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**diaries, 1939-45 War**

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**2/3 Infantry Battalion**  
**January - February 1942**

JANUARY MONTH  
1942 YEAR

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# WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 174

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
In The Field	1	Gymkhana at Qatana. Representatives from Bn in Sports and spectators. I O to School. Cold, rain and sleet all day. Probable move to tin sheds by week end. Bn sports result Bren Gun Carriers, mortars, grenade throwing and transport.	See Appx A 12/1/42 for results.	
	2	C Coy move to tin sheds. Tin sheds in a deplorable condition being barely finished and unslabbed. Majority half filled with snow and mud offering excellent opportunities for sickness pneumonia. Continual blizzard with plenty of snow and sleet		
	3	Snow by the ton; ground covered, bitterly cold and windy. Avalanche of snow on mountains, tents blown down. Men on O P withdrawn. Bad visibility P Coy party walk to Babel Gap to look for Engns Camp. C O, Sgt Buderus and Cpl Hickson stand by to move out to search for Capt McKenzie at 1900hrs	See Appx E	
	4	Break in weather. Ground completely covered with snow. No communication to Bde only by fullerphone. General move to tin sheds. Use of sleds by men to haul gear. Rations low, use of iron rations. Work carried out digging for road.		
	5	Glorious day. Bn working fast moving to sheds. 1200 Capt Macintosh and 4 men who have been on leave and unable to return on account of weather arrives in charge of mule team with rations. RAP personnel use sleds to haul and evacuate men with frostbite, pneumonia to Bde. Capts Walker and Williams leave with mule team - 7 days leave to Cairo. Five Boyes rifles complete handed over to Bde today.		
	6	Heavy frost and glorious day. One Capt., one Lieut, one WO(ii), Sgts or Cpls (2) to be chosen to return to Aust. Great speculation as to whom chosen. Mule team arrives with rations 1200 hrs Digging and clearing of tin sheds well underway Eight men to be evacuated.		

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*R. Steerman*  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Col  
Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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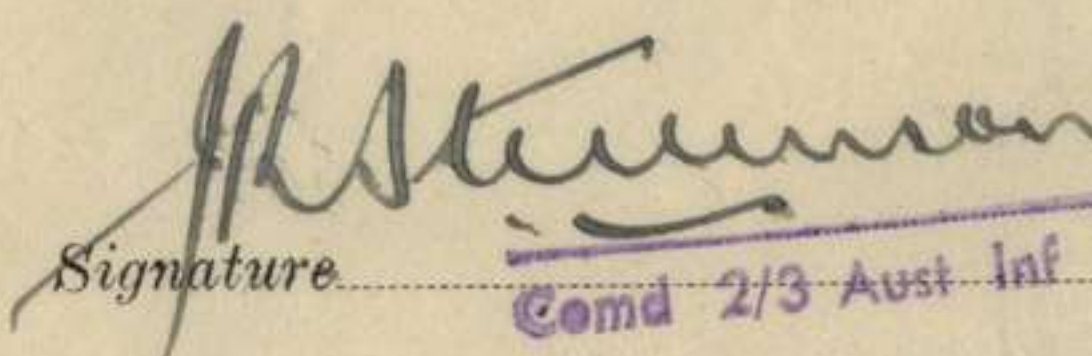
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In The Field	7	Road work still being carried on. Mule team with rations, 1200 hrs. Road cleared 1200 hrs and open to traffic. Work on tin sheds.		
	8	General work Security post mounted - Map ref 17781706 QATANA 1/20000. Challenge issued by Officers to Sgts to play soccer in Damas for a dinner.		
	9	Nomination of personnel returning to Australia announced: Capt McDonald, Lieut Stone, WO(ii) Hoddinott, Sgt Hoysted, Sgt Sayers. Sgt Hoysted was on way to 16 I T B. Mail, parcels, and papers arrived in afternoon.		
	10	CO and 2 i/c to Pab stine. Soccer match between Offrs and Sgts. Sgts won 6-3. Dinner after at Trianon Cafe.		
	11	Sunday Services and mail.		
	12	4 Offrs and 213 men to Damas on Security Piquet-C Coy - 1 Offr 38 B Coy, 68 men from HQ Coy.		
	13	Use of stoves in tin sheds. Carrying on of defensive and road work.		
	14	Work on fortress area continued. CO and 2 i/c returned to Unit.		
	15	Routine work as usual.		
	16	Nothing to report. Bde sig Capt checks sigs stores and equipt. Road and defensive work		
	17	Rain and wind More mail. Rugby Union 2/3 Bn (6) v 16 Bde (Nil)		
	18	0930 Service in Recreation Hut. Drastic action against straying goats.		
	19	Nothing to note		
	20	" " "		
	21	" " "		
	22	" " "		
	23	Showers and fierce wind caused cancellation of Range Practice which had been held each day of this week, since Monday. Distribution of woollen comforts.		

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In The Field	24	<p>Arrival at 0030 hrs of 4 officers and 80 ORs - X personnel and reifts. Euchre Party in Recreation Hut. Soccer 2/3 Bn (0) v 2/1 Bn (1) at Damascus.</p>		
	25	0930 Service in Recreation Hut. Very cold wind. Light fall of snow on Bourkoch.		
	26	Concert by Sergeants, in <del>Officers</del> ' Mess. Native labourers digging defensive positions C Coy return from Damascus guard.		
	27	Battalion Parade at 1330 hrs for warnings re leave - discipline.		
	28	Nothing to report.		
	29	Arrival at Bn of Advance Party of King's Own Regt (From Tobruk) - 7 Officers, 20 ORs.		
	30	Entertainments in Recreation Hut at 1800 and 2000 hrs by IO Corps Concert Party.		
	31	<p>Day spent informing and showing King's Own the fortress area.</p> <p>During the month news was received to the effect that Lt.) Col Stevenson's name had appeared among the recipients of the D.S.O. in the New Year Awards.</p> <p>Other members of the Unit to receive awards were.</p> <p><u>OBE</u> Major J.K. Goodwin  <u>BEM</u> Sgt Quodling J.W.  <u>MM</u> Cpl Sholtz L.J.  <u>MM</u> Pte Smith W.M.</p>	See Appx D	

Signature  Lt. Col  
 Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

Appendix D to WAR DIARY

PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

Lt-Col.	J.R. Stevenson		Awarded	D.S.O.
Major	J.K. Goodwin		"	O.B.E.
Sgt	Quodling	J.W.	"	B.E.M.
Cpl	Sholtz	L.J.	"	M.M.
Pte	Smith	W.M.	"	M.M.
W.O. II	Hoddinott	F.J.	Promoted	Lieut
W.O. II	MacGuinn	L.	"	"
Sgt	Long	L.M.	"	"

APPENDIX E

Recce Patrol to contact party of Engineers

During the night 1/2 Jan 42 a very strong wind sprang up, accompanied by rain and snow. By the morning of 2nd Jan, the entire camp was in the grips of a snow blizzard.

Visibility was bad and owing to the strength of the wind and falling snow, any movement was an effort.

At 1310 hrs Capt K.M. MacKenzie, Pte Goadsby E.C. and Pte Smith I.S.W. left the Coy lines as a patrol to contact a party of Engineers cut off at BAB-EL-QALAH.

The Engineers numbered five or six and were camped at the foot of BAB-EL-QALAH in two tents. The distance was approx four miles from our own HQ.

Owing to drifts of snow anything up to 20 ft deep, the going was particularly heavy. Capt MacKenzie's party took between four and five hours to reach the Engineers Camp.

On arrival the patrol discovered the tents snowed under, one of which was collapsed in the centre.

In the first tent were two arat donkeys and the second tent appeared to be empty.

As the patrol was preparing to move back they heard moans coming from the rear end of the collapsed tent and so commenced digging. When the tent side was bared Capt MacKenzie cut his way in and discovered three natives of Syria huddled together in the centre. They had made use of the Engineers Blankets and except that they were cold appeared to be alright.

Evidently the Engineers had made their way to a native village when it became evident that the snow storm would continue and their camp engulfed in snow.

Capt MacKenzie and his two men then commenced the return journey to camp. When within two miles of home Capt MacKenzie became partly exhausted and it was due to the courage and powers of endurance of Ptes Goadsby and Smith, who assisted Capt MacKenzie over the last two miles, that the patrol returned safely at 2315 hrs.

All three men were covered with snow and ice and their outer garments and equipment were frozen. The ice had to be broken away before they could be undressed and put to bed. 18 Pl had a fire and a hot meal ready.

TRAINING SYLLABUS - 2/3 AUST INF BN - 1/7 JAN 41 (incl)

Serial No	TIME hrs	1, 2, 3, JAN 41	4 JAN 41	5, 6, 7, JAN 41		
1.	0800-1030	Field Works BOURKOCH FORTRESS	<u>Church Services</u>	Battalion Exercise BOURKOCH - RHAKLE - YAAFOUR  (Bn Training Instrn to be issued in due course)		
2.	1030-1200		All personnel armed with Pistols			
3.	1300-1600		Pistol Course Miniature Range			
4.	1600-0800		Administration			

TRAINING SYLLABUS - 2/3 AUST INF BN - 22 - 28 Jan 42

Serial No.	Time	22 - 24 Jan 42	25 Jan 42	26 Jan 42	27 Jan 42	28 Jan 42
1	0815--0845	RANGE PRACTICES (LMG COURSE) ANI ASSAULT COURSE	CHURCH PARADES AND ADMINISTRATION	COMPANY PARADE AND INSPECTIONS		
2	0845--0915			Close order drill	Bn muster Pde for reading of 1 Aust Corps Instn of 9/1/42 re "Discipline"	Close order drill
3	0915--1000			Bayonet Tng re-capitulation of Lessons 1-3 & 5	Drill for night attack and practice	LMG - Recapitulations of Lessons 17 - 20
4	1000--1045					
5	1100--1145			2" Mortar Recapitulation of Lessons 2-4		Security of information
6	1300--1345			Grenade Tng. Recapitulation of Lessons 1-2		INTER PL COMPETITIVE ROUTE MARCH UNDER COY ARRANGEMENTS
7	1345--1430			Lecture - Battle Procedure		
8	1430--1515			Verbal messages practice		
9	1515--1600			LMG - recapitulation of lessons 11, 13, 14		
10.	1830--2200					Night Patrols



**7 DAY WET WEATHER TRAINING SYLLABUS.**

2/3 AUST INF BN

	0815-0830	0835-0920	0925-1010	1025-1110	1115-1200	1300-1345	1350-1435	1440-1525	1530-1600
DAY 1.		BREN SAT Pam 4 Stripping	GRENADES  S.T.	A/GAS Pam No. 1 War Gases, Characterist- ics.	RIFLE SAT Pam 3 Mechanism & Cleaning.	TSMG.  Character- istics	FIRE CONTROL ORDERS.  SAT Pam 2.	LECTURE Badges of rank, Allied and Enemy.	
DAY 2.		RIFLE SAT Pam 3 Cleaning	BREN SAT Pam 4 Loading, Un- loading, fir- ing, holding	MORTAR 2" SAT Pam 8 Description	GRENADES 68 A/Tk 73 A/Tk	BREN SAT Pam 4  I.A.	GRENADE 36 SAT Pam 13 Description & mechanism	LECTURE Theory of Small arms Fire	
DAY 3.	PLATOON PARADES AND INSPECTION OF ARMS	A/Tk RIFLE SAT Pam 5 Character- istics	BREN SAT Pam 4 Elementary Handling.	TSMG Holding, firing & I.A.	LECTURE  Security	GRENADES 36 SAT Pam 13 Points before firing or throwing.	MORTAR 2" SAT Pam 8 Handling	A/GAS Pam No. 2  Gas Drill	DISCUSSION  (Q & A - ON DAYS SYLLABUS)
DAY 4.		TSMG Stripping & cleaning.	BREN SAT Pam 4 Stoppages	LECTURE Carrier Platoon.	A/GAS Pam No. 1 First-aid to Gas Casualties	MORTAR 2" SAT Pam 8 Stripping & cleaning	MAP READING Manual of Map reading	ISL Field Signals.	
DAY 5.		MAP READING Service pro- tractor and Prismatic Compass	GRENADES 36 SAT Pam 13 The Discharger	A/GAS Pam No. 1 Decontam- ination.	BREN SAT Pam 4 Additional Stripping	RIFLE SAT Pam 3 Snapshoot- ing. TOET.	TSMG Recapitul- ation.	LECTURE A/Tk Mines.	
DAY 6.		MORTAR 2" Recapitul- ation. TOET	A/Tk RIFLE SAT Pam 5 Stripping & CLEANING	LECTURE Recognition of A.F.V.'s	BREN TOET	MAP READING Setting a map	BREN TOET	SAT BREN Pam 4 Laying a fixed line	
DAY 7.		GRENADE 36 TOET	A/GAS Gas Drill TOET	ISL Messages, reports & orders.	LECTURE New Estab. of Inf Bn.	RIFLE Aiming off for wind. TOET	FIRE ORDERS	LECTURE Other Arms	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

In reply please  
quote:-

Headquarters  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

14 Jan 42

16 Aust Inf Bde  
CO  
2 I/C  
All Coys  
"I" Section  
W/D  
Files

SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2/3 AUST INF BN.

1. The above is attached.
2. Unit's Security Instructions previously issued, are hereby cancelled and will be destroyed immediately.

*W. Mitchell* for Major  
For Lt-Col  
Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.  
A.O.D.

For Information.

SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2/3 AUST INF BN

AMENDMENT NO 3.

Section IX - ANTI-PARACHUTE PRECAUTIONS.

Delete para 3 and substitute the following:-

"3. Continuous signal communication will be maintained with Bn HQ by L/T from OP.

AMENDMENT NO 4. Section IX. ANTI-PARACHUTE PRECAUTIONS

ADD:

" Instructions for Observation Posts.

1. " The following additional instructions will be followed by OPs mounted by Duty Coys.

"(i) Immediate report will be made of suspected parachutists, unidentified aircraft or any suspicious or unusual occurrence. The bearing and distance of the activity will always be included in the report. With parachutists, the bearing and distance to the estimated point of landing will also be given.

"(ii) A log will be kept of all aircraft seen over area. Mention is to be made of type, height, and general movement. These details will be incorporated in the 'unusual occurrences' report

"2. Mobile Security Coy.

"(a) Duty Mobile Security Coy will carry out normal activity but will not leave the Bn area of activity without special instructions from this HQ.

"(b) AMN. Each man will carry 50 rounds of S A A at all times.

"(b) Tpt. All tpt for " S Coy will be at ready call.

"(d) Supplies. One control dump will be established for use by M S Coy. Dump will contain:-

- (i) 75 miles POL.
- (ii) Three days' rations and water for Coy Personnel.
- (iii) Ten loaded mags. per Bren LMG.
- (iv) Five " " " TSMG.

"3. Defensive Action.

"(a) Duty Officer Upon receipt of information of an unusual occurrence from an OP, the Duty Officer:-

(i) If the incident reported is NOT in own area of responsibility will inform the unit concerned and Bde HQ in order by priority call.

(ii) If the incident reported is within his own area of responsibility will immediately send a patrol from the Mobile Security Coy to investigate the area under suspicion and notify Bde HQ by priority call

"4. General Alarm.

In the event of the situation being considered sufficiently serious, this HQ will give the alarm by the signal 'FULL SECURITY'

"5. Full Security Action.

(a) All units will stand by.

(b) Security guards will be doubled.

(c) Units will take the initiative as regards any local situation in their respective areas.

(d) All other units in QATANA area will be responsible for protection of their own areas and equipment. Units reps to report to Bde HQ for further instructions.

"6. Area of responsibility - 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

Area for this unit is marked on a map in Intelligence Office. Area is as follows: (ref Map QATANA 1/50,000, ZEBDANI 1/50,000) 18001780 - 18001600 - 17421600 - 17421780 - 18001780."

SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2/3 AUST INF BN.

- I. SECURITY OF LINES** (a) Bn Guard will consist of 1 Cpl and 8 ORs. Unless otherwise ordered, the Guard will be supplied by HQ Coy.
- (b) BN HQ BN AMN DUMP. The Guard will provide one sentry at Bn HQ and one sentry at Bn Amn Dump. The latter will be armed with a TSMG.
- (c) MT PARK. The T.O. will ensure that two prowlers are on duty at all times during the hours of darkness.
- (d) PL AREAS. Pl Comds will ensure that two prowlers are on duty throughout the hours of darkness in Pl Areas, and that one man is on duty during daylight.
- (e) COY AREAS. Coy Comds will make arrangements for liaison and co-ordination as between Pl prowlers.
- II. A.A. PROTECTION.** A.A. Pl Comd will be responsible for the A.A. protection of Bn HQ, "A" Ech. and "B" Ech. He will also co-ordinate the A.A. defence of the Bn when it is concentrated.
- III. SECURITY OF ARMS IN CAMP.** (a) Rifles when not being carried by the soldier will be chained and padlocked to the tent poles (when chains and padlocks are available) and the key will be in the possession of the NCO i/c tent. When rifles are so secured, the bolt will be removed from the rifle and hidden in the owner's pack.
- (b) When it is necessary for any reason in the care of the unit armourer the armourer will register that rifle in a book kept by the armourer for the purpose. To regain possession of any rifle placed in the Armoury, a chit identifying the soldier concerned, signed by his Coy Commander will be handed to the Armourer who will file these chits as his authority to re-issue the rifle.
- (c) LMG's, A/TK RIFLES, AND TSMG's when not in use will be retained in Coy Stores in their cases. The cases will be securely locked and secured by a chain and padlock to the tent poles. The key of this padlock will be in the possession and the responsibility of the CQMS.
- IV. SECURITY OF ARMS IN THE FIELD.** (a) Rifles will be secured when not in use at night by securing them with a stout cord or strap to the soldier responsible for them. When sleeping, all ranks will in addition be securing their rifles to them as above, sleep with their rifles which are to be concealed in the folds of their blankets.
- (b) LMG's, A/TK RIFLES and TSMG's when not in use will be secured as in para III (c) as above, with the exception that the case will be chained and padlocked to a truck or car wheel, a tree, or some other immovable object.
- (c) Pistols will be carried at all times by the officer or soldier to whom they are issued in Camp or in the field. Where for any reason this is impossible they will be placed in the Unit Armoury and registered in or out as set out above. Privately owned pistols of Officers will be registered at Bn HQ.
- (d) It is of the greatest importance that all ranks be familiar with the registered numbers of the weapon, or component parts thereof on issue to them. All weapons are the personal responsibility of the Officer or soldier to whom they are issued. This is to be impressed on all ranks.
- (e) A daily check of arms will be held by all sub-units and every weapon is to be accounted for. "All correct" reports will reach Bn HQ daily and "Losses" are to be reported direct to these HQ immediately on discovery of such loss together with a statement of action taken to recover the weapon or weapons lost.
- V. SECURITY OF AMN.** Amn, other than that issued to men or Coys will be stored in the Bn Amn Dump. Amn so stored will be the responsibility of the Guard and will be checked once daily by the NCO i/c the Guard and once daily by the RSM. It will not be drawn from the Dump except on the written authority of the C.O., 2 i/c, or Adjt., and will be issued personally by the RSM.
- VI. CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS WITHIN THE LINES.** (a) Civilians permitted to enter MILITARY CAMPS are in possession of and must produce on demand, a pass signed by the Camp S.O. of the area or other recognised authority.

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All adults, except Bedouins, should be in possession of Syrian Identity Cards.

- VII. FREE FRENCH FORCES. All French soldiers and O.R's should be in possession of an "Act d'Engagement", a white paper with a green stripe across the top left-hand corner.
- Officers have identity cards with photos.  
 Tcherkess Officers possess a white identity card with photo.  
 Tcherkess O.R's possess a brown identity card but with no photo.
- (b) Soldiers not belonging to this Unit found in these lines but not including troops using camp roads, will be required to identify themselves by producing their paybooks. Soldiers found to be without paybooks will be detained in CLOSE ARREST and their Unit notified.
- (c) Officers unknown to this Unit found in these Lines will be required to identify themselves by producing either their paybooks or identity cards.
- (d) A close watch will be maintained at all times by all ranks for passes reported in BRO's as having been previously lost or stolen. Should any civilian or officer be found in possession of such a pass or identity card he will be detained in close arrest and this HQ notified immediately.

#### VIII

PAYBOOKS (a) All ranks will have their paybooks in their possession at all times, unless withdrawn from him on authority of his Coy Comdr or the Pay Sgt. In these circumstances a receipt will be issued to the soldier for his paybook and he in turn will issue a receipt when it is returned to him. Paybooks of soldiers withdrawn for any purpose will be kept under lock and key and the responsibility for them placed directly on the Officer or NCO who withdrew the book.

(b) Should at any time a soldier be approached regarding the sale of his paybook he will if possible apprehend the individual endeavouring to buy it. If this is impossible he will report it immediately to the nearest Police Post or HQ and be ready to furnish a description of the person and the time and place it occurred.

