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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

2/33 Aust Inf Bn

Lt. Col. J.A. Corby.

AUGUST 1941

(Erase heading not required).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1		One Pl D Coy sent to give S.A. protection to 2/6 Aust Fd Regt, stationed immediately outside Bn area. Pl to be relieved every four days.	
	2		Leave party to BEIRUT.	
	3		Church parade in morning. FFI parade in the afternoon. Many VICHY FRENCH continue to report and pass through our hands, to FREE FRENCH authorities.	
	4		Rehearsal by composite Coy training for G.O.C's visit.	
	5		Tour of country SE of TRIPOLI arranged by Bn, using unit tpt(day tour).	
	7		Infmn received reveals possibility of disturbances between VICHY and FREE FRENCH forces. Bn to stand by for any hostility, and changes made in disposition of Coys to meet any emergency. Order to stand down at 1900 hrs.	OO 9 6 Aug
	8		Second day tour arranged by Bn using previous route. Leave party to BEIRUT.	
	19		Church parade	
	11		Tng proceeding.	
	12		Inspection of respirators A.G. Third day tour, party from C Coy.	
	13		Tng proceeding	
	14		" "	
	15		" "	
	16		Lieut Connors, ex P.W. Syrian Campaign and held in France, returned to unit under clause of peace treaty. Rcce of coast incl TRIPOLI incl CHEKKA to report on possible landing places.	
	17		Church parade. Trip to BEIRUT University arranged for party from Bn.	
	18		Bn route march along coast rd NORTH. Distance covered 14 miles. swimming parade on return	
	19	1930	Night march by Bn, distance 8 miles. D Coy three day tour commenced. Route BANIAS- QNAITRA- DAMAS- ZAHLE-BEIRUT.	
	20		Tng proceeding. Searjeants mess opened.	
	21		D Coy returned from tour. Two hour Night march by the Bn through NAHR IBRAHIM.	
	22		C Coy three day tour commenced. Visit by Lieut General Sir Thos Blamey.	
	23		FFI parade. Rcce of route for Bn route march.	
	24		Church parade. C Coy return from tour.	
	25		Bn route march, FIDAR - JBAIL - RD JUNS 14302450 - AAMCHITE - RHORFINE- HELAN NE 14802471.	
	26		Carrier Pl carried out ex of Pl in attack, at HEIWE. B Coy commence three day tour. NAAFI concert party entertained tps in Bn area.	
	27		Night march by Coys independently.	
	28		Range practice by A and D Coys. B Coy returned from three day tour.	
	29		" " B " C Coys. A Coy tour commenced.	
	30		Entertainment by Chinese instrumentalists in the evening.	
	31		Rcce of AZGA area and detail added to map. Church parade in morning.	

Corby
Major
COMMANDING 2/33 BN. A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT. COL. J. A. CORBY. E. D. COMMANDING
2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Part 1.
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A.M.R. & O. 1587.

*ap/2/33 Bn
1 Aug 41*

In the Field
11 Aug. 1941.
No. 310.

1. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND

- (a) Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the sum of £44, for the purchase of special amenities, from the G.O.C. A.I.F. (ME)
- (b) A letter has been received from Miss Helen Ferguson.

Hon. Sec. 2/33 Bn. Welfare Assn
605 Toorak Rd.
TOORAK.
MELBOURNE.

(dated) 27 July 41.

I am enclosing in this letter a money draft for £70 which has been raised by various relatives and people interested in 2/33 Bn. The men of this unit were apparently short of comforts while in England, but I am glad to hear that they are receiving parcels now. This money has been raised by 2/33 Bn. Welfare Assn. of which Mrs R.M. Bierwirth has been President for the last two months. Mrs Corby has now consented to accept the Presidency since your appointment as C.O. to the unit.

wishing you every success,
yours sincerely,

Receipt of the above mentioned sum is being gratefully acknowledged.

2. LEAVE.

Only personnel who have sufficient funds in hand or substantial credit in paybook will be allowed on leave. This will be checked by C.S.M's prior to issue of leave passes.

The next leave day will be Thursday 14 Aug. 41.

3. NOTICE OFFICERS.

All officers will visit the office truck once a day for perusal of Unit^v Summaries, A.I.F. Orders, and any general instns.

INTELLIGENCE

J.W. Blower
..... Capt.
Adj. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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In the Field.
15 Aug. 1941.
No. 311.

1. GAMBLING

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that gambling in a camp or other military premises is forbidden and is an offence.

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

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

2. ANTI-MALARIAL MEASURES

Strict anti-malarial discipline must be enforced. The bad season has NOT yet begun. All personnel must wear trousers KD and long sleeved shirts from sunset to sunrise at all times except when under nets.

Two tablets of quinine MUST be taken daily.

3. STOLEN VEHICLES.

Vehicles are being stolen from city streets and unit lines. Stealing or unauthorised use of military vehicles will be made a Court-Martial offence. NO army vehicle will be left unattended in a city street.

4. BOUNDS -- AIN SOFAR

This town is in bounds to troops with the exception of the GRAND CASINO HOTEL which is out of bounds to O.R's.

The village of BHAMDOUN is out of bounds to all troops.

ZAHLE is out of bounds to O.R's except when under charge of an Officer in possession of a pass authorising a visit to ZAHLE.

5. DISCIPLINE

REVOLVERS will be carried by all officers and W.O's Class I at all times.

DRESS. All ranks MUST be properly dressed when on Leave. Para 3 of this Order applies when personnel are on Leave.

6. MEDICAL

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

7. STRETCHERS, AMBULANCES -- ILLEGAL USE OF

Troops are using stretchers and ambulances as beds, they will only be used for legitimate purposes and NOT as beds.

8. PERSONNEL - MOVEMENT OF

All troops 'Marching' (NOT 'Evacuated') out or 'Marching In' to the unit, are required to report to Bn.H.Q. truck for the purpose of records.

9. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

As supplies of fresh vegetables are dependent on the return of containers to contractors, Coys will ensure that they are returned daily on supply vehicles.

Empty containers NOT returned, are charged to the unit at the following rates:-

Egg cases	are charged at	225	mils(PAL)	ea
Sacks, all varieties	" " "	55	" "	" "
Baskets	" " "	55	" "	" "
Tomato cases	" " "	55	" "	" "

10. BOPT TO ACCOMPANY PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO MEDICAL UNITS

All personnel will take their complete personnel kit and mess gear with them when they are evacuated to hospital or rest camp.

11. RATIONS - COOKING

In order to preserve the full food value of potatoes and to save waste, these should always be cooked in their skins. Coys will arrange that this is done as often as is consistent with variety and practicability.

Time Issued,.....hrs

J. Mitchell
.....Lieut.
Assist Adj. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

FOUND

Wallet containing a sum of money. Owner can obtain same on application to this H.Q. (Lieut. H.G. Dwyer).

BATHING

The following Civil Bathing Establishments are 'In Bounds' to troops.

- X (a) Bain de la plage St-Simon, BIR HASSAN.
 - X (b) Bain "Cote d'Azur", BIR HASSAN.
 - X (c) Bain "Mimosas", near mouth of River Beirut.
 - X (d) Etablissement Balneaire de la Colonie Francaise.
- X Baths marked thus, provide civil lockouts and life savers.

OFFICERS CLUB

Cercle Des Officiers, Rue de Bourc, is now open to all French and British Officers. Lunch, tea, and dinner are served. Prices for drinks will be at N.A.A.F.I. rates.

APPEAL

O/C 2/3 Australian C.C.S. Italian Schools, BEYROUTH would be very grateful for empty bottles (of any size), cigarette tips, books and periodicals for use by the patients.

War diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUEN O.D. 1941

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.A. CONNOR, M.C.

COMMANDING 2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Part I
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In the Field
20 Aug 1941.
No. 312.

1. BOUNDS - TRIPOLI

It is reported that parties of tps are endeavouring to enter TRIPOLI on sight seeing tours and expeditions.

An order has been issued that the town of TRIPOLI is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all British tps and this order is repeated and emphasised.

2. BOUNDS - BEIRUT

Most Cafes, Bars and Hotels in BEIRUT are now marked with notices stating whether the places are IN BOUNDS to all ranks or to Officers only. All other Cafes etc. will be "OUT OF BOUNDS" even if they are NOT specifically marked.

The following SWIMMING BATHS are "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all ranks except such as are members or present by invitation of members:-
St GEORGE'S Swimming Club. (underneath St George Hotel)
BANKTON Swimming Club.

3. PRICES - BEIRUT

Cafes etc "IN BOUNDS" will display price lists in Syrian piastres. Any establishment failing to do so should be reported to D.A.P.M. BEIRUT.

4. MEDICAL - ANTI-TYPHOID INJECTIONS

As some cases of Typhoid Fever have been reported among the native population in SYRIA, it is necessary to ensure that all personnel have received inoculation sufficiently recently to be protected.

Tps who have NOT been inoculated since 30 Nov 1940 will receive 1/2cc.

5. DISCIPLINE

Reports have been received that Australian tps are accosting civilians in SYRIAN towns and endeavouring to borrow or beg money.

This action is an offence and personnel infringing this Order will be severely dealt with.

6. PAY FOR LEAVE PERSONNEL

Considerable difficulty in the running of the A.I.F. Pay Office in BEIRUT is being experienced, which has been caused by the large numbers reporting for pay when on day leave.

Coys are reminded of the following matters:-

- (a) The possession of leave passes does NOT entitle personnel to pay. Cases have been reported of tps on leave twice in three or four days reporting on each occasion to draw pay.
- (b) Leave passes which show any alteration cannot be accepted at the Pay office or elsewhere.

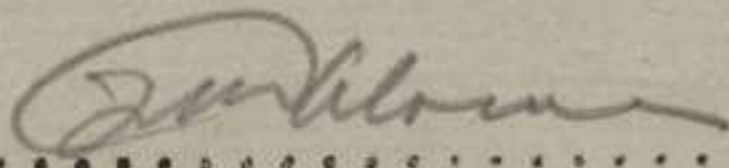
Generally it is pointed out that the A.I.F. Pay Office is organised to assist units unable to arrange regular pay and it is NOT a general pay office for all personnel visiting BEIRUT.

7. ROAD DISCIPLINE

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

These practices will cease.

Time issued 1530 hrs


.....Capt.
Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following articles from the Australian Comforts Fund.

A.I.F. Coys. 532 Pkts cigarettes. 201 tins tomato soup. 48 boxes matches. 4 Pkts Air Mail writing paper. 2 boxes envelopes.

Officers File

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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

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IN THE FIELD
21 AUGUST 1941
No 312;

1. COMPROMISE OF UNIT CODE NAMES

Unit code names are being constantly misused with the consequent risk of compromise. The following are examples:-

(a) Careless use in telephone or R/T conversations e.g; "Hello NEVI, may I speak to your B.M.

(b) Similar carelessness in signals e.g. "Two tk tps EPEO at pt 123456."

(c) Use in ordinary correspondence where the context invariably gives a clue to the meaning of the code name. Code names will NOT be used in ordinary correspondence.

Security is now more important than ever. Careless use of code names will give the enemy much of the informn he is seeking.

2. DRAFTING OF MESSAGES

Many messages badly phrased and containing unnecessarily long refs are being originated. Attention is directed to FSPB Pam No 2 Appx V especially para 1, also Sig Tng (all arms) pge 159 Sec 80 para 2 sub para 11(c). Messages should be brief, concise and clear. Long refs must be avoided by using the "In Reply To" space. All acks and NIL returns should contain one gp only in the text.

3. ANTI-MALARIAL MEASURES DURING LEAVE

While the value of leave is fully appreciated, the dangers associated with touring and bivouacing in a highly malarious area during the bad season must be realised. These can be reduced by strict adherence to the following directions, otherwise there is grave risk of nullifying the attention that units are giving to the problems in their present areas. The idea that leave is an opportunity to relax anti-malarial precautions must be countered. There must be NO laxity.

Trousers KD and shirts with long sleeves MUST be worn from sunset to sunrise where NOT under nets. Nets MUST be used. Cream must be used. Quinine MUST be taken. The ideal camping area is as a rule the worst malaria area.

The following rules must be regarded in selecting bivouac sites:-

(a) At least one and a half miles from water in swamps, creek beds, irrigated areas, open reservoirs or irrigation channels.

(b) The windward side of a village or such water.

(c) Tops of hills are usually preferable.

(d) Do NOT be misled by tps who have selected an area which does NOT conform with these requirements.

Only if these directions are rigidly carried out will tours continue

4. BOUNDS FOR LEAVE PARTIES.

It has been necessary to prohibit certain units from entering DAMASCUS on leave. This practice will be followed and any misbehaviour reported will result in the whole of the unit concerned being barred from the leave centre in which the misconduct takes place.

The town of ALEY has been placed Out of Bounds to all other ranks of all units except Corps HQ and attached personnel.

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5. CENSUS

Reference F.S.R. Vol I 1930, App III, "NOTES ON TABLES I, II, and III," para(2) subpara 4, it has been decided to hold a census of all officers, Nurses and other ranks serving in the Middle East. The census will take place at 2359 hours, 6 Sep 1941. IT WILL INCLUDE EVERY OFFICER, NURSE AND OTHER RANK OF THE IMPERIAL, DOMINION, COLONIAL, INDIAN AND ALLIED FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST OF EVERY NATIONALITY.

6. REGISTRATION OF BURIALS

A register of burials has been instituted at the BEIRUT cemetery similar to that in use at HAIFA and DAMASCUS. It is kept in a drawer in the changing hut recently built for the use of Chaplains.

In all future burials in the BEIRUT cemetery, the grave will be recorded in the register by the officiating chaplain or officer. This record will be in addition to the burial return A.F.3114 which is still required.

7. FIELD PUNISHMENT CENTRE

Soldiers under sentence are NOT admitted to this establishment unless fit to serve their sentence and undergo punishment. If a soldier under sentence is delivered at a time when the M.O. is NOT in attendance, a temporary receipt will be given to the escort.

If on medical examination a soldier is found to be unfit to serve his sentence, or if he falls sick while serving his sentence, he will be evacuated to a medical establishment.

If when such a soldier is discharged fit to his Coy a portion of his sentence has NOT expired, the Coy will be responsible to return him to the Fd Pun Centre to serve the remaining portion of his sentence.

Time Issued 1845 hrs.
Issued by Sigs.

.....Capt.
Adj. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

JEWISH HOLY DAYS

It is advised that the Jewish Holy Days this year fall as follows:-

New Year From sunset 21 Sep to sunset 23 Sep.

Yom Kippur From sunset 30 Sep to sunset 1 Oct.

Exigencies of the service permitting, it is desired that as many personnel as possible of Jewish denomination be granted leave to allow them to participate in the ceremonies.

AIR MAIL

Air mail is now received once weekly from Australia until further notice.

All out-ward mail must be handed in between the hours of 0700 and 0830 each day by the Coy Orderly Cpl.

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In the Field
23 AUGUST 1941
No 314.

1. CHURCH PARADES

R.C. Parade at 0900 hrs 24 Aug 41 in Officers Mess

Other Denominations Parade at 1000 hrs 24 Aug 41 in Officers Mess.

2. PERSONNEL EVACUATED - GEAR ON

All personnel evacuated to hospital and other places MUST repeat MUST take all their gear with them excepting mosquito nets.
In future, NO gear will be dispatched to personnel who have been evacuated and who leave their gear behind.

3. PETROL, OIL

Petrol, Oil, etc, will be drawn as required from the T/O at A Echelon between the hours of 0600 to 1200 and 1600 to 1900 daily.

4. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

Coys are reminded that it is compulsory for all personnel to wear Grousers K.D. and long sleeved shirts from sunset to sunrise.
It is apparent that this order is Not being rigidly enforced, any laxity allowed is against the personal interest of the soldier.

Time issued 0945 hrs

J. M. Clancy
Adj't 2/33 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

NOTICE

WELFARE

1. The sum of Pounds P 10 from Regt Funds has been spent on Razor blades and an issue will duly be made.
2. The sum of Pounds P 5 has been spent on Library books of the Penguin type. These may be obtained by Pl Sjt's who will draw up to 6 from Padre Hocking.
On completion of reading, these books may be returned and exchanged; but only the equivalent number of books returned will be exchanged.
Padre Hocking will see Pl Sjt's for drawing of books between 1400 hrs and 1500 hrs on Saturdays and Wednesdays.
3. Abundant writing materials are always available with the Padre and tps are advised to avail themselves of this offer.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

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COMMANDING 3/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Part 1.

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In the Field

24 August 1941

No 315

1. SECURITY - COLOUR PATCHES

It has been reported that Aust colour patches are being sold by shopkeepers and others in BEYROUTH. Such buying is against A.I.F. (MR) Orders. An indication as to the number of units in the area is given each time an inquiry is made for a colour patch and for this reason Orders authorise only the AAOC to supply colour patches.


3. DISCIPLINE

On the 18th and 19th Aug 1941, SX 4366 Signn RUTHERFORD, K.C. 1st Aust Corps Sigs, A.I.F. was tried by a D.C.M. on a charge of robbery with aggravation - robbing a civilian at pistol point. He was convicted and sentenced to nine months imprisonment with hard labour.

3. DISCIPLINE

3/33 Australian Infantry Battalion's Routine Order No 5 of 15 August 1941 is hereby cancelled and the following order substituted therefor:

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


.....Lieut.
Assist/Adjt 3/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

LOST

A wallet has been lost in the Bn area and it would be appreciated if the finder would return to this H.Q. The contents are of sentimental value.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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by

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Part 1.
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In the Field
37 August 1941.
No 316.

1. HYGIENE PERSONNEL

Coys are under a misapprehension as to the duties of hygiene personnel. These men are allotted to Coys to supervise hygiene and sanitation and do NOT perform the manual labour involved such as digging rubbish pits etc. Coys must provide their hygiene man with a working party, should he require it.

This instrn will be observed and complied with.

2. HYGIENE

Owing to the difficulty of removing grease from dixies, mess tins, etc, cook houses will provide hot water after every meal in convenient pans for personnel to wash their eating utensils thoroughly.

3. CORDIAL BOTTLES

All cordial bottles issued with rations, must be returned to the Bn; Q. Store immediately they are emptied.

A charge of 10 piastres is made on Bn funds for each bottle NOT returned.

Time issued 1100 hrs.

T. M. Clowes. Capt
Adj't 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

Grateful acknowledgement is tendered to the A.G.F. on the receipt of 5 medicine balls.

A.G.F. - AMENITIES FOR TPS ON BEIRUT LEAVE

Tps on leave in BEIRUT may obtain tea and biscuits free of charge by calling at the A. HOSTEL, HOTEL METROPOLE, in the vicinity of 1100 and 1530 hrs daily.

Coys will promulgate this notice to all ranks.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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Lt. COL. J. A. COBBY R. D.

COMMANDING / AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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In the Field
29 August 1941
No 317

1 ADV DEPOT AIF KIT STORE

No 1 adv depot AIF kit store is now in operation at RENOVOT. This depot is for the receipt of kits from units moving fwd, and for the distribution of kits of units arriving in the area and requiring same from the main store which is being established at TEL EL KEBIR.

2 FIELD CENSORSHIP - USE OF HOTEL STATIONERY

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

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

3 POSTAL CENSORSHIP

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

4 STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES

Owing to the risk involved in the storage and handling of explosives used on service, the following action will be taken to reduce the risk of accidental explosion to a minimum:-

(a) All amm and explosives in possession of coys not required for immediate use should be stored in a local magazine, where possible below ground, with a current of air passing through the chamber to keep same cool.

(b) Store in such a manner as to avoid direct sunlight.

(c) All shells and bombs containing explosives should be defused and disarmed before being used for retention for instructional purposes.

(d) No amm or explosive will be stored in buildings housing personnel.

5 AIRGRAPH AND AIRMAIL LETTER CARD SERVICE - EXTENSION TO CANADA

Army Postal Services will accept airmail letter cards addressed to CANADA. These will be forwarded from the United Kingdom by ordinary surface mail. Charges in operation to the United Kingdom will apply.

6 SANDFLY AND BUSH NETS

It is imperative that every coy exercises the strictest control over their existing anti-malarial equipment as replacements will NOT be available for some time.

Being extremely fragile, it will be a matter for coy discipline to ensure they are handled carefully.

7 QUININE TABLETS

It is essential that all personnel take 2 tablets every day and 3 on Sundays at the present time as it is now the season when malaria is very prevalent.

ROUTINE ORDERS No 317 (cont 2)

TYPHOID

One case of typhoid has occurred in the unit, probably due to drinking infected water which was NOT sterilized.

Tps. are warned against drinking water from viaducts or any local supply unless such water has been treated.

Officers will particularly note this and instruct their men to obey this simple rule of hygiene.

9 RECORDS

The following has been forwarded to Officer i/c Records 2nd Echelon A.I.F. for inclusion in Routine Orders Part II:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
SX 100	F... A	A.A. (1)	14... F... P... A... G.C.M.

J. M. Glavin Capt.
Adj. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following articles from the A.C.F.

- 505 boxes of matches
- 253 tins of tomato soup
- 253 tins of Coffee and milk
- 5 packets of writing paper
- 2½ packets envelopes

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War Document

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Secret *18*
Copy No
10 Sep 41.

AMENDMENT to
2/33 Bn Movement Instn No 7.

Amend the above mentioned Movement Order, paragraph 15, sub para (a) to read: -

All tents will be struck on Saturday morning, the 13 Sep 41. They will be correctly folded, valised, and stacked against the wall on the Northern side of the Unit Post Office. Duty Coy will be responsible for striking B.H.Q. tents and all other tents not belonging to Coys. Rear party will be responsible for the accounting and loading of all the unit tents on to the tpt.

Time issued 1⁰⁰ hrs.

M. B. C.
..... Capt.
Adjnt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

War diary

SECRET

Copy No. 17...

10 Sept, 41.

33 BN MOVEMENT INSTN No 7.

INFORMATION.

1. 25 Aust. Inf. Bde is concentrating in the TRIPOLI area.
2. There will be large convoys on the rd, and all timings must be strictly adhered to.

INTENTION.

3. 2/33 Bn will move to CAMP LAGOULE barracks TRIPOLI on 13th. Sept., 41.

METHOD.

4. Adv. Party. as under will leave Bn H.Q. at 0800 hrs 11 Sept. T.O. to provide tpt as already arranged.

2 1/c. }
 1 Offr. } From each Rifle coy.
 1 NCO. } Coy Comd to detail
 4 ORs. } One of the O.Rs to be Coy storeman.
 Q.M.
 Cpl. R. P. *Parsons*
 Pte Gewland }
 Pte O'leary } Pioneer Pl.

They will proceed to barracks and will be responsible for receiving of Bn stores and eqpt, and making general arrangements for accomodation.

5. Carriers will move at 0500 hrs 13 Sept and will RV outside barracks.
6. Tpt of Personnel. 20 AASG to carrying vehs will report at 1700 hrs 12 Sep and will be allotted to coys immediately in the following numbers.

H.Q. Coy	}	5
& BHQ		
A Coy	}	3
B Coy		
C Coy		
D Coy		

Coy's will be responsible for feeding the two drvs attached to each of these vehs.

7. Order of March. (a) All tpt carrying MT will lead the convoy in the following order:
 - A Coy
 - C Coy
 - B Coy
 - H.Q. Coy and BHQ.
 - D Coy.

- (b) This will be followed by A Ech vehs by coys in the same order as above, headed by Bn Office truck.
- (c) A Ech will be followed by any B ech vehs such as Kitchen vehs and Bn store trucks.
- (d) Coy Comds and Pl comds will ride with their men.

8. S.P. Rd sign FIDAR.
9. S.T. Leading veh A Coy passes S.P. 0800 hrs.
10. T.O. assisted by R.Ps will be responsible that each coy follows on immediately in turn, and that the following rd rules are adhered to :-

V.T.M. 30.
M.I.H. 20.

On NO account will unit convoys pass one another. 10 min halt at 10 mins before 1000 hrs will be observed (A Coy note)

11. Route. FIDAR - COAST Rd - TRIPOLI - Camp LAGOULE.
12. A.A.S.O. vehs on completion of journey will not return to own unit before 1200 hrs.
13. On arrival, the Bn will be debussed and will move as advised later.
14. Rear Party. The following rear party will remain in camp :-

Lieut. Cox
C.Q.M.S. each coy.
4 O.Rs. each rifle coy.
4 O.Rs. H.Q. coy
4 Pioneers.

This party will ensure that the area is properly clean, tidy, and that no stores remain. Pioneers will collect all latrine seats, hessian, timber, and fill in latrine holes. Lieut. Cox will obtain receipt from owner of area, to the effect that the area is clean. He will present this to BHQ at the barracks. The rear party will rejoin unit on Saturday evening.

ADM.

