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44 Infantry Battalion

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 44 Bn Gp. (S.M.F.)

Date and Time.—From 1 FEB 42 To 5 FEB 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUSHMEAD (ref MUNDARINE M.S. 1/63360 - 030529) less detachment 44 Bn at PEARCE AERODROME (ref. PERTH STRAT H 50/13 914 - 082103 403082)	1 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL TRAINING - as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part I App. A.
	2 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - "B" Coy. 44 Bn and attached tps. moved to PEARCE under CAPT W. J. WINKLESS to relieve "C" Coy under CAPT G. W. D. MOORE. "C" Coy regained 44 Bn. TRAINING - as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part I App. A. * M.O. No 1 dated 31 JAN 42 App. A.
	3 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL TRAINING - as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part I App. A. * W.C.R.O. Part I App. B. * W.C. Instructions A 27 (Camouflage tests) App. B.
	4 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL TRAINING - as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part I App. A.
	5 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL.	F.R.O. Part I App. A.

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Unit 44 Bn Cp (S.M.F.)

Date and Time.—From 5 FEB 42 To 8 FEB 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUSHMEAD (ref. MUNDARING M.S. 1/63360 — 030529) less detachment 44 Bn at PEARCE AERODROME (ref. PERTH STRAT H 50/ 13414 — 082403) 403082	5 FEB 42		TRAINING — as per syllabus.	
	6 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — Recce Party under Lt-Col W.B. GARNER left BUSHMEAD to trace the probable lines of advance of an enemy landing on the west coast between MANDURAH and BUSSELTON. TRAINING — as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part I App. A. *S.M.F. Training Inct. No 2 App. A.
	7 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — NIL (except above recce). TRAINING — as per syllabus. STRENGTH — 44 Bn — 37 offrs. 911 ORs. att. — 22 offrs. 668 ORs.	F.R.O. Part I. App. A.
	8 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — NIL TRAINING — as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part I. App. A.

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Unit 44 Bn Gp (S.M.F.)Date and Time.—From 9 FEB 42 To 13 FEB 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUSHMEAD (ref. MUNDARING M.S. 1/63360-030529) less detachment 44 Bn at PEARCE AIRFIELD (ref. PERTH STRAT H 50/134 III 682402) 403082	9 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL TRAINING - as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part I app A. *W.C.R.O. Part I no. 24 app B. *W.C.R.O. Part I no. 25 app B.
	10 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - 8 Bty Commd post personnel and vehicles revert to Commd of 3 Fd Regt. TRAINING - as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part I app. A. *25 M.B. R.O. Part I app C.
	11 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL. TRAINING - as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part II. app. A.
	12 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL. TRAINING - as per syllabus.	F.R.O. Part I app. A.
	13 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL	F.R.O. Part I app. A.

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Unit 44 Bn. Cp. (S.M.F.)

Date and Time.—From 13 FEB 42 To 16 FEB 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUSHMEAD (ref. MUNDARINE) M.S. 1/63360—030529) less detachment at PEARCE AERODROME (PERTH STRAT H50/13 914 — 882408) 403082	13 FEB 42		TRAINING — as per syllabus	*S.M.F. Training Inst. No 3 App. A. Report CO's recce BUNBURY— *BUSSELTON area App. A. *F.R.O. Part II, App. A.
	14 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — Recce party under LT-COL W.B. BARNER left to recce coast for probable enemy lines of advance between JURIKEN BAY and NORTH BEACH	F.R.O. Part I App. A. *Admins. Instruction No 4 App. A.
			TRAINING — as per syllabus.	
			STRENGTH — 44 Bn — 37 offrs. 910 ORs. att. — 21 offrs. 653 ORs.	
	15 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — NIL	
			TRAINING — as per syllabus.	
	16 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — NIL.	F.R.O. Part I app. A.

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Unit 44 Bn Gp (S.M.F.)

Date and Time.—From 16 FEB 42 To 20 FEB 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUSHMEAD (ref. MUNDARINE MS. 1/63360 - 030529) less detachment 44 Bn at PEARCE AIRDROME (ref. PERTH STRAT H 50/13414 - 082403) 403092	16 FEB 42		TRAINING - as per syllabus.	*W.C.R.O. Part I. No 29. App. B. *Letter from G.S. W.C. re Sentinels App. B.
	17 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL	F.R.O. Part I App. A.
			TRAINING - as per syllabus.	*F.R.O. Part II App. A.
	18 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL	F.R.O. Part I App. A.
			TRAINING - as per syllabus.	
	19 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL	F.R.O. Part I App. A.
			TRAINING - S.M.F. took part in a mobility test. Two on 1 hrs notice moved to area MUNDARINE MS. 1/63360 - 030457 and bivouaced for the night.	
	20 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL.	F.R.O. Part I App. A.

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Unit 44 BN Gp (S.M.F.)Date and Time.—From 20 FEB 42 To 23 FEB 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUSHMEAD (op. MUNDARING M.S. 1/63360 - 030 529) less detachment 44 BN at PEARCE AERODROME (PERTH STRAT - H 50/13914 403 092) 082 403)	20 FEB 42		TRAINING - S.M.F. returned to base.	*App. A to O. Inst. No. 1 - App. A. *W.C. Int. Inst. No. 8. - App. B.
	21 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL TRAINING - as per syllabus. STRENGTH - 44 BN - 37 offrs. 921 ORs. att. - 21 offrs. 652 ORs.	*F.R.O. Part I App. A.
	22 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL TRAINING - as per syllabus.	*F.R.O. Part I App. A.
	23 FEB 42		OPERATIONS - NIL TRAINING - as per syllabus.	*F.R.O. Part I App. A. *W.C. R.O. Part I App. B.

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Unit 44 Bn Gp (S.M.F.)

Date and Time.—From 24 FEB 42 To 28 FEB 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUSHMEAD (w/ MUNDARING M.S. 1/63360 - 030529) has detachment 44 Bn at PEARCE AIRDROME (ref. PERTH STRAT H 50/13914 - 052103) 403082	24 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — NIL	* F.R.O. Part I App A.
			TRAINING — as per syllabus.	* W.C.R.O. Part I App. B.
	25 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — NIL	* F.R.O. Part I App A.
			TRAINING — as per syllabus.	
	26 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — NIL	* F.R.O. Part I App. A.
			TRAINING — as per syllabus.	W.C. Inst. Q45 (Postal Arrangements) App. B.
	27 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — NIL	* F.R.O. Part I App. A.
			TRAINING — as per syllabus.	
	28 FEB 42		OPERATIONS — NIL.	* F.R.O. Part I App A.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCES.

M.O. No. 1.

SECRET.

Copy No. 1.....

S.M.F.

31 Jan. 42.

INFORMATION.

Intelligence reports possible enemy action directed against strategic aerodromes.

INTENTION.

"B" Coy. 44 Bn. and attached Tps. will move to Station "X" 2 Feb. 42 to take up a defensive position and relieve "C" Coy. 44 Bn. and Att. Tps.

"B" Coy.
"E(MG)" Coy.
2 Sec. R.M.T.
1 Mort. Det.
1 Sig.
1 D/R.

METHOD.

1. The Det. will move by M.T.
2. Route. HELENA VALLEY RD. -- RD. MIDLAND BULLSBROOK.
3. Order of March as set out in Appendix 1.

All vehicles will be in position in coin. ready to move by 0855 hrs. 2 Feb. 42.

4. Speed 20 M.I.H.
5. Density. 10 v.T.M.
6. D.P. BULLSBROOK INN.
7. S.P. BUSHMEAD RLY. CROSSING.
8. S.T. 0900 2 Feb. 42.

Relief must be completed by 1100 hrs. 2 Feb. 42.

9. On receipt of this order the following action will be taken:
 - (A). R.M.T. Sec. will move to embussing pt. as known, head facing WEST and be in position by 0815 hrs. 2 Feb. 42.
 - (B). "E(MG)" Coy. will move into the coin. at 0845 hrs., head on road at point 100 x WEST of GUARD TENT.
 - (C). Carrier personnel will move with "E(MG)" Coy.
 - (D). Mort. Det. will move into coin. on road 150 x WEST of GUARD TENT by 0840 hrs 2 Feb.
 - (E). 1 Sig. from "HQ" Coy. to report to "B" Coy. Office at 0830 hrs. 2 Feb. 42.
 - (F). 1 D/R to be detailed by W/C Prev. and to report to "B" Coy. Office at 0815 hrs. 2 Feb. 42.

S E C R E T .

D.P.

1. On reaching this point, guides will meet Pls. and guide them to Pl. areas.
2. On reaching PL₁ areas they will DEBUSS.
Pl. Comdr. will take over Post and hand over his R.M.T. to outgoing Pl. Comdr. who will embuss his Pl. and move to Concentration Area.
3. Guide will meet and guide "E(MG)" Coy. to its Area.

ADMINISTRATION.

1. Rations.

See Appendix "A".

Haversack lunch will be carried.

R.M.T. and H.Q. Coy. to arrange own cut lunches.

2. Quartering.

Existing arrangements to stand.

3. Stores.

Blankets, Palliasses and Kitbags will be taken with personnel on vehicles.

Sig. and D/R will place Blankets, palliasses and Kitbags on Mort. Truck.

4. ~~Water.~~
Petrol.

Each vehicle will carry 1 4-gall. drum as petrol reserve. Further requirements as arranged by previous Det.

5. TpT.

WB" Coy. tpt. and Res. M.T. to convey personnel and remain at Station "X".

"E(MG)" Coy. to use "A" Coy. R.M.T. which will be used in conjunction with "C" Coy. Tpt. for return of personnel.

1 30 Cwt. Water Tank No. 16228 will accompany convey and remain at Station "X".

6. Carriers.

O.C. Carrier Pl. will proceed to Station "X" and supervise relief of Carriers.

All Carriers will be continuously armed with M.M.G's leaving four for ground defence.

SECRET.

P.A.D.

"E(MG)" Coy. to supply Siren General Alarm at present on charge.

LEAVE.

All personnel at present on, and/or proceeding on leave will report to Force H.Q. on returning and will be moved to Unit.

PAY.

For all personnel at present on leave to be available 2 Feb. 42.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

"B" Coy. H.Q. will close at S.M.F. area at 0845 hrs. 2 Feb. 42 and open at Station "X" at 1000 hrs. 2 Feb. 42. Messages by D/R to head of Colm. whilst moving, to O.C. "B" Coy's Utility.

M. J. Dinkless
.....Capt.
O.C. Mobile Det.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy N o.	1	C.O.
"	2	O.C. "B" Coy.
"	3	O.C. "E(MG)" Coy.
"	4	R.M.T.
"	5	H.Q. Coy.
"	6	"
"	7	"
"	8	T.O.
"	9	File.
"	10	Spare.
"	11	"
"	12	"

S E C R E T .

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

S P E C I A L M O B I L E F O R C E .

"B" Coy. and "E(MG)" Coy. and attached Troops S.M.F.

M O V E M E N T O R D E R N o . 1 .

A P P E N D I X N o . 1 .

Copy No. 1.....

O R D E R O F M A R C H .

O.C.'s Utility.

10 Pl. Comdr's Utility
R.M.T. 2 vehicles (B 11 B 12)

11 Pl. Comdr 's Utility.
R.M.T. 2 vehicles. (B 13 B 14)

12 Pl. Comdr's Utility.
R.M.T. 3 vehicles. (B 15 B16 B 17 |

Mortar Platoon.

Stores Truck.

Kitchen Truck.

O.C. "E(MG)" Coy. Utility

19 Pl. Comdr's Utility.
R.M.T. 2 vehicles (_ _ _)

20 Pl. Comdr's Utility.
R.M.T. 1 vehicle (_ _)

21 Pl. Comdr's Utility.
R.M.T. 2 vehicles. (_ _ _)

1 R.M.T. (Kitbags).

Stores.

Ammunition (3 vehicles).

- 4 vehicles (Carriers) 3 Tons.

- 1 vehicle = Carrier personnel.

Stores.

Kitchen.

Water Truck.

D/R.

SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE.

"B" Coy. and "A(NG)" Coy. and attached Troops S.M.F.

MOVEMENT ORDER No. 1.

APPENDIX. NO. 2.

LOADING CHART.

HEAD QUARTERS.

O.C.'s Utility.

Coy. Comdr.
Clerk.
Driver M/T
Bicycle.

Store Truck.

2 i/s.
Storesman.
D/Mech.
Driver M/T.
Stores.

Kitchen Truck.

C.Q.M.S.
Sgt. Cook.
Cpl. Cook.
Cook.
Driver M/T.
Rations.

EACH PLATOON.

Pl. Comdr's Utility.

Pl. Comdr. &
2 O/Rs .
Driver M/T.
2 Bren Machine Guns.
2000 rounds. S.A.A.
Thompson Sub-Carbine.
Grenades.
Pl. Stores.
Bicycle (If obtainable).

R.M.F.

14 O/Rs each truck with gear vide "Administration" Para 2.

A. J. D. ...
.....Capt.
O.S. Mobile Detachment.

Appendix A

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 17

H.Q. Special Mobile Force,
1 Feb. 42.

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....COMMANDING 44 BN.Gp.

1. DUTIES.

Field Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	1/2 Feb.	Lieut. G. Appleton	8 Bty
Next for duty	2/3 Feb.	Lieut. L.D. Toy.	121 Res.M.T.
Force Orderly Offr.	1/2 Feb.	Lieut. K. Sheridan	9 A.Tk.
Next for duty	2/3 Feb.	Lieut. W. Beigel	44 Bn.
Camp Medical Officer	1/2 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	2/3 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Unit - to combine	1/2 Feb.	8 Bty. & 9 A.Tk. Regt.	
Next for duty " "	2/3 Feb.	121 Res. M.T., W. Comd. A.A.S.C., 13 Fd. Coy.	

2. VEHICLES.

Under no circumstances must Officers drive any military vehicle.

3. LECTURE.

A talk will be given to all offr. by the Force Cmr. at Officers' Mess, Monday, 2 Feb. at 1930 hrs.

4. LEAVE.

No offr. will proceed on leave without firstly, signing leave book in the Officers' Mess, showing address while on leave and telephone number if any, and, secondly, obtaining Leave Pass from Force H.Q.

5. DRESS.

certain

It has been noticed that/officers, N.C.O's. and O.R's. are wearing puggarees. Puggarees will be immediately returned to "Q" Stores, and bands, hat khaki will be drawn in lieu.

6. COLOUR PATCHES.

In many instances colour patches are not being worn on hat bands. Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will parade personnel under their command, and see that this fault is remedied immediately.

Signed. A. E. RILEY. Capt.

Adj. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION

- 44 BN. (20)
- 25 M.G. Regt.
- 8 Bty.
- 9 A.Tk. Regt.
- Mobile A.A.
- 13 Fd. Coy.
- W.Comd. Sigs.
- 121 Res.M.T.Coy.
- W.C.A.A.S.C.=
- L.A.D.
- 13 Fd.
- W.C.Pro. Sec.
- D.R.O.
- War Diary. (2)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

H.Q. Special Mobile

Force.

2 Feb. 42.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 18

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER, COMMANDING 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Field Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	2/3 Feb.	Lieut. L.D. Toy	121 R.I.T.
Next for duty	3/4 Feb.	Capt. N.H. Waldby	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	2/3 Feb.	Lieut. W. Beigel	44 Bn.
Next for duty	3/4 Feb.	Lieut. A.W. Bentley	44 Bn.
Camp Medical Offr.	2/3 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	3/4 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Duty Unit of the day	2/3 Feb.	13 Fl. Coy. & "C" Coy.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	3/4 Feb.	"A" Coy.	

2. INOCULATIONS

Arrangements have been made to have personnel inoculated on the following days. Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. are notified that personnel, as shown on lists supplied by Coys. and Dets. will parade at 44 Bn. R.A.P., 1000 hrs. 3 Feb. and each succeeding day.

		<u>No. of personnel</u>
3 Feb. 42.	1st T.A.B.	224
4 Feb. 42	2nd T.A.B.	120
5 Feb. 42	3rd T.A.B.	147
6 Feb. 42	Refresher T.A.B.	102
9 Feb. 42	1st A.Tetanus	231
10 Feb. 42	2nd A.Tetanus	174

3. GUARDS - ARMING OF.

As from Wednesday, 4 Feb. 42, all Guards personnel will be issued with S.A.A., 5 rounds in magazine and 15 rounds in man. 50 rounds per man will be held in Guard tent.

In the case of rifles with cut-off, this will be closed; in the case of rifles not so equipped, magazine will be removed from rifle, loaded and replaced in rifle, the bolt will not be drawn back. In all cases, safety catches will be applied.