(c) A surprise check will be made weekly by the Coys to ensure (i) that men have their paybooks, and (ii) that paybooks are carried on their persons at all times. Losses will be reported immediately to BN HQ.

#### XIV AMBUSH PARACHUTE PRECAUTIONS.

1. The following precautions will be taken, commencing 1 Dec 41, to counter activities of persons engaging in "5th column" activities in the area.

2. Duty Coy will detail two Secs to mount OPs for a period of 24 hours from 1800 hrs daily on the following high features:-

- (i) No. 1 O P 17621717
- (ii) No. 2 " 17691694  
(QATANA 1/25,000)

Actual points will be marked by cairns.

3. HQ Coy will arrange for sig terminal each with one IO8 R/T set to accompany each Sec. A further IO8 set will be sited at the Sigs Office to remain on 'receive' during its tour of duty.

4. A "Stand-by" Coy will be detailed daily for mobile duty for 24 hrs. Six 30-cwt lorries and Coys 3 Pl vans will report to Stand By Coy at 1800 hrs daily and will remain during tour of duty. This tpt together with Coy PU and HQ van will accompany Coy on all training.

5. OPs and Sig terminals will maintain a continuous watch during tour of duty, and, on the appearance of any flare, verrey, or other signal, or of any unusual happening, the following procedure will be adopted:-

(a) Each OP will immediately take a bearing on the light, etc. (Speed in this case is essential as a signal may appear for only a few seconds) Each member of the Sec must, therefore, be able to take a bearing by night with a liquid prismatic compass.

(b) At the same time sig terminals at OP's will make contact with Sig terminal at Bn HQ.

(c) OP will advise Bn HQ and through Sig terminal as follows:-

- (e.g.) "White flare, 163 degrees" or  
 "red verrey light, 80 degrees."

(No further wording is required)

- (d) Sig terminal at Bn HQ will relay messages to 'I' personnel on duty who will plot bearings on maps, arriving at point of incident.
- (e) While plotting is taking place Bn HQ sig terminal will warn "Stand-by" Coy and Bn Duty Officer.
- (f) "I" personnel will advise Stand-By Coy through Sig terminals as follows:-  
(e.g.) "White flare, pt 17651703," and Duty Officer immediately afterwards.
- (g) Stand-By Coy will move by tpt to pt stated and will proceed to search the area. Any person found therein without completely satisfactory credentials and explanations as to his presence will be arrested and brought back with the Coy to Bn HQ for questioning.
- (h) Bn Duty Officer will report occurrence to HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde immediately by telephone, confirming his report in writing by 0800 hrs in the morning.
- (i) Coy Comdr of "Stand By" Coy will report any action taken immediately on return and any new development will be reported as in para (h) above.
- O.P personnel will be armed with rifles only and equipped with liquid prismatic compasses and night glasses.
- "Stand-By" Coy will be fully equipped with war equipment.

- X. CENSORSHIP & CORRESPONDENCE. (a) Correspondence from all ranks to any destination, and correspondence from any destination to all ranks.
- (b) Definitions: The term "correspondence" includes letters, postcards, parcels and telegrams, but does NOT include green envelopes (AF W 3073)
- (c) Postal Address: (i) Outgoing letters of all ranks MUST bear at the head the FULL postal address of the writer. The correct postal address is:  
Army Number (in the case of other ranks)  
Rank, Name, Unit, AIF ABROAD. (ii) This applies equally to parcels and packages. (iii) No sender's address at all will be put on postcards. They should only be signed. (iv) The name and address of the sender will NOT be shown on the back of the envelopes.
- (d) Stationery: (i) The use of embossed stationery, such as Regimental notepaper, is only permitted provided that it does not disclose the location of the writer or his unit. (ii) The use of hotel stationery is forbidden.
- (e) Codes, Ciphers, Shorthand. (a) Correspondence in the field will be in plain language. (b) All the contents of an envelope will be written in one language only. If the language used is other than English this will be indicated by writing on the top centre of the outer cover the language in which the contents is written.
- (f) Posting Of Correspondence: All letters from all ranks, to any destination, and with any stamps, MUST BE POSTED IN ARMY POST BOXES.
- (g) Forbidden Subjects: All ranks should avoid making any mention in their correspondence of the following, whether referring to their own unit or any other formation, either naval, military, or air force.
- (i) Strength, efficiency, morale or organisation of our forces including any comment on the absence of, or presence in the theatre of operations of a unit or formation, or disclosure regarding the formation to which any unit is attached or belongs. (ii) Locations or movements 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 and units, and their transport. (v) Communications - such as the use, condition, or probable extension of roads, railways, or other transportation facilities, bridging operations, etc. (vi) Plans and forecasts or orders for future operations or moves whether known or merely rumoured or surmised. (vii) State of the maintenance services, including any reference 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 that 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) Criticism and statements calculated to bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.
- (h) Documents which must not be included in correspondence: (i) Any document captured from the enemy or found in places occupied by the enemy, and any document containing information about the enemy. (These should be passed to higher authority) (ii) Newspapers, books, magazines.

- XI. CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHY. (a) ALL cameras in the possession of ALL /ranks/

/of ALL/

are to be registered with the "I" Section.

The following particulars must be furnished:-

No, Rank, Name, Company, Make of camera, Maker's No (if any)  
 Description (I.e. type, film size) (b) Any Officer or O R  
 acquiring or disposing of a camera will notify particulars or name of  
 purchaser to the "I" Section immediately. (c) Photography of the fol-  
 lowing is prohibited:-

Military vehicles of all sorts,	Ships of any kind,	Weapons,
Tanks,	Aerial Views,	Diagrams of
Signal equipment,	Aerodromes,	weapons.
Artillery Weapons,	Fortifications,	
Defences,	Camps	
Aircraft,	Military Operations,	

(d) Orders for developing and printing of films will be forwarded to the "I" Section who will have the orders executed by an approved firm.

(e) 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.

**XII SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS.** One of the following officers will be responsible for the security of documents, depending on the matter contained in the documents.

2 i/c as Security Officer.

Adjutant.

"I" O.

(a) Security documents will at all times be securely locked in a steel and/or wooden cabinet. The keys will be held by any one of the abovementioned officers.

(b) In the case of an emergency the destruction of documents will be carried out by personnel of the "I" Section under supervision of an "I" NCO and/or "I" O.

(c) Certain documents will be made available to officers ONLY. Such documents will not leave the hands of the "I" O but will be prepared in his and / or his representative's ("I" Sect.) presence.

(d) Security documents will not be reproduced as a whole for distribution by Bn HQ, but certain sections will, and then only by an authority from one of the abovementioned officers.

**XIII TRANSPORT:** (i) Rifles: By Day. Rifles by day are carried in vehicles. If on a duty requiring the driver to work away from " " his truck the rifle goes with the driver. By Night. Rifles are hidden in blankets of sleeping driver in his tent.

(ii) Vehicles: By night a prowler guard of two men are on duty from 1745 hrs to 0700 hrs.

(iii) Dispersion: By night vehicles are dispersed at least 5 yds apart so as to allow piquet to start engines for warming them and prevent freezing of water in radiators. Winter Precautions. Drivers will ensure that when radiators are being drained engines are kept running until all water is removed. Whenever, owing to mechanical breakdown, a vehicle is halted on the road, drivers will not allow the engine to cool; and when it is apparent that there will be some delay in effecting repairs, radiators will be drained immediately.

(iv). Work Tickets. Job work tickets must be issued and in addition a weekly log sheet must be kept showing all details of running for the current week. These will be checked weekly against the petrol sheet when any discrepancies will be immediately picked up.

**XIV Security Standing Orders** will be read immediately to all personnel of this Unit and the subsequent reinforcements on their arrival.

*A. J. Bunch* Licut.  
 A/Adjt ~~273~~ 1st Inf Bn.

SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2/3 AUST INF BN

AMENDMENT No 1.

Para No 1 is hereby cancelled and the following substituted:

"1. SECURITY OF LINES. BN GUARD: Strength: 1 NCO and 12 OR's

TOUR OF DUTY: RETREAT to RETREAT.

No 1 PSST BN HQ. (a) Guard Post will be outside Bn H Q.

(b) Correct compliments will be paid to all officers seen during tour of duty.

(c) When on duty Guard will be dressed correctly according to regulations in force at the time.

(d) Unauthorised persons will be prevented from approaching BN H Q.

No 2 POST - COMPOUND GUARD. (a) The Guard will prevent the escape of prisoners confined in the Compound and, if necessary will turn out all members of the Guard to assist.

(b) Unauthorised persons will be prevented from approaching the Compound and communicating with or handing any articles to the prisoners.

(c) In no circumstances will the sentry leave his beat unless relieved of duty by the NCO in charge of the Guard.

(d) Sentry on duty will march his beat in a smart and soldier-like manner with fixed bayonet and will pay compliments to all officers.

PROWLERS. Bn area will be patrolled by one pair of prowlers by day and by night.

(a) They will ensure that, when patrolling the camp area, a different route is selected each time.

(b) They will be armed with rifles and bayonets will be fixed.

(c) They will ensure that unauthorised persons do not enter Bn Lines and will immediately escort any suspicious persons to Bn Lines to Bn HQ for interrogation.

BN Q STORE & AMN TENT. HQ Coy will mount Guard from RETREAT on BN Q Store and also Guard on ammunition tent. Guard will be one sentry on each by day and by night. Transport Platoon will supply own guard and prowlers for Transport Lines."

AMENDMENT NO 2. II, para 2 - Anti-Parachute Precautions is cancelled and the following substituted:

"Duty Coy will detail one (I) Section to mount OP for a period of 24 hours from 1800 hrs daily on the following high feature:

No 1 17781706 (QATANA 1/25000.

Actual point will be marked by a cairn."

"(b) The abbreviation "OP's" to read "OP".

(c) Para (i) After words "para (h) above" to read "OP personnel will be armed with rifles, and Bren LMG mounted for A A protection. Liquid prismatic compass and 1 pr of night glasses will be carried by NCO i/c OP.

Stand By Coy will be fully equipped with war equipment.

*Chib mdoc*  
Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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DUTIES:

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY NCO

Next For Duty

DUTY COY

Next For Duty

STAND BY COY

Next For Duty

: LIEUT C G TERREY  
: To be Notified  
: L/Cpl, End R O  
: To be Notified.  
: "C" COY  
: "A" Coy  
: "B" COY  
: "D" Coy

*W. J. P. ...*  
Lieut  
for Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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2. ~~DETAILS~~

2nd BATT & ORD OFFICERS

Next for Duty  
2nd BATT & ORD OFFICERS  
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Next for Duty  
2nd BATT & ORD OFFICERS  
Next for Duty  
2nd BATT & ORD OFFICERS

Lt. Col. G. TERREY  
Lieut. Col. G. GALLOP KING  
CPL MAGUIRE L. E.  
CPL Pett L. G.  
A. J. J. J.  
B. J. J. J.  
C. J. J. J.  
D. J. J. J.

*Approved*  
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8. DUTIES.

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER

Next for Duty

BN ORDERLY N.C.O.

Next for Duty

DUTY COY

Next for Duty

STAND BY COY

Next for duty

§ LIEUT M. BROADFOOT

§ Lieut R. Barrett

§ CPL. LEVER K.

§ L/Cpl. Young S

§ "A" COY

§ "B" Coy.

§ "D" COY

§ "C" Coy

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9. DISCIPLINE: Leave for personnel of 7 Pl "A" coy is cancelled for a period of 21 days from 6 Jan 42.


Leave for personnel of 9 Pl "A" coy is cancelled for a period of 14 days from 6 Jan 42.

This action results from the improper conduct of members of these platoons.

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10. Sick PARADE. Personnel will not be attended to at RAP unless name is submitted on a Coy Sick Report.

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Lieut.  
A/Adjt. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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**BN DUTY ORD OFFICER**

Next for duty

**BN ORDERLY N.O.O.**

Next for duty

**DUTY COY**

Next for duty

**STAND BY COY**

Next for duty

: **LIEUT R. BARRITT**

: **Lieut E. B. Carter**

: **L/CPL COUND S.**

: **Cpl. Stanley HoVo**

: **"B" COY**

: **"D" Coy**

: **"C" COY**

: **"A" Coy.**

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**12. MESSAGE TO BN.** All messages for Bn. Hq sent by runner  
MUST be first taken to Sig. Office.

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**13. LEAVE.** Coys will in future state on leave nominal rolls  
submitted to this Hq. the PLATOON from which leave personnel  
have been drawn.

*not recorded*  
**LIEUT.**  
**w/adjt. R/3 Aust Inf Bn**

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14. DUTIES

BN DUTY ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT N. B. CARTER
Next for Duty	:	Lieut D. J. Robertson
BN ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL STANLEY H. V.
Next for duty	:	Cpl Pearce F. J.
LUTY COY	:	"L" COY
Next for duty	:	"C" Coy
STANL BY COY	:	"A" COY
Next for duty	:	"B" Coy

15. PATIENTS FOR DENTAL TREATMENT. Personnel reporting at 2/1 Aust  
CUS for dental treatment will carry missing utensils  
(6 Div RO No.39 4 Jan 42)

16. DRESS. Attention has been directed to the fact that ORs have  
purchased and are wearing caps S.D., Officers pattern  
(6 Div RO No.39 4 Jan 42) This is an offence and will be  
treated accordingly.

17. DISCIPLINE - NEGLIGENT DRIVING - DAMAGES TO VEHICLES. WX618 Sigma  
Stinton, B.W., Sigs 6 Aust Div, was found guilty of negligent driving  
and was awarded 14 days CE and to be put under stoppage of pay until  
he has made good the sum of £25/14/4 being cost of damages caused  
by his negligent driving. (6 Div RO No.39 4 Jan 42)

18. PAY - PALESTINE LEAVE PARTIES As pay is now available at Transit Camp  
units will not pay in Syrian currency, leave parties going to Palestine  
(6 Div RO No.39 4 Jan 42)

19. AIR MAIL TO AUSTRALIA Owing to the limited plane space at present  
available for the conveyance of air mails to Australia, it is of prime  
importance that the weight of the mail loading should be kept as low as  
possible. So far as possible air mail ~~paper~~ letter cards should be used  
in lieu of letters, and letters should be restricted to a maximum of  
two sheets of air mail paper in order to cut down weight. It is  
desired as far as possible to avoid having to hold mails over for later  
despatch, and the co-operation of all ranks in curtailing the weight of  
correspondence to be conveyed will materially assist in this direction.  
(6 Div R.O. No.39 4 J. 42)

20. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES. Disposal to persons not  
entitled to Customs Exemption, of tobacco and cigarettes admitted free to  
the ME for members of the Forces, is prohibited and will be regarded as  
a serious offence. (6 Div RO No.39 4 Jan 42)

L.O. IC.S.

Football Team, Rugby Union, Sat. 10 Jan 42, 1400 at Damascus.  
Hayes (A) Pegrum (A) Taylor (HQ) Moran (BHQ) Stephenson (D) Miles (D)  
Swift (A) Collins (HQ) Rossington (HQ) Burke (B) Sayers (C) Wright (HQ)  
Kentwell (B) Rossington (HQ) Griffiths (D) Mopherson (B) Reserver  
Jones (A) Bond HQ) McKenna (A) Duncan (D). Players will report to  
transport park at 1230 hrs sharp.

*W. J. M. M. M.*  
Lieut  
1481  
Majt. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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21. DUTIES.

BN DUTY ORD OFFICER	: LIEUT D. J. ROBERTSON
Next for duty	: Lieut C. G. Terrey
BN ORDERLY NCO	: CPL PEARSE F. J.
Next for duty	: A/Cpl Parkes G.
DUTY COY	: "C" COY
Next for duty	: "A" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "B" COY
Next for duty	: "D" Coy

22. LEAVE. The Corps ~~Commander~~ has declared BEIRUT out of bounds to ALL ranks AIF. Personnel proceeding to BEIRUT on duty MUST in all cases carry a DUTY PASS. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any Officer or OR infrin<sup>ing</sup>g this ORDER.

23. CANTEEN HOURS. The Regimental Canteen will be open for purchases at the following hours:-

1245 hrs	to	1315 hrs
1600 "	"	1700 "
1730 "	"	1900 "

All purchases, except BEER will be made direct from the Canteen. BEER will still be purchased under Company arrangements.

*Stevenson* Lieut  
A/Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

All Competition Football (Union and Soccer) matches are cancelled for week-end - 10 and 11 Jan 42.  
Saturday 10 Jan 42 - Soccer - 2/3 Bn Officers v 2/3 Bn Sgts, at Damascus at 1530 hrs. Players report Transport Park at 1345 hrs.

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24. DUTIES

BN DUTY ORD OFFICER	: LIEUT C. G. TEEREY
Next for duty	: Lieut K. R. Pope
BN ORDERLY NCO	: A/CPL PARKES G.
Next for duty	: Cpl. Gardner
DUTY COY	: "A" COY
Next for duty	: "B" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "D" COY
Next for duty	: "C" Coy

25. REMOVAL OF ROAD CHIPPINGS.

It has been reported by the Public Works Department of DAMASCUS that on several occasions recently chippings, collected at the sides of main roads for repair work, have been removed in Army lorries.

This practice must cease.

It is pointed out that the work done by the P.W.D. is entirely to our benefit, and that such thoughtless actions not only hinder this work, but also endanger the cordial relations which exist between the P.W.D. and ourselves.

26. CHURCH SERVICES - 11 Jan 42

0930 hrs Combined Services Recreation Hut

Roman Catholic:

Mass will be celebrated at 0930 hrs in Syrian Catholic Church, Qatana.

Transport will be arranged to enable Roman Catholic personnel to attend the above Service. It will leave Bn HQ at 0900 hrs.

*Robert* Lieut  
A/Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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27. DUTIES:  
BN DUTY AND ORD. OFFICER : Lieut. M. BROADFOOT  
Next For Duty : Lieut. F. Hoddinott DCM.  
DUTY COY : "A" COY  
Next For Duty : "A" Coy.  
STAND BY COY : "D" Coy.  
Next For Duty : "D" Coy

28. SERGEANTS' MESS. The buildings in which the Sgts' Mess is housed is out of bounds to all except those authorised to enter and use them.

*W. L. Lacey* Lieut  
for Capt  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn



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**29 DUTIES:**

<b>ON DUTY &amp; ORD OFFICER</b>	:	<b>LIEUT. F HODDINOTT.</b>
Next For Duty	:	Lieut. B A Strong.
<b>DUTY COY</b>	:	"A" COY
Next For Duty	:	"A" Coy.
<b>STAND BY COY</b>	:	"B" COY
Next For Duty	:	"B" Coy

**30. BOUNDS - DAMASCUS.**

With effect from 12 Jan 42, the **EMILYON** Restaurant will be in bounds to ranks above and including that of Sgt. Restaurant **ST GEORGES** will be in bounds to Officers only from that date.

**31. VEHICLES - WINTER PRECAUTIONS: 16 AUST INF BDE RDOs No 252, 9 Jan 42 para 10)**

Drivers will ensure that when radiators are being drained engines are kept running until all water is removed. Whenever, owing to mechanical breakdown, a vehicle is halted on the road, drivers will not allow the engine to cool, and when it is apparent that there will be some delay in effecting repairs, radiators will be drained immediately.

**32. R.F.M. CABLES**

Cable traffic in this category must be restricted to an absolute minimum. Cables should only be used when it is absolutely essential. The co-operation of all ranks in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

*F. Hoddinott* Lieut  
for Capt.  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

**NOTICES**

**LOST** One silver wristlet watch and band, indestructible lever, Swiss made, "Angus & Coates" Sydney, Reward. Lost by Capt A A Stewart, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn during Offrs' Male Race Gymkhana 1 Jan 42. Finder please return to these HQ.

**FOUND.** Found wallet owner may have same by describing at "D" Coy Orderly Room.

**AGGREGATE POINTS SCORE**

**BDE GYMKHANA. 1 Jan 42.**

	Total Points
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	5
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	33
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	16 1/2
6 Aust Div Sup Col.	3
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt	21 1/2
2/3 Aust Fd Coy	1
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	24
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	3
A Coy 2/1 Aust Fd Bn	.

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**33. DUTIES.**

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	: LIEUT E. A. STRONG.
Next for duty	: Lieut K. R. Pope
BN ORDERLY NCO	: CPL. NORCOTT H.
Next for duty	: Cpl. Logan J. R.
DUTY COY	: "A" COY
Next for duty	: "A" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "D" COY
Next for duty	: "D" Coy

**34. NAMES ON VEHICLES, MT: (6 Aust Div ROs dated 10 Jan 42)**

Units will take steps to remove or paint over all proper and personal names from vehicles on charge. The practice of adorning vehicles with the names of females or towns must cease.