15. stores. (a) Tentage. All tents will be struck on THURSDAY, and will be correctly folded and valised, and stacked against the wall on northern side of Unit Post Office by 0800 hrs Friday. Duty coy will be responsible for striking all Bn H.Q. tents, the two amenities tents, and any other not definitely owned by coys, and will fold, valise, and pack with remainder of Bn tents at time and place as above.
- (b) Any other accomodation stores, tables, chairs, shelter tents, cases, that cannot be reasonably carried on Coy vehs will be marked, and stacked together in coy areas by 0800 hrs Friday.
- (c) Tps will carry with them in tpt all their arms, eqpt, packs, haversacks, mosquito nets, and universal Kit bags, these may be stacked in the trucks on Friday night.
- (d) R.Q.M.S. will be responsible that all Bn stores are despatched on Friday.
- (e) T.O. will arrange for five - 3 ton lorries to report to RQMS at Bn H.Q. at 0800 hrs Friday for tpting of stores. These vehs must move in convoy.
- (f) Officers will make their own arrangements for cartage of their gear.
- (g) The following loading party will stand by to load tentage and stores at 0800 - One Sjt and 8 O.Rs to be detailed by RSM the night before.
- (h) Ration Opl and two B each storeman will proceed to the Barracks with stores convoy, and will report to Capt. Lawson.

16. Rations. (a) Coys will arrange breakfast for 0630 hrs Saturday 13 Sept. A hot lunch will be provided for the midday meal -- to be carried in mess tins. Evening meal at 1730 hrs in the barracks.
 (b) C.Q.M.S. will be responsible for feeding arrangements for advance party. The latter will carry unconsumed portion of days ration.
 (c) Two days hard ration will be held in res.
17. Water. Water bottles will be carried filled. The water pt is established in front of the barracks. Water in the barracks is fit for drinking. All other must be tested.
18. POL All vehs will move with full tanks and 8 galls res in back. This res will be taken into unit dump on arrival.
19. Recovery No 8 Rec Sec will be patrolling the JEBEL - TRIPOLI rd.
20. Medical. R.A.P. will move in A Ech gp of convoy with H.Q. Coy. M.D.S. will be functioning to some degree in Barracks Hospital. All acute surgical cases will be evacuated to Italian Hospital, TRIPOLI. Malaria precautions will be strictly adhered to during the first month. Dysentery must be controlled by use of fly traps, plenty of mosquito or mesh nets over Kitchen and Mess doors. Large quantities of disinfectant will be required. As much material as possible will be gained before move.
21. Camp Cleaning. Coy comds will report to the Adjt by 2000 hrs 12 Sept that coy areas are clean and tidy.

INTERCOMN.

22. Reveille will be at 0500 hrs on Saturday 13 Sept.
 23. D.Rs. will move, one at head, and one at rear of convoy.
 24. Bn H.Q. closes Fidar 0800 hrs 13 Sept opens LAGOULT 0800 hrs 13 Sept, 41.
 25. Line comn to coys ceases at 2000 hrs 12 Sept.

OK.

Time of signature 1515 hrs.
 Issued by

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 Capt.
 Adj. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Copy No 27.

STANDING ORDERS
for
A.D. and P.A.D.
by
LT.COL.J.A.CORBY, E.D.

COMMANDANT LEGOULT BARRACKS

PART I. GENERAL PREPARATORY MEASURES

1. P.A.D.OFFICER. The PAD officer for this Barracks is Lieut D.A.Mitchell, 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.
2. AIR SENTRIES. One sentry will be detailed by day by : 2/33 Bn, MOBILE LAUNDRY, 9 Aust Rec Sec, 'B'Ech 25 Bde.
3. A.A.L.M.G.POSTS. These posts will be permanently manned by day by 2/33 Bn.
4. SLIT TRENCHES. Where possible, sufficient slit trenches to provide for all personnel will be dug, this will be unit responsibility. Slit trenches must not be closer to a building than 50% of it's height. Where this is not practicable, the protection afforded by buildings will be improved.
5. SYSTEM of ALARMS. The installation of the civilian warning siren in TRIPOLI does not absolve units from sounding local alarms. An alarm system (siren) will be mounted outside unit Sif office.
6. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS. All lights in buildings, etc, will be screened to ensure an effective blackout. Headlights on vehicles will be treated to conform with regulations. During a raid, the main TRIPOLI electric light supply is cut off. Arrangements will be made to have emergency lighting available at HQ's and R.A.P's.
7. FIRE POSTS. 2/33 Bn, Mob Ldry, 9 Aust Rec Sec, 'B'Ech 25 Bde, 12 Pl Gd Bn and 2/5 R.A.E. No 1 Sec, will have a fire party on duty at all times. (Strength 1 NCO, 3 OR's) An adequate number of petrol tins (half to be filled with sand or earth, and half with water) will be provided near all buildings.
8. FIRST AID POST. The R.A.P. of the 2/33 Bn will be the first aid post. 2/33 Bn, Mob Ldry, 9 Aust Rec Sec, 'B'Ech 25 Bde, 12 Pl Gd Bn, 2/5 R.A.E. No 1 Sec, will each detail one first aid party of 3 men each, who will be available at the first aid post.
9. RESCUE PARTY. 2/5 R.A.E. No 1 Sec, will detail one rescue party, strength, 1 NCO, 7 OR's. They will be trained to carry out bomb rescue.

NOTE: Tps detailed for above special duties, must carry them out in addition to their ordinary work. Comd Legoult Barracks will decide what parties will be left in Barracks when a unit is out.

PART II. ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON RECEIPT OF AIR RAID WARNING.

1. PRELIMINARY CAUTION. Area Comdrs will be informed and may warn subordinates at their discretion.
2. AIR RAID WARNING. On the warning being given by the general warning system; or by the field signals laid down for 'enemy aircraft in sight' (a succession of short blasts on the whistle or both arms held above the head and the hands waved); or on hearing nearby A.A.L.M.G. fire, all personnel will go under cover except A.A.L.M.G. posts, picquets and sentries. Personnel with P.A.D. duties will first proceed to their posts.
The civilian AIR RAID warning is a long wailing note on the siren.
The civilian ALL CLEAR is one long continuous note on the siren.

The warning will be notified by the civilian warning and by telephone from 25 Aust Inf Bde HQ.

Only the alarm will be notified.

The local air raid siren will be sounded.

All personnel will wear steel helmets and respirators.

Rescue squad, fire parties, first aid parties, will report to previously detailed alarm posts.

Aircraft will NOT be engaged by small arms fire unless:-

- (a) they are below 2000 ft;
- (b) they are definitely recognised as hostile, or
- (c) if of unknown identity, they commit a hostile act.

PART III. ACTION AFTER ATTACKS.

1. SIGNALS. The civilian siren will sound ALL CLEAR. This will NOT be taken as the local all clear, but; as the RAIDERS PASSED signal. Units will be notified by runner, RAIDERS PASSED. Rescue work will be carried out. Bomb recce will be carried out. The presence of U.X.B's will be notified to Comd at once and the area evacuated and guarded. When recce reveals that the area is safe, the local ALL CLEAR will be sounded. Signal - two long blasts on the siren or whistle, reptd at 5 sec intervals for 2 mins.

Submitted here for
 Lt.Col.
 Comd Legoult Barracks.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

Lieut. Col. J.A. Corby, E.D. Commanding.

2/33 AUST. INF. BN.

Part 1.
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Legoult Barracks.
13 Sept, 41.
No. 321.

1. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount daily at Retreat (1800 hrs.)

- i. Duty Coy.
- ii. Bn. Ord. Sjt.
- iii. Bn. Ord. Cpl.

Duty Coy will supply.

- A. Quarter Guard.
- B. One Cpl to report to T.O. at Retreat.
- C. One O.R. who will report to BHQ and act as runner.
- D. Any other necessary fatigues.

Quarter Guard will consist of 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls and 9 O.rs; Posts for the guard are located at :- (a) Main Entrance to 33 Bn lines. (b) Detention Room; (c) Amn Dump, situated in centre of square.

One Cpl to report to T.O. Cpl. will take charge of a picquet supplied by T.O. - to picquet tpt and carrier lines.

One O.R. to report to BHQ. will report at Retreat, and stay on duty at B.H.Q. until Tattoo when he will be dismissed - reporting back at Reveille next morning.

Duty Coy will mount in the following order as from today.

13th.	Sept.	A Coy.
14 "	"	D "
15 "	"	C "
16 "	"	B "

Bn Orderly Sjt will mount at Retreat as per following roster :-

13 Sept.	Sjt. Strong.	18 Sept.	Sjt. Colvin.
14 "	Sjt. Gorman	19 "	Sjt. Robertson
15 "	Sjt. Elliott	20 "	Sjt. Mallum
16 "	Sjt. Neilson	21 "	Sjt. Hyde.
17 "	Sjt. McDermott.		

Bn Orderly Cpl. will be detailed daily by H.Q. Coy.

Headquarters Coy will supply the following duties :-

- i. Bn Ord. Cpl. who will mount daily on Duty mounting parade.
- ii. Picquet to picquet tpt and carrier lines. Cpl. in charge picquet will be detailed by duty coy.
- iii. A.A. defence as ordered.
- iv. Will be responsible for cleanliness of H.Q. Coy and BHQ rooms, and areas around Barrack rooms.
- v. A picquet of 1 Cpl and 3 O.Rs to picquet W.P. - tour of duty - Retreat to Retreat.

Dress for Duties. To conform with the Malaria precautions all duties

will mount in black, K.D., with short sleeves turned down. At Reveille black K.D. will be substituted by shorts and Hose. Quarter Guard and Picquet will mount in dress order, Orderly duties will mount in belt and earthenware.

Guard Room.

R.Ps are responsible for personnel either under close arrest, or in Detention. They will see that personnel in Guard Room are shaved, and have their beds correctly made by 0700 hrs daily.

2. BOUNDS.

Tripoli is OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks until further notice.

3. ROUTINE.

The following daily Routine will be strictly adhered to :-

Reveille	0600 hrs.
Adm Parade	0630 hrs.
Breakfast	0730 hrs.
Parade	0800 hrs.
Stand Down	1215 hrs.
Midday Meal	1230 hrs.
Parade	1500 hrs.
Stand Down	1700 hrs.
Evening Meal	1730 hrs.
Duty Mounting	1750 hrs.
Retreat	1800 hrs.
First Post	2130 hrs.
Last Post	2200 hrs.
Tattoo	2200 hrs.
Lights Out	2215 hrs.

4. BLACK OUT PRECAUTIONS.

Strict Blackout precautions must be observed

All lights burning at night must be carefully blacked out.

5. LEAVE.

No leave will be granted out of the Barracks area until further notice. NO person or vehicle will leave Barracks without written authority from this Office.

6. OITMENT ANTI GAS No. 2.

A Case has been brought to notice of inability to remove the lid of the container of oitment A.G. No. 2. probably owing to a form of rusting of the screw portion. An examination will be carried out by coys, and containers found as described above will be reported to Q.M. who will arrange exchange. Opportunity will also be taken to ensure that the oitment has the appearance of good condition and is free from mildew. The reports re above will be submitted by 1400 hrs 18th. September.

7. RETURNS.

The following returns will be submitted to BHQ by coys at the times mentioned. It is essential that these returns are accurate :-

<u>Daily at 1800 hrs.</u>	Ration State.
<u>Daily at 0700 hrs.</u>	Strength State.
<u>Each Saturday at 11 Hrs.</u>	Nominal Roll of all Offrs and N.C.Os in coy lines.

P. Mitchell..... Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE.

R. G. Church parade will be held at 0900 hrs tomorrow 14 Sept 41 in H.Q. Coy recreation Room.

War diary
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by
LIEUT COL J/A/CORBY.E.D. COMMANDING

2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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14 September 1941
No 322

1. COURTS-MARTIAL - WITNESSES FOR

General Order 73 of 1941 is republished for necessary action :-

Many cases have recently occurred of persons subject to Military Law being kept in in arrest for an unreasonable length of time and their trial by Court Martial delayed, owing to witnesses having been posted away from, or left, the station.

In future, all personnel whose evidence has been recorded in a Summary of Evidence will NOT on any account be posted away from or leave the Station without reference to the authority whose duty it is to convene the Court Martial.

Casualties amongst such witnesses through wounds or sickness will be reported to the convening authority and the fact of their being witnesses at a Court Martial reported on the Casualty Report.

J. A. C. Corby
.....Capt
Adjt 2/33 AUST INF BN.

NOTICES

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following from the A.C.F.

- 482 tins Boot Polish
- 482 packets Cigarettes
- 3 packets Air Mail Writing Paper
- 1 1/2 boxes envelopes.

Old Caulfield Grammarians are requested to forward to C.S.O. 1 Aust Corps, numbers, names, and army addresses.

Lost M/C No C4317965. Engine No W19688. Taken from Race-course, BEIRUT on 7 Sep 41.

POSTAL Airmail Rates - Lettercard Extension

The 3d Airmail Lettercard Service has been extended to the following countries :- N and S Rhodesia. Kenya Uganda. India Tanganyika. Mauritius (via Durban). Seychelles (via Mombasa). Australian Stamps may be used.

Y.M.C.A.

The Unit gratefully acknowledges the visit of the Y.M.C.A. representative with van from the 5th Sept and 9th Sept. A picture show was screened each of the four nights, and at the conclusion of which, coffee and biscuits were served to all personnel. Coffee and biscuits were also served at the swimming carnival held in BEIRUT on Sunday afternoon the 7th Sept. 3000 sheets of writing paper and 800 envelopes were distributed to those requiring them. The B.B.C. news was broadcast nightly. It has been promised that regular calls will be made in the future and the unit eagerly awaits them.

Officers

The Officers of this unit are asked to visit the orderly room daily and inspect the file of correspondence, filed for their information.

Wai Diary.

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18 September 1941
No 323

1. SHOWERS

Showers in the 2/25 Aust Inf Bn area, have been allotted for use, by personnel of this unit, between 1400 hrs and 1600 hrs daily. Care will be taken to see that the privilege is not abused.

2. .303 INCH RIFLE AND MACHINE GUN BARRELS

The practice of removing metallic fouling by means of the double pullthrough, or cleaning until the .303 inch plug runs through the bore, will be discontinued.

The .301 inch plug, hitherto issued only for the Bren MG, will be used for all nominal .303 inch weapons.

J. A. Corby
.....Lieut
Assist/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

1. CANTEEN. The Canteen will now open at 1700 hrs daily, instead of 1630 hrs as previously notified.
2. READING BOOKS. Many of the personnel are retaining library books. When reading is completed, they will be returned to Mr J. Hocking, S.A. Rep. personally, who will be pleased to effect an exchange. Tps are asked NOT to keep books indefinitely as the number available is limited.
3. BROADCAST OF MUSIC AND NEWS. Music and the B.B.C. News will be broadcast nightly, from the balcony of B.H.Q. Block, between 2030 and 2115 hrs, with the compliments of the 'Red Shield'.
4. SONG SERVICE. A Voluntary Song Service - 'Fifty - Fifty', Community and Sacred, will be conducted in one of the recreation rooms each Sunday evening by Mr J. Hocking, between 1930 and 2045 hrs.

W. J. J. J.

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Legoult Barracks
20 September 1941
No 324

1. RECORDS

The following has been forwarded to OZE for inclusion in Part II Orders.

No	Rank Name	Charge	Award.
QX11630	Pte Bateman, W.T.J.A.R.	AA 15 (1) A.W.L.	Finding of D.C.M. Guilty. Sentence:- Detention 6 months Recommendation: Consideration be given, after the accused has served two months, to suspend the balance of the sentence. Sentenced 8 Sep 41. Confirmed. 14 Sep 41 by Brig. D.A.G. AIF. mitigated to 90 days
QX1497	Pte Broomfield, H.	AA 15 (1) A.W.L.	Finding of D.C.M. Guilty. Sentence:- - months detention. Recommendation:- Sentence be suspended. Sentenced 8 Sep 41. Confirmed 14 Sep 41. by Brig. D.A.G. AIF. mitigated to 90 da

2. Church Parades

R.C. Mass at 0900 hrs in the Recreation room, B.H.Q. block.

3. DUTIES

Orderly Sjt Roster.

20 Sep	Sjt Clarey	22 Sep	Sjt Turner
21 "	Sjt Trask	23 "	Sjt Dunne.

J. J. J. J.
.....Capt
Adj. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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 23 SEPTEMBER 1941.
 No 325

DUTIES

HQ Coy is relieved from the duty of nominating the Orderly Corporal.
 As from retreat, 23 Sep, 41, the Ord Cpl will be detailed by Bn roster.

DUTY ROSTERS

<u>Ord Sjt.</u>		<u>Ord Cpl</u>	
23 Sep.	Sjt Trenow.	Cpl Lewis.	
24 "	" Bryant.	" Guenzl.	
25 "	" Nelson.	" Taylor.	
26 "	" Snow.	" Bowden.	
27 "	" Robinson.	" Nielson.	

2. LEAVE

Leave arrangements have been altered. As from the 25th Sep, the Bn quota is 25 every third night. Coys will not grant leave into TRIPOLI except on leave night.

3. KITS - RETURN OF

An alphabetical nominal roll will be submitted to the QM by 1800 hrs 23 Sep, 41, of all personnel who require the return of their kits.

4. HOSPITAL - SCHOOLS - PERSONNEL REPORTING BACK FROM

All personnel must report to Bn Orderly Room on returning from Schools and Hospitals, etc.

5. BOTTLES - COLLECTING OF

All Coys will detail men to collect bottles each morning before 0700 hrs, and return them to the dump in front of the canteen.

6. XMAS CARDS

- Xmas Cards bearing a reference to Palestine or Syria may be sent provided sender gives only his rank and name but not his unit.
- Address of unit in any corps or regiment and location of unit must not be shown, directly or indirectly.
- Corps (R.A., R.E. etc.) and Regimental badges may be allowed, but Divisional and other formation signs will not be imprinted on Xmas and New Year Cards.
- Even if cards carry pictures of places, the name of the place must not be shown.

7. TRAVEL BY AIR

The Mizr Airlines operates a weekly service between BEIRUT and CAIRO on the following timetable:

<u>Tuesdays only</u>		<u>Wednesdays only</u>	
dep Cairo	0745	dep Beirut	0800
arr Lydda	1030	arr Lydda	0930
dep Lydda	1045	dep Lydda	1000
arr Beirut	1230	arr Cairo	1300

All officers who have to travel on duty by this service should inform HQ 1 Aust Corps Q Branch, at least 30 hrs in advance, who will make the necessary bookings and arrange issue of warrants.

8. ACCIDENT ON KUNEITRA ROAD

An accident took place on the Kuneitra rd about 14 Kms out of DAMASCUS on 15 Jul, 41, at approx 2130 hrs in which W.D. lorry 1266675 collided with civilian lorry B-884.

This was witnessed by an officer who reported the accident to an R.A.S. unit nearby. Shortly after a W.D. truck came along and took away one injured civilian, in the direction of DAMASCUS.

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D.A.P.M. Damascus requires to get in touch with the officer and with the driver of the truck.

Smithell
.....Lieut
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

1. ENTERTAINMENT Arrangements have been made for a 1st class Talkie programme for Friday night, the 26th Sep, 41. There will be a charge of 30 piastres, 5% of the takings will be taken for Regtl Funds.
Place: HQ Coy Rec Room. Two screenings.
2. On the 8 Sep 41, a civilian cyclist who was injured on the main road south of BEIRUT, near the aerodrome, was taken to the R.A.P. at FOCH Barracks by an Australian truck. The evidence, of this driver or of anyone having any knowledge of the incident, is required by HQ 1 Aust Corps.
3. On 1 Aug 41, at approx 1000 hrs, on the HAIFA - NAZARETH rd, near Jalami police station, a civilian was injured by an Army vehicle. Anyone having any knowledge of this incident, is asked to forward a report through this HQ to HQ 1 Aust Corps.
4. At about 2100 hrs on the night of 8 June 41, at ROSH PINNA village, a party of Australian soldiers were concerned in a disturbance in a cafe. An Australian Captain and some Military Police witnessed the occurrence and their evidence is required. Reports are required by 1 Aust Corps.
5. Any information about the following missing vehicles should be passed to HQ 7 Aust Div.
 1. Ford 12 cwt Utility No 588.
 2. Vehicle No V.4407.
6. LOST Information as to the whereabouts of a NORTON Motor Cycle No C 4390075, which was lost in BEIRUT, Place des Martyrs, at approx 1300 hrs 19 Sep 41, is to be fwded to HQ 1 Aust Corps.
7. LOST Rifle No 101464 (bolt No; 06195) and rifle No 161574 (bolt No, 88084). If found return to HQ 1 Aust Corps.
8. LOST Paybook No 112876 has been lost and is suspected of having been stolen. If found, fwd to HQ 1 Aust Corps, with a full report.
9. CERCLE DES OFFICIERS The library of the Cercle des Officiers will open on Wednesday, 10th Sep, 41. Week-days. 0830 - 1200 hrs. 1600 - 1900 hrs. Sundays and holidays. 0900 - 1200 hrs. British Officers are invited to use the library for reference or to borrow books on the same terms as for French Officers, i.e. up to 4 books on deposit of 4 Syrian Pounds, refundable on return.
10. CERCLE DES SOUS OFFICIERS (Restaurant, Library etc) The club will re-open on Thursday 11th Sep 41. British W.O's and N.C.O's are invited as honorary members.
11. HOTELS FOR THE TPS. Recommended by the Church of Scotland Canteen and Club.
 1. Pension Roxy - (newly opened) - one block south of Roxy Cinema Theatre.
Bed - 100 piastres (3 beds in room - no water in rooms)
Breakfast - (2 eggs, 2 cups tea, bread, butter, jam) - 50 piastres
 2. National Hotel - east side of Place des Martyrs at north end.
Bed - 125 piastres (3-4 beds in room) Food to order.
 3. Hotel d'Amerique - south end of Place des Martyrs.
Bed 125 piastres (3-4 beds in room) No food served.
150 piastres (2 beds in room) " " "
 4. Beyrouth Palace Hotel - centre of east side of Place des Martyrs.
Bed - 125 piastres (2 beds in room) No food served.

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by
LT. COL. J. A. CORBY, E.D.

COMMANDING 2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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Legoult Barracks
26 September 1941.
No 326.

1. RABIES - PREVENTION OF.

Attention has been directed to a case in which twenty men of a unit were evacuated from SYRIA for anti-rabic treatment - a very lengthy and very painful treatment. These men had been licked by a dog kept as the unit mascot which was found to be rabid.

2. SIGNAL PRIORITIES AND USE OF DRLS

(a) There has been much abuse of priorities. Every effort is to be made to see that messages are NOT given a priority higher than necessary.
(b) In a number of cases it is advantageous to send a message rather than a memo. However, care should be taken that such messages are endorsed "DRLS" except when speed necessitates their being sent by a quicker means.

3. POTATOES - COOKING.

In order to preserve the full food value of potatoes and to save waste, these should always be cooked in their skins.

It has been brought to the notice of this HQ that this is not being done. Units will therefore arrange that this is done as often as is consistent with variety and practicability.

4. DRESS - WEARING OF IDENTITY DISCS

Attention is directed to the necessity for the wearing of identity discs at all times. These should be hung around the neck and not carried in the pocket, as is frequently done.

Inspection of identity discs should be regular and form part of parade and field routine.

5. RETURNABLE PETROL CONTAINERS.

A large number of 4 gallon returnable square tins and 4 gallon returnable round drums have been put into circulation in M.E.

These containers are being filled with Leaded petrol (a petrol with a tetra-ethyl-lead content). Tetra-ethyl-lead is a highly dangerous poison, and may tend to remain in the inside seams of the can.

O/Cs will, therefore, warn all ranks against the use of these returnable containers for water for either drinking or washing purposes.

6. DISCIPLINE

The undermentioned sentences by Court Martial are published for information.

(1) A private soldier charged under Section 18(4), Army Act, with stealing public property, 5 four gallon tins of petrol, was convicted and sentenced to 112 days' detention.

(2) An NCO charged under under AA Sec 41, with stealing a camera, was convicted and sentenced to 56 days' Fd Pun.

(3) Two private soldiers charged under AA Sec 18(4), with being improperly in possession of public property, 32 blankets, were convicted and sentenced to 1 years detention each.

(4) A private soldier charged under AA Sec 18(4), with stealing a watch, was convicted and sentenced to 80 days' detention.

(5) A private soldier charged under AA Sec 18(4), with stealing a pair of Field Glasses was convicted and sentenced to 84 days' detention;

(6) A private soldier charged under AA Sec 9(2), with disobeying a lawful command, and under AA Sec 40, with using obscene language when ordered to parade, was convicted and sentenced to 90 days' F.P.

Arrangements

- (7). A serjeant charged under AA Sec 19, with drunkenness, was convicted and sentenced to be reduced to the ranks.
- (8) A private soldier charged under AA Sec 18(4), with stealing property belonging to a person subject to military law, was convicted and sentenced to 90 days' F.P.
- (9) A private soldier charged under AA sec 41, with stealing cash PE1, and property of a soldier including his A.B.64, and other similar articles, was convicted and sentenced to 6 months I.H.L.
- (10) A private soldier charged under AA Sec 41, with two instances of corruption, and under AA Sec 15(1), A.W.L., was convicted and sentenced to 1 year I.H.L.
- (11) A private soldier charged under AA Sec 9(2), with disobeying a lawful command, and under AA Sec 8(2), with using threatening language to a superior officer, was convicted and sentenced to 1 year I.H.L.

