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2/5 Infantry Battalion
October - December 1941

2/5 AUST INF BN

B A A L B E C K

OCT 41

PERSONNEL

PsOW IN
GERMANY

Postcard received from Bn Officer
POW in GERMANY states:

2/5 AUST INF BN

"Sir, still confined with, as yet, no
bad results. Am now settled in
GERMANY but can't quite hear the
yodels! Gray 112, Patterson 141,
Champ 102, Howard 115 of our Bde
also here. All of us, with Young
173, grateful to receive any unex-
pended portions of months rations,
including any chocolate and milk,
and if possible, our mails and
parcels. Stacks of beers and cheers
to the boys, and best of luck-BAXTER.
(Copy app RO 17 OCT 41).

~~OCT 41~~

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WAR DIARY OF 2/5 BN A.I.F.

FROM 1 OCT 41 TO 31 OCT 41

APPENDICES ATTACHED

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| 1 | ROUTINE ORDERS MONTH OF OCTOBER 41 |
| 2 | FIELD RETURNS " " " " |

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAALBECK 1:50,000	OCT.		1 Coys. continue defensive preparations.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			2 Capt. McNally seconded as G.S.0111 (C.W.) to A.I.F. (M.E.) Reinforcement Depot.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			3 Recce of tracks to and from Coy. positions carried out. Defensive preparations continue.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			4 Mules for the carrying of supplies etc arrive in Bn. area.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			5 Major Sell left unit, transferred to position of D.A.A.G., H.Q., A.I.F. Base Area M.E. Digging in Coy positions is proving very difficult.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			6 Coys continue digging and the establishment of platoon areas. Leave is granted at the rate of 24 men per evening to the Mon Repos Hotel.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			7 General Auchinlech G.O.C. in C., M.E. arrived in unit area.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			8 General Auchinlech carried out inspection of Coy positions.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			9 Routine, Digging.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			10 Orders received from Bde H.Q. that construction of defensive positions was to cease and that training was to commence immediately.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			11 Lt. McFarlane gave lecture to officers and N.C.O's on Signal Security and outlined the new procedure which will come into operation on 16 Oct.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			12 Church Parade.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			13 Training syllabus comes into operation and Coys. commence S.A. training.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			14 Training continues.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			15 Strong winds and steady rains overnight result in many tents in A, B and C Coy areas being blown down. A small fall of snow was recorded. B and C Coys moved down from positions	<i>[Signature]</i>
			to new areas.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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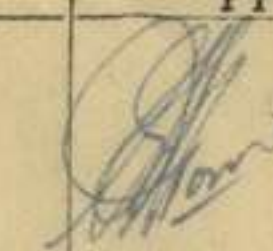


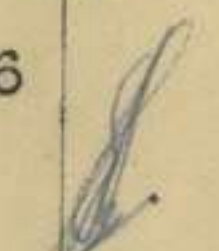
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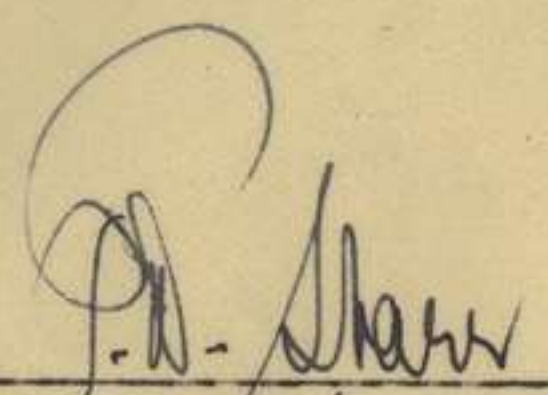
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAALBECK 1:50,000	OCT. 16		C.O., Adj. and I.O. carry out recce of position vicinity of EBJEH 1706,2632 ref. TRIPOLI 1:50,000. Owing to change of plans, previous position has been disbanded, and this new defensive area is now being reconnoitred. Coys now occupy positions as follows: A Coy 1797,2511. B Coy 1810,2538. C Coy, H.Q. and 2 pls 1812,3544. Remaining pl. with D Coy at 1736,2544 (ref KARTABA 1:50,000). H.Q.Coy 1803,2599. Bn H.Q. 1801,2599	
		17	At request of Bde H.Q. suitable O.P's are selected from positions previously occupied by the companies.	
		18/19	Routine work and further recce of positions vicinity EJBEH ref TRIPOLI 1:50,000, 1706,2632 Coy Cmds carry out detailed recce. of their areas. Coy positions as chosen are, - A Coy 1635,2634. B Coy 1697,2625. C Coy 1704,2653. D Coy 1658,2572. Single day leave to TRIPOLI commences.	
		20	C.O., Adj and I.O. leave at short notice on a week's recce of 17 Aust Inf Bde area, ref. HOMS 207,257 (1:200,000)	
		21)		
		22)		
		23)	Coy Training and Routine Work.	
		24)		
		25	Tracks in and around defensive positions south of SEBHEL 1673,2636 and EBJEH 1706,2632 (TRIPOLI 1:50,000) reconnoitred. 23 O.R's (X list) returned to unit from I.T.B.	
		26	Church Parade.	
		27	Further recce of tracks south of SEBHEL and EJBEH. New road, unmarked on map, placed in.	

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BAALBECK 1:50,000	OCT.			
	28		Seven days leave to PALESTINE commences for 200frs. and 9 O.R's.	
	29		Lt-Col KING returns to unit from Bde H.Q. (A/Brigadier) and resumes command. Recce party returned from area 207,257 ref HOMS 1:200,000	
	30		Previous defensive scheme prepared in EJBEH area 1706,2632 (TRIPOLI 1:50,000 proves unsatisfactory and new area chosen.	
	31		Coy Cmdrs carried out detailed recce of areas vicinity TOURZA 1603,2603, EL ARABI 1690,2616 KORNET AITO 1697,2624 and KNATE 1658,2570. Ref TRIPOLI 1:50,000. 2 Officers (Lts. S.L. Morse and D. McBride) and 119 O.R's joined unit from I.T.B. This draft placed the unit over strength by 9, the first time the Bn. has been at full strength since PUCKAPUNYAL	


MAJOR
ADMIN COMD / 2/5 BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by
MAJOR P.D. STARR ADMIN CO D 2/5 Bn.

1. REGTL. CANTEN

Purchase on credit at the Regtl Canteen will cease immediately. This applies to individuals and Coy Messes. Any outstanding debts will be paid immediately.

2. LEAVE

There will be no leave beyond the turnoff to the Mon Repos Hotel until further notice.
The Mon Repos is in bounds to all ranks.

3. DRESS

Dress by day will be K.D. trousers, shirts and pullovers; by night S.D.

4. DISCIPLINE-SALUTING

Attention has been directed to slackness on the part of officers in returning salutes. Every effort should be made to avoid slovenly habits in this respect and officers should be punctilious in returning compliments.

5. DISCIPLINE-LEAVE PARTIES

Reports have been received that leave parties have been snatching kepis and turbushes from the heads of the civil population. This is regarded by the Mahomedan population as an insult and is an action to be suppressed rigorously.
Leave parties will be warned that an action such as this may cause serious trouble and that offenders will be severely punished.

6. N.C.O's AND SPECIALISTS

All N.C.O's and Specialists who have not had their promotion, confirmation, or (in the case of specialists) Higher Duty Pay entered in their paybook, will apply to the Pay Sergeant for the necessary entries.

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Adjt. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

NOTICES

I. AIRGRAPH CHRISTMAS GREETINGS, 1941, to U.K.

The latest date for posting airgraph greeting cards to ensure their delivery in the United Kingdom by Christmas Day is 25 Nov. 41. It is recommended that as many as possible be posted before this date.

Special Christmas airgraph forms will be made up in pads of 100 at a cost of 10 P.T. per pad. All indents accompanied by cash must reach A.D.P.S., H.Q., A.I.F. (M.E.) by 1 Oct 41. No guarantee can be made to meet indents received after that date.

Christmas cards other than airgraph may be used provided they comply with censorship regulations. The latest dates for posting these are

	Surface mail	Ordinary mail	Letter cards	Airgraphs
United Kingdom and Fire	18-9-41	25-10-41	25-11-41	25-11-41
Australia.....	1-11-41	1-12-41	1-12-41
India.....	10-11-41	10-12-41	10-12-41
New Zealand.....	15-10-41	25-11-41	25-11-41
South Africa.....	1-11-41	1-12-41	1-12-41

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADMIN. COMD. 2/5 Bn.

1. POST AND PAY OFFICES

Regtl Post and Pay Offices are now situated in the SKI SCHOOL. Mail closes daily at 1000 hrs.

2. ANTI - FREEZE PRECAUTIONS (M.T.)

As from 2 Oct 41 Anti.- Freeze precautions will be taken in this unit from 1800 hrs to 0800 hrs. Precautions will consist of draining water from radiators and the placing of a prominent sign on the vehicle to indicate that the radiator is empty. These precautions will be taken under all circumstances and NO excuses will be accepted for non compliance.

3. LEAVE TRIPOLI

Owing to incidents of V.D., the brothel area of EL MINA is out of bounds to all troops.

4. SHAVING

Owing to cold wind on mountains causing dermatitis on shaven faces personnel of the three Coys on defence works need not shave every day. However, troops will shave every second or at least every third day. It is recommended that such shaving be done at midday or in the evening and not in the early morning.

5. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL - VX 15891 Pte BUSH J.A. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

The above soldier was convicted by District CourtMartial ordered by Major-General M.T. HERRING C.F.E., D.S.O., M.C., M.D. on 18 Sept 41.

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Sentence.</u>
Committing a Civil Offence - Stealing.	Guilty	To be imprisoned with hard labour for a period of 60 days.

[Signature]
Adjt 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

1. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS.

This Unit gratefully acknowledges receipt of the undermentioned articles from the A.C.F.

- 60 pairs socks
- 40 pullovers.

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NO 34
 by

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADMIN COMD. 2/5 Bn.

1. CHURCH PARADE-SUNDAY 5 Oct 41

Church Parades will be held at
 "D" Coy 0830 hrs

H.Q. and B.H.Q. at 1000 hrs

from A, B, C, any personnel wishing to attend Church Parade may attend at SKI SCHOOL at 1000 hrs. Coys. will arrange transport. Holy Communion will be celebrated after each service. Mass will be held at the Chapel opposite the Grand Hotel Les Cedres at 0930 hrs. Coys (less D Coy who will make own arrangements in HASROUN) will provide own transport to and from Chapel.

2. LAUNDRY

Div. Mobile Laundry has now been established and is now available to receive items of above for washing. Articles of clothing etc., sent must be clearly marked with individuals Army No, and Name. Coy lots will be delivered to Q.M. by 1200 hrs each Monday and Thursday, and can be collected from Q.M. on each Wednesday and Saturday after 0700 hrs.

No excuse will in future be accepted by personnel wearing soiled or dirty clothing. Practice of having washing carried out by civilian organisations will cease immediately.

3. LEAVE

Coys may send up to eight men per Coy to the Men Repos Hotel or nearby cafes each evening. One BC cart will carry personnel from A, B, C Coys leaving Coy areas at 1730 hrs and on return journey from Men Repos Hotel at 2200 hrs. Hotel and cafes are out of Bounds to troops after 2200 hrs. Any bad behaviour will result in cancellation of this privilege for the Coy to which the personnel responsible belong.

4. DRESS

Hats will be worn "turned down" at all times, unless otherwise ordered

5. TRANSPORT

It has been brought to the notice of this H.Q. that too many vehicles proceed outside unit area to the same destination on the same day. As from 5 Oct all personnel wishing to proceed beyond BOHARRE or HASROUN will contact the Transport Officer and ascertain if there is a vehicle already detailed to proceed to their destination. Similarly all vehicles will "report out" to Transport Officer to ascertain if there are any passengers.

6. PASSES

All ranks are reminded that a duty pass must be obtained from this H.Q. before proceeding outside unit area.

P.D. Starr
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

1. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

This unit gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following from the A.C.F.

1400 Cigarettes	234 tins of Soup
126 Flannel Shirts	110 scarves
100 Balaclava Helmets.	

2. SALVATION ARMY This unit gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following from the Salvation Army: 40 Pairs of Socks.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No 35

by

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADMIN COMD 2/5 BN.

1. PIONEER PLATOON

All requisition for work by the Pioneer Pl. must be submitted to O.C. H.Q. Coy in writing and not direct to members of Pioneer Pl.

All such requisitions must be signed by an officer.

2. DESCRIPTIVE RETURN OF AN ABSCONDING PRISONER

NO. VX 13335 / RANK Pte. NAME MCKENZIE, D.S.

UNIT 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

HEIGHT 5'9" BUILD Medium.

COMPLEXION. Fresh HAIR Brown.

EYES Brown. WEIGHT 11 st 11 lbs.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS Scar over left eye, scar on right ring finger. Tattooed on left arm.

DRESS K.D. Shorts. K.D. Shirt. Brown boots and stockings.

PAYBOOK Nil.

This man will be arrested and brought to Bn H.Q.

3. OFFICERS IDENTITY CARDS

Officers will bring their identity cards to Bn H.Q. on date of expiration, to have them renewed.

4. DISCIPLINE

In view of the present political situation in SYRIA, personnel are warned that any misbehaviour, particularly on leave, may cause serious trouble, especially in BEIRUT and DAMASCUS. If there is any further trouble all leave in SYRIA will be suspended.

P. D. Starr
Capt.
Adj. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

NO 36

by

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADMIN. COMD. 2/5 Bn.

1. LAUNDRY

If personnel sending socks to the laundry, wish to get their own returned, socks must be clearly marked; otherwise, whereas each Coy will have the same socks as sent, returned in the valise, difficulty will be experienced in delivering them to their original owners.

2. IDENTITY CARDS

Any officer not in possession of identity card to inform this H.Q. in writing by 1800 hrs 10 Oct 41.

All officers who have had their original identity cards renewed will inform this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 10 Oct 41, in writing, giving date of renewal.

3. ROAD MENDING MATERIALS

It has been brought to notice that certain units have removed road mending materials from repair dumps on roads.

This practice will cease forthwith.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

4. USE OF .450 AMMN.

Until further notice .450 TSMG Ammn of 1940 manufacture will be used for pistols only.

5. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL- VX 11376 Pte SMITH 2/5 AUST INF BN.

The above named soldier was convicted by a District Court Martial by Major General .F. HERRING C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., M.D. on 17 Sep 41.

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
(2) Charges A.W.L.	Guilty	90 Days Detention.

P. D. Starr
Capt.
Adj. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

1. VACANCIES FOR CLERKS- H.Q. 7 Aust Div.

Applications are invited to fill vacancies for clerks at H.Q. 7 Aust Div.

Applicants must be efficient typists and a practical knowledge of shorthand would be an advantage, but it is not essential.

Particulars of personnel desiring consideration should be submitted to this H.Q. NOT later than 12 Oct 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

MAJOR P.D. STARR, ADMIN COMD 2/5 AUST INF BN.

No 37.

1. AUDIT BOARD. An audit of all Regimental accounts will take place on 15 Oct 41.
The Audit Board will consist of the following officers :-
Capt A.H. PEARSON
Lieut R.H. MACFARLANE
Lieut P.D. TRAINOR.
2. OFFICERS LEAVE BOOK. All officers wishing to proceed on overnight leave must apply through the Officers Leave Book (held in the Adjutant's Office). Applications must be recommended by the Coy Comd concerned.
In cases where it is impracticable for an officer to apply in the book, a written application recommended by his O.C. Coy will be submitted.
3. BOUNDS - TRIPOLI. The sea plane base at EL MINA is out of bounds to all ranks, except those actually engaged in work within the area, for which purpose duty passes will be issued.
4. TENTS 160 LB R.D. It will be noted that when the tent 160 lb R.D. is closed there is practically no ventilation. Where this type of tent is used for sleeping accommodation, every precaution will be taken to avoid overcrowding, and every opportunity will be seized for airing during the day.
5. EFM STANDARD TEXTS. The following should be added to the list of Standard Texts :-
64. BEST WISHES FOR NEW YEAR.