Safety Precautions.

1. Personnel will be inspected by Coys. or Dets. before going on guard - number of rounds per man checked.
2. When old guard is dismounting, it will be the duty of the officer detailed for Guard duty to collect from old guard all Ball ammunition and to submit to Force H.Q. daily a return disclosing number of rounds collected and shortages, if any.

Powers of Sentries.

1. In view of the present position and while the present state of emergency continues sentries safe-guarding their posts or preventing the activities of enemy, or suspected enemy, agents will take any action required to ensure the safety of their posts or to defeat the activities of enemy, or suspected enemy, agents.
2. If necessary, they will fire upon or otherwise attack any persons threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.
3. Before firing upon any person, the sentry should challenge that person to "Halt". If that person does not halt, the sentry will challenge him again "Halt or I fire". If he does not halt and no other means are available for stopping him - as for example by calling on the rest of the guard - it is the duty of the sentry to shoot, aiming low to hit, but not to kill.

3. GUARDS - ARMING OF. (Continued)

4. The sentry must use his intelligence and sense of responsibility as to whether he will shoot or not, but he must be careful not to allow any suspected person to approach so close that he can be rushed and overpowered.

Special Mobile Force Instructions to troops.

Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will warn all troops that Sentries are issued with ball ammunition and what the Sentries' instructions are. Sentries are also to be warned that if they do not receive a satisfactory answer they are to challenge for a second time "Halt or I fire", and if no other means exists of halting the intruder, they are to fire. This must be read in conjunction with "Powers of Sentries to Fire".

4. 44 BN. UNIT TRUST FUND A/C.

The following committee has been appointed.

- Major H.R. Golding.
- W.C.(ii) Kelloy, H.M.S.
- Pte. Thompson, R.H.

The committee will be responsible for the following.

- Keep and sign minutes of all meetings.
- Authorise all expenditure.
- Pass accounts for payment.

5. COURT OF INQUIRY.

Reference. R.O. No. 14 Part I 1942. 10 of 29 Jan. 42 - Inquiry into an accident to W.2718 Bdr. Payne, J.W.

Lieut. H.B. Hanton - 44 Bn. will substitute for Lieut. E.C. Plaistowe in the above court.

6. INNER COY. TRANSFERS - 44 BN.

W.12237	Cpl. Defratus, G.	from "A" Coy. to "H.Q." Coy. (Carrier Pl.)
W.12277	Cpl. Mackenzie, A.J.	from "D" Coy. to H.Q. Coy. (Carrier Pl)
W.12321	Pte. Migliori, T.	" "D" " " "C" Coy.
W.25237	" Povah, W.A.	" "D" " " "C" "
W.25734	" Irwin, G.B.	" "C" " " "D" "
W.25389	" Acol, J.	" " " " " " "
W.25910	" Ward, C.H.	" " " " " " "
W.24528	E Rowney, J.H.	" " " " " " "
W.24548	" Lunsden, W.A.J.	" " " " " " "
W.12299	" Akers, S.J.	" " " " " " "

7. ENTERTAINMENTS.

An invitation is issued to all personnel granted leave tonight, 2 Feb. to attend a picture show to be held at Ordnance Depot, Midland Junction.

On Wednesday, 4 Feb. 42, a Concert will be held in the Gravel Pit, vicinity of Force H.Q. at 2000 hrs. Entertainment will be provided by the "Cheerios" Concert Party.

8. LOST AND FOUND.

The following has been lost. Finder please return to Force H.Q. - Reward.

1 Wallet, leather. Containing Money, Cwtch. Bank Book, and Tax Stamps. Lost in Camp area between 25 M.G. Regt. & R.A.P. and C.D.S.

DISTRIBUTION

44 Bn. (20)	Mobile A.A.		
25 M.G. Regt.	13 Rd. Coy.	W.C. A.A.S.C.	W.C. Pro. Sec.
8 Rd. Bty.	W.C. Sigs.	L.A.D.	D.R.O.
9 A.Tr. Regt.	121 Res.M.F.	13 Rd. Coy.	War Diary (2)

Signed. A. E. Riley. Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force.

Appendix B

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 19.

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.

3 Feb. 42.

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER, COMMANDING 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fd. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	3/4 Feb.	Capt. N.H. Waldby	44 Bn.
Next for duty	4/5 Feb.	Lieut. E.C. Flaistowe	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	3/4 Feb.	Lieut. N.M. Gray	44 Bn.
Next for duty	4/5 Feb.	Lieut. O'Halloran	25 M.G.R.
Force Orderly Sgt.	3/4 Feb.	Sgt. Reddington, J.	
Next for duty	4/5 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt. to nominate	
Force Orderly Cpl.	3/4 Feb.	Cpl. Keeley, F.O.	
Next for duty	4/5 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt. to nominate.	
Camp Medical Offr.	3/4 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	4/5 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Unit of the day	3/4 Feb.	"A" Coy. 44 Bn.	
Next for duty	4/5 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt.	

2. GUARD MOUNTING.

The best turned out soldier on Guard Parade will be named by Guard Mounting Offr. as "Stick Orderly", and will gain one evening leave to be taken on the next non-training night.

3. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry composed as under, will assemble at a time and place to be nominated by the President to inquire into the desertion of W.41430 Pte. Noonan, L.P. Proceedings to reach this H.Q. by 1700 hrs. 8 Feb. 42.

<u>President.</u>	Capt. B.K. Killerby	44 Bn.
<u>Members.</u>	Lieut. J.H. Caddy	9 A.Tk. Regt.
	Lieut. W. Scurry	8 Fd. Bty.

4. INTER COY. TRANSFERS - 44 BN.

Capt. G.W.D. Moore	from "C" Coy.	to "B" Coy.	and to be acting 2 i/c.
Lieut. F.H. Taaffe	from "A" Coy.	to "C" Coy.	and to be acting O.C.
Lieut. E.C. Flaistowe	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	2 i/c.
W.11898 Pte. Coffey S.F.	from "A" Coy.	to "B" Coy.	
W.41392 Pte. Atkins, R.	" "A" "	" "C" "	
W.46517 " Wardell, R.	" "A" "	" "C" "	
W.46754 " Togg, S.	" "A" "	" "E(MG)" Coy.	
W.41412 " Hood, G.S.	" " " "	" " " "	
W.41454 " Wendt, D.C.	" " " "	" " " "	
W.41420 " Marsh, V.J.	" " " "	" " " "	
W.41433 " Vagg, A.	" " " "	" " " "	
W.41440 " Rothnie, S.	" " " "	" " " "	
W.41433 " Pike, J.	" " " "	" " " "	
W.41395 " Boyd, J.W.	" " " "	" " " "	
W.41390 " Aggis, J.	" " " "	" " " "	
W.46715 " Holtham, W.C.	" " " "	" " " "	
W.41437 " Rowley, D.	" " " "	" " " "	

Temporary transfers for training.

W.39037 Pte. Hes, M.R.	from E(MG) Coy.	to A. Coy.
W.12201 " Simmons, W.E.	" E(MG) "	" " A. Coy.
W.11351 Cpl. Keddie, V.G.	" E(MG) "	" " H.Q. COY.
W.11902 Pte. Newland, C.H.	" " "	" " " "
W.12262 " Ellison, G.A.	" " "	" " " "
W.25990 " Constant, H.	" " "	" " " "

5. COMMITTEES.

Officers' Mess.

Lieut. A. Jamieson to be Treasurer.
Lieut. R. F. Johnston to be Secretary.

6. ENTERTAINMENTS.

A Concert will be given by the "Cheerios" Concert Party at Gravel Pit, vicinity Force H.Q. on Wednesday, 4 Feb. 42 at 2000 hrs.

Signed. A. E. RILEY Capt,

Adjt. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 44 Bn. (20)
- 25 M.G. Regt.
- 8 Ml. Bty.
- 9 A.Tk. Regt.
- Mobile A.A.
- 13 Ml. Coy.
- W.C. Sigs.
- 121 Res.M.T.
- W.C. A.A.S.C.
- L.A.D.
- 13 Ml. Amb.
- W.C.Pro. Sec.
- D.R.O.=
- War Diary, (2)

Unit	Name	Rank	Signature
44 Bn.
25 M.G. Regt.
8 Ml. Bty.
9 A.Tk. Regt.
Mobile A.A.
13 Ml. Coy.
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L.A.D.
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D.R.O.
War Diary

Appendix B

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 20

H.Q. Special Mobile Force. 4 Feb. 42

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....COMMANDING 44 BATTALION GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fl. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	4/5 Feb.	Lieut. E.C. Flaistowe	44 Bn.
Next for duty	5/6 Feb.	Capt. B.K. Killerby	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	4/5 Feb.	Lieut. O'Halloran	25 M.G. Regt.
Next for duty	5/6 Feb.	Lieut. Lightfoot	121 R.M.T.
Force Orderly Sgt.	4/5 Feb.	Sgt. Mitchell, G.G.	25 M.G. Regt.
Next for duty	5/6 Feb.	Sgt. McKenzie, L.A.	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Cpl.	4/5 Feb.	Cpl. Bignell, G.C.	25 M.G. Regt.
Next for duty	5/6 Feb.	Cpl. Durack, G.	44 Bn.
Camp Medical Offr.	4/5 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	5/6 Feb.	Capt. Vincent.	
Duty Unit of the day	4/5 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt.	
Next for duty	5/6 Feb.	D. Coy. 44 Bn.	

Entraining Offr. 4 Feb. Lieut. W. Beigel 44 Bn.

Duty Dets. and Coys. will note that only 2 fatigues are needed daily for duty at Canteen. The Canteen duty is also to include Salvation Army Marquee and general cleanliness in and around Canteen.

Duty Det. or Coy. will provide one extra lamp for Guard tent, nightly.

2. GUARD DUTY.

The South East post on the road through Area will be mounted by 1 Cpl. and 3 O.R's. These personnel will be detached from Main Guard after Guard Mounting and be conveyed by transport to No. 2 Guard Tent.

3. A.W.L. RETURNS.

Coys. and Units are reminded that a daily return of personnel Absent without leave, is required to be made to Force H.Q. by 0900 hrs. daily. Notification should also be forwarded to Force H.Q. and Provost Sec. immediately personnel return to camp.

4. UNATTENDED FIRES.

Several instances have been noticed of rubbish being burned in the camp lines and of the fires being left unattended.

This practice is to cease. Under no circumstances will any burning off take place except under the personal supervision of an officer.

5. SANITARY PAPER

The saving of paper is important. Unnecessary waste of sanitary paper must cease.

6. AUTHORITIES.

The following are the authorities for the award of punishment by O.C. Coy. or Det.

Reprimand N.C.O. below rank of Sgt.	A.M.R. & O.	260	(1)	(a)	(i)
Admonition N.C.O. below rank of Sgt.	"	260	(1)	(a)	(ii)
Fine for drunkenness	"	260	(1)	(b)	(i)
Confined to Barracks (up to 7 days.)	"	260	(1)	(b)	(ii)
Admonition	"	260	(1)	(b)	(iii)
Extra Guards, Duties, Picquets	"	260	(1)	(c)	

Authority to charge. - A.W.L. A.A.15 (1)
Conduct/Prejudice to Good Order and Milit. Disc.
to A.A. 40 (1)

7. CANTEEN.

The following are the amended Canteen hours:

Morning	0700 - 0300 hrs.	} Dry.
Midday	1300 - 1350 hrs.	
Evening	1630 - 1730 hrs.	
	1800 - 2100 hrs.	
	1800 - 2030 hrs.	Wet.

8. INTER COY. TRANSFERS. - 44 BN.

From A. Coy. to D. Coy.

- W.11690 L/Cpl. Sheedy, J.M.
- W.11801 Pte. Slayford, A.
- W.24546 " Hagan, B.H.
- W.24785 " Ashman, L.D.
- W.40438 " Speak, H.D.
- W.41412 " Hood, G.G.
- W.41413 " Hastie, K.J.
- W.41417 " Lewin, E.A.
- W.41401 " Dunstan, K.
- W.41408 " Freeman, M.D.
- W.24569 " Rodgers, P.O.

From E(MG) Coy. to H.Q. Coy. (Carrier Pl)

- W.39107 Pte. Smith, L.R.
- W.25994 " Gifford, F.A.
- W.11947 " Farnsworth, G.J.

From D. Coy. to C. Coy.

- W.24528 Pte. Rowney, J.H.

9. ENTERTAINMENTS.

A Concert will be given by the "Cheerios" Concert party at Gravel Pit, vicinity of Force H.Q. on Wednesday, 4 Feb. at 2000 hrs.

10. LOST AND FOUND.

The following articles have been found. Owners may have same at Force H.Q. on identification.

- 1 pr. Gaiters.
- 1 Respirator, Anti-gas, 1 Steel helmet, and 1 Motor Drivers License. (Name. W. James William Turnock.)

Lost. 1 Hat Fur felt - lost at Canteen, evening of 3 Feb. 42.

Signed. A.E. Riley. Capt.

Adj. Special Mobile Force

Distribution.

- 44 Bn. (20)
- 25 M.G. Regt.
- 8 Fd. Bty.
- Mobile A.A.
- 9 A.Tk. Regt.
- 13 Fd. Coy.
- U.C. Sigs.
- 121 Res.M.T.Coy.
- W.C.A.A.S.C.
- L.A.D.
- 13 Fd. Amb.
- W.C. Pro.Sec.
- D.R.O.
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Appendix B

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 21

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.
5 Feb. 42.

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....
Commanding 44 Bn. Group

1. DUTIES.

Fd. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	5/6 Feb.	Capt. B.H. Killerby	44 Bn.
Next for duty	6/7 Feb.	Lieut. J. Caddy	9 A.Tk.
Force Orderly Officer	5/6 Feb.	Lieut. Lightfoot	121 R.M.T.
Next for duty	6/7 Feb.	Lieut. J. Parker	8 Bty
Force Orderly Sgt.	5/6 Feb.	Sgt. McKenzie, L.A.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	6/7 Feb.	8 Bty. to nominate	
Force Orderly Cpl.	5/6 Feb.	Cpl. Durack, G.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	6/7 Feb.	8 Bty. to nominate	
Camp Medical Offr.	5/6 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	6/7 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	

Roster of Duty Coys. and Dets.

7/8 Feb. 42	"C" Coy.
8/9 Feb. 42	"A" Coy.
9/10 Feb. 42	25 M.G. Regt.
10/11 Feb. 42	"D" Coy.
11/12 Feb. 42	8 Fd. Bty & 9 A.Tk. Regt.
12/13 Feb. 42	"C" Coy.

2. TRAINING SHEETS, ETC.

Tracing No. 5 - Roads NORTH of MIDLAND JUNCTION is now available and may be obtained by Coys. and Dets. on application to the Int. Office.

3. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL.

Any officer, N.C.O. or O.R. returning from Duty, School or Hospital will proceed to Midland Junction station and immediately ring the Adjutant, when transport will be arranged.

Coy. and Det. Cndrs. will note that all personnel returning from leave, hospital etc., who report back to the unit and find that their Coy. or Det. has left the area for operation stations, must report to Force H.Q. for instructions.

4. GUARDS.

Duty Coys. and Dets. are responsible to see that instructions are given to the Sgt. i/c guard, that it is his responsibility to see that ALL guard personnel are rationed during their tour of duty.

5. CHARGE SHEETS.

Attention of Coy. and Det. Cndrs. is drawn to the following instructions:-

- (i) A.M.R. & O. authority for punishment awarded must be shown on charge sheet.
- (ii) All fines awarded must be communicated to the soldier concerned, at time of award. The fine must be entered in pay book and on charge sheet in soldier's presence.
- (iii) The rank or classification of soldier charged must be shown on charge sheet. This particularly applies to T. Gp. I, II, and III.

6. INTER COY. TRANSFERS. - 44 BN.

W.46889 Pte. Gibbons, E.F. from "A" Coy. to "D" Coy.
 W.41412 " Hood, G.G. " "D" Coy. to "E(MG)" Coy.

Distribution.

Similar to R.O. No. 20 or 4 Feb. 42

Signed. A. E. Riley. Capt.
Adjt. Special Mobile Force.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 22

H.Q. Special Mobile Force. 6 Feb. 42.

COL. W. BRENDON GARNELL.....COMMANDING 44 BN. GP.

ISSUES.

