O.
(Unit)

261. ACTING WARRANT OR N.C. RANK - RELINQUISHMENT OF

Further to AIF Order (ME) No 17, of 20 July 40, in connection with the appointment to, confirmation and relinquishment of acting warrant or non-commissioned rank, vice casualties, personnel appointed to acting warrant or non-commissioned rank for reasons other than the replacement of casualties will automatically relinquish such rank when personnel concerned are transferred to "X" List.

Commanding Officers will ensure the lodgment of the necessary Casualty Returns with Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, AIF (ME), and that the necessary adjustments are made in the soldier's paybook.

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262. RETURNABLE PETROL CONTAINERS.

1. A large number of 4-gallon returnable square cans and 4-gallon returnable round drums have been put into circulation in the Middle East.

2. These containers are being filled with leaded petrol, a petrol with a tetra-ethyl-lead content. Tetra-ethyl-lead is a highly dangerous poison and may tend to remain in the inside seams of the can.

3. O's.C. units will, therefore, warn all ranks against the use of these returnable petrol containers for water for either drinking or washing purposes.

4. Arrangements have been made for all future issues of such containers to be stencilled:-

PETROL
LEADED
POISON

263. LOCAL CAFES AND RESTAURANTS.

All cafes and restaurants in the villages occupied by this unit are out of bounds to troops after 2130 hrs. Disciplinary action will be taken against troops found on premises after that hour.

W. H. Hunt Lieut.
for Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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264. DUTIES.

Bn Duty Officer (to mount
1700 hrs 27 Sep 41):-

Lieut L. C. Herwig

Next for Duty

Lieut R. F. Michel

265. CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES-28 Sep 41.

Holy Communion in Transport Building at 0830 hrs
"B" Coy at 0930 hrs
"A" Coy at 1015 hrs
"C" Coy at 1130 hrs

A. H. Hunt Lieut.
Capt
Adj 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

1. CONCERT.

A concert will be given by the 6 Aust Div Concert Party on Monday,
29 Sep 41 and Tuesday, 30 Sep 41 in Transport area at 2000 hrs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Receipt is acknowledged of the undermentioned articles contained
in parcels nos. B107, B108 and B109, from the 2/3 Bn Comforts Fund:-

69 Prs Underpants
24 Dilly bags
2 Prs Pyjamas
29 Prs Short Sox
6 Prs Long Sox
6 Hose Tops
6 Washers
7 Prs Garters

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266. DUTIES.

Bn Duty Officer (to mount
1700 hrs 28 Sep 41):-

Lieut R. F. Michel

Next for Duty

To be detailed

267. ACCIDENT ON KUNEITRA ROAD.

An accident took place on the Kuneitra road about 14 kilometres out of Damascus on 15 Jul 41 at approximately 2130 hrs in which WD lorry 1266675 collided with civilian lorry B-884.

This was witnessed by an officer who reported the accident to a RASC unit nearby. Shortly after a WD truck came along and took away one injured civilian in the direction of Damascus.

DAPM Damascus requires to get in touch with the officer and with the driver of the truck.

Adjutant Lieut
for Capt

Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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29 Sep 41

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268. DUTIES.

Bn Duty Officer (to mount
at 1700 hrs 29 Sep 41):-

Lieut J. M. Gall

Next for Duty

To be detailed

269. IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIALS.

Bn R.O. 259 of 26 Sep 41.

Unless further advised this is to be taken to apply only to persons now entering SYRIA and will not apply to those already stationed in SYRIA and LEBANON.

270. FIELD CENSORSHIP - CORRESPONDENCE WITH ENEMY TERRITORY, ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY, AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES BORDERING THEREON.

General Order 393 of 1941 is hereby amended as follows:-

Para 4. Delete the whole paragraph and substitute:-

"Postage of 22m/m will be prepaid in Egyptian postage stamps only. If sender is unable to obtain Egyptian postage stamps, he will enclose a British Postal Order to the value of 6d with the correspondence."

Para 5 and 7. Delete "Deputy Chief Field Censor" in each case and substitute "G.S.I.(c)."

271. SIGNAL PRIORITIES AND USE OF DRLS.

(a). There has been much abuse of priorities. Every effort is to be made to see that messages are not given a priority higher than necessary.

(b). In a number of cases it is advantageous to send a message rather than a memo. However, care is to be taken that such messages are endorsed "DRLS" except when speed necessitates their being sent by a quicker means.

(7 Aust Div R.O. 479 of 26 Sep 41)

272. DISCIPLINE.

In view of the present tension in DAMASCUS caused by the economic and political situation, it is of paramount importance that the behaviour of tps visiting DAMASCUS should be exemplary.