J. H. Gray Capt.
Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.

This unit gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following goods from A.C.F.

Mittens	373 prs
Scarves	136
Balaclava Helmets	190
Flannel Shirts	294

Notices (continued)

NOTICES.

A.C.F. AND Y.M.C.A. RECREATIONAL CENTRE - TRIPOLI.

A Recreational centre for the Services has been opened by the A.C.F. and Y.M.C.A. at the BANCO DI ROMA, TRIPOLI.

The premises are open from 1400 hrs until 2145 hrs daily.

Free hot drinks are served each evening between 2130 hrs and 2145 hrs.

Tennis can be played until 1600 hrs on any day, but on Tuesdays and Thursdays games can be arranged at any hour during the day. Other types of entertainment will be provided from time to time.

On Sundays at 2000 hrs there will be a song service.

The centre will be the HQ of the Y.M.C.A. in TRIPOLI, under the supervision of Mr SAM WILSON.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

MAJOR P.D. STARR, ADMIN COMD 2/5 AUST INF BN.

No 38.

1. BREVITY IN TELEGRAMS.

(a) Attention is drawn to the great importance of ensuring that all signals and telegrams, in particular Cipher telegrams, are kept as brief as possible.

(b) It is most important that all unnecessary words be eliminated from a signal or telegram consistent with ensuring that the meaning is clear to the recipient.

(c) Comds will ensure that those responsible for initiating signals or telegrams, draft them in a manner which will reduce the number of words to a minimum.

2. ECONOMY MEASURES.

The attention of all is drawn to the necessity for economy in the use of stationery. Coy Comds are responsible for checking excessive consumption of stationery. The following measures will be adopted to achieve this object :-

PAPER.

(a) Sheets smaller than foolscap size will be used if this is economical in the case of short letters.

(b) Single space typing will be used.

(c) Both sides of the paper will be used for typing and duplicating.

(d) Margins should not be wider than one inch. Where both sides of the paper are used, the margin should be on the left of the sheet on the obverse, and on the right side on the reverse.

(e) No more copies should be made than are actually required.

(f) The reverse of old letters, orders, etc., should be used for drafts, due regard being paid to security. Old orders and obsolete Army Forms should also be cut up and used as small slips.

(g) Spoiled sheets of duplicating paper will be used to test even inking. For this purpose one sheet should be used at least six times.

CARBONS.

Carbons must be used until they are unserviceable. In the interest of security used carbons must be kept under lock and key until they are destroyed.

ENVELOPES.

(a) Size 5" by 4" must be used as far as possible.

(b) Except where envelopes contain secret correspondence for despatch to another H.Q. economy labels will be used to seal envelopes. The address will be written on the label and not on the envelope. A paper knife should be used for opening envelopes.

ARMY FORMS.

Nil returns will be submitted on paper and not on printed forms.

STORAGE.

Stationery in offices must be kept in a box or holder or under weight to prevent it being blown about by the wind and spoilt.

(P.T.O.)

3. UNITARIANS. There are no Unitarian Chaplains in the MEF, and the interests of Unitarians are cared for by the Unitarian Ministers who are the wardens of Hibberd House, 5 Sharia Sherif, CAIRO.

All members of the Unitarian Church are requested to send their names to the Wardens.

4. LOOT AND TRAFFIC IN ARMS.

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

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

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

5. DISCIPLINE - RIDING IN GHARRIES.

It has come to notice that large numbers of military personnel are in the habit of riding in any one gharry. The authorised number is five personnel only.

Disciplinary action will be taken against ALL personnel found in an overcrowded gharry.

6. PURCHASE OF SPIRITS AT REGIMENTAL CANTEEN.

All other ranks purchasing spirits at the Regt Canteen must produce a written order signed by an officer.

R. MacLennan
Lieut for Capt,
Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

XMAS CARDS. Unit Xmas Cards will be issued on 25 Oct 41, price 10 Syrian piastres each. The closing date for Xmas Surface Mail to AUSTRALIA is 1 Nov 41.

FIELD SERVICE POSTCARDS - TRANSMISSION BY AIR MAIL.

Commencing 1 Nov 41, Field Service Postcards (A.F. A 2042) will be accepted for airmail transmission to AUST. The postage fee on these cards is 3d, but the airmail charge of 8d for ordinary postcards is not changed. Cards for airmail should bear an airmail blue label or be effectively marked "By Airmail" in the top lefthand corner of the address side.

POSTCARD TO C.O. FROM CAPT R.R. BAXTER - POW. - PUBLISHED FOR INFORMATION.

"Sir - Still confined with, as yet, no bad results. Am now settled in GERMANY, but can't quite hear the yodels! GRAY 112, PATTERSON 141, CHAMP 102, HOWARD 115 of our Bde here also. All of us, with YOUNG 173, grateful to receive any unexpended portions of months rations, including any chocolate and milk, and, if possible, our mail and parcels. Stacks of beers and cheers to the boys, and best of luck - BAXTER".

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

MAJOR P.D. STARR. ADJUTANT. 2/5 AUST INF BN

NO 39

Attention is drawn to R.O. NO 34 Para 2.

1. WASHING. No washing any be given to natives, and disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel doing so.

2. PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE. (SECURITY). There are too many cases of carelessness in disposal of private correspondence (e.g. envelopes lying about in public places). Personnel must burn such papers as this is the only satisfactory method of disposal.

3. BOTTLES FOR MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. Bottles of one pint capacity are very urgently needed for the preparation of Molotov Cocktails. Any Whisky, Gin, Lime-juice bottles, etc, which have no sale value will be handed to Coy C.I.S. together with any corks that may be available and handed to C.I.S. by 1800 hrs each Monday.

4. DANGER OF FIRE - HYDRA BURNERS. Losses by fire have occurred as a result of using hydra burners in close proximity to combustible stores and inflammable liquids. As the burners are liable to blow back they should not be used within ten yards of any such stores, etc.

5. HYDRA BURNERS - CARE OF. Complaints have been received that the burners of the Hydra burners units have become U.S and the whole unit has been put out of action owing to non-replacement of this part. It is pointed out that originally two burners were issued for each Hydra Burner, and where proper precautions have been taken, no difficulty has been experienced in maintaining them in a serviceable condition. Where possible burners should be "rested" periodically and treated in a caustic soda solution, where necessary for the purpose of removing grease and scale. As replacement parts are unobtainable at present, Units will ensure that Hydra burners are given every attention.

LIUT for CAPT

ADJUTANT 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

"ACTIVE SERVICE : WITH AUSTRALIA IN THE MIDDLE EAST"

THE A.I.F. XMAS BOOK - 1941

"ACTIVE SERVICE", is being published with a dual purpose:-

1. To provide members of the A.I.F with an appropriate Xmas gift for their relatives and friends, and a memento of 1941 which the officers and men of the A.I.F. will themselves be glad to have.
2. To commemorate the achievements of the A.I.F during 1941 and to record some of the sidelights, grave or gay, of of service in the Middle East.

The book is the work of members of the A.I.F. The accounts of campaigns, photographs and pictures provided by the staff of the M.I. Section and its official war artists are liberally interspersed with stories, verse and drawings, humorous or otherwise, by officers and men who have generously co-operated with the Section in this service to the A.I.F. It is a book which can be, and should be placed in the homes of all members of the A.I.F.

"Active Service" deserves widespread distribution within Australia so that it may assist our peoples at home to know more of what the A.I.F. has done.

Place orders by filling in order forms obtainable at all Coy Offices.

AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES

This unit gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following goods from A.C.F.

Tobacco 664 tins
Cigarette papers 1508 pkts

24 Oct 41

ROUTINE ORDERS PAGE 1.

BY
MAJOR P.D. SMITH, A/VTN BATT. 2/5 AUST INF BN

NO 40

1. LIQUOR Attention is drawn to the fact that troops are not permitted to bring liquor into bivouacs or billets. Bar keepers in the area have been instructed that they must not sell liquor to be drunk off their premises. Coys will inform personnel that attempts to infringe this instruction will result in the putting of bars, in the area, out of bounds.
2. DISCIPLINE OF DRESS
It would appear from the number of personnel seen in the Unit area, without hats,
 - (a) With hats incorrectly worn, and in many instances without hats.
 - (b) With tunics totally unbuttoned.That little or no supervision is being exercised by Coys.
Personnel will be informed that it is their duty, not only to their Unit, but to themselves that they should appear at all times correctly dressed, and that no departure from the correct method of dress will be allowed.
Personnel failing to obey this instruction, whether on leave or on duty, will be the subject of disciplinary action.
3. SICK PARADES
Instances have occurred of sick parade personnel leaving the R.A.P. to visit local hotels; in future Coys will parade sick personnel in charge of an N.C.O. who will see that the sick personnel do not leave the R.A.P. area until returning to Coys under his direction.
4. SICK PARADES
Coy Commanders will ensure that all A/N.C.O.'s attending sick parades, have in their possession their pay books. Acting ranks revert to their substantive rank on being X listed and should be reverted immediately upon evacuation to hospital. Coys will advise this H.Q. of proposed evacuations of A/N.C.O. prior to such evacuations.
5. CHURCH PARADES
Church Parades Sunday 26 Oct will be as R.O.34 Para 1. Coy Cmdrs will ensure that where possible ALL personnel will attend this parade.
6. REG NO. OF EQPT
Cases have lately occurred of officers losing BINOCULARS REVOLVERS etc, and NOT being able to produce the REG.NO of the article lost.
NOT ONLY should this info be in possession of the CM of the unit, but offrs and ORs concerned should memorise or note such Nos, in the same way as a man is expected to remember his rifle No.
7. ANTI-WASTE
All ranks are asked to co-operate in assisting the anti-waste campaign.

[Signature]
Capt
A/ADJT 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

AIRGRAPH CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Personnel who intend sending airgraph Christmas greetings to the United Kingdom are advised to post NOW.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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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.
Lieut. Col		KING R.	2/5 Bd	No	A.O.D.
MAJOR		STARR F.D.	2/5 Bd	Yes	Admin. Comd
CAPT		MAYBERRY W.M.		Yes	ADJT
CAPT		BENNETT AP		Yes	CoY Command
CAPT		Rowell F.A.		Yes	9/.
CAPT		MacKenzie A.H.		Yes	2/1 c
CAPT		DUFFY J.W.		Yes	Command
CAPT		McBeuch J.A.H.		Yes	2/1 c
CAPT		GOBLE H.L.		Yes	Command
CAPT		PEARSON A.H.		Yes	"
Lieut		STROM G.F.		Yes	I.O.
Lieut		MalFisplane R.H.		Yes	S.O.
Lieut		CAMERON L.A.		Yes	T.O.
Lieut		SWEET H.G.		Yes	PL. Command
Lieut		MARTIN W.		Yes	"
Lieut		LEASK J.C.		Yes	"
Lieut		WALTON V.M.		Yes	"
Lieut		M'LEAN J.S.		Yes	"
Lieut		JENITH A.C.		Yes	"
Lieut		BROWN H.B.		Yes	"
Lieut		BRADLEY H.A.		Yes	"
Lieut		TAYLOR J.W.		Yes	"
Lieut		KIMPTON D.C.		Yes	"
Lieut		TRIMMER F.D.		Yes	"
Lieut		BENNETT A.C.		Yes	"
Lieut		BENNETT R.H.		Yes	"
Lieut		SAMSON R.S.		Yes	"
Lieut		SHILTON A.L.		Yes	"
Lieut		LINCOLN J.C.		Yes	"
Lieut		DAVIS A.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		Mr Anderson D.W.	AAAC	15-3-41	R.M.O.
Chaplain		Callaway B.	AAAC	May 4	ADAPT

2/5 Aust 2/1 Bd

(Unit.)

25. October 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature)

(Signature of Commander.)

17 Aust 2/1 Bd

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/5 Aust Lf Bn. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			1
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	30	1	3

*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	Davis AL	2/5 Bn	25-10-41	From 6 Aust Div S. Pac Group

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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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.
Lieut Col		KING R.	2/5 BN	No	A.O.D
MAJOR		SELL G.E	2/5 BN	No	A.O.D
MAJOR		STARR P.D	2/5 BN	Yes	A/C.O.
CAPT.		MAYBERRY W.M.	2/5 BN	Yes	ADJT
CAPT.		BENNETT A.P	2/5 BN	Yes	Coy. Comd
CAPT.		ROWELL F.H	2/5 BN	Yes	A/.
CAPT.		MACKENZIE A.N	2/5 BN	No	School
CAPT.		DUFFY J.W	2/5 BN	Yes	Coy. Comd
CAPT.		MCCOCH J.A.H	2/5 BN	Yes	" 2/c
CAPT.		GOBLE H.L	2/5 BN	Yes	" Comd
CAPT.		PEARSON A.H	2/5 BN	Yes	" Comd
LIEUT		STAIN G.F	2/5 BN	Yes	J. O.
LIEUT		SWEET H.G	2/5 BN	Yes	Platoon Comd
LIEUT		MARTIN W	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		DAVIS A.L	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		LEASK J.C	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		WALTERS V.M	4/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		M'LENN J.S	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		SMITH A.C	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		BROWN H.G	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		BRADLEY H.A	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		TAYLOR J.W	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		MACFARLANE R.H	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		KIMPTON D.G	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		TRAINER F.D	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		BENNETT A.C	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		BENNETT R.H	2/5 BN	No	School
LIEUT.		SAMSON R.S	2/5 BN	No	School
LIEUT		SHILTON A.L	2/5 BN	No	School
LIEUT		LINCOLNE J.C.	2/5 BN	Yes	" "
LIEUT		CAMERON L.A	2/5 BN	Yes	Troop Officer

(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		M'Pherson D.W.	R.A.M.C	15.3.41	R.M.O
CHAPLAIN		GALLAGHER B.	R.A.Chy	May 41	PADRO

2/5 BN
5. October 1941
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

W. W. Henry
17 April 41
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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War Diary

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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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		KING R	2/5 BN	NO	A.O.D.
MAJOR		STARR P.D	2/5 BN	YES	Admin. COMMAND
CAPT		MAYBERRY W.M	2/5 BN	YES	ADJT.
CAPT		BENNETT A.P	2/5 BN	YES	COY COMMAND
CAPT		ROWELL F.A	2/5 BN	YES	" "
CAPT		MACKENZIE A.N	2/5 BN	YES	COY 2 1/2
CAPT		DUFFY J.W	2/5 BN	YES	" COMMAND
CAPT		M'Geoch J.A.H	2/5 BN	YES	" 2 1/2
CAPT		GOBLE N.L	2/5 BN	YES	" COMMAND
CAPT		PEARSON A.H	2/5 BN	YES	" "
LIEUT		STROM G.F	2/5 BN	YES	I.O
LIEUT		SWEET H.G	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		MARTIN W	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		DAVIS A.L	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		LEASK J.C	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		WALTERS V.M	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		McLEOD J.S	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		SMITH A.C	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		BROWN H.G	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		BRADLEY H.A	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		TAYLOR J.W	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		MacFARLANE R.H	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		KIMPTON D.C	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		TRAINER F.D	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		BENNETT A.C	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		BENNETT R.H	2/5 BN	YES	PL COMMAND
LIEUT		SAMSON R.S	2/5 BN	NO	School
LIEUT		SHILTON A.L	2/5 BN	NO	School
LIEUT		LINCOLNE J.C	2/5 BN	YES	G.M.
LIEUT		CAMERON L.A	2/5 BN	YES	TRAIN OFFICER

(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		M'Pherson D.W.	RAMC	15.3.41	R.M.O
CHAPLAIN		Griffiths B	A.A.C.P	May. 41	PADRE

2/5 Aust Inf Bn.
(Unit.)
11. October 1941.
(Date of Despatch.)