Fd. Offr. and Guard Mounting Offr.	6/7 Feb.	Lieut. J. Caddy	9 A.Tk.
Next for duty	7/8 Feb.	Lieut. E.C. Plaistowe	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	6/7 Feb.	Lieut. J. Parker	8 Bty.
Next for duty	7/8 Feb.	Lieut. N.M. Gray	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Sgt.	6/7 Feb.	Sgt. Turner	8 Bty.
Next for duty	7/8 Feb.	C. Coy. to provide.	
Force Orderly Cnl.	6/7 Feb.	Bdr. Dodd	8 Bty.
Next for duty	7/8 Feb.	O. Coy. to provide	
Camp Medical Offr.	6/7 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	7/8 Feb.	Capt. Vincent.	
Duty Unit of the day	6/7 Feb.	8 B ty	
Next for duty	7/8 Feb.	"C" Coy.	

2. COMMAND - SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE.

During the temporary absence of the Commanding Officer, Major A. E. Sandover, M.C. will Administer Command, Special Mobile Force.

3. LEAVE - DETRAINING.

It is the practice of some personnel to rejoin the train while on the move at some distance past detraining point with a view to obtaining a ride to a position closer to their quarters. This practice must cease forthwith. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

4. CIPHER ROSTER.

Training in the use of the cipher will be conducted by W. Comd. Sigs. Coys. and Dets. will arrange for officers to report to Signal Tent, vicinity Force H.Q., commencing Monday 9 Feb. 42 in the following order:-

Monday, 9 Feb.	H.Q. Coy.	0900 - 0930 hrs.
	A. Coy.	1000 - 1030 "
	C. Coy.	1100 - 1130 "
	D. Coy.	1400 - 1430 "
	A Fd. Bty.	1500 - 1530 "
	9 A.Tk.	1545 - 1615 "
Tuesday, 10 Feb.	W.C. A.A.S.C.	0900 - 0930 "
	Sec. Res.M.T.	1000 - 1030 "

5. N.C.O. EXAMINATION.

An examination for prospective N.C.O's. will be held on Tuesday, 10 Feb. 42 commencing at 0830 hrs.

The examination Board will comprise:-

President	Capt. N.H. Waldby
Members	Lieut. A. Bentley.
	Lieut. F.H. Taaffe
	Lieut. W. E. Feigel
	Lieut. B. Wade.
	Lieut. H.B. Danton
	W.O.I H.M.S. Kalley.
	W.O.II K. Fewster.

6. N.G.O. EXAMINATION - (Continued)

The President will be responsible for all administration arrangements and conduct of examinations. Examination papers and result sheets are available from adjt.

Conduct of Examination.

Lecturette	Capt. N.H. Waldby
Rifle	Lieut. A. Bentley
Squad Drill	Lieut. F.H. Taaffe
Bren	Lieut. W.E. Beigel
Grenade	Lieut. B. Wade
Application of fire	W.O.I H.M.S. Kelley
Thompson sub-machine gun	W.O.II K. Fewster.
Rifle Exercised	Lieut. H.B. Hanton

6. ROUTE MARCH.

A Route March will be held on Sunday, 8 Feb. 42. Head of the column will be at the Southern Guard Post at 1400 hrs. Units will assemble in the following order. -

25 M.G. Regt.	44 Bn.
8 Fd. Bty.	W.C. A.A.S.C.
9 A.Tk. Regt.	121 Res. M.T. Coy.
13 Fd. Coy.	13 Fd. Amb.
W.C. Sigs.	L.A.D.
	W.C. Prov. Sec.

Bathers and towels will be carried in haversacks.

7. CHURCH PARADE.

A Church Parade (C. of E.) will be held, Sunday, 8 Feb. 42, Gravel Pit vicinity of Force H.Q. at 0900 hrs. Coys. and Dets. to be in position by 0850 hrs.

Signed. A. E. RILEY. Capt.

DISTRIBUTION.

Adjt. Special Mobile Force.

25 M.G.
8 Fd. Bty.
9 A.Tk.
13 Fd. Coy.
W.C. Sigs.
44 Bn. (20)
W.C.A.A.S.C.
121 Res. M.T. Coy.
13 Fd. Amb.
L.A.D.
W.C. Pro. Sec.
D.R.O.
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Appendix B1

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

S.M.F. - TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

6 Feb. '42.

WEAPON TRAINING.

The standard of weapon training leaves much to be desired. Recent results on the range indicate weaknesses in aiming and trigger pressing. All ranks must receive recapitulation in these subjects. If troops cannot shoot accurately under peace conditions they will be useless in the excitement of battle. The use of the aim corrector and constant coaching on to targets is essential. Immediate action will be taken on these lines.

SECTION TRAINING AND TACTICS.

If full benefits are to be obtained under these headings adequate preparation must be made of all tactical exercises even if they be only section exercises. Officers or N.C.O's preparing exercises must set out the lessons they want to teach and choose ground which will bring out the lessons. Above all the time taken to do the exercise must be taken into consideration and on no account must exercises be rushed or broken off without a conclusion having been reached. Troops must be put thoroughly into the picture before the commencement of the exercise and mistakes pointed out at its conclusion. An instance occurred during the week when neither N.C.O's nor troops understood the scope of the exercise, what was expected of them or the lessons which they were supposed to learn. The exercise was a failure. This must not be allowed to occur.

VERBAL ORDERS.

The giving of verbal orders is generally unsatisfactory. The main faults are :-

- (a) Omissions
- (b) Lack of Sequence.
- (c) Rambling (Too much talking).
- (d) Lack of decisive manner in issuing orders.

Remember that long and complicated orders only confuse. Time will not always be available for long discussions and questioning due to faulty orders. All Officers and N.C.O's will be exercised in giving verbal orders.

M.T. MOVEMENT.

Reference in No. 1 Training Instruction to lack of control and dispersion of vehicles during M.T. Movement has not apparently not been heeded. Very bad examples of M.T. movement have been noted during the week. At no time must vehicles be parked head to tail on the side of the road. Constant practice is needed.

ALL ROUND DEFENCE.

It is apparent from an exercise held during the week that the principles of all round defence are not understood by officers and N.C.O's. Every opportunity will be availed of to drive home this important factor in modern war. Arrangements have been made to prepare a Pl. defensive posn. fully wired, which may be viewed by all Sub-Units. Times will be set down. Attention of Officers and N.C.O's is drawn to A.T.M. No. 2 which deals with this subject.

SECURITY.SENTRIES.

Sentry work throughout the Force is of a low standard and troops do not understand the duties of Sentries nor have they an appreciation of their responsibilities for the security of the Force in the field. M.T.P. 33 sets out fully the duties of Sentries and all Comds. must include periods in their syllabus covering this important branch of training.

COOKING IN THE FIELD.

As mess tins are available Comds. will arrange to practice their troops in preparation of their own meals in the field. In mobile warfare there will be many occasions when small detachments will be away from the main force for lengthy periods and will have to fend for themselves. Comds. should arrange for their Sgt. Cooks to lecture troops on the simple rules of cooking and if possible give a demonstration in the field. Troops will then be practised themselves.

DIGGING AND WIRING.

In all exercises where digging and wiring forms part of the tasks to be performed, Officers and N.C.O.'s will see that the work is properly organised so that the task is completed in the shortest space of time. In an exercise during this week troops were found asleep with tasks far from complete two hours before the time set down for the occupation of the posn. to be complete.

Digging and wiring will be included in the syllabus of all parts of the Force responsible for their own protection in this direction. One of the main lessons learnt from the Middle East has been the mistake of making wiring too tight. Coy. Comds. should liaison with O.C. Sec. 13 Pd. Coy. regarding co-operation and instruction in wiring training.

BRASS FITTINGS ON WEB EQUIPMENT.

During night exercises conducted recently by one unit it was found that the brass fittings on web equipment glistened in the moonlight. The bright surfaces are naturally more noticeable by day and are attributed to the brass becoming polished through wear (Extract from 13 Inf. Bde. Intelligence Report).

NOTES ON FIGHTING IN MALAYA.

It is necessary for all ranks to possess elasticity of mind in regard to modern methods of fighting. Initiative in the junior leader is of paramount importance and it must be realised that action taken to meet one set of circumstances will not operate successfully in others. The following extracts from a report on the fighting on Indian troops in Malaya contain remedies suggested by the B.G.S. 3 Corp to overcome the Japanese successes.

- (a) Tps. must be suitably equipped for jungle fighting.
- (b) Training in the offensive spirit producing a high morale (at present they are defensive-minded).
- (c) Reliefs must be frequent so reserves are essential.
- (d) Prepared defensive positions are a waste of time - the enemy avoids them. A sudden burst of fire at short range from natural cover is most effective.
- (e) Sub-units in defence in rubber or jungle should not sit - they should be made responsible for an area which they continually patrol and take the offensive against enemy entering it.

- (f) In selecting a defensive position on which to make a stand, a defile which the force available can hold with adequate reserves should be chosen.

Portion of the force should get astride the defile. Each path leading into the defile from the sides should be the responsibility of a patrol. This should be carried well back.

Reserves should be disposed at intervals down the defile to take on forces entering by the lateral paths. Reserve should be mobile. The distances between location of reserves should be actively patrolled by A.F.Vs.

In order to dissipate and distract the enemy from his forward movement in the absence of reserves capable of assuming the offensive, considerable activity is being planned behind the enemy line.

This will take the form of Fifth Column activity, paratroops landing, landings by the Independent Company, bombardment and on the coast.

W. B. Garner

for Lt. Col.
(W. Brendon Garner).
Commanding S.M.F.

H.O.D.

DISTRIBUTION.

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H.Q. Coy. (6)
A. Coy. (5)
B. Coy. (5)
C. Coy. (5)
D. Coy. (5)
E. Coy. (5)
8 Fd. Bty. (5)
9 A.Tk.
W.C. AASC (3)
Res. M.T. (2)
13 Fd. Coy.
Det. 13 Fd. Emb.
W.C. Sigs.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 23

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.
7 Feb. 42.

BY

E. SANDOVER ADMINISTERING COMMAND 44 BN. GP.

Offr. and Gd. Mounting Offr.	7/8 Feb.	Lieut. R. F. Johnston	44 Bn
Next for duty	8/9 Feb.	Capt. N.H. Waldby	44 Bn
Force Orderly Officer	7/8 Feb.	Lieut. A.W. Bentley	44 Bn
Next for duty	8/9 Feb.	Lieut. W.E. Beigel	44 Bn
Force Orderly Sgt.	7/8 Feb.	Sgt. Norman, E.	
Next for duty	8/9 Feb.	A Coy. to provide.	
Force Orderly Cpl.	7/8 Feb.	Cpl. Bickley, L.	
Next for duty	8/9 Feb.	A Coy. to provide.	
Camp Medical Offr.	7/8 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	8/9 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Coy. of the day	7/8 Feb.	"C" Coy.	
Next for duty	8/9 Feb.	"A" Coy.	

Duty Coy. of Monday, 9 Feb. 42 will provide an extra fatigue of 4 men to report to Orderly Officer at Force H.Q. at 0830 hrs. as Engineer Fatigue.

2. NIGHT DRIVING.

Drivers of M.T. are to be particularly careful when driving at night to prevent accidents. All care must be taken as regards pedestrian traffic.

Troops on foot are warned that responsibility rests upon them to keep clear of vehicular traffic

3. CAMOUFLAGE PAINT.

Materials for camouflaging tents are now available. Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will arrange to contact Cpl. McKenzie, A.J. at Force "Q" Store to draw supplies and have personnel instructed in the use of same. This will be done immediately.

4. CANTEEN.

A second Canteen is now open near road between Force Ration Store and 25 M.G. Lines. The hours of business will be as laid down in Force R.O. Part I No. 20, para. 7.

5. ARMY EDUCATION SCHEME - TALK.

Capt. C.J. Cornish of Indian Army Reserve, who has had considerable experience in Persia will deliver a topical lecture on Iran, on Monday 9 Feb. 42 at Gravel Pit vicinity of Force H.Q., 2000 hrs. This lecture will be of special interest to military personnel.

6. CHURCH SERVICES.

A Roman Catholic Mass will be held at Green Tent, vicinity of L.A.D. on Sunday, 8 Feb. 42 at 0900 hrs. (Chaplain Dr. Goody)

Church Parade - C. of E. - W. Quad. Training School will make a piano available for the service. T.O. to make a truck available to proceed to W.C. Tag. School at 0800 hrs. 8 Feb. to pick up piano. En. Orderly Offr. will arrange fatigue party of 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R.'s. to accompany truck. Two O.R.'s. will also be provided to distribute Service books. Pte. Smirk of "C" Coy. will act as pianist. He will report for books etc., to Force H.Q. at 0845 hrs. 8 Feb. 42.

ROUTE MARCH - ADDENDUM.

Dress. Fighting Order. Helmets, steel and Respirators, anti-gas will not
& worn.

ENTER COY. TRANSFERS -- 44 EN.

W.11889 Pte. Carter, A.N. from "D" Coy. to "H.Q." Coy.

Signed. A. E. RILEY Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 24

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.
8 Feb. 42.

BY

MAJOR A. E. SANDOVER ADMINISTERING COMMAND 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES

Fd. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	8/9 Feb.	Capt. N. H. Waldby	44 Bn.
Next for duty	9/10 Feb.	Lieut. Jorgenson	25 M.G.
Force Orderly Offr.	8/9 Feb.	Lieut. W. E. Beigel	44 Bn.
Next for duty	9/10 Feb.	Lieut. Woods	25 M.G.
Force Orderly Sgt.	8/9 Feb.	Cpl. Nash, R. B.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	9/10 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	8/9	Cpl. Boland, H.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	9/10 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt. to provide	
Camp Medical Offr.	8/9 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	9/10 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Duty Coy. of the day	8/9 Feb.	"A" Coy.	
Next for duty	9/10 Feb.	25 M.G. Coy.	

2. BOMBING RANGE.

The following personnel will fall in on Roadopposite A. Coy. at 0815 hrs, Monday, 9 Feb. 42 under Command of Capt. B.K. Killerby.

"D" Coy. less Coy. H.Q.
13 Fd. Coy.

These personnel will move to bombing range to see demonstration of Mills Grenade. Sgt. Norman, E. assisted by Sgt. Odgers, J. will give demonstration.

The following Coys. and Dets. will move to Range to witness demonstration at dates and times shown.

Monday 9 Feb. 1345 hrs. H.Q. Coy. and 9 A.Tk. Regt.
Wednesday 11 Feb. 0815 hrs. A. Coy. and 25 M.G. Sqn.
Wednesday, 11 Feb. 1345 hrs. C. Coy.

3. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry composed as under will assemble at a time and place to be nominated by President to inquire into an accident between Dvr. Mech. Colleran, J.P. W.12203, and Mr. Tuber Russel, resulting in injury to Mr. Tuber Russel.

<u>President.</u>	Capt. A.L. MacGregor	8 Bty.
<u>Members.</u>	Lieut. Jorgensen	25 M.G. Sqn.
	Lieut. C. Bucktin	44 Bn.

Report of the Court to be at this H.Q. by 14 Feb. 42.

DISTRIBUTION.

25 M.G. Sqn.	W.C. Pro. Sec.
8 Fd. Bty.	D.R.O.
9 A.Tk. Regt.	War Diary (2)
Mobile A.A.	
44 Bn. (20)	
13 Fd. Coy.	
W.C. Sigs.	
W. C. A.A.S.C.	
121 Res. M.T.	
15 Fd. Amb.	
L A.D.	

Signed. A. E. Riley Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force.

Appendix B

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION G.P.

H. Q. Special Mobile Force

ROUTINE ORDER - PART 1, NO. 25

9 Feb, 42

BY

MAJOR A. E. SANDOVER ADMINISTERING COMMAND 44 BN GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fd. Offr & Gd Mounting Offr	9/10 Feb	Lieut Jorgenson	25 M.G.
Next for duty	10/11 Feb	Capt. B.K. Killerby	44 Bn
Force Orderly Offr	9/10 Feb	Lieut Woods	25 M.G.
Next for duty	10/11 Feb	Lieut H.B. Hanton	44 Bn
Force Orderly Sgt	9/10 Feb	Sgt McKenzie	R.A.
Next for duty	10/11 Feb	"D" Coy to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl	9/10 Feb	Cpl Evershed	
Next for duty	10/11 Feb	"D" Coy to provide	
Camp Medical Offr	9/10 Feb	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	10/11 Feb	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Coy of the day	9/10 Feb	25 M.G. Coy	
Next for duty	10/11 Feb	"D" Coy	

2. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION.

Telephones have been installed throughout the Camp for the convenience of all units.