Bad behaviour would quickly aggravate an already difficult situation

(7 Aust Div R.O. 482 of 26 Sep 41)

W. H. ...
Capt

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273. DUTIES.

Bn Duty Officer (to mount
at 1700 hrs, 30 Sep 41):-

Lieut F. J. M. Reid

Next for Duty

to be detailed

274. DISCIPLINE - SALUTING.

Attention has been directed to slackness on the part of officers in returning salutes. Every effort should be made to avoid slovenly habits in this respect and officers should be punctilious in returning compliments.

(1 Aust Corps R.O.131 of 28 Sep 41)

Appendix B.

TRAINING SYLLABUS, 2/3 AUST INF BN - FROM 22 SEP 41.

Serial No.	Times	FIRST DAY	SECOND DAY	THIRD DAY
1.	0800 - 0830		Coy. Parades; inspection and rifle exercises.	Coy. Parades; inspection and rifle exercises.
2.	0830 - 0930		Packing Platoon Truck.	
3.	0930 - 1000	ROUTE MARCH	A.Tk. Rifle.	Platoon
4.	1015 - 1100	(Crosscountry)	L.M.G. T.O.L.T.	in
5.	1100 - 1130	Formations to be practised.	Lecture (Coy Comd) - Battle Procedure.	Defence.
6.	1130 - 1200		T.S.L.G.	
7.	1330 - 1600		Platoon in attack.	Sport
8.	1900 - 2130			Night Attack.
Serial No.	Times	FOURTH DAY	FIFTH DAY	SIXTH DAY.
1.	0800 - 0830			Coy. parades; inspection & rifle exercises.
2.	0830 - 0930	Coy.	Coy.	Packing Platoon Truck.
3.	0930 - 1000	in	in	Inter-pl competition in above.
4.	1015 - 1100	Attack.	Defence	L.M.G. T.O.L.T.
5.	1100 - 1200		and	T.O.L.T.
6.	1330 - 1600		Withdrawal.	Sport.
7.	1900 - 2130	Outposts.		

TRAINING SYLLABUS, 2/3 AUST INF BN - FROM 29 Sep 41.

Serial No.	Times	FIRST DAY	SECOND DAY	THIRD DAY
1.	0800-0830	Coy Parades; inspection and rifle exercises		Coy Parades; inspection and rifle exercises
2.	0830-0930	Digging Drill	Route March	S.A.T., T.O.E.T.
3.	0930-1030	Marking and layout of first task	Formations to be practised	
4.	1030-1200	Digging First Task. Drill and practise		
5.	1330-1600	Demonstration of Company in attack by "B" Coy		Organised Sport
Serial No.	Times	FOURTH DAY	FIFTH DAY	SIXTH DAY
1.	0800-0830	Musketry	Route March	Coy Parades; inspection and rifle exercises
2.	0830-0930		Formations to be practised	S.A.T.
3.	0930-1030	Practice		T.O.E.T.

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FITNESS FOR WAR.

- 1 2/3 Australian Infantry Battalion.
- 2 STATE OF EQUIPMENT.
 - (a) WEAPONS. Issue complete, and all arms in good condition.
 - (b) A VEHICLES. Seven 15 cwt. vans G.S., two vans G.S. 1 ton deficient. Three carriers held by Recovery section to be replaced.
 - (c) B VEHICLES. Complete.
 - (d) G 1098 EQUIPMENT. No deficiencies in major items.

3 FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS.

The personnel are fit for employment in following operations:-

- (a) guard duties
- (b) internal security
- (c) static warfare (second class enemy)
- (d) static warfare (first class enemy)

It is considered that a certain period would be required for training to fit the Unit for

- (e) mobile operations - Two weeks
- (f) mountain warfare - One week
- (g) desert warfare - One week

4 REMARKS.

Strength & Training. A number of reinforcements were absorbed during the month who have received a fair grounding in Weapon Training. It is considered the Unit should spend the above periods as a minimum on exercises, so that these men could readily adapt themselves to operations and assimilate the duties required of them in the Unit.

The Unit is still one hundred and fifty general duty personnel understrength, which would eventually affect the Unit if engaged in operations of long duration.

Officers. The Officer position is still acute but a few ~~junior~~ senior officers should be rejoining the Unit during the coming month.

At the moment the main deficiency is that two Rifle Coys are without suitable commanders for battle.

Two subalterns on the strength of the Unit are considered unsuitable for field work and recommendations have been forwarded, but as yet no action has been taken.