7. CHURCH PARADES

Other Denominations	0900 hrs Sunday 28 Sep 41.
Church of England, Holy Communion. (In C.O.s Office)	0930 " " " " "
R.C. Mass.(In HQ Coy Rec Room)	0630 " " " " "

H. Mitchell
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 Assist/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

- A. The 6 Aust Div Concert Party are giving a performance for this unit at 1930 hrs, Saturday the 27th Sep, 41. The stage will be in front of Bn HQ block.
- B. Lost. Cpl R.Nielson reports the loss of a green Conklin fountain pen within the barrack area. It was marked R.H.Nielson.
- C. E.F.M. TELEGRAMS TO AUSTRALIA. Owing to difficulty being experienced recently in effecting delivery, the inter-communication company has asked that senders of E.F.M. telegrams insert the name of the suburb, as well as the name of the street, in telegrams addressed to large cities.
- D. DAILY PAPER. A newspaper in English - the EASTERN TIMES - will commence publication on Friday 26 Sep, 41. Coys are requested to send items for publication to Eastern Times, C/O Le Jour Place des Canons, BEIRUT.
- E. PAYBOOKS Nos I32683 and 283676 have been lost and are suspected of having been stolen.
- F. LOST Rifle No 4286 has been lost. If found return to Sigs, 6 Aust Div.
- G. LOST Rifle No 92430 has been lost. If found return to HQ 7 Aust Div.
- H. LOST Rifles, Nos 41669, 90563, 77315, B43065. If found return to HQ 7 Aust Div.
- J. LOST Rifles, Nos L92549 and I 387. If found return to 25th Army Tank Brigade. R.A.S.C.

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Legoult Bks
28 SEPTEMBER 41
No 327

1. IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIALS

All Officers without exception, Military Personnel and War Correspondents, whether visiting or on duty, staying or passing through BEIRUT, will IMMEDIATELY upon arrival present their credentials at SURETE GENERALE, Italian Consulate Building, BEIRUT, Tel BEIRUT 6164.

CREDENTIALS ARE THE MEANS by which a person's identity will incontrovertibly established, and must, therefore, be issued, signed, and stamped by a recognised authority, and should moreover be carried at all times by the above mentioned personnel throughout the M.E.

Failure to observe this SECURITY precaution may result in the offender's detention, until such time as his identification, through official channels, has been established.

Unless further advised this is to be taken to apply only to persons now entering SYRIA and will not apply to those already stationed in SYRIA and LEBANON.

2. FIELD CENSORSHIP - CORRESPONDENCE WITH ENEMY TERRITORY, ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY, AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES BORDERING THERE ON

General Order No 393 of 1941 is hereby amended as follows :-
Paragraph 4. Delete the whole paragraph and substitute:- "Postage of 22 m/m will be prepaid in Egyptian postage stamps only. If sender is unable to obtain Egyptian postage stamps, he will enclose a British Postal Order to the value of 6d with the correspondence."
Paragraph 5 and 7. Delete "Deputy Chief Field Censor" in each case and substitute "G.S.I.(c)."

3. DISCIPLINE

In view of the present tension in DAMASCUS caused by the economic and political situation, it is of paramount importance that the behaviour of troops visiting DAMASCUS should be exemplary.

Bad behaviour would quickly aggravate an already difficult situation.

This will be made known to all ranks.

4. OFFICERS DRIVING VEHICLES

Attention is drawn to the following instrn issued by HQ AIF (ME):-
"Officers may drive Aust Military Motor Vehs only in the following circumstances :-

- (a) when the dvr is incapacitated;
- (b) in an emergency; or
- (c) to afford relief to the dvr on long journeys."

This instrn will be rigidly enforced.

J. Mitchell
.....Lieut.
Act/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

iv. CASES FOR SUBMISSION TO MINISTER

- (a) In order to ensure that there is no break in the continuity of payments, particulars of all cases which are authorized to be continued for six months in accordance with subparagraphs ii (a) or iii (b) hereof will, if the member is still missing, be forwarded to the Secretary of the Military Board at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the period of six months. The cases will be reviewed by the Inter-departmental Committee for Dependents' Allowance and a recommendation submitted to the Minister.
- (b) Each case will be set out in accordance with the attached form. Each form should be serially numbered, prefixed by the number of the Military District and should be accompanied by a covering letter.

v. CONTINUANCE IN CASE OF HARDSHIPS

- (a) The amount will not exceed the rate of allotment;
- (b) If the allotment is to the member's mother, who, although in receipt of some income from other sources, has been using the allotment towards maintenance or support of herself or her home or members of the family, the allotment may be continued; (Similarly in the case of a member's father or other relative);
- (c) If part of the allotment is being used by the allottee and part is being banked for the soldier the amount to be continued should be based on the part being used by the allottee;
- (d) If an allotment is being used for meeting fixed commitments such as insurance premiums or interest on a mortgage whether on account of the member or of his relatives an appropriate amount should be continued to meet such commitments;
- (e) In other cases where the allottee is dependant to some extent, or hardship would be occasioned by the stoppage of the allotment, the District Finance Officer may continue the whole or part of the allotment at his discretion.

vi. IF MEMBER IS FOUND TO BE ALIVE.

If a member reported "missing" is subsequently found to be alive any allotment which has been cancelled or reduced will be reinstated as from date of cancellation or reduction.

vii. IF MEMBER IS ASCERTAINED TO BE DEAD.

In the event of a member who was reported "missing" being subsequently ascertained to be dead the allotment and dependants' allowance (if any) will be dealt with as follows -

- (a) If the member has made an allotment in relation to which dependants' allowance is payable or if the allotment or part thereof has been continued or would be eligible to be continued under sub-paragraphs iii(b) hereof, the payments in respect of the allotment (or the appropriate part of the allotment) and dependants' allowance will be continued until the expiration of one month from the date of notification to the Repatriation Commission of the death of the member.
- (b) If the member has made an allotment in relation to which no dependants' allowance is payable and which would not be eligible to be continued under sub-paragraphs iii(b) and iii(c) hereof, the allotment will cease at the expiration of three months from the date of notification to the prescribed authority that the member is dead, whichever is the earlier; provided that the allotment shall be continued for at least one month from the date of the member's death;
- (c) An allotment for the purpose of paying life insurance premiums of the member will cease on the Military Thursday following the date of notification to the prescribed authority that the member is dead; provided that the allotment shall be continued for at least one month from the date of the member's death.
- (d) Any sums paid in pursuance of the approvals notified in this Finance General Memorandum shall not be set off against any moneys due to the member at the time of his death.

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Act/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

Commanding Officer Lieut Col J.A. Corby, E.D.

Month and Year October, 1941.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Azga Area Syria.	1		Preparation of defensive posns. The ground in the Bn area is very rocky; making blasting necessary in practically all section posts.	
	2		Preparation of defensive posns.	
	3		do do do	
	4		Range practice, Inspection of rifles and removal of piling swivels and identity discs, by British Ordnance authorities. Work continues on posns.	
	7		Arrival of reinforcement and X list (40).	
	8		Visit by GOC to examine posns.	
	10		Engineer recce of sec posts re Pill Boxes;	
	11.		Leave party 'C' coy attended entertainment in TRIPOLI in evening.	
	13		Recce by 21 Aust Inf Bde Staff, of Bn area.	
	14.		Preparation of positions.	
	18.		A Coy leave AZGA area, and proceed to Legoult Bks TRIPOLI	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
	19		Day of Rest.	
	20		B Coy move from AZGA to TOURBOL to prepare to take up defensive position.	
	21.		Fwd BHQ - C - D Coys move to Legoult Bks TRIPOLI	
	22.		Coys commence work in new area ELBEDAOUI - DEIR AMAR - Working parties from all except duty Coy operate daily from Barracks.	
	24		Reinforcements arrive Legoult Bks 2 - 60.	
	26		Church Parade - Cricket match arranged with 25 Bn.	
	31		Air Raid Warning sounded 2040 hrs - ALL Clear approx 1 hour later	
	31		Bn strength 32 Offrs 648 Ors. including attached personnel.	

Diary

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
6 October 1941
No. 329.

1. SECURITY. Insufficient care is being taken by some HQ's and sub-units in the destruction of waste paper and documents. Partly burnt secret documents have been found, and this could be the means of a serious leakage of information.
HQ's and sub-units will see that all waste paper and documents placed in incinerators are completely destroyed under proper supervision.
2. CHEMICAL WARFARE. All ranks will undergo T.O.E.T. in C.W. tng every three months. (Vide paras IOI - IO4 of "Protection against Gas and Air Raids - pamphlet I")
Coys will submit to this HQ the results of these tests every three months. First report required by 21 Oct 41.
All personnel and Gas anti-gas eqpt will be examined monthly. Deficiencies found and faulty eqpt requiring replacement will be indented for without delay.
3. ACTING WARRANT OR N.C. RANK - RELINQUISHMENT OF. Further to AIF ORDER (ME) 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.
Commanders will ensure the lodgement of the necessary Casualty return to this HQ, and that the necessary adjustments are made in the soldier's paybook.
4. SECURITY: ARMS. All ranks and personnel are responsible for securing against loss any Government or private arms in their charge or owned by them. Immediately the loss of any weapon is discovered, it must be reported to this HQ. Unless special circumstances exist, loss of weapons will be treated as a Court Martial offence.
Officers must impress on all ranks, that every round of amm lost or stolen may be used against us. Whether a rifle is stolen or lost it is almost certain to mean one Aust soldier killed or wounded unnecessarily.
5. SECURITY: TELEPHONES. The importance of telephonic security is still not realised. It must be remembered that telephone lines in SYRIA and LEBANON are former civil lines.
Sig wire is being repeatedly cut along the SIR rd in an area approx 1 mile EAST of Bde HQ. It is the duty of all ranks to prevent and report any person seen interfering in any way with sig wires.
6. WASTE. This subject has been brought forcibly to the notice of all personnel by means of the Anti-Waste Campaign. Every endeavour will be made to keep waste of all kinds to an absolute minimum.
7. CLEANLINESS. Barrack and surrounding areas must be kept clean. Everyone must be made to realize that each article dropped or strewn about will have to ultimately be picked up by that person, or someone else.
8. BLACKOUT. The blackout has improved considerably, but is not yet good enough. Doors at the end of passage ways are the main cause of the trouble and must at all times be kept shut, whenever lights are burning.
9. TAIL LIGHTS. Many tail lights are being damaged by personnel using them as a step when climbing in and out of vehicles. Tail boards will be lowered before both mounting and dismounting and tail lights will not be used as a step nor subjected to any other mis-use.

J. A. Corby

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8 OCTOBER 1941
No. 330.

1. BOUNDS. Metal road running SW towards beach from rd junc I5992752 on rd TRIPOLI-BEIRUT, and in vicinity of rifle range is out of bounds to all ranks during range practices.
2. ROAD MENDING MATERIALS. It has been brought to notice that certain sub-units have removed road mending materials from repair dumps on roads.
The practice will cease forthwith.
Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.
3. SECURITY - ARMS. Personnel in forward areas will carry their rifles and respirators at all times.
Personnel in barracks are personally responsible for securing against loss any Government or private arms in their charge or owned by them.

W. H. C.
..... Lieut
A/ADJT 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following from the A.C.F.
1292 pkts Cigarettes
216 tins Soup

Xmas Cards with Bn name on are available at the Canteen for Ten (10) piastres (Syrian) including envelope.

VACANCIES FOR CLERKS - HG 7 AUST DIV. Applications are invited to fill vacancies for clerks at HG 7 Aust Div.

Applicants must be efficient typists and a practical knowledge of shorthand would be an advantage, but is not essential. Particulars of personnel desiring consideration should be submitted to this HG NOT later than 12 Oct 41.

STOLEN ARMS , EQPT ETC.

Revolver No. 3/998 .455 Webley, from Offrs quarters, "C" Div Sec, 2/I Aust Ord Fd Pk. 28 Sep 41.

Pistol, .38 Enfield Mk II, from HQ 7 Aust Div, initials "RI" on butt.

BREDA LMG, ground sheet, covering and magazine containing 20 rds amm; Steel case containing electrician's tools, branded "E3" and unit serial no, from 8 Aust Rec Sec, night 27/28 Sept 41.

Binoculars Prismatic, No. 31126, from 2/5 Aust Fd Regt, 13 Sep 41.

Paybook, clothing, boots, camera and case, groundsheet, from No 5 Coy AASC, night 19/20 Sept 41.

Three cleaning rods, Universal kit bags and contents, boots, haversacks, from bivouac area HQ AASC 7 Div, night 20/21 Sep 41.

RCA Table Radio, (8 valves, brown colour, with speaker in left hand portion) from 25 Aus Inf Bde, Legoult Barracks area, 21 Sept 41.

Spare wheel and tyre removed from van No. 216 on charge to HQ AASC 7 Div, night 27/28 Sept 41.

FOUND Rifle, No. 49205, held at 7 Aust Div Reception Camp and apparently left there by member of reinf draft.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
11 October 1941
No 331.

1. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL. At TRIPOLI on the 22 Sep 41, NX2391 Pte Brown, G.F. and VX 2309 Pte Lacey, J.W. were tried by a DCM convened by Maj-Gen A.S.ALLEN, G.O.C. 7 Aust Div. The accused were arraigned on the following charge:-

A. Sec 41. WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE, when in a place NOT within HIS MAJESTY'S DOMINIONS, committing a civil offence, that is to say, robbery with violence, contrary to Sec 23 (1) (b) of the Larceny Act 1916.
The accused were found guilty of the charge.
By sentence dated the 22 Sep 41, the court sentenced them to twelve months imprisonment with hard labour, and as against each of the accused, awarded stoppages of pay to the amount of 75 Pounds Syrian.
Maj-Gen A.S.Allen, G.O.C. 7 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence on the 6 Oct 41.

2. CHURCH PARADE. R.C. MASS 0900 hrs HQ Coy Rec.Room.
General Church Parade 0900 hrs C.O's office.
C of E Communion. 0930 hrs in C.O's Office.

3. RECOVERY AND RECONDITIONING OF M.T. SPARE PARTS. It is vitally necessary that every M.T. spare part which can be salvaged is immediately returned to the nearest section of I Aust Ord Fd Pk or A.A.O.C. wkshop.

The importance of this will be impressed upon all ranks. Officers will especially make every effort to implement the policy of recovery and reconditioning of spare parts, for which the necessary organization exists in the A.A.O.C.

[Signature]
.....Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE.

REGIMENTAL FUNDS. We are pleased to announce that the sum of Sixty (60) pounds Australian has been cabled from SOUTH AUSTRALIA and credited to the account. Within a short space of time we expect further amounts from other states now that committees have been formed for raising money for this unit. The efforts of our people at home are greatly appreciated.

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Legoult Despatch
13 October 1941.
No. 333.

LT. COL. J. A. CORBY, E.D.
COMMANDING 2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

I. ECONOMY MEASURES. General Order 12 of 1940 is republished for the urgent attention of all concerned.

1. The attention of all is drawn to the necessity for economy in the use of stationary.

Units are responsible for checking excessive consumption of stationary. The following measures will be adopted to achieve this object.

2. Paper.

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

(b) Single space typing should 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.

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

4. Envelopes.

(a) Size 5 in by 4 in envelopes will be used as far as possible.

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

5. Army Forms. Nil returns will be submitted on paper, and not on printed forms.

6. 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.

2. UNITARIANS. There are no Unitarian Chaplains in the M.E.F. and the interests of Unitarians are cared for by the Unitarian Ministers who are the Wardens of Hibbert House, 5 Sharia Street, CAIRO.

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

3. LOOT and TRAFFIC in ARMS. It has been definitely established that members of H.M. Forces have been selling captured arms and ammunition.

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

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

This order will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

J. Mitchell
.....Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

1. A.I.F. Cash Office, BEIRUT, has moved from Hotel Metropole to 159 Rue De Patriarche Hoyek.

2. LOST. The following articles have been lost in various hospitals:-

Binoculars No. 32425.

" " 31412.

Revolver " 422502.

Oil Compass No. 52490.

" " " 32313.

Compass " 52770.

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Legoult Barracks
16 October 1941
No. 334.

- I. DRESS. All coloured guernseys, sweaters, etc., with the exception of those of a khaki colour, will be worn underneath the shirt.

3. BREVITY IN TELEGRAMS.

- (i) Attention is drawn to the great importance of ensuring that all signals and telegrams, in particular Cipher Telegrams, are kept as brief as possible.
- (ii) It is most important that all unnecessary words should be eliminated from a signal or telegram consistent with ensuring that the meaning is clear to the recipient.
- (iii) Commanders 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.

J. A. Corby
.....Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

- I. The receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following comforts from the Australian Comforts Fund.
- 634 Tins of Tobacco.
 - 1268 Packets of Cigarette Papers
 - 4 Packets Writing Paper.
 - 2 Boxes of Envelopes.
2. Lost. M/C
M/C 4390891, engine No. W30865, on charge to 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. On 10 Jul 41 the rider of the above mentioned M/C was admitted to 2/13 Fd Amb Hospital, AZ ZIB, and the M/C was left with the Hospital authorities. When called for, the machine was missing, and another M/C, since claimed by Cheshire Yeomanry, had been left in it's place.
Any infm available which would assist in tracing the missing M/C should be communicated to this HQ.
3. STOLEN.
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|-----------|-------|------|-------------------|
| Rifle No. | P7345 | from | 2/33 Aust Inf Bn |
| " " | 86267 | " | 2/27 Aust Inf Bn. |
| " " | 12176 | " | 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. |
| " " | 56904 | " | 2/3 Aust MG Bn |
| " " | 84938 | " | " " " " |
4. LOST.
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|----------------------|--------|------|----------------------------|
| Rifle No | 3318 | from | No. 4 Coy AASC 7 Aust Div. |
| Pistol S & W .45 No. | I68250 | } | from 2/33 Aust Inf Bn. |
| Rifle Bolt No. | M7026 | | |
| Bayonet and scabbard | | | |
- Paybook CI735, respirator and set of webbing -TX3I50 Dr Walters W.F. No 4 Coy AASC 7 Aust Div.
- Paybook 49666, and pack - TXI622, Dr Sheppard, L.F. No 4 Coy AASC 7 Aust Div.
5. SING SONG
Mr C. Oakley Salvation Army Rep, will hold a Sing Song in 'C' Coy Recreation Room - SUNDAY 1915 hrs.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
17 OCTOBER 1941
NO. 335.

1. SALE OF CANTEEN STOCKS TO CIVILIANS. A number of reports have been received that troops are purchasing foodstuffs from canteens on behalf of civilians.
All ranks will be advised that canteen stocks are not sufficient to meet a demand of this nature and a continuance will lead to a shortage of supplies, when the personnel concerned will be the sufferers.
2. CIVIL POLICE AGENTS. in plain clothes carry identity papers in English and it is to be brought to the notice of all ranks that these agents are not to be interfered with in any way.
3. TRAFFIC CONTROL. The following extracts from local traffic regulations are published:-
Art. 5. During the time that a tramcar is stationary to take up or set down passengers, no vehicle will pass on the right side of such tramcar. (Note: Stationary tramcars may be passed on the left side.)
Art. 37. Vehicles must not be parked on roadways without necessity, Vehicles must not be parked within 5 metres of a crossing or entry to a public passageway, or opposite a stationary vehicle on the other side of the road.
Vehicles must not be parked except in authorised areas, and then the vehicle should be parked in such a manner SO AS TO BE PARALLEL with the kerb when line parking is employed, or in file in the centre of the roadway when axial parking is employed.
4. 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 5 persons only. Disciplinary action will be taken against all personnel found in an over crowded gharry.
5. DRIVERS LICENCES. Attention is drawn to appx. C GS. Instn. No. 30. to the effect that licences will be issued and carried by all drivers and a register kept of all issues.

J. A. Mitchell
.....Lieut.
Ass/Adj. 2/33. Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICES

1. CHURCH PARADES. 0900 hrs. R.C. Mass.
0900 hrs. General Church Parade.
0930 hrs. Holy Communion.
- 2; RADIO PROGRAMMES. An English broadcast is given every evening on Beyrouth Radio (Wave lengths 293.5 and 37.34). at present it is for one quarter of an hour only, beginning at 1915 hrs, but if sufficient interest is shown in the programmes and support given by the contribution of news, sporting results and other of general interest the session may be lengthened. Contributions should be sent to Radio Levant, English Section.

3. LOST. On 14-10-41. I set of keys to truck No. VI2688. No. of keys 8478, I2331A. 8167.

The under-mentioned rifles and pistols have been lost. If found please notify H Q I Aust. Corps.

Rifle Nos.		Pistol Nos.	
3852	68081	12176	31893
Z.7103	11432	86267	71274
9I732	63490	73728	30213
I25256	7963 without	P.7345 bolt No.M.	84938
	6260 bolts	7026 and bayonet.	

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LEGAULT BARRACKS
19 OCTOBER 1941
NO. 336.

I.

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 10 yards of any such stores. etc.

2. BOTTLES FOR MOLOTOV COCKTAILS.

Bottles of one pint capacity are very urgently needed for the preparation of Molotov Cocktails. It is thought that Officers and Sgts' Messes may have accumulations of whisky, gin, limejuice etc. bottles which have no sale value and which can be quite well prepared for this purpose.

All units will hand over all such bottles together with any corks which may be available to AASC at the next ration delivery, or deliver to DID if collecting rations. HQ AASC will arrange for all bottles so collected to be delivered to ROO BEIRUT as soon as possible.

Subsequent accumulations of bottles and corks will be delivered to 7 Aust Div Salv who will deliver periodically to the nearest ROO.

All units are asked to give this their immediate attention and treat it as a matter of importance. Co-operation will be appreciated.

J. A. Corby
.....Lieut.
Ass/Adj. 2/33 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICES.

- I. Old Melbourneians luncheon will be held at 1230 hrs Thursday 23 Oct 41 at the French Officers Club, BEIRUT. Any member wishing to attend, submit their name to the Ass. Adj. immediately.

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COMMANDING 2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

LEGAULT BARRACKS
21 OCTOBER 1941.
NO. 337.

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- I. DUTIES. Duty Coy. A Coy.
Next for Duty C Coy.
Next for Duty D Coy.
2. FIRE BRIGADES. Nominations from personnel trained in Fire
Brigade duties who are to assist in training civil persons in
TRIPOLI are to reach this H.Q. by 1200 hrs 22 Oct 41.

S. A. ...
.....Lieut.
Ass/Adj. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

I.

SOLDIERS CLUB. A Soldiers Club will be opened on 21 Oct 41
at the former French Officers Club opposite the Casino Tripoli.

This club will be opened from 1000 hrs to 2200 hrs
daily, and will provide the following amenities for troops:-

- (1) Wet and dry canteens.
- (2) Light Refreshments throughout the day.
- (3) Lunch 1200 to 1400 hrs-Dinner 1800 to 2030 hrs.

Prices for meals are most reasonable, as shown on menu
appended hereto:-

Roast Chicken and vegetables	80	piastres
Cold Chicken and Salad	80	"
Cold Lamb and Salad	65	"
Cold beef and Salad	65	"
Hamburger Steak and Potatoes	75	"
Steak, Eggs, Potatoes	75	"
Steak and Potatoes only	65	"
Eggs and Potatoes	40	"
Eggs, Bacon, and Potatoes	70	"
Fruit salad and Cream	20	"
Pineapple and cream	20	"
Peaches and Cream	20	"
Pears and Cream	20	"
Mixed Fruit (Fresh)	20	"
Sandwiches (Cheese, Meat, Tomato, Cucumber)	10	" each.
Australian Beer	25	" per glass
Local Beer	25	" " "
Minerals	20	" " "

Cigarettes, Tobacco, and all Canteen goods at usual

Canteen prices.

One hot shower is available to troops, towels and soap
being provided.

A tennis court will be available in a few days time,
racquets and balls provided.

It is impressed upon all personnel that this club
is THIS OWN club, and, therefore, it is in their interests to look
after it. It is not the intention to establish Picquets, for it
is hoped that the men themselves will accept the responsibility
for the standard of behaviour on the premises.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
22 OCT 41
337

1. DUTIES. Duty Coy C Coy.
Next for Duty D Coy.
Next for Duty H.Q. Coy;
2. CENSORSHIP. Representatives of the Red Cross Society, Y.M.C.A. Salvation Army, and similiar organisations connected with the forces, who are regarded as possessing the status of Officers, are authorised to frank their own correspondence, and act as unit censors.
3. LEAVE - STUDENTS COMPLETING COURSES AT SCHOOLS. Leave to students on completion of courses at M.E.F. and A.I.F. (M.E.) Schools may be granted by C.I.s as under:-

Courses of less than 6 weeks	=	3 days
Courses of 6 weeks and over	=	7 days
4. CONTAINERS, WATER, 2-GALLON.
Sufficient care is not being taken to replace the screw caps of Containers; Water, 2 Gallon, after use. These screw caps are increasingly difficult to procure, and the result is that large numbers of containers have been rendered unusable. There is thus an unnecessary diversion of labour and materials from the general war effort. A chain attachment for securing the cap to the container is at present under trial, meanwhile, particular attention will be paid to the replacement of screw caps on containers.
5. TATTOO REPORTS. Tattoo reports are to be delivered to BHQ at 215 hours daily.
6. LIGHTS OUT. All ranks are warned that "Lights Out" is at 2215 hours, after which time no lights are to be on in the Barracks.
7. DUTY RUNNER. Duty Coy will detail one runner to report to BHQ Orderly Room and remain on duty for 24 hours. Relief for this runner will be arranged by the duty Coy.
8. DUTY OFFICER. The Duty Officer will be detailed by next for duty Coy. His orders and report forms are at BHQ Orderly Room. The next for Duty Coy will inform BHQ of the Officers name by 1600 hrs on the day of commencing duty.