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

Nº 215 Aust 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.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.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																				
General duty personnel ...								3		3		2				4	113		119	
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).								3		3		2				4	113		119	

215 Aust Bde
Unit.
Date of Despatch *11 Oct 1921*

W. M. ...
Signature of Commander.
17 Aust Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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

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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.		KING R	2/5 Bn.	No	A.O.D.
MAJOR		STARBUCK R.D.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	Adm. Command
CAPT.		MARSHALL W.M.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	Adj. T.
CAPT.		BENNETT A.P.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	COY COMMAND
CAPT.		RUSSELL F.A.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	Adj.
CAPT.		MACKENZIE A.W.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	2/5 C
CAPT.		DUFFY J.W.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	COMMAND
CAPT.		MURPHY J.A.H.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	2/5 C
CAPT.		GOBLE H.I.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	COMMAND
CAPT.		PEARSON A.H.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		STRONG C.F.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	I OFFICER
LIEUT		SWEET H.G.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	A COMMAND
LIEUT		MARTIN W.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		LEASK J.C.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		WALTERS V.M.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		MURPHY J.S.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		SMITH A.C.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		BROWN H.G.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		BRADLEY H.A.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		TAYLOR J.W.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		McFARLANE R.H.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		KIMPTON D.C.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		TRAINOR F.D.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		BENNETT A.C.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		BENNETT A.H.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	
LIEUT		SAMSON R.S.	2/5 Bn.	No	SCHOOL
LIEUT		SHULTON A.L.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	SCHOOL
LIEUT		LINCOLN J.C.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	O.A.
LIEUT		CAMERON L.A.	2/5 Bn.	Yes	T OFFICER

(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		M. Phelan D.W.	A.A.M.C.	15.3.41	P.M.O.
CHAPLAIN		Galloway B.	A.A.Ch.D.	May 41	PADRE.

2/5 Aust Div Bde
18 Oct 41
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

R. Macfarlane Lupton
17 Aust Div Bde
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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WAR DIARY OF 2/5 BN A.I.F.

From 1 Nov 41. To 30 Nov 41.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

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|---|---|
| 1 | 2/5 BN O.O. No. 3. |
| 2 | 2/5 BN. O. INST. No 1 |
| 3 | 2/5 BN SECURITY INST No 1 |
| 4 | ROUTINE ORDERS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 41 |
| 5 | FIELD RETURNS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 41. |

2/5 AUST INF BN

SYRIA

NOV 41

MOVEMENT

BN MOVES

from BAALBECK to ZEBDANI 9/10 Nov and re-joined 6 Div, having previously come under Comd 7 Div.

2/5 INF BN
NOV 41

CEREMONIAL

BN INSPECTED
20 NOV

by Maj-Gen Allen, GOC 7 Aust Div prior to rejoining command of 6 Aust Div 9 Nov. Bn reviewed by Maj-Gen Herring when it rejoins 6 Div.

2/5 INF BN
NOV 41

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMAND

CO TRANS-
FERRED

Lt-Col King, the CO of the Bn transferred to AQ 7 Div HQ 2 Nov.

2/5 INF BN
NOV 41

PERSONNEL

HONOURS AND
AWARDS

Lieut. A. Smith receives award of MC and Cpl. Smith the MM for deeds of valour in Syrian campaign.

2/5 INF BN
NOV 41

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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/5 Bn. (Aust. Inf)

Commanding Officer Major P. D. Starr

Month and Year Nov 4

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	• References to Appendices.
BAALBECK	NOV 1		A Coy moved to area 1595,2616 ref TRIPOLI 1:50,000	
1:50,000			Promotion of Capts. N. L. Goble and A. P. Bennett to Majors notified.	
	2		Lt-Col King transferred to A.Q. 7 Div H.Q. and left the Bn today. Major Starr to Admin Command	
			B Coy moved to area 1605,2615 Ref TRIPOLI 1:50,000	
	3		C Coy moved to area 1602,2618 ref TRIPOLI 1:50,000	
	4		Leave party of four officers and 11 O.R's left for PALESTINE	
	5		Mail continues to come in regularly from Australia; letters 10/11 days old	
	6/7		Routine	
	8	0700	Advance party left for new area vicinity 198,178 ref DAMAS 1:200,000 0.0.3 (App)	
			Rehearsal for G.O.C's parade tomorrow.	
	9		G.O.C., 7 Aust Div., Major-General Allen inspected unit at point 1611,2623 ref. TRIPOLI 1:50,000 and farewelled Bn. prior to it rejoining command of 6 Aust Div.	
			Lieut. H.D. Sherlock returns to unit from I.T.B.	
	10	0600	Bn H.Q. and H.Q. Coy left the Cedars, Ref 1804,2560 en route for DOMMAR joining	

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or

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Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn

Commanding Officer Major P. D. Starr

Month and Year *Nov 41*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
	10		up with D Coy at HASROUN, and the remaining Coys vicinity KOUSBA 1620,2620 ref TRIPOLI 1:50,000	
		1600	Arrived at camp area 1976,1776 ref ZEBDANI 1:50,000	
			Promotion of Lieut. H.A. Bradley to T/Capt. notified.	
ZEBDANI 1:50,000	11		Bn., now under command 6 Aust Div is situated in barren, stony country with tent dispersal at 70 yds.	
			Bn. will carry out recce of area known as BARZE FORTRESS inside rectangle 196,183, . 196,175 - 205,183, . 205,175 ref Zebdani and Damas Nord sheets.	
	12		2/5 Bn. Security Instruction No. 1 issued (APP)	
			C.O., I.O., and Coy Cmdrs. left for RAS BAALBECK area and carried out further recce of Bn position in that area.	
	13		Recce of tracks in BARZE FORTRESS area commences in conjunction with R.E's.	
	14		Further track recces. Main track from DOUMMAR 1972,1778 to MARAABA is now being reconstructed by rifle coys. and R.E's	
			Recce party less Coy Cmdrs returned from recce at RAS BAALBECK.	
	15		Detailed track recce and road repair work continues.	

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WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Commanding Officer Major P. D. Starr

Month and Year Nov 41.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
ZEBDANI	NOV 15		Football and basketball matches in the afternoon	
1:50,000	16		Further track recce.	
			Church Parade.	
			Bn. defeated 2/7 Bn at football and basketball.	
			Coy. Cmdrs. returned from recce at RAS BAALBECK.	
	17		200 Arabs join working parties on road construction	
			Lieut A. Smith receives award of M.C., Cpl. Smith the M.M. for deeds in the Syrian campaign.	
			PALESTINE Leave Party returns.	
	18		Three Coys. on road work: remaining Coy. routine training.	
	19		Rehearsal for G.O.C's parade tomorrow.	
	20	1000	Major-General Herring, G.O.C., 6 Aust Div reviews Bn on a special parade and welcomes unit back to 6 Div Command.	
	21		Lieut. E.T.Wills resumes regimental duties with Bn.	
	22		Single and 3-day leave to DAMASCUS continues.	
			Special leave to 10% of Bn. to attend Gymkana Race Meeting at BEIRUT was fully availed of.	

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Date - 7 Nov 41.

Reference Maps :- TRIPOLI 1/200,000
 BEIRUT 1/200,000
 DAMAS 1/200,000

INFORMATION

1. An Advance Party will move on 8 Nov 41 from present location to selected area vicinity of DOUMAR 198178.

INTENTION

2. Advance Party will erect tents, recce tracks, site water tank and prepare camp for Bn in area 198178.

METHOD.

3. A column will move from KFAR AKKA 16032621 at 0700 hrs and proceed to rd junction 194179 (near JDEIDE) collect tents and proceed to DOUMAR 198178.

4. Composition of Party -
 O.C. Capt N.L. GOBLE
 Lieut A.C. BENNETT
 Lieut A.L. SHILTON - Lieut J.G. LINCOLNE
 1 Section PIONEER Pl.
 1 Section each Rifle Coy.

5. Order of Move.-
 "D" Coy Vehicles
 "A" " "
 "B" " "
 "C" " "
 QM Vehicles
 Cooks Truck
 Pioneers
 Store Trucks
 Water Cart.

6. Route - KFAR AKKA, Coast Road, BEIRUT, PL HAME 196160.

7. Start Time - 0700 hrs

8. Start Line - Road Junction 16032620

9. Speed - 20 m.i.h. Density - 15 v.t.m.

ADMIN.

10. Transport - Each Rifle Coy will provide one 1 ton veh for transporting section.
 Pioneer Section - 1 30 cwt from B Ech
 Cooks - one 1 ton from B Ech

11. No accomodation stores will be taken by Rifle Secs.

12. Rations - unexpired portion of days rations on man. Four days for all personnel on Cooks Truck.

13. Water Cart will accompany party.

14. P.O.L. for 400 miles.

15. Halts - 10 mins every even hour. Midday halt 3/4 hr.

16. Lieut A.C. BENNETT will return LES CEDRES with all vehs except one 1 ton on Sunday 9 Nov 41.

INTERCOMM

17. One M/C D/R will accompany column and remain with adv pty.

ACK

[Signature] Capt.
 Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

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200
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9 Nov 41.

Reference Maps :-
 TRIPOLI 1/200,000
 BIRUT 1/200,000
 DADOS 1/200,000

- INFORMATION** 1. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn will move on MONDAY 10 Nov 41 from present location to selected areas vicinity DOUMMAR 198178.
- INTENTION** 2. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn less rear guard will move to camp site DOUMMAR 198178.
- METHOD** 3. A column will move from KFAR AKKA at 0800 hrs 10 Nov 41 and proceed to DOUMMAR.
4. Composition of column -
 Bn HQ
 A Coy
 B
 C
 D
 HQ Coy less carrier pl
 B Veh
 in that order. A Veh vehs will accompany Coy blocks in rear of tp carrying vehs.
5. Route -
 KFAR AKKA
 AMIOUNE
 COAST ROAD to BIRUT
 EL HANN 196180
 DOUMMAR 198178
6. Speed - 20 m.i.h. Density - 15 v.t.m.
7. Bn HQ, HQ Coy and B Veh will leave present locations at 0600 hrs and proceed to road junction KFAR AKKA 161263. D Coy will join coln position behind Bn HQ approx 0630 hrs. A, B and C Coys, in that order, with head of A Coy at road junction 161263 will join in coln behind Bn HQ approx 0755 hrs.
8. Start Time 0800 hrs.
9. Start Line - BAK HOUSE AMIOUNE.
10. Rear parties of 1 Sec per rifle coy, balance of Carrier Pl HQ Coy. OC Rear Party Lieut H.D. SHIMLOCK, will clean area, strike tents and return to DADOS, and rejoin Bn on Wednesday 12 Nov 41.
- ADMIN** 11. Rations - Unexpired portion of days rations on man; 1 days hard rations on Coy vehicles.
12. Allotment of Extra Vehs -
 A Coy - 5 30 cwts troops
 1 30 cwt accomodation stores
 B - 6 30 cwts troops
 1 30 cwt accomodation stores
 C - 6 30 cwts troops
 1 30 cwt accomodation stores
 D - 6 30 cwts troops
 1 30 cwt accomodation stores (over)

12. Allotment of extra vehs (cont) -
- | | | | | | |
|--------|---|---|----|------|---------------------|
| HQ Coy | - | 4 | 30 | cwts | troops |
| | | 1 | | do | sig stores |
| | | 1 | | do | mortar pl |
| | | 1 | | do | accomodation stores |
| Bn HQ | - | 1 | | do | troops and stores |

These vehs will report to Cqys at 1500 hrs 9 Nov 41.

13. R.A.P. at rear of coln.
14. P.O.L. 160 miles on vehicles.
15. HALTS 10 minutes every/hour - midday halt ~~1 1/2~~ 3/4 hr. ^{even}
16. Two M/C D/R will accompany coln.

INTERCOMN

ACK.

J MacLellan
 Lieut for Capt.,
 Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION -

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| | 3 | "C" |
| | 4 | "D" |
| | 5 | HQ Coy |
| | 6 | C.O. |
| | 7 | Adjutant |
| | 8 | I.O. |
| | 9 | S.O. |
| | 10 | T.O. |
| | 11 | Q.M. |
| | 12 | O.C. Rear Party |
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| | 14) | War Diary |
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| | 16) | |
| | 17) | |
| | 18) | Spare |

2/5 ARMT INF BN SECURITY INSTRUCCION NO 1.

DOUMMAR AREA.

S E C R E T .

1. BOUNDS. All towns, villages and houses not occupied by troops are out of bounds.

2. SECURITY OF ARMS.

It is not anticipated that means of securely locking arms in tents and billets will be provided in the near future.

Until such time as these means are available, arms will at no time be left unguarded. CO Coys will be responsible for the system of security within their Coys.

A return certifying that all arms and ammunition have been checked will be rendered to this HQ by 0900 hrs daily. Losses after a check has been made will be reported by signal immediately.

3. SECURITY OF CAMP SITE.

It is the duty, not only of pickets and sentries, but of every man, to prevent unauthorised persons straying within unit lines.

Any person authorised to enter lines will be issued with a pass signed by the Security Officer, Capt A.H. PEARSON.

4. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

It must be appreciated that a large number of the natives of this country are Anti-British. Bearing this in mind, all possible precautions must be taken to protect government property and prevent leakage of information.

5. A.R.P.

Slit trenches will be dug in the vicinity of each tent, sufficient to accommodate all personnel in the tent.

Air and Gas sentries will be mounted by each Coy, and provided with means to give adequate warning to all personnel.

Signals - AIR RAID - intermittent short blasts on siren or whistle.
ALL CLEAR - two long blasts repeated at 5 second intervals for two minutes.

6. ACTION ON AIR RAID WARNING.

(a) When attacked by hostile aircraft, or when approach of hostile aircraft makes it obvious that an attack is imminent, personnel not manning AA defences will be ordered to proceed to slit trenches; or

(b) "Air Raid Yellow" ALERT
"Air Raid Red" PLANES IN VICINITY, will be passed by phone.

On "Air Raid Red" being given personnel will proceed immediately to slit trenches.

7. ACTION TO BE TAKEN AFTER ATTACK.

Lieut MARTIN will carry out a bomb recce of unit area, and report to CO. Orders will come from Bn HQ for "All Clear" when it is safe for personnel to resume duties.

8. GROUND DEFENCE.

Ground defence will be the subject of a conference at a later day.

9. DISPERSION AND CAMOUFLAGE OF VEHICLES.

The maximum dispersion consistent with hard standings available will be observed. Camouflage nets, adequately

garnished, will be used on all parked vehicles. Nets will be fixed on poles so that vehicles may be driven under them, but care must be taken that ~~xxxx~~ edges of nets are left ragged, and do not have a square outline.

10. CAMOUFLAGE OF TENTS.

Tents will be camouflaged to conform with the colour of the surrounding ground.

11. SECURITY OF WORKING PARTIES.

For training purposes, officers in charge of working parties will ensure that normal security measures are observed. These will include the following :-

- (a) Weapons will be carried by all working parties.
- (b) When equipment is removed it will be laid out close to tasks in such a manner that it can be readily recovered in an emergency.
- (c) AALMG's will be mounted.

D. H. May (signed)
Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

LT. COL R. KING, COMMANDING 2/5 AUSTRALIAN INF BN.

No 41.

1. CHURCH PARADES.

"D" COY - 0830 hrs

"C" COY)

HQ COY)

Bn HQ)

- 1000 hrs at rear of Ski School

Holy Communion will be held immediately after each of the above services.

R.C. Parade - 0930 hrs at BECHARRE. R.C.'s from Bn HQ, HQ Coy and C Coy will parade at the Ski School at 0900 hrs. Numbers will be submitted to Bn HQ by 0815 hrs: T.O. will make necessary transport arrangements.

2. W/T AND R/T WORKING.

A W/T detachment acts as a terminal to the office with which it is working, and is under the general orders of the officer or NCO i/c Sig Office.

W/T or R/T, swing to their liability to interception must never be used or any calls made without authority.

(a) Authority to initiate communication is the General Staff, usually through the OC Sigs.

(b) Authority for routine work is Sig Ing Vol V, or procedure pamphlets published from time to time by GHO WSP.