Owing to the dry nature of the earth it is extremely important that the ground in the vicinity of the earth spike be kept moist at all times. If this is not done the resistance of the earth to the current in the circuit is so great that in many cases the telephone communication is cut off altogether.

All that is necessary is one half bucket of water per day, not necessarily clean water.

In this respect the Signals have not been receiving the co-operation necessary from all units.

It has also been reported that in some cases telephones have been left unattended and thereby causing much trouble in the passing of urgent messages. Telephones must have personnel in attendance throughout the twentyfour hours of each day.

3. ARMY EDUCATION SCHEME - LECTURE.

Capt. C. J. Cornish of Indian Army Reserve, who has had considerable experience in Persia will deliver a topical lecture on Iran, on Monday 9 Feb 42 at Gravel Pit vicinity of Force H.Q. 2000 hrs. As this lecture will be of special interest to Military personnel all personnel are asked to attend. The Transport Officer will arrange lighting of gravel pit.

4. LOST AND FOUND.

Left in latrine (H.Q. Coy) 8 Feb 42. - One canvas money belt containing £1. note and keys. Finder please return to H.Q. Orderly room or Force H.Q.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 25 M.G. Regt
- 3 Fd. Bty.
- 9 A.Tk. Regt
- W.C. Sigs
- W.C. A.A. S.C.
- 13 Fd. Amb
- W.C. Pro Sec
- War Diary (2)
- Mobile A.A.
- 13 Fd. Coy.
- 44 Bn (20)
- 121 Res M.T. Coy
- L.A.D.
- D.R.O.

Signed A. E. RILEY Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force

Appendix A

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 26

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.
10 Feb. 42.

BY

MAJOR A. E. SANDOVER.....ADMINISTERING COMMAND 44 BN.GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fd. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	10/11 Feb.	Capt. B.K. Killerby	44 Bn.
Next for duty	11/12 Feb.	Lieut. G. Appleton	8 Bty.
Force Orderly Offr.	10/11 Feb.	Lieut. H.B. Hanton	44 Bn.
Next for duty	11/12 Feb.	Lieut. J. Caddy	9 A/Tk.
Force Orderly Sgt.	10/11 Feb.	Sgt. McKenzie, L.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	11/12 Feb.	Sgt. Marriott	8 Bty.
Force Orderly	10/11 Feb.	Cpl. Blue, J.W.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	11/12 Feb.	Edr. Thompson	8 Bty.
Camp Medical Offr.	10/11 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	11/12 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Duty Unit of the day	10/11 Feb.	"D" Coy. - 44 Bn.	
Next for duty	11/12 Feb.	8 Bty. & 9 A.Tk. Regt.	

2. AMMUNITION FOR GUARD.

Duty Coy. mounting at Retreat, Wednesday, 11 Feb. 42 will draw requisite number of rounds from 44 Bn. Q.M. These will be passed on from Guard to Guard, and signed for by oncoming Guard Cmdr.

The Field Officer will check rounds before Guard dismounts.

3. RANGE PRACTICE.

On Thursday, 12 Feb. 42, "A" Coy. 44 Bn. will fire Table B, Part II for all recruits at Bushmead Rifle Range.

4. PETROL

Units are requested to minimise petrol holdings. Reserve holding by units is to be deprecated. Emergency requirements are covered, with 100 miles reserve held on wheels for each vehicle on Force Strength, by the Force Pet. Sec.

5. INNER COY. TRANSFERS. - 44 BN.

- W.11751 Pte. Francis, G. from "B" Coy. to "E(MG)" Coy.
- W.41399 Pte. Chapman, J.W.M. from "A" Coy. to "H.Q." Coy.

6. REGIMENTAL CONDUCT SHEETS.

All Units with Regt. Conduct Sheets on hand are to forward them to Force H.Q. immediately.

These records will be kept up to date by Force H.Q. and should at any time personnel be transferred from this force, his Regt. Conduct Sheet must be obtained from Force H.Q. and forwarded to the Unit concerned.

7. FREE HOME LEAVE PASSES.

Free home leave passes are only available to personnel who can reach the home of their next of kin within the specified leave.

Personnel wishing to travel on Midland Railway Line must state so on his application.

All expired free home leave warrants are to be returned to Coy. office on return to camp. These are to be returned to Pte. Wells, Force H.Q. by Coy. or Det. office clerks. This return of Rail Warrants is imperative for checking purposes and to comply with W. Cond. instructions.

Application for Free Home Leave warrant to be at Force H.Q. by 1200 hrs. on day warrant is required.

All warrants still in soldiers' possession MUST be forwarded through Coy. officer to Force H.Q. immediately.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry, composed as under will assemble at a time and place to be nominated by the President, to inquire into an accident to Army vehicle c.35901 ridden by W.41426 Pte. Millen, G.T. resulting in injury to a pedestrian.

President. Capt. G. A. Fountain
Members. Lieut. J. McCulloch
Lieut. F. Ford.

9. ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Concert listed for Wednesday, 11 Feb. 42 has been cancelled.

10. WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURNS FROM ALL A.M.F. UNITS. (C.C.R. 65/2/37)

Commencing forthwith all A.M.F. Units will render an amended Weekly Strength State by telegraph to District Records Office to replace return previously referred to as Z.Y.X. etc.

This Return is to be made up as at 0600 hrs. each Saturday, and must reach D.R.O. not later than 1000 hrs. each Monday, in the following form - (First Return due will be for week ending 0600 hrs. Saturday, 14 Feb. 42).

- Z - to show Unit strength on Full Time Duty, including P.M.F. - Officers and other ranks.
Y - to show Unit Strength not on Full Time Duty - Officers and Other Ranks.
X - to show total of Z and Y.
W - to show A.I.F. serving with Unit - Officers and Other Ranks.
V - to show A.I.F. Reserve - Officers and Other Ranks.
U - to show R.A.A.F. Reserve - Officers and Other Ranks.
T - to show Camp Location.

Army Forms W.3008 and 3009 to be rendered by all A.M.F. Units, accompanied by statement giving details of Y, W, V. and U. (These forms to be despatched to D.R.O. by first D.R. or mail, whichever is the quicker)/ Strength shown on W.3008 and 3009 to be Full Time Duty only. Gunners, Sappers, Privates, etc., to be added as required to Page 2 of A.F. W.3009.

The rendition of all information required on this Return is of utmost importance and must be supplied punctually.

11. COY. AND DET. GUARDS.

It has come to notice that certain Coys. and Dets. are not mounting as above. Guards will be mounted and instructions as laid down in Force Camp Standing orders will be carried out in their entirety.

12. FATIGUES.

In future, fatigue parties for Gravel Pit and Miniature Range will not be supplied by Duty units.

Signed. A. E. Riley Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 25 M.G. Sqn. 44 Bn. (20) W.C. Pro. Sec.
8 Pd. Coy. N.C. A.A.S.G. D.R.O.
9 A.M. Regt. 121 Res. M.T. Coy. War Diary (2)
Mobile A.A. 277 I.A.D.
13 Pd. Coy. 13 Pd. Amb.

Appendix A B.H. 9 I see ~~SET CASE~~ ~~SET FILE~~

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDER PART 11

FULL TIME DUTY.

NO. 9

11 FEB. 42

44TH BATTALION (ATTACHED) TO MOBILE FORCES
(COMMAND TROOPS)

LAST PART 11

ORDER NO. 8

SUB NO. 909

PUB. 9 FEB. 42

Sub No.	Army No	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties, Etc.
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CORRIGENDUM.

910 W.12227 Pte. Hamersley, A.P Ref. R.O. 6/675 of 30 Jan. 42
should read "Extended sick leave"

STRENGTH INCREASE.

11	WP.5959	WOc1 Kelley, H.M.S.	Taken on F.T.D. strength 29 Jan. 42 RSM 44 Bn. CCR 122/3/177
12	W.12201	Pte. Simmons, W.E.	Called up F.T.D. 7 Jan. 42 M/I and taken on strength
13	W.39097	" O'Donoghue, K.	do. do.
14	W.25428	" Gardiner, O.G.	do. do. 6 Jan. 42
15	W.12356	" Ridley, R.	do. do. do.

REJOINED UNIT.

16	W.12160	Major STILLWELL, J.F.S	M/I 4 Feb. 42 ex MMG School, Victoria
17	W.46510	Pte. McIver, J.N.	M/I ex School 4 Feb. 42
18	W.24567	" Nileham, W.	M/I ex leave 1 Feb. 42
19	W.11162	Sgt. Bentley, A.W.	M/I do. do. 4 Feb. 42
920	W.12052	Cpl. Forrest, D.	M/I do. do. 3 "
1	W.22201	Pte. Fleay, V.C.J.	M/I ex Hosp. 5 Feb. 42

STRENGTH DECREASE.

2	W.11732	Pte. Ogden, W.W.	Ceased F.T.D. 31 Jan. 42 Trans. to Area Res. Occ. Agriculture.
3	W.12125	" Blake, J.G.	Trans. 5 Feb. 43 to 19 (Res) Grn. Bn. Bunbury
4	W.12571	" Keough, C.J.A.	Ceased F.T.D. 5 Feb. 42 Trans. to Area Res. Occ. (Science teacher) CCR 194/5/919
5	W.41348	" McLeod, G.	Ceased F.T.D. 5 Feb. 42 Trans. to Area Med. unfit Class 11B AMR 253-255

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

6 W.24013 " Moyle, A.J. (121 Res.M.T. CHARGE: A.W.L. from 2200
E.H.Q.Sec.) hrs. 31 Jan. 42 to 0630 hrs.
2 Feb. 42 AA 15 (1)
AWARD: Admonished by C.O.
44 Bn. 2 Feb. 42 AMR 256 (5) (d)
Informed he forfeits two days' pay
= 12/-d AMR & O 483 (1) (c)
TOTAL FORFEITURE: Twelve Shllgs.

SICK.

7	W.11821	Pte. Greaves, R.E.	Evac. 31 Jan. 42 to 110 Gen. Hosp.
8	W.11438	" Oldfield, F.	" 5 Feb. 42 " " ex CCS
9	W.22201	" Fleay, V.C.J.	" 18 Jan. 42 to 109 Conv. Depot
930	W.32691	" Manning, N.M.	Evac. sick 1 Feb. 42 (121 Res. M.T.)

ROUTINE ORDER PART 11

FULL TIME DUTY.

NO. 9

11 FEB. 42

44TH BATTALION (ATTACHED) TO MOBILE FORCES
(COMMAND TROOPS)

LAST PART 11

ORDER NO. 8

SUB NO. 909

PUB. 9 FEB. 42

Sub Army

No. No Rank and Name

Particulars, Casualties, Etc.

DETACHED.

931 W.13423 Pte. Godfrey, W.J.

M/O to H.Q. 121 Res. M.T. E. (H.Q.)
Sec. W/shops 4 Feb. 42

MAJOR

(H. BURROES)

Officer i/c District Records Office
W/Comd

DISTRIBUTION.

- Unit Clerk (2)
- D.F.O. (7)
- A.H.Q. 2nd Ech
- War Diary
- Card Index
- D.A.Q.M.G
- C'wlth Audit Inspr
- Statistics
- Extract Clerk (2)
- Master File
- O.C. 44 Bn (4)
- Base Post Office.
- A.B.M.
- Spares (2)
- 9 Aux. H.T.P T (Attached)
- 121 Res. M.T. (Attached)
- Parent Units (2)
- H.Q. W. Comd (1)

SLIP

Appendix 17

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND,

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.
12 Feb. 42

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 28

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....COMMANING 44 BATTALION GP.

1. DUTIES.

Field Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	12/13 Feb.	Capt. C. Mitchell.
Next for duty	13/14 Feb.	Lieut. R. Johnston
Force Orderly Offr.	12/13 Feb.	Lieut. A.W. Lentley
Next for duty	13/14 Feb.	Lieut. W. E. Beigel
Force Orderly Sgt.	12/13 Feb.	Sgt. Odgers, J.
Next for duty	13/14 Feb.	A. Coy. to provide
Force Orderly Cpl.	12/13 Feb.	Cpl. McGlenchy
Next for duty	13/14 Feb.	A. Coy. to provide
Camp Medical Offr.	12/13 Feb.	Capt. Breckler
Next for duty	13/14 Feb.	Capt. Vincent
Duty Coy. of the day	12/13 Feb.	"C" Coy.
Next for duty	13/14 Feb.	"A" Coy.

Fatigues. One of the fatigues on Canteen duty will report to Salvation Army Hut at 0900 hrs. each morning.

2. VEHICLES.

It has been noticed that M.T. is still being driven through En. H.Q. tent lines. This practice must cease; disciplinary action will be taken against future offenders.

3. P.A.D.

Attention is drawn to S.O. for P.A.D. App. "C" para. 2 issued with S.M.F. Routine Order Part I No. 14. In a number of cases this instruction is not being carried out.

4. MAPS.

A description of the systems of reference in use on maps issued to S.M.F. has been prepared, and copies are available at the Int. Office for all officers.

5. MEALS.

Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will in future have meals prepared at irregular intervals. Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will use their own discretion and no prior notice will be given.

6. INNER COY. TRANSFERS - 44 BN.

Lieut. R.F. Johnston from H.Q. Coy. to be 2 i/c "A" Coy.

7. PAY PARADE.

Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will R.V. at Force H.Q. at 1100 hrs. Friday, 13 Feb. 42 in order to collect pay.

8. AIR RAID ALARM.

Telephone orderly on duty at Force H.Q. will not take cover when the alarm is sounded, but will remain on duty.

9. DRESS.

Reference Force R.O. Part I No. 27 of 11 Feb. 42, para 4, Belts, Waist, web will also be worn with Service Dress.

(See Over)

10. BATHING - CLAY POOL.

It has been reported to F.H.Q. by the caretaker of the Bellevue Brickyards that personnel of S.M.F. using the clay pool for swimming parades, have committed several acts of vandalism. On investigation this was unfortunately found to be true, and reflects no great credit on the force.

Valuable machinery has been damaged and spare parts wilfully thrown into the pool.

Coy. and Det. cmdrs. will impress on the personnel of their units that the use of the pool is a privilege not to be abused.

Should there be a recurrence of these acts, the privilege will be withdrawn and very strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

As previously stated in orders, no personnel may visit the pool, unless under Coy. or Det. control.

Swinging on cable will cease at once.

11. EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO RANK OF CAPT. - 44 BN.

An examination will be held at a date to be advised by the Commanding Officer for promotion to the rank of Capt.

Applications from officers of the 44 Bn. are invited and the following subjects will form basis of examination.

1. Weapon Training.
2. General knowledge of use of all weapons in a Rifle Coy.
3. Manoeuvre.
4. Field exercises dealing with the following tactical situations.--
 - (a) Attack.
 - (b) Defence.
 - (c) Night operation.
 - (d) River crossings.
 - (e) Withdrawal.
5. Tactical use of Vickers M.G.
6. Administration. General practical application of -
 - (a) Manual of Military Law.
 - (b) A.M.R. & O.
 - (c) M.P.R. & I.
7. Coy. Drill.
8. Method of movement of M.T. by day and night.
9. Map reading.
10. Prismatic compass.
11. Intelligence duties in the field
12. General Security.

It is suggested therefore that officers making application should immediately commence private study in subjects enumerated above.

12. REVEILLE.

Until further notice, Reveille will be at 0615 hrs. and training will cease at 1645 hrs.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

All personnel who have the courage to fight the common enemy should have the courage to sign his name to any correspondence.

Anonymous correspondence will be ignored by F.H.Q.

14. ORDERLY OFFERS.

Coy. and Dets. will note that in future all Orderly Offers. will sleep at Force H.Q.

It will be their duty to see that the sentry is instructed in his duties in the event of an alarm.

15. FIRE

Attention is again drawn to the necessity of Coy. and Dets. having adequate picquets. The danger of fire at present stage is imminent and a close watch must be kept on coy. and det. areas.

16. CONFERENCE.

There will be a C.O.'s. Conference for all Coy. and Det. Cmdrs., Q.M., T O., I.O., Sig. O. at 0900 hrs. Friday, 13 Feb. 42.

17. TRANSPORT TO MIDLAND JUNCTION FOR DENTAL TREATMENT, SCHOOLS ETC.

Vehicles will leave Force H.Q. at the undermentioned times only. No other transport will be available.