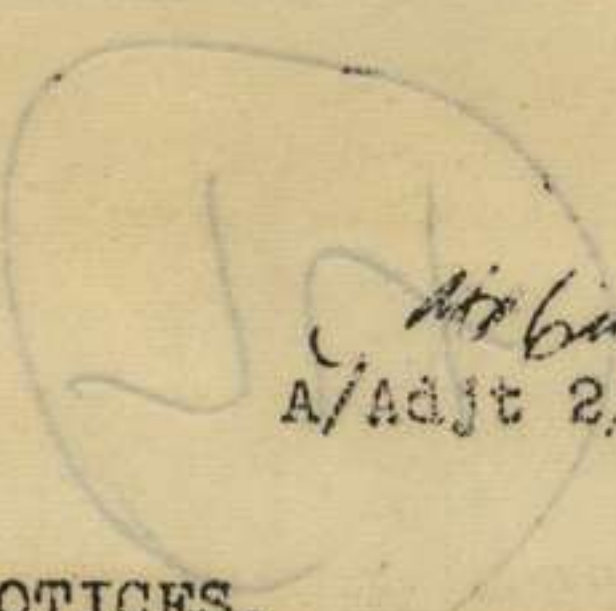
**35. AIR MAIL SERVICE - AUSTRALIA - EFM CABLES: (6 Aust Div ROs, 10 Jan 42)**

The Air Mail Service between Australia and the Middle East has been interrupted temporarily. It is hoped to restore communications in the near future, but in the meantime, no mails are being received by air.

**36. POSTAL: (Area ROs dated 12 Jan 42)**

It is notified that a service by air throughout to the Americas has been resumed. The rates of postage are as follows:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Per 5 Grammes or part thereof</u>
Canada	110 $\frac{1}{2}$ Pts.
United States	110 $\frac{1}{2}$ Pts.
Central America	133 Pts.
West Indies	133 Pts.
South America	175 Pts.

  
 Lieut  
 A/Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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**AIR MAIL.**

Air mail en route Australia-Middle East, originating from all States and posted approximately 18th to 22nd December, 41 has been lost by enemy action.

**LOST**

One Australian officer's pattern Greatcoat, with red and blue triangular patches, marked with the owners name and number- VX 48785 Lt. R.I. Skinner, in the TRIANON Restaurant on the evening of 10 Jan 42. In the pocket of this Greatcoat was an Oyster "UNICORN" wristlet watch. Will any person who has these articles or knows of their whereabouts please inform these HQ as soon as possible.

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37. DUTIES.

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT K. R. POPE
Next for duty	:	Lieut R. Barrett.
BN ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL. HAMMOND J.R.
Next for duty	:	Cpl. Hayes
DUTY COY	:	"A" COY
Next for duty	:	"A" Coy
STAND BY COY	:	"D" COY
Next for duty	:	"D" Coy

38. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS Captured German documents refer to the valuable information which has been obtained from the diaries of British prisoners of war. It is once more pointed out that personnel going into action, or going into areas where there is possibility of contact with the enemy, are forbidden to carry any personal papers which could possibly be of use to the enemy.  
( AIF Orders (ME) 29 Dec 41)

39. CENSORSHIP - UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. Units will ensure that unit mail is censored within the coys and not passed uncensored to the Base Censor, except in the following cases:-
  - (a) Green envelopes
  - (b) Letters written in a foreign language with which no officer in the unit is conversant.
2. The practice of forwarding bundles of uncensored letters to the Base Censor will cease forthwith.
3. Men going on leave must not save up correspondence for censorship at leave establishments.  
(AIF Orders (ME) 29 Dec 41)

40. DENTURES - LOSSES AND REPAIRS In many instances Commanding Officers are charging against Public Funds cost of renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier. This practice will cease forthwith.  
Unless a Commanding Officer is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures was due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal or repair will be charged to the soldier.

AIF Orders (ME) 29 Dec 41

*[Signature]* Lieut  
A/Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

"g" Sect.

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41. DUTIES:

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT R. BARNETT
Next for duty	:	Lieut L. MacGuinn
ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL HAYES
Next for duty	:	A/Cpl Leighton D.
DUTY COY	:	"A" COY
Next for duty	:	"A" Coy
STAND BY COY	:	"D" COY
Next for duty	:	"D" Coy

*W. MacGuinn* Lieut  
A/Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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42. DUTIES.

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	: LIEUT L. MacGUINN
Next for duty	: Lieut E.J.B. Carter
BN ORDERLY NCO	: TO be notified.
Next for duty	: L/Cpl J. Elliott
DUTY COY	: "A" COY
Next for duty	: "A" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "D" COY
Next for duty	: "D" Coy

43. FRANKING OF MESSAGES.

(a) (1) The following officers ONLY are authorised to frank messages:-

EMERGENCY OPS } Lt-Col J.R. Stevenson  
Most immediate }

IMMEDIATE } Lt-Col J.R. Stevenson  
Important } Capt E.S. Walker

(ii) In the absence of any of the above officers the officer acting for him may exercise similar powers endorsing the message:-

"For ----- (rank and name but NOT appointment) A.O.D."

(iii) In an emergency any officer may frank a message "IMMEDIATE" but if his name is NOT ON the authorised list he will be held responsible that the urgency is sufficient to justify his action.

(iv) The duty of sigs in such a case is to accept the message, transmit it with the order of priority ordered and afterwards to report the matter through the usual channels.

(b) Priority Telephone Calls.

Only Offrs who may frank immediate messages are to make priority calls. These will take precedence over all waiting calls, but a conversation will not be interrupted.

(c) Special Despatch Riders

S.D.R's will only be ordered by offrs entitled to frank immediate messages.

44. LAUNDRY. As the native laundry collector at present situated in camp lines is to be removed from the area, all ranks are warned that no further washing should be deposited with him. Washing already in his possession should be withdrawn as quickly as possible. Coys will submit names of personnel whose washing has not been returned by 18 Jan 42, together with the date of deposit.

*E. Walker* Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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45. DUTIES.

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	: LIEUT E.J.B. CARTER
Next for duty	: Lieut M. Broadfoot
BN ORDERLY NCO	: L/CPL ELLIOTT J.
Next for duty	: A/Cpl Parkes
DUTY COY	: "A" COY
Next for Duty	: "A" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "D" COY
Next for duty	: "D" Coy

46. COMPLIMENTS. Irrespective of whether any officer is present, ALL RANKS will salute on entering any Bn or Coy Orderly Room, provided that in the case of coy orderly rooms officers senior to the coy commander concerned need not salute.

The following offices will be regarded as part of the COs or Bn Orderly room:-

Office of the CO  
" " " 2i/c  
" " " Adjt  
Bn Offices

*J.R. Stevenson*

Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES. Sunday 18 Jan 42.

Holy Communion in Recreation Hut at 7 a.m.  
Parade Service in Recreation Hut at 0930.

C of E Church Parade at Qatana at 1030 hrs. Padre Hart will officiate. Transport 1000 hrs.

R.C. Church parade at Qatana at 0930 hrs. Transport 0845 hrs.

*JSec*

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BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER  
Next for Duty  
BN ORDERLY NCO  
Next for Duty  
DUTY COY  
Next for Duty  
STAND BY COY  
Next for Duty

: LIEUT E. A. STRONG  
: Lieut K. R. Pope  
: A/CPL PARKER E. J.  
: A/Cpl Logan J. R.  
: "A" COY  
: "A" Coy  
: "D" COY  
: "D" Coy

*W. Woodford* Lieut  
for Capt

Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

"J" Sec

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48. DUTIES

BN DUTY & ORDERLY OFFICER	: LIEUT K.R. POPE
Next for duty	: Lieut R. Barrett
BN ORDERLY NCO	: A/CPL LOGAN
Next for duty	: Cpl Wilson J.
DUTY COY	: "A" COY
Next for duty	: "A" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "D" COY
Next for duty	: "D" Cpy

49. LATRINES. Duty coy will be responsible for the cleanliness of the latrine areas.

Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

Received from the 2/3 Bn Comforts Fund the following:-

- 144 tins of OKO
- 29 Flannels
- 187 Underpants
- 20 Pullovers
- 35 Sox prs.
- 18 Handkerchiefs
- 5 Books
- 12 Magazines
- 1 Pack of playing cards.
- 38 Dilly Bags
- 99 tooth brushes
- 36 Shaving soap
- 1 Gloves pr.
- 1 Mittens Pr.
- 12 Balaclavas
- 6 Caps.



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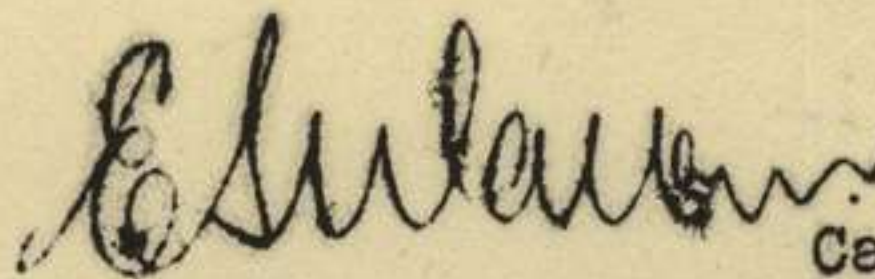
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50. DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT R BARRETT
Next For Duty	:	Lieut M Broadfoot
ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL WILSON L.
Next For Duty	:	Cpl Jones
DUTY COY	:	"A" COY
Next For Duty	:	"A" Coy
STAND BY COY	:	"D" COY
Next For Duty	:	"D" Coy.

51. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE:

Personnel proceeding on leave to BEYROUTH and JERUSALEM who cannot be accommodated at the METROPOLE and FAST Hotels respectively will have their leave passes endorsed with the reason at the hotel concerned. Failure to do so may result in subsistence NOT being paid.

  
Capt.  
Adjnt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

FOOTBALL Rugby Union - Saturday, 17 Jan 42.  
RESULT:- 2/3 Inf Bn (6) defeated 16 Aust Inf Bde (Nil)

FOUND: In Coy Lines. Book containing religious anecdotes and stories. Owner apply B HQ.

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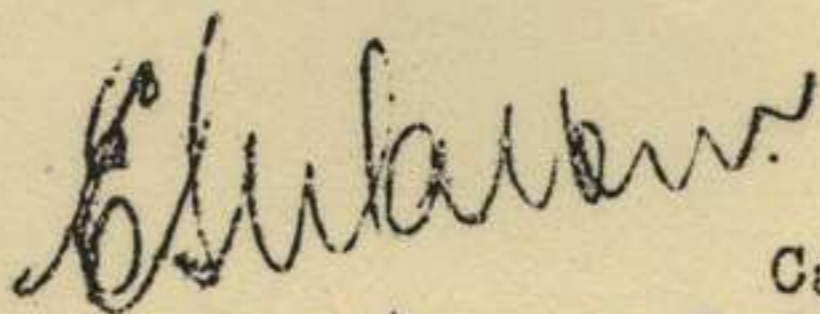
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52. DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORDERLY OFFICER	:	LIEUT M BROADFOOT
Next For Duty	:	To be notified
BN ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL. MILLER
Next For Duty	:	To be notified
DUTY COY	:	A COY
Next For Duty	:	A Coy
STAND BY COY	:	D COY
Next For Duty	:	D Coy



Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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53. DUTIES.

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	: LIEUT A. STRONG
Next for duty	: Lieut K.R. Pope
BN DUTY & ORD NCO.	: CPL R.W. MILLER
Next for duty	: To be notified.
DUTY COY	: "A" COY
Next for duty	: "A" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "D" COY
Next for duty	: "D" Coy.

*W. Wood* Lieut.  
for Capt.  
Adj't 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

CERTIFICATE.

POSTED on Bn/Coy Notice Board at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs on \_\_\_\_\_ 42

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(Signature)

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**54. DUTIES.**

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	: LIEUT K.R. POPE
Next for duty	: Lieut M.A. Lamb.
BN ORDERLY NCO	: CPL HAYES M.J.
Next for duty	: To be notified.
DUTY COY	: "A" COY
Next for duty	: "A" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "D" COY
Next for duty	: "D" Coy.

**55. PROMULGATION.**

Upon reviewing the proceedings of the District Court Martial which tried NX 53436 L/Cpl E.S. Wutherford at Quatana on 26-27 Nov 41 the GOC AIF (ME) quashed the finding on the first charge, which read:-

"When on active service neglecting to obey a standing order, in that he, on 20 Sep 41, did drive a Military Vehicle between BECHMEEZINE and KWAR HAZIR, SYRIA, at a speed in excess of that laid down in Standing Orders for MT Drivers as the speed limit for that type of vehicle.- (AA Sec 11.)

*W. J. ...* Lt. FOR  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

FOOTBALL.

Rugby Union.

The following team will represent the 2/3 Bn in a match to be played against 2/2 Bn on Sunday 25 Jan 42.

Hayes (A), Taylor (BHQ), Miles (B), Feggans (B), Strong (B), Hoare (BHQ), Collins (HQ) Morgan (D), Burke (B), Bond (BHQ) Kentwell (B), Atkinson (B), McPherson (B), Griffiths (D), Reserves:- Jones (A), McDonald (B), Riley (B), Jackson (A).

Soccer.

The following will represent 2/3 Bn v 2/1 Bn Saty 24 Jan at 1400 hrs at Damascus.

Coventry (C), Barclay (RAP), Smith K. (D), D. Mackie (D), Edwards (B), Hoskins (D), Hyland (B), Young (C), Allen (D) Potts (HQ), Dodd (HQ)  
Reserves:- Kerfoot (A), Walker (D), Lt. Barrett (D)  
Players will assemble at Transport Hut at 1230. Any player not available notify QM by D900 Saty 24 Jan.

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56. DUTIES.

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT M.A. LAMB
Next for duty	:	Lieut B.H. MacDougall DCM
BN ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL J. DANIELS
Next for duty	:	Cpl L. Wilson
DUTY COY	:	"A" COY
Next for duty	:	"A" Coy
STAND BY COY	:	"D" COY
Next for duty	:	"D" Coy.

Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

APPLICATIONS are called for men with experience as painters for transfer to AASC 6 Aust Div.

CHURCH SERVICES: Church of England Parade Service in RECREATION HUT at 0930 hrs Sunday 25 Jan.  
RC Parade at Qatana 0930 hrs 25 Jan.  
C of E Parade at Qatana 1030 hrs 25 Jan.

COMFORTS RECEIVED: The following have been received from ACF:-

270 prs socks	7 lamps
220 Balaclavas	22 tables
150 Scarves	37 chairs
140 Pullovers	8 prs Football boots.
175 prs Mittens	16 " " socks
6 etms Writing paper	30 " " jerseys.
2 Medicine Balls	1 Chess Set
2 Basket Ball hoops.	

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57 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT B H MACDOUGALL	DCM
Next For Duty	:	Lieut L W Grover	
BN ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL WILSON	L
Next For Duty	:	Cpl Miller	
DUTY COY	:	"D" COY	
Next For Duty	:	"D" Coy	
STAND BY COY	:	"A" COY	
Next For Duty	:	"A" Coy	

58 CODE NAMES

Code names will NOT be used by Sub-Units except when sending messages by R/T, L/T, and W/T.

Capt  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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59 DUTIES:

<u>BN DUTY AND ORD. OFFICER</u>	: <u>LIEUT L W Grover</u>
Next For Duty	: <u>Lieut L Randle</u>
<u>BN ORDERLY NCO</u>	: <u>CPL J L McVicar</u>
Next For Duty	: <u>Cpl Christoff</u>
<u>DUTY COY</u>	: <u>"D" Coy</u>
Next For Duty	: <u>"C" Coy</u>
<u>STAND BY COY</u>	: <u>"A" Coy</u>
Next For Duty	: <u>"B" Coy.</u>

60. PAYBOOKS:

Coys will carry out an inspection of paybooks before 31 Jan '42 with a view to discovering: (a) Paybooks in which the name of the Unit is visible or merely deleted in ink, and (b) unauthorised entries such as names, addresses, and personal notes. The latter are frequently found on front and back covers.

In the case of (a) above, Coys will delete by some permanent means the name of the unit.

In the case of (b) the soldier concerned will be warned that such entries must not be made and will be required to delete them immediately.

In future, the making of such unauthorised entries of any kind in paybooks will be viewed seriously.

Capt  
Adjnt, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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61. DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT	J F W HODDINOTT DCM
Next For Duty	:	Lieut	C G Terrey
BN ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL	CHRISTOFF
Next For Duty	:	Cpl	Flood
DUTY COY	:	"C"	COY
Next For Duty	:	"A"	Coy
STAND BY COY	:	"E"	COY
Next For Duty	:	"D"	Coy

62. BOUNDS - DAMASCUS:

(a) The area enclosed within the red lines on attached sketch map is in bounds. All other areas in DAMASCUS are OUT OF BOUNDS TO OTHER RANKS except on duty, when they will be provided with a pass, etc showing the nature of the duty. These restrictions do not apply to Warrant Officers.

(b) "OUT OF BOUNDS" notices are sited on the perimeter.

(c) DAMASCUS CITADEL and MOSQUE OF OMAYADE, although situated in the OUT OF BOUNDS area, are in bounds (except on Fridays) provided the direct route is taken without deviation. If this privilege is abused it will be withdrawn.

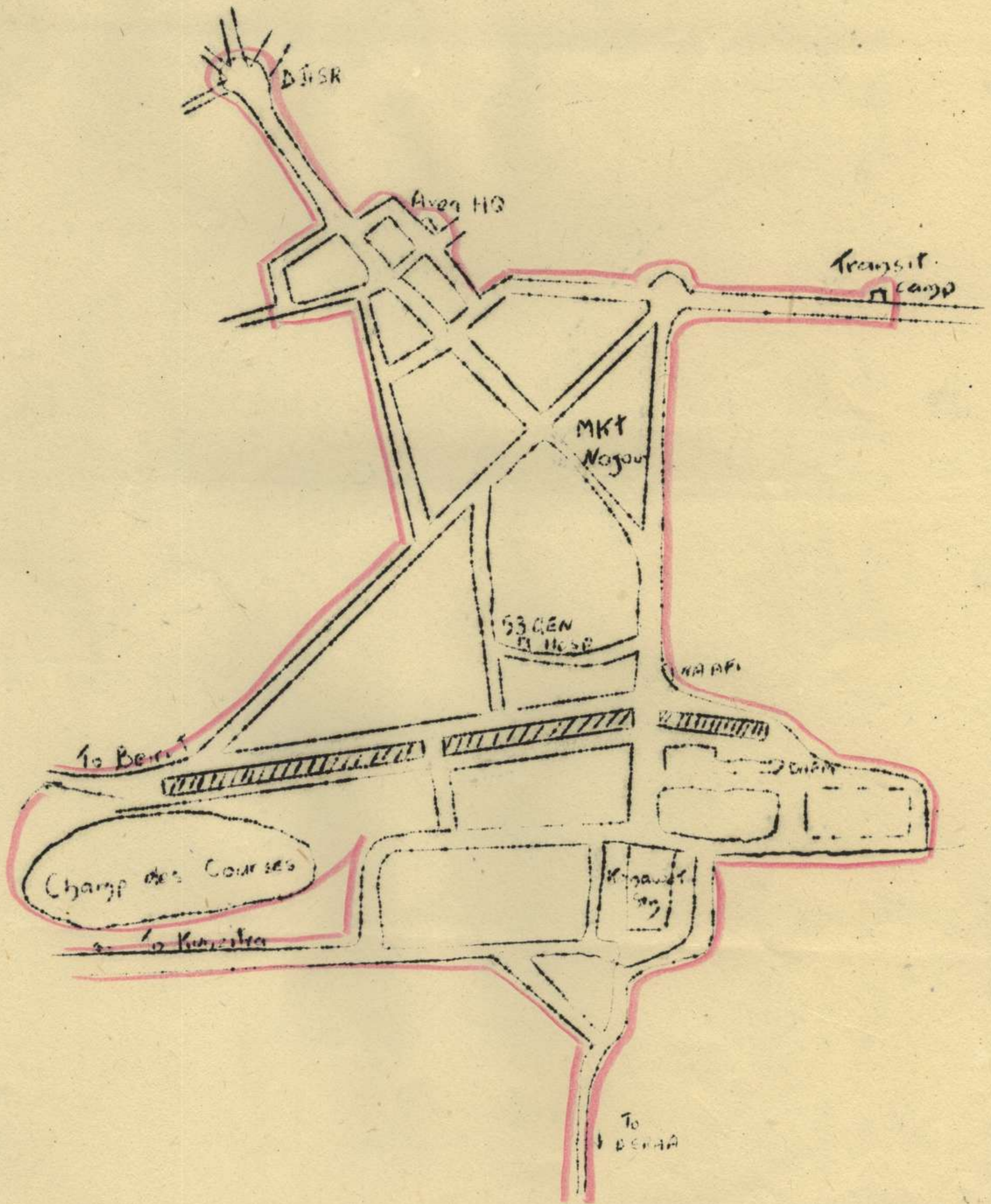
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NOTICE

FOUND:

A sum of money has been found in the vicinity of the Bn Q M Store. Owner may recover same on application to the Quartermaster.