(c) Authority for despatching messages of varying priority is published in routine orders from time to time and in FSR Vol II, and is decided upon by the General Staff.

(d) Authority for R/T conversation is the Comd of the unit or formation which the R/T serves, or his "G" Staff.

No W/T or R/T sig of any description will be made which is not covered by the above authorities, except in the utmost urgency.

3. W/T SETS IN CARS.

It is notified that a decree has been issued by the Free French Authorities in SYRIA and the LEBANON that wireless sets will NOT be allowed in private cars.

To enforce this law, it will be necessary to hold up cars on roads on certain specified days. These will be notified later. Meanwhile a warning is issued to all ranks so that incidents can be avoided when army vehs are forced to pull up temporarily at road blocks.

4. PERSONNEL ATTENDING DENTAL PARADES.

Personnel attending dental parades at Pd Ambs will bring cut lunches and drinking utensils.

5. SECURITY - IRRREGULAR DESPATCH OF UNCENSORED LETTERS TO AUSTRALIA.

(a) It has come under notice that members of the AIF (ME) are despatching uncensored or insufficiently censored correspondence to AUSTRALIA other than through the authorised channels. This includes correspondence handed to personnel

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returning to AUSTRALIA on medical or other grounds, for despatch or delivery on arrival in AUSTRALIA or intermediate place of call.

(b) No member of the military forces will write, post, transmit, deliver or communicate in any manner or attempt so to communicate to any person, other than in the execution of his duty, any message of a secret or confidential nature, or likely to be of use to the enemy, or relating to the numbers, description or destination of troops, transports or warships, or likely to be prejudicial to the public safety, the defence of the Commonwealth, the efficient prosecution of the war, or the maintenance of supplies essential to the Defence Force or to the life of the community.

(c) Disciplinary action will be taken against detected offenders.

6. PAYBOOKS - FALSIFICATION OF.

(a) The issue of soldiers pay accounts now provides for the early detection of paybook frauds.

(b) The falsification of paybooks constitutes an offence which will be tried by Court Martial.

7. SECURITY - CAMERAS IN TRIPOLI AREA.

Only approved photographers may develop films in TRIPOLI area. All films for developing will be deposited at an Orderly Room, with sufficient funds to cover the cost of developing and printing, and will be forwarded by Bn to an approved photographer.

W. H. Thompson Capt.
Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

AIF (ME) OFFICERS SHOP - TRIPOLI BRANCH.

With approval of DOS AIF (ME), a branch of the AIF (ME) Officers Shop is now operating in TRIPOLI.

Address - EL MINA Rd, opposite the Italian hospital.

Hours of Business - Daily - 0900 hrs - 1230 hrs and 1400 hrs - 1730 hrs.
Sunday - 1400 hrs - 1730 hrs.

Price Lists are being prepared, and will be distributed when available.

War Diary

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

DATE: 4 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

NO 42

BY

MAJOR P.D. STARR. ADMIN COMD. 2/5 AUST INF BN.

I. ROBBERY FROM REGTL CANTEN.

On the night of 1/2 Nov 41 the Regtl Canteen was broken into, and the following articles stolen:-

- 16 Bottles of Whisky
- 35 Tins of Tobacco
- 28 Packets of O.K. Razor Blades.
- Quantity of Cash and Canteen Orders.

A Court of Inquiry has been convened to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the above robbery. It will commence at the SKI SCHOOL, at 0900 hrs 4 Nov 41. The following officers will constitute the Court of Inquiry:-

President	Capt Duffy	2/5 Bn
Member	Lieut Williams	2/3 Bn
Member	Lieut Seward	2/3 Bn.

W. M. Mayberry Capt
Adjutant. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

ROUTINE ORD RS PART 1

BE

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADMIN COMD 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NO 43

1. CAMP ROUTINE

Reveille	0630 hrs
Breakfast	0730 hrs
Morning Parade	0830-1200 hrs
Dinner	1230 hrs
Afternoon Parade	1330-1600 hrs
Evening Mess	1700 hrs
Dutys Parade	1700 hrs
Retreat	1730 hrs
First Post	2130 hrs
Last Post	2200 hrs
Lights Out	2215 hrs

2. DUTY COY.

Tuesday	11 Nov	"A" Coy
Wed.	12 Nov	"B" Coy
THURS.	13 Nov	"C" Coy
Frid.	14 Nov	"D" Coy
Sat.	15 Nov	"E" Coy

Duty Coy will provide:-

- Orderly Officer
- Orderly Sgt
- Bn Runners 2
- Bn Guard 1 Cpl 10 O.R.'s

Best turned out man on guard will be "Stick Orderly"

and will be excused duty for 24 hrs.

3. C.E.

C.E. will be under Bn arrangements.

C.E. Calls:

Time	Dress	Place
1630 hrs	Battle Order (Messing Gear Water Bottle) (Steel Helmet worn)	Water Tank opposite Bn R.Q.
1730 hrs	Belt and Sidearms (Felt Hat)	" "
1815 hrs	Full Marching Order (Blankets and Great Coat in Pack) (Steel Helmet worn)	" " "
1900 hrs	Walking Out Dress (Belt, no Sidearms Felt Hat Gaiters)	" " " " "
1945 hrs	Battle Order	" " " " "
2030 hrs	Belt and Sidearms (Tin Hat)	" " " " "
2115 hrs	Full Marching Order	
2200 hrs	Walking Out Dress	

4. SALE OF GOODS TO CIVILIANS

It is prohibited for any Personnel, Mess or Canteen to sell to any Cafe or to any civilian any purchases whatsoever made from AACI or MAFI. This includes locally brewed beer. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any individual offending in this respect.

5. ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Cases have recently occurred of evacuated casualties bringing an unities into hospitals, in some instances as souvenirs, with them. Steps will be taken to prevent this in future. In all cases the Ammunition, etc, will be confiscated and at once delivered to the appropriate quarter and will in no circumstances be kept in Hospital.

6. M.T. DISCIPLINE.

Coys will ensure that all personnel are aware of Para 5 Standing Orders M.T. which states that "Not more than two people shall walk in the front of any vehicle" (P.T.O)

6. Continued

Disciplinary Action will be taken any offenders

7. MAIL

Mail closes Bn P.O. 0900 hrs daily
Letters to U.K. must have 10d English Stamps
Letter Cards " " 3d " "
Stamps available at Bn P.O.
3d English Stamps 11 Piastres
10d " " 37 "
Letters to Syria 3d Aust Stamp

B. H. Macfarlane Capt

Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

OFFICERS CLUB - JERUSALEM

Two clubs for Officers have been opened in JERUSALEM for the benefit of all British Officers. One is at GOLDSCHMIDT HOUSE, King George Av JERUSALEM, Tel No 5291, and the other is the CARMELITE MONASTERY, Upper Bakaa, JERUSALEM, Tel No 4211, Ext 227.

There are 25 rooms available at the Monastery, and 15 at Goldschmidt House. Rates are as follows :-

600 mils per day. (baths and early morning tea included. No Service Charge)
Breakfast 80 mils
Lunch 120 mils
Tea 50 mils
Dinner 200 mils

At each place there is a Bar and a lounge.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

MAJOR N.L. COBLE ADMIN COMD. 2/5 AUST INF BN.NO 441. DUTIES

Duty Coy for week ending SATURDAY 22 Nov 41,

Mounting

SAT 15 Nov 41	"A" COY
SUN 16 Nov 41	"B" COY
MON 17 Nov 41	"C" COY
TUES 18 Nov 41	"D" COY
WED 19 Nov 41	"E" COY
THURS 20 Nov 41	"A" COY
FRI 21 Nov 41	"B" COY
SAT 22 Nov 41	"C" COY

2. OFFICERS IDENTITY CARD

ALL officers travelling in SYRIA, will produce their identity cards when requested to do so by F.S.S. or C.M.P. personnel who will operate such controls at different points in order to check credentials of military personnel.

3. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

Officers and other ranks are warned that shirts and bush shirts with short sleeves will not be worn in any area of Middle East as from a date yet to be fixed in March or April next.

When summer scale of clothing is issued in 1942, all shirts, etc, will have long sleeves. Thereafter, such garments of illegal pattern found in possession will be replaced at soldiers expense.

From the same date Officers will cease to wear illegal pattern shirts and bush shirts. Any bought henceforward should therefore have long sleeves.

4. CAPTURED MATERIAL - REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS.

Approval is given for the retention of captured pistols to complete W.E.T. as a temporary expedient until stocks of .38-inch pistols become available for issue.

Captured Pistols will then be returned in accordance with A.I.F. Order (M.E) No 236, of 7 March 41.

No liability can be accepted for provision of ammunition for captured pistols other service calibres than

5. SWEATERS

Sweaters at no time will be worn tucked inside trousers.

6. REGIMENTAL POLICE

Applications are called for, for the R.P.'s. Nominations will be submitted to this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 15 Nov 41. Coys to submit NIL return.

7. CHURCH PARADES

Church Parade Sunday 16 Nov 41: ~~On~~ Parade Ground 0825 hrs. Markers, 1 Protestant, 1 R.C. per Coy, with parade states showing separately R.C.'s to R.S.M. by 0815 hrs Holy Communion will be celebrated "A" Coy RECREATION Tent 0915 hrs. R.C. Service "C" Coy RECREATION Tent 0830 hrs.

W. H. Mayberry Capt
Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADMIN CO'D. 2/5 AUST INF BN

NO 45

1. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of :-

President	Capt J.A.M. McMOCK	2/5 Aust Inf Bn.
Member	Lieut L.V. TAMPSON	2/7 Aust Inf Bn.
Member	Lieut C.F. ELLIS	2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

will assemble at En H., at 0900 hrs 15 Nov 41 to investigate into and report on loss of Rifle No 37718 at IFAR AREA during night 12-13 Nov 41.

2. BANDS

It is proposed to reform the Pipe and Brass Bands any personnel who can play Bagpipes, Brass instruments or drums or who wish to learn, to submit names through their Coys to this P.O. by 1800 hrs Wednesday 19 Nov 41. Personnel who were original members of the original pipe and brass bands need not submit their names.

R MacLennan
Lieut for
Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICESLOST

Rifle No 37718 issued to VM 5306 Pte BINGHAM was lost on 12 or 13 Nov 41 between HASROU and DOUBAR. Anybody finding please return to "D" Coy Office.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADMIN COND 2/5 AUST INF BN.
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1. HONOURS AND AWARDS.MILITARY CROSS

VX 3357 LIUT Andrew Cliff SMITH 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

MILITARY MEDAL

VX 3491 L/cpl John Smith 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

2. INVENTIONS.

Officers and W.C.O.'s are to be ENCOURAGED to put forward suggestions and ideas which could improve existing or future equipment, or overcome difficulties being met. Two immediate needs are:-

(a) A method of getting APV's over an A/TK mine-field in depth and covered by fire.

(b) An apparatus to produce realistic air targets for use when training riflemen and LM gunners in AA action.

Any suggestions which might help, no matter how novel, should be forwarded through the usual channels.

3. SECURITY - CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

The absolute necessity of taking all captured documents from Ps.O.W. for use by the Int Branch must be brought to the notice of all ranks.

The following extract from a GSI(ME) INT SUMMARY is an excellent example of this, having occurred recently in the WESTERN DESERT:-

Four accurate identifications of GERMAN UNITS were obtained from two pieces of paper which, although torn in pieces, had been saved from complete destruction by the action of a quick witted soldier.

This is a good instance of most valuable information being obtained for the use of the Army as a whole, through the initiative of a member of our forces.

4. DISCIPLINE

Attention is drawn to the frequent failure of troops on leave to salute Commissioned Officers. Failing to do so in the future will be considered a breach of Standing Orders, and charges will be preferred by 6 Aust Div Pro Coy.

5. TAILORS CUTTERS

A vacancy exists in the AAOC for a fully qualified military cutter for employment in an AIF Officer's Shop. The accepted applicant will be eligible for promotion to the rank of W.C.(I) if fully satisfactory.

Names of applicants, with particulars of qualifications should be submitted through the usual channels to this M.O. by 1200 hrs 19 Nov 41.

6. CHRISTMAS FARE

Advice has been received that AACS will be making a free distribution of Christmas Fare to the value of 100 mils per man. A list of special goods which can be ordered on this basis will be forwarded early in November. In addition to this a further free distribution of general goods to the value of 60 mils per man is being provided.

P. D. Starr
Capt

Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

MAJOR P.D. STARR, ADMIN COMMAND 2/5 AUST INF BN.

No 47.

1. AUDIT OF REGIMENTAL ACCOUNTS.

An audit of all Regtl Accounts as at 15 Nov 41, will be carried out on Saturday 21 Nov 41.

The following officers will constitute the Audit Board :-

Capt A.H. PEARSON
Lieut R.H. MACFARLANE
Lieut P.D. TRAINOR.

2. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.

(a) Personnel may claim subsistence allowance for any period of leave, provided that leave exceeds 48 hrs. Claims are to be made to Pay Sgt.

(b) Escaped P.O.W's may claim subsistence allowance for period between date of escape and date of reporting to a British formation.

3. THREE DAY LEAVE. Price of meals for three day leave personnel in DAMASCUS is now raised to £Sy 8.

4. REGISTERED POST. (a) Personnel are advised to send by registered post any packet not exceeding one (1) lb weight containing valuable enclosures. The addition^{g1} fee is 3d.

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

(c) These should not be placed in posting receptacle but presented at an Army Post Office, where a receipt will be issued. Articles intended for transmission by registered post will not, on any account, be handed back to the sender by the holder of the Unit Censor Stamp, but will be forwarded to the Army Post Office through the Unit Postal Orderly, who will deliver the official receipt (Form APS 8) to the sender.

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

5. STAMPING OF CANTEEN ORDERS.

Coy's are still lodging Canteen Orders with the Unit Canteen before the unit stamp has been affixed. This practice will cease forthwith.

Canteen Orders will be sent to Bn HQ, in Coy Lots, once daily, for stamping. Individuals will NOT bring Orders for stamping.

P. D. Starr
Capt.
Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

IV

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADJUTANT C/O D 2/5 AUST INF BN.NO 481. GEORGE PARADE SUNDAY 24 NOV 41

Protestant Parade 0830 hrs Ba Parade Ground.
 Markers with Parade Stae R.S.M. 0825 hrs.
 Dress, P.S.D. hats turned down, drill order, rifles.
 Officers. P.S.D. webbing belts, pistols no lanyards,
 hats turned down. Holy Communion will be celebrated
 "C" Coy Recreation Tent 0930 hrs.

R.C. PARADE

R.C.'s will parade "C" Coy recreation tent 0830 hrs
 Dress as for Protestants. Separate parade stae to Lieut Street.
 Confessions "A" Coy lines 1630 hrs onwards 22 Nov 41.

2. A.I.F. KIT STEN

No issues for O.R.'s can be made between 0800 hrs
 Monday 24 Nov and 1100 hrs Wed 2 Dec, or for Officers between
 0800 hrs Monday 24 Nov and 0800 hrs Thurs 27 Nov, owing to
 annual balance and check being made. In take of kits as usual.

3. RAGA HOURANI

The above mentioned native is operating a mobile shop
 in a chevrolet 15 cwt No 6577, selling cakes, souvenirs, etc
 This man will not be allowed into this camp, or to operate in this
 vicinity.

4. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

1. An allowance of 125 mills (110 Pts SYRIAN) per day will be paid to A.I.F. personnel on leave of not less than forty eight hours.
2. The allowance is only payable where no rations or quarters are provided
3. Each additional day claimed for shall be a complete 24 hours.
4. Subsistence is only payable at J RUSALIM when accommodation at the Fast Hotel is not available, in which case -
 - (a) Leave pass shall be endorsed by NCO in charge of Fast Hotel accordingly.
 - (b) Receipt from YFCA Hotel or other places of boarding shall be attached to leave pass when subsistence is being claimed.
5. The claim will be submitted on a form T65a and certified by the C.O. as "person incurring expense" and shall contain the dates and hours of leave.
6. LEAVE PASS SHALL BE ATTACHED TO CLAIM (T65a).
7. In cases where the leave pass is not available the C.O. will certify that the claimant was on authorised leave during the period claimed for.
8. The certificate that "No rations or quarters were provided and that travelling allowance has not been claimed for period specified" will be signed by the C.O.
9. Receipt will be signed by claimant, witnesses and date of payment entered.
10. Paymaster, 6 Aust Div will sign as examining Officer.