The shortage in subalterns is being adequately filled by N.C.O.'s. It is suggested that the matter of granting direct commissions to N.C.O.'s be recommended as a means of filling the shortage of Officers in this Unit. Only one reinforcement Officer has marched in during the past three months. Four nominations were made after the desert campaign, but as yet the promotions have not been made.

Health. A number continue to be evacuated with sandfly fever but the general condition of the men shows they are soft. It was noticed in cases where they were relieved from guard duties for one week and placed on training they rapidly hardened. It is considered that two weeks spent on training exercises would harden them.

R. Sturman
Lt. Col.

Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

Appendix D.

Q. Ms. APPENDIX TO THE WAR DIARY - SEPTEMBER 1941.

MOVEMENT.

On 28 Aug. the "Q" Store was transferred to Legoult Barracks. The store was situated in good housing of concrete well fitted out.

On 12 Sep. the "Q" Store was again transferred to Bechmezzine and accommodation found in 4 rooms of a private house, racks were erected and a very suitable store fitted.

ARMS.

A/Tk. Rifles.

During the month the establishment was reduced to 5 per Bn. We have some minor shortages in cleaning gear. The rifles are all in good condition.

Bren Guns.

Five Bren guns were received making establishment complete (50 guns) in addition seven new guns and five new barrels were exchanged for old guns. All our guns are now in excellent condition. We have some shortages in component parts of the wallets and cleaning gear.

Tommy Guns.

These are up to establishment i.e. 36, and magazines were received leaving us only 2 drum magazines short and some cleaning gear. These guns are all in good condition.

2" Mortars.

These are up to establishment, i.e. 12. Rods and brushes were received during the month. There are some shortages in spare parts, chiefly Firing Pins and Lensatic Sights.

3" Mortars.

We have 4 3" Mortars complete with gear. The new E.2 Series only shows an establishment of 2.

RATIONS.

Rations have been mostly fresh meat and vegetables, bread, margarine, and tinned food. The meat is a mixture of local and frozen beef and mutton. The quality of local meat leaves something to be desired, but frozen meat is good. The assortment of vegetables is not good, but shows signs of improving. These rations are supplemented by A.A.C.S. purchases, and on the whole the feeding position is satisfactory.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT.

The troops are all very well supplied in this department and are generally very well turned out. A consensus of opinion was taken from all ranks regarding the free laundry service offered by 7 Aust Div and was unanimously rejected. This would indicate that pride is being taken in personal appearance. The issue of winter clothing is now in progress.

GENERAL.

The "Q" position is generally satisfactory apart from little internal trouble. Measures have been taken to obviate any further recurrence.

(Sgd)

L. Herwig

Capt.

Q.M. 2/3 Inf. Bn.

Appendix E

APPENDIX TO WAR DIARY September 1941.

- Sep 12 Capt W.R. Gayton new R.M.O. reported for duty.
- 13 Bn left Barracks for Billets in several villages among
the foothills of the Lebanese Mountains.
Billets comfortable.
- 25 Sick rate which had been too high showed a tendency to ease off.
A course of training for stretcher bearers commenced.
Main disease of which men were reporting sick is P.U.O.

(Signed) W.R. Gayton, Capt.
R.M.O.

Appendix F.

Record of Entertainment given by Citizens of Bechmezzeen
to Commander of 2/3 Bn of the A.I.F. and his Staff.

Entertainers.

Rev John Moufarrij (Priest)
Mr. Mechael Najjar (Muktar)
Mr. Gabriel Mina (President of the Municipality)

Dr. George Najjar Dr. Cesar Haik Mr. Samie Moufarrij.
Mr. Nicola Mina Mr. Salim Gazie Mr. Elie Jeha.
Mr. John Melkie.

The following speech was delivered by John Melkie during the evening

Dear Colonel and Staff

It is one of our qualities that we do speak English in the country which is very far from any English-speaking one. And so on this basis English-speaking people are to us very much the same as England is to General Ian Hay the English eminent writer who said "I do not own a single square inch of England and yet I want it to be a happy nation because I have absorbed its atmosphere.

Dear Sir,

A big majority of our educated men and women were born into the world of knowledge in the sunlight of your language; and brought up to the high ideals under Anglo-Saxon training and thus have absorbed the Anglo-Saxon culture. So indirectly we may be considered as one who had absorbed your atmosphere and does not own a single square inch of your country.

Accordingly we wish you in our turn and wish every British success and happiness.

Furthermore we wish H.M. The King glorious victory for him for every soldier fighting for peace.