A. Mitchell
.....Lieut.
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn;

NOTICES.

N.C.Os Mess. A meeting of all junior N.C.O.s will be held in the Cpls Room, 'B' Block at 1800 hrs 23 October; 41.
Business. Organisation of junior N.C.O.s Mess.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
23 OCT 41
NO. 338

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	D	D. Coy
Next for Duty	A	Coy
Next for Duty	B	Coy.

2. 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 infm be in possession of the QM of the unit, but offrs and OR's concerned should memorise or note such Nos. in the same way as a man is expected to remember his rifle No.

3. CAPTURED REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS Approval has been given by GHQ MEF for the retention of captured pistols by AIF personnel as a temporary expedient until stocks of .38 pistols become available for issue. Captured pistols will then be returned in accordance with AIF Order (ME) 236 of 7 Mar 41.
 No liability can be accepted for provision of amm for captured pistols other than service calibres.
 AIF (ME) G2417 - 18 Oct 41

4. ANTI-WASTE All ranks are asked to cooperate in assisting the anti-waste campaign.

5. GAMING All ranks are warned that gaming of any kind is illegal in Syria and The Lebanon and participation in any game in hotels, casinos or the like is an offence punishable under military law.

6. WATER SUPPLY. In areas where water supply is not sterilised by civil or other authorities, sterilisation by superchlorination followed by dechlorination will be carried out before the water is used for drinking purposes.

7. COMMISSION OF CONTROLL A letter has been received by G.O.C. from Maj-Gen CRYSTALL, President of the commission of Controll, expressing his thanks for and appreciation of the work done by the members of the various sub-committees who served under him.
 Special mention was made by Maj-Gen CRYSTALL of the guards mounted at the warf in BEIRUT and his H.Q. and of the guard of honour mounted for him on his departure from SYRIA. All of these guards were highly complemented.

8. SECURITY All personnell in possession of Cameras must have them registered. Following infm will be submitted to Coy HQ's by 1800 hrs 24 Oct:-
 - (a) No, Rank, Name, Unit, Make of camera, Maker's No (if any), Description (i.e; type, film size.)
 - (b) Any offr or OR acquiring a camera will report the fact to his Comdr immediately and supply all the particulars set out above.
 - (c) Any offr or OR disposing of a camera subsequent to the publication of this order will forthwith inform his comdr of the address and name of the person acquiring the camera.
 - (d) Photography of the following is prohibited:-
 - (i) military vehicles of ALL KINDS
 - (ii) Tanks
 - (iii) Signal equipt
 - (iv) arty weapons

- (v) Defences of any kind
- (vi) Aircraft
- (vii) Ships of any kind
- (viii) Aerial views
- (ix) Aerodromes
- (x) Fortifications
- (xi) Camps
- (xii) Military operations
- (xiii) Weapons
- (xvi) Diagram of weapons

When photographs are being taken, special care must be exercised to ensure that none of these prohibited subjects appear in the background of any picture taken.

- (e) Orders for developing and printing of film will be placed ONLY with approved firms. In Tripoli area this approval will be granted by HQ 7 Aust Div who will vet through Br security mission, all firms in Tripoli area. Firms when vetted, will display a sign in their window showing they have been approved.
 - (f) Exposed and undeveloped films will not be exported from Syria.
 - (g) The use of cameras is a privilege and contravention of the above instn may lead to the withdrawal of such privilege. Any infringement of the above instn will result in disciplinary action.
9. Duty coy will provide a working party to report to PAD ofr each morning directly after 0800 hrs parade
Strength: All available personnel not on duty.
10. REMOVAL OF TABLE GAMES FROM REC. ROOMS Indoor games will NOT be removed from Rec Rooms.
11. BATMEN Commencing from 24 Oct 41 all Batmen will parade at 1000 hrs daily. DRESS: Drill Order, Respirators, with steel helmets. Place for parade HQ Coy Parade Ground.

Ballitshell
..... Lieut
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aus Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FARE Advice has been recd that ANCS 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 fwded yo Div early in Nov.
In addition to this a further free distribution of general goods to the value of 60 mils per man is being provided.

STOLEN Rifles 64836 and 64850 from HQ R.A. 7 Aust Div.

LOST One money belt (white) in lavatory near Guard Room. Finder please return to "C" Coy Orderly Room.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
24 OCT., 41.
No. 339

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy A Coy
Next for Duty C Coy
Next for Duty D Coy

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

At TRIPOLI on 22 Sept, 41 VX12349 Pte Denton J.E. was tried by a DCM convened by Maj-Gen A.S. ALLEN G.O.C. 7 Aust Div. The accused was arraigned on the following charges:-

1. A A Sec 41 Committing a civil offence, that is to say, Stealing.
2. A A Sec 41 Committing a civil offence, that is to say, common assault.

The accused was found guilty of the charge. By sentence dated the 22 Sept, 41; the court sentenced him to twelve months imprisonment with hard labour. Maj-Gen A.S. Allen, G.O.C. 7 Aust Div, confirmed the finding and sentence on 6 Oct, 41.

3. CHURCH PARADE.

R.C. Mass - 0800 hrs HQ Coy Rec Room.
General Church Parade 0900 hrs.
C of E Communion 0930 hrs.

4. TEA FOR TROOPS.

Tea will be served in recreation rooms at 2100 hrs each night, commencing tonight.

Coy Orderly Sjts will be responsible for :-

- (a) Drawing of containers from CQMS and collecting tea from Sjt Cook or representative at 2045 hrs daily.
- (b) Supervising the issue.
- (c) Ensuring that the containers are returned to CQMS.

W. Mitchell
.....Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
25 OCT. 41.
NO. 340

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	C Coy
Next For Duty	D Coy
Next For Duty	HQ Coy
2. RIFLES-ETC-Nos. It is essential that all personnel know the Nos of the rifle, pistol, binoculars and all other similar types of eqpt on issue to them.
3. PERSONNEL RIDING IN WD VEHICLES. It is again stressed that no more than 2 persons may occupy the front seat of vehs with floor type gear change lever.
4. MOTORCYCLES. All personnel mounted on M.C. are personally responsible for them when not in the M.C. park designated near the petrol station in this units lines.
5. PAYBOOKS. All ranks are reminded that paybooks are to be carried on their persons at ALL times. Personnel losing paybooks should report same immediately. They are guilty of an offence and will be charged accordingly.

J. Mitchell

..... Lieut.
Ass /Adjt 2/33 Aus Inf Bn.

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CHURCH APRADES

- 0800 hrs R.C. Mass (HQ Rec Room)
- 0900 hrs General Church Parade
- 0930 hrs Holy Communion.

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Le Gault Barracks.
26 Oct, 41.
NO 341.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for Duty	A Coy
Next for Duty	C Coy

2. BLACKOUT.

As from 27 Oct, 41 the following procedure will be adopted. At 1815 hrs the bugler will blow 'Blackout'. Coy Orderly Officers will then check areas to ensure complete blackout is observed.

3. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry will assemble to inquire into and report upon the escape of and the circumstances surrounding the escape of the undermentioned personnel :-

NX 13162	Pte	JERRY, W.
NX15090	Pte	CASS, W.H.
NX15098	Pte	PARNELL, L.

The Court will assemble at a time and place suitable, and will fwd the proceedings so as to reach H.Q., 25 Aust Inf Bde by 0900 hrs 3 Nov, 41, and will consist of :-

President.	-	Offr to be detailed by 2/25 Aust Inf Bn
Member	-	" " " " " " " " " "
Member	-	Lieut. G.B. Connor, 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

W. Connor
.....Lieut.
ASS Adj 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following from the A.C.F. :-

1 Table Tennis Table.
40 Stools.
12 Tables.

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Le gault Barracks
27 Oct., 41.
No 342.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy A Coy
Next for Duty C Coy
Next for Duty D Coy
Orderly Officer Lieut. Todd
Next for Duty Lieut Connor
Officer i/c Canteen Picquet Lieut Dysart.
Next for Duty Lieut Davies.

2. LIGHT DUTY PERSONNEL.

In future all Light Duty personnel will report to the Bn Orderly Sjt at BHQ at 0930 hrs daily.

3. HYGIENE.

A tour of inspection this morning revealed that some of the abultion rooms were in a very unhygienic state. Special care will be taken in the cleaning of these, and it is suggested CQMS's obtain disinfectant from the QM, and disinfect rooms at least once a week. All personnel will make every effort to keep ablutions clean, and are reminded that ablutions are for personnel only, and should not be used as dumps for rubbish.

T. O'Connell
.....Lieut.
Ass Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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Le Gault Barracks
28 Oct, 41.
No 343

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	C Coy
Next for Duty	D Coy
Next for Duty	A Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Connor
Next for Duty	Lieut Dysart
Officer i/c Canteen Picquet	Lieut Davies
Next for Duty	Lieut Cox

2. LAUNDERY.

It has come to notice that coys are taking Laundry direct to the Mobile Laundry Unit. This practice will cease forthwith.

The correct procedure is as follows :-

Officers Laundry to be at Bn Q.M. store not later than 0830 hrs on Weds and Sats. O.Rs washing to be bagged in coy lots and handed to Bn Q.M. Store together with a list of articles not later than 0830 hrs on Tues and Frids.

All Laundry will be marked - No. Name. Pl and Coy.

J. O'ConnellLieut.
Ass Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
29 Oct 41
No. 344

I. DUTIES

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for Duty	A Coy
Next for Duty	C Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Davies
Next for Duty	Lieut Cox
Officer i/c Canteen Picquet	Lieut Cox
Next for Duty	Lieut Andrews

2. FIRING AT AIRCRAFT.

- (a) Except where for reasons of surprise special orders have been approved by a div comd, fire will always be opened on every hostile aircraft coming within range.
- (b) An unidentified aircraft will be taken to be friendly unless it shows by its actions that it is hostile - such actions include getting into positions of attack, "peeling off", etc.
- (c) Small arms fire will be opened on an aircraft ONLY if it is within 600 yds range and below 2000 ft.

3. W/T and R/T WORKING.

1. 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 Signal Office.

2. W/T and R/T, owing to their liability to interception, must never be used on any call made without authority.

(a) Authority to initiate communication is the General Staff, usually through the O.C. Signals.

(b) Authority for routine work is Signal Training Vol 5, or procedure pamphlets published from time to time by G.H.Q., M.E.F.

(c) Authority for dispatching messages of varying priority is published in routine orders from time to time, and is F.S.R. Vol II, and is decided on by the General Staff.

(d) Authority for R/T conversation is the Commander of the Unit or Formation which the R/T serves or his "G" Staff.

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

4. IDENTITY DISCS - WEARING OF.

Identity discs must be worn by all ranks at all times.

A report has been received that two lives have been lost through the blood group of accident casualties not being known in time for a blood transfusion to be carried out successfully.

The number of casualties in traffic accidents is high

Unit Comdrs will take steps to ensure that this order is implemented fully.

5. MEDICAL. (a) INCIDENCE OF SICKNESS IN THE BATTALION.

The graph of sickness in the companies for week ending 25 Oct is posted in the R.A.P., A Coy having the least number reporting sick. There was one case of V.D. in both C Coy and D Coy.

5. (b) DRESSINGS. All those who require dressings to tinea, sores, and minor abbrasions are to report with Sick Report to R.A.P. at 1845 hrs daily. Only those reporting sick for the first time or who have some other complaint or who have been instructed to do so by the R.A.P. staff will come on the 0620 parade.

6. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS. Reference extract C.W. tng memo, dated 9 Oct 41.
Coys will ensure that respirators are worn from 1000 hrs till 1030 hrs each wednesday.

T. O'Connell
..... Lieut
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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LeGoult Barracks
30 Oct, 41.
NO 345

1; DUTIES.

DUTY COY	A Coy
Next for Duty	C Coy
Next for Duty	D Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Cox
Next for Duty	Lieut Andrews
Canteen Picquet	Lieut Andrews
Next for Duty	Lieut Todd

2. CRICKET.

A match between teams representing 25 AUST INF BDE and 21 AUST INF BDE will be played on SUNDAY 2 Nov 41.

To assist the selectors, a trial match between two teams picked from the Bde will be played on FRIDAY 13 Oct 41 (weather permitting) on the PLANT OVAL, commencing at 1300 hrs.

The following are the teams:-

<u>Maj Cummings Team.</u>		<u>Capt Mayes Team.</u>	
Maj Cummings	33 Bn	Capt Mayes	25 Bn
Pte Hackworthy	31 Bn	Pte Donnelly	25 Bn
" Scanlon	33 Bn	L/Cpl Sibley	25 Bn
" Quinan	31 Bn	Lieut Dwyer	25 Bde
" York	33 Bn	Pte Jenkinson	25 Bn
S/Sgt Carter	25 Bde	" Lanigan	25 Bn
Pte Bill	31 Bn	L/Cpl O'Donnell	25 Bn
Cpl Jewell	25 Bde	Pte Ruddy	25 Bn
Lieut Crombie	25 Bn	Capt Blundell	25 Bn
" Cameron	25 Bn	Sgt Compton	31 Bn
Pte Ross	33 Bn	" Nitschke	33 Bn
L/Cpl Austin	25 Bn (Reserves)	Pte Carter	33 Bn

The a/m are requested to report to the playing ground, PLANT OVAL, by 12.45 hrs.

W. O'Donnell Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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LeGoult Barracks
31 Oct, 41.
NO 346.

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| 1. DUTIES. | Duty Coy | C Coy |
| | Next for Duty | D Coy |
| | Next for Duty | A Coy |
| | Orderly Officer | Lieut. Andrews |
| | Next for Duty | Lieut Todd. |
| | Next for Duty | Lieut Davies. |

2. PAYBOOKS. . . . The falsification of Paybooks is an offence which will be tried by Court Martial.
3. CLOTHING AND EQPT. Clothing and eqpt will be put away neatly in billets and NOT left lying about.
4. USE OF MOSQUITO NETS. All ranks will continue the use of mosquito nets until further ordered.
5. PERSONNEL ATTENDING DENTAL PARADES. Personnel attending dental parades at fd ambcs will bring cut lunches and drinking utensils.
6. BLACKOUT. A slackening in the effectiveness of the blackout in the unit area is noticeable.
Coy Orderly Officers and NCO's will make it their continual care to see that the blackout is strictly enforced from 1815 hrs and will take disciplinary action against NCO's in charge of barrack rooms for failing to observe orders with regard to blackout.

T. Corby
..... Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 2 NOV 41.

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| R C Mass | 0800 hrs in HQ Rec Room. |
| General Church Parade | 0900 hrs. |
| C of E Communion Service | 0945 hrs in HQ Rec Room. |

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

DEC - 9 1941 WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

Commanding Officer Lieut Col J.A. Corby E.D.

Month and Year Nov 1941

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Legoult Bks; TRIPOLI, SYRIA.	I	1900	Air raid warning sounded. Some AA fire.	
	2		Bn sports in TRIPOLI. Air raid warning 2200 hrs, All Clear 2315 hrs (approx)	
	8		Air raid warning 1055 hrs. NO All Clear received.	
	9		Weather showery. Church pdes. Lt Dwyer, 1 Cpl, 2 OR's to DAMASCUS cemetery for Armistice Day Service (members of unit interred there).	
	II		Armistice Day - 2 minutes silence observed.	
		1930	Arrival of 49 reinforcements (including "X" list).	
	I2	1930	Compass march by all personnel.	
	I3		Rd Recce HOUSSANE EL BAHER - BANIAS.	
	I4		Rd Recce BANIAS - MASAIF. KADMOUS - BANIAS.	
	I5		Rd Recce proceeding.	
	I6		Sunday. 25 Bde and att tps Sports - Results attached.	OP unit No 10
	I7		Rd Recce JEIR JEMLE - DEIR CHMEIL. Bn Band commenced practicing.	20 Nov
	I8		Weather showery.	
	2I	1930	Route march, sub units of Bn selecting individual routes.	
	26		6 Div Mob Picture unit arranged picture show in evening.	
	27		Thunderstorm and heavy rain at night.	
NOTE: Throughout the month work continued on the defensive positions in EL BEDAOUI area. Most of the fd work being in advanced stages. B Coy remain at their defn posn				
TOURBOL Ref I6932783 TRIPOLI I:50000. Weather showed tendency toward showers and to become generally unsettled and cold.				

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
2 NOV 41
No 348.

I. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	A Coy
Next for Duty	C Coy
Next for Duty	D Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Davies
Next for Duty	Lieut Comp
Next for Duty	Lieut Andrews.

2. WATER SUPPLY.

Coys are notified that the water point at EL AYOUN is again fit for use.

W. Connelley Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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Legoult Barracks
4 Nov 41
No 349

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for Duty	A Coy
Next for Duty	C Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Andrews
Next for Duty	Lieut Todd
Next for Duty	Lieut Barclay

2. ROUTINE AS FROM 5 NOV 41.

Reveille	0630	Retreat	1730
Administrative Parade	0645	Blackout	1800
First Parade	0830	First Post	2130
Break Off	1200	Last Post	2200
Midday Meal	1230	Lights out	2215
Afternoon Parade	1330		
Dismiss	1630		
Evening Meal	1700		
Guards March onto Bn Parade Ground	1710		

3. INNOCULATIONS - TAB. Coys will hold a monthly check on personnel requiring TAB inoculations and will forward a nominal roll of such personnel to these HQ on the first day of each month.

4. KITCHENS - CLEANLINESS OF. Orderly Officers inspection reveals that much improvement in the standard of cleanliness in the kitchens has been effected. This standard must be maintained.

5. XMAS CARDS. There are still a number of unit Xmas cards available at the canteen and although surface mail for Australia is now closed these cards can be sent Air Mail as an ordinary letter.

6. SICKNESS - INCIDENCE OF. The graph showing the incidence of sickness in the battalion for the week ending 1.11.41 is posted in the RAP. The following is the daily % rate reporting sick in the companies:-

A Coy	10.9%	D Coy	6.1%
B Coy	8.2%	HQ Coy	8.4%
C Coy	9.7%		

There were 3 cases of V.D., 2 in HQ Coy and 1 in A Coy.

7. WITHDRAWAL OF EGYPTIAN 10 PIASTRE NOTES. The above notes will not be used for pay or exchange purposes after 6 Nov 41 and such notes will not be accepted from personnel unless they can be returned to the nearest Formation Paymaster by 5 Nov 41.

8. AIF BOOK - ACTIVE SERVICE. Sales of this book through existing channels will continue indefinitely, although there is urgency for Christmas Gift orders. It is desirable that orders for books required as Christmas Gifts be placed immediately.

Further supplies of order forms for Corps troops can be obtained from M.H. & I. Pd Unit att HQ I Aust Corps.

9. TAILORS CUTTER. 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 WO I if fully satisfactory.

Names of applicants, with particulars of qualifications should be submitted through the usual channels to HQ I Aust Corps.

10. CHRISTMAS FARE. Advice has been received that the AACCS 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 distribution of general goods to the value of 60 mils per man is being provided.

11. BOUNDS. THE village of MALAKA is placed out of bounds to all tps. Adequate notices to this effect have been placed at the entrance to the village.

Any tps found in this village without a reasonable excuse will be arrested immediately and charged under aa sec II.

12. REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT. The requisite number of vehicles required by Coys for transport to the fwd area will be requisitioned from the T.O. by Coys the night before, no later than 1800 hrs. Only in the case of unexpected jobs will the transport be requisitioned for at short notice.

The above will comz into operation as from 0600 hrs 5 Nov.

T. O'Connell Lieut.
Ass/adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

Following is the list of points scored in the Barrack Competitions:-

	Barrack Area		
	Mon	Tues	
A Coy	150	220	out of a possible 300.
C Coy	110	200	
D Coy	100	200	
HQ Coy	100	210	

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
7 Nov 41
No 350

I. DUTIES

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for Duty	A Coy
Next for Duty	G Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Andrews
Next for Duty	Lieut Marshall
Next for Duty	Lieut Copp.

2. MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY INSTALLATIONS IN BARRACKS.

The sewerage of the LEGOULT and adjacent barracks includes a number of septic tanks. The entry of newspaper and other material such as cloth, cigarette boxes etc into the tanks will soon cause failure.

Inspection shows that a good deal of such material is accumulating in the tanks.

The use of disinfectant in the latrines would be detrimental to the functioning of the tanks.

3. MEDICAL.

1. Coy commanders will ensure that beds in barrack rooms are spaced to ensure that there is at least 6 ft from head to head, i.e. 18 men per barrack room at the most. Remember meningitis and other respiratory infections can be just as fatal as bomb wounds.

2. All ranks who have mosquito nets will use them. There were 85 cases of malaria in the Division last week. The malarial season is not yet over and nets will be fitted and used immediately and thenceforth till further notice.

... J. O'CONNELL, Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES -- Sunday 9 Oct 41.

R. C. Mass	0800 hrs HQ Coy Rec Room,
	1130 hrs B Coy
Gen Church Pde	0900 hrs
C of E Communion	0945 hrs

FOUND.

- (a) One felt (slouch) hat at the sports ground on 6 Nov 41.
- (b) One wristlet watch in leather cover in HQ Coy wash room.

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Legoult Barracks
8 Nov 41
No 351.

I. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	A Coy
Next for Duty	C Coy
Next for Duty	D Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Marshall
Next for Duty	Lieut Copp
Next for Duty	Lieut Todd

2. LATRINE. Latrine situated at rear of HQ Coy is out of bounds to OR's.
The Latrine at rear of C Coy will be used by OR's.

T. Donnell Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

BARRACK COMPETITION. "A" Coy are the winners for the week ending 8 Nov.

<u>Scores:-</u>	<u>Grd Mtng.</u>	<u>Barracks</u>						<u>Total</u>
		<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>	
A Coy	180	150	220	260	230	215	220	1495
C Coy	146	110	200	195	230	225	220	1430
D Coy	178	100	200	185	220	235	220	1343
HQ Coy	Takes average 166	100	210	230	225	245	220	1396

BDE SPORTS MEETING. The Bde Sports Meeting begins at 1300 hrs 9 Nov.
All ranks are expected to attend.

CHURCH NOTICES.- 10 Nov 41.

R.C. Mass	0800 hrs HQ Coy Rec Room.
	1130 hrs B Coy.
Gen Church Pde	0900 hrs.
C of E Communion	0945 hrs.

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Legoult Barracks
10 Nov 41
No 351.

1. BUSSES

Duty Coy	B Coy
Next for Duty	D Coy
Next for Duty	A Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Todd
Next for Duty	Lieut Connor
Next for Duty	Lieut Davies
2. PAY - LEAVE PERSONNEL. Units are again advised that pay will not be available at Field Cash Offices for personnel on I days leave.
Units will ensure that personnel proceeding on leave have the necessary funds, and if necessary a supplementary pay may be obtained by the unit from the Field Cash Office.
3. PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL MESS GEAR. All personnel evacuated to hospital will be in possession of messing gear, including knife, fork and spoon.
4. ABUSE OF SIGNAL INSTRUMENTS. Considerable inconvenience and breakdown in communications are occurring as the result of tampering with sig eqpt by inexperienced persons. Only sig personnel with the necessary qualifications will make any adjustments whatsoever to sig instruments.
5. CAMOUFLAGE OF TENTS. Immediate steps will be taken to ensure that all tents are camouflaged.
6. INVENTIONS. Offrs and NCO's are to encouraged to put forward suggestions and ideas which could improve existing or future eqpt, or overcome difficulties now being met. Two immediate needs are:-
(a) A method of getting AFV's over an anti-Tk laid in depth and covered by fire.
(b) An apparatus for producing realistic air targets for use when training riflemen and LM gnrs in AA action.
Any suggestion which might help, no matter how novel, should be fwded through the usual channels.
7. CHRISTMAS AIRGRAPHS. The latest date for posting Christmas Airgraphs for delivery in the united Kingdom before Christmas has been fixed as 10 Nov 41.
8. FIELD SERVICE POSTCARDS. Commencing 1 Nov 41 Field Service Post Cards (AF. A2042) will be accepted for Air Mail transmission to Australia. The postage fee is 3d.
Cards for Air Mail should bear an air mail blue label or be effectively marked "By Air Mail" in the top left hand corner of the address side. The Air Mail charge of 5d for ordinary post cards is not changed.
9. CARE OF RESPIRATORS. Care must be taken to thoroughly dry and air RESPIRATORS after being worn. On no account must the face-piece be returned to the haversack while damp.