5. VACANCIES FOR CLERKS.

There are a number of vacancies for clerks in the unit. Personnel desiring to fill these vacancies will submit applications, through the usual channels, stating experience, to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs on Monday 24 Nov 41.

[Signature]
 Adjutant 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADMIN COMD. 2/3 AUST INF BN

NO 49

1. DUTIES

DUTY COY	MOUNTING 1700 HRS
"H.Q." COY	24 NOV 41
"A" COY	25 NOV 41
"B" COY	26 NOV 41
"C" COY	27 NOV 41
"D" COY	28 NOV 41
"H.Q." COY	29 NOV 41

2. STAMPS

Australian stamps will now be used on letters and letter cards to U.K.

Rate Air Mail Letters	10d
" " " Letter cards	3d

3. XMAS GREETING TELEGRAMS

Xmas Greeting Telegrams will now be accepted by P.O. for delivery in Aust just prior to Xmas. All ranks are advised to take advantage of this service. Delivery in Aust of Telegrams sent after 7 Dec cannot be guaranteed before Xmas.

4. GREECE STATEMENTS BY ESCAPED P.O.W's

H.Q. Royal Greek Army M.E.F. has asked for a return of Greeks who are known to have helped tps left behind in Greece. They would also like to have information of any acts of cruelty committed against Greeks by the GERMANS, ITALIANS, or BULGARIANS. Individual statements by Officers and O.R's would be appreciated, giving places and dates, as well as the names of the peoples who helped them or are known to have suffered cruelties at the hands of the GERMANS, ITALIANS or BULGARIANS. Any personnel who are concerned in this Bn will report to I.C. at 0830 hrs 25 Nov 41.

5. MEDAL RIBBONS

Medal Ribbons (in the form of a brooch) will be worn by all troops in M.E.F. when in shirt sleeves (including Bush Shirte). In future, immediate awards will be presented personally by Army, Force, Corps or Divisional Commanders and on such occasions an initial free issue of Medal Ribbon mounted on a brooch will be made. These will be held by D.A.D's O.S of Formation.

6. M. T. VEHICLES - USE OF WORK TICKETS (A.F.G. 3518)

1. Vehicles outside forward areas will not proceed on journeys, either singly or in convoys, without the authority of a Work Ticket (A.F.G. 3518) to cover the service on which the vehicle is engaged.

2. Work tickets will be numbered in sequence from 1 to 5,000 in each unit and will be made up by a responsible M.C.O., who will check the details of speedometer and tank and sign the Work Ticket before issue to the driver.

3. In a case where a vehicle is allotted for general work throughout the day, covering several journeys, one ticket will suffice to cover the days work. Owing to the large number of forms required, economy is to be observed in the use of the A.F.G. 3518 as far as possible.

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4. The speedometer reading and galleage "OUT" must agree with the respective figures shown "IN" for any particular vehicle on its last ticket. This ensures a running check between consecutive Work Tickets for any one vehicle. When reading speedometers, fractions of a mile will be disregarded and reading of fuel tanks will not be attempted beyond the nearest half gallon. In the case of small vehicles, e.g. light cars and motor cycles, the tank may be measured at intervals under units instructions. Similarly if dipsticks are not available, consumption of fuel will be measured as the Commanding Officer may decide, usually by commencing each week with a full tank.

5. As the Work Ticket forms the authority for a vehicle to be taken from its lines for the purpose of military duty, the absence of such authority will form the subject of an investigation by the Commanding Officer of the driver concerned.

R. MacFarlane
Lieut for Capt

Adjutant, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

AUST COMFORTS FUND

The 2/5 Aust Inf Bn gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following comforts from the Australian Comfort Funds:-

776 1 oz packets LOG CABIN TOBACCO
776 Pkts CIG PAPERS
776 PKTS RAZOR BLADES

3,500 SHEETS PAPER
1,250 ENVELOPES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR P.D. STARR ADJ IN COND. 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NO 50

1. DENTAL PARADES

Personnel attending DENTAL PARADES at 2/1 AUST FD AMB for treatment will carry midday meal. Tea will be provided.

2. PAY.

follows :-

Until further notice, Pay arrangements will be as

- (a) 3-day leave personnel proceeding on Friday will hand pay-books to Coy office on Wednesday and will be paid on Thursday afternoon.
 - (b) 3-day leave personnel proceeding on Tuesday will hand pay-books in to Coy office on Thursday and will be paid on Friday afternoon.
 - (c) Usual fortnightly pay on alternate Thursday afternoons
- Pay will only be obtained on these specified days.

3. SAFE CUSTODY AND MAINTENANCE OF PAYBOOKS.

H. AIF (M) has ruled that the safeguarding of Paybooks shall, from the date of issue of these instns, be regarded as equal in importance to the safeguarding of a rifle. This is essential, as the loss of paybooks is becoming a matter of grave concern from the security and administrative aspects.

In the event of loss, the case will be dealt with by the soldier's CO, and if, in the opinion of the latter, the loss was due to neglect, a fine will be imposed within the limits laid down in AA 46 (2) (d), and AIF 40 418, and in addition such further punishment as may be decided. This fine will take the form of stoppages of so many days' pay. It has been suggested that the stoppages should normally not be less than seven days' pay for the first offence, or 14 days' pay for subsequent offences.

In view of the fact that it is now to be made universally known that the soldier is responsible for safeguarding his paybook, it will not be necessary to charge him with "losing by neglect" under AA Sec 24. It will be preferable to frame a charge under AA Sec 40, alleging in the statement of particulars "not being in possession of his paybook No. XXXXX".

Comds or other responsible Officers who fail to ensure that all men under their command are in possession of Paybooks will be held responsible for their failure to comply with regulations, particularly when men are transferred to other units, Base Depots, Courses of Instn, Schools etc.

4. INDISCREET TALK BY ESCAPED Ps.O.W.

1. It has been established that cases have occurred of indiscreet talk on the part of AIF personnel who have escaped from enemy POW camps.

2. Attention of all ranks must be drawn to the fact that indiscreet conversation regarding methods of escape and assistance given by friendly nationals in enemy occupied territories may have grave consequences for those who are helping British soldiers to escape.

3. Such indiscreet talk will further imperil the lives of British soldiers who have escaped from POW camps and who are still being befriended in occupied territory.

5. DISCIPLINE - WRITING TO THE PRESS.

Attention is drawn to K.R 547, which forbids officers and other ranks to communicate with the press without special authority.

P. MacLellan

Lieut,
Act. Adj.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

No 8

2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			1
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	7		1
Lieutenants ...	24	5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			1
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	34	5	3

*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.
CAPTAIN	J. S. SMITH.	6 Aust Inf Bn	27.11.41.	FROM 17 AUST. INF. TRO. BN
LIEUT.	W. T. SMITH	6 Aust Inf Bn	27.11.41.	FROM 17 AUST. INF. TRO. BN.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR.		STARR P.D.	2/5 Bn.	YES.	Admin/Commo.
"		GOBLER N.L.	"	YES.	Coy Com.
"		BENNETT. A.P.	"	YES.	"
CAPTAIN.		MAYBERRY W.M.	"	NO.	School.
"		DUFFY. J.W.	"	YES.	Coy Command.
"		ROWELL F.A.	"	YES.	"
"		M'GEOCH. J.A.H.	"	YES.	Coy 2 1/2.
"		PEARSON A.H.	"	YES.	Coy Command.
"		MACKENZIE A.N.	"	YES.	Coy 2 1/2.
LIEUT.		MACFARLANE R.W.	"	YES.	A/ADJUTANT.
"		STROM G.F.	"	YES.	T.O.
"		CAMERON L.A.	"	YES.	T.O.
"		SHERLOCK D.H.	"	YES.	Q.M.
"		LINCOLNE J.G.	"	NO.	A.O.O.
"		LEASH J.C.	"	YES.	Platoon Command.
"		WALTERS V.M.	"	YES.	"
"		SHILTON. A.L.	"	YES.	"
"		SWEET. H.G.	"	NO.	School.
"		MARTIN W.	"	YES.	Platoon Command.
"		DAVIS. A.L.	"	NO.	School.
"		M'LEAN. J.S.	"	YES.	Platoon Command.
"		BROWN. H.J.	"	YES.	"
"		SMITH. A.C.	"	YES.	"
"		BRADLEY. H.A.	"	YES.	"
"		SAMSON. R.S.	"	YES.	"
"		TAYLOR. J.W.	"	NO.	School.
"		BENNETT. A.C.	"	YES.	Platoon Command.
"		BENNETT. R.H.	"	YES.	"
"		TRAINOR. F.D.	"	YES.	"
"		M'BRIDE. D.A.	"	YES.	"
"		MORSE. S.L.	"	YES.	"
"		WILLS. E.T.	"	YES.	"
CAPTAIN.		SMITH. J.S.	"	YES.	Coy 2 1/2.

(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.
CAPTAIN.		M'PHERSON. D.W.	A.A.M.C.	15.3.41.	A.M.O.
CHAPLAIN.		GALLOWAY. B.	A.A.C.H.O.	MAY 41.	PADRE.
LIEUT.		SMITH. W.T.	A.A.I.T.B.	17.11.41.	

2/5 Aust Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

29 NOVEMBER 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

R. MacFarlane LIEUT. A/ADJ.

(Signature of Commander.)

17 AUST. INF. BDE.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR		STARR P.D	2/504	YES	ADMIN/COMMAND
		GOBLE N.L		YES	COY
		BENNETT A.P		YES	
CAPTAIN		MAYBERRY W.M		YES	ADJUTANT
		DUFFY J.W		NO	A.O.D.
		ROWELL F.A		YES	Cty COMMAND
		M'GEEHAN J.A.H		YES	A/
		PEARSON A.H		YES	" "
		MCKENZIE A.H		YES	" 2/1
LICUT		MALCOLM A.H		YES	S.O
		SPROU G.F		YES	I.O
		CAMPBELL L.A		YES	T.O
		SHERLOCK D.H		YES	G.M
		LINCOLN J.G		NO	A.O.D
		LEASH J.C		NO	School
		WALTON I.M		YES	Platoon Command
		SUTTON A.L		YES	"
		SWEET H.G		NO	School
		MARTIN W		YES	Platoon Command
		DAVIS A.L		YES	"
		M'LEAH J.S		YES	"
		BROWN H.J		YES	"
		SMITH A.C		YES	"
		BRADLEY H.A		YES	"
		SAMSON R.S		YES	"
		TAYLOR J.W		NO	School
		BENNETT A.C		YES	Platoon Command
		BENNETT P.H		YES	"
		TRAINER F.D		YES	"
		M'BRIDE J		YES	"
		MORSE S.L		YES	"
		WILLS E.T		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.
CAPTAIN		M'PHERSON D.W	ARMY	13.3.41	R.M.O
CHAPLAIN		GALLOWAY B	AAOCD	Nov 41	PADRE

2/5 Aust of 51

(Unit.)

22 November 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

A. M. Tracy

(Signature of Commander.)

17 Aust of 51

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

45 Aust Lf Bn

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			1
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	6		2
Lieutenants ...	22	3	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			1
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	31	3	4

*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	Sherlock D.H.	45 Aust	9.11.41	From 17 A.I.F.C.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR		STARR. P.D.	2/5 Bn	yes	Adjutant
"		GOBLE. H.L.	"	"	Coy
"		BENNETT. A.P.	"	"	"
CAPTAIN		MURPHY. W.M.	"	"	Adjutant
"		DUFFY. J.W.	"	no	A.O.D.
"		ROWELL. F.A.	"	yes	Coy Command
"		MCGEECH. J.A.H.	"	yes	"
"		PEARSON. A.H.	"	yes	"
"		MCKENZIE. A.H.	"	yes	" 2/i/c
Lieut		STEVEN. G.F.	"	yes	I.O.
Lieut		MACFARLANE. R.H.	"	yes	S.O.
Lieut		CAMERON. L.G.	"	yes	T.O.
Lieut		LINCOLN. J.E.	"	yes	O.M.
Lieut		LEASH. J.C.	"	yes	Pl. Command
Lieut		WALTERS. V.M.	"	yes	"
Lieut		SHULTON. A.L.	"	yes	"
Lieut		SWEET. H.G.	"	yes	School
Lieut		MARTIN. W.	"	yes	Pl. Command
Lieut		DAVIS. A.L.	"	yes	"
Lieut		M'LEAN. J.S.	"	yes	"
Lieut		BROWN. H.J.	"	yes	"
Lieut		SMITH. A.C.	"	yes	"
Lieut		BRADLEY. H.A.	"	yes	"
Lieut		SANSON. R.S.	"	yes	"
Lieut		TAYLOR. T.W.	"	No	School
Lieut		BENNETT. A.H.	"	yes	Pl. Command
Lieut		BENNETT. A.C.	"	yes	"
Lieut		TORNER. F.D.	"	yes	"
Lieut		MARICE. D.	"	yes	"
Lieut		MURSE. S.L.	"	yes	"
Lieut		SHARLOCK. D.H.	"	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.
Captain		M'Pherson D.W.	R.A.M.C.	15.3.41	R.M.O.
Chaplain		GALLAGHER B.	A.A.C.D.	May 41	P.A.S.C.

2/5 Aust 2/1 Bde.
15 November 1941.
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

W. In Army Reserve Capt Adf.
17 Aust 2/1 Bde
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/5 Aust Div (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	21	2	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			1
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	30	2	4

*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.
<i>Lieut Col</i>	<i>KING R</i>	<i>2/5 Div</i>	<i>2-11-41</i>	<i>TRANSFERRED A.P.S.M. 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.
MAJOR		STARR P.D	4/5 Bn.	Yes	Admin/Comm
CAPT		MAYBERRY W.M	2/5 Bn	Yes	Adjt
CAPT		GOBLE N.L	2/5 Bn	Yes	Co. Comm
CAPT		BENNETT R.P	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
CAPT		DUFFY J.W	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
CAPT		FRASER A.H	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
CAPT		ROSELL F.H	2/5 Bn	Yes	Adjt
CAPT		MCCOCH J.A.H	2/5 Bn	Yes	" 2/15
LIEUT		MCFARLANE R.H	2/5 Bn	Yes	S.O
LIEUT		STRONG G.F	2/5 Bn	Yes	I.O
LIEUT		CAMERON L.A	2/5 Bn	Yes	T.O
LIEUT		LINCOLNE J.G	2/5 Bn	Yes	R.H
LIEUT		LEASK J.C	4/5 Bn	Yes	Pl Comm
LIEUT		WALTERS V.M	4/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		SHILTON R.L	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		SWEET H.C	2/5 Bn	No	School
LIEUT		MARTIN W	2/5 Bn	Yes	Pl Comm
LIEUT		DAVIS A.L	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		M'LENN J.S	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		SMITH H.C	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		PROVIN H.T	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		PEARLEY H.A	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		JANSEN A.S	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		TAYLOR J.W	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		BENNETT A.C	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		BENNETT R.H	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		TRAINER F.D	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		MCCOIDE D	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
LIEUT		MORSE S.L	2/5 Bn	Yes	"
CAPT		M'KENZIE R.H	2/5 Bn	No	A.O.D

(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		M'Pherson D.W	170 AC	15.3.41	RMO
CHAPLAIN		GALLOWAY R	RAAD	May 41	PMORE

2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

8 November 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

R. MacFarlane *Leut Adjt*

(Signature of Commander.)