(Sgd) John Melkie
Bechmezzeen, 15 Sept. 1941.

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FITNESS FOR WAR.

1. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

2. State of Equipment.

(a) WEAPONS: Issue complete (except for six machine carbine Thompson) and all arms are in good condition.

(b) A VEHICLES. Deficient six 15-cwt trucks and two 1-ton trucks.
At Field Workshops: One one-ton Van
Nine Carriers on hand except for two scout type all are in good condition.
One carrier at Field W/shops awaiting replacement.
B VEHICLES. One 30-cwt awaiting delivery of one hub for repair.

All vehicles are in good mechanical condition, but the springing is showing signs of weakness. Owing to the design and type of springing and due to the nature of the work, the springs will require frequent resetting in the future.

(c) E 2 Equipment.
No deficiencies in major items ... Four motley A A mountings are deficient.

3. FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS.

The personnel of the Unit are considered fit for the following operations:-

- (a) Guard Duties.
- (b) Internal Security.
- (c) Static Warfare (Second Class enemy)
- (d) Static Warfare (First Class enemy)

The minimum training period required to fit the Unit for the following operations is considered to be three weeks

- (e) Mobile operations
- (f) Mountain Warfare.
- (g) Desert Warfare.

4. REMARKS Two Coys are rather soft at present whilst the remainder of the Bn has reached a high standard of fitness.

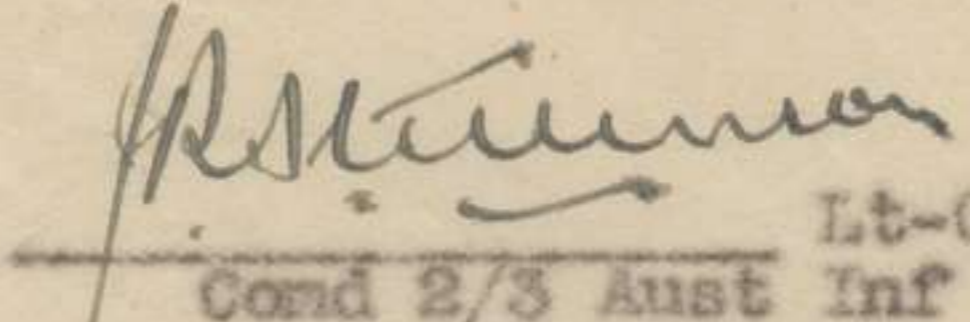
A few cases of malaria have been evacuated in the past two weeks.

MUSKETRY Recent musketry practices showed a low standard of marksmanship. It is considered desirable that a classification range practice be fired in the near future as it is over twelve months since the Unit fired a course.

NCO's. A number of ~~new~~ recent promotions have been made from men who have proved their ability in the field. It is suggested that they should have the opportunity of attending a school - preferably a weapon training School.

OFFICERS. During the month the position in regard to Senior Officers has eased somewhat but it is considered that the Bn is still deficient one Coy Comdr suitable for battle at the moment.

This vacancy should be filled within the next two weeks by the termination of the secondment of certain officers.


Lt-Col.
Cond 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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WHITE BN OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

INFORMATION.

1. As issued by HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
2. White Bn has under comd two coys "X" Bn.

INTENTION.

3. White Bn will hold a defensive line on COL DES CEDRES.

METHOD.

4. General principle - Beach Defence.
5. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Coys will be forward. 6 Coy will be in reserve in vicinity of BCHARRE.
6. Dispositions - As per disposition map attached. All fwd secs will be detached on an outpost line forward of the main feature.
7. 3 pl - following dets will be placed under comd coys shown:-
 One det under comd centre coy.
 Two dets " " left centre coy.
 One det will remain in reserve at LES CEDRES.
8. 4 Pl)
5 Pl) Will remain in reserve at LES CEDRES.
9. Priority of work - Digging of slit trenches.
 " " Alternate positions.
 " " crawl trenches
 (Estimated amount of digging:- 1,000 c.yds. for each of three centre coys.)
 Wiring (Estimated requirements:- 5,000 yds triple dannert wire).

ADM.

10. Supplies will be carried forward by pack mule (Estimated time reach flank coys: 6 hrs.). 40 mules will be required per coy.

INTER-COMM.

11. Bn HQ at LES CEDRES.
12. Inter-comm by L/T to coy HQs. Flank coys will lay line to fwd pls. Fwd secs will communicate by V/S. (Estimated amount of sig wire required:- 60 miles.).

Edulaker Capt.
For Adjt White Bn.

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