IO. ARMS -- SECURITY OF. All coys have now been supplied with bars and bolts for rifle racks. All rifles and automatic weapons will be kept locked in these racks when not in use.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken against personnel responsible for failure to comply with this order.

II. SICKNESS -- INCIDENCE OF. The graph showing incidence of sickness in the battalion for the week ending 8.II.4I is posted in the RAP. There were no cases of VD. Tge % reporting sick from the coys was:-

A Coy	9.1 %
B Coy	8.9 %
C Coy	9.3 %
D Coy	5.6 %
HQ Coy	6.9 %

D Coy again showed the least figures.

The CO notes with pleasure the fall in figures for the incidence of sickness.

J. O'Connell Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

The scores in the Barrack Competition for today 10 Nov 4I are:-

A Coy	235 Points
C Coy	205 "
D Coy	235 "
HQ Coy	225 "

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II Nov 4I
No 352.

I. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for Duty	A Coy
Next for Duty	C Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Davies
Next for Duty	Lieut Barclay
Next for Duty	Lieut Cox

2. SECURITY OF UNIT EQPT.

Once again the attention of all ranks is directed to the fact that all eqpt issued to a soldier is on charge to him, and he is responsible for its safe keeping.

If guards are not mounted by the Bn it will be the duty of the Coy Comdr to make his own arrangements for the safeguarding of stores.

MT and MC's will also be considered the property of persons to whose care they are allotted and should there be no guard placed either by the Bn or Coy it will be the duty of the driver to remain with the vehicle and not leave it unattended. This will hold for all time.

J. H. Lewis Capt.
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/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
13 Nov 41
No " "

1. DUTIES.
- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Duty Coy | C Coy |
| Next for Duty | B Coy |
| Next for Duty | D Coy |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Howland |
| Next for Duty | Lieut Weale |
| Next for Duty | Lieut Andrews |

2. BARRACK ROOMS - Cleanliness of. Inspection of barrack rooms reveals that loose clothing, socks, paper, etc, are being dumped under packs and kit bags on blanket rolls. This practice will cease. ALL surplus clothing and gear will be in kit bags or packs.

3. SICK PARADES. In future at all Sick Parades Coy Ord Cpls will march personnel reporting sick to the RAP where he will hand Sick Reports to the Bn Ord Cpl.
The Bn Ord Cpl will fall sick parade in in front of the RAP but not on the verandah.

T. O'Connell Lieut
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

BOOT POLISH. Limited quantities are available now at the Canteen.

BARRACK ROOM COMPETITION. Points for the last three days are:-

	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thurs</u>
A Coy	260	240	245
B Coy	210	200	210
C Coy	220	195	210
D Coy	240	230	240
HQ Coy	255	230	235

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Legault Barracks
14 Nov 41
No 354

- 1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	E Coy
Next for duty	D Coy
Next for Duty	A Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Weale
Next for Duty	Lieut Todd
Next for Duty	Lieut Davies

2. LATRINE. Coys are referred to BARO 351 which states that latrine situated at rear of A Coy is out of bounds to all ranks below that of Sgt. Disciplinary action will be taken against troops for the failure to observe this order.

3. GUARDS. Cases have been noticed of guards at the Main Gate, when checking a vehicle, failing to ask drivers to produce Work Tickets. In future this procedure will be strictly observed and guards will carefully check that each driver has a work ticket.

4. CIVILIANS. In future any person found giving army rations or equipment to civilians will have severe disciplinary action taken against them. All ranks will chase civilians out of the barrack area unless in possession of a pass signed by BHC. All NCO's who see civilians in the barrack area will take steps to have them put out immediately.

4. BATMEN. When off duty batmen will NOT go to barrack rooms and sleep, but will tidy the area around the barracks and then the barrack area.

J. O'Connell
..... Licut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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LE GOULT BARRACKS
15 Nov 41
No 355.

1. DUTIES.
- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Duty Coy | D Coy |
| Next for Duty | A Coy |
| Next for Duty | C Coy |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Todd |
| Next for Duty | Lieut Davies |
| Next for Duty | Lieut Barclay |
2. A/G EQPT - CARE OF. All ranks have now been issued with the following A/G equipment :-
- (i) Cape A/G
 - (ii) Wallet A/G
- (a) Personnel are responsible ENTIRELY for safeguarding of this eqpt and all possible precautions will be taken within Coys to guard against loss.
- (b) Capes A/G when not being used for training etc, will NOT remain rolled. They will be spread out and hung on hooks provided in barrack rooms.
3. ARMS - SECURITY OF. Cases have occurred of personnel who are being committed to detention or evacuated to hospital, relinquishing arms to other persons, NCO's or otherwise without obtaining a receipt for those arms. In future all personnel relinquishing arms for any reason whatever will obtain a receipt from Offr, NCO or OR taking charge of those arms. It then becomes the responsibility of that Offr, NCO or OR to take these arms to the Coy store of the person from whom the arms were taken over and there obtain a receipt for those arms.

T. J. Tammell
Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

1. Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following from the A.C.F.
- 753 Pkts Razor Blades
 - 753 1 Oz Tins Tobacco
 - 753 Pkts Cigarette Papers
 - 3 1/2 Packages Writing Paper
 - 1 Double Box Envelopes
2. CHURCH NOTICES. - Sunday 16 Nov.
- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| R. C. Mass | 0800 hrs HQ Coy Rec Room |
| Gen Church Pde | 0900 " |
| C of E Holy Communion | 0645 " BHQ 2/25 Bn |
3. BDE SPORTS. The 25 Bde Sports will be held at the IPC Ground tomorrow 16 Nov commencing at 1300 hrs.
4. BARRACK ROOM COMPETITION. (Progressive Total).
- The points for today 15 Nov are
- | | |
|--------|-----|
| A Coy | 255 |
| B Coy | 210 |
| C Coy | 258 |
| D Coy | 230 |
| HQ Coy | 225 |
5. FOUND One leather money belt containing coins and papers. Owner may claim same on reporting to this HQ.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
17 Nov 41
No 356

I. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	A Coy
Next for Duty	B Coy (Guard only)
Next for Duty	C Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Barclay
Next for Duty	Lieut Copp
Next for Duty	Lieut Howland

2. SICKNESS - INCIDENCE OF. The graph showing the incidence of sickness in the battalion for the week past is posted in the RAP.

8.3 % of the battalion reported sick daily and .53 % of the battalion were evacuated to hospital and the distribution amongst the Coys was as follows :-

A Coy	12.9 %
B Coy	7.7 %
C Coy	14.9 %
D Coy	5.5 %
HQ Coy	5.3 %

There were no cases of suspected VD reported during the week.

J. O'Connell Lieut.
ASS/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

The CO wishes to congratulate and thank all those who participated in the Athletic Carnival and Guard Parade and those who helped in the organisation of the Carnival for their fine work.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS.
19 Nov 41.
No 357.

I. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	C Coy
Next for Duty	D Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Howland
Next for Duty	Lieut Weale
Next for Duty	Lieut Todd

2. ITINERANT PHOTOGRAPHERS--Controll of. Civilian photographers have been noticed plying their trade in the vicinity of camps, gun sites and defence works.

All ranks will make it a duty to ensure that :-

- (a) No itinerant photographers enter camp.
- (b) All such photographers are discouraged from approaching gun sites or defence works.

All ranks must realize the danger of uncontrolled photography of defence works, etc, by civilians.

3. WEEKLY WEARING OF RESPIRATORS. Respirators shall NOT be worn in public in towns in PALESTINE or SYRIA. Other instns referring to weekly wearing of respirators stand. (I Aust Corps GII84 and 7 Aust Div Cir GI09 refer).

4. EQPT FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS (ME GO II64). Patients are arriving at hospitals without respirators AG and helmets steel.

Units will ensure that sick and wounded are at all times in possession of these two items. (CR/ME/8440/QI)/

5. AIRMAIL LETTER CARDS - MISUSE OF (ME GO II69). Air mail letter cards will not be used for inter-MEF communications. Unit censors will return misused cards to senders, and thus stop the waste of these cards which are costly to produce and limited in quantity. (CR/ME/IO225/Q3).

6. DANGEROUS ARTICLES IN POST AND ELS (ME GO II71) Instances have occurred in which live grenades and other dangerous articles have been despatched in mail bags, thereby causing possible unnecessary danger to life and property. In no circumstances will any such articles be included in postal or express Letter mail bags.

Contravention of this order will incur severe disciplinary action. (CR/ME/373I6/Q3).

7. CLEANLINESS OF RIFLES. It was noticed during the Gd Inspection on 16 Nov that the rifles were in excellent condition except that all but 10 had dirty gas vents and/or dirt collected under the extractor. Both these faults will now be remedied.

M. O'Connell Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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COPY NO.!!.....

20 NOV, 41.

2/33 AUSTRALIAN INF BN CP INSTN NO. 10.

REF MAP :- TRIPOLI 1/50,000 and sketch.

1. GENERAL.

- (a) Port defence duties at EL MINA are to be performed by 21 and 25 Aust Inf Bdes alternatively.
- (b) 25 Aust Inf Bde commences duty on 16 Nov, 41.
- (c) 2/31 Aust Inf Bn is supplying Port Defence gd for 2 weeks, commencing 16 Nov, 41.
- (d) It is expected that this Bn will take the fortnight commencing on or about 14 Dec, 41.

2. TPS REQUIRED. (To be known as Port Defence Coy)

One Rifle Coy.
Carrier Pl (if not available -- one extra rifle Pl)
Six Sig personnel.
Three D.Rs (from HQ Coy)

3. TPS UNDER COMD.

One tp 2 Aust A/Tk Regt.

4. ADDITIONAL TPS IN AREA. (but not under comd or in support)

- (a) One Lt A A Bty.
- (b) Personnel of two 145 MM and two 75 MM C.D. guns.
- (c) Two Btys 3.7 A A Guns.

5. LAUNCH.

A motor Launch manned by three native boatmen is under comd Port Defence Coy. One O.R. will be detailed as a guard on the launch the whole time.

6. TASK.

Port Defence Coy in co-operation with remaining units will defend TRIPOLI harbour, and Port installations against sabotage and attack from Sea, Land, and air.

7. METHOD.

- (a) D Coy will be Port Defence Coy for the first period, date to be advised later.
- (b) One Pl of C Coy will take the place of the carrier Pl and will be under Comd OC D Coy.
- (c) Nine posts are located in the area, including two on the island. These will each be manned by one section.

- (d) The C Coy Pl will be held as a mobile res, at Coy HQ (Sea Plane Base)
- (e) All LMGs will be mounted, by day for A A. By night fixed lines as shown in sketch.
- (d) Coy HQ will be responsible for mounting guards, (drawn from Res) over the Sea Plane Base, for ensuring the security of that installation.

8 RESPONSIBILITY.

- (a) The initial responsibility for preventing unknown ships from entering TRIPOLI harbour, rests with the C.D. Btys.
- (b) Movement of suspicious vessels will be reported to Coy HQ and from there to the Port War Sig Stn (by phone)
- (c) The Port Defence Coy will open fire only :-
 - i. To prevent enemy landing.
 - ii. On known enemy vessels within range.
 - iii. On enemy aircraft within range.
 - iv. If firing is necessary to prevent Sabotage of Port installations.

The coy will not challenge shipping attempting to enter the Harbour. This will be done by the C.D. Btys.

9. ACCOMODATION.

Huts are available at Coy HQ for Coy Res. Other posts will require tentage. QM will make arrangements to draw 10 R.D. Tents from Ordnance immediately.

10. BAD WEATHER.

Tps on the island will be evacuated during bad weather, only on the advise from Div HQ.

11. AMN.

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Fist Line amn will be taken and adequately guarded at each post.

12. MOSQUITO NETS.

All ranks will take and USE mosquito nets.

13. RATIONS.

The Port Defence Coy will be treated as a separate indenting unit, and will carry the undermentioned on ration strength :-

- i. Coy personnel
- ii. Tp 2 Aust A/TK Bty.
- iii. C.D. Bty personnel.
- iv. Three native boatmen.
- v. Lt A A Bty personnel.

The Port Defence Coy is only responsible for cooking for serials i, iv and v. Other units will draw rations from Coy HQ.

14. WATER.

No water is available at most posts. QM will arrange sufficient water tins to be provided for each section posts.
Water Pt - Coy HQ.

15. CIVILIANS.

Civilian boatmakers are permitted to land on the island, during daylight only. These men are being issued with passes, but they will always be kept under strict observation.

16. RETURNS.

Each post will keep a log book. Coy HQ will submit daily sit rep to HQ 7 Aust Div., by morning D.R.

17. STORES.

Stores will be checked on taking and handing over, and the necessary receipts obtained.

18. TPT.

- (a) Tpt to and from the Port will be arranged by TO. Oc D Coy will advise Tpt office two days in advance of the requirements to move his coy personnel including the res pl.
- (b) The Coy Comds truck and store truck, and one Van will remain with the Coy HQ.

19. COOKING GEAR.

QM will arrange with OC D Coy for the essential cooking gear to be taken down by adv party.

20. MEDICAL.

Coy aid post will be established at Coy HQ. R.M.O. will allot 2 SBs and an orderly to supervise. All serious cases will be evacuated to Bn RAP at LEGOULT Bks.

21. CONTACT.

COY Comd will visit Port Defence Coy two days prior to taking over duties and will ensure correct procedure.

22. COMNS.

- a. Phone - Port Defence Coy HQ to Div, Bde, BHQ, No 8 and No 9 posts, and Port War Sig Stn.
- b. V/T - Port Defence Coy HQ to Posts No 3, 4, and 5, A/T det on MOLE.
- c. D.R. - all other posts.
- d. D.R. will be sent to Div HQ daily at 0930 hrs.

23 SIGNALS.

- a Air Attack - series of short blasts on siren.
- b All clear - continuous blast on siren.
- c Submarine alarm - Series red very light.
- d MTB alarm - series green very light
- e Stand To - One red very light
- f Stand Down - One White very light
- g CDF - red over green very light (to be fired by Coy HQ only).

Coy Comd will ensure that all posts have written copies of these signals.

24 NOTE.

This is a secret order and will be kept as such. It will be returned to BHQ on completion of the coystour of duty, complete with sketch.

25 ACK.

Time of Signature .0900 hrs.
Issued by runner.

J. M. Blowers Capt.
Adj. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

	Copy	No	
D Coy	"	"	1
C Coy	"	"	2
HQ Coy	"	"	3
25 Aust Inf Bde	"	"	4
Comd	"	"	5
QM	"	"	6
RMO	"	"	7
Sig Offr	"	"	8
T.O.	"	"	9
RSM	"	"	10
War Diary	"	"	11-13 ✓
File	"	"	12
I.O.	"	"	14
shape	"	"	15-16

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
21 Nov 41
No 358

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| I. <u>DUTIES.</u> | Duty Coy | HQ Coy |
| | Next for Duty | A Coy |
| | Next for Duty | B Coy |
| | Orderly Officer | Lieut Todd |
| | Next for Duty | Lieut Davies |
| | Next for Duty | Lieut Barclay |

2. TRANSPORT - USE OF. Coys making requisition for tpt to take troops to working area will also state whether those trucks are to be returned at once to the T.O. or are being retained for other duties.

3. SPORTS CLOTHING. Sports clothing held by personnel is to be returned to the QM Store immediately.

T. O'Connell
..... Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

BARRACK ROOM COMPETITION. The points up to date for this week are:

	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>
A Coy	237	285	270	290	265
C Coy	225	260	255	275	270
D Coy	168	255	255	295	280
HQ Coy	185	260	270	280	285

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Part I.
 For Official Use Only.
 A.M.R. & O. 1587.

LEGOULT BARRACKS
 22 NOV 41
 No 359.

I. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	A Coy
Next for Duty	B Coy (guard only)
Next for Duty	C Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Balfour-Ogilvy
Next for Duty	Lieut Cox
Next for Duty	Lieut Copp

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL. At TRIPOLI on 14 Nov 41, NX46707 Pte GILL C.R.B. of 2/33 Aust Inf Bn was tried by a DCM convened by Maj Gen A.S. Allen, GOC 7 Aust Div. The accused was arraigned on the following charges:-

First charge. Committing a civil offence, namely, stealing
 Army Act
 Sec 41. in that he

at LEGOULT BARRACKS on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1941, stole one blanket, the property of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Second charge. Committing a civil offence, namely, receiving
 (alternative) stolen goods
 Army Act
 Sec 41. in that he

at LEGOULT BARRACKS did receive one blanket, the property of the Commonwealth of Australia knowing the same to have stolen.

The accused was found guilty on the first charge, not guilty on the second charge.

By sentence dated 14 Nov 41 accused was sentenced to forty days detention.

Maj Gen A.S. Allen, GOC 7 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence on 15 Nov 41.

3. PROMOTIONS & REVERSIONS. The following have been forwarded to O 2 E for inclusion in Part II Orders.

NX8095 Pte James J.J. promoted A/Cpl as from 4/II/41.
 QX1298 A/Cpl Wood E.Me.G. promoted to A/Sgt as from 20/II/41.
 NX28758 A/Cpl White K.J. reverted to ranks 20/II/41.

J. Connell
 Lieut.
 Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES - for Sunday 23 Nov 41.

R.C. Mass	0800 hrs HQ Coy Rec Room.
General Church Pde	0900 hrs.

BARRACK ROOM COMPETITION.

Scores for today 22 Nov 41 -	A Coy	265	Score Total for week:	
	C Coy	275	A Coy	1812
	D Coy	180	C Coy	1560
	HQ Coy	280	D Coy	1433
			HQ Coy	1560

'A' Coy are again the winners.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROYTINE ORDERS
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LEGOULT BARRACKS
23 Nov 41
No 360.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	B Coy
Next for Duty	C Coy
Next for Duty	D Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Cox
Next for Duty	Lieut Copp
Next for Duty	Lieut Howland

2. MEDAL RIBBONS. Medal Ribbons (in the form of a brooch) will be worn by all ranks in M.E.F. when in shirt sleeves (including bush shirts) In future immediate awards will be presented personally by Army, Corps or Divisional Commanders and on such occasions an initial free issue of Medal Ribbons mounted on a brooch will be made. These will be held by A.Ds.O.S. of Formations.

3. CASH PAYMENTS TO SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL AND CONVALESCENT DEPOTS.

1. Military Hospitals.

(a) Cash payments will be made by the officer commanding the Hospital and will not exceed the following weekly amounts:-

Warrant Officers	13/6
Staff Sergeants and Sergeants	10/6
Corporals and Bombardiers	8/6
Privates or equivalent ranks	8/6

(b) In the case of a patient of the rank of private or equivalent who is subject to Hospital Charges owing to sickness due to his own fault, or certified to have been caused by an offence under the Army Act, the cash payment issueable will not exceed a maximum of 5/6 per week.

(c) In the case of dangerously or seriously ill patients, or those under mental observation and treatment, no payment will be made, but such money as is necessary within the above limits may be expended on their behalf under the direction of the Officer Commanding Hospital, the expenditure being certified and supported by bills.

2. Civil Hospitals. Payments within the limits of I(a) will be made by the Officer Commanding the nearest military unit.

3. Convalescent Depots. Payment will be made at the discretion of the Officers Commanding Convalescent Depots, subject to the limits disclosed by the soldiers' A.Bs. 64. Part II.

4. 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.

Commanding Officers will draw the attention of all officers and other ranks to this section forthwith.

5. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS - TO AUSTRALIA - SPECIAL XMAS GREETINGS ISSUE.

A free issue of special Xmas Air Mail letter cards will be made on the basis of three per man to all personnel. It is anticipated that cards will be available for distribution by 1 Dec 41.

The Xmas Air Mail letter cards will replace for 1 week the issue of ordinary type Air Mail letter cards.

T.O. Connell
..... Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

As a contribution to the funds of the Aust Red Cross, the sum of 2205 Syrian Piastres has been received from KADER ABDEL KRAIDIE of the REO Cinema ALEY.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
24 Nov 41
No 361

I. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	C Coy
Next for Duty	D Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Howland
Next for Duty	Lieut Todd
Next for Duty	Lieut Balfour-Ogilvy

2. SICKNESS - INCIDENCE OF.

The graph showing the incidence of sickness in the battalion for the past week is posted in the RAP. 9.4% attended daily Sick Parades and .43% were evacuated to hospital daily. The distribution amongst the Coys was as follows:-

A Coy	16.5%	.63% evacuated
B Coy	10.3%	.28% evacuated
C Coy	12.2%	.59% evacuated
D Coy	12.8%	.53% evacuated
HQ Coy	6.2%	.37% evacuated

There were two cases of suspected VD, one in B Coy and one in HQ Coy. Also there were two cases of Pediculosis, one in D Coy and one in HQ Coy.

T. Cornwell Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS
25 Nov 41
No 362.

I. DUTIES.

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for Duty	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	A Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut Todd
Next for Duty	Lieut Balfour-Ogilvy
Next for Duty	Lieut Cox

2. TRANSPORT - Unauthorised use of.

Officers and NCO's in charge of vehicles are at all times responsible that the driver has in his possession, a work ticket covering the individual duty on which he is engaged.

No driver will undertake any driving duty without having received a work ticket from a responsible authority, to cover that particular duty.

T. O'Connell
..... Lieut.
Ass/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

*West
Diary*

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

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

by

L I E U T - C O O L J A C O R B Y E. D.

C O M M A N D I N G 2 / 3 3 A U S T R A L I A N I N F A N T R Y B A T T A L I O N

Part I
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Legoult Barracks
26 November 1941
No. 363

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|                  |                 |                      |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <u>I. DUTIES</u> | Duty Coy        | HQ Coy               |
|                  | Next for duty   | A Coy                |
|                  | Next for duty   | B Coy                |
|                  | Orderly Officer | Lieut Balfour-Ogilvy |
|                  | Next for duty   | Lieut Cox.           |
|                  | Next for duty   | Lieut Howland        |

2. LEAVE - TRIPOLI On no account must personnel who have been granted leave to proceed to TRIPOLI for the evening, leave the Barracks or Camp area before 1530 hrs.

3. HEATERS - KEROSENE The NCOs in charge of Barrack rooms, are responsible for the safety of these heaters. On no account will they be placed in positions likely to set fire to bedding or other eqpt in the rooms. Kerosene is not plentiful and due economy by the unit now, will result in fuel being available when the heaters are really needed.

4. TRANSPORT - REQUISITION FOR The attention of all coys is drawn to B. R.O. No 349 of the 4 Nov 41, which states that all requisitions for tpt will be lodged at the tpt office by 1800 hrs the previous night. This is not being done. The T.O. has the right to refuse any tpt requisition not lodged in time, except of course in special circumstances. All requisitions must be in WRITING.

*J. M. G. Lewis*  
.....Capt  
Adjnt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS  
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LIEUT COL J.A. CORBY E.D.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS  
27 Nov 41  
No.364.

|                   |                 |               |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES.</u> | Duty Coy        | A Coy         |
|                   | Next for Duty   | B Coy         |
|                   | Next for Duty   | C Coy         |
|                   | Orderly Officer | Lieut Cox     |
|                   | Next for Duty   | Lieut Allen   |
|                   | Next for Duty   | Lieut Andrews |

2. POLISHING OF BRASSES. All webbing equipment brasses and other brass parts of arms equipment used or worn, or likely to used or worn; by troops during active service operations, will be left unplished and allowed to become dull, as the present practice of polishing all bright parts renders the user more liable to observation from the Air and from the Ground.

This instruction does not refer to the badges and buttons on service dress used by troops for walking out. (CR/ME/I6189/QSD.2A)

3. BOUNDS. The cement works and jetty at CHEKKA are OUT OF BOUNDS to all troops except those on duty.

4. TIDINESS OF BARRACK AREA. It is noticed that personnel are not using Rubbish Bins provided. This leads to more fatigues being provided. Disciplinary action will be taken against persons who drop any rubbish, including cigarette butts, matches, etc on the ground.

5. GUARD ORDERS. CSMS will obtain from the Guard Room, a copy of Guard Orders, when their Coy is mounting Guard, and will read these Orders to the personnel mounting and will see that they fully understand their Duties. The Orders will immediately afterwards be returned to the Guard Room.

6. LETTER CENSORSHIP. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that letters will be censored by their Pl Commanders (Offr) or any Officer of their Coy.

On no account will letters be taken to the Padre for censoring. There is no reason why letters cannot be censored by unit Officers. If the matter is strictly confidential, then the Green envelope can be used, of which there is an allotment of one per week, per man, if necessary. These letters are liable to be censored at base.

7. XMAS CABLES TO AUSTRALIA. Personnel are reminded that Xmas cables despatched now, will be held in Australia and delivered during Xmas week.

There is guarantee that cables despatched after 7 Dec will reach Australia before Xmas.

Price of Xmas Cables will be III Piastres.

*J.M. Clowes* ..... Capt.  
Adjnt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/33 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 29 Nov 1941 (Date).