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63. DUTIES:

<u>BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER</u>	:	<u>LIEUT C G TERREY</u>	
Next For Duty	:	Lieut L Rundle	
<u>BN ORDERLY NCO</u>	:	<u>CPL FLOOD</u>	
Next For Duty	:	Cpl Smith	
<u>DUTY COY</u>	:	<u>"A" COY.</u>	
Next For Duty	:	"B" Coy.	
<u>STAND-BY COY</u>	:	<u>"D" COY.</u>	("D")
Next For Duty	:	"C" Coy.	

*Addressed to*  
Lieut  
for Capt  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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64. DUTIES.

BN ORDERLY & DUTY OFFICER : LIEUT L RUNDLE  
Next For Duty : To be notified  
BN ORDERLY NCO : CPL SMITH  
Next For Duty : A/Cpl Searle  
DUTY COY : "B" COY  
Next For Duty : "D" Coy  
STAND BY COY : "C" COY  
Next For Duty : "A" Coy

*A. G. Searle* Lieut.  
for Capt.  
Adjnt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

COMFORTS RECEIVED. Acknowledgement is made of the undermentioned  
comforts received from 2/3 Bn Comforts Fund.

2 magazines	27 flannel shirts	27 prs underpants
6 scarf waistcoats	4 prs gloves	3 caps
6 prs mittens	5 Scarves	4 Pullovers
3 Balaclavas	13 prs socks	10 bags.
12 handkerchiefs	96 tins Oxo	

CERTIFICATE

Certified posted on Bn/Coy Notice Board at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs on \_\_\_\_\_

Certified removed from Bn/Coy Notice Board at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs on \_\_\_\_\_

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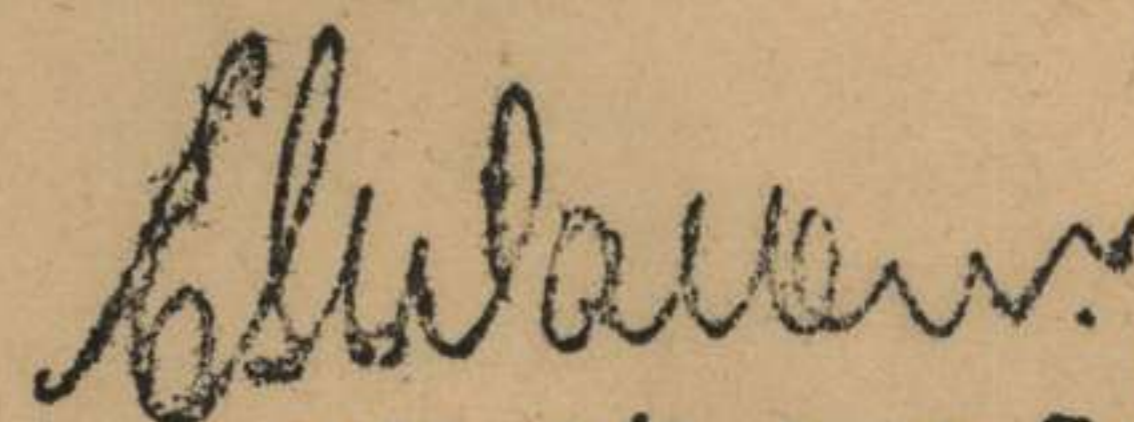
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65. DUTIES

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	: LIUT R. BARRETT
Next for Duty	: Lieut M. Broadfoot
BN ORDERLY NCO.	: A/CPL SEARLE
Next for duty	: Cpl Lovehill
DUTY COY	: "D" COY
Next for duty	: "B" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "A" COY
Next for duty	: "D" Coy

  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

UNIT CANTEEN will be closed from 1930 hrs 1 Feb 42 until further notice.

CHURCH SERVICE. Combined Church Service in Recreation Hut on Sunday 1 Feb 42, at 0930 hrs.

CONCERT PARTY. 10 Corps Concert Party will be giving two performances tonight 30 Jan 42, in Recreation Hut.  
1st performance commences 1800 hrs.  
2nd performance commences 2030 hrs.  
Admission Free.

Posted on Bn/Coy Notice Board at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs on \_\_\_\_\_

Removed from Bn/Coy Notice Board At \_\_\_\_\_ hrs on \_\_\_\_\_

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66. DUTIES

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT M. BROADFOOT
Next for duty	:	Lieut E. A. Strong.
BN ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL LOVEHILL
Next for duty	:	Cpl Bensley
DUTY COY	:	"E" COY
Next for duty	:	"C" Coy
STAND BY COY	:	"D" COY
Next for duty	:	"A" Coy

*M. Broadfoot* Lieut  
Ass/Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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Removed Bn/Coy " " \_\_\_\_\_ hrs on \_\_\_\_\_

FEBRUARY MONTH  
1942 YEAR

9. MAR 1942

A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 171

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
Bir El Rhameque	1	The Coys were going through the assault Course. Much to their sorrow.		
	2	The Bn was inoculated during the morning. The advance party leaves for Palestine.		
	3	The Bn had a very realistic exercise. The Coys made advances under fire from Mortars and used Grenades and Sticky bombs. The exercise gave the new comers to the Bn a good idea of what to expect in action.		
	4	Much to do. The final packing and cleaning up of the lines in readiness to leave the camp next morning. Late in the afternoon the trucks of the AASC and 9 Army Transport arrive. Luggage party left at 0900 hrs and after loading baggage entrained for Cadem. Lieut Maitland left Beit Jirja.		
	5	The day has come to move and the Bn arises at 0530 hrs. The road party left by trucks at 0630 under the charge of Lieut Stanton. They had a very good trip down via Kuneitra and Tiberias, halting for the night at Affule. The main body left Bir El Rhameque at 0800 hrs by trucks for Damascus and arrived there at 1030. The men boarded the cattle trucks and 33 men were the greatest number in any one truck. Most of the men had a little sleep.		
	6	The train arrived at Haifa at 0530 and after a hot meal, consisting of stew, we changed into a Palestine Railways passenger train, much to the relief of the troops. The train pulled out of Haifa at 0630 and arrived at Majdal at 1100, where we detrained. The remainder of the journey to Beit Jirja was completed by trucks. The road party left Affule at 0715 hrs and travelled via Tulkam, Lydda halting near Ramle for lunch and arriving at Beit Jirja at 1500 hrs.		

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Signature..... Lt. Col  
Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

February MONTH  
1942 YEAR

A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

# WAR DIARY

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UNIT 2/3 Bn

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
Beit Jirja	7	Kit Inspection is the opening orders for the day in the new camp. In the afternoon a Bn cross country run is organised and at 1330 hrs the run starts, the majority of the men wearing shorts. Although the going is pretty solid through the sand the run was finished at 1630 hrs. The runners having run to Alkalon Beach and back. The run was soon forgotten after a good hot shower and a trip to the canteen and then to the pictures. The Baggage party (15 pl. C Coy with Lieut McDougall in charge) arrived at Majdal at 1315 hrs. The party had been held up coming up the Jordan Valley due to the wheels failing to grip. Q store decrees that everybody hands in one blanket.		
	8	Battalion parade. The C.O. expresses satisfaction with the run, but added that it was only a beginning. The question of camp Security was emphasised now that we were back in Palestine. Brigade church parade was held in the picture theatre when Padre Hart delivered the address. Many men avail themselves of the inter-unit leave given during the afternoon. Those left in camp proceeded to paint strange colours on their Kit bags. The Battalion played the 16 I.T.B. Rugby Union. The I.T.B. narrowly winning by 3 Nil.		
	9	Medical inspection in the morning. Lt-Col Gerald commenced his show "All in Fun" at the picture theatre where it was shown for four nights. Most of the troops making full use of the free tickets.		
	10	A party consisting of the C.O., Adjt, I.O. and members of the I Section recce area for Battalion exercise. First allotment for leave to Tel Aviv for one day.		

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Signature..... Lt. Col  
Comd 2/3 Aust Inf. Bn.

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Beit Jirja	11	The day commences with a fairly large sick parade the main complaint being foot trouble. Brigadier Boase inspected the Battalion and delivered a small address. After lunch the Bn left on a night exercise. 32 members of the transport left to bring back transport for the Bn.		
	12	The Bn returned from the night exercise at 1000 hrs. After lunch a large draft of X List personnel and reinforcements arrived.		
	13	A large part of HQ Coy arises early and spends the day at Jaffa range.		
	14	A large party, comprising of 30 men from A Coy, 30 from B Coy, 40 from C Coy and 40 from HQ Coy, had breakfast at 0545 hrs and left for Jaffa range where the following course was fired. 5 rounds Grouping at 100 yds - 5 rounds application and 5 rounds snaps at 200 yds. 5 rounds application and 10 rounds rapid wearing Gas masks at 300 yds.		
	15	Coys detailed to send quotas to church parade, which was held in the picture theatre. The coys hold a practice pack of all kit. The Bn defeated the 2/1 Bn at Rugby Union 14 to 5. Unfortunately for some of the players the ground was very hard and they had more than memories to remember.		
	16	Major Abbott decided to inspect the Officers' kits, and it was rather surprising what he found. The Transport party arrived from Tel el Kebir with the new transport.		
	17	All Cameras were handed into the I Section. The Officers held a dinner in Tel Aviv for all Officers who came over in the first convoy.		
	18	A Very interesting demonstration of incendiary bombs during the afternoon. Personnel of the carrier platoon moved out at 2000 hrs.		

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Signature..... Lt. Col

Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn



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UNIT 2/3 Bn.

1942 YEAR

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Beit Jirja	19	All Gas <del>Capes</del> were handed in to the Q Store.		
	20	Windy and showery weather and A Coy proceeds to the range. Owing to several articles disappearing from the lines guards are placed on all tents throughout the night.		
	21	Weather still showery and the Q stores call in another blanket.		
	22	Heavy showers during the morning, but church parade is held. A surprise night exercise for two platoons of A Coy.		
	23	The Officers entertain the Brigadier. (Brig. Boase)		
	24	Nothing to report.		
	25	A warm sunny day and A Coy is out all day on a route march.		
	26	Nothing to report		
	27	Nothing to report		
	28	A Bn cross country to the beach for all. The distance was covered in two hours. The run finished off the week's work which consisted of route marching and rifle shooting practice.		

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Col

Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(A) Part of 2 units (Column 2 of Part A)

(Unit)

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank held.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)	Surplus to Establishment	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	Ranks
						Lieut.-Colonels
						Majors
						Captains
						Lieutenants
						2nd Lieutenants
						Quartermasters
						District Officers
						Totals

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

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

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
				Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
				Officers QUITTED during week.

OFFICERS JOINED FROM OTHER CORPS

## 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)

2/3 BATTALION  
22 Feb 42

(Div., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/3 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 on establishment)
•			
•			
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	2		1
Captains ... ..	8		1
Lieutenants ... ..	27	1	
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	39	1	2.

\*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	Gall J.M.	2/3 Bn	18/2/42	Returned from Detachment

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Gall J.M.	2/3 Bn	20/2/42	Evac. to Hosp.
"	Mackdonald J.C.	" "	18/2/42	Absent on Duty.
"	Murdoch M.H.	" "	21/2/42	" " " "

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
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.
Lt Col		Stevenson J. R.	Bs Comd	yes	
Major		Abbott J. C.	" 2 <sup>nd</sup> k	"	
"		Gibson B. J.	O.C. Coy	"	
capt		Brown B. J.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn	"	
"		Herwig L. G.	Q.M.	"	
"		Hutchinson J.	O.C. D. Coy	"	
"		Lysaght. R. H. L.	O.C. B Coy	"	
"		McDonald R. W. J.	O.C. Coy	"	
"		Mackinnon H. S.	O.C. HQ Coy	"	
"		Mackenzie K. C.	2 <sup>nd</sup> k D. Coy	"	
"		Walker B. S.	Quartermaster	"	
"		Williams D. G.	2 <sup>nd</sup> k Coy	"	
Lieut.		Ayerton B. C.	1 Rpt Offr	"	
"		Barnett R.	"	"	
"		Broadfoot M.	"	"	
"		Carter G. B.	Pl Comd	"	
"		Gordon B. A.	"	"	
"		Grover L. J.	1 Rpt offr	"	
"		Hodgkinnott J.	Pl Comd	"	
"		Hunter J. O. B.	S. O.	"	
"		King A. B. G.	Pl Comd	"	
"		camp M. A.	"	"	
"		Long L. M.	Comms offr	"	
"		McShinn L.	Pl Comd	"	
"		McDougal B. H.	"	no	absent on duty.
"		Macdonald J. G.	Carriage offr	yes	
"		Murdoch J. H.	A.P. offr	yes	absent on duty.
"		Maitland F. J. V.	2 <sup>nd</sup> k Coy	yes	
"		Pope K. R.	1 Rpt	yes.	
"		Pearson J. H.	Pl Comd	no	attending A.S. (M.E.) R.A.S. School
"		Randall J. A.	Sig offr	yes.	
"		Reid J. G. M.	Pl Comd.	"	
"		Remolle G.	"	"	
"		Scott H.	1 Rpt offr	"	
"		Seward H.	Project offr	"	
"		Stanton F. A.	M.T.O.	"	
"		Stone L. L.	Monitor offr	"	
"		Strong A. G.	Pl Comd	"	
"		Terry B. G.	"	"	
"		Waver	"	"	

(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.		Johnston J. H.	A.A.M.C.	14/1/42	R.M.O.
captain (1st Class)		Hart W. G.	A.A.C. S.	3/10/41	chaplain.

2/3 BATTALION

22 Feb 42 (Date of Despatch.)

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

(Signature of Commander.) Lt. Col. [Signature]

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*7/3 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 on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		1
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	8	2	
Lieutenants ...	28		
2nd Lieutenants ...	1		
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	40	2	2

\*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.
<i>captain</i>	<i>Abbott J. C.</i>	<i>7/3 Bn</i>	<i>11/2/42</i>	<i>taken on strength 6/16/42</i>
<i>lieut</i>	<i>Barrett R.</i>	"	<i>12/2/42</i>	"
"	<i>Pope W. R.</i>	"	"	"
"	<i>Broadfoot M.</i>	"	"	"
"	<i>Brooker A. M.</i>	"	"	"
"	<i>Gynton S. N.</i>	"	"	"
"	<i>Scott L. M.</i>	"	"	"
"	<i>Long L. M.</i>	"	"	"

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>captain</i>	<i>Bellego W. P.</i>	<i>7/3 Bn</i>	<i>9-2-42</i>	<i>seconded to 16 A.F. B.</i>
<i>lieut</i>	<i>Gale J. M.</i>	"	<i>11-2-42</i>	<i>absent on duty.</i>
<i>capt</i>	<i>Wear J. H.</i>	"	<i>19-1-42</i>	<i>seconded to 7 Aust Div</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.)

**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.
Lt. Col		Stevenson J.R.	Antonia	Yes.	
Major		Abbott J.A.	2nd Bn	"	
Capt		Sibson D.J.	D.C. Coy	"	
"		Brown G.K.	2 1/2 B. Coy	"	
"		Herwig L.C.	Q.M.	"	
"		Hutchison J.	D.C. Coy	"	
"		Lysaght C.H.L.	D.C. Coy	"	
"		Mackenzie K.M.	2 1/2 D. Coy	"	
"		Mackintosh H.S.	D.C. Coy	"	
"		Walker G.S.	Pl Adjt	"	
"		McDonald R.W.J.	D.C. Coy	"	
"		Williams D.G.	2 1/2 A. Coy	"	
Lieut		Carter G.D.	Pl Comd	"	
"		Gall J.M.	Carrieroff	no	absent on duty
"		Gordon J.R.A.	Pl Comd	yes.	
"		Hodgkinott J.J.	"	"	
"		Hunter D.J.	G. O.	"	
"		King G.B.G.	Pl Comd	"	
"		Lange M.A.	"	"	
"		McGuinness J.H.	"	"	
"		Mackay J.H.	"	"	
"		Macdonald J.G.	Carrieroff	"	
"		Maitland J.J.V.	2 1/2 C. Coy	no	Absent on Duty
"		Murdoch M.H.	H.A. off	yes.	
"		Randall J.J.M.	Sig	"	
"		Reid J.J.M.	Pl Comd	"	
"		Pearson J.H.	"	no	attending H. & F. (ME) H.A. Sch.
"		Rundle J.L.	"	yes.	
"		Seward J.A.	Pioneer off	"	
"		Stanton J.A.	M.T.O.	"	
"		Stone L.L.	Motor off	"	
"		Strong A.G.	Pl Comd	"	
"		Tennant G.G.	"	"	
"		Barrett K.P.	1st Sgt	"	
"		Pope M.P.	"	"	
"		Broadfoot G.M.	"	"	
"		Clyden G.H.	"	"	
"		Scott L.H.	"	"	
"		Long L.M.	"	"	
"		Groves L.M.	"	"	

(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		Johnston J.H.	H.A.M.C.	14 Jan 42	R.M.O
Chaplain (V Class)		Part W.P.	A.A.C. D.	3 Nov 42	Chaplain

2/3 Aust Inf Bn  
16 Feb 42  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/3 Aust. Inf Bn  
16 Aust Inf Bn  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*213 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 on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	2		1
Captains ... ..	9	2	
Lieutenants ... ..	21		
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	34	2	1

\*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	Williams	213 Bn	1 Feb 42	Deser to be attached to 16 Bde barracks
Lieut	Gall	"	"	"
"	Gordon	"	6 Feb 42	Attended Motor Contact Officers Scho
"	Hunter	"	"	Attended 2nd Bde & Light Intelligence School
"	McLennan	"	17 Feb 42	Attended 16th Inf Bde G(R) School
"	Macdonald	"	"	Attended 16th Inf Bde Garrison School
"	Stone	"	"	"
"	Reid	"	6 Feb 42	Attended AIF(ME) Sign Off/Inst - 20th Junior Officers course

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Smithland	213 Bn	4 Feb 42	Absent on Duty.

## 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.
Lt Col		Stevenson J R	Bn Command	Yes	
Major		McGregor W R	Bn 2/c	Yes	
"		Gibson B G	OC A Coy	Yes	
Capt.		Brown B K	2/c B Coy	Yes	
"		Stewart L B	Q M	Yes	
"		Stutchison J	OC B Coy	Yes	
"		Lysaght W H	OC B Coy	Yes	
"		Thackenzie K H	2/c B Coy	Yes	
"		McDonald R W	OC B Coy	Yes	
"		MacKinnon A S	OC B Coy	Yes	
"		Walker E S	Bn Staff	Yes	
"		Heis J H	-	No	Attending A.F. (M.E.) Junior Staff School
Lieut		Williams D E	2/c A Coy	Yes	
"		Baxter E B	Rt Command	Yes	
"		Gall J H	Comms Off	Yes	
"		Gordon R A	Rt Command	Yes	
"		Hoddenatt J F	"	Yes	
"		Hunter J B	"	Yes	
"		King B B	Rt Command	Yes	
"		Jarvis J H	"	Yes	
"		McGuinn L	"	Yes	
"		MacDougal J H	"	Yes	
"		Macdonald J F	Comms Off.	Yes	
"		Shitland J F	2/c B Coy	No	Absent on Duty
"		Murdoch J H	Mt Officer	Yes	
"		Scarson J H	Rt Command	No	Attending A.F. (M.E.) A.A.S.I. School
"		Randall A	Sig Officer	Yes	
"		Reid J H	Rt Command	Yes	
"		Rundle L	"	Yes	
"		Seward J	Proper Off.	Yes	
"		Stanton J H	MTO	Yes	
"		Stone L L	Comms Off.	Yes	
"		Strong E A	Rt Command	Yes	
"		Tenny J G	"	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.		Johnston J H	A.A.S.I.	14.1.42	RMO
Chaplain (or Clerg)		Hart W P	A.A.S.I.	3.11.41	Chaplain
Lieut		Bennett R R	16 AITB	20.12.41	6 Month Det
"		Rope K R	"	20.12.41	4299/01/7 of
"		Broadfoot J H	"	24.12.41	8 Nov 41
"		Grover J H	"	"	"

2/3 Aust Inf Bn  
8 Feb 42.