Leaves Force

0800 hrs.
1030 "
1230 "
1500 "

Leaves Midland

0825 hrs.
1045 "
1345 "
1615 "

Signed. A. E. RILEY Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 25 M.G. Squ.
- 8 M.L. Bty.
- 9 A.Tk. Bty.
- Mobile A.A.
- 13 M.L. Coy.
- 44 Bn. (20)
- W.C. A.A.S.C.
- 121 R.M.T. Coy.
- 13 M.L. Amb.
- 277 L.A.D.
- W.C. Pro. Coy.
- D.R.O.
- War Diary (2)

Appendix B

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 29

H.Q. Special Mobile Force
13 Feb. 42.

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....COMMANDING SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE.

1. DUTIES.

Field Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	13/14 Feb.	Lieut. Purse	25 M.G.
Next for duty	14/15 Feb.	Capt. N.H. Waldby	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	13/14 Feb.	Lieut. W. E. Beigel	44 Bn.
Next for duty	14/15 Feb.	Lieut. O'Halloran	25 M.G.
Force Orderly Sgt.	13/14 Feb.	Cpl. Farmer, P.K.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	14/15 Feb.	25 M.G. Sqn. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	13/14 Feb.	L/Cpl. Blake, J.G.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	14/15 Feb.	25 M.G. Sqn. to provide.	
Camp Medical Offr.	13/14 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	14/15 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Unit of the Coy.	13/14 Feb.	"A" Coy. - 44 Bn.	
Next for duty	14/15 Feb.	25 M.G. Sqn.	

2. AIR RAID ALARMS.

Personnel will not leave lighted lamps in unoccupied tents. Should this occur however, personnel in tent nearest the unoccupied tent will immediately extinguish the light.

Inspection of Air Raid sirens has shown that pressure in the cylinders has not been kept up to the requisite pressure - i.e. 100 lbs.

Action will be taken immediately by Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. to see that this is rectified.

3. CHURCH SERVICES.

Church of England Service will be held in Gravel Pit, vicinity of Force H.Q. at 0900 hrs. Sunday, 15 Feb. 42. Personnel will be in position by 0850 hrs. Service will be conducted by Chaplain Berry.

Roman Catholic Mass will be conducted in Green Tent, vicinity of L.A.D. at 0900 hrs. 15 Feb. 42, by Chaplain, Dr. Goody.

4. INTER COY. TRANSFERS. - 44 BN.

W.6748 W.O.(11) Cooper, R.H. from Bn. H.Q. to H.Q. Coy.

5. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry composed as under will assemble at a time and place to be nominated by the President to inquire into the desertion of W.23648 Gnr. Batty, D.F. Proceedings to reach this H.Q. by 1700 hrs. 18 Feb. 42.

<u>President.</u>	Capt. R.B. Trainor	8 Bty.
<u>Members</u>	Lieut. J.R. Purse	25 M.G. Regt.
	Lieut. F.N. Peirl	44 Bn.

6. DRIVERS IN RIFLE COYS.

It has been the practice to draw on H.Q. Coy. for Drivers when reliefs are necessary owing to leave, etc.

A C.C.R. published on 18 Dec. 41 states that all coys. will train surplus drivers M.T. on the "Master and Pupil System". That is, one trained driver will teach another man to drive and then pass him on to the T. O. for final test. There is ample opportunity just now to carry out this W. Comd. Instruction into effect. An Active Service conditions it would not be possible to rely on another Coy. to supply drivers. The position is that each Coy. has six drivers and should have at least six more to use in an emergency.

Security War diary
Home diary

Appendix A

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

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S.M.F.

Force H.Q.

S.M.F.

HOME FORCES.

13 Feb. '42.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

1. **M.T. Maintenance** - Coy and Det Comds are responsible for maintenance of vehicles under their command. Instances have been brought to notice where vehicles have not been regularly overhauled. Maintenance of vehicles in the field in a high standard of repair is essential for the successful movement of the Force. All Comds. will, therefore, see that regular inspections are made of all vehicles and prompt action taken where evidence of neglect or inefficiency in the performance of vehicles are noted.
2. **MINIATURE RANGE.** - Officers responsible for the conduct of practices on the miniature range will see that red flags are flown conspicuously at the roadside entrance to the miniature range and at the mound. Sentries will also be posted as a safety precaution on either side of the range to prevent approach of unauthorised persons whilst the range is in use.
3. **BAYONET TRAINING** - Bayonet Training must receive more attention particularly in view of the amount of close hand to hand fighting which has taken place in the theatres of war lately. It is particularly useful in night patrol work. The Bayonet is an excellent close fighting weapon and when used with determination has great moral effect. When training is carried out vigorously it is excellent practice in handling the rifle and in development of the muscles used in shooting.
4. **RANGE PRACTICES.** - Not sufficient attention is being paid by coaches to detail when coaching personnel on the range. It has been noticed both on the miniature range and open range that personnel who have repeatedly failed to register an effective shot on the target are not assisted on to the target. Coaches should show sympathy with personnel who are rifle or gun shy and not lose patience with their men who are experiencing difficulty. Main faults noticed are incorrect posn of body, incorrect holding of rifle, faulty use of left elbow in gaining a good rest, bad trigger pressing. Coy and Det Comds will see that these faults are brought to the notice of N.C.O's and Coaches with a view to having them eliminated.
5. **NIGHT TRAINING.** - The practice of forwarding to Force H.Q. a bare statement that an exercise is being held in a particular area is to be discontinued. Details of the exercise, which must be thoroughly prepared are to be submitted setting out the lessons to be taught, by 1600 hours on the day on which the night exercise is to be held.
6. **INTERNAL SECURITY.** - More cases have come under notice during the week of soldiers in camp writing abroad and giving details of troop movements and particulars of fortifications. It cannot be too strongly stressed that any information of this nature, regardless of its degree of importance, should not be communicated in any way.
7. **GUARDS AND SENTRIES.** - Several instances during the week have shown that the training of Guards and Sentries requires close attention by Coy and Det Comds. There is no excuse for sentries not knowing their duties, especially in cases of alarm. Immediate steps will be taken to see that all personnel are aware of their duties when on guard or sentry duty. Attention is directed to "Orders for Guard Commanders" dated 17 Oct. '41, which was issued to all Officers and N.C.O's 44 Bn. and copy of which may be seen at Force H.Q. The incompetence of a sentry may jeopardise the security of the whole Force.

8. HARDENING TROOPS. - Action will be taken by Comas. on all appropriate occasions to get troops accustomed to irregular meal hours and to go longer periods between meals. Under active service conditions troops may be forced to accept meals at irregular intervals and when Coys or Dets go on field exercises an excellent opportunity is presented to train personnel in this direction.

9. JAPANESE TACTICS. - In view of the danger of Japanese Invasion of Australia the following extracts from Western Command Intelligence Summary are of importance to all Officers and N.C.O's:-

Army-Air Co-operation.

A high degree of co-operation is reported between Japanese ground forces and their aircraft in MALAYA. Company commanders are said to carry portable radios complete with headphones on their chests and close contact is maintained with aircraft and other companies. Companies are said to advance and halt on radio advice from overhead aircraft. This report from the fighting area in MALAYA has as yet received no confirmation.

Combined Operations.

Reports on Japanese landings in the PHILIPPINES indicate that the following methods were used by the Japanese:-

1. The beach area and defence points were firstly bombed with heavy bombers from a great height out of range of light A.A. guns.
2. Battle cruisers and cruisers stood well off land and shelled the beach area while destroyers conveyed the transports as near to the beach as possible. Aircraft carriers stood 5 to 6 miles out to sea and Naval dive-bombers and fighters bombed and machine-gunned the beach and strong points of the defence. In one case an aircraft carrier was reported in a position between the cruisers and the destroyers.
3. The landing craft were then launched. In the particular case mentioned in para. 2 the landing force was said to have embarked in 50 landing craft each holding about 150 men and armed with one or two machine guns. The landing craft made for the shore in line on a 5-mile front whilst the beaches were shelled. Air support was given from the aircraft carrier and also from bases previously established on land.

Note :- "Notes on the Japanese Army, 1939" with Amendments 1, Appendix XI, gives the carrying capacity of the largest type of landing craft as 100 men, fully armed.

4. The combined fire effect of the navy and air force was so great, especially in the beach area, that the troops were able to disembark and land against a very subdued force.

Comment :- The above method of landing would seem to indicate that beach defence must be sited in depth at all costs.

Use of Personal Initiative.

The value of personal initiative is emphasised in the following extract from Security Service Report, New South Wales, which quotes the following comment of an I (B) Officer.

"Two reasons for Japanese successes since 8 Dec. '41 may be stated as:-

- (a) The crusading spirit which fires the Japanese troops.
- (b) The fact that they did not invent the modern arms they are using".

With regard to reason (b) and I (b) Officer goes on:-

"Prior to the outbreak of war with JAPAN it had been supposed that the Japanese soldier rarely departed from the military manuals. The fighting in MALAYA has revealed that we, the inventors of tanks and concrete pill-boxes have been limited in our use of these weapons by orthodoxy. Tracts of jungle were taken to be impossible for tanks, and while British soldiers must have transport and M.L.C. of the approved pattern and according to specifications, the Japanese penetrate the jungle on ancient bicycles, junks, sampans, anything they can get hold of. Where the range of a fighter aeroplane is 'necessarily' limited, according to the ideas and purposes of the designers by sacrifice of tankage for speed, the Japanese see it as a weapon to be used, and are reported to have fitted to the wings torpedo-shaped tanks which are detached when emptied.

"This attitude towards modern weapons comes of regarding them objectively, whereas those who have invented and developed them along certain lines, naturally view these weapons subjectively.

"These two reasons are vital and long range factors. They can be countered by awareness and superior force, unless propaganda is used much more unscrupulously than hitherto by spreading lies and subtle rumors through medium of broadcasts in the Japanese language".

Tanks and Armoured Patrols.

According to a recent report from MALAYA it has been established that the Medium tank (1937-1939) being used by the Japanese has 2" armour on the turret and front and $\frac{1}{2}$ " armour on the sides.

The armament consists of 1 M.M.G. mounted in the rear of the turret 1.57 (?)mm. gun in the front of the turret and 1 L.M.G. in the rear hull.

As the M.M.G. has a very limited traverse the tank must turn before fire can be brought to bear on a flank target.

The same report revealed that the following tactics were used by the Japanese in MALAYA:-

Each armoured patrol consisted of from 3 to 5 Fighting Vehicles headed by a Medium tank and invariably the patrols used only the main roads.

Experience has shown that they are not a menace to deployed troops and that our forces should deploy, re-organise and advance under cover ignoring the firing from the M.F.V.'s. The latter continue down the road, firing at everything visible.

Our road blocks, backed by anti-tank guns have proved to be an effective counter-measure. (A.H.Q.)

W. Brendon Garner
 Lt. Col.
 (W. Brendon Garner).
 Commanding S. M. F.

Appendix A.

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SECRET.

Force S.O.
Special Mobile Force,
HOCH HUNTING.
13th Feb. '42.

File.

HOCH HUNTING - BUSSELTON AREA.

With reference to the above, herewith please
find a copy of a report forwarded for your information.


Lt. Col.
(W. Brendon Garner).
Commanding S.M.F.

RECCE BUNBURY-BUSSELTON AREA.

The Recce. undertaken gave definite indication as to the role of the S.M.F. and the following report is submitted without information as to what previous Recce. had been done and what plans drawn up.

SIGNALS.

A 109 Wireless Set was taken on the trip and the following comment made. Areas in which Set would work satisfactorily were limited. Many changes of site had to be made.

Communication was very slow, the average message taking 2 hours to reach its destination. Lack of Training and weakness in encyphering and decyphering were partly responsible, but it could not be said that communication was satisfactory.

Synopsis. It was decided to make a recce in conjunction with "R" Gp to see what systems of communication were available in South Western Districts including Harvey, Bunbury, Busselton, Donnybrook, Collie and along coast road from Busselton to Myalup. Wireless Set 109 working on frequency 4.785 M/c was taken and equipped with 97 feet of heavy gauge copper wire used as an aerial. Batteries were charged throughout trip with Buzzer Stratton 12 V 300 Watt charger.

6.2. '42. Harvey Area. was examined and found satisfactory for W/T communications a good strength signal to and from Perth being obtained with no interference.

Bunbury. Tests were carried out at the Sandridge Golf Links and at Show Grounds. In both places good communications were established. At Golf Links Wireless Set 109 stationed at F.M.C. was heard at good strength and reported us R.6

Busselton. Tests carried out in the Township were not wholly successful owing to bad interference from passing traffic and power lines. The incoming signal was however of good strength. At a point one mile from Busselton on the Capel/normal communication was obtained.

Road

Collie Area. The first test was carried out half mile from the main road towards Collie. Normal communication was obtained again on the road approximately 3 miles from Collie in heavily timbered country communications were excellent. Further tests carried out in the township were unsuccessful owing to excessive interference from power lines. The final tests carried out in this district at the swimming pool and Wellington dam, also in heavily timbered country proved highly satisfactory.

Coast Road Bunbury to Myalup.

Australind. Tests were carried out on the coast at Australind and the head of the Leschenault Inlet where in each case satisfactory signals were passed between Mobile Station and Control Station. A final series of tests were carried out at and within a few miles of Myalup. Two of these tests took place along the Myalup-Harvey Road. These were successful. Tests were made at the beach itself under adverse conditions with poor results. Station was then moved half mile along the track from the beach resulting in our obtaining satisfactory signals.

General messages were passed freely during the whole period of the reconnaissance. The results obtained indicate that W/T communication can be established with good results at almost any point in the areas covered.

Line communications could be availed of by the use of already existing local exchange lines and where these are not available fences in outlying areas could be utilised with good results.

ARTILLERY.

South of BURLANDS the country is mostly flat and not suitable for the employment of field Arty, but more suitable for Mortars.

Following is attached Arty. Report:-

Bunbury. Ground generally flat, well timbered with occasional patches of cultivated or grazing land. A high ridge of sandhills fronts the ocean on the Sth side of Bunbury. To the North the country West of Leschenault Inlet is again flat and heavily timbered.

Arty. Deployment. Good battery positions available in this area, but once control of the ridge of coastal sandhill is lost observation will be extremely difficult if not impossible.

Winninup. Ground. Heavily timbered and flat to water's edge.

Arty. Deployment. Practically impossible except for road blocks.

Russelton. Ground. Again flat and heavily timbered with narrow strip of cleared country between railway and the coast but no command whatsoever.

Arty. Deployment. Occasional Battery positions offering but no observation.

Russelton Aerodrome. Could be defended for a time by guns placed in open sights positions on the "Dress" provided we were prepared to sacrifice both guns and crews.

Dennybrook. Ground. Hilly and closely wooded country with the Preston River running roughly East-West through the town, which is dominated by high features to the North and South.

Arty. Deployment. Shooting generally southwards good Battery positions are available one to two miles N.W. of town on river flats. Observation of fire on slopes south of town is fair but hindered in most places by high timber.

Brunswick Junction Ground. On the Brunswick River at the foothills of the Darling Range. On the West the coastal plain is a flat stretch to the coast with cultivated ground intersected by rows and lines of tall timber, extending about 2/3 miles West of the Range. The whole area and foothills to the North are dominated by a particularly high feature immediately SOUTH of the river.

Arty Deployment. Good battery positions can be found in folds of foothills and if F.D.L's were along line of river observed fire could be brought down for approximately 1 mile West of the town.

Harvey. Ground. Flat, fairly well wooded country intersected by innumerable irrigations drains. The Darling Range foothills on the Eastern outskirts of the town are comparatively low and carry a fair amount of timber.

Arty. Deployment. Excellent Battery posts available in an area extending from foothills to about two miles West of Town and fair observation offering from foothills on left flank when facing South. Further West to the coast the country is most unsuitable for Arty. support.

Ravenswood. Ground. Quite flat with low thick timber; rare clearings along Bank of Murray River running generally East West.

Arty. Deployment. Good Battery positions but observation difficult Right River bank often times 10/20 feet higher than the left and gives a little command. However good maps of this area exist, enabling predicted fire to be brought down fairly accurately.

General. Although it is realised that Arty Deployment and Arty support do not depend upon maps the lack of detailed maps of areas south of Ravenswood would seriously retard Arty operations and entirely prohibit accurate predicted fire.

South of Brunswick Junction and in particular between Bunbury and Busselton the country is so flat and densely wooded that Arty could only operate with R.A.A.F. co-operation. This remark applies generally to all the areas visited and in particular to offensive action against the Busselton Aerodrome once it had fallen completely into enemy hands.

In some of the timbered country visited 18 prs. could simply supply Anti-Tank Defence in depth.