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

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**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

| 1<br>Detail.                                                    | 2<br>Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | 3<br>Surplus to Establishment. | 4<br>Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments). |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| W.Os. Class I.                                                  | 1                                                                                    |                                |                                                                 |
| W.Os. Class II.                                                 | 6                                                                                    |                                |                                                                 |
| W.Os. Class III.                                                |                                                                                      |                                |                                                                 |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants |                                                                                      |                                |                                                                 |
| Staff Serjeants                                                 | 3                                                                                    |                                | 2                                                               |
| Serjeants                                                       | 30                                                                                   | 3                              |                                                                 |
| Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.                                       |                                                                                      |                                |                                                                 |
| Corporals                                                       | 62                                                                                   | 1                              |                                                                 |
| Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.                  | 595                                                                                  |                                | 57                                                              |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                                   | <b>697</b>                                                                           | <b>* 4</b>                     | <b>* 59</b>                                                     |

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

| Detail.            | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Sgt 1st Lt 1st R | AAMC                                 |         |                                      |
| 1 Sgt              | AAPC                                 |         |                                      |
| 1 bpl.             | AAOC                                 |         |                                      |
| 1 bpl.             | Postal Unit.                         |         |                                      |
| 1 OR               | 25 Aust Inf Bde                      |         |                                      |
| 1 OR               | 2/2 M.G. Bde                         |         |                                      |
| 1 OR               | 2/8 Aust Inf Bde                     |         |                                      |

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

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps.   | Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known). |
|----------|-------|--------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| VX 17331 | Pte.  | Naylock F.V.       | 2/33 Bde | 25 A.I.T. Bde.                               |
|          |       |                    |          |                                              |
|          |       |                    |          |                                              |
|          |       |                    |          |                                              |
|          |       |                    |          |                                              |
|          |       |                    |          |                                              |
|          |       |                    |          |                                              |
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2/33 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

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| DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS,<br>TRADESMEN ETC.               | SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT. |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            | REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.                         |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          | REMARKS. |            |                                                  |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                                                        | W.Os. Class I.            | W.Os. Class II. | W.Os. Class III. | S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or<br>Colour-Serjeants. | Staff-Serjeants. | Serjeants. | Buglers, Trumpeters, &c. | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates,<br>Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c. | TOTAL. | W.Os. Class I. | W.Os. Class II. | W.Os. Class III. | S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or<br>Colour-Serjeants. | Serjeants. | Buglers, Trumpeters, &c. |          | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates,<br>Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c. | TOTAL. |
| Bricklayers ... ..                                     |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          | 1          | 1                                                |        |
| Butchers ... ..                                        |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Carpenters and Joiners ... ..                          |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Clerks ... ..                                          |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Cooks ... ..                                           |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Despatch Riders ... ..                                 |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..                          |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| „ „ (Wheeled) ... ..                                   |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Drivers-Mechanics ... ..                               |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Drivers-Operators ... ..                               |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Electricians ... ..                                    |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Equipment Repairers... ..                              |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Farriers ... ..                                        |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Fitters ... ..                                         |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Machine Gunners ... ..                                 |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Masons ... ..                                          |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          | 1          | 1                                                |        |
| Motor Mechanics ... ..                                 |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Pioneers, Infantry (other<br>than tradesmen) ... ..    |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..                        |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Range Takers ... ..                                    |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Saddlers and Harness Makers                            |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Saddle Tree Makers ... ..                              |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Sanitary and Water Duties... ..                        |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Signallers ... ..                                      |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          | 8          | 8                                                |        |
| Storemen technical ... ..                              |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Tailors ... ..                                         |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Wheelers ... ..                                        |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| I Section<br>N Bearers                                 |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          | 1          | 1                                                |        |
|                                                        |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          | 5          | 5                                                |        |
| General duty personnel ... ..                          |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  | 3          | 1                        | 4          |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  | 2                                           |            |                          |          | 4          | 43                                               |        |
| TOTALS (to agree with Col-<br>umns 3 and 4 of Part A). |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  | 3          | 1                        | 4          |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  | 2                                           |            |                          |          | 5          | 59                                               |        |

2/33 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Date of Despatch 29 Nov 41

*[Signature]*  
Majal  
Lieut. Col  
A.I.F.  
Signature of Commander.

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/33 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit.) For Week Ending *29 Nov - 1941*

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. *F15*

| War Establishment. | 1                        | 2                                                                               | 3                         | 4                                                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | Ranks.                   | Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |
|                    | *                        |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | *                        |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | *                        |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | *                        |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | Lieut.-Colonels ...      |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | Majors... ..             | <i>three</i>                                                                    | -                         |                                                            |
|                    | Captains ... ..          | <i>seven</i>                                                                    | -                         | <i>two</i>                                                 |
|                    | Lieutenants ... ..       | <i>nineteen</i>                                                                 | -                         |                                                            |
|                    | 2nd Lieutenants ... ..   |                                                                                 | -                         |                                                            |
|                    | Quartermasters ... ..    |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | District Officers ... .. |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | TOTALS ... ..            | <i>Twenty Nine</i>                                                              |                           | <i>two</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>Allen W.G.</i>   | <i>2/33</i> | <i>22/11/41</i> | <i>from P.D.S.</i>        |
| <i>Lieut</i> | <i>Silburn J.H.</i> | <i>2/33</i> | <i>18.11.41</i> | <i>7 British Gen Hosp</i> |
| <i>Lieut</i> | <i>Mills R.</i>     | <i>2/33</i> | <i>20.11.41</i> | <i>25 A.I.T. Bn</i>       |

### Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank.        | Name.                 | Corps.      | Date.           | Cause.                                                                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Lieut</i> | <i>Mills R.</i>       | <i>2/33</i> | <i>20.11.41</i> | <i>to HQ Base Area as relieving camp staff officer. Seconded to 2/33 Bn.</i> |
| <i>Lieut</i> | <i>O'bennell J.F.</i> | <i>2/33</i> | <i>26/11/41</i> | <i>62/4 rd Ambulance PVO</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. F 15

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

| 1  | 2        | 3                 | 4                                         | 5                  | 6       | 7                                             | 8                 | 9                                             |
|----|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|    | M. or S. | Substantive Rank. | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. | Name and Initials. | Corps.  | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | Date Joined Unit. | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| 1  |          |                   |                                           |                    |         |                                               |                   |                                               |
| 2  |          | Major             | BX6011                                    | Pummings G.F.      | 2/33 Bn | yes                                           |                   | Adm. C.O.                                     |
| 3  | ✓        |                   | SX1434                                    | Butcher A.W.       | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | bay band                                      |
| 4  | ✓        |                   | VX13927                                   | Wright H.E.        | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | ✓                                             |
| 5  |          | Capt              | WX299                                     | Batten J.R.W.      | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | ✓                                             |
| 6  | ✓        |                   | NX12394                                   | Peck G.W.B.        | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | ✓                                             |
| 7  | ✓        |                   | WX335                                     | Bennett G.W.       | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | ✓                                             |
| 8  | ✓        |                   | VX11954                                   | Lannon J.K.        | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | S.M.                                          |
| 9  | ✓        |                   | BX6232                                    | Blowers J.M.       | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | Adit                                          |
| 10 | ✓        |                   | VX12717                                   | Graham-Lutton H.   | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | bay 2 <sup>nd</sup>                           |
| 11 | ✓        |                   | VX12008                                   | Archer J.E.        | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | ✓                                             |
| 12 |          | Lieut             | NX12925                                   | Mitchell R.A.      | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | PAD. Offr                                     |
| 13 | ✓        |                   | VX12718                                   | Bryce J.K.         | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | bay 2 <sup>nd</sup>                           |
| 14 | ✓        |                   | VX12669                                   | Parson K.          | ✓       | No                                            |                   | 25 MITBn                                      |
| 15 | ✓        |                   | NX12473                                   | Wool W.J.          | ✓       | Yes                                           |                   | Sign                                          |
| 16 | ✓        |                   | NX24866                                   | Burser H.G.        | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | 10.                                           |
| 17 | ✓        |                   | VX2367                                    | Logan G.H.         | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | T.O.                                          |
| 18 | ✓        |                   | VX12701                                   | Durant A.W.        | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | Pl Comd                                       |
| 19 | ✓        |                   | TX 417                                    | Barclay G.W.       | ✓       | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 20 | ✓        |                   | NX74670                                   | Bonnie G.B.        | ✓       | No                                            |                   | ✓                                             |
| 21 | ✓        |                   | NX70757                                   | Marshall G.H.      | ✓       | No                                            |                   | ✓                                             |
| 22 | ✓        |                   | NX6359                                    | James H.H.         | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | Pl Comd                                       |
| 23 | ✓        |                   | NX34720                                   | Dodd M.H.          | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | ✓                                             |
| 24 | ✓        |                   | VX11589                                   | Coff W.A.          | ✓       | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 25 | ✓        |                   | NX12170                                   | Anderson G.F.T.    | ✓       | Yes                                           |                   | Pl Comd                                       |
| 26 | ✓        |                   | SX1662                                    | Balfour-Ogden J.M. | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | ✓                                             |
| 27 | ✓        |                   |                                           |                    | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   |                                               |
| 28 | ✓        |                   | VX12013                                   | Ullan M.H.         | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | ✓                                             |
| 29 | ✓        |                   | NX70713                                   | Howland R.W.       | ✓       | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 30 | ✓        |                   | VX12554                                   | Boe R.W.           | ✓       | Yes                                           |                   | Pl Comd                                       |
| 31 | ✓        |                   | NX12258                                   | Lilbrack J.H.      | ✓       | ✓                                             |                   | ✓                                             |
| 32 |          |                   |                                           |                    |         |                                               |                   |                                               |
| 33 |          |                   |                                           |                    |         |                                               |                   |                                               |
| 34 |          |                   |                                           |                    |         |                                               |                   |                                               |

(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              | NX473                                     | Nickens J.F.       | AAMC      | 29.9.41             | R.M.O.                |
| Chaplain          | BX19123                                   | Syrett J.B.        | 25 Bde    | 11.9.41             | Padre                 |
| Welfare Offr.     | B 3/21                                    | Dahley G.          | Sal. Army | 20.10.41            | Welfare Officer       |

2/33 Aust Inf Bn  
29 Nov 1941  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

Adm/ COMMANDING 233 BN  
25 Aust Inf Bde  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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RESULTS OF SPORTS MEETING SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 1941

25 AUST INF BDE AND ATT TROOPS



| EVENT                 | RESULTS                                                                                 |                                              |                                              |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 100 Yds CHAMPIONSHIP  | 1. HARRALD 2/31 Bn.                                                                     | 2. Lieut HURREL 2/31 Bn.                     | 3. STEVENSON 2/25 Bn.<br>HOSKINS 2/5 Fd Coy. |
| 440 Yds CHAMPIONSHIP  | 1. MULLENS 2/33 Bn.                                                                     | 2. BENNETT 2/31 Bn.                          | 3. Lieut O'CONNEL 2/33 Bn.                   |
| 220 Yds CHAMPIONSHIP  | 1. BULLOCK 2/33 Bn.                                                                     | 2. HARRALD 2/31 Bn.                          | 3. HOSKINS 2/5 Fd Coy.                       |
| 880 Yds CHAMPIONSHIP  | 1. BARTON 2/25 Bn.                                                                      | 2. OLLIS 2/31 Bn.                            | 3. CONFOY 2/31 Bn.                           |
| SHOT PUTT             | 1. TOWNSEND 2/31 Bn.                                                                    | 2. Capt JACKSON 2/25 Bn.                     | 3. BEAN 2/5 Fd Coy                           |
| HOP STEP & JUMP       | 1. MORTON 2/31 Bn.                                                                      | 2. CANT 2/33 Bn.                             | 3. Lieut HURREL 2/31 Bn.                     |
| GUARD MOUNTING        | 1. 2/33 Bn                                                                              | 2. 2/25 Bn                                   | 3. 2/31 Bn.                                  |
| THROWING CRICKET BALL | 1. LEONARD 2/33 Bn.                                                                     | 2. CRINGLE 2/31 Bn.                          | 3. GOBLE 2/25 Bn.                            |
| HIGH JUMP.            | 1. LANCASTER 2/31 Bn.                                                                   | 2. RAMPLIN 2/25 Bn.                          | 3. CANT 2/33 Bn.<br>TOWNSEND 2/31 Bn.        |
| BROAD JUMP            | 1. MORTON 2/31 Bn.                                                                      | 2. CANT 2/33 Bn.                             | 3.                                           |
| ALARM RACE            | 1. MATHER 2/25 Bn.                                                                      | 2. LEONARDS ) 2/33 Bn.<br>WALTERS ) 2/25 Bn. |                                              |
| TUG O WAR             | 1. 2/25 Bn                                                                              | 2. 2/31 Bn                                   | 3.                                           |
| OFFICERS RACE         | 1. Lieut MILFORD 2/25 Bn.                                                               | 2. Lieut HURREL 2/31 Bn.                     | 3. Lieut O'CONNEL 2/33                       |
| RELAY RACE            | 1. 2/31 Bn                                                                              | 2. 2/25 Bn                                   | 3. 2/5 Fd Coy.                               |
| FINAL POINTS :-       | 2/31 Bn 35. 2/25 Bn 24. 2/33 Bn 20. ✓<br>2/5 Fd Coy 32. 14 Lt Fd Amb Nil 25 Bde HQ Nil. |                                              |                                              |

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I.O. \_\_\_\_\_

Q.M. \_\_\_\_\_

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December MONTH  
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# WAR DIARY

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(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT 2/33 Aust Inf Bn

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

| PLACE                            | DATE | SUMMARY OF EVENTS<br>Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required                                                                                                                                                                                                         | REFERENCES TO APPENDICES | C.O.'s. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH<br>(On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Legoult Barracks Tripoli, Syria. | 4    | Special guard provided by Bn in honour of Brig Plant, 25 Aust Inf Bde, retutnung to AUSTRALIA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          | <p><u>Health:</u> The health of the tps, in general has improved during the winter. -.3% evacuations daily and a daily average of 2.5% reporting sick.</p> <p><u>Hygiene:</u> Satisfactory. A urinal flushing system has almost been completed.</p> <p><u>Rations:</u> Satisfactory with the exception that there is some difficulty in getting sufficient soda and soap to wash basins etc.</p> <p>Tactical exercises were carried out to impress the offensive spirit necessary in every action. A T.E.W.T. was also carried out for officers.</p> <p>Coys exercises in movement by mule pack tpt, including the carrying of Coy weapons, stores, etc.</p> |
|                                  | 6    | I offr (Lieut Balfour-Ogilvy), 1 Sgt, 13 ORs transferred to Ski Coy being formed by 7 Aust Div                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 7    | Sunday. Church pdes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 11   | Night march by sub-units of the Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 13   | Air raid warning 1200 hrs. No all clear received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 14   | Sunday. Church pdes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 19   | Draft arrived from 25 AITB. 1 offr, 20 ORs, 1 interpreter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 23   | 3 Pls B Coy leave TOURBOL (defn posn) arrive Legoult Barracks 1230 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 24   | Air raid warning received 1445 hrs. 1505 hrs all clear sounded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 25   | Christmas Day. Church pde.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 27   | 10 ORs drawn from each Coy to <del>form</del> provide extra personnel required by Carrier Pl under new WE.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 28   | Sunday. Church pdes. Rehearsal for Bde review.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 29   | Night exercises by sub-units of the Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                  | 30   | Presentation of awards and Bde review by GOC 7 Aust Div. Heavy rain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| NOTE:                            |      | During the month work continued on defn posns in EL BEDAOUI area. Rain had caused some damage to earth works which together with alternative posns are in an advanced stage. Sub-units of the Bn conducted tactical exercises on alternative days, also night exercises were carried out when weather permitted. |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

Signature *J. A. Conroy*

*War Diary*

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/33 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit.) For Week Ending *6 Dec 41*

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

*File*

| War Establishment. | 1                        | 2                                                                               | 3                         | 4                                                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | Ranks.                   | Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |
|                    | *                        |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | *                        |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | *                        |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | *                        |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | Lieut.-Colonels ...      | <i>One</i>                                                                      |                           |                                                            |
|                    | Majors... ..             | <i>Three</i>                                                                    |                           |                                                            |
|                    | Captains ... ..          | <i>Two</i>                                                                      |                           | <i>Three</i>                                               |
|                    | Lieutenants ... ..       | <i>Twenty</i>                                                                   | <i>one</i>                |                                                            |
|                    | 2nd Lieutenants ... ..   |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | Quartermasters ... ..    |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | District Officers ... .. |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | TOTALS ... ..            | <i>Thirty</i>                                                                   | <i>one</i>                | <i>Three</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>Paul R.A.</i>    | <i>2/33 Bn</i> | <i>24/10/41</i> | <i>from Reinforcements</i>       |
|              | <i>W. A. H. O.</i>  |                |                 | <i>max. order 149</i>            |
|              | <i>O'Donnell J.</i> |                |                 | <i>from 2/4 rd. in Australia</i> |
| <i>lieut</i> | <i>Henry J. O.</i>  |                |                 | <i>from England, etc.</i>        |

### Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank.        | Name.                  | Corps.         | Date.           | Cause.                 |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <i>capt</i>  | <i>Gradison Sutton</i> | <i>2/33 Bn</i> | <i>27/10/41</i> | <i>to 25 AIT Bn</i>    |
| <i>lieut</i> | <i>Mitchell W.A.</i>   |                |                 |                        |
| <i>lieut</i> | <i>Barry O'Connell</i> |                | <i>27/10/41</i> | <i>to 7th 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       | 7                                             | 8                 | 9                                             |
|----|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|    | M. or S. | Substantive Rank. | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. | Name and Initials. | Corps.  | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | Date Joined Unit. | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| 1  |          | Lt Col            | VX14050                                   | Conroy J.A.        | 2/33 Bn | Yes                                           |                   | CO.                                           |
| 2  |          | Major             | 6X6011                                    | Hummings G.J.      |         |                                               |                   | 2nd                                           |
| 3  |          |                   | 5X1434                                    | Bullough A.D.      |         | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 4  |          |                   | 4X13907                                   | Wright M.H.        |         | Yes                                           |                   | bag. com.                                     |
| 5  |          | Capt              | WX1219                                    | Edson H.W.         |         | No                                            |                   | 1st Bde.                                      |
| 6  |          |                   | NX12291                                   | Frank G.N.B.       |         | Yes                                           |                   | bag band                                      |
| 7  |          |                   | WX1335                                    | Bennett G.W.       |         | Yes                                           |                   |                                               |
| 8  |          |                   | VX11934                                   | Tamson P.H.        |         | Yes                                           |                   | Q.M.                                          |
| 9  |          |                   | WX1232                                    | Thomson J.H.       |         |                                               |                   | CO.                                           |
| 10 |          |                   | VX12008                                   | Wicks J.H.         |         |                                               |                   | bag etc                                       |
| 11 |          | Lieut             | NX12473                                   | Wells W.T.         |         |                                               |                   | Sgt                                           |
| 12 |          |                   | VX14218                                   | Harper J.H.        |         |                                               |                   | 1st Bde                                       |
| 13 |          |                   | VX14669                                   | Reid K.            |         | No                                            |                   | 251st Bn                                      |
| 14 |          |                   | NX24266                                   | Evangelos H.H.     |         | Yes                                           |                   | I.O.                                          |
| 15 |          |                   | VX2367                                    | Logan G.H.         |         |                                               |                   | T.O.                                          |
| 16 |          |                   | VX12701                                   | Rossant H.W.       |         |                                               |                   | bag band                                      |
| 17 |          |                   | TX417                                     | Whitely G.W.       |         | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 18 |          |                   | NX34370                                   | Turner J.H.        |         | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 19 |          |                   | NX10257                                   | Wainman G.H.       |         | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 20 |          |                   | NX1927                                    | O'Bunnell J.H.     |         | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 21 |          |                   | NX6359                                    | Tanner H.H.        |         | Yes                                           |                   | 1st Bde                                       |
| 22 |          |                   | NX34700                                   | Todd W.H.          |         | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 23 |          |                   | VX11519                                   | Boff W.H.          |         | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 24 |          |                   | NX11170                                   | Woodrow N.H.       |         | Yes                                           |                   | 1st Bde                                       |
| 25 |          |                   | VX12613                                   | Allan W.H.         |         | Yes                                           |                   | 4th Bde                                       |
| 26 |          |                   | NX36475                                   | Pratt H.H.         |         |                                               |                   | 1st Bde                                       |
| 27 |          |                   | NX57611                                   | Wainwright H.H.    |         |                                               |                   | 1st Bde                                       |
| 28 |          |                   | NX74713                                   | Howland H.H.       |         |                                               |                   | 1st Bde                                       |
| 29 |          |                   | VX12554                                   | Boyd H.H.          |         |                                               |                   | 1st Bde                                       |
| 30 |          |                   | NX12258                                   | Silvester J.H.     |         |                                               |                   | 1st Bde                                       |
| 31 |          |                   |                                           |                    |         |                                               |                   |                                               |
| 32 |          |                   |                                           |                    |         |                                               |                   |                                               |
| 33 |          |                   |                                           |                    |         |                                               |                   |                                               |
| 34 |          |                   |                                           |                    |         |                                               |                   |                                               |

(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              | NX473                                     | Nichols J.F.       | ARMC.    | 29/9/41             | R.M.O.                |
| Major             | 3/21                                      | Osley G.           | 1st Army | 20/10/41            | Officer               |
| Capt              | 5X1419                                    | Anderson K.W.      | 1st Bde. | 1/10/41             | 1st Bde               |

2/33 Quat Reg Bn  
6 Dec 41  
(Unit.)  
25 Quat Reg Bde  
Liout. Col  
A.I.F.  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/33 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 27 Dec 1941 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted strength counting against authorised establishment, 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required. Rows include W.Os. Class I-III, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Buglers, Trumpeters, etc., Corporals, Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc., and a TOTALS row.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 4 columns: Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Rows list details like 1 Sgt, 1 Sgt, 1 CPL, 1 CPL, 1 OR, 1 OR, 1 OR with corresponding units such as A.A.M.C., A.A.P.C., A.A.O.C., Postal unit, 25 Aust Inf Bn, 2/2 Mil. Bn, and 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known). The table is mostly empty with dotted lines for rows.