(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/3 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Signature of Commander.)  
16 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 on establishment)
•			
•			
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		1
Majors ... ..	2		
Captains ... ..	9	2	
Lieutenants ... ..	21		
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	34	2	1

\*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.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Stone L L	2/3 Bn	25.1.42	Attending 16 Aust Inf Bde barracks school

## 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.
Lt Col		Stevenson J L	Br band	Yes	
Major		McGregor MR	Br 2/c	Yes	
"		Gibson G J	06 A Coy	Yes	
Capt		Brown G K	24 B Coy	Yes	
"		Stewart L B	G M	Yes	
"		Spetcham J	06 D Coy	Yes	
"		Lynsatt N H	06 B Coy	Yes	
"		MacKenzie R No	7/c A Coy	Yes	
"		McDonald R M	16 B Coy	Yes	
"		MacKinnon A D	06 A Coy	Yes	
"		Walker G A	Br Sgt	Yes	
"		Hess J H	-	No	Attending 1939 (M.E) Junior High School
"		Williams D. E.	24 A Coy	No	Attended 16 Aust Inf the carrier school
Lieut		Coates G B	Pl band	Yes	Attended 16 Aust Inf
"		Gale J No	Carrier Offr	No	24 B Coy school
"		Gordon L A	Pl band	No	Attending high school officers school
"		Hedderly J F	"	Yes	Attending 16 Aust Inf
"		Hunter L B	"	No	Intelligence School
"		King G B G	Pl band	Yes	
"		Tamb J No A	"	Yes	
"		McQuinn L	"	No	Attending 16 Aust Inf Platoon (R) School
"		MacDougal B H	"	Yes	
"		Macdonald J C	Shorter 1/c	No	Attending 16 Aust Inf Platoon school
"		Maithland J V	24 C Coy	Yes	
"		Murdoch J No H	Adjutant	Yes	
"		Maxson J H	Pl band	No	Attending AIF (M.E) AASK School
"		Randall J A	Sig Offr	Yes	
"		Reid J F	1 MTO	No	Attending AIF (M.E) Regt Offr school - not junior off programme
"		Rundle J	Pl band	Yes	
"		Richardson A	Carrier Offr	Yes	
"		Stanton J A	Pl 6 M	Yes	
"		Stone L L	Carrier Offr	No	Attending 16 Aust Inf Platoon school
"		Strong G A	Pl band	Yes	
"		Terry G G	"	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		Johnston J A	AAMC	14-1-42	RMO
Chaplain (10 class)		Wright R P	AAMC	3-11-41	Chaplain
Lieut		Barnett R	10 AITB	20-12-41	6 Aust Inf 4299/01/7 of 8 Nov 41
"		Hope R R	"	20-12-41	
"		Broadfoot J No	"	20-12-41	
"		Groves L W	"	24-1-42	

213 Aust Inf Bn  
1 Feb 42.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 213 Aust Inf Bn  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 BATTALION

(Unit) ..... 19 .. (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	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	39	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	61		8
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	847		3
TOTALS	959	1	11

\*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 Sgt Law J. H.	A.A.P. 6	Vx 2993 CPL Penton. G. G.	A.A.O.C.
Nx 7991 bPlk Dinning R.	6 Aust Div Postal	Nx 111209 A/CPK Jensen J.H.W.	"
Vx 58303 bPlk Gorry H.G.	A.A.M.C.	Nx 1418 Signor Maxwell W.B.	6 Div Sigs.
Vx 30855 Sgt Newington H.G.	"	" 45756 " Barr J.	" " "
Nx 4236 Plc Green H.F.	A.A.O.C	Nx 7870 Plc Weir R.W.	2/1 File Amb
Nx 5549 A/CPK Arney J.	"	Nx 4244 " Barclay D.	" " "
Nx 5023 Plc Burrell G.	"		

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)
45-33	L/Sgt.	Bimney J. W.	2/3 Bn	6 Aust Spec Grp.

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3	1	843
4		843

2770 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2771 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2772 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2773 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2774 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2775 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2776 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2777 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2778 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2779 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]  
 2780 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]

2775 A.M.C. - 1st Lt. [Name]

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 Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
<i>Attached Fitters M/T.</i>																				
General duty personnel ...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																				

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8 5 13

2/3 BATTALION

Unit.

Date of Despatch

22 Feb 42

Signature of Commander. Lt. Col

Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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

16 Aust Inf Bn

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**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/3 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 15 Feb. 1942 (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.	6.		
W.Os. Class II.	6.		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5.		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	35.		3.
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	59.		10.
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	800.		50.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>906</b>	.	<b>63.</b>

\*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 J.H.	A.A.P.C.	NX 5023 Pte Burrell J.	A.A.O.C.
NX 7991. bpl Wimmer G.	6 Aust Div Postal.	NX 2993 CPl Pantoni G.G.	"
NX 58303 CPl. Garvey H.G.	A.A.M.C.	NX 41409 A/CPl Jensen S.H.W.	"
NX 30855 Sgt. Livingston H.G.	"	NX 1418 Sgmn Maxwell W.B.	6 Div Sd
NX 4236 Pte Green H.S.	A.A.O.C.	NX 45756 " Carr J.	" " "
NX 5549. A/CPl Arney J.	"	NX 7870. Pte Weir R.W.	2 para Bde
	"	NX 4244 " Barclay D.	" " "

**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 4533	2/sgt	Bimney L.S.	2/3 Bn	6 Aust Spec Grp.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	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 ... ..																			1	1	
Butchers ... ..																			2	2	
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 Maker																					
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																					
Sanitary and Water Duties																					
Signallers ... ..																					
Storemen technical ... ..																					
Tailors ... ..																					
Wheelers ... ..																					
General duty personnel ...															3	10	47			60	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)															3	10	52			65	

Attached fitters M/J.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch

15 Feb 42

R. K. ... Lt. Col.

Signature of Commander.

Comd. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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

16 Aust Inf Bde

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*713 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit). *8 Feb* 19 *22* (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.	<i>1</i>		
W.Os. Class II.	<i>5</i>		<i>1</i>
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	<i>5</i>		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	<i>31</i>		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	<i>54</i>		<i>15</i>
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	<i>666.</i>		<i>34</i>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<i>762</i>		<i>50</i>

\*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.
<i>NX 7596 - Sgt Langford</i>	<i>AAPB</i>	<i>NX 5023 - Plt Marshall</i>	<i>AACB</i>
<i>NX 7991 - Cpl McInnes</i>	<i>Abertis Litch</i>	<i>NX 2092 - Cpl Parker</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>NX 58303 - Cpl Young</i>	<i>AACB</i>	<i>NX 11009 - Mpl Jackson</i>	<i>24 W</i>
<i>NX 2555 - Sgt Armstrong</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>NX 11915 - Spmr Maxwell</i>	<i>4B Abertis Regt</i>
<i>NX 1251 - Plt Green</i>	<i>AACB</i>	<i>NX 45756 - Spmr Carr</i>	<i>J</i>
<i>NX 5549 - Mpl Atney</i>			

**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)
<i>NX 4533</i>	<i>Lt</i>	<i>Burney J.A.</i>	<i>713 Bn</i>	<i>16 AITB.</i>



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 ... ..																			1	1	
Butchers ... ..																					
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																			2	2	
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 ... ..																			1	1	
Tailors ... ..																					
Wheelers ... ..																					
<i>Attached Jules MT</i>																			2	2	
General duty personnel ... ..											1								15	30	46
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			15	36	52

Unit. *2/3 Aust Inf Bn*  
Date of Despatch *8 Feb 42*

*[Signature]* Lt. Col.  
Signature of Commander.  
*Comd. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn*  
*16 Aust Inf Bde*  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 1 Feb 1942 (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.	45		21
W.Os. Class III.	-		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	-		
Serjeants	31		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-		
Corporals	55		14
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusilliers, etc.	678		27
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>770</b>	*	<b>42</b>

\*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 JH	AAOC	NX5023 - Pte Bunnell M J	AAOC
NX7991 - Cpl Turner G	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	NX2993 - Cpl Patton G S	"
NX58203 - Cpl. Gorney H G	AAOC	NX44409 - Pte Jensen J W	"
NX30555 - Sgt Newington H G	"	NX1418 - Spnn Maxwell W B	6 Aust Div Sign
NX4236 - Pte Green J G	AAOC		
NX5349 - Cpl Arney J	"		

**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)
NX4533	Capt	Burney J N.	2/3 Bn	16 AITB.

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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 ... ..																			1	1	
Butchers ... ..																			2	2	
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 ... ..																			1	1	
Storemen technical ... ..																					
Tailors ... ..																					
Wheelers ... ..																					
<i>Attached</i> <i>Fitters MT</i>																			2	2	
General duty personnel ... ..											1							14	23	38	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1							14	29	44	

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Unit.

Date of Despatch

1 Feb 42

Comd. 2/3 ASignal Bn Commander.

16 Aust Inf Bde

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.		Whether present with employment (No or Yes)	
Substantive Rank	(Unit) Higher acting or temporary rank if held	1	2
Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)	Surplus to Establishment	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Ranks
			Lieut.-Colonels
			Majors
			Captains
			Lieutenants
			2nd Lieutenants
			Quartermasters
			District Officers
			Totals

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

## PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*23 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 on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		1
Majors ...	2		
Captains ...	9		
Lieutenants ...	21	2	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	34	2	1

\*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	Gayton WR	1st Lt Bn	20. 1. 42	Returned from leave
Lieut	Lambert J. H. A.	210 Bn	22. 1. 42	Returned from AIF (ME) S.M.R.
"	Southland J. H. A.	"	19. 1. 42	Returned from 3rd Lt course
"	Randall J. H. A.	"	24. 1. 42	Returned from AIF (ME) Inf School
"	Rundle L	"	24. 1. 42	" " "
"	Stone L. H.	16 AITB	24. 1. 42	Attached for duty " "
"	McQuinn B. H.	213 Bn	24. 1. 42	Attached for duty " "

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Gayton WR	1st Lt Bn	23. 1. 42	Attached to 1st Aust Corps Depot
Lieut	Macdonald J. B.	213 Bn	18. 1. 42	Attached to 1st Aust Inf Bn (G/R) School
Capt	Stewart J. H. A.	"	23. 1. 42	Absent on duty
"	Macdonald R. H. A.	"	19. 1. 42	" " " " " " " "
Lieut	McQuinn L.	"	18. 1. 42	Attached to 1st Aust Inf Bn (G/R) School

## 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.
Lt Col		Stevenson J R	In bond	Yes	
Major		McGregor J R	Br 2 1/2	Yes	
"		Gibson B J	06 A Coy	Yes	
Capt.		Brown B K	2 1/2 B Coy	No	Absent on duty
"		Herwig L B	Q M	Yes	
"		Butchison J M C	06 B Coy	No	Absent on duty
"		Lysaght N B H	06 B Coy	Yes	
"		MacKenzie K C H	2 1/2 D Coy	Yes	
"		McDonald R W F	06 B Coy	No	Absent on duty
"		MacKinnon A S	06 H B Coy	Yes	
"		Walker R S	Br 2 1/2	Yes	
"		Weir J H		No	Attended Staff School
"		Williams B J	2 1/2 A Coy	No	Attended Staff School
Lieut		Carter B B	PL bond	Yes	Attached to 16 Aust Inf Bde Garrison School
"		Gall J M	Comd Offr	No	Attended Staff School
"		Gordon R A	PL bond	No	Attended Staff School
"		Hodderott J J	"	Yes	
"		Hunter B B	Q O	No	Attended Staff School
"		King J B G	PL bond	Yes	
"		Lamb M A	"	Yes	Attended Staff School
"		McQuinn L	"	No	G(R) School
"		MacDougall B H	"	Yes	Attended Staff School
"		Macdonald J B	Master Offr	No	Attended Staff School
"		Maitland J V	2 1/2 C Coy	Yes	
"		Murdoch M H	Asst Capt	Yes	
"		Pearson J H	PL bond	No	Attended Staff School
"		Randall J A	Sig Offr	Yes	Attended Staff School
"		Reid J J M	M T O	No	Attended Staff School
"		Rundle L	PL bond	Yes	
"		Seward J	Pioneer Offr	Yes	
"		Stanton J A	Asst Q M	Yes	
"		Stone L L	Asst Offr	Yes	
"		Strong B A	PL bond	Yes	
"		Terrey B G	"	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		Johnston J H	AAMC	14.1.42	QMO
Capt	(10 Class)	Grant M P	AACD	3.11.41	Chaplain
Lieut		Barnett R	16 AITB	20.12.41	6 Aust Div 4299/01/7 of 8000/41
"		Pope K R	"	20.12.41	
"		Broadfoot J	"	20.12.41	
"		Grover L W	"	24.1.42	

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(Unit.)  
25 Jan 42  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Lt. Col  
Comd. 2/3 Aust. Inf. Bn  
16 Aust  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(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 on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	9		
Lieutenants ...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	33	1	1

\*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 E S	2/3 Bn	15 Jan 42	Returned from leave
"	Williams D E	"	15 Jan 42	" " "
Lieut	Macdonald J E MC	"	10 Jan 42	Attended 1 Aust Corps Ski School

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Gayton W R	44th B	14 Jan 42	Leave
"	Williams D E	2/3 Bn	16 Jan 42	Inst 16 Aust Inf Bde Hannier School
"	Hutchinson J MC	"	14 Jan 42	Absent on duty
Lieut	Gall J MC	"	16 Jan 42	Inst 16 Aust Inf Bde Hannier School
"	Robertson D F	"	11 Jan 42	Seconded to AIF (ME) Rump Depot (Pool of Officers)
"	Michel R F	"	24 Dec 41	Seconded to (ME) OCTU

## 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.
Lt Col		Stevenson J.R. DSO	Br Band	Yes	
Major		McGregor M.R.	Br 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>c</sub>	Yes	
		Hobson E.D.	06 A Coy	Yes	
Capt		Brown C.R.	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>c</sub> B Coy	Yes	
"		Hewitt L.G.	5 <sup>th</sup> Co	Yes	
		Hutchinson J.M.C.	06 B Coy	No	Absent on duty
		Lysaght A.H.	06 B Coy	Yes	
		MacKenzie R.H.	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>c</sub> D Coy	Yes	
		McDonald R.H.M.C.	06 B Coy	Yes	
		MacKinnon A.D.	06 A Coy	Yes	
		Walker J.S.	Br Adjt	Yes	
		Wain J.H.		No	May 1941 (M.C.)
		Williams D.G.	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>c</sub> A Coy	No	Junior Staff School Inst. 16. 11. 41 Warwick School
Lieut		Walter E.B.	Pl Band	Yes	
		Wall J.M.C.	Band Offr	No	Inst. 16. Aust Inf Bde Warwick School 16. 11. 41 Warwick School
		Ward R.A.	Pl Band	No	Inst. 16. Aust Inf Bde Warwick School 16. 11. 41 Warwick School
		Winters D.B.	SO	No	Inst. 16. Aust Inf Bde Warwick School 16. 11. 41 Warwick School
		Wright J.A.	Pl Band	No	Inst. 16. Aust Inf Bde Warwick School 16. 11. 41 Warwick School
		King G.B.G.	"	Yes	Attending school
		Thaitland J.Y.	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>c</sub> E Coy	No	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>c</sub> course
		Spurdock G.H.	Asst Adjt	Yes	
		Macdonald J.E.M.C.	Mortar Offr	Yes	
		Pearson J.H.	Pl Band	No	Attending AIF (ME) ARSC
		Randall A.	Sign Offr	No	Attending AIF (ME) Inf School
		Reid J.H.M.	06 B Coy	No	Attending AIF (ME) Inf School
		Rundle L.	Pl Band	No	Attending AIF (ME) Inf School
		Seward A.	Sign Offr	Yes	
		Stanton J.A.	Asst Q.M.	Yes	
		Stone L.L.M.	Adjt Offr	No	Attending AIF (ME) Inf School
		Strong J.A.	Pl Band	Yes	
		Terrey G.G.	"	Yes	
		Hodgkott J.P.C.M.	"	Yes	
		McQuinn 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		Gaston M.R.	A 16 B	12.9.41	RMO - On Leave
Lt Lt Col (V. class)		Johnston J.H.P.	A 16 B	14.1.42	RMO
Lieut		Hart M.P.	A 16 B	3.11.41	Chaplain
"		Barnet R.	16 AITB	20.12.41	60 Aust Div
"		Pope K.R.	"	20.12.41	4299/21/7 of
"		Woodfoot G.	"	20.12.41	8 Nov 41

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(Unit.)

18 Jan 42

(Date of Despatch.)

*J. H. Stevenson*

(Signature of Commander.) Lt. Col.

16 Aust Inf Bde

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(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 on establishment)
•			
•			
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	2		1
Captains ... ..	9	1	
Lieutenants ... ..	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	33	2	1

\*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	Seward A	2/3 Bn	6 Jan 42	Taken on strength - exp. post to Amb.
"	Baxter B B	"	5 Jan 42	Returned from leave

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<del>Capt</del>	<del>Gayton W R</del>	<del>1st Bn</del>	<del>1 Jan 42</del>	<del>Wtd. Ad. in leave</del>
Lieut	Seward A	2/3 Bn	3 Jan 42	Evacuated to hospital
Capt	Walker E S	"	5 Jan 42	Leave
"	Williams D B	"	5 Jan 42	Leave

## 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.
Lt Col		Stevenson JRD	Bn bond	Yes	
Major		McGregor WR	Bn 2 1/2	Yes	
"		Gibson PJ	Obd boy	Yes	
Capt		Brown BK	2 1/2 B boy	Yes	
		Kenwig LB	9 do	Yes	
		Hutchison J MC	Ob B boy	Yes	
		Lindsay AH	Ob B boy	Yes	
		MacKenzie KTR	2 1/2 B boy	Yes	
		McDonald RHM	Ob B boy	Yes	
		MacKinnon AS	Ob Hg boy	Yes	
		Walker EA	Bn Capt	No	Leave
		Warr JH	-	No	Atty AIF (ME) Genoi Staff School
		Williams LB	2 1/2 B boy	No	Leave
Lieut		Barter EB	Pl bond	Yes	
		Gall JHM	Pl bond	Yes	
		Gordon RA	Pl bond	No	Atty AIF (ME) Genoi Staff School
		Hunter EB	Pl bond	No	Atty AIF (ME) Genoi Staff School
		Jamie JMA	Pl bond	No	Atty AIF (ME) Genoi Staff School
		King LB	"	Yes	
		Shalland JY	2 1/2 B boy	No	Attending Aile Staff Course
		Michel RF	Pl bond	No	Attached to (ME) OCTU
		Murdoch No H	Pl bond	Yes	
		Macdonald JEM	Pl bond	No	Attending course of the Staff School
		Pearson JH	Pl bond	No	Attending 43rd (ME) Staff School
		Randall A	Pl bond	No	Attending 43rd (ME) Staff School
		Reid JPK	Pl bond	No	Attending 43rd (ME) Staff School
		Robertson JH	Pl bond	Yes	
		Rundle J	"	No	Attending 43rd (ME) Staff School
		Seward A	Pl bond	Yes	
		Stanton JA	Pl bond	Yes	
		Stone LL	Pl bond	No	Attending 43rd (ME) Staff School
		Strong EA	Pl bond	Yes	
		Terrey BC	"	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		Gayton WR	RAMC	12.9.41	RMO
Chaplain (14 Class)		Warr JH	RAMC	3.11.41	Chaplain
Lieut		Barnett R	16 AIB	20.12.41	6 Aust Div
"		Pope KR	"	20.12.41	11299/01/7 of
"		Broadfoot No	"	20.12.41	8 Nov 41

2/3 Aust Inf Bn  
11 Jan 42

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

**Lt. Col.**  
**Comd. 2/3 Aust. Inf. Bn.** (Signature of Commander.)  
16 Aust Inf Bde  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*213 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 on establishment)
•			
•			
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	2		1
Captains ... ..	9	1	
Lieutenants ... ..	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	33	2	1

\*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.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Shuter DB	213 Bn	1 Jan 42	Attending No 2 Sley Regt
"	Reid JMO	"	2 Jan 42	Attending AGS (MS) Regt Ops School
"	Shuttland JLV	"	3 Jan 42	Attending No 3 Sley Regt