The flat and timbered terrain in the areas under review negatives the usefulness of F.O.O.'s whose field of observation would be limited to radii varying from 100 yds. to 300 yds, a very small proportion of the front requiring Arty support. It is considered that one troop could not cope with the calls of two G.P.'s. The F.O.O. of course could move along the F.D.L. from one vantage point to another.

In the sandy timbered country in which the troops would be called upon to deploy the full gun crew of 6 men would be required to manhandle the guns and in view of the scope offering for enemy infiltration a protective infantry screen would be necessary in all cases at Battery position.

GENERAL.

BUNBURY. Discussed with Lt. Col. Lefroy Sector defence. Found 1 Coy. Garrison Bn. in BUNBURY 1 Coy. in BUSSELTON 1 Coy. ALBANY 1 Coy. GERALDTON.

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V.D.C. in South West. Numbers insufficient, practically unarmed, poorly trained. Action in event of attack un-co-ordinated and have not had any firing practice.

Visited MINNINUP-PEPPERMINT GROVE WONNERUP INLET (all good landing Beaches).

Recommendation in BUSSELTON Area.

It is not considered that the Mobile Force would operate in this area too far SOUTH. Ground for action poor. No defence could be offered for BUSSELTON AERODROME.

It was noted that in this area V.D.C. Coast Watches had no communication with their H.Q.

VISITED. DONNYBROOK-COLLIE-DARDANUP-WELLINGTON MILLS - WELLINGTON DAM.

All this country is heavily timbered and the forest is a maze of Forestry tracks. Definite A/Tk obstacle but quite possible for infiltration by troops on foot.

It is hoped that a full demolition programme is prepared, but this Force has listed all Road and Railway Bridges - Jetties - and Dams in this Area.

The coast road from BUNBURY to HANBURAH was traversed. The road is fair. Country dense and sparsely populated and water supply scanty.

The following conclusion was arrived at:-

1. Mobile Force should not consider operations SOUTH of ROELANDS. Good defensive lines could be taken up on the BRUNSWICK RIVER or on HARVEY RIVER diversion.

But it is not contemplated that the Mobile Force would go into defence but remain on wheels for offensive action.

HARVEY is selected as a forward assembly area from which area it is possible to move rapidly to any threatened area.

No plan for dispositions on the ground can be made. These must await enemy action.

The following recommendations are made (some of these are no doubt in hand).

1. Demolition.
2. Evacuation civil
3. Removal of Railway Rolling Stock.
4. Removal of Stock (Cattle).
5. Destruction of Food stuffs.
6. Destruction of Electricity Supply.
7. Destruction of Water Supply.
8. Co-ordination of V.D.C. and Plan for Action.
9. Concentration of Garrison Bn. at present widely dispersed.
No Force in Comds. hand.
10. Use of farmers of whom there are many as harrasing troops who have a good knowledge of the country. If armed would be of great value. Tour of the district to rally all farmers.
11. Removal of all Road Sign Posts and all indication advertising signs 10 miles from Coast. (This is recommended for immediate action).
12. The question of COLLIE is submitted for consideration. It is the only coal centre in the State without which Railways, Electrical undertakings and Industrial Plants in Western Australia could not continue.
Is the defence of COLLIE vital? A limited plan of defence is possible but it is not considered very practical.

Lt. Col.
(W. Brendon Garner).
Commanding Special Mobile
Force.

Appendix A

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART 11

NO. 10

44TH BATTALION (ATTACHED) TO MOBILE FORCES
COMMAND TROOPS

13 Feb. 42

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Sub Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties, Etc.
<u>CORRIGENDA</u>		
938	W.23740 Pte. Carter C.W.	Ref.R/O No.7/773 of 5 Feb.42 Should Read:- M/I ex leave 2 Jan. 42
3	W.11839 Pte. Crowder E.H.	Ref.R/O No.7/838 of 5 Feb.42 Should read Leave without pay 10 Feb.42 to 2359 hrs.23 Feb.42
<u>STRENGTH INCREASE.</u>		
4	W.23744 Pte. Deane E.	Called up for full time duty M/I and taken on strength 6 Feb.42
5	W.23755 " Lord. C.J.	do do
<u>REJOINED UNIT.</u>		
6	W22228 Pte. Spence J.	M/I ex leave 10 Feb.42
7	W:24917 Pte. Wright A.	M/I ex Sick leave 9 Feb.42
8	W.11610 " Wood H.	M/I ex Leave 8 Feb.42
9	W.41335 " Brown C.S.	M/I ex Hosp. 109 Conv. Depot 9 Feb.42
940	W.12256 " Nicholls N.W.	do do
1	W.11443 L/Cpl. Paddon T.E.	M/I ex 8 C.C.S. 9 Feb.42
2	W.39076 Pte. Forrest J.G.W.	do do
3	W.39116 " Beaton E.F.	do do
4	W.11564 Dr. Tooke J.S.	M/I ex Hosp. (Hollywood) 7 Feb.42
5	W.11954 Sgt. Odgers J.C.	M/I ex Leave 7 Feb.42
6	W.11563 Dr. Tooke H.A.	M/I ex M.T. School 7 Feb.42
<u>STRENGTH DECREASE.</u>		
7	W.46706 Pte. Greer R.	Trans. to Area (Med. unfit Class 11B A.M.R. & O.253-255 AHQ 3046
8	W.25777 Pte. Thomson R.M.	Trans. to 10th Reconnaissance Bn. 9 Feb.42
9	W.39076 " Forrest J.W.G.	Trans. to Area (Deferred Training) 9 Feb.42 (Auth. W/Comd.R.O. 184/41 Para 10.
950	W.25502 " Weaire N.	Trans. to Area (Medically Unfit 31 Jan.42 Auth CCR 75/3/345 of 2 Feb.42
<u>ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE</u>		
951	W.39096 Pte. Ladiges, P.	<u>CHARGE (1)</u> A.W.L. from 1800 hrs.26 Jan.42 to 2359 hrs. 27 Jan.42.A.A.15(1) <u>CHARGE (2)</u> A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 3 Feb. 42 to 2200 hrs.5 Feb.42 A.A.15(1) <u>A.WARD.</u> (1) Fined 12/- by O.C. A.M.R. 256(2)(e). A.M.R.70 Informed he forfeits 2 days' pay 12/- A.M.R.O.483(1)(a) <u>AWARD.</u> (2) Fined 18/- by O.C.A.M.R.O. 256(2)(e). A.M.R. 70. Informed he forfeits 2 days' pay 12/-A.M.R.O.483(1)(c). <u>TOTAL FORFEITURE.</u> Fifty-four shillings.

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ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE (Ctd.)

- 952 W.46676 Pte. Sullivan, B.R. CHARGE. A.W.L. - from 2359 hrs. 2 Feb.42 to 0900 hrs. 3 Feb.42 A.A.15(1)
AWARD. Admonished by O.C. A.M.R.260(1)(a)(11). 5 Feb.42.
Informed he forfeits 1 day's pay 6/- A.M.R. & 0.483(1)(c).
TOTAL FORFEITURE. Six shillings.
- 3 W.11271 Dvr. Gould, A/P. CHARGE. A.W.L. from 1800 hrs. 1 Feb.42 to 1700 hrs. 2 Feb.42. A.A.15(1).
AWARD. 5 days' C.B. by O.C. A.M.R.260(1)(b)(11). 3 Feb.42.
Informed he forfeits 1 day's pay 6/- A.M.R. & 0.483(1)(c).
TOTAL FORFEITURE. Six shillings.
- 4 W.36547 Cpl. Morse, G. CHARGE. A.W.L. from 2000 hrs. 17 Jan. 42 to 0300 hrs. 18 Jan.42. A.A.15(1).
AWARD. Admonished by O.C. A.M.R.260(1)(a)(11) 18 Jan.42.
Informed he forfeits 1 day's pay 10/- A.M.R. & 0.483(1)(c).
TOTAL FORFEITURE. Ten shillings.
- 5 W.38353 Pte. Nelson, L.R. CHARGE. A.W.L. (1) From 2200 hrs. to 1530 hrs. 27 Jan.42. A.A.15(1)
CHARGE. (2) A.W.L. from 2200 hrs. 30 Jan.42 to 2330 hrs. 5 Feb.42. A.A.15(1).
AWARD. (1) Fined 18/- by O.C. A.M.R. 256(2)(e) A.M.R. 70. 6 Feb.42.
Informed he forfeits 5 days' pay 30/- A.M.R. & 0.483(1)(c). 6 Feb.42.
AWARD. (2) Fined 42/- by O.C. A.M.R. 256(2)(e) A.M.R. 70. 6 Feb.42.
Informed he forfeits 7 days' pay 42/- A.M.R. & 0.483(1)(c) 6 Feb.42.
TOTAL FORFEITURE. One hundred & thirty two shillings..
- 6 W.22209 Pte. Huskinga A. CHARGE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 27 Jan. 42 to 0130 hrs. 4 Feb.42 A.A.15(1)
AWARD. Fined 42/- by O.C. A.M.R. & 0. (256(2)(e) A.M.R. 70.
Informed he forfeits 8 days' pay 48/- A.M.R. & 0.483(1)(c). 5 Feb.42.
TOTAL FORFEITURE. Ninety shillings.
- 957 W.11938 Pte. Rodgers, S.B. CHARGE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 31 Jan. 42 to 0815 hrs. 2 Feb.42 A.A.15(1).
AWARD. 7 days' C.B. by O.C. A.M.R. 260(1)(b)(11). 2 Feb.42.
Informed he forfeits 2 days' pay 12/- A.M.R. & 0.483(1)(c). 2 Feb.42.
TOTAL FORFEITURE. Twelve shillings.

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| <p>958 W.11989 Pte. Harwood, A.A.</p> | <p>CHARGE A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 30 Jan. 42 until apprehended by the Military Police at 1100 hrs. on the 31 Jan. 42 at Victoria St. Bunbury. A.A. 15(1)
 AWARD Admonished by O.C. A.M.R. 260 (1)(a)(11).
 Informed he forfeits one day's pay 6/- A.M.R. & 0.483(1)(c). 4 Feb. 42.
 TOTAL FORFEITURE Six Shillings.</p> |
| <p>9 W.41407 Pte. Paulds J.</p> | <p>CHARGE A.W.L. from 2359 Hrs. 25 Jan. 42 to 1900 Hrs. 1 Feb. 42 A.A. 15 (1)
 AWARD 3 days C.B. by O.C. A.M.R. 260 (1)(b)(ii) 2 Feb. 42 Forfeits 7 days pay Forty Two Shillings A.M.R. & 0.483 (1)(c)
 TOTAL FORFEITURE Forty Two Shillings.</p> |
| <p>960 W.24918 Pte. Cridland W.</p> | <p>CHARGE A.W.L. from Tattoo Roll Call 2200 Hrs. 31 Jan. 42. to 1215 Hrs. 1 Feb. 42 A.A. 15 (1)
 AWARD 4 days C.B. by O.C. 1 Feb. 42 A.M.R. 260 (1)(b)(ii) Forfeits one days pay Six. Shillings A.M.R. & 0.483 (1)(c).
 TOTAL FORFEITURE Six Shillings.</p> |
| <p>1 W.13372 Pte. Bleakley J.J.
 (121 R.M.T.)</p> | <p>CHARGE A.W.L. from 0700 Hrs. 1 Feb. 42 to 0615 Hrs. 2 Feb. 42 A.A. 15(1)
 AWARD Fined Sixty Shillings by O.C. 2 Feb. 42 A.M.R. 256 (2)(e) Forfeits one days pay Six Shillings A.M.R. & 0.483 (1)(c).
 TOTAL FORFEITURE Sixty Six Shillings.</p> |
| <p>2 W.24014 Pte. Mackey P.H.
 (121 R.M.T.)</p> | |
| <p>3 W.13655 Pte. Dodd B.
 (121 R.M.T.)</p> | |
| <p>4 W.32752 Pte. Breen R.E.
 (121 R.M.T.)</p> | |
| <p>965 W.13941 Pte. Donnelly G.
 (121 R.M.T.)</p> | <p>CHARGE A.W.L. from 2359 Hrs. 31 Jan. 42 to 0615 Hrs. 2 Feb. 42 A.A. 15 (1)
 AWARD Fined Sixty Shillings by O.C. A.M.R. 256 (2)(e) Forfeits 2 days pay Twelve Shillings A.M.R. & 0.483 (1)(c)
 TOTAL FORFEITURE Seventy Two Shillings.</p> |

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PUNISHMENTS.

966 W.25413 Pte. Cox S.R.
(121 R.M.T.)

CHARGE (1) A.W.L. from 2359 Hrs. 24 Jan. 42 to 1255 Hrs. 29 Jan. 42 A.A. 15 (1)

CHARGE (2) Disobeying a lawful command given by his Superior Officer. 29 Jan 42 A.A. 9 (2)

AWARD (1) Admonished by O.C. 29 Jan. 42 A.M.R. 260 (1) (a)(ii) Forfeits 5 days pay Thirty Shillings A.M.R. & £ 483 (1)(c)

AWARD (2) Fined Two Shillings and Six pence by O.C. A.M.R. 266 (2)(e) AMR. 70.

TOTAL FORFEITURE Thirty Two Shillings. & Six Pence.

DETENTION.

8 W.12410 Pte. Hutchins S.L. M/O to Det. Bks. 4 Feb. 42

APPOINTMENTS.

8 W.11839 Pte. Crowder E.H. To be L/Cpl. 9 Feb. 42

9 W.48884 Pte. Miller R.F. do

97 0 W.11247 Pte. Evans E.R. do

REVERSIONS.

1 W.11781 Cpl. Francis G. Reverts to Pte. (at own request) 10 Feb. 42

SICK

2 W.12313 Pte. La Mancuss C. (2.G.111) Evac. to R.A.A.F. Hosp. (Spec.) 9 Feb. 42

3 W.48710 Pte. Taylor W.R. Evac. to 110 G. Hosp. 7 Feb. 42

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

4 W.11610 Pte. Wood H. Granted extended leave from 5 Feb. 42 to 2359 Hrs. 7 Feb. 42

5 W. 11804 Pte. Thomson J.S. M/O to leave 1200 Hrs. 6 Feb. 42 to 2359 Hrs. 1 March. 42 Auth. CCR.194/5/1152

97 6 W.24817 Pte. Wright A. M/O to leave 0001 Hrs. 1 Feb. 42 to 2359 Hrs. 6 Feb. 42

NOTE:- The Dept. of the Army will not be held responsible for any illness or injury sustained by the above soldiers during the period of their leave.

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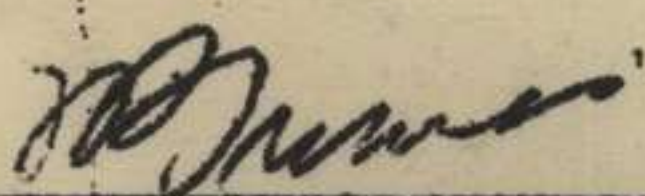
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LEAVE

977 W.24917 Pte. Wright A.

Granted sick leave 0001 Hrs. 7 Feb.
42 to 2359 Hrs. 8 Feb. 42

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Appendix A

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP

ROUTINE ORDER - PART 1 - NO 30.

H. Q.,
Special Mobile Force
14 Feb 42.

BY.

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER COMMANDING SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE.

1. DUTIES.

Field Officer & GE Mounting Offr	14/15 Feb	Capt N.H.Waldby 44 Bn
Next for duty	15/16 Feb	Capt. Bentley
Force Orderly Officer	14/15 Feb	Lieut O'Halloran 25 M.G.
Next for duty	15/16 Feb	Lieut Lightfoot
Force Orderly Sgt	14/15 Feb	25 M.G. Sqn to provide
Next for duty	15/16 Feb	"D" Coy to provide
Force Orderly Cpl	14/15 Feb	25 M.G. Sqn to provide
Next for duty	15/16 Feb	"D" Coy to provide
Camp Medical Offr	14/15 Feb	Capt. Brookler
Next for duty	15/16 Feb	Capt. Vincent
Duty Unit of the day	14/15 Feb	25 M.G. Sqn
Next for duty	15/16 Feb	"D" Coy.

2. LEAVE. All troops returning from leave by special train, Monday Wednesday and Friday will alight when train stops at crossing where they will fall in on main road. They will march back to camp under the command of Force Orderly Officer. Force O/Sgt and Force O/Cpl will meet train with Orderly Officer. The practice of personnel standing on running boards of train and proceeding to a more distant portion of the camp must cease immediately.

3. LOST AND FOUND. The loss is reported of respirator issued to S/Sgt Williamson. If found it should be returned to Force H. Q.