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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,<br>TRADESMEN ETC.               | SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT. |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            | REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.                         |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          | REMARKS. |            |                                                  |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                                                        | W.Os. Class I.            | W.Os. Class II. | W.Os. Class III. | S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or<br>Colour-Sergeants. | Staff-Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Buglers, Trumpeters, &c. | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates,<br>Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c. | TOTAL. | W.Os. Class I. | W.Os. Class II. | W.Os. Class III. | S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or<br>Colour-Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Buglers, Trumpeters, &c. |          | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates,<br>Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c. | TOTAL. |
| Bricklayers                                            |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  | 11     |
| 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<br>than tradesmen)           |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Plumbers and Pipefitters                               |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Range Takers                                           |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Saddlers and Harness Makers                            |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Saddle Tree Makers                                     |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Sanitary and Water Duties                              |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Signallers                                             |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Storemen technical                                     |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Tailors                                                |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| Wheelers                                               |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  |        |
| <i>Bandmen</i>                                         |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             |            |                          |          |            |                                                  | 66     |
| General duty personnel                                 |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             | 8          |                          |          |            |                                                  | 691105 |
| TOTALS (to agree with Col-<br>umns 3 and 4 of Part A). |                           |                 |                  |                                             |                  |            |                          |            |                                                  |        |                |                 |                  |                                             | 8          |                          |          |            |                                                  | 698112 |

2/33 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

*JA Coyle*  
Lieut. Col  
COMMANDING 233 BN. A.I.F.  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 27 Dec 1941

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/33 Aust Inf B* (Unit.) For Week Ending *27 Dec 1941*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. *Serial "F22"*

| War Establishment.       | 1                                                                               | 2                         | 3                                                          | 4 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Ranks.                   | Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |   |
|                          | *                                                                               |                           |                                                            |   |
|                          | *                                                                               |                           |                                                            |   |
|                          | *                                                                               |                           |                                                            |   |
|                          | *                                                                               |                           |                                                            |   |
| Lieut.-Colonels ...      | <i>One</i>                                                                      | <i>-</i>                  | <i>-</i>                                                   |   |
| Majors... ..             | <i>Three</i>                                                                    | <i>-</i>                  | <i>-</i>                                                   |   |
| Captains ... ..          | <i>Seven</i>                                                                    |                           | <i>Three</i>                                               |   |
| Lieutenants ... ..       | <i>Twenty one</i>                                                               | <i>two</i>                |                                                            |   |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... ..   |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |   |
| Quartermasters ... ..    |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |   |
| District Officers ... .. |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |   |
| TOTALS ... ..            | <i>Thirty two</i>                                                               | <i>two</i>                | <i>Three</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>Watters G</i> | <i>2/33 Bn</i> | <i>14-12-41</i> | <i>leaves to be seconded to 25 Aust Inf Bn</i> |
|              |                  |                |                 |                                                |
|              |                  |                |                 |                                                |
|              |                  |                |                 |                                                |

Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank.        | Name.                 | Corps.         | Date.           | Cause.                |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Lieut</i> | <i>Silberstein JH</i> | <i>2/33 Bn</i> | <i>26/12/41</i> | <i>to 25 Bn IT Bn</i> |
|              | <i>Andrews N J</i>    |                |                 | <i>to 2/6 7d Amb.</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). |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Lieut.</i> | <i>Power, W</i>    | <i>2/33 Bn</i> | <i>25 Aust. Inf. Bn.</i>                       |
|               |                    |                |                                                |
|               |                    |                |                                                |
|               |                    |                |                                                |

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

| 1  | 2        | 3                 | 4                                         | 5                     | 6             | 7                                             | 8                 | 9                                             |
|----|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|    | M. or S. | Substantive Rank. | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. | Name and Initials.    | Corps.        | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | Date Joined Unit. | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| 1  |          | <i>Major</i>      | <i>VX14050</i>                            | <i>Barby G.A.</i>     | <i>2/33 R</i> | <i>Yes</i>                                    |                   | <i>CO.</i>                                    |
| 2  |          | <i>Major</i>      | <i>QX6011</i>                             | <i>Burnings B.J.</i>  |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>2nd Lt</i>                                 |
| 3  |          | <i>Major</i>      | <i>QX1434</i>                             | <i>Buttard A.W.</i>   |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>bay band</i>                               |
| 4  |          | <i>Major</i>      | <i>VX13927</i>                            | <i>Wright H.</i>      |               | <i>No</i>                                     |                   | <i>2/50 2nd Lt</i>                            |
| 5  |          | <i>capt</i>       | <i>NX12294</i>                            | <i>Leach G.H.B.</i>   |               | <i>Yes</i>                                    |                   | <i>bay band</i>                               |
| 6  |          |                   | <i>WX335</i>                              | <i>Bennett G.W.</i>   |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>✓</i>                                      |
| 7  |          |                   | <i>VX11954</i>                            | <i>Lawson J.K.W.</i>  |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>G.M.</i>                                   |
| 8  |          |                   | <i>QX6232</i>                             | <i>Blanes J.M.</i>    |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>adjutant</i>                               |
| 9  |          | <i>lieut</i>      | <i>VX12718</i>                            | <i>Byce J.K.</i>      |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>bay band</i>                               |
| 10 |          |                   | <i>VX12669</i>                            | <i>Palmer J.K.</i>    |               | <i>No</i>                                     |                   | <i>25th Inf Bn</i>                            |
| 11 |          |                   | <i>NX12473</i>                            | <i>Weale W.J.</i>     |               | <i>Yes</i>                                    |                   | <i>sign</i>                                   |
| 12 |          |                   | <i>NX24366</i>                            | <i>Dwyer H.J.</i>     |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>1st</i>                                    |
| 13 |          |                   | <i>VX2367</i>                             | <i>Kopan G.B.</i>     |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>T.O.</i>                                   |
| 14 |          |                   | <i>VX12701</i>                            | <i>Desaut R.W.</i>    |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>Bayband</i>                                |
| 15 |          |                   | <i>TX417</i>                              | <i>Bailey J.M.</i>    |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>Pl Comd</i>                                |
| 16 |          |                   | <i>NX34874</i>                            | <i>Bennett G.A.</i>   |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>✓</i>                                      |
| 17 |          |                   | <i>NX70757</i>                            | <i>Marshall J.H.</i>  |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>✓</i>                                      |
| 18 |          |                   | <i>NX1927</i>                             | <i>D'bennell J.M.</i> |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>adjt</i>                                   |
| 19 |          |                   | <i>NX6359</i>                             | <i>Davies H.J.</i>    |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>In band</i>                                |
| 20 |          |                   | <i>NX34720</i>                            | <i>Lodd M.H.</i>      |               | <i>No</i>                                     |                   | <i>School</i>                                 |
| 21 |          |                   | <i>VX11589</i>                            | <i>Byce W.D.</i>      |               | <i>Yes</i>                                    |                   | <i>In band</i>                                |
| 22 |          |                   |                                           | <i>Watters J.</i>     |               | <i>No</i>                                     |                   | <i>In transit</i>                             |
| 23 |          |                   | <i>SX1662</i>                             | <i>Balfour J.G.</i>   |               | <i>No</i>                                     |                   | <i>2nd Lt</i>                                 |
| 24 |          |                   | <i>NX12554</i>                            | <i>Keon R.W.</i>      |               | <i>Yes</i>                                    |                   | <i>In band</i>                                |
| 25 |          |                   | <i>NX70713</i>                            | <i>Hewland R.W.</i>   |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>✓</i>                                      |
| 26 |          |                   | <i>NX56495</i>                            | <i>Pratt R.A.</i>     |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>✓</i>                                      |
| 27 |          |                   | <i>NX59611</i>                            | <i>Warne H.A.</i>     |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>✓</i>                                      |
| 28 |          |                   | <i>VX12013</i>                            | <i>Allen W.G.</i>     |               | <i>No</i>                                     |                   | <i>2nd Lt</i>                                 |
| 29 |          |                   | <i>NX12320</i>                            | <i>Innes W.J.</i>     |               | <i>Yes</i>                                    |                   | <i>In band</i>                                |
| 30 |          | <i>capt</i>       |                                           | <i>Burnett</i>        |               | <i>No</i>                                     |                   | <i>In transit</i>                             |
| 31 |          |                   |                                           | <i>Muller</i>         |               | <i>✓</i>                                      |                   | <i>✓</i>                                      |
| 32 |          |                   | <i>VX12008</i>                            | <i>Archer J.L.</i>    |               | <i>Yes</i>                                    |                   | <i>bay band</i>                               |
| 33 |          |                   |                                           |                       |               |                                               |                   |                                               |
| 34 |          |                   |                                           |                       |               |                                               |                   |                                               |

(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. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>capt</i>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>NV473</i>                              | <i>Nickerson J.F.</i> | <i>R.A.M.C.</i>          | <i>29.9.41</i>      | <i>R.M.O.</i>         |
| <i>Warrant Officer</i>                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>B/21</i>                               | <i>Oakley S.</i>      | <i>Sub Army</i>          | <i>20.10.41</i>     | <i>Welfare Offr.</i>  |
| <i>capt</i>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>NX19123</i>                            | <i>Lynch J.B.</i>     | <i>25th Aust Inf Bde</i> | <i>1.9.41</i>       | <i>Padre</i>          |
| <p><i>2/33 Aust Inf Bn.</i><br/> <i>27 Dec 1941</i> (Date of Despatch.)</p>                                                                                                                          |                                           |                       |                          |                     |                       |
| <p><i>2 J. A. Corry</i> (Signature of Commander.)<br/> <b>COMMANDING 2/33 BN. A.I.F.</b><br/> <i>25 Aust Inf Bde</i><br/>                 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)</p> |                                           |                       |                          |                     |                       |

*War Diary*

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*2/33 Aust Inf B* (Unit), *6 Dec* 19*41* (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

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| 1                                                               | 2                                                                               | 3                         | 4                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Detail.                                                         | Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I.                                                  | <i>1</i>                                                                        |                           |                                                            |
| W.Os. Class II.                                                 | <i>5</i>                                                                        |                           | <i>1</i>                                                   |
| W.Os. Class III.                                                |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
| Staff Serjeants                                                 | <i>3</i>                                                                        |                           | <i>2</i>                                                   |
| Serjeants                                                       | <i>28</i>                                                                       | <i>1</i>                  |                                                            |
| Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.                                       |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
| Corporals                                                       | <i>62</i>                                                                       | <i>1</i>                  |                                                            |
| Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.                  | <i>596</i>                                                                      |                           | <i>56</i>                                                  |
| TOTALS                                                          | <i>695</i>                                                                      | <i>* 2</i>                | <i>* 59</i>                                                |

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

| Detail.                 | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>1 Sgt 1 bpl 1 OR</i> | <i>AAAC</i>                          |         |                                      |
| <i>1 Sgt</i>            | <i>AAAC</i>                          |         |                                      |
| <i>1 bpl</i>            | <i>AAAC</i>                          |         |                                      |
| <i>1 OR</i>             | <i>25 Aust Inf Bde</i>               |         |                                      |
| <i>1 OR</i>             | <i>2/2 M.G. Bn</i>                   |         |                                      |
| <i>1 OR</i>             | <i>2/8 Aust Inf Bn</i>               |         |                                      |

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

| Army No.       | Rank.      | Name and Initials.  | Corps.         | Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known). |
|----------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <i>VX17331</i> | <i>Pte</i> | <i>Naylock F.V.</i> | <i>2/33 Bn</i> | <i>25 AIT Bn</i>                             |
|                |            |                     |                |                                              |
|                |            |                     |                |                                              |
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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

| DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN ETC.             | SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT. |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               | REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               | REMARKS. |        |    |  |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|--------|----|--|
|                                                   | W.Os. Class I.            | W.Os. Class II. | W.Os. Class III. | S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants. | Staff-Serjeants. | Serjeants. | Buglers, Trumpeters, &c. | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c. | TOTAL.                   | W.Os. Class I. | W.Os. Class II. | W.Os. Class III. | S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants. | Serjeants. | Buglers, Trumpeters, &c. | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c. |          | TOTAL. |    |  |
| Bricklayers ... ..                                |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               | 1        | 1      |    |  |
| Butchers ... ..                                   |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Carpenters and Joiners ... ..                     |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Clerks ... ..                                     |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Cooks ... ..                                      |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Despatch Riders ... ..                            |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..                     |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| "  " (Wheeled) ... ..                             |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Drivers-Mechanics ... ..                          |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Drivers-Operators ... ..                          |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Electricians ... ..                               |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Equipment Repairers... ..                         |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Farriers ... ..                                   |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Fitters ... ..                                    |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Machine Gunners ... ..                            |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Masons ... ..                                     |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Motor Mechanics ... ..                            |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..  |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..                   |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Range Takers ... ..                               |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..                |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Saddle Tree Makers ... ..                         |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Sanitary and Water Duties... ..                   |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Signallers ... ..                                 |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Storemen technical ... ..                         |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Tailors ... ..                                    |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| Wheeler's ... ..                                  |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |    |  |
| 1 Section<br>S/Bearers                            |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          | 2      | 2  |  |
| General duty personnel ... ..                     |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  | 1          | 1                        | 2          |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  | 1                                        | 2          |                          |            |                                               |          | 51     | 54 |  |
| TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A). |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  | 1          | 1                        | 2          |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  | 1                                        | 2          |                          |            |                                               |          | 56     | 59 |  |

2/33 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Date of Despatch 6 Dec 41

J. A. Coyle

Lieut. Col  
COMMANDER Signature of Commander.

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/33 Cavalry B. (Unit). 3 Jan 42 (Date).

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

*Serial 7 d*

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

| 1<br>Detail.                                                    | 2<br>Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | 3<br>Surplus to Establishment. | 4<br>Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments). |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| W.Os. Class I.                                                  | 1                                                                                    | -                              | -                                                               |
| W.Os. Class II.                                                 | 6                                                                                    | -                              | -                                                               |
| W.Os. Class III.                                                |                                                                                      |                                |                                                                 |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants |                                                                                      |                                |                                                                 |
| Staff Serjeants                                                 | 5                                                                                    | -                              |                                                                 |
| Serjeants                                                       | 22                                                                                   | -                              | 9                                                               |
| Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.                                       |                                                                                      |                                |                                                                 |
| Corporals                                                       | 63                                                                                   | -                              | 6                                                               |
| Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.                  | 600                                                                                  | -                              | 100                                                             |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                                   | <b>697</b>                                                                           | *                              | <b>*115</b>                                                     |

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

| Detail.       | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Sgt 14th CR | AAVC                                 |         |                                      |
| 1 Sgt         | AAPC                                 |         |                                      |
| 1 CPL         | AAOC                                 |         |                                      |
| 1 CPL         | Postal Corps                         |         |                                      |
| 1 CR          | 25 Army Inf Bde                      |         |                                      |
| 1 CR          | 2/2 M.G. Co                          |         |                                      |
| 1 CR          | 2/8 Cavalry Bde                      |         |                                      |

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

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known). |
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2/33 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,<br>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-Sergeants. | Staff-Sergeants. | Sergeants. | 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-Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Buglers, Trumpeters, &c. | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c. |          | TOTAL. |       |
| Bricklayers                                      |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               | 1        | 1      |       |
| Butchers                                         |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Carpenters and Joiners                           |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Clerks                                           |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Cooks                                            |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Despatch Riders                                  |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Drivers I.C. (Tracked)                           |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| "    " (Wheeled)                                 |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Drivers-Mechanics                                |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Drivers-Operators                                |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Electricians                                     |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Equipment Repairers                              |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Farriers                                         |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Fitters                                          |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Machine Gunners                                  |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Masons                                           |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Motor Mechanics                                  |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)        |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Plumbers and Pipefitters                         |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Range Takers                                     |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Saddlers and Harness Makers                      |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Saddle Tree Makers                               |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Sanitary and Water Duties                        |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Signallers                                       |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Storemen technical                               |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Tailors                                          |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| Wheelers                                         |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          |        |       |
| <i>Barksmen</i>                                  |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  |                                          |            |                          |            |                                               |          | 6      | 6     |
| General duty personnel                           |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  | 9                                        |            |                          |            |                                               |          | 6      | 93108 |
| TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) |                           |                 |                  |                                          |                  |            |                          |            |                                               |                          |                |                 |                  | 9                                        |            |                          |            |                                               | 6        | 99115  |       |

2/33 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

*J.A. Corby*  
Lieut. Col  
COMMANDING 2/33 BN. A.I.F.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 3 Jan 42.

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/33 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit.) For Week Ending *3 Jan 42*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

*Serial No "23"*

| War Establishment. | 1                        | 2                                                                               | 3                         | 4                                                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | Ranks.                   | Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |
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|                    | Lieut.-Colonels ...      | <i>One</i>                                                                      |                           |                                                            |
|                    | Majors... ..             | <i>Three</i>                                                                    |                           |                                                            |
|                    | Captains ... ..          | <i>Seven</i>                                                                    |                           | <i>Three</i>                                               |
|                    | Lieutenants ... ..       | <i>Twenty one</i>                                                               | <i>Two</i>                |                                                            |
|                    | 2nd Lieutenants ... ..   |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | Quartermasters ... ..    |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | District Officers ... .. |                                                                                 |                           |                                                            |
|                    | TOTALS ... ..            | <i>Thirty two.</i>                                                              | <i>Two</i>                | <i>Three</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. |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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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). |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Lieut</i> | <i>Pawen</i>       | <i>K. 2/33.</i> | <i>25 A 17 Bn</i>                              |
| <i>✓</i>     | <i>Nyles</i>       | <i>RA.</i>      | <i>✓</i>                                       |
| <i>✓</i>     | <i>Gordon</i>      | <i>97.</i>      | <i>✓</i>                                       |
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Serial "F 2"

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

| 1  | 2        | 3                 | 4                                         | 5                  | 6      | 7                                             | 8                 | 9                                             |
|----|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|    | M. or S. | Substantive Rank. | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | Date Joined Unit. | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| 1  |          | Lt Col            | VX14050                                   | besby G.A.         | 2/33   | Yes                                           |                   | C.O.                                          |
| 2  |          | Major             | QX6011                                    | Burchings G.P.     | ✓      | No                                            |                   | detached to command 219 Aust Inf Bn           |
| 3  |          |                   | SX1434                                    | Buttner A.R.       | ✓      | Yes                                           |                   | 2/c                                           |
| 4  |          |                   | VX13927                                   | Wright N.H.        | ✓      | No                                            |                   | Apr 50 7 months                               |
| 5  |          | Capt              | NX12294                                   | Peck B.W.B.        | -      | Yes                                           |                   | bay band                                      |
| 6  |          |                   | WX335                                     | Bennett G.W.       | -      | -                                             |                   |                                               |
| 7  |          |                   | VX11954                                   | Lawsan R.W.        | -      | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 8  |          |                   | QX6232                                    | blomes J.M.        | -      | Yes                                           |                   | Adjutant                                      |
| 9  |          |                   |                                           | Burnett            | -      | No                                            |                   | In transit                                    |
| 10 |          |                   |                                           | Miller R.          | -      | Yes                                           |                   | bay 2/c                                       |
| 11 |          |                   | VX12008                                   | Aschen L.H.        | -      | -                                             |                   | bay band                                      |
| 12 |          | Lieut             | VX12718                                   | Byce J.K.          | -      | -                                             |                   | bay 2/c                                       |
| 13 |          |                   | VX12669                                   | Polner R.          | -      | No                                            |                   | 25 ITR                                        |
| 14 |          |                   | NX12473                                   | Wcale W.J.         | -      | Yes                                           |                   | Sigs off.                                     |
| 15 |          |                   | NX24366                                   | Dwyer N.G.         | -      | -                                             |                   | I.O.                                          |
| 16 |          |                   | VX2367                                    | Lodan E.B.         | -      | -                                             |                   | T.O.                                          |
| 17 |          |                   | VX12701                                   | Dessant R.W.       | -      | -                                             |                   | bay band                                      |
| 18 |          |                   | TX417                                     | Barclay G.W.       | -      | -                                             |                   | In hand                                       |
| 19 |          |                   | NX3487                                    | Bennet G.P.        | -      | -                                             |                   | 2/c bay.                                      |
| 20 |          |                   | NX70757                                   | Marshall J.C.      | -      | No                                            |                   | School                                        |
| 21 |          |                   | NX1927                                    | O'bennell J.M.     | -      | Yes                                           |                   | Asst. Adjt.                                   |
| 22 |          |                   | NX6359                                    | Davies N.H.        | -      | -                                             |                   | In hand                                       |
| 23 |          |                   | NX34728                                   | Lodd R.H.          | -      | -                                             |                   |                                               |
| 24 |          |                   | VX11589                                   | both W.D.          | -      | -                                             |                   |                                               |
| 25 |          |                   | SX1662                                    | Balson O.G.        | -      | No                                            |                   | 7 Aust Div Ski                                |
| 26 |          |                   | NX12554                                   | bon R.W.           | -      | Yes                                           |                   | In hand bay                                   |
| 27 |          |                   | NX70713                                   | Newland R.W.       | -      | -                                             |                   |                                               |
| 28 |          |                   | NX56495                                   | Pris R.A.          | -      | -                                             |                   |                                               |
| 29 |          |                   | NX59611                                   | W. Lane W.A.       | -      | -                                             |                   |                                               |
| 30 |          |                   | VX12013                                   | Allan W.G.         | -      | No                                            |                   | 7 Aust Div barricade                          |
| 31 |          |                   | NX12360                                   | Lunn W.J.          | -      | Yes                                           |                   | bay 2/c                                       |
| 32 |          |                   |                                           | Watters G.         | -      | No                                            |                   | In transit                                    |
| 33 |          |                   |                                           |                    |        |                                               |                   |                                               |
| 34 |          |                   |                                           |                    |        |                                               |                   |                                               |

(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              | NX473                                     | Nickens J.F.       | BAMC     | 29/9/41             | RMO                   |
| Welfare off.      | B121                                      | Oakley G.          | 50th Bde | 20/10/41            | Welfare off.          |
| Welfare off.      | QX19123                                   | Synch G.B.         | 25 Bde   | 11/9/41             | Padre                 |

2/33 Aust Inf Bn  
(Unit.)  
3 January 1942  
(Date of Despatch.)

J.C. Co. by  
COMMANDING OFFICER, A.I.F.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
25 Aust Inf Bde  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS  
BY

LIEUT COL J.A. CORBY E.D.

COMMANDING 2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Part I.  
For Official Use Only.  
A.M.R. & O. 1587.

LEGOULT BARRACKS  
2 DEC 41  
No. 366.

I. DUTIES.

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Duty Coy        | A Coy       |
| Next for Duty   | B Coy       |
| Next for Duty   | C Coy       |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Logan |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Weale |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Priol |

2. COURTS OF INQUIRY AND SUMMARIES OF EVIDENCE. The attention of all officers is drawn to the fact that Courts of Inquiry and Summaries of Evidence taken by them must be brought and checked by BHQ before being signed by the CO. Cases frequently occur of incorrect procedure being used and this generally results in unnecessary typing and waste of time. In future all Courts and Summaries will be handed in to the O.R. Sgt or Adjt, on completion.

3. LEAVE TRIPOLI. The debussing area for leave vehs in TRIPOLI is the Circus opposite the Department of Health Building. Leave vehs may be parked in this area or in the area referred to in the previous memo to drivers. The vehs will not be left unattended.

4. SNOWBALLING. All ranks are warned of the danger which will obviously result from snowballing personnel in vehs, particularly drs. This warning will be kept in mind by parties travelling on mountain roads during the winter season.

5. LEAVE - PALESTINE. All personnel proceeding on 7 day leave to Palestine will be paid in Syrian currency before leaving the unit and will have change the money to Palestine currency at HAIFA. All personnel proceeding on leave must have 10 pounds Australian in cash or in their paybooks.

6. MEDICAL. The graph showing the incidence of sickness in the Bn for the week ending 29/II/41 is posted in the RAP.  
6.63% of the battalion reported sick  
.26% of the battalion were evacuated to hospital.  
being a big improvement on the previous week's figures of 9.4 & .43 respectively.

7. BATMEN'S PARADE. In future Batmen's Parade at 1000 hrs daily is a muster parade and all officer's batmen must be in attendance.

*J.M. Howes.*  
..... Capt.  
Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

1. Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following from the Australian Comforts Fund :-

764 2 oz tins of Tobacco.  
1528 Pkts of Cigarette Papers.  
8 Packages of Writing Paper.

2. LOST. One Fountain Pen (Blackbird). Finder return to BHQ.

1.0.  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LIEUT COL J.A. CORBY E.D.

COMMANDING 2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

LEGOULT BARRACKS

6 Dec 41

No. 367.

Part I.  
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1. DUTIES.

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Duty Coy        | C Coy                |
| Next for Duty   | B Coy                |
| Next for Duty   | D Coy                |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Davies         |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Marshall       |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Balfour-Ogilvy |

2. BOUNDS. ZGHORTA is out of bounds to all ranks. RAE 7 Aust Div will provide and erect appropriate notices. DAPM 7 Aust Div will arrange for Pro personnel to patrol this village and to take action in the event of contravention of this order.

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

Attention has been directed to a case in which twenty men of a unit were evacuated from Syria for Anti-rabic treatment - a lengthy and very painful treatment. These men had been licked by a dog kept as the unit mascot which was found to be rabid.

4. SAFE CUSTODY & MAINTENANCE OF PAY BOOKS. Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel who lose their Pay Book by neglect. From 3 Dec 41 the loss of a Pay Book should be regarded in the same light as the loss of a rifle.

5. WET ROADS. Units will impress on all drs the importance of exercising the utmost care when driving vehs on wet and slippery roads.

It is feared that during the winter the number of rd accidents, with a consequent wastage of personnel and vehs, will increase rapidly unless the co-operation of every dr is forthcoming.

*J. N. blowe*  
..... Capt.  
Adjnt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES. The following are the church parades for Sunday 7 Dec 41:-

0800 hrs Holy Communion (C of E) in D Coy Rec Room.

0800 hrs R.C. Mass

0930 hrs General Church Parade.

C of E Communion will be held every Sunday at 0800 hrs in D Coy Rec Room.

LOST. In Australian Canteen, Tripoli, on the evening of 3rd Dec. - One silver wristlet watch with the following engraving on the back -

QXI32I PRESTON R.J.

Pte Preston R.J. of B Coy lost the watch and offers a reward for its return.

10.  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

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COMMANDING 2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Part I.  
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LEGOULT BARRACKS  
8 DEC 41  
No. 368.

1. DUTIES.
- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Duty Coy        | HQ Coy         |
| Next for Duty   | A Coy          |
| Next for Duty   | B Coy          |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Andrews  |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Marshall |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Logan    |
2. PETROL - AUTHORITY FOR DRAWING. Requirements of vehs and of individual vehs will only be met at all issuing depots on production of proper authority, which is :-
- (a) For replenishments of a vehs fuel tank or sump: The Active Service Veh Log Book (AB 412) and the transport Work Ticket (AF G3518), covering the service on which the veh is engaged.
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| C "   | 9.13% "             | .53% "              |
| D "   | 10.92% "            | .27% "              |
| HQ "  | 7.66% "             | .33% "              |

*W. Kennell* Lieut.  
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|                              |      |     |         |
|------------------------------|------|-----|---------|
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|                              | C "  | 265 | "       |
|                              | D "  | 272 | "       |
|                              | HQ " | 270 | "       |

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BY

LIEUT COL J.A. CORBY E.D.

COMMANDING 2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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A.M.R. & O 1587.

LEGOULT BARRACKS  
8 DEC 41  
No. 368.

I. DUTIES.

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
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| Next for Duty   | B Coy          |
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2. BRITISH FORCES IDENTITY CARDS - (ME GO I2I3)

In the interests of security photographs of officers and Nursing Sisters submitted with application forms for British Forces Identity Cards will be as follows :-

- (a) In uniform.
- (b) Without headdress.
- (c) Numerals and collar badges denoting unit will not be worn.
- (d) Officers who are entitled to wear civilian dress in the execution of their duty, will have their identity cards endorsed and signed by the Provost Martial, ME.
- (e) Photographs forwarded which do not comply with the above will be returned and no refund will be allowed toward the cost of the correct photographs.