17 Aust Inf Bn

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	21	2	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			1
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	31	2	3

*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	M'BRIDE D.A.	2/50	1-Nov-41	From 17 A.I.T.B
Lieut	MORSE S.L.	2/50	1-Nov-41	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	KIMBLE D.C.	2/50	11-9-41	Seconded as Medical Officer 17 A.I.T.B

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.
Lieut. Col		KING R	2/5 Bn	Yes	C.O
Major		STARR P.D	2/5 Bn	Yes	M/2/1/2
Captain		MAYBERRY W.M	10/5 Bn	Yes	ADST
		BENNETT A.P	2/5 Bn	Yes	Coy Command
		DUFFY J.W	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		GOBLE N.L	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		PEARSON A.A	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		POWELL F.A	2/5 Bn	Yes	M/1
		M'GEECH J.A.H	2/5 Bn	Yes	2/1 C
		MACKENZIE A.M	2/5 Bn	Yes	2/1 C
Lieutenant		STARR G.F	2/5 Bn	Yes	I.O
		McFARLANE R.H	2/5 Bn	Yes	S.O.
		CAMERON L.A	2/5 Bn	Yes	T.O
		LEASK J.C	2/5 Bn	Yes	Platoon Comd
		WALTERS V.M	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		SHILTON A.L	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		MARTIN W.	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		DAVIS H.L	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		M'LEAN J.S	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		SMITH A.C	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		BROWN H.J	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		BADLEY H.A	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		SAMSON A.S	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		TAYLOR J.W	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		TRAINOR F.D	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		BENNETT A.C	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		BENNETT R.H	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		LINDHURST J.G	2/5 Bn	Yes	Q.M
		M'CAIDE D.A	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		MORSE S.L	2/5 Bn	Yes	
		SWEET H.G	2/5 Bn	Yes	School

(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.
Captain		McPherson D.W	A.A.M.C	15.3.51	R.M.O
Captain		GALLOWAY B.	A.A.Ch.D	May 51	PADRE

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

W.H. Mayberry

(Signature of Commander.)

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

2/5 AUST INF BN

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BRI G SAVI GE

present at march past 14 Dec and addressed Bn on 15 Dec, prior to his departure for AUSTRALIA.

2/5 INF BN
DEC 41

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UNIT

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1941 YEAR

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
DOUMMAR	DEC 1	Recces of Barze Fortress positions carried out Work on road still proceeding.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	2	Major F.G. Wood arrives to take over command of Bn. Recces continue.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	3	Recce party leaves for Ras Baalbek area. Party leaves for Baalbek for ski-ing instruction	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	4	Routine work. Comforts issue.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	5	Routine		
	6	Major F.G. Wood promoted to rank of Lt-Col. Inter-Coy football matches continue.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	7	Church Parade, after which Lt-Col Wood addresses Bn for first time.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	8	Coys. start spit-locking on areas in Barze Fortress.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	9	Troops continue work on road and spitlocking of section posts. C.O., I.O. and Coy Cmdrs. carry out further reconnaissance of Djeide area.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	10	C.O. and I.O. continue reconnaissance of Djeide area. Personnel on 3-day leave to Beirut return.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	11	Work on spitlocking of section posts continues.		
	{12 13	Routine/ training.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	14	Church Parade. Brig G. Savige C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D. was present and afterwards took salute at march past. Football match in afternoon. Recreation hut now in operation.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	15	Brig. I.G. Savige C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D. addresses Bn prior to his return to Australia	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	16	Spitlocking of areas continues, all areas being dug to depth of one foot as an outline.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	

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WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT *15 Bn*

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. I, 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.)
DOUMMAR	DEC 17	C.O. and party carry out further recce in Djeide area.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{ 18	Spitlocking of section areas.		
	{ 19	Considerable progress has been made in the formation of negotiable roads throughout the area.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{ 20	Training		
	{ 21	Church Parade. Bn Football Team defeated 6th Div. Hqrs	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{	4 Offrs. - Lt. Robinson, B.M. Wembridge T.S., Geer A.S., Fry G.M.K., and 30 O.R's joined Bn. from 17 A.I.T.B.		
	{ 22	Further development of section areas.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{ 23	Area recced. forvA/Tk obstacles and work entailed for development of such.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{ 24	A.C.F. Christmas hampers issued to all members of thevBn.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{	Construction of section posts continues.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{ 25	A wet Christmas Day, but troops enjoy turkey for dinner.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{	Sports meeting postponed.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{	Leave party at Beirut unable to return owing to fall of snow on main road.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{ 26	Work continues.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{	All personnel issued with an extra blanket (5)	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{ 27	Leave party returned by train from Beirut.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{	Unit bagpipes again in action and add lustre to the changing of the guard.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{ 28	Weather conditions are now cold; light but regular rain has been recorded.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	{ 29	Three Bde areas in Barze fortress are now to be supervised by 1 Offr. and 2 N.C.O's per area and work will be continued by African	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	

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Signature.....

DECEMBER MONTH
1941 YEAR

A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT *2/5. Pvr*

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.)
DOUMMAR	DEC 29 (cont.)	Labour Corps from 9 Jan 42. Unit will, as a result be able to devote itself to training. Tin huts are now being erected for winter quarters. Lecture by member of 2/13 Engrs. on German mines to Offrs. and N.C.O's. Gas lecture. Capt. Duffy seconded to 6 Aust Div Trng Bde.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	
	30	Routine.		
	31	12 N.C.O's left for Weapon Trng. School arranged by Bde Hqrs.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>	

Signature.....

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR P.D. STARR - ADJUTANT COMMAND 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NO 52

1. "ACTIVE SERVICE" XMAS BOOK

Official notification has been received that the forms for the above book signed previous to 30 Oct 41 were despatched to Australia by air on 9 Nov 41.

2. RELINQUISHMENT OF ACTING WARRANT OR N.C.O RANK.

Further to A.I.F Order (M.R) No 17, of 20th July, 1940 in connection with the appointment to, confirmation and relinquishment of acting warrant or non-commissioned rank, vice casualties, personnel appointed to acting warrant or non-commissioned rank for reasons other than the replacement of casualties will automatically relinquish such rank when personnel concerned are transferred to "X" list.

Commanding Officers will ensure the lodgment of the necessary Casualty Returns with Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, AIF (M) and that the necessary adjustments are made in the soldier's Pay book.

3. TRAINING OF CLERKS.

Units in SYRIA will submit through normal channels, as as to reach this HQ by 1 Dec 41, a return showing the number of men whom they consider should attend the undermentioned clerks' courses in the next six months :

- (a) Typists (three weeks)
- (b) Shorthand writers (twelve weeks additional)

4. INSTRUCTORS IN TYPING AND SHORTHAND.

Applications are invited from men qualified to instruct in typing and/or shorthand at clerks' courses. Applications, which should include details of qualifications and experience, will be forwarded through normal channels to reach this HQ by 7 Dec 41.

5. DEALINGS WITH CONTRACTORS.

Attention is directed to K.R para 538 and A.M.R ? 0 paras 316 and 339. All ranks are warned against any of the following offences :-

- (a) Accepting hospitality from contractors or prospective contractors or persons concerned or likely to be concerned with contracts.
- (b) Accepting any payment, gift, reward or loan from any such contractor or person.
- (c) Furnishing any testimonial to any person as to the quality of commodities supplied for military purposes.

Officers or soldiers will be scrupulously careful at all times to avoid any act which might expose them to suspicion of being influenced in dealings with contractors etc.

6. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES (WHEELED)

The attention of unit Commanders is drawn to the Pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled- " which has been distributed to Commands for issue to all Officers and N.C.O's of M.P and M/Cs.

A reprint of this pamphlet is being made. Units not forthwith

6. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES (M.V.L.) (CONT)

The "Task System" of vehicle maintenance as authorized in this Pamphlet will be brought into use forthwith.

7. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF TRAIN PORT.

General Order 654 of 1941 is republished for the urgent attention of all concerned :-

(a) It is observed that vehicles outside forward areas are proceeding on journeys singly and in convey without Work Tickets, and often without authority.

Attention is drawn to Section 9 in "Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles (Tracked) and Motor Cyclists" and also to the following extracts from Section I of "Rules for the Control and Use of War Department Road Transport, 1940."

"Every driver of a M.V. vehicle and every soldier driver (including A.T.S.) of a hired vehicle carrying out any transport service must be in possession of a Work Ticket (No. 3513) to cover the service on which his or her vehicle is engaged."

The above Standing Orders will be strictly complied with everywhere except forward areas; and also apply to vehicles returning from these areas to the B.L.F.A.

Until further orders, SYRIA will NOT be regarded as a forward area for this purpose, and no vehicle will leave unit transport lines without a Work Ticket.

8. FORESTRY CUTTING.

All Forestry matters in SYRIA and L. BANON are controlled by Ninth Army, and trees will not be cut, nor will there be any interference with forestry activities without approval of Army HQ obtained through the usual channels.

9. PETROL DRAWN FROM DUMPS.

Cases are still being reported of petrol being taken from dumps without authority and knowledge of those in charge of the dump.

Attention is called to General Order 280 of 1941, which reads as follows :-

G.O. 280

(a) Cases have occurred where Petrol has been taken from Dumps without the knowledge of those responsible for the stores. This practice will cease.

(b) On no account will petrol be taken without the knowledge of the individual in charge of the dump, and a proper receipt given for the quantity drawn.

(c) Those responsible for dumps which are used by passing vehicles for refuelling will ensure that someone is always available to make the issues.

10. ROAD ACCIDENTS.

The provisions of AIF (M) Order 480 are to be brought under the notice of all Drivers forthwith.

In pursuance of this order, the following stoppages have been made during the past few days :-

WV 5743 A/Sgt Saligari. L.S.	2/7	Aust Inf Bn	EA28
WX45613 Dvr. Danaher. J.F.	2/7	" " "	EA15
Cause : Damage to vehicle due to speeding.			

WV 8403 Pte Dager. J.S.	2/2	Aust Inf Bn	EA9
WV 8402 Pte Daly. A.	2/2	" " "	EA9
Cause : Illegally using and damaging vehicles.			

R. MacLennan Lieut.
Adj. Lt.

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NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

DATE : 5 DEC 41

ORDERS PART I

BY

Lieut. P.G. WOOD COMMANDING 2/5 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.

1. DUTIES.

DUTY COYS

COUNTING 1700 HOURS.

A COY	5 DEC
B COY	6 DEC
C COY	7 DEC
D COY	8 DEC
E COY	9 DEC

2. SALVAGE.

Cigarette, tobacco, and cake tins are of definite salvage value. Coys will place receptacles at suitable place in Coy lines, where these tins can be deposited. These dumps will be cleared at 1000 hours each Tuesday morning.

3. SECURITY OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

Recently breaches of Security have occurred by personnel taking photographs of prohibited subjects. All films for developing and films for printing will be handed in to Pn "I" Office where arrangements will be made to have same printed. (See also notice on Coy notice-boards).

4. COMFORTS.

Any soldier who does not possess a balaclava may draw one from respective Coy office, on application.

5. MAIL BAGS.

All mail-bags in Coys lines will be returned to Postal Orderly by 1800 hours 6 Dec 41.

6. CAMERAS.

Personnel who are in possession of cameras, and who have not yet registered them, will do so, by 1800 hours 6 Dec 41, with Pn "I" Office.

NOTICES.

The Unit expresses its thanks to the Australian Comforts Fund for the following goods :-

799 2 oz tins tobacco
1598 Pckts Cigarette papers
90 Pairs socks
4 Scarves
310 Balaclavas.

P. G. Wood

Lieut,
2/5 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT. COL. F. G. WOOD - COMMANDING 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NO. 55

1. DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY.

(a) Recent instances have been reported of wanton damage caused to civilian property, by the erection of tents on growing crops and the theft of fence posts etc., for use as fuel on bivouacs. It has also been represented that threats of force have been made against property owners who protested.

(b) It must be impressed on all ranks that our good relations with the civilian populace must not be endangered, and acts of this nature are in direct conflict with our national aims in prosecuting the war against wanton aggression.

(c) Officers and N.C.O.'s will ensure that disciplinary action is taken against personnel found destroying or stealing property or interfering with the natural rights of private citizens.

2. COVERS, BODY, WATERPROOF.

It has been brought to notice that a large number of Covers, Body, Waterproof, have been removed from vehicles by units during operations, and have been either lost or used for other purposes.

Such a practice is highly irregular and must cease forthwith.

The Cover, Body, Waterproof, is part of the V.O.L. of a vehicle and must remain on the vehicle.

3. OUT OF BOUNDS.

(a) The village of DOUMMAR is out of bounds to ALL RANKS.

(b) The areas around the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes are in bounds tenly to Officers and Sergeants respectively. No unauthorised person is permitted near these tents at any time.

4. DRESS.

R.O No. 40 Para 2 is not being carried out. Disciplinary action will be taken against any soldier improperly or slovenly dressed.

5. GUARDS.

The standard of discipline of guards and sentries leaves much to be desired. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against GUARD COMMANDERS whose sentries do not adhere to Standing Orders for GUARDS AND SENTRIES.

R. MacFarlane
for Capt,

ADJUTANT 2/5 AUST INF BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LIUT-COL. F. WOOD - COMMANDING 2/5 AUSE INF BN.
NO 56

1. AUDIT BOARD.

An audit of all Regimental accounts will take place on 15 Dec 41. The Audit Board will consist of the following officers :-

Capt A. P. ANSON
Lieut R. Mac ARLAN
Lieut F. D. TRAINOR.

2. LEAVE - OFFICER R.

Officers proceeding on leave, in addition to advising the Adjutant, will sign their names in the Leave Book in the Adjutant's office.

3. SCREW TOPS ON DRUMS.

To prevent loss of caps and the seepage of moisture into petrol drums, screw tops must be replaced immediately the drum has been emptied.

4. SECURITY.

Captured German documents refer to "the very 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, and that failure to observe this rule is an offence against discipline.

5. BOUNDS - DAMASCUS.

Area Standing Orders No. 2(3) is cancelled, and the following substituted :-

- (a) The following are IN BOUNDS to OFFICERS ONLY :-
OMAYYAT HOTEL In bounds until 2330 hours
RESTAURANT TRIANON " " " "
- (b) The following is IN BOUNDS to ranks above and including that of a Sergeant only :-
RESTAURANT VIVA VILLA In bounds until 2330 hours
- (c) The following are IN BOUNDS to other ranks only :-
UNTIL 2130 hrs. CAFE CHEH RAMADAN I UNTIL 2300 HRS.
" BLACK CAT CAFE ST DANIEL
" HIGH LIFE CAFE CHATELAIN II
" BAR CANTAS GEORGE GARDEN MEETING ROOMS
" LIT BARAE CAFE LUN
GARDEN BAR RESTAURANT ROYAL
UNTIL 2200 HRS CASINO SYRIA MOUNT DIOS BAR
V BAR
UNTIL 2330 HRS.
CAFE DIANA CAFE LIDO
" TRIUMPH BULBT BAR RAPID
" DE L'OASIS CAFE OLYMPIA CASINO
" BAR ST SOCRATES CAFE YA BON
" ROSE NOIR CAFE R. FOUGACHE.

6. P.O.W. - OFFICIAL INFORMATION.

- Letters must NOT be included in parcels
- Nothing should be written on parcels except the address, which should be legibly inscribed on the body of the parcel.
- PARCELS - Articles permitted :- (a) Clothing (except as stated below), footwear, underclothing, food and other similar things.
(b) Tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, pipe plug tobacco, toilet (except as stated below), games, cards, books.
- PARCELS - Articles NOT permitted :- Money of any sort (such as is sent will be credited to the account of prisoners of war). Civilian clothing and underclothing which could be used as civilian clothing.