4. ARMY EDUCATION SCHEME. Mrs W.E.Kersey will give a talk on Monday 16 Feb 42 at 2000 hrs in the gravel pit. Her subject will be "Burma and the Thailand Frontier". As this is an interesting subject and the speaker a good one will Coy and Det Comdrs make an appeal to their personnel to attend.

5. INTER COY TRANSFERS - 44 Bn.

W. 3240 Pte Glover R.M. from "D" Coy to H.Q. Coy.

6. SHOWER ROSTER.

Monday 16 Feb	A Coy	1400 hrs to 1630 hrs.
"	13 Bn Coy	1630 hrs
Tuesday 17 Feb	O Coy	1400 hrs to 1630 hrs
"	A.A.S.C.	1630 hrs
	W/C Sigs	
Wednesday 18 Feb	D Coy	1400 hrs to 1630 hrs
	T.O.	1630 hrs
	13 Fd Amb	"
Thursday 19 Feb	8 Bty &	1400 hrs to 1630 hrs
	A/Tk Regt	" "
	L. A. D.	1630 hrs
	W/C Pro	"

SHOWER ROSTER (Contd.)

Friday 20 Feb	25 M.G. Regt 121 R.M.T.	1400 hrs to 1630 hrs 1630 hrs
Saturday 21 Feb	H.Q. Coy B.H. Q.	1400 hrs to 1630 hrs 1630 hrs

This roster will stand until altered by F. H. Q. Should a Unit or Coy miss their turn they must wait until they again appear in sequence.

7. MECHANICAL VEHICLES - AIR CLEANERS (AUST) NOS 2 & 4 FITTED TO TRACTORS
ARMY, F.W.D. CARRIERS, M.G. (AUST) NOS 1, 2, & 2A

Excessive cylinder wear is being experienced in the above vehicles. The chief cause of this wear is the entry of abrasive materials into the cylinders through the air cleaners.

Maintenance.

In order to enable these cleaners to function as efficiently as possible, the following action will be taken:-

- (a) Daily. The cleaners will be removed from the vehicle and the felt cleaner element thoroughly brushed by the driver to remove all adhering dust.

Note. When cleaning, the felt element and end sealing discs will be inspected and replaced by new elements and/or discs if the originals be incapable of functioning in an efficient manner, due to:-

- I. Damage
- II. Being clogged with dirt.
- III. Incapable, of maintaining an effective seal at the starred ends of the felt.

Defective elements will be consigned to Ordnance workshops for reclamation.

Fitting.

It will be noted that the ends of the radiating stars of the felt are sewn together at the bottom and open at the top. It is essential that the element be fitted always in this manner and that the end felt discs be checked to ensure efficient sealing of each end of the cleaner. If this element be fitted upside down, the filtering action will be seriously reduced.

8. MECHANICAL VEHICLES- INSPECTION - VANS, 1 TON FORD (AMERICAN).

All vans 1 ton Fd. are to be inspected to be certain that the "bolt retaining universal joint flange" is fitted with a spring washer and is fully tightened

Should it be found that there is no spring washer behind the head of this bolt, the tail shaft is to be immediately dismantled and one washer fitted.

These vehicles are of American manufacture and may be distinguished by having a 7 figure engine number and the prefix "BB18F" and the suffix "Y".

9. NIGHT DRIVING.

Previous orders as to lights are now temporarily cancelled. Until further orders are issued vehicles will move with lights at night within the Camp area

10. FATIGUES.

Until further orders are issued "D" Coy and/or detach will supply daily fatigues as follows:-

- (a) 12 O R's to report daily 0815 hrs to Lieut Bott 13 Fd Coy. Coy and Detach will supply picks and shovels.

FATIGUES. (Cont)

(b) 12 O R's to report daily 0815 hrs to F.O.O. at Force H.Q.

III. SPORTS. Gala day Sunday 15 Feb 42.

Competitors will report to F. H. Q. at 1345 hrs. Transport will be available to pool.

Duty Coy will make available 6 men as tent erecting party to report to F.H.Q. at 1000 hrs Sunday 15 Feb 42.

T. Co. to make available one 3 ton truck

Members of force are eligible to compete in programme arranged by Welfare Committee including foot and swimming races etc.

Entries may be made on ground.

Sgd. A. E. RILEY CAPT.

Adj. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

25 M. G. Sqn
 8 Fd Bty
 9 A Tk Bty
 Mobile A. A.
 13 Fd Coy
 44 Bn. (20)
 W.C. A.A.S.C.
 121 R.M.T. Coy
 13 Fd. Amb
 277 L.A.D.
 W.C. Pro Coy
 D.R.O.
 War Diary (2)

Appendix A
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

S. M. F.

SECRET.

Copy No. 10
H.Q. S.M.F.
14 Feb. '42.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 4.

1. "R" Group S.M.F. H.Q. will be prepared to move Tuesday 17 Feb. '42.

Gp. will consist of the following personnel and vehicles.

Lt. Col. W.B. Garner	}	Van 6 seater utility.
Major H.R. Golding		
Sgt. Daly M.J.		
Driver		
Intc. Officer	}	Van 1 Ton.
" Personnel 1 O.R.		
Driver		
Capt. G.H. Chessell	}	Van 1 ton (Arty X)
" H. Penton		
Driver (Sgt. -OPA)		
Lieut. K. Bott	}	Van 1 ton (Eng).
Sgt. Mason		
Driver		
Lieut. Duffield	}	Van 1 ton (Sig).
Sig. Personnel 2 OR.		
Driver		
Cpl. Bovell B.J.	}	Van 1 ton.
Cook fatigue		
Pte. Buswell S.		
D.R. Johnson A.		M.C.

2. S.P. Force H.Q.
S.T. 0900 hrs.

3. EQUIPMENT Force Q.M. will supply the following equipment:-

Tent flies	4
Tables F.S.	2
Forms Dining	2
Lamps Hurricane	4
" Electric	1
" Battery spare	1
Kitchen Equipment	

4. TPT. Arty., Eng., and Sig. Cmdrs to arrange respective vehicles. T.O. to arrange H.Q. vehicles and be responsible for loading.

5. RATIONS. All personnel will carry midday meal (cut lunch), together with unconsumed portion of days rations. All Officers will be supplied from Officers Mess, remaining personnel will be responsible for drawing cut lunch from their own Coy. or Det. kitchen. Q.M. will supply 6 days dry rations. Perishable rations will be drawn on an F.59 en route. Q.M. will arrange to have all personnel removed from ration strength during period of absence.

6. PETROL With exception of 6 seater utility, all vehicles will carry 1 x 4 drum petrol spare.

All personnel will travel fully armed. No Ammunition will be taken. Q.M. to supply 1 Machine Carbine to be carried in Van 6 seater Utility.

Sgt. M. J. Daly will arrange for all necessary stationery and army forms to be taken. Lieut. Truman to assist in compiling necessary forms for Rations and Petrol.

Chapman
 Capt. S.M.F.
 Adj. S.M.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.	Recipient
1	C.O.
2	Major Golding
3	Capt. Chessell
4	Capt. Riley
5	Lieut. Duffield.
6	Lieut. Bott
7	Lieut. Truman
8	T.O.
9	Q.M.
10	Sgt. Daly.
11	3 Fd. Regt. (Northam)
12	File
13	War Diary.

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Battery spare 1
 " Electric
 " Lampas Hurricane
 Forms Dining
 Tables F.S.
 Tent Ties

Force H.Q.
 6000 hrs.

D.R. Johnson A.

Pte. Buswell B.
 Cook Fattore
 Cpl. Bovell B.S.

Driver
 Sgt. Personnel 2 OR.
 Lieut. Duffield

1. S.P.
 S.T.

2. EQUIPMENT

3. RATIONS

4. PETROL

SECRET
 Copy No. 10
 H.Q. S.M.F.
 1st Feb. '42

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 1

Q. will consist of the following personnel and vehicles. H.Q. will be prepared to move Tuesday 17 Feb. '42.

Appendix A

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COM AND

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION G.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 31.

H.Q. Special Mobile Force

16 Feb. 42.

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER

OF MANDING SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE

1. DUTIES.

Fd. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	16/17 Feb.	Capt. R.B. Trainor	8 Bty.
Next for duty	17/18 Feb.	Capt. O. Mitchell	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	16/17 Feb.	Lieut. G.E. Wood	25 M.G.
Next for duty	17/18 Feb.	Lieut. N.M. Gray	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Sgt.	16/17 Feb.	Sgt. Barker	8 Bty.
Next for duty	17/18 Feb.	"C" Coy. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	16/17 Feb.	Bdr. Stephens	8 Bty.
Next for duty	17/18 Feb.	"A" Coy. to provide	
Camp. Medical Offr.	16/17 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	17/18 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Duty Unit of the day	16/17 Feb.	8 Bty. & 9 A.Tk. Bty.	
Next for duty	17/18 Feb.	"C" Coy. - 44 Bn.	

Duty Roster	Duty Unit	Field Offr.	Orderly Offr.
18/19 Feb. 42	"A" Coy.	Lieut. R.F. Johnston	Lieut. W.E. Beigel
19/20 Feb. 42	25 M.G. Sqn	" Jorgenson	" H.O. Halloran
20/21 Feb. 42	"D" Coy.	Capt. B.K. Killerby	" H.B. Hanton
21/22 Feb. 42	8 Fd. Bty.	Capt. J.H. Mould	" G. Appleton
22/23 Feb. 42	"C" Coy.	Capt. N.H. Valdbay	" D.J. Lightfoot
23/24 Feb. 42	"A" Coy.	Lieut. L.D. Toy	" A.W. Bentley
24/25 Feb. 42	25 M.G. Sqn.	Capt. H.N. Bentley	" W. Scurry
25/26 Feb. 42	"D" Coy.	Lieut. E.C. Plaistowe	" J.R. Purse
26/27 Feb. 42	8 Bty.	Capt. C.H. Chessell	" A.J. Jamieson
27/28 Feb. 42	"C" Coy.	Lieut. J.H. Caddy	" B. Wade
28 Feb./1 Mar. 42.	"A" Coy.	Major R.A. Mathwin	

2. SYSTEMS OF REFERENCE. - CORRIGENDA.

- Para. 3 - delete 1000, substitute 10,000.
- Para. 12 - delete PELIBERTON
- Para. 13 - after HILL RIVER add GERALDTON.

3. FATIGUES. - CORRIGENDUM.

Force R.O. No. 30 of 14 Feb. 42, para. 10 - "D" Coy and/or det." should read "duty coy. and/or det."

4. CANTEEN.

Duty coys. or dets. to note. - The area between Canteen and Salvation Army hut is not being kept clean. The attention of the duty officers is drawn to this fact.

5. M.T. CASUALTY RETURNS.

Dets. and Coys. rendering the above returns will in future make one extra copy when forwarding to Force H.Q.

6. ARMY EDUCATION SCHEM.

The lecture to be given by Mrs. W.E. Kersey is cancelled. This lecture will be given on Monday, 23 Feb. 42.

7. SYSTEMS OF REFERENCE.

A system of reference for towns of the state will be issued in instalments as from 17 Feb. 42.

(See over)

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 32

H.Q. Special Mobile Force
17 Feb. 42

BY

MAJOR A. E. SANDOVER ADMINISTERING COMMAND 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Field Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	17/18 Feb.	Capt. C. Mitchell	44 Bn.
Next for duty	18/19 Feb.	Lieut. R.F. Johnston	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	17/18 Feb.	Lieut. N.M. Gray	44 Bn.
Next for duty	18/19 Feb.	Lieut. W.E. Beigel	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Sgt.	17/18 Feb.	Sgt. Norman, E.	44 Bn.
Next for duty	18/19 Feb.	"A" Coy. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	17/18 Feb.	Cpl. Rudwick	
Next for duty	18/19 Feb.	"A" Coy. to provide	
Camp Medical Offr.	17/18 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	18/19 Feb.	Capt. Breakler	
Duty Coy. of the day	17/18 Feb.	"C" Coy.	
Next for duty	18/19 Feb.	"A" Coy.	

2. GUARD.

As from Retreat 17 Feb. 42, Guard stationed at Eastern entrance to Camp area will draw their meals from A.A.S.C.

Force Q.M. will arrange to divert requisite number of rations from duty Unit to A.A.S.C.

3. PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will warn troops who have occasion to enter or pass through private property to pay particular care to gates and ensure that they are closed. This particularly applied to property adjacent to the main guard tent.

4. AIR RAID ALARM.

Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. are to note that the "all clear" will only be sounded from Force H.Q. No resumption of duties will take place until the "all clear" is sounded.

All personnel with the exception of the telephone orderly on duty at Force H.Q. will take cover on the sounding of the alarm.

Air Raid Sirens. Pressure in reservoirs of these sirens must be kept at a pressure of 100 lb. These will be inspected and checked daily by Force Orderly Officer. No reservoir to be returned to Q.M. for repair without sanction of Force H.Q.

5. INTEK COY. TRANSFERS. - 44 BN

W.41758	Cpl. Smith, R.C.	from H.Q. Coy.	to A. Coy.
W.41416	Pte. Kenny, H.C.	" A	" B
W.46720	" Goudge, C.R.	" "	" "
W.46758	" Holmes, H.F.	" "	" "
W.41435	" Prosser, C.R.	" "	" "
W.46303	" Gibbs, W.B.	" "	" "
W.46353	" Griffiths, F.	" "	" "
W.46944	" Wirth, A.E.	" "	" "
W.46388	" Nichols, W.	" "	" "
W.46749	" Kjellgren, R.	" "	" "
W.41415	" Jennings, M.	" "	" "
W.41418	" Mort, R.G.	" "	" "
46794	" Foat, E.P.	" "	" "
W.41451	" Triffitt, E.	" "	" "
W.42027	" Durack, L.R.	" "	" "

(See over)

6. ARMY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP CARNIVAL.

The above carnival will be held at Crawley Baths on Saturday, 28 Feb. 42 at 14.30 hrs.

The programme will consist of;

55 yards Freestyle
55 " Back stroke
55 " Breast stroke
110 " Free Style
220 " Inter-unit Relay race.

Points for the inter-unit competition will be computed as follows-

1st place 5 points
2nd place 3 points
3rd place 2 points
4th place 1 point

(except relay race for which points will be awarded thus:-)

1st place 8 points 3rd place 3 points
2nd " 5 " 4th place 1 point

Units will submit two entries for each event, with the exception of the Relay which will comprise a team of 4 men.

A nominal charge of 1/2 for adults and 6d. for children will be made for spectators attending the Baths. Competitors will be admitted free.

Nominations to be at Force H.Q. by 1700 hrs, Wednesday, 18 Feb. 42.

Signed. A. E. Riley Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

25 M.G. Regt.
8 Fd. Bty.
9 A.Tk. Bty.
Mobile A.A.
13 Fd. Coy.
44 Bn. (20)
W.C. A.A.S.C.
121 R.M.T.
13 Fd. Amb.
277 L.A.D.
W.C. Proc.Sec.
D.R.O.
War Diary (2)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART 11

NO. 11

44TH BATTALION (ATTACHED) TO MOBILE FORCES

FULL TIME DUTY UNITS --- COMMAND --- TROOPS --- 17 Feb. 42

Last Part 11 Order No. 10 Sub. No. 977 issued 13 Feb. 42

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties, Etc.
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CORRIGENDUM

978	W.24774	Pte. Harrisson E.A.	Ref. R/O 7/813 of 5th Feb. 42 Delete All reference
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STRENGTH INCREASE

9	W.47307	Pte. Jones S.W.	M/I & Taken on Strength Full Time Duty 13 Feb. 42
980	W.39073	" Christie A.J.	M/I & Taken on Strength Full Time Duty 14 Feb. 42
1	W.22225	" Sewell J.C.	M/I & Taken on Strength Full Time Duty 13 Feb. 42
2	W.12027	" Durack L.B.	do. do.
3	W.22202	" Gartrell H.R.	M/I & Taken on Strength Full Time Duty 12 Feb. 42
4	W.22212	" King N.E.	do. do.
5	W.23734	" Anderson W.	do. do.
6	W.25860	" Brown J.N.	M/I & Taken on Strength Full Time Duty 10 Feb. 42

REJOINED UNIT

7	W.12172	Capt. MITCHELL C.	M/I ex Hospt. 10 Feb. 42
8	W.46742	Pte. Weston L.E.	M/I ex Hospt. 13 Feb. 42
9	W.46517	" Wardle R.A.	M/I ex Hospt. 11 Feb. 42
990	W.39113	" Wojvodich V.	do. do.
1	W.12535	" Ingraham D.E.	M/I ex Det. Bks. 12 Feb. 42
2	W.11252	" Ellis L.W.	do. do.
3	W.11786	" Lister C.R.	do. do.
4	W.11319	" Harris A.J.	M/I ex Det. Bks. 9 Feb. 42
5	W.8087	" Kavanagh K.	M/I leave 11 Feb. 42
6	W.41407	" Foulds J.	M/I ex leave 1900 hrs. 1 Feb. 42
7	W.25900	" Bovell C.W.	M/I ex Sick leave 9 Feb. 42

STRENGTH DECREASE

8	W.12226	Pte. Reddington J.	M/O Trans. to Area 14 Feb. 42 Auth. A.M.R. & O. 253(r184)(1)
9	W.19563	" Hurdle W.	Trans. to Area (Res. Occ. Defence Wk.) Auth. C.C.R. 194/5/519 12 Feb. 42
1000	W.41408	" Freeman N.D.	M/O trans. to 19th Garn. Bn. Bunbury 10 Feb. 42

Ctd.