## 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.
Lt Col		Stevenson JR	In Comd	Yes	
Major		McGregor WR	In 2 1/2	Yes	
"		Whitson EJ	86 A Coy	Yes	
Capt		Brown BK	2 1/2 B Coy	Yes	
"		Hewitt LG	Q M	Yes	
"		Hutchison J (MC)	86 B Coy	Yes	
"		Lynagh AM	86 B Coy	Yes	
"		MacKenzie Ktho	2 1/2 10 Coy	Yes	
"		McDonald RNJ (MC)	86 6 Coy	Yes	
"		McPherson Ad	86 46 Coy	Yes	
"		Walker EA	In Adjt	Yes	Attending AIF (ME)
"		Weir JH	-	No	Junior Staff School
"		Williams DG	2 1/2 A Coy	Yes	
Lieut		Warter EB	Pl Comd	No	
"		Gall JH (MC)	Comd Offr	Yes	Attending Motor Contact
"		Gordon RA	Pl Comd	No	attending school
"		Hunter DB	SO	No	attending after 2nd Coy
"		Jamb Ad	In Comd	No	attending Intelligence Course
"		King GBG	Pl Comd	Yes	attending AIF (ME) SMS
"		Chaitland JH	2 1/2 6 Coy	No	attending school
"		Michel R7	Pl Comd	No	attached to (ME) OCTU
"		Murdoch JH	1st Adjt	Yes	Attending School of
"		McDonald JH (MC)	Comd Offr	No	The Instruction
"		Pearson JH	Pl Comd	No	attending AIF (ME) Div
"		Randall A	Sig Offr	No	attending AIF (ME) School
"		Reid JH	1st SO	No	attending AIF (ME) Regt Offrs
"		Robertson LG	Pl Comd	Yes	School. No 3 Junior Offr Course
"		Rundle J	"	No	attending AIF (ME) Inf School
"		Seward A	Pioneer Offr	Yes	6 Pl Weapons Wing
"		Stanton JA	1st B M	Yes	
"		Stone LZ (MM)	1st Offr	No	attending AIF (ME) Inf Sch
"		Strong EA	Pl Comd	Yes	1st Mortar Wing
"		Tennely BG	"	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		Gayton WR	1st B	12.9.41	RMO
Chaplain (1st class)		Hart RP	1st B	3.11.41	Chaplain
Lieut		Barnett R	16 AITS	20.12.41	1st Coy Div
"		Boke WR	"	20.12.41	229/01/7 of
"		Broadfoot Ad	"	20.12.41	5 Nov 41

213 Aust Inf Bn  
(Unit.)  
11 Jan 42  
(Date of Despatch.)

*R. Stevenson*  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 213 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Signature of Commander.)  
16 Aust Inf Bde  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is servin)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

213 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 25 Jan 1942 (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	-	1
W.Os. Class II.	5	-	5
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
Serjeants	31	-	-
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	55	-	14
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	680	-	20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>

\*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 Lang J H	A A P C	NX 5023 - Pte Surrall Inf.	A A O C
NX 7991 - 6 Pl Wainwright	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	VX 2993 - 6 Pl Poston 69	"
158303 - 6 Pl Gurney 49	A A O C	NX 1415 - Spmn Marshall 11 B	6 Aust Div Sigs
30585 - Sgt Marryington 49	"		
4236 - Pte Green 49	A A O C		
NX 5519 - 4 Pl Army J	"		

**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 4533	Lt Sgt	Bunnay J N	11 B Cav	16 AIT 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 ... ..																			1	1			
Butchers ... ..																			2	2			
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>Attached Fitters MT</i>																							
General duty personnel ...											1									14	16	31	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																					14	16	31

2/3 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

*[Signature]* Lt. Col. Comd. 2/3 Aust. Inf Bde. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

213 Aust Inf Bn (Unit), 18 Jan 1942 (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.	4	-	2
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	3	-	2
Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
Serjeants	29	-	2
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	53	-	16
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	605	-	95
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117</b>

\*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.
N 27596 Sgt Lacey JH	AAPb	N 25023- Pte Brunell HJ	A AOB
N 7991 Cpl Jenner b	b Dist Postal Unit	N 2993- Cpl Penton b	.
N 55303 Cpl Lacey HJ	A AOB	N 2445- Cpl Maxwell WB	b Dist Postal Unit
N 20555 Sgt Howington HJ	"		
N 2236- Pte Green HJ	A AOB		
N 5549- Cpl Lacey JH	.		

**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)
N 4533	Lt Sgt	Bunney JH	2/3 Bn	16 AITB

213 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 ... ..																			1	1	
Butchers ... ..																			2	2	
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>Stacked</i>																					
<i>Fitters MT</i>																			2	2	
General duty personnel ...										2	2	2				16	9		114		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										2	2	2				16	9		119		

213 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch 18 Jan 42

*[Signature]* Lt. Col. Comd. 2

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



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

213 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 11 Jan 1942 (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.	6	-	-
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	3	-	2
Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
Serjeants	27	-	-
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	58	-	3
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	604	-	49
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54</b>

\*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 JH	AA P6	NX5023 - Pte Burrell M	AAO 6
NX7991 - Cpl Munnis G	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	NX2993 - Cpl Penton GS	AAO 6
NX55303 - Cpl Simey HG	AAO 6	NX4415 - Signaller Munnis WB	6 Aust Div Sign
NX30555 - Sgt Harrington JG	AAO 6		
NX4236 - Pte Green JH	AAO 6		
NX5549 - Cpl Simey JG	AAO 6		

**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)
NX4533	Lt Sgt	Bunney JH	N213 Bn	16 AITB

243 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	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 ... ..																			1	1	
Butchers ... ..																					
Carpenters and Joiners ...																			2	2	
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 ... ..																					
Attached No 3 - Fitter																			1	1	
General duty personnel ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	46	51		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	50	55			

243 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

*[Signature]* Lt. Col.  
Signature of Commander.  
Comd. 2/3 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date of Despatch .....

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

213 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 4 Dec 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.	6	-	-
W.Os. Class III.	8	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	3	-	2
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	30	3	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	59	-	2
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	628	-	25
TOTALS	727	3	29

\*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	AAPB	NX 5023 - Pte Burnell	AAOB
NX 7941 - Cpl Warner E	6 Aust Bn Postal Bnt	NX 2903 - Cpl Penton G	AAOB
NX 5303 - Cpl Young H	AAPB		
NX 535 - Sgt Newington H	AAPB		
NX 4236 - Pte Green H	AAOB		
NX 5519 - Pte Amy J	AAOB		

**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 4533	Lt/Sgt	Binnery JN	213 Bn	16AITB

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 ... ..																			1	1	
Butchers ... ..																					
Carpenters and Joiners ...																			2	2	
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>Mached Sgt. Fitter</i>																			1	1	
General duty personnel ...						3				3			2					222	26		
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).					3				3			2						226	30		

*23 Aust Inf Bn*  
Unit.  
Date of Despatch *4 Jan 42*

*[Signature]* Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/3 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
Signature of Commander.  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

43 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 on establishment).
*			
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*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
Majors ...	2	-	1
Captains ...	9	1	-
Lieutenants...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
<b>TOTALS</b> ...	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

\* 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	Stone L.L.(1111)	43 Bn	27 Dec 41	Attended AIF (AIF) S.M.E.
Lieut	Robertson J.B.	43 Bn	24 Dec 41	Attended AIF (AIF) Regt Officers School
Major	Tobson J.	43 Bn	26 Dec 41	Taken on strength - on 16 AITB
Capt	Lysaght W.H.	"	27 Dec 41	"
"	Brown G.H.	"	23 Dec 41	Returned from leave
"	Hutchinson J.(111)	"	24 Dec 41	Transferred to 4th Coy for duty
Lieut	Baxter E.B.	"	23 Dec 41	Taken on strength - on 21 CCS

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Stone L.L.(1111)	43 Bn	27 Dec 41	Attended AIF (AIF) Regt School.
"	Baxter E.B.	"	26 Dec 41	Leave
"	Jamit A.A.	"	26 Dec 41	Attended AIF (AIF) S.M.E.
"	Mitchell R.Z.	"	23 Dec 41	Detached to AIF (AIF)
Capt	Gayton W.R.	A.A.M.C.	21 Dec 41	Attending Anti-Aircraft course

## 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.

## PART A - STRENGTH SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

*Officer*

*14 Dec / 28 Dec*

## PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

### Officers JOINED during week

### Officers QUITTED during week

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

**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.
Lt Col		Stevenson J.R.	Bomb	Yes	
Major		McLennan W.P.	Bomb	Yes	
"		Robinson F.J.	Ob. 4 Coy	Yes	
Capt		Brown G.K.	24c B Coy	Yes	
"		Heming L.G.	Q.M. 1	Yes	
"		Mitchison J.M.	Ob. 2 Coy	Yes	
"		Yeast J.H.	Ob. 3 Coy	Yes	
"		MacKenzie L.H.	24c 2 Coy	Yes	
"		McDonald W.F.	Ob. 6 Coy	Yes	
"		Walker G.A.	B. Staff	Yes	
"		Wells J.H.	-	No	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Williamson J.G.	24c 1 Coy	Yes	
Lieut		Ward J.B.	Pl. Band	No	Leave
"		Wells J.H.	Pl. Band	Yes	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Woodrow J.H.	Pl. Band	No	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Hunter G.B.	90	Yes	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Tamb J.A.	Pl. Band	No	Attending 192 (A) School
"		King J.B.	"	Yes	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Chapman J.V.	24c 3 Coy	Yes	
"		Whitchel R.F.	Pl. Band	No	Detached to (ME) OCTU
"		Murdoch J.H.	Pl. Band	Yes	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Macdonald J.G.	Pl. Band	No	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Pearson J.H.	Pl. Band	No	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Randall J.A.	Pl. Band	No	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Reid J.H.	Pl. Band	Yes	
"		Robertson J.G.	Pl. Band	Yes	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Rundle J.G.	Pl. Band	No	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Seward J.	Pl. Band	Yes	
"		Watson J.D.	Pl. Band	Yes	
"		Wright J.D.	Pl. Band	No	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Wright J.D.	Pl. Band	No	Attending 192 (A) School
"		Strong J.A.	Pl. Band	Yes	
"		Tennant J.G.	"	Yes	
Capt		MacKinnon M.	Ob. HQ 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		Gayton W.R.	A.M.C.	12.9.41	R.M.O.
"		Street F.	A.A.B.	21.12.41	R.M.O.
Chaplain	(IV class)	Hart W.P.	A.A.B.	3.11.41	Chaplain
Lieut		Barnett K.	16 A.I.T.B.	20.12.41	6 Aust Bde
"		Broadfoot W.	"	20.12.41	4299/01/7 of 8 Nov 41

2/3 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)  
28 Dec 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

*R. Stevenson*  
Lt. Col.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
Comd. 2/3 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 on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	31	1	2

\* 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	Hunter J.B.	2/3 Bn	17 Dec 41	Returned from leave
"	Ball J.H.	"	17 Dec 41	"
"	Barnett J.K.	"	17 Dec 41	Attended 21/11/41 at school
"	Barnett J.K.	16 AITB	20 Dec 41	Taken on strength to 16 AITB
"	Broadbent J.L.	"	20 Dec 41	"
Chaplain (V class)	Hest J.P.	A.A.C.H.	16 Dec 41	"

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Brown C.K.	2/3 Bn	15 Dec 41	Leave
Lieut	Keason J.H.	"	17 Dec 41	Attended 17/11/41 at school
Chaplain (V class)	Meyer J.P.	"	15 Dec 41	Attached to 16 AITB

## 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.
Capt		Stevenson J.R.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Thompson J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Brown J.B.	2nd B Coy	No	Leave
		Hutchinson J.M.	2nd B Coy	Yes	Detached for duty
		MacKinnon J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		McDonald J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Walker J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Wells J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	1921 (N.S.) University School
Lieut		Williams J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Wall J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	Standing by for duty
		Gordon J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	University School
		Hunter J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Lamb J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		King J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	
		Harland J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	Attending S.B.S. & University School
		Michel J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Macdonald J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	University School
		Keason J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	University School
		Randall J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	University School
		Reid J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Robertson J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	University School
		Rundle J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	University School
		Seward J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Stanton J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Stone J.H.	2nd B Coy	No	University School
		Strong J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Tennel J.H.	2nd B Coy	Yes	
		Burdett J.H.	2nd B 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		Gorton J.R.	4th B Coy	12.9.41	R.H.O.
Chaplain (Volun)		Hart J.H.	A.A.C.C.	3.11.41	Chaplain
Lieut		Pope J.H.	16 AITB	20.12.41	6 Aust Bde
		Broadfoot J.H.	16 AITB	20.12.41	4299/01/7 of 8 Nov 41

2/3 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)

11. Col  
Comd: 2/3 Aust Inf. (Signature of Commander.)

2:1 Dec 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

213 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 on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants...	19		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	30	-	2

\* 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	Herwing 26	213 Bn	10.12.41	Returned from leave
	McDonald 1137	"	10.12.41	"

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Randall A	213 Bn	7.12.41	Attending A.S.M.S. Inf School
"	Bundt	"	7.12.41	Sub Pl. Messon Wing
"	Reid	"	8.12.41	leave
"	Hunter	"	8.12.41	leave
"	Haven	"	10.12.41	Evacuated to hospital
"	McDonald JB	"	13.12.41	Course of ski instruction HQ 6 Austy Div

## 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).
Capt	Wibson EJ	213 Bn	
	Tyng	"	

**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.
Lt Col		Sturgeson J.R.	1st Bde	Yes	
Major		McGregor J.W.R.	2nd Bde	Yes	
Capt		Wright G.K.	1st Bde	Yes	
"		Herring L.B.	Q.M.	Yes	
"		Hutchinson J.M.C.	1st Bde	No	Detached for duty
"		Shackenzie K.D.	2nd Bde	Yes	
"		MacKinnon J.D.	1st Bde	Yes	
"		McDonald R.W.F.	1st Bde	Yes	
"		Walker J.D.	1st Bde	Yes	
"		Weir J.H.	1st Bde	No	Attending Staff School
"		Williams J.D.	2nd Bde	Yes	
Lieut		Wall J.H.M.C.	1st Bde	No	Attending Staff School
"		Ward R.A.	1st Bde	No	Attending Staff School
"		Bunter D.B.	1st Bde	No	Leave
"		Lamb J.D.	1st Bde	Yes	
"		Burns J.B.S.	"	Yes	Attending Staff School
"		Shuttleworth J.V.	1st Bde	No	Exp. School
"		Mitchell J.D.	1st Bde	Yes	
"		Shedden J.H.	1st Bde	Yes	Attending Staff School
"		Macdonald J.W.	1st Bde	No	Instruction - 1st Bde
"		Reynolds J.H.	1st Bde	Yes	Attending Staff School
"		Randall J.	1st Bde	No	Exp. School
"		Reid J.H.	1st Bde	No	Leave
"		Robertson J.D.	1st Bde	No	Attending Staff School
"		Wardle J.D.	"	No	Attending Staff School
"		Seward J.	1st Bde	Yes	
"		Stanton J.A.	1st Bde	Yes	Attending Staff School
"		Stone L.L.M.C.	1st Bde	No	Attending Staff School
"		Strong J.H.	1st Bde	Yes	
"		Terry J.B.	"	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		Lambton J.R.	1st Bde	12.9.40	R.M.O.
Chaplain (V.C.)		Sheyer V.F.	1st Bde	3.11.41	Chaplain

2/3 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)  
14 Dec 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
Gen. 2/3 Aust. (Signature of Commander.)  
1st Bde  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit), 28 Dec 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.	6	-	-
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	3	-	2
Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
Serjeants	30	3	-
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	0	-	-
Corporals	60	-	1
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	623	-	30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>

\*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 JH	AAFB	Nx5023 - Pte Bunnell St	AAOB
Nx7991 - Cpl Jenner B	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	Nx2993 - Cpl Penton CG	AAOB
Nx55303 - Cpl Joney HG	AAFB	Nx3719 - Signm Jeco R St	6 Aust Div Hqs
Nx30555 - Sgt Newington HG	"	Nx10673 - Signm Richardson H	"
Nx4236 - Pte Green HS	AAOB		
Nx5519 - A/Cpl Arney JB	"		

**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)
Nx4533	L/Sgt	Bunney J N	213 Bn	16 AITB

2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	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 ... ..																			1	1	
Butchers ... ..																					
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																			1	1	
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>Attached fitter MT</i>																				1	1
General duty personnel ... ..																					
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																					

2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

*[Signature]*  
Comd. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *28 Dec 41*

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

213 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 21 Dec 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.	6	-	-
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	3	-	2
Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
Serjeants	31	4	-
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	59	-	2
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	630	-	23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>

\*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 Lawford	AAFB	NX 5023 - Pte Barnell	AAFB
NX 7991 - Cpl Hunter	6 Div Postal Unit	NX 2993 - Cpl Penton	"
NX 55203 - Cpl Yoney	AAFB	NX 3719 - Signor Lee	6 Div Sig Regt
NX 30555 - Sgt Newington	"	5X10673 - Signor Richardson	"
NX 4236 - Pte Green	AAFB		
NX 5549 - Cpl Arney	"		

**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 4533	Lt	Bennet JN	213 Bn	16 AITB

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 ... ..																			1	1	
Butchers ... ..																					
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																			1	1	
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>Attached fitter No 7</i>																			1	1	
General duty personnel ... ..						4			4	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	1	26		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).					4				4	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	4	29		

243 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Date of Despatch 21 Dec 41

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
Signature of Commander.

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

73 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 14 Dec 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.	5	=	1
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	3	-	2
Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
Serjeants	29	2	-
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	57	-	4
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	617	-	36
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>

\*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 Laws JH	AAFC	583520 - Det Thomas BE	AAAD
NX 7499 - Cpl Wimmer E	6 Div Postal Unit		
NX 55203 - Cpl Gurray HG	AAFC		
NX 30855 - Sgt Newington HG	AAFC		
NX 4236 - Pte Green III	AAOC		
NX 5549 - Pte Arney JC	AAOC		
NX 5023 - Pte Burrell III	AAOC		

**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 42243	Pte	Jaylor S	73 Aust	16 AS7B
NX 5039	AA/Sgt	Johnson AB	"	"
NX 5422	Pte	Bewis S	"	"
NX 4533	Lt/Col	Burney JN	"	"
NX 68499	Pte	de Vall PV	"	"



713 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	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 ... ..																			1	1	
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>Attached</i>																					
<i>Armourer</i>																					
<i>Fitter - MT</i>																					
General duty personnel ...									2				2		1		2		4	3542	
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Date of Despatch .....

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/3 Aust. Inf. Bn. Signature of Commander.  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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69 DUTIES

Bn Orderly and Duty Officer.  
Next for Duty  
Duty Coy  
Next for Duty  
Stand by Coy  
Next for Duty  
Orderly NCO  
Next for Duty

Lieut M.A.Lamb  
Lieut B.MacDougall  
" D " Coy  
" C " Coy  
" B " Coy  
" A " Coy  
Cpl Heriot  
Cpl McVicar

70 CENSORSHIP

The Base Censor reports that a large amount of censorable matter now appearing in Unit correspondence indicates the failure of Officers to carry out the provisions of censorship regulations effectively.

The GOC AIF., has directed that the attention of all Officers be directed to the provisions of security regulations.

71. GRANT AND RELINQUISHMENT OF ACTING WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED RANKS.

All Other Ranks are impressed with the early entry of relinquishment in paybooks, as a precaution against financial embarrassment should the paybook become overdrawn as the results of delay in effecting adjustments in drawing rates.

K.R.Pope Lieut. for Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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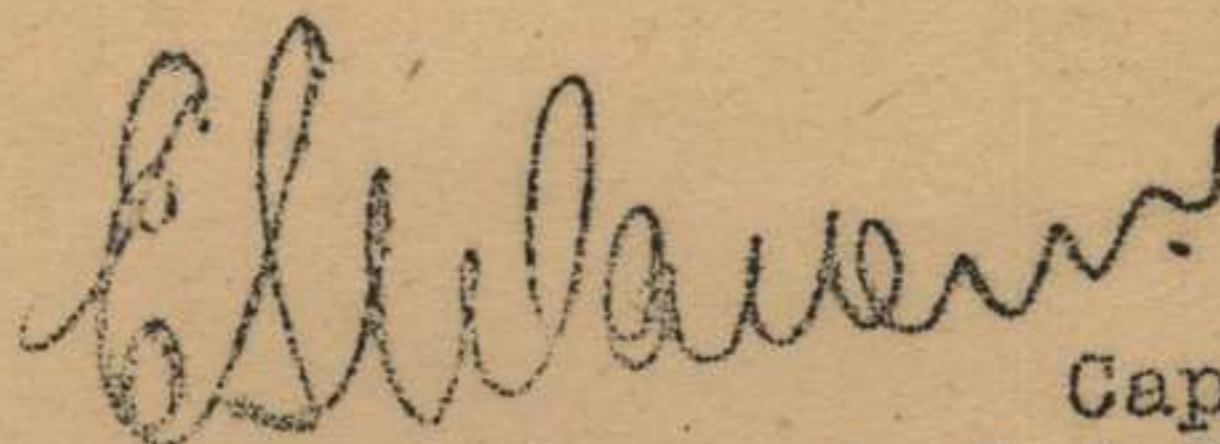
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72 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORDERLY OFFICER	:	LIEUT M A LAMB
Next For duty	:	Lieut Grover
BN ORDERLY NCO	:	CPL MOVIGAR J A
Next For Duty	:	Cpl Farquhar
DUTY COY	:	"C" COY
Next For Duty	:	"B" Coy
STAND BY COY	:	"A" COY
Next ForDuty	:	"D" Coy.



Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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**71** DUTIES:

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	: LIEUT R BARRETT
Next For Duty	: Lieut Rundle
ORDERLY NCO	: SGT MCCORMACK
Next For Duty	: Sgt Baxter
ORDERLY CPL	: CPL BARNES
Next For Duty	: Cpl Farquhar
CANTEEN SUPERVISION	: A/SGT CLUES; I/SGT MURRAY.
Next For Duty	: Sgt Burke; L/Sgt Townsend.
DUTY COY	: "C" COY.
Next For Duty	: "D" Coy.

**72.** SECURITY:

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the necessity for the strictest exercise of security precautions on return to Palestine. Natives are more venturesome than ever and many cases of theft have been reported in this area recently.

Particular care will be taken with arms, ammunition, and unoccupied tents. When rifles are not in use, bolts will be removed and the rifles chained to posts in tents.

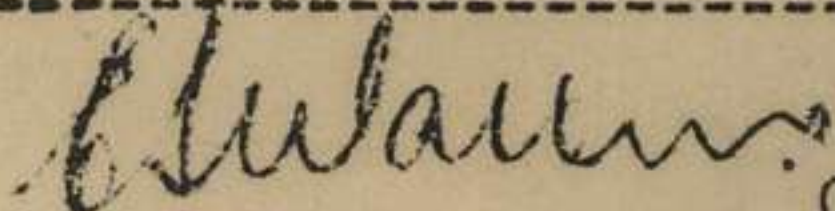
Natives, other than contractors and labourers holding a pass will NOT be allowed in camp lines, and native roadside vendors will be discouraged and moved on.

In the event of prowler picket having to challenge natives, the words "WHAKIE" (stop) "ENTTI" (you) will be used.

**73.** BOUNDS:

(a) All native villages are strictly out of bounds and the purchase or drinking of native liquor is forbidden.

(b) ROYSTON LINES (Depot Bn) are also out of bounds.

  
Capt.  
Adjt, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

AIR-MAIL SERVICES

The following message has been received from the AA D Posts AIF:  
"Following destruction plane at KOEPANG, 30 Jan, announcement has been made in Australia temporary suspension air-mail service to troops abroad.

"Acceptance air-mail for transmission to Australia will continue this end until further notice, as air-mail services are still operating for considerable part of the distance.

"Advice will be furnished soon as available whether through service likely to be re-established in the near future."

CANTEEN

Canteen hours will be as follow:-

DRY: 1200 - 1330. 1600 - 2000

WET: 1800 - 1930

CINEMA: Cinema hours will be as follow:  
1745 hrs and 2000 hrs.

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**74 Duties**

**Bn Duty and Orderly Officer**

Next for duty

Bn Orderly Sjt

Next for duty

Bn Orderly Cpl

Next for duty

Canteen Supervision

Next for duty

Duty Coy

Next for duty

Stand by Coy "B" - Next for duty "C" Coy

Lieut	L Rundle
Lieut	E Carter
Sjt	Baxter W J
Sjt	Carey K
Cpl	Farquhar G B
Cpl	Northcott H A
Sjt	Burke C R
L/Sjt	Townsend E T
Sjt	Gluyas J S
Sjt	Ponting W H
"D" Coy	
"A" Coy	

**75 GAZA TOWN - OUT OF BOUNDS**

(a) GAZA TOWN is OUT OF BOUNDS to ORs from all camps except KILO 89 and GAZA RIDGE, and units under command of HQ AIF (ME) Reinf Depot. Personnel from these camps may be granted leave to GAZA Town on the following basis:-

(i) HQ AIF (ME) Reinf Depot to allot leave to units under command from Monday to Thursday inclusive, the total number from these camps not to exceed 300 on any one day.

(ii) KILO 89 and GAZA RIDGE. The total number from these camps not to exceed 100 on any one day.

(b) As Friday is the Moslem Sabbath, GAZA TOWN will be out of bounds to all Camps on that day.

(c) Leave Passes to GAZA will not be accepted, save from the camps mentioned in para (a) above. (16 Bde RO No 254 Para 2 - 7 Feb 42)

**76 TWO DAY LEAVE - PAY**

It is desirable that as many men as possible be paid in camp before proceeding on two day leave. (16 Bde RO No 254 Para 3 of 7 Feb 42)

**77 ROUTINE**

Bn RO No 372 of 9 Nov 41 is CANCELLED. The following routine will take effect from 7 Feb 42:

Serial 1	0630	hrs	Reveille.
Serial 2	0700	hrs	Sick Parade.
Serial 3	0730	hrs	breakfast
Serial 4	0815	hrs)	
	1200	hrs)	First Parade and Training etc.,
Serial 5	1215	hrs	Lunches.
Serial 6	1300	hrs)	
	1600	hrs)	Second parade and Training etc.,
Serial 7	1715	hrs	Teas
Serial 8	1800	hrs	Retreat
Serial 9	1830	hrs	Officers Mess
Serial 10	2130	hrs	First Post
Serial 11	2200	hrs	Tattoo
Serial 12	2215	hrs	Lights Out.

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78 PROMULGATION

At QATANA on 14 Jan 42 NX 11757 Pte O'REILLY Robert Peter, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn was tried by DCM., by order of Maj-Gen E F Herring, commanding 6th Australian Division, on the following charges:-

First Charge When On Active Service,  
AA 15 (2) FAILING TO APPEAR AT A PLACE OF PARADE APPOINTED BY HIS COMMANDING OFFICER

In That He

In the Field at 0815 hrs on 22 Dec 41 failed to appear on Unit Defensive Works, a place of parade appointed by his Commanding Officer

Second Charge When On Active Service,  
AA Sec 9 (2) DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER

In That He

In the Field on 22 Dec 41 did not go and dig on Defensive Works when ordered to do so by Sjt Burke 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for 28 days, on 15 Jan 42.

On 24th Jan 42 Maj-Gen E F Herring, commanding 6 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence of the Court.

79 PROMULGATION

At QATANA on the 15 Jan 42 NX 72257 Pte WILSON Leslie Joseph was tried by DCM., by order of Maj-Gen E F Herring, commanding 6 Australian Division, on the following charges:

First Charge WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE FAILING TO APPEAR AT A PLACE OF PARADE APPOINTED BY HIS COMMANDING OFFICER  
AA 15 (2)

In That He

In the Field at 0815 hrs on 22 Dec 41 failed to appear on unit Defensive works, a place of parade appointed by His Company Commander

Second Charge WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER  
AA 9 (2)

In That He

In the Field on 22 Dec 41 did not go and dig on Defensive Works, when ordered to do so by Sjt Burke, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

The Court found the accused NOT GUILTY of the First Charge and GUILTY of the Second Charge. The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for 28 days. On 24th Jan 42 Maj-Gen E F Herring, commanding 6 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence of the Court. The Court sentenced the accused on 15 Jan 42.

*Rundle*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

SOCCER: The following players have been selected to play in the match Possible v Probables. Possibles: Coventry (HQ) Smith (D) Barclay (HQ) Mackie (D) Edwards (B) Neagle (HQ) Hyland (B) Potts (HQ) Young (C) Simpson (B) Dodd (HQ) PROBABLES: Gray (HQ-) Gluyas (A) Kelly (A) Kerfoot (A) Cpl Green J E (HQ) Trusty (HQ) Hoskins (D) Copeman (A) Walker (D) Moss (C) Black (A).

1.30 KICK-OFF. Players report QM Store 1300 hrs.

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80 Duties

Bn Duty and Orderly Officer

Next for duty

Bn Orderly Sjt

Next for duty

Bn Orderly Cpl

Next for duty

Canteen Supervision

Next for duty

Duty Coy

Next for duty

Stand by Coy

Next for duty

E Carter.

Lieut L---Rundle

Lieut C G Terrey

Sjt Carey K

Sjt Copeman J

Cpl Farquhar G

Cpl Daniels J

(Sjt Gluyas J S

(Sjt Ponting W

To be notified.

"A" Coy

"B" Coy

"C" Coy

"D" Coy

81. P.A.D.

Attention is drawn to PAD Instruction, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

82. Powers of Members of Provost Corps

1. Any Officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier who impedes a provost marshal or any officer, non-commissioned officer or member of the Military police, commits an offence. (A.A. Sec 6 (3) (c)

2. Any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier who, when called on, refuses to assist in the execution of his duty a provost marshal or any member of the military police, commits an offence. (A.A. Sec 6 (3) (c)

3. Every warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier, even though he is of superior rank, shall obey any orders given by the military police, and, on failure to do so, commits an offence. (A.M.R.O 386)

4. Officers, of whatever rank, shall comply with the direction of any provost marshal or officer of the military police.

(repeated from AIF (ME) Order No 950 of 19 Jan 42.)

*J R Stevenson*  
Adj. Capt.  
Adj. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn



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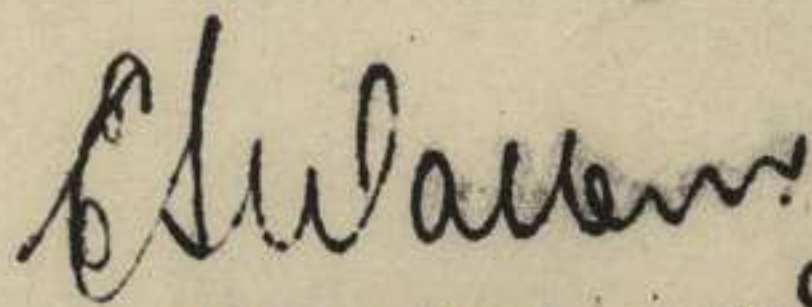
BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT C G TERREY
Next For Duty	:	Lieut M Broadfoot
BN ORDERLY SGT	:	SGT COPEMAN J
Next For Duty	:	Sgt Cory G E
BN ORDERLY CPL	:	CPL DANIELS J
Next For Duty	:	A/Cpl Searl H C
CANTEEN SUPERVISION	:	L/SGT BELL F G, L/SGT MEREDITH A E
Next For Duty	:	Sgt Grey R O, Sgt Carson A
DUTY COY	:	B COY
Next For Duty	:	C Coy
STAND BY COY	:	D COY
Next For Duty	:	A Coy

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84. CANTEEN SUPERVISION

Tour of Duty for Sgts on Canteen supervision  
will end on the closing of the Dry Canteen each evening.

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Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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85. DUTIES

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER  
Next for duty  
BN ORDERLY SGT  
Next for duty  
BN ORDERLY CPL  
Next for duty  
CANTEEN SUPERVISION  
Next for duty  
DUTY COY  
Next for duty  
STANDBY COY  
Next for duty

§ LIEUT M<sup>o</sup>. BROADFOOT  
: Lieut K. R. Pope  
: SGT CORY G<sup>o</sup>E.  
: Sgt Cameron A.  
: A/OPL SEARLE H<sup>o</sup>C.  
: Cpl Gardiner G.  
: Sgt Carson A., Sgt Grey R.O.  
: Sgt Spratt E.M., Sgt Manly S.R.  
: "C" COY  
: "D" Coy  
: "A" COY  
: "B" Coy

86.

*Col. J. R. Stevenson*  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES:

A.A.C.S.

The following letter has been received by A.A.C.S. from W.D & H.O. Wills relative to the sale of tobacco bearing A6F mark.

Dear Sirs,

We were very disturbed to learn from the correspondence forwarded by you of the discovery made in a Canteen in the Middle East and very much regret the necessity that compelled you to place the facts before us.

This matter is viewed most seriously by our Directors and Executives, and an immediate meeting of all concerned was called to trace the complaint and take the necessary steps to prevent a recurrence.

You will, of course, appreciate that the strictest supervision is given the manufacture, packing and despatch of goods from our Factories, but despite the most rigid control, it does on very rare occasions occur that the human element creeps in, and in the many hundreds of thousands of tins that pass through the factory, an odd tin passes through in its wrong category.

However, you can rest assured that all concerned are fully alive to the gravity of the reported occurrence, and every precaution has been taken to prevent a repetition of the cause of this complaint.

We appreciate very much the opportunity you have given us of investigating the matter, and wish to thank you and your Officer in the Middle East for having brought this matter to our notice, and would again express our very deep regret and concern that the necessity for you to do so should have arisen.

Posted on Bn/Coy Notice Board \_\_\_\_\_ hrs on \_\_\_\_\_ 42

Removed Bn/Coy Notice board \_\_\_\_\_ hrs on \_\_\_\_\_ 42

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86. DUTIES;

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER	: LIEUT M BROADFOOT
Next for duty	: Lieut E. R. Pope
BN ORDERLY SGT	: SGT CAMERON A
Next for duty	: Sgt Gluyas J
BN ORDERLY CPL	: CPL GARDINER G
Next for duty	: Cpl Quinn J.P.
CANTEEN SUPERVISION	: SGT SPRATT E M; SGT MANLY S R
Next for duty	: Sgt Moran D; Sgt Hay I
DUTY COY	: "D" COY
Next for duty	: "A" Coy
STAND BY COY	: "B" COY
Next for duty	: "C" Coy

87. CENSORSHIP No mention of arrival in PALESTINE will be made until further orders.

88. PROMULGATION

At QATANA on 2 Feb 42 NX 14110 Pte Tyndale L.W.N. and NX 5391 L/Cpl Earsman J.F., both of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn were tried by DCM, by order of Maj-Gen E F Herring, commanding 6th Australian Division, on the following charges:-

First Charge AA Sec 41 When on Active Service committing a Civil Offence, that is to say stealing

In that they at ABA, between the 24th and 30th days of September 1941, stole 3580 rounds of .45 Thompson Sub-Machine Gun Ammunition, the property of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Second Charge AA Sec 41 When on Active Service, committing a Civil Offence that is to say stealing

In that they at ABA, between the 24th and 30th days of September, 1941, stole 12 tents, the property of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Court found the accused both GUILTY of the both charges on the first charge sheet with the exception, in relation to the first charge, that they stole 3500 rounds and not 3580 as alleged in the particulars.

The Court sentenced the accused each to be imprisoned with hard labour for two (2) years, on 2 Feb 42.

On 10 Feb 42 Maj-Gen E F Herring, commanding 6 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence of the Court.

*J. R. Stevenson*  
Capt.  
Adj 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES:

COMFORTS; Received and acknowledged from the ACF the following articles:-

24 Pin Pong Balls  
2 " " Sets  
12 Packs Cards  
6 Sets Dominoes  
3 Checkers  
6 Darts  
4 Quits  
1 Circlois  
6 Medicine Balls

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**89** DUTIES:

BN DUTY & ORD OFFICER

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY SGT

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY CPL

Next For Duty

CANTEEN SUPERVISION

Next For Duty

DUTY COY

Next For Duty

STAND BY COY

Next For Duty

LIEUT K R POPE

Lieut E A Strong

SGT STEPHENSON R G

Sgt Burko C R

CPL QUINN J P

Cpl Land R E

SGT MORAN D; SGT COY G E

SGT BAXTER, W J, Sgt Simpson G

A COY

B Coy

C COY

D Coy

**90** CANTEEN

Cancel Notice in RO's of 6 Feb 42. Canteen hours  
will be as follow as from 13 Feb 42.

Dry Canteen:- 1600 hrs - 1700 hrs  
1800 hrs - 2000 hrs

Wet Canteen:- 1800 hrs - 2000 hrs

Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

A confirmation has been arranged in Jerusalem Cathedral  
on Sunday next, 15 Feb 42 at 11.30 a.m.

All those wishing to be confirmed are asked to see the  
Padge in Recreation Hut, Friday, 13 Feb 42, immediately following  
Mn Parade.

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BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY SGT

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY CPL

Next For Duty

DUTY COY

Next For Duty

STAND BY COY

Next For Duty

LIEUT E A STRONG

Lieut M A Lamb

SGT BURKE C R

Sgt Tucker C.

CPL LAND R E

Cpl Crossley E

B COY

C Coy

D COY

A Coy

*M. Anderson* <sup>LIEUT</sup>  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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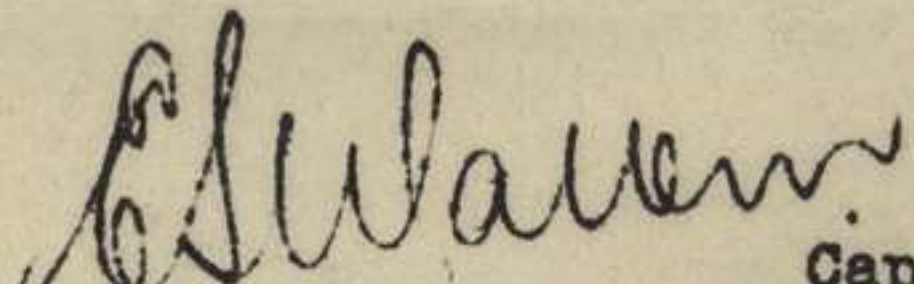
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Next For Duty

LIEUT M A LAMB  
Lieut L Grover  
SGT TUCKER C  
Sgt Ducie R J  
CPL CROSSLEY E  
Cpl Smith F  
C COY  
B Coy  
A COY  
B Coy

93 DRESS:

Between Reveille and 1900 hours daily all ranks except Bn Guards will wear jerseys, pullover, khaki, and trousers K D unless otherwise ordered.

After 1900 hours uniforms SD must be worn. Guards will continue to wear uniforms S D.

  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

Rugby Union. The following will represent 2/3 Aust Inf Bn in knock-out competition 1400 hrs 15 Feb 42.

2/2 v Bde  
2/1 v 2/3

Team:- Burke (B), Morgan (D), Sligor (B) Bond (HQ) Godfrey (A)  
Kentwell (B) MacPherson (B) Collins (HQ) Strong (B)  
Feggans (B) Pegrum (A) Taylor (HQ) Miles (D) Moran (HQ)  
Hamlin (A) Griffiths (D) Jackson (A) Moore (HQ) Mitchell (HQ)

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94 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORDERLY OFFICER

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY SGT

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY CPL

Next For Duty

DUTY COY

Next For Duty

STAND BY COY

Next For Duty

LIEUT L GROVER

Lieut G B Gidley King

SGT DUCIE R J

To be notified

CPL SMITH F

To be notified

B COY

A Coy

D COY

C Coy

95. SECURITY OFFICER - 2/3 AUST INF BN

Major J N Abbott vice Major W R McGregor.

96. AUDIT BOARD

Present Audit Board, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, is hereby cancelled and the undermentioned Officers will now constitute the Unit's Audit Board.

Major J N Abbott

Lieut F A Stanton

Lieut K R Pope

97. CORRIELEGENDUM: Bn ROs para 92 of 14 Feb 42 amend to read "Stand By Coy, Next For Duty "D" Coy.

*M Lamb*  
for Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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98. DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY SGT

Next For Duty

DUTY COY

Next For Duty

STAND BY COY

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY CPL

Next For Duty

LIEUT G B GIBLEY KING

Lieut B H McDougall

SGT WARD P

I/Sgt Meredith A E

A Coy

B Coy

C Coy

D Coy

A/CPL DOWD T I

Cpl Love-hill G

99 WEAPONS - OFFICERS

In future revolvers will be carried by all Officers of the AIF (ME) when on duty and when proceeding to and from duty.

*G. Stevenson*  
Capt  
Majt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

FOUND

Between the Cinema and Legge Lines a sum of money.  
Owner may obtain upon identification at these HQ.

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**I00 DUTIES:**

BN DUTY AND ORDERLY OFFICER	LIEUT H SCOTT
Next For Duty	Lieut B H MacDougal
BN ORDERLY SGT	L/Sgt. MEREDITH A E
Next For Duty	Sgt McDonald A
BN ORDERLY CPL	CPL LOVE-HILL
Next For Duty	A/Cpl Parker C
DUTY COY	D COY
Next For Duty	C Coy
STAND BY COY	B COY
Next For Duty	A Coy

**I01. CHURCH SERVICES - ASH WEDNESDAY - 18 FEB 42**

First day of LENT

Service of Holy Communion will be held in the Recreation Hut  
at 0700 hours.

*L. M. Long* Lieut.  
for Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES ARE ON THE LIST OF THE 1000

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107 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND OPD OFFICER

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY SGT

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY CPL

Next For Duty

STAND BY COY

Next For Duty

DUTY COY

Next For Duty

LIEUT H B MacDougal

Lieut R Barrett

SGT McDONALD A

~~Sgt Burns~~ B A/Sgt Maguire L.E.

A/CPL PARKER C

A/Cpl Miles L A

A COY

D Coy

C COY

B Coy

*H. J. ...*

Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE.

REPORTS ISSUE: Acknowledgement is made of receipt of ~~...~~  
undermentioned from the Camp Staff Officer:

906 Pkts 1oz Tobacco

906 " 7 O'clock razor blades.

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I03 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY SGT

Next For Duty

BN ORDERLY CPL

Next For Duty

DUTY COY

Next For Duty

STAND BY COY

Next For Duty

LIEUT R BARRETT

Lieut R A Gordon

A/SGT MCGUIRE I E

Sgt Cheeseman N G

A/CPL MILES L A

Cpl Herriot E H

B COY

A Coy

D COY

C Coy

I04 WEARING OF SIDE-WHISKERS

The wearing of side-whiskers by members of this Unit is forbidden. Hair will not be allowed to grow longer than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch below the top of the ears.