6. P.O.W. - OFFICIAL INFORMATION (Cont)

- Red Cross arm-bands for those who are not entitled.
- Weapons and weapon-like tools, large pocket knives and scissors
- Ammunition and explosives
- Tools which could be used for escape or sabotage.
- Luplica ting machines, carbon paper, tracing paper, compasses, haver- sacks, maps, cameras, field glasses, microscopes.
- Torches, cigarette lighters, fuses, candles.
- Spirits and spirituous liquors.
- Solid spirit, inflammable objects, radiators.
- Telephones, wireless receiving and transmitting sets or parts thereof
- Medicaments of any kind, vaseline, armonia (solid or liquid).
- Hair lotion, mouth wash, tooth past, boot polish, perfumes.
- Fruit juices, chemicals, acids, or anything which could be used for secret letters.
- Books and printed matter of subversive or immoral contents, foreign newspapers, books with maps attached.
- Cigarette tips or cigarette papers.
- Notebooks, writing paper, postcards.

7. PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM HOSPITAL

It is imperative that all personnel returning from hospitals report in to their respective Coy HQ's, and that the Coy HQ's in turn inform En HQ that such personnel have reported back

A. MacFarlane
Lieut.
Capt.

ADJUTANT 2/5 ADST INF BN.

NOTICE

LOST IN LAZARUS :-

Leather belt with "2/2 A/A Regt." printed on belt.
Finder please return to En HQ.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

LT. COL. F. G. WOOD - COMMANDING 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NO. 57

1. BEER ISSUE CHITS.

To prevent double banking of beer purchase at Canton, a chit system will come into force as from 18 Dec. Coy clerks will ascertain daily from Canton Orderly what beer is available per man, and issue a chit to each man accordingly for one or two bottles. These chits will be signed only by Coy Clerks. Beer chits will not be issued to personnel for the day on which they are on leave.

2. BOOTS - SECOND HAND.

There is no authority, medical or otherwise, to show that slightly worn boots, returned to CO on medical instruction, cannot be re-issued to another man, provided they are in good condition.

3. MAINTENANCE OF ARMY VEHICLES.

The task system of maintenance, as laid down in pamphlet "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Whooled)" will be introduced in this unit, commencing on 23 Dec 41.

Two tasks will be carried out each day, i.e., 23 Dec, tasks 1 and 2; 24 Dec, tasks 3 and 4; 25 Dec, tasks 5 and 6, and so on until the 16 tasks are completed.

By this system, a uniform and routine method of maintenance can be obtained.

4. MAXIMUM SPEEDS FOR VEHICLES WITHIN 6 AUST DIV AREA.

Maximum road speeds have already been published widely throughout this Div., but it is considered that they are excessive for the types of road over which our traffic must travel at present. For the future, maximum speed of vehicles within 6 Aust Div area will be as follows:-

Staff Cars	40 m.p.h
Light Vans	35 m.p.h
1-ton and equivalent vans or trucks	25 m.p.h
All heavier vehicles and all tracked vehicles	20 m.p.h

These speeds are to be regarded as a MAXIMUM, and not as the normal speed. Special road patrols are now being instituted to supervise road discipline of all vehicles moving within 6 Aust Div area.

5. PAY - LEAVE PERSONNEL BEIRUT.

Personnel visiting Beirut on leave must draw pay for their leave before departing from the unit. As from 17 Dec, no pay will be available in Beirut for personnel on leave.

6. OFFICERS VISITING CAIRO.

All officers of the AIF visiting CAIRO will report to HQ AIF Details, Cairo, situated at Flat 10, 13 MIDAN ISMAILIA, and will furnish to the C.O. thereof particulars of visit, address whilst in Cairo, and duration of stay. This order must be strictly complied with.

7. OTHER RANKS VISITING CAIRO.

All other ranks visiting CAIRO on duty will report on arrival to CO, AIF Details, 13 Midan Ismailia, Cairo.

8. DIVISIONAL FAMILIES IN SYRIA.

Wives and families of Officers and ORs will NOT be allowed to reside in SYRIA under any circumstances, except when special permission is given for Officers to bring their wives to SYRIA on short leave from elsewhere in the Middle East. Ninth Army A/284.

9. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS.

The Air Mail Letter Card service has been extended to the British West Indies. Australian stamps may be used for this service.

10. CARRYING OF MESS TINS AND CUTLERY BY SOLDIERS TRAVELLING BY RAIL.

All soldiers moving by train proceeding to or returning from leave, courses etc., will always take mess-tins, knife, fork and spoon, in order that they may be to that extent self-supporting in the event of any hold-up on their journey. These articles will NOT be provided in any reception camp which may be set up to deal with such traffic.

11. BOUNDRIES - BALBECK.

All brothels in the town of BALBECK are strictly out of bounds, and severe disciplinary action will be taken against any soldier found within their precincts.

12. DAMASCUS - PRICES - CAFE LIDO.

On and from 8 Dec, the price of beer at the above Cafe will be 65 Piastres per bottle. After 1800 hours, there will be an entrance fee of 50 Piastres charged to cover the cost of the Cabaret.

13 OFFICERS.

As from 15 Dec 41.

Lieut H. Trainor	will be	Unit Paying Officer
Capt A.V. Pearson	"	" " Security "
Lieut A.C. Bennett	"	" " P.A.D. "
Lieut R.H. MacFarlane	"	" in charge of Unit Accounts.

Capt A.V. Pearson)	Unit Audit Board.
Lieut H. Trainor)	
Lieut R.H. MacFarlane)	

REMOVAL OF ORDNANCE ISSUES FROM PACKS W.E. AT AIF (ME) KIT STORE.

Instructions have been issued to OC AIF (ME) Kit Store by HQ AIF (ME) for the removal and return of Packs W.E. and Ordnance issues (including Govt Clothing) contained therein to R.S.D.

Personal property removed from the packs will be placed in sugar bags to which a luggage tag will be affixed bearing the owner's name, number and unit. On the reverse side of this tag will appear the words "Govt property returned to R.S.D." and the signature and army number of the storeman concerned.

The necessity for the above instructions has arisen through the large number of Packs W.E. and quantities of Ordnance material lying unused at the E Kit Store. They are mainly casualties' effects and in most cases would either be dissected for return of personal effects to Australia, or the owners have returned to their unit and been re-equipped.

Capt.,

ADJUTANT 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NOTICES.1. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.

This Unit gratefully acknowledges the following articles from the Australian Comforts Fund :-

795 Pkts Cigarettes	1 Doz pens
795 " Razor Blades	1 " Bottles ink.
2 Dart boards	9 Sets of draughts
2 Sets of darts	1 Deck Tennis net and ring.
9 Packs of Playing Cards	6 Sets of Dominoes.
4 sets of Monopoly.	

2. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH AUSTRALIA.

The following extract to be published in AIF Orders is furnished for your information :-

"The outbreak of hostilities in the Far East may ultimately affect the regularity of Postal communications with Australia. For the information of all ranks, the following notes are supplied on the present position :-

AIR MAIL SERVICE. So far as can be foreseen, the AIR MAIL service to and from Australia will continue to function. The service will probably not show its present regularity, and at a later stage some limitation of posting to LIGHT WEIGHT MAIL may be necessary in order to facilitate the detours necessary to avoid zones of danger. At this stage, however, it is NOT proposed to apply any limitation, and troops may make their AIR MAIL postings as hitherto.

SURFACE MAILS. Mails by sea route will probably take longer in either direction, but it is NOT EXPECTED that difficulty will arise either in GETTING MAILS AWAY or in DEALING WITH THOSE ARRIVING BY SEA.

CABLE SERVICE. The cable service is continuing to function, and ordinary and T.F.M. cables may be lodged as hitherto.

GENERAL. It will be appreciated that any or all of these services may be interrupted or curtailed through developments in the military situation. All ranks will, as far as possible, be kept informed of any such interruptions or limitations to the present service as they arise. THEY MAY BE ASSURED THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSTAL SERVICES WITH THE HOME COUNTRY IN EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT. COL. F. G. WOOD - COMMANDING 2/5 AUST INF BN.NO. 58.*War Diary*1. POLISHING OF BRASSES

All webbing equipment brasses and other brass parts of arms and equipment used or worn, or likely to be used or worn, by troops during active service operations will be left unpolished and allowed to become dull, as polishing bright parts renders troops more liable to observation from the air and from the ground.

2. POSSESSION OF HASHISH, OPIUM, COCAINE AND SIMILAR DRUGS.

The possession of hashish, opium, cocaine and similar drugs in any form whatever, by any unauthorised member of the AIF is strictly forbidden and is normally a Court Martial offence. When the convening officer considers there is a prima facie case, it will be dealt by Court Martial.

3. CORRESPONDENCE FROM OR TO LONELY SOLDIERS.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the instructions on this subject as contained in Manual of Military Intelligence in the Field, Pamphlet 2.1938, Section 14, Paragraph 7, which states: -
"It is forbidden to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting correspondence from strangers or to enter into correspondence in response to such advertisements or invitations."

4. DISCIPLINE - THEFT AND MISUSE OF WAR DEPARTMENT PETROL.

1. Cases have occurred of improper use by military personnel of W.D. petrol in private vehicles. It does not appear to be sufficiently appreciated by officers and other ranks that such use constitutes a serious offence.

2. It is therefore brought to the notice of all ranks: - (a) That the use or possession of W.D. petrol in private vehicles, for any purpose (whether duty journey or not) is forbidden;

(b) Any person subject to military law using W.D. petrol is liable to be charged with an offence under the Army Act and tried by Court Martial. In every case where the evidence justifies it the charge will be one of stealing or receiving, laid under the Army Act, Section 17 or 18(4) or 41, as the case may be;

(c) An offender convicted by Court Martial on a charge of stealing or receiving is liable to a sentence of imprisonment.

5. UNIT EQUIPMENT IN POSSESSION OF OFFICERS.

Under no circumstances will officers evacuated from units be permitted to take unit equipment with them, other than that necessary for personal use or protection.

6. ADJUSTABLE SUPPORT FOR FIRING THE BREN GUN FROM THE CARRIER UNIVERSAL:

It has been found necessary to provide a means whereby the height of the front Bren gun support on the universal carrier can be altered to suit individual users.

Rubber covered bars (Rest firing, Pt. No. T.L. 13657) will be issued when available for the purpose as unit equipment, on the scale of 12 for each Inf and Div reconnaissance Bn and six for each independent Bde group reconnaissance Coy.

The bars are slotted at both ends to fit the side cheeks of the front aperture, and they are designed to rest on the existing rubber firing support (Pt. No. T.L. 533/S.A.)

In order that the Bren gun may be ready for all purposes, the bipod mounting will not be detached when firing from the vehicle.

Units have been developing and fitting to those vehicles mountings of their own design. This practice will cease.

7. WINTER AILMENTS - PREVENTION OF.

Instructions have been issued through medical channels for precautions against casualties from frost-bite and trench feet, but the following matters are called to the notice of Unit Comds.:

(a) The winter hutting programme provided the minimum accommodation for units, and this must be economically used.

WINTER ILLMENTS - PREVENTION OF (CONT)

(b) Raised walks in camp areas are provided by Ingr Service to some extent, but this provision does not exonerate units from self-help in making camps comfortable.

(c) Most cases of the nature of frost-bite or trench feet or chilled feet arise from wet socks or boots or prolonged standing in mud or water and are therefore preventable.

(d) C.O's must ensure the following :-

(i) That the "barrack room rule" for laying out beds is applied in quarters to prevent untidiness or lack of cleanliness.

(ii) That all footgear is sound and that men have enough socks to provide a dry change when required.

(iii) That sufficient exercise is taken by all ranks to keep blood circulating.

(iv) That warm quarters are provided for personnel on guard or similar duty.

(v) Hot food or hot drinks for men on guard or similar duty.

(e) Men must be educated in the following matters :-

(i) Washing mud off boots and drying water off boots before removing.

(ii) Washing and drying cold and wet feet - NOT IN HOT WATER - and replacing wet socks with dry.

(iii) Avoiding heaters or fires when feet are cold or wet.

(iv) Strict personal cleanliness.

(f) Failure to observe the above orders will be treated strictly as breaches of discipline.

8. ONE-TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PETROL TINS.

Petrol tins are now being used packed singly in wooden crates. The tin is not to be withdrawn from these crates which are to be returned with the tin. Two holes will be made in the usual manner with the opening tool in the exposed portion of the top of the tin for pouring out the contents as laid down in General Order No. 217 of 1940 and No. 219 of 1941.

9. SALVAGE - PETROL CONTAINERS.

It does not appear to be generally realised that the hitherto so-called 4-gallon non-returnable tin is of considerable value for second-hand purposes and that these tins now cost 1s.5d. each, exclusive of cases and cartons. It is in demand for :-

(a) Reconditioning and refilling with petrol and M.B.O. (b) Filling with Bitumen. (c) P.A.D. and other purposes.

Henceforth containers will not be designated "returnable" or "non-returnable", but by their nature and capacity only :- Petrol/Oil Drums 40/44 gall.; Lub. Oil Drums 5-gall (round); Petrol/Oil Drums 4-gall (round); Petrol Tins 4-gall LIGHT (previously termed "non-returnable"); Petrol Cans 4-gall (rectangular); Petrol Cans 2-gall (containers).

No 4-gallon tins will be "cast by the roadside" after emptying, but will be replaced in vehicles and carried to forward destination, where they will be handed in to :- (a) S.T. Depots or dumps, or (b) Salvage, as most convenient. This applies equally to cases, crates and cartons.

In the case of Petrol maintenance deliveries tins will be returned to issuing depots in a returning empty supply vehicle as far as the neighbourhood of rail or sea heads, where they will be sorted for salvage for the purposes mentioned in Para 1 above. Thereafter Salvage will arrange disposal in conjunction with Movement Control, D of W, and S.T.

Tins required locally for PAD or other military purposes will continue to be drawn from the nearest source of supply.

10. MISAPPROPRIATION OF 4-GALLON RETURNABLE PETROL CANS OR DRUMS.

The above type of petrol containers has been introduced in the MIDDLE EAST in order to achieve a much needed saving in tin-plate as used in the 4-gallon non-returnable tin. Their use is confined to Petrol Supply Points and to DID's where there are Petrol Pumps, in order to implement bulk petrol deliveries from these pumps. Cases have recently occurred of :- (a) Units in convoy misappropriating these cans when filling up at DID's and/or Petrol Supply Points.

(b) Misappropriation by Units failing to return these cans to local DID's when leaving an area.

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Misappropriation of these containers entirely defeats the object of introducing returnable containers at all, i.e., economy in tin-plate, and in consequence necessary action will, in future, be taken against Os.C. where returnable containers are retained by units without authority.

11. TRANSFERS TO 6 AUST DIV PROVOST COY.

The above Coy is still under strength, although the present dispersion of the Div throws greater burdens upon it. All units will, therefore, call for applications for transfer to 6 Aust Div Provost Coy, and forward such applications to this HQ by 1800 hours 24 Dec 41.

12. TRAFFIC CONTROL - DJEDEIDE-BAALBECK ROAD.

Owing to the frequency of serious accidents, M/C patrols have been instituted on this road by 6 Aust Cav Regt. The object of the patrol is to prevent fast, careless and bad driving.

The members of this patrol will be easily distinguishable by their black berets, and they will have the right to hold up any Army vehicle. Any failure to obey a signal given by a member of this patrol will be treated as disobeying a command issued by authority of GOC 6 AUST DIV.

13. DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES.

Information has been received that large numbers of personnel evacuated to hospital are not in possession of respirators and steel helmets.

Attention is directed to AIF(ME) Order No. 378 of 7 June 41. Units will ensure that action is taken to ensure that the above order is complied with.

14. PAY WHILE ON LEAVE.

As adequate arrangements have been made for units to collect pay for leave personnel before proceeding on leave, instructions have been issued that pay will not be made available in BEIRUT or DAMASCUS. Any soldier causing a disturbance at a Pay Office by demanding pay will be arrested and returned to his unit.

15. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL - VX 32229 PTE CHAMBERLAIN. N.J. 2/5 AUST INF BN

The above soldier was convicted by District Court Martial ordered by Major-General E.F. HERRING, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D. on 5 Dec 41.

OFFENCE.FINDING.SENTENCE.