The certificate on the reverse of the application form will in all cases be signed by the officers comdg units.

Holders are reminded that British Forces Identity Cards are valid for all countries in the Middle East, and is the only card recognised in Egypt, the "Immunities on the card applying only to Egypt.

This card supercedes any local identity card which may be issued in addition and will not be returned for cancellation until the holder permanently leaves the Middle East Forces Command.

To assist applicants who have not been able to have photographs taken and can apply direct to the Permit Officer, a quick photographer is available in Bab-el-Hadid Barracks, Military Police Headquarters, Cairo.

(CR/ME/5I35/AG2).

3. NATIONAL ANTHEMS.

The following instructions will obtain with regard to the playing of National Anthems by military bands.

Whenever French Military personnel are present, the "Marseillaise" will be played prior to "God Save The King".

Military bands will also play the national anthems of other Allied countries, e.g. Greek, if personnel of such allied forces are present and the music is in the possession of the band.

The Lebanese and Syrian Anthems will not be played except on special occasions, when the local military authorities consider it suitable for this to be done.

4. BOUNDS. - Extracts from DAMASCUS Area Standing Orders - republished.

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

- (a) The following is IN BOUNDS to OFFICERS only:-

OMAYAD HOTEL - in bounds until 2330 hrs

RESTAURANT TRAINON in bounds until 2330 hrs.

- (b) The following is IN BOUNDS to ranks above and including that of Sgt only-

RESTAURANT VIVA VILLA - in bounds until 2330 hrs.

- (c) The following are in bounds to other ranks only:-

CAFE CHEHRAZADE I (

" BLACK CAT

" HIGH LIFE

" BAR CHAMMAS

" ELIE FARAH

" GARDEN BAR

} in bounds until 2130 hrs



4. (contd).  
(c) (contd)

|                             |                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GARDEN BAR                  |                                   |                             |
| CASINO SYRIA                | - - - - -in bounds until 2200 hrs |                             |
| CAFE REST DANIEL            | }                                 |                             |
| CAFE CHEHRAZADE II          |                                   |                             |
| GEORGE GARDEN MEETING ROOMS |                                   |                             |
| CAFE LUX                    |                                   |                             |
| RESTAURANT ROYAL            |                                   | in bounds until             |
| NOUNET BROS BAR             |                                   | 2300 hrs                    |
| V. BAR                      |                                   |                             |
| CAFE DIANA                  | }                                 |                             |
| " TRIUMPH                   |                                   |                             |
| " DE L'OASIS                |                                   |                             |
| " BAR REST SOKRATES         |                                   | } in bounds until 2330 hrs. |
| " ROSE NOIR                 |                                   |                             |
| " LIDO                      |                                   |                             |
| BUFFET BAR RAPIDE           |                                   |                             |
| CAFE OLYMPIA CASINO         |                                   |                             |
| " YA BON                    |                                   |                             |
| " R. BOUGACHE               |                                   |                             |

5. ARMY VEHICLES - IMPROPER USE OF.

Reports have been received that army vehs are being used for improper purposes such as smuggling hashish, dutiable goods and essential foodstuffs between SYRIA and PALESTINE. This is a criminal matter and offences will be tried by court martial.

Unit comds will be held responsible for the contents of vehs under their comd and will take suitable measures for surprise searches when considered necessary.

Searches will also be carried out by Provost personnel either with or without the aid of customs officers, and every assistance will be given to provost personnel performing this duty.

Cases of any merchants approaching military personnel will be notified to this HQ in order that they may be reported to the civil authorities.

6. ACCOMODATION IN BEIRUT.

It is advised that Offrs and ORs travelling through BEIRUT on duty will be accomodated in the Transit Camp at JOFFRE Barracks, RUE de VERDUN, and will not be entitled to claim travelling allowance unless accomodation is not available in the Camp.

7. WIVES & FAMILIES IN SYRIA.

Wives and families of officers or other ranks 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 from elsewhere in the Middle East.

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

All soldiers moving by train moving 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 holdup on the journey. These articles will NOT be provided in any reception camp which may be set up to deal with such traffic.

. PERSONNEL ENGAGING IN NON-MILITARY SPORTS.

Attention is drawn to the fact that personnel taking part in civilian boxing contests, riding in reeves, etc, do so at their own risk as far as injury is concerned.

Any disability arising from participation in such sports will not operate to secure the member of the forces concerned any right to pension, even if such participation is approved by the comd concerned.

10. INTEFERENCE WITH P.A.D. WORK.

All ranks are warned against intefering with P.A.D. work, completed or partly completed. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

II. DRESS.

All ranks are reminded of dress - Chin straps to be worn under the chin and tunics when worn buttoned at the neck. Greatcoats may be worn with the top button undone.

12. SECURITY - MARKING OF PERSONAL EFFECTS.

It is reported that certain personal effects recently stolen from a soldier were marked with his name, number and unit.

The marking of personal effects to show the unit designation is unnecessary whether for laundry or other purposes and is also a direct contravention of security.

All formations and units 7 Aust Div will:-

- (a) Ensure that this practice ceases forthwith.
- (b) Ensure that unit designations marked on personal effects are erased.

13. PERSONNEL ATTENDING RAP. In future no person attending the RAP without a sick report will be attended.

*T. Connors*..... Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

LOST. On the night of 26 Nov 41 a soldier was given a lift to ALEY in a light van, occupied by a WO, which left BEYROUTH at about 2200 hrs. The soldier lost a wallet containing a Paybook, No.301002, money and letters. These may have been dropped in the van.

Any information is to be forwarded to these HQ.

BARRACK ROOM COMPETITION. The scores for today 9 Dec for the guard and Bk Rooms are as follows:-

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| GUARD - A Coy         | 325 points. |
| BARRACK ROOMS - A Coy | 275 "       |
| C "                   | 280 "       |
| D "                   | 230 "       |
| HQ "                  | 285 "       |

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LEGOULT BARRACKS  
10 DEC 1941  
No. 370.

I. DUTIES.

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Duty Coy        | C Coy        |
| Next for Duty   | D Coy        |
| Next for Duty   | HQ Coy       |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Warne  |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Weale  |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Davies |

2. LOSSES OF KIT. Numerous reports have been received of losses of kit and necessaries by personnel, usually accompanied by a request that the article be written off at public expense.

At the present time losses can only be caused by carelessness or neglect of security, and strict action is necessary to revive in units the necessary sense of responsibility for stores and equipment.

The following steps will be taken by all ranks :-

- A weekly kit inspection will be carried out and shortages noted and investigated.
- If the loss is serious or if the circumstances of the loss justify disciplinary action, a charge of "losing by neglect" will be laid or
- If the CO is satisfied that disciplinary action is not necessary the lost article will be replaced on payment.
- Stoppage sheets will be made out weekly by QMs and handed to pay staff for preparation of acquittance rolls.

Authorities confirming the findings of Courts of Inquiry into losses will scrutinise these closely in order to reduce wastage of stores, which at present is unduly high.

3. SALVAGE - PETROL CONTAINERS - (ME GO I262) It does not appear to be generally realised that the hitherto so called 4-gall-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 :-

- Reconditioning and refilling with petrol and MBO.
- Filling with Bitumen.
- PAD and other purposes.

Henceforth containers will not be designed "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-gall tins will be "cast by the road-side" after emptying but will be replaced in vehs and carried to forward destination, where they will be handed in to :-

- ST Depots or dumps, or
- Salvage

as most convenient. This applies equally to cases, crates and cartons.

In the case of petrol maintenance d liveries - empty 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 by salvage for the purposes mentioned in para I above. Thereafter salvage will arrange disposal in conjunction with Movement Control, D of W and ST.

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

Units and Formations which have not yet drawn their requirements of the opening tools and the notes describing the correct method of opening tins referred to in General Order No;219 of 1941, will do so immediately.

(CR/ME/7908/Q3)

4. MISAPPROPRIATION OF 4-GALLON RETURNABLE PETROL CANS AND DRUMS. (ME GO I264)

The above type of petrol container has been introduced in the MIDDLE EAST in order to achieve a much needed saving in tin plate as used in 4-gall non-returnable tins.

Their use is confined to Petrol Supply Points and to DIDs 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 filled up at DIDs

(b) Misappropriation by units failing to return these cans to local DIDs when leaving an area.

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 be taken against OsC where returnable containers are retained by units without authority.

5. ONE TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PETROL TINS - (ME GO I266) Petrol tins are now being issued 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 previously. (CR/ME/7908/ST)

6. DRESS ON LEAVE. Order of dress for personnel on leave in SYRIA or PALESTINE will be service dress (winter), vide HQ AIF (ME) Order 296 dated 11 Apr 41. Belts, waist, SB, or Web will be worn.

Units will take necessary action to ensure that members proceeding on leave are properly turned out.

7. MESS ORDERLIES. Rifle Coys are to retain only ONE mess orderly to remain at the kitchen all day to assist the cooks.

8. WICKS, OIL, BURNERS. - CARE OF. Owing to the difficulty in replacing the above articles the following measures will be taken by NCOs in charge of Barrack Rooms and all personnel to whom heaters have been issued :-

(a) Heaters must not be lit unless they have a sufficient supply of oil in them.

(b) Heaters will not be allowed to burn dry.

(c) Heaters will always be extinguished at Tattoo.

(d) C.Q.M.Ss will make regular DAILY inspections to ensure that wicks are not being charred excessively. In the event of such occurrence disciplinary action will be taken against NCOs in charge of rooms.

9. COURT OF INQUIRY. A Court of Inquiry constituted as under will assemble to investigate into and submit a full report on the following.

A. The system of bookkeeping at present in operation, and improvements that can be effected therein, of the following unit accounts:-

(a) Offrs Mess

(b) Sgts Mess

(c) Regtl funds

(d) Canteen a/c

(e) Supplementary ration a/c.

B. A full report will also be submitted as to the present financial state of each a/c.

President

Maj Cummings

Members

Lieut Andrews and Lieut Priol.

Reports will be submitted to BnHQ by 1800 hrs 17 Dec 41.

10. RETURN OF RANKS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF BOOKKEEPING. A return is required by 0830 hrs tomorrow (18 Dec) of all ranks who have a knowledge of book-

keeping and accountable up to an Intermediate Standard.

Names will be handed in to BHQ.

II. MIDDAY MEAL - OFFICERS. Midday meal for Officers Mess will be at 1230 hrs as from the date of this order.

12. SAFEGUARDING OF UNIFORMS AND PERSONAL EQPT. The following memo was received from higher authority.

(a) Two reports have been received of uniforms being stolen. The first loss was reported by officers who had stolen from their quarters while asleep, 8 Offr's Pattern uniforms. The second loss was reported by an LAD where 2 SD uniforms, a pair of military boots and an army issue pullover were taken during the night from within 3 ft of a sleeping soldier.

(b) It is not known if other losses have occurred but those above are sufficient to indicate that some person is willing to pay a price for military eqpt which would be of no use to the natives.

(c) It will be seen from the above the importance of always keeping the Paybook on the person. Fortunately paybooks or their identification papers were not left in the pockets of the uniforms stolen.

(d) All ranks are warned that losses of clothing may be of even more value to the enemy than a stolen rifle. Guards and patrols in Barrack areas will be specially alert for persons removing gear of any sort.

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12 DEC 41.  
No. 372.

I. DUTIES.

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Duty Coy        | HQ Coy         |
| Next for Duty   | A Coy          |
| Next for Duty   | C Coy          |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Davies   |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Marshall |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Priol    |

2. COVERS, BODY, WATERPROOF. - (AIF ME O 814) It has been brought to notice that a large number of Covers, Body, Waterproof have been removed from vehs by units during operations and have been either lost or used for other purposes.

Such a practice is highly irregular and will cease forthwith.  
The Cover, Body, Waterproof is part of the VOL of a veh and must remain on the veh.

3. DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY. (AIF ME O 805)

- (i) 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 for use as fuel on bivouacs. It has also been represented that threats of force have been made against property owners who protested.
- (ii) It must be impressed on all ranks that our good relations with the civilian population must not be endangered, and acts of this nature are in direct conflict with our national aims in prosecuting the war against wanton aggression.
- (iii) Offrs and NCOs will ensure that disciplinary action is taken against personnel found destroying or stealing property or interfering with the national rights of private citizens.

4. PEN FRIENDS. All ranks are again reminded that it is forbidden to answer newspaper advertisements for Pen Friends.

Any letter intercepted by the censor will be destroyed.

5. COLLECTING OF LAUNDRY BY BATMEN. Batmen will deliver and collect laundry at the Bn QM Store on the following days :-

|                |        |          |                |       |          |
|----------------|--------|----------|----------------|-------|----------|
| <u>Deliver</u> | Tues   | 1800 hrs | <u>Collect</u> | Mon   | 1800 hrs |
|                | Friday | 1800 hrs |                | Thurs | 1800 hrs |

These times will be rigidly adhered to.

*Donnell* Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CHURCH NOTICES. for Sunday 14 Dec 41 :-

|                       |           |                |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| R.C. Mass             | 0800 hrs  | HQ Rec Room    |
| C of E Holy Communion | 0800 hrs  | D Coy Rec Room |
| Gen Church Pde        | 0930 hrs. |                |

COMFORTS FUNDS. Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following from the ACF :-

720 pkts Cigarettes  
720 tins Boot Polish

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LEGOULT BARRACKS  
13 DEC 41  
No. 373.

1. DUTIES.

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Duty Coy        | A Coy         |
| Next for Duty   | C Coy         |
| Next for Duty   | D Coy         |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Priol   |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Andrews |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Warne   |

2. HOT SHOWERS - USE OF. Personnel of 2/33 Bn are NOT allowed the use of the Shower Room on Fridays or Saturdays.  
This order will be strictly adhered to.

3. REFUSE. Swill tins have now been marked "WET" and "DRY". Personnel will make sure that refuse is placed in tins as marked.

*Stannell* Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

BARRACK ROOM COMPETITION The points scored for Friday and today. :-

| <u>Fri. 12th</u>      |            | <u>Sat. 13th</u>    |            |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| GUARD (D Coy)         | 275 points | GUARD (HQ Coy)      | 320 points |
| BARRACK ROOMS - A Coy | 285 "      | BARRACK ROOMS A Coy | 285 "      |
| C Coy                 | 290 "      | C Coy               | 295 "      |
| D COY                 | 290 "      | D Coy               | 290 "      |
| HQ Coy                | 283 "      | HQ Coy              | 285 "      |

TOTALS:- A Coy 1930 C Coy 1935 D Coy 1892 HQ Coy 1978  
HQ Coy win the pennant for the past week.

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17 DEC 41.  
No. 375.

I. DUTIES.

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Duty Coy        | A Coy          |
| Next for Duty   | C Coy          |
| Next for Duty   | HQ Coy         |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Cox      |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Marshall |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Priol    |

2. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS. All inter-unit and inter-coy correspondence is security and will be treated as such. All documents marked secret or security must be kept locked up when not in use. All correspondence to be destroyed will be burnt and the burning supervised by an authorised person. Receipts will be handed to BnHQ immediately on delivery of a security document.

3. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH AUSTRALIA. The outbreak of hostilities in the Far East may ultimately effect 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 - As far as can be seen, 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 matter may be necessary to facilitate the detours necessary to avoid zones of danger. At this stage, however, it is not proposed to apply any limitation, and tps 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 EFM 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 services 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.

4. DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQPT 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, para I(a) of 7 Jun 41, and 7 Aust Div Adm Cir QI95 of 17 Nov 41.

Units will ensure that action is taken to have the above orders complied with.

T.M. CLOWES.. Capt.  
Adjnt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

DANCE. A dance will be held in MOULIN BLEU on Sat 20 Dec, commencing at 1800 hrs, in aid of FRANCO-LEBANESE RED CROSS SOCIETY.  
Admission - SL.2. Dinner 75 piastres  
An invitation is extended to all officers.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LIEUT COL J.A. CORBY E.D.

COMMANDING 2/33 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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LEGOULT BARRACKS  
19 DEC 41  
No. 376.

I. DUTIES.

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Duty Coy        | D Coy          |
| Next for Duty   | A Coy          |
| Next for Duty   | C Coy          |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Marshall |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Priol    |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Bryce    |

...T.M. CLOWES.... Capt  
Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES - Sunday 21 Dec. R.C. Mass 0800 hrs HQ Mess Room  
C of E Communion 0800 hrs D Coy Rec Room  
General church pde 0930 hrs.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS. These hampers have been freely and generously given by a grateful public. It may be that next Christmas will call for a repetition of these gifts. Meanwhile our appeal is constantly going out to the public for comforts for the fighting forces. Nothing is more helpful towards the response of the public than the knowledge that their gifts are appreciated.

We appeal to you therefore, to see that these gifts are acknowledged by the individual soldier who receives them. A card is included in every hamper, bearing the name and address of the sender, with a space provided for a return message to the donor from the recipient.

If each man acknowledges his hamper there is no doubt that the public will give more freely in the future and you will therefore receive more abundantly.

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22 DEC 41

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1. DUTIES.

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Duty Coy        | C Coy        |
| Next for Duty   | D Coy        |
| Next for Duty   | HQ Coy       |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Davies |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Connor |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Warne  |

2. EVASION OF CENSORSHIP. Recent reports indicate that a considerable number of troops en route to 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.

3. BOUNDS - BEIRUT. The VICTORY CAFE is out of bounds to all ranks.

4. 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 till after the New Year. All ranks should be urged only to use the cable service in cases of real necessity.

5. ASSISTANCE TO PROVOSTS. Reports have been received indicating 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 the carrying out of their duties and any cases of interference or obstruction will be treated as a disciplinary matter.

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

7. UNIT A/Cs. The following officers will constitute the Audit Board for all Unit A/Cs.

|           |   |                              |
|-----------|---|------------------------------|
| President | - | Maj C.J. Cummings            |
| Members   | - | Lieut Priol<br>Lieut Andrews |

This cancels all previous notices.

*Stonell* Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

BARRACK ROOM COMPETITION. The following are the points scored today -

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| <u>GUARD</u> (C Coy)       | 300 points |
| <u>BARRACK ROOMS</u> A Coy | 280 "      |
| C Coy                      | 250 "      |
| D Coy                      | 280 "      |
| HQ Coy                     | 283 "      |

FOUND. One Slouch hat and one singlet. Owner report to BHQ where he may collect same.

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I. DUTIES.

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Duty Coy        | D Coy        |
| Next for Duty   | HQ Coy       |
| Next for Duty   | A Coy        |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Connor |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Warne  |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Cox    |

2. DRESS. It is noticeable that personnel are becoming increasingly careless in the matter of dress. All ranks will be suitably dressed in accordance with unit orders at all times. Hats will be worn at all times except in barrack rooms and on mess parades.

3. ADMINISTRATION. Applications for leave, transfers, etc, will at no time be lodged direct with BHQ, but will be dealt with by Coy Orderly Rooms.

*McCormell*..... Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

FOUND. One set of top, false teeth have been found on the barrack square. Owner may retrieve same on application to BHQ.

CHURCH NOTICES. Church notices for Xmas Day, 25 Dec, are :

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| R.C. Mass                | 0800 hrs HQ Mess Room   |
| C of E Communion service | 0800 hrs A Coy Rec Room |
| General Church Parade    | 0930 hrs.               |

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LEGOULT BARRACKS  
26 DEC 41.  
No. 379.

1. DUTIES.
- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Duty Coy        | HQ Coy         |
| Next for Duty   | A Coy          |
| Next for Duty   | C Coy          |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Marshall |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Howland  |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Barclay  |
2. PATIENTS FOR DENTAL TREATMENT. Personnel reporting to 2/I Aust CCS for dental treatment will carry messing utensils.
3. DRESS. Attention has been directed to the fact that ORs are purchasing and wearing caps S.D., Officer's pattern.  
This is an offence and will be treated accordingly.
4. DEBUSSING AND EMBUSSING OF LEAVE PARTIES. All leave parties will debuss and embuss in the Military car park, behind the Patit Serail, and not in the Place des Canons or any adjoining street.  
Disciplinary action will be taken against anyone not complying with this order.
5. LEAVE - DAMASCUS. Owing to MOHAMMEDAN festivities leave will NOT be granted to DAMASCUS 27/28 Dec to 29/30 Dec, both dates inclusive.
6. BOUNDS. The hotel MONREPOS near CEDARS is out of bounds to all ORs. Disciplinary action will be taken any person not complying with this order.

*Howland* Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH NOTICES. The following are the church notices for Sunday 28 Dec :-

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| R.C. Mass                      | 0800 hrs HQ Mess Room   |
| C of E Communion service       | 0800 hrs A Coy Rec Room |
| Presbyterian Communion service | 0800 hrs 2/25 BHQ       |
| General church parade          | 0930 hrs.               |

- LOST.
- (a) Gold "Duallex" wristlet watch with canvas strap. Finder return to QM Office.
  - (b) Wristlet watch belonging to NX57975 Pte Waugh F.A. Engraved on back of watch are the owners name and regimental No. Finder return to this HQ.

FOUND. Money belt, about a week ago, in the showers. Loser may retrieve same by applying to C Coy Orderly Room.

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27 DEC 41

No. 380.

I. DUTIES.

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Duty Coy        | D Coy         |
| Next for Duty   | HQ Coy        |
| Next for Duty   | A Coy         |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Howland |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Barclay |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Priol   |

2. SUPPRESSION OF PILFERING AND "SCROUNGING".

- i. Vigorous action will be taken by all 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.
- ii. Under the mistaken impression that "scrounging" is meritable, some officers are condoning or punishing lightly thefts of this type. All losses of Government property are to be investigated fully and offenders severely disciplined.
- iii. Officers are held responsible for safeguarding Government property committed to their charge, and that all their officers, NCOs and men are impressed with their responsibilities in this regard.
- iv. Inadequate action by officers in taking protective measures, carrying out investigation into losses, or afflicting appropriate punishment within the powers delegated to them, will be viewed seriously.

3. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS.

- i. The marked increase in the number of paybook losses indicates that personnel are not taking sufficient precautionary measures for their safe custody, and officers will impress on all ranks the importance of carrying paybooks where they are not easily obtainable by pick-pockets, etc.
- ii. The habit of carrying money in the paybook is a contributing factor to the loss. Once the money is sighted, the possibility of the paybook being stolen becomes a strong likelihood. Units should discourage soldiers carrying money inside their paybooks.
- iii. The provision of inside pockets in shirts has been suggested and the possibility of this being carried out under unit arrangements, will be investigated by formation, etc HQ.

4. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES. Disposal to persons not entitled to Customs exemption, of tobacco and cigarettes admitted free to the Middle East for members of the forces, is prohibited and will be regarded as a serious offence.

5. DRESS. Battle dress will be worn at all times unless otherwise instructed.

*Hamell* Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

LOST Removed from the Officer's Mess - 1 Offrs trench coat. Please return to Lieut R. Priol.

RADIO PROGRAMME FOR TROOPS. Radio Levant proposes to give a short daily English programme for tps in this area, and desire co-operation of units. Coys are desired to submit names of comedians, instrumentalists, singers etc, also suggestions as to what form this programme should take.

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LEGOULT BARRACKS  
29 DEC 41.  
No. 381.

I. DUTIES.

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Duty Coy        | A Coy        |
| Next for Duty   | C Coy        |
| Next for Duty   | D Coy        |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut Davies |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Copp   |
| Next for Duty   | Lieut Weale  |

2. BOUNDS. The village of MADJLAYA is out of bounds to all troops.

3. POL - ISSUE OF - (ME GO 1307)

1. Instances have been brought to notice of fraudulent demands for POL being made upon DIDs and although these demands have not been supported, they have been met by the issuers concerned.

2. Os C DIDs and FSDs etc holding stocks of POL will ensure that requirements of units and of individual vehicles are met only on production of the proper authority, which is :-

(a) for replenishment of a vehicle's fuel tank or sump -  
the driver's AB 412 and (other than in a fwd area), AF G3518  
(tpt work ticket) covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.

(b) for packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling reserve for a convoy or individual vehicle -  
AB 55 or similar indent signed by an offr of the demanding unit.

3. All offr or other responsible persons demanding POL should ensure that indents are made as detailed in para 2 above.

4. STACKING AND HANDLING OF POL CONTAINERS - (ME GO 1308)

1. Leakage is more likely to occur from caps or screw bungs of POL containers than from any other portion of the container.

2. All POL containers including cartons, crates and wooden cases will therefore be loaded and stacked with the caps or bungs of the containers uppermost.

3. Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on POL containers which are intended to indicate to illiterate labour the part of the container which must always be uppermost.

4. All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illiterate labour employed in handling POL containers understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

*Thomson* Lieut.  
A/Adjt 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

WOs & SGTs CLUB

A club for WOs and Sgts has been opened in TRIPOLI.

Location : off EL MINA AVENUE, behind I Aust Corps Sigs billet.

The club has bar, restaurant and lounge. There is also a residential section. Hot showers are provided. Parking area is in close vicinity.