*W. A. Stevenson* Lieut.  
for Capt  
Adj't 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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105 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	LIEUT R A GORDON
Next For Duty	Lieut F Eoddinott
BN ORDERLY SGT	SGT CHEESEMAN N G
Next For Duty	Sgt Ponting W H
BN ORDERLY CPL	CPL EMMETT E H
Next For Duty	Cpl Bensley B
DUTY COY	A COY
Next For Duty	D Coy
STAND BY COY	C COY
Next For Duty	B Coy

106 CHURCH SERVICES Sunday 22 Feb 42

Holy Communion in Recreation Hut at 7 a m.  
Parade Service in Cinema at 0930 hrs.

107 PROMULGATION:

At BEIT JIRJA on the FIFTEENTH day of FEBRUARY 1942 NX 4916 Cpl HARKNESS G C of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn was tried by DCM by order of Major-General E F Herring Commanding 6 Aust Div. on the following charges:

- (1) When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he improperly used a motor cycle
- (2) When on active service absenting himself without leave.

The Court found the accused Not Guilty of the first charge but guilty of the second charge

The sentence of the Court was that the accused be reduced to the ranks. Date of sentence 15 Feb 1942

On 19 Feb 42 Brig. J A Chapman Comd AIF (ME) Base Area confirmed the finding and sentence of the Court.

At BEIT JIRJA on the EIGHTEENTH day of FEBRUARY 1942, NX 13162 Pte PENNY W of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn was tried by DCM by order of Col R Bierw on the following charges:

- Perf. duties of Major-General Aust
- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <u>FIRST CHARGE SHEET</u>  | (1) When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he was improperly dressed.      |
|                            | (2) Using insubordinate language to a superior officer  |
|                            | (3) Offering violence to his superior officer   |
|                            | (4) Absenting himself without leave   |
| <u>SECOND CHARGE SHEET</u> | (1) When in Barracks being found in a place prohibited by a Group Routine Order without a pass or written leave from his C O      |
|                            | (2) Offering violence to his superior officer   |
|                            | (3) Disobeying in such a manner as to show wilful defiance of authority a lawful command given personally by his superior officer |
|                            | (4) When in lawful custody escaping   |
|                            | (5) Using insubordinate language to his superior officer  |
| <u>THIRD CHARGE SHEET</u>  | (1) When in confinement escaping  |
|                            | (2) Absenting himself without leave.  |
| <u>FOURTH CHARGE SHEET</u> | (1) When in confinement escaping  |
|                            | (2) Absenting himself without leave   |
|                            | (3) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he gave a false name                                   |
|                            | (4) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he was not in possession of his paybook                |
|                            | (5) When in close arrest escaping.  |

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GUILTY

The Court found the accused of all charges on the FIRST CHARGE SHEET.

The Court found the accused NOT GUILTY of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th charges but is GUILTY of the 2nd Charge on the SECOND CHARGE SHEET Under Rule of Procedure 38 the accused decides to change his pleas on the charges in the THIRD CHARGE SHEET from pleas of Not Guilty to pleas of guilty. The Court finds the accused guilty of both charges. No finding or decision was given by the Court on the FOURTH CHARGE SHEET.

The sentence of the Court was that the accused undergo DETENTION for SEVEN MONTHS. Date of sentence 18 Feb 1942  
On the NINETEENTH day of FEBRUARY 1942 Brig. J A Chapman Comd AIF (ME) Base Area confirmed the finding and sentence of the Court.

At BEIT JIRJA on the EIGHTEENTH day of FEBRUARY 1942 NX 4953 Pte DOMINEY H J and NX 4288 Pte HUTCHINSON R E both of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn were tried by DCM by order of Brig J A Chapman Comd AIF (ME) Base Area on the following charges:

- (1) When on active service absenting himself without leave
- (2) When in confinement escaping
- (3) Absenting himself without leave.

The Court finds the accused GUILTY on the THREE CHARGES.

The Court sentenced the accused as follows:-

NX 4953 Pte DOMINEY H J :- Detention for a period of SEVEN MONTHS.  
NX 4288 Pte HUTCHINSON R E :- Detention for a period of SIX MONTHS.

Date of sentences 18 Feb 1942  
On the NINETEENTH day of FEBRUARY Brig. J A Chapman Comd AIF (ME) Base Area confirmed the findings and sentences of the Court

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*E. Sullivan*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn



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I07 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	LIEUT F. HODDINOTT
Next For Duty	Lieut L. McGuinn
BN ORDERLY SGT	SGT PONTING W H
Next For Duty	L/Sgt Hurley L W
BN ORDERLY CPL	CPL BENSLEY B
Next For Duty	Col Jones H
DUTY COY	B COY
Next For Duty	C Coy
STAND BY COY	D COY
Next For Duty	A Coy.

*E. L. L. L.* Capt.  
Adjnt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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COMMANDING 2/5 ASST INF BN

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**108. DUTIES:**

Bn Duty and Ord Officer.	Lieut E.N. Ayrton.
Next for Duty.	Lieut L. Grover.
Bn Ord Sgt.	L/Sgt Hurley. L.W.
Next for Duty.	<del>Sgt Baxter W.J.</del>
Bn Ord Cpl.	Cpl Jones. H.
Next for Duty	Cpl Christoff W.
Duty Coy.	C Coy.
Next for Duty.	<del>D Coy</del>
Stand by Coy.	A Coy.
Next for Duty	B Coy.

*J. R. Stevenson*  
 For  
 Capt.  
 Adj. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

FOUND :

1 fountain pen, vicinity of Bn Canteen. Same may be had on application to "A" Coy Orderly Room.

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Commanding 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

PART L

23 FEB 42

I09 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	LIEUT L GROVER
Next For Duty	Lieut L Randle
BN ORDERLY SGT	SGT BAXTER W J
Next For Duty	
BN ORDERLY CPL	CPL CHRISTOFF
Next For Duty	
DUTY COY	D COY
Next For Duty	A Coy
STAND BY COY	B Coy
Next For Duty	C Coy

I10. GAMBLING: (Para 117 En R O's of 13 Aug 41. is repeated)

Attention is drawn to the following provision of AMR&O 322:-  
"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 AIF 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."

I10 PROMULGATION

At BEIT JIRJA on the NINETEENTH day of FEBRUARY 1942  
NX 66375 Pte Peggans, John, and NX 68694 Pte Stanford, Herbert,  
both of 2/3 Australian Infantry Battalion were tried by DCM, by  
order of Major-General E F Herring, GOC 6 Aust Div for the  
following offences:-

NX 66375 Pte Peggans J - When on active Service

(1)	Absenting himself without leave	Provost Marshal
(2)	Impeding a NCO legally exercising authority.	
(3)	Disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer.	

NX 68694 Pte Stanford H. - When on Active Service

(1)	Absenting himself without leave
(2)	Disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer

(3) Using insubordinate language to his superior officer  
The Court found the accused NX66375 Pte Peggans, J, guilty on the three charges, and NX68694 Pte Stanford H guilty of the 1st and 2nd Charges but not guilty of the 3rd charge  
The Court sentenced each of the accused to detention for a period of FORTY DAYS on 19th day of Feb 42.  
On 20th Feb. 42 Brig. J A Chapman Comd AIF(ME) Base Area confirmed the finding and sentence of the Court.

*E. W. Allen*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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PART L

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111 DUTIES

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER  
NEXT FOR DUTY  
BN ORDERLY SGT  
NEXT FOR DUTY  
BN ORDERLY CPL  
NEXT FOR DUTY  
DUTY COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY  
STAND BY COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY

LIEUT L RUNDLE  
LIEUT F J M REID  
SGT BELL F G  
SGT SPRATT E W  
CPL PETT L G  
CPL VARCOE R  
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112 SALVAGE

Attention is drawn to instructions for the salvaging of certain articles after use. All ranks will ensure that such articles are dumped at the CM Store and not thrown away as rubbish.

113 HYGIENE:

To enable Hygiene personnel to carry out their duties efficiently, ablution benches and washrooms will be vacated and will not be used between the hours of 0900 and 1130 daily.

114 FIRE ARMS - DISCHARGE OF

The indiscriminate discharge of firearms by individual members of the AIF is prohibited. Except when in action against the enemy or in carrying out authorised training, testing, etc with live ammunition, firearms will be discharged only when necessary for self defence or for the protection of Govt property. Apart from the exceptions mentioned in the preceding sentence, in all instances where shooting takes place, the firer will be required to justify his action to the satisfaction of higher authority

All cases of indiscriminate firing are to be reported to the nearest HQ by the Senior Officer or other rank witnessing the occurrence.

Where possible, the name, rank, and unit of the firer, together with the names of any other witnesses will be included.

This HQ will arrange for the occurrence to be investigated without delay, and take such action as may be appropriate in the circumstances. Where a sentry or prowler piquet is concerned full details will be included in the Gd report covering the period.

115 PROMULGATION

At BEIT JIRJA on the 20th day of FEBRUARY 42, NX 9565 Pte Shipley A, NX4955 Pte Edwards R.J. NX68979 Pte Bennett C all of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn were tried by DCM by order of Brig J A Chapman Comd AIF(ME) Base area for the following offences: When on Active Serv

- (1) Neglecting to obey Battalion Routine Order
  - (2) (alternative) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that they improperly entered a native village.
- and further against Pte SHIPLEY

Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he fired a rifle without reasonable cause or excuse. The Court found the accused guilty of the FIRST charge but not guilty of the 2nd charge. Pte Shipley was found GUILTY of his third charge. The Court, on 20 Feb 42, sentenced the accused as follows. Pte SHIPLEY 6 mths Detention; Pte Edwards 150dys detention; and Pte Bennett 90 days detention.

*K.R. Pope* Capt  
Adjnt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Findings and sentences of the Court confirmed by Brig. J A Chapman Comd AIF(ME) Base Area on 22 Feb 42.

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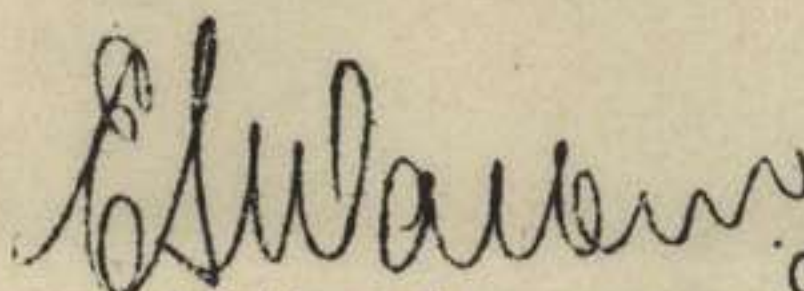
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**116 DUTIES:**

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER  
NEXT FOR DUTY  
BN ORDERLY SGT  
NEXT FOR DUTY  
BN ORDERLY CPL  
NEXT FOR DUTY  
DUTY COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY  
STAND BY COY  
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LIENANT J J M REID  
LIENANT B J B CAMERON  
SGT SPRATT J W  
SGT GLUYAS  
A/CPL WALKER D B  
CPL HAYES B  
B COY  
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Capt.  
Adjnt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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117 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER : LIEUT E J B CARTER  
NEXT FOR DUTY : LIEUT C G TERREY  
BN ORDERLY SGT : SGT CLUYAS T  
NEXT FOR DUTY : SGT SIMPSON G  
BN ORDERLY CPL : CPL HAYES B  
NEXT FOR DUTY : CPL ALLSOPP R  
DUTY COY : C COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY : D COY  
STAND BY COY : A COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY : B COY

*Frank J. Reed*  
Lieut Col. Capt.  
Adj 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

MAIL. (AIF Orders (ME) of 23 Feb 1942)

It is notified that air mail letters from all States, except New South Wales and Queensland, posted between 1 Jan 42 and 25 Jan 42, have been destroyed by enemy action.

Consequent upon cancellation of the air service from Australia letter mails to and from the AIF are now being despatched by sea. Sea conveyance will be combined with air conveyance over certain stages of the route in order to get air mails through as quickly as possible.

It is probable that the time for air letters between Australia and Middle East will be at least five weeks. However, the use of air mail is still recommended as surface routes will probably take much longer.

FOUND In Shower room - one wristlet watch. Same may be obtained at A Coy Ord Room on identification.

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POSTAL SERVICE (No. 1 of 1942)

It is notified that all mail factors from all States, except New South Wales and Queensland, posted between 1 Jan 42 and 31 Jan 42, have been destroyed by enemy action.

Consequent upon cancellation of the air service from Australia to New Guinea and New Caledonia, all mail factors posted by air from Australia to New Guinea and New Caledonia will be cancelled with effect from 1 Feb 42. All mail factors posted by air from Australia to New Guinea and New Caledonia should be cancelled as early as possible.

It is notified that the time for air letters between Australia and New Guinea will be at least five weeks. However, the use of air mail is still recommended as surface routes will probably take much longer.

POSTAL SERVICE - one written watch. Same may be obtained at a Boy and Girl Room on identification.



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118 DUTIES:  
BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER : LIEUT C G TERREY  
NEXT FOR DUTY : LIEUT E A STRONG  
BN ORDERLY SGT : SGT SIMPSON G  
NEXT FOR DUTY : A/SGT COCHRANE J  
BN ORDERLY CPL : CPL ALLSOPP R  
NEXT FOR DUTY : A/CPL COCREY R J  
DUTY COY : D COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY : A COY  
STAND BY COY : B COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY : C COY

119. PERSONNEL IN CLOSE ARREST:

The requirements of Bn R O 359 of 5 Nov 41 are to be carried out IMMEDIATELY any person is placed in close arrest.

Bn RO para 359 is repeated:-

"On all occasions when personnel are placed in close arrest the Coy of the soldier concerned will advise RSM as follows:-

"No, rank, and name of soldier.

"Coy.

"Time and date placed in close arrest.

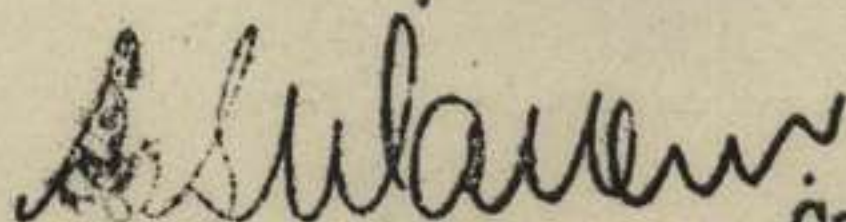
"Where held.

"Why held.

"By whom arrest ordered.

"Time and date of release (if applicable)

"This is in addition to requirements as to charge reports, etc., laid down in AMR&O."

  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

2/3 Aust Inf Bn v 7 A G H

FOOTBALL - SOCCER: The following team has been selected to represent 2/3 Aust Inf Bn at BEIT JIRJA at 1430 hrs Sat. 28 Feb 42  
Goal: Coventry (HQ) Backs Barclay (RAP) and K E Smith (D) Halves D Mackie (D) Hoskins (D) and Simpson (B) Forwards Hyland (B) Nash (HQ) Young (C) Potts (Band) and Dodd (HQ). Reserves: Tucker (HQ) Moss (C) and Kerfoot (A).

Players will report QM Store at 1400 hrs. Any player not available notify QM before 0900 hrs Saturday.

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120 DUTIES:

BN DUTY AND ORD OFFICER	:	LIEUT E A STRONG
NEXT FOR DUTY	:	LIEUT M A LAMB
BN ORDERLY SGT	:	A/SGT COCHRANE J
NEXT FOR DUTY	:	SGT DUCIE R J
BN ORDERLY CPL	:	A/CPL KOOREY R J
NEXT FOR DUTY	:	CPL BENSON J J
DUTY COY	:	A COY
NEXT FOR DUTY	:	B COY
STAND BY COY	:	C COY
NEXT FOR DUTY	:	D COY

121 CHURCH SERVICES - 2 Mar 42 - 2nd Sunday in Lent.

Holy Communion In Recreation Hut at 0700 hrs.  
Parade Service in Cinema at 0930 hrs.

*E. J. Lunn* Lieut  
for Capt  
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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TRAINING SYLLABUS - 2/3 AUST INF BN - W/E 14 FEBRUARY 42

Date and Duration	PLACE	UNIT on Exercise	DAY or NIGHT	OBJECT AND SCOPE
<u>(a) Bn Exercise</u>				
10 Feb 4 Hrs	Sum Sum - Bureär	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Night attack by day
11 Feb 20 Hrs	Area C Sum Sum - Burair	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day and Night	Adv Gds. Night Attack
<u>(b) Hardening Up</u>				
9 Feb 8 Hrs	Area C Beit Jirja-Burair- Huj-Dimra-Beit Jirja	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Route March. Coy forward formations
<u>(c) Range Practice</u>				
13-14 Feb 8 Hrs	Jaffa Range	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Musketry Course
<u>(d) Weapon and A G Tng.</u>				
10 Feb 4 Hrs	Legge Lines Beit Jirja Camp	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	AG TOET practice in use of Capes A G, Grenades and LMG tng with particular attention to points necessary to pass TOE
12 Feb 8 Hrs	Legge Lines Beit Jirja Camp	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	LMG Machine carbine 2" Mortar and pistol tng. Disarmed combat Lecture on and demonstration of 3" Mortar

TRAINING SYLLABUS - 2/3 AUST INF BN.- W/E 21 February 1942

DATE and DURATION	PLACE	UNIT on Exercise	DAY or NIGHT	OBJECT AND SCOPE
<u>(a) Coy and Pl Exercise</u>				
16 Feb 8 Hrs	Area A Hirbiya	B C D Coys 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Pl Attack in detail. Use of smoke with 2" Mortar
17 Feb 8 Hrs	Area A	A Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Do Do
18 Feb 8 Hrs	Area A HIRBIYA Area 108115	B D Coys 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Coy attack in detail
19 Feb 8 Hrs	Area B Recce not complete	A C Coys 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Do
20 Feb 8 Hrs	Area B Recce not complete	D Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day and Night	Patrols by day. Night Patrols. Inter Pl Competitions
<u>(b) Range Practice-Miniature</u>				
16 Feb 8 Hrs	Miniature Range 108113	A Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Rifle Course
17 " "	" "	B Coy	"	" "
18 " "	" "	C Coy	"	" "
19 " "	" "	D Coy	"	" "
20 " "	" "	HQ Coy	"	" "
<u>(c) Range Practice - Classification</u>				
17 Feb 8 Hrs	Jaffa Range	C Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	LMG Course
19 Feb 8 "	"	B "	"	" "
20 " "	"	A "	"	" "
<u>(d) Weapon Training</u>				
17 Feb 8 Hrs	Area A	D Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Grenade and 2" Mortar practice
18 " "	"	A Coy	"	and Firing
20 " "	Area B Sites not yet	B C Coy	"	"

NOTES

1. ALLOTMENT OF TNG AMM.

<u>Rifle Coys (each)</u>				<u>HQ Coy</u>					
2" Mortar	HE	150 rds	Grenade	68	9	2" Mortar	HE	66 rds	(Carrier Pl )
2" Mortar	Smoke	25 rds	"	73	30	Grenade	73	25 "	
			"	36H	150	"	69	21 "	
			"	69	30	"	36H	201 "	

Allotment of SAA will be advised on application to RSM.

2. A P A D demonstration on Incendiary bombs will be given by a party of RAE 6 Aust Div at 1430 hrs 18 Feb 42. Duration approximately 1 - 1½ hrs. Place - Unit Area, to be notified. It will be necessary for Coys to return to Camp for Lunch as it has been directed that all ranks not engaged on essential duties will attend.

3. 3" MORTAR RANGE

Pls will carry out shoots in Mortar Range under arrangements to be made Mortar Officer, on 17, 18, 19 and 20 Feb 42

TRAINING SYLLABUS - 2/3 AUST INF BN - W/E 28 Feb 42

DATE & Duration	PLACE	UNIT on Exercise	DAY or NIGHT	OBJECT AND SCOPE
<u>(a) Coy Exercises</u>				
25 Feb 8 Hrs	Area C	A B Coys 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Coy attack with particular attention to battle procedure
26 Feb 8 Hrs	Area C	B C D Coys 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Do Do Do
27 Feb 8 Hrs	Area C	A C D Coys 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Do Do Do
<u>(b) Miniature Range Practice</u>				
24 Feb	Miniature Range No.2	C Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Fire Orders. Firing at Landscape targets
25 Feb	Do	D " "	"	" "
26 Feb	Do	A " "	"	" "
27 Feb	Do	B " "	"	" "
8 Hrs each				
<u>(c) Route Marches</u>				
24 Feb	Area C	A B D Coys 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Hardening
25 Feb	"	C Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	"	Do
8 Hrs				