AtKFARR AKKA on 3 Nov 41
Striking with his fist in
the throat a W.O.II.

Guilty.

90 Days Detention.

R MacFarlane
Capt.,

a/ ADJUTANT 2/5 AUST INF BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

LT. COL. F. G. WOOD - COMMANDING 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NO. 59.

1. XMAS DAY - CHURCH PARADE.

Protestant Church Parade Xmas Day 0930 Hours.
Markers with parade staes R.S.M. 0920 Hours.

All ranks, except those on essential duties, will attend.

R.C. Church Parade in D and C Coys' Recreation Tent 0930 Hours.

Church of England Holy Communion will be celebrated 1030 hours
in C and D Coys' recreation tent.

Other Protestant denominations Holy Communion will be celebrated
after Bn Church Parade, approx 1000 hours, in A and B Coys' rec-
reation tent.

2. WATER IN PETROL.

It has been reported that some units are finding water in their petrol. It is thought that the trouble is probably due to rain getting into the returnable containers (barrels and four-gallon drums) held by units.

Formations will ensure that all concerned are aware of the necessity for screwing down securely bungs and caps of barrels and drums at all times, whether the containers are full or empty.

Four-gallon drums, and those 44-gallon barrels which have the large bung at the end, should always be so stored that water cannot get in through the screw cap or bung aperture. If cover is not available, the barrels or drums should either be :-

- (a) Stood on their ends and tilted so that the level of any water held below the rim of the barrel or drum does not reach the screw cap or bung aperture, or
- (b) Stored on their sides, with the screw cap or bung uppermost to minimise the risk of a leakage.

W. M. Mayberry Capt.,
ADJUTANT 2/5 AUST INF BN.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

LT. COL. F. G. WOOD - COMMANDING 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NO. 60

1. REGIMENTAL BARBER.

Applications are called for the position of Regimental Barber. Successful applicant would receive small remuneration. Applications through companies, to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 27 Dec 41.

2. OUT OF BOUNDS.

The village of DOUMMAR is OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks. Any personnel found there will be arrested and charged with being A.W.L.

3. LEAVE - DAMASCUS.

DAMASCUS will be OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks from 1700 hours 27 Dec 41 until 1700 hours 30 Dec 41, during the Moslem festival.

Capt.,

ADJUTANT 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NOTICES.

The Unit gratefully acknowledges receipt of 821 Xmas hampers from the Australian Comforts Fund.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 2

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, CONFIRMATION OF TEMPORARY RANKS.

VX 3702	A/Cpl	NUNN	R.P.	Acting rank confirmed	21.12.41
VX 3231	A/Cpl	McAULEY	W.	" " "	21.12.41
VX 5309	Pte	KELLY	J.T.	Appointed L/Corporal	13.12.41
VX 11571	"	MORCOM	E.J	" " "	13.12.41
VX 5389	"	RODWELL	J	" " "	13.12.41

W. W. Mayberry Capt.,
ADJUTANT 2/5 AUST INF BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

LT. COL. F. G. WOOD - COMMANDING 2/5 AUST INF BN.NO. 61.

1. UNIT LIBRARY. It is proposed to start a Unit Lending Library. All available English novels in DAMASCUS have been bought by Regtl Funds, and it is proposed to purchase more as they become available. Will any member of the unit having any old books please hand them to the Padre for inclusion in Unit Library. Books should be collected by companies and handed in bulk to the Padre. Library will operate as from 1 Jan, and books will be available from the Padre nightly between 1800 and 1900 hours in A and B Coys' recreation tent.

2. FILLING OF LAMPS AND STOVES.

No lamps or oil heaters will ever be filled whilst still alight.

3. UNIT TAILOR. Applications are called for from personnel with tailoring experience for the above-mentioned position.

4. LEAVE PASSES. Leave passes must be made out and signed in ink or indelible pencil and stamped with unit stamp or they will not be considered valid.

5. SUPPRESSION OF PILFERING AND "SCROUNGING".

(a) Vigorous action will be taken by all commanding officers to prevent loss of Government property by petty theft, pilfering and grosser misappropriation. Losses through these causes have assumed serious proportions and are a direct hindrance to the successful prosecution of the war.

(b) Under the mistaken impression that "scrounging" is meritable, some commanding officers are condoning or punishing lightly thefts of this type. All losses of Government property are to be investigated fully and offenders severely disciplined.

(c) Commanding Officers are held responsible for safeguarding Government property committed to their charge, and that all officers, N.C.O's and men are impressed with their responsibilities in this regard.

(d) Inadequate action by commanding officers in taking protective measures, carrying out investigation into losses, or inflicting appropriate punishment within the powers delegated to them, will be viewed seriously.

6. PAYBOOKS - DELETION OF UNIT IDENTITY.

Immediate action will be taken to ensure that all reference to the names of units is deleted from paybooks. Obliteration by ink or other means is not sufficient and action will be taken immediately to excise all reference to unit identity. Any particulars which may be destroyed on page 2 of paybooks will be re-instated by pasting a piece of blank paper where required and re-writing the destroyed records thereon. This will be carried out under Coy arrangement, and certificate to the effect that it has been done rendered to this HQ by 1800 hrs 7 Jan 42.

7. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS. (a) The marked increase in the number of paybook losses indicates that personnel are not taking sufficient precautionary measures for their safe custody, and commanding officers will impress on all ranks the importance of carrying paybooks where they are not easily obtainable by pickpockets etc.

(b) The habit of carrying money inside the paybook is a contributing factor to the loss. Once money is sighted, the possibility of the paybook being stolen becomes a strong likelihood. Units should discourage soldiers from carrying money inside their paybooks.

(c) The provision of an inside pocket in shirts has been suggested and the possibility of this being carried out under unit arrangements will be investigated by Formation etc. HQ.

REPATRIATION BENEFITS - PERSONNEL DISCHARGED FOR MISCONDUCT.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that when members are discharged or their appointments terminated owing to misconduct, they will not be entitled to repatriation benefits, which include Vocational Training, assistance in obtaining civil employment and provision of tools of trade.

9. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

Disposal to persons not entitled to Customs Exemption tobacco and cigarettes admitted free to the Middle East for members of the Forces, is prohibited and will be regarded as a serious offence.

10. EVASION OF CENSORSHIP.

Recent reports indicate that a considerable number of troops en route for PALESTINE and EGYPT have been carrying letters for civilians, thus enabling them to evade the military censorship. All ranks are to be warned of the seriousness of this offence. Offenders will be severely dealt with.

11. SEASONAL GREETINGS.

The following message has been received from GOC AIF (ME) :- "GOC AND ALL RANKS HQ AIF SEND THEIR BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR".

12. ACF GOODS IN CANTEENS.

Several complaints have been received recently of soldiers purchasing goods in Canteens which were subsequently found to bear the ACF free issue label. It is explained to all ranks that this has taken place on several occasions, due entirely to the fact that the articles for both organizations are packed in the same factory, and often at the same time. It is thus often difficult for the purchasers to determine which is which and mistakes have occurred. On one occasion recently, out of 3000 tins of tobacco opened only 5 were found to bear the ACF mark.

13. SPEED LIMITS - 3-TON VEHICLES.

As it is probable that 3-ton vehicles cannot travel in top gear at speeds under 25 m.p.h. when loaded, permission is given for the maximum speed of 3-ton vehicles to be 25 m.p.h. and not 20 m.p.h. Unit No. 57 is amended accordingly.

14. BOUNDS - BEIRUT. The VICTORY CAFE is OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks.

15. E.F.M. CABLES. Owing to the present volume of urgent cable traffic on the available lines, it is not likely that EFM cables lodged now will be able to secure transmission to AUSTRALIA until after the New Year. All ranks should be urged only to use the cable service in cases of real necessity.

16. ASSISTANCE TO PROVOSTS.

Reports have been received that officers are not giving assistance to Provost personnel on duty, and in some cases are actually hindering MPs in the execution of their duty. It is notified that all officers are bound to assist Provost personnel in carrying out duties, and any case of interference or obstruction will be treated as a disciplinary matter.

17. ROAD REPAIR MATERIALS.

Attention is directed to the fact that road repairs now being carried out by Public Works Depts of SYRIA and LEBANON are for the benefit of Allied Forces. Removal of road repair material delays this work, and several cases of removal have been reported recently. Any such cases in the future will be dealt with as offences.

18. SECURITY - CARRYING OF ARMS. Revolvers need no longer be carried in BEIRUT.

19. RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS - ROAD TRAFFIC.

It has been observed that drivers of military vehicles are not taking sufficient precautions at railway level crossings and are even attempting to cross the railway line in front of approaching trains. Units will impress on all drivers the need for extreme care

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when approaching level crossings, which are always marked, but often unguarded.

It should be noted that at the present time train engines have no headlights at night.

20. PHOTOGRAPHY.

All photographs must be developed through Bn Int Office. Under no circumstances will personnel deliver films to any photographers to be developed.

Personnel desiring prints etc. will deliver them to Bn Int Office together with name and number. All work must be paid for in advance. A price list is available at Bn Int Office.

Attention is drawn to Security Instruction of 26 Oct 41 concerning registration of cameras.

This cancels all previous instructions concerning photography.

21. INTERNAL SECURITY.

(a) This will be left to the Civil authorities and the Free French Forces, with the exception of the frontier zone, where the responsibility rests with the British Military, who will, however, act through the Civil authorities whenever possible.

(b) Formations and Units will ensure that all ranks fully understand that, if called upon by the Civil administration, or the Free French forces, they are in no circumstances to take part in any action, either themselves or in conjunction with French officials including Garde Mobile and Gendarmerie, without prior reference to these HQ should time and circumstances permit.

J. H. Henry Capt.,
ADJUTANT 2/5 AUST INF BN.

NOTICES.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ENTERTAINMENTS.

There will be a Mule Race Meeting and three Mule Polo Matches, commencing at 0930 hours 1 Jan 41., in Wadi west of A & B Coys lines. Brigade Sports Meeting will commence at 1300 hours on 2/5 Bn Sports Ground.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/5 Cavalry Inf. Bn

(Unit.)

No. 9.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>4</i>		
Captains ...	<i>8</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>23</i>	<i>4</i>	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	<i>35</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>

*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>LIEUT</i>	<i>TAYLOR, J.W.</i>	<i>6 Cavalry Bn.</i>	<i>31 Dec 41</i>	<i>RTU from M.C.F.S. Field works camp</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR		WILLIAMS F.D.	7/5 MLI	YES	Command
MAJOR		STARR P.D.		YES	2 1/2
		GOBLE N.L.		YES	Coy Command
		BENNETT A.P.		YES	
CAPTAIN		MANBERRY W.M.		NO	SCHOOL
		DUFFY J.W.		YES	Coy Command
		WILLIAMS F.A.		NO	A.O.D.
		M'GILLICH T.A.H.		NO	SCHOOL
		PARSONS A.H.		YES	Coy Command
		MAKENLIE A.W.		YES	Coy 2 1/2
		SMITH T.S.		YES	Coy 2 1/2
		BRADLEY H.A.		YES	Coy 2 1/2
LIEUT.		MALCOLMSON R.H.		YES	A/ADJUTANT
		STRAM G.F.		YES	T.O.
		CAMERON L.A.		YES	T.O.
		SHREVE D.H.		YES	O.M.
		LINCOLN T.G.		NO	A.O.D.
		LEASH J.C.		NO	SCHOOL
		WALTERS V.M.		YES	Platoon Command
		SHILTON A.L.		YES	"
		SURET H.G.		NO	SCHOOL
		MARTIN W.		YES	Platoon Command
		DAVIS A.L.		NO	SCHOOL
		M'LEAN T.S.		YES	Platoon Command
		BROWN A.T.		YES	"
		SMITH A.C.		YES	"
		SAMSON R.S.		YES	"
		TAYLOR T.W.		YES	"
		BENNETT A.C.		YES	"
		BENNETT R.H.		YES	"
		TRAINOR F.D.		YES	"
		M'BRIDE D.A.		YES	"
		MORSE S.L.		YES	"
		WILLS E.T.		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.
CAPTAIN		M'PHERSON D.W.	A.A.M.C.	15.3.41	A.M.O.
CHAPLAIN		GALLOWAY B.	A.A.C.D.	14.11.41	PADRE.
LIEUT.		SMITH W.T.	TRAITS	17.11.41	

2/5 Unit of 1300.
(Unit.)
6 December 41
(Date of Despatch.)

R. MacFarlane
(Signature of Commander.)
17 Unit of 1300.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

No 10

215 AUST INF BN (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	9	1	
Lieutenants ...	23	4	
2nd Lieutenants ...			1
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	36	5	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.	MAYBERRY W. M.	6 Aust Inf.	8 Dec 41.	RT.U. from Combined Army Centre
CAPT.	DUFFY J. W.	6 Aust Inf.	12 Dec 41	from 3 C.C.S.
LIEUT.	SWEET H. G.	6 Aust Inf.	8 Dec 41.	RT.U. from A.I.F. (M.E.) INF SCHOOL PL WEAPON W/M
CAPT.	WRAY F. D. H.	6 Aust Inf.	8 Dec 41.	from 419. 17 AUST. INF. BDE.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT.	SWEET H. G.	6 Aust Inf.	9 Dec 41.	Attending SHI- INSTRUCTION COURSE.
CAPT.	DUFFY J. W.	6 Aust Inf.	7 Dec 41.	became 3 C.C.S. and X listed.

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		WOOD F G	2/5 Bn	YES	COMMAND
"		STARR P D	"	YES	2 1/2
"		GOBLE N L	"	YES	COY COMMAND
"		BENNETT A P	"	NO	LEAVE
CAPTAIN		MAYBERRY W M	"	YES	ADJUTANT
"		DUFFY J H	"	YES	COY COMMAND
"		ROWEH F A	"	NO	A.O.D.
"		MCGLOCH J A H	"	NO	SCHOOL
"		PEARSON A H	"	YES	COY COMMAND
"		MALKENZIE A N	"	YES	COY 2 1/2
"		SMITH J S	"	YES	"
"		BRADLEY H A	"	YES	"
"		WRAY F D W	"	YES	"
LIEUT.		MALFARLANE R N	"	YES	S.O.
"		STROM G F	"	YES	I.O.
"		CAMERON L A	"	YES	T.O.
"		SHERLOCK D H	"	YES	Q.M.
"		LINCOLNE J G	"	NO	SCHOOL
"		LEASK J C	"	NO	SCHOOL
"		WALTERS V M	"	YES	PLATOON COMMAND
"		SHILTON A L	"	NO	A.O.D.
"		SWEET H O	"	NO	SCHOOL
"		MARTIN W	"	NO	A.O.D.
"		DAVIS A L	"	NO	SCHOOL
"		M'LEAN J S	"	YES	PLATOON COMMAND
"		BROWN H J	"	YES	"
"		SMITH A C	"	YES	"
"		SAMSON R S	"	YES	"
"		TAYLOR J W	"	YES	"
"		BENNETT A C	"	YES	"
"		BENNETT R H	"	YES	"
"		TRAINOR F D	"	YES	"
"		M'BRIDE D A	"	NO	A.O.D.
"		MORSE S L	"	YES	PLATOON COMMAND
"		WILLS E T	"	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.
CAPTAIN		MEPHERSON D W	A A M C	15.3.41	R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN		GALLOWAY B	A A C H D	MAY 41	PADRE
LIEUT.		SMITH W T	17 A I T B	17.11.41	

2/5 AUST INF Bn.

(Unit.)

13 DEC 41

(Date of Despatch.)

W M Mayberry Capt Adjutant R

(Signature of Commander.)

17 AUST INF BDE

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

2/5 AUST. INF. BN.

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.					
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.		Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel ...	1							4						2		1				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).	1							4						2		1				

2/5 AUST. INF. BN.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 13 Dec 41

W. M. Mayhew
Signature of Commander.

17 AUST. INF BDE.

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
„ „ (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel ...		1												2		4	9		15	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).		1												2		4	9		15	

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[Signature] Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 27 Dec 41.

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