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STRENGTH DECREASE Ctd.

- 1001 W.25947 Pte. Blaikie R.L. Trans. to 19 Garn. Bn. Bunbury 11 Feb. 42
- 2 W.24972 " Ricetti J. Trans. to 11 Bn. 10 Feb. 42
- 3 W.46517 " Wardle R.A. Trans. to Area (Med. Unfit) 11 Feb. 42 (D.D.M.S. Med. Bd.)
- 4 W.22679 " Holzman S.A. Trans. to W/C. Gen. Details C'mont. 12 Feb. 42

APPOINTMENTS

- 5 W.12258 Pte. Martin A.W. To be L/Cpl. 11 Feb. 42

PROMOTIONS

- 6 W.12284 L/Cpl. Kirk R. To be Cpl. 11 Feb. 42

REVERSIONS

- 7 W.12266 Sgt. Reddington J. Reverts to Pte. (Own request) 14 Feb. 42

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE

- 8 W.8087 Pte. Kavanagh K.P. CHARGE A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 8 Feb. 42 to 0800 hrs. 11 Feb. 42 A.A.15(1) 12 Feb. 42
AWARD Admonished by O.C./A.M.R. 260 (1)(a)(11) 12 Feb. 42. Informed he forfeits 3 days pay eighteen shillings A.M.R. & O. 483(1)(c)
TOTAL FORFEITURE Eighteen shillings

1009

- W.12413 Pte. Bryan R.E. CHARGE A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 22 Jan. 42 to 1800 hrs. 11 Feb. 42 A.A.15(1)
AWARD Fined Eighty-four shillings by O.C./A.M.R. 256(1)(e) Informed he forfeits 20 days pay One hundred & twenty shillings A.M.R. & O. 483(1)(c)
TOTAL FORFEITURE Two hundred & four shillings Ctd.

ROUTINE ORDER PART 11
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44TH BATTALION (ATTACHED) TO MOBILE FORCES
FULL TIME DUTY UNITS COMMAND TROOPS

17 Feb. 42

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Sub. Army
No. No. Rank and Name Particulars, Casualties, Etc.

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE

- 1010 W.24569 Pte. Rogers P.O. CHARGE A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 5 Feb. 42 to 0800 hrs. 9 Feb. 42
A.A.15(1)
AWARD Admonished by O.C. A.M.R. 260 (1)(a)(11) Informed he forfeits 4 days pay Twenty four shillings A.M.R. & O. 483 (1)(c)
TOTAL FORFEITURE Twenty-four shillings
- 1 W.25430 Pte. Gilmour W. CHARGE A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 29 Jan. 42 to 0800 hrs. 3 Feb. 42 A.A.15(1)
AWARD 7 days C.B. by O.C. A.M.R. 260(1)(b)(11) Informed he forfeits 5 days pay Thirty shillings A.M.R. & O 483(1)(c)
TOTAL FORFEITURE Thirty shillings
- 2 W.41382 Pte. Watkins D.E. CHARGE A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 6 Feb. 42 to 2112 hrs. 7 Feb. 42 A.A.15(1)
AWARD Admonished by O.C. A.M.R. 260(1)(a)(11) Informed he forfeits 1 days pay six shillings A.M.R. & O 483 (1)(c)
TOTAL FORFEITURE Six shillings
- 3 W.25527 Pte. Okamoto H. CHARGE A.W.L. From 1700 hrs. 5 Feb. 42 to 1700 hrs. 7 Feb. 42 A.A.15(1)
AWARD Fined thirty shillings by O.C. 9 Feb. 42 A.M.R. 256(2)(e) A.M.R. 70 informed he forfeits 2 days pay twelve shillings A.M.R. & O. 483(1)(c)
TOTAL FORFEITURE Forty two shillings
- 1014 W.25471 Pte. Palmer S.A. CHARGE A.W.L. from 0800 hrs. 31 Jan. 42 until apprehended by the Military Police at Hay St. Perth. at 2300 hrs. 9 Feb. 42
A.A.15(1)
AWARD Fined forty-two shillings by O.C. A.M.R. 256(2)(e) 10 Feb. 42 A.M.R. 70 informed he forfeits 10 days pay sixty shillings A.M.R. & O. 483(1)(c)
TOTAL FORFEITURE One hundred & two shillings
- 1015 W.41404 Pte. Edgar G. CHARGE (1) A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 23 Jan. 42 to 0900 hrs. 28 Jan. 42
A.A.15(1)
CHARGE (2) A.W.L. from 1400 hrs. 1 Feb. 42 to 0730 hrs. 5 Feb. 42
A.A.15(1)

ctd.

ROUTINE ORDER PART 11
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44TH BATTALION (ATTACHED) TO MOBILE FORCES
FULL-TIME DUTY UNITS COMMAND TROOPS

17 FEB. 42

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Sub. Army
No. No. Rank and Name Particulars, Casualties, Etc.

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE CTD.

AWARD (1) fined eighteen shillings
by O.C. A.M.R. 256 (2)(e)
/5 Feb. 42 A.M.R. 70/informed he forfeits
5 days pay thirty shillings A.M.R.
& O. 483(1)(c)

AWARD (2) fined forty-two shillings
by O.C. A.M.R. 256(2)(e) A.M.R. 70
6 Feb. 42 informed he forfeits 4 days
pay twenty-four shillings A.M.R. & O.
483 (1)(c)

TOTAL FORFEITURE One hundred &
fourteen shillings

PUNISHMENT

1016 W.24774 Pte. Harrisson E.A.

CHARGE Disobeying a lawful command
given by a superior Officer A.A.9
(2)

AWARD fined two shillings & sixpence
by O.C. 28 Jan. 42 A.M.R. 256 (2)(e)
A.M.R. 70

TOTAL FORFEITURE Two shillings &
sixpence

SICK

7 W.39113 Pte. Wojvodich V.
8 W.11815 " Wainwright A.E.
9 W.25734 " Irwin G.B.

Evac. to Hosp. (R.A.A.F.) 3 Feb. 42
Evac. to Hosp. (R.A.A.F.) 6 Feb. 42
Evac. to Hosp. 1 Feb. 42

HOSPITAL

1020 W.39113 Pte. Wojvodich V.

Adm. to 110 Gen. Hosp. 6 Feb. 42
W.3034/31
Trans. ex 110 Gen. Hosp. to 109 Conv.
Dep. 9 Feb. 42 W.3034/39

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

1 W.11958 Cpl. Sachs L.

M/O to leave w/out pay 0001 hrs.
16 Feb. 42 to 2359 hrs. 17 Feb. 42

NOTE: The Department of the Army will not be responsible for any injury
or illness sustained by the above soldier during the period of his
leave.

LEAVE

1022 W.25900 Pte. Bovell C.W.

Granted sick leave 0001 hrs. 24 Jan. 42
to 2359 hrs. 8 Feb. 42

DISTRIBUTION

Unit Clerk (2) O.C. 44 Bn. (4)
Base Post Office
D.F.O. (7) A.B.M.
A.H.Q. 2nd Ech. Spares (2)
War Diary 9 Aux. H.T.P.T. (attached)
Card Index 121 Res. H.T. (attached)
D.A.Q.M.G. Parent Units (2)
C'with Audit Insp. H.Q.W. Comd. (1)
Statistics
Extract Clerk (2)
Master File

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 33.

H.Q. Special Mobile
Force.
18 Feb. 42.

BY

MAJOR A. E. SANDOVER ADMINISTERING COMMAND 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Field Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	18/19 Feb.	Lieut. R. F. Johnston	44 Bn.
Next for duty	19/20 Feb.	Lieut. Jorgenson.	25 M.G.
Force Orderly Offr.	18/19 Feb.	Lieut. W. E. Beigel	44 Bn.
Next for duty	19/20 Feb.	Lieut. H. O'Halloran	25 M.G.
Force Orderly Sgt.	18/19 Feb.	Cpl. Grace, P.J.	
Next for duty	19/20 Feb.	25 M.G. Sqn. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	18/19 Feb.	Cpl. Farmer, P.K.	
Next for duty	19/20 Feb.	25 M.G. Sqn to provide.	
Camp Medical Offr.	18/19 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	19/20 Feb.	Capt. Vincent.	
Duty Unit of the day	18/19 Feb.	"A" Coy. - 44 Bn.	
Next for duty	19/20 Feb.	"A" Sqn. - 25 M.G. Regt.	

2. CONFERENCE.

A conference of all O.C. Coys. and Dets. will be held at Force H.Q. at 0900 hrs. Thurs. 19 Feb. 42.

3. CANTEEN LOSS OF POTS.

Complaints have been received about the loss of Pots from Wet Canteens. The canteen services in this camp are a privilege and will be stopped if the privilege is abused. Will Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. impress on their men that pots must be returned to canteens after use.

4. FREE HOME LEAVE RAIL WARRANTS AND RAILWAY CONCESSION TICKETS.

Attention has previously been drawn to the necessity for handing in immediately on return to camp from leave, the Free Rail Warrant issued to Country personnel. This instruction is not being observed.

In future no free rail pass will be issued if the previous issue is still outstanding and no satisfactory explanation is forthcoming.

Complaints have been received from the Railway Dept. that certain Force personnel are using the "Pink" suburban ticket for the return journey of the Monday - Wednesday - Friday Rushmead Special train.

This practice must cease immediately as serious inconvenience is being caused both to the Railway Dept. and the S.M.F., and this may result in the cancellation of this train.

Coy. & Det. Cmdrs. should note that to obtain these "Pink" tickets, the majority of the offenders must have been A.W.L.

5. SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

Attention of Units is again drawn to the return giving entries for the Swimming Carnival.

6. ENTERTAINMENTS.

A Concert will be held in Gravel Pit vicinity of Force H.Q. at 2000 hrs. Wednesday, 18 Feb. 42. Artists will be supplied by the "Win the War" Party.

The Concert to be held Wednesday, 25 Feb. 42 has been cancelled.

(See over)

7. USE OF BUSHMEAD RIFLE RANGE (G.O.P. 200/4/41) Ext. from W.C.R.O. 21/42.

(i) Preliminary Arrangements.

- (a) Approval for use of the Range will be given by General Staff.
- (b) Notice to O.C. Range. - At least four days before date of firing the Unit will inform the O.C. Range of -
 - Number and type of targets required.
 - Estimated time of arrival at Range.
 - Practices to be fired.

(ii) Vehicle Park.

Vehicles over 15 cwt. will park in the area adjoining the range Staff quarters, and no vehicle will be permitted to be driven on the pathway between the butts and the 400 yard mound.

(iii) Range Stores.

Keys to Sheds, Portable telephones, Paste brushes, and danger flags will be drawn from the Range Staff and will be returned after completion of firing.

(iv) Firing Times.

Firing time from 0830 to 1630 will be strictly adhered to except by arrangement with O.C. Rifle Range.

(v) Discipline. (a) Safety precautions.

Strict Range discipline will be observe, vide S.A.T. Vol. I Pam I (Paras. 41-5) and all ranks will be informed of safety precautions immediately after arrival on the Range.

(b) (Non - firers.

Parties not firing will keep at least 10 ya rds in rear of the firers.

(vi) General Conduct.

All ranks will observe the following -

- (a) Target shed and environs will be left tidy after each day's firing.
- (b) Targets will be stacked neatly in their correct size groups.

(vii) The Officer commanding the unit party on the range will be responsible for compliance with these instructions.

(viii) O.C. Bushmead Rifle Range is Capt. J. Shilkin, stationed at Bushmead Camp, Telephone UJ 63.

Signed. A.L. MacGregor Capt.
for D. Adj. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 25 M.G. Sq.
- 3 Ed. Bty.
- 9 A.Tk. Bty.
- Mobile A.A.
- 13 Ed. Coy.
- 44 Bn. (20)
- W.C. A.A.S.C.
- 21 R. M.F.
- 15 Ed. Amb.
- W. G. Sigs.
- 277 L.A.S.
- W.C. Pro. Sec.
- D.R.O.
- War. Mary. (2)

Appendix A

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES -- WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE -- 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER -- PART I -- NO. 34

H. Q. Special Mobile
Force
19 Feb. 42.

BY

MAJOR A. E. SANDOVER.....ADMINISTERING COMMAND 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Field Offr.	19/20 Feb.	Lieut. Jorgenson	25 M.G.
Next for duty	20/21 Feb.	Capt. B.K. Killerby	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	19/20 Feb.	Lieut. H. O'Halloran	25 M.G.
Next for duty	20/21 Feb.	Lieut. H.B. Hanton	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Sgt. & Cpl.	19/20 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt. to supply	
Next for duty	20/21 Feb.	"D" Coy. to provide	
Camp Medical Offr.	19/20 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	20/21 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Unit of the day	19/20 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt. -- "A" Sqn.	
Next for duty	20/21 Feb.	44 Bn. -- "D" Coy.	

Signed A.L. Macgregor Capt.
for Adj. Special Mobile Force

DISTRIBUTION .

25 M.G. Regt.
8 Fd. Bty.
109 A. Tk. Regt.
13 Fd. Coy.
W.C. Sigs.
44 Bn. (20)
W.C. A.A.S.C.
121 R.M.T. Coy.
13 Fd. Amb.
277 L.A.D.
W.C. Pro. Sec.
D.R.O.
War Diary (2)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 35

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.
20 Feb. 42.

BY

MAJOR A. E. SANDOVER.....ADMINISTERING COMMAND 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fd. Offr. & Cd. Mounting Offr.	20/21 Feb.	Capt. B.K. Killerby	44 Bn.
Next for duty	21/22 Feb.	Capt. J.H. Mould	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	20/21 Feb.	Lieut. H.B. Hanton	44 Bn.
Next for duty	21/22 Feb.	Lieut. G. Appleton	8 Bty.
Force Orderly Sgt.	20/21 Feb.	Sgt. Sherlock, K.P.	
Next for duty	21/22 Feb.	8 Fd. Bty to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	20/21 Feb.	Cpl. Baskerville, N.	
Next for duty	21/22 Feb.	8 Fd. Bty to provide	
Camp Medical Offr.	20/21 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	21/22 Feb.	Capt. Vincent.	
Duty Unit of the day	20/21 Feb.	"D" Coy - 44 Bn.	
Next for duty	21/22 Feb.	8 Fd. Bty.	

2. RAILWAY SLEEPERS.

Coy. & Det. cmdrs. will immediately take action to have all railway sleepers in their Coy. areas replaced on the Railway property from which they were illegally removed.

3. BLACKOUTS IN CAMP.

Pending the provision of masks for the head lamps of M.T., normal dim lighting should be used by vehicles whilst on the public highway to such extent as is necessary to conform with the traffic regulations and ensure the safety of other vehicles.

4. SALVAGE SERVICE: USE OF SUBSTITUTES FOR PAPER PACKING GOODS FOR SHIPMENT.

(C.C.R.204/1/57) W.C.R.O. 21/42.

In order to conserve paper, of which there is an acute shortage, materials other than paper must be used for packing purposes wherever practicable. Every effort is to be made in Camp area to ensure that the maximum quantity of waste paper is collected.

5. LECTURE.

A Lecture on "Burma and the Thailand Frontier" will be given by Mrs. N.E. Kersey on Monday, 23 Feb. 42 at 2000 hrs. This will be held in Gravel Pit, vicinity Force H.Q. and all personnel are invited to attend.

6. MAPS.

Mob Emergency Maps, sheet 1 must be returned to I.O. 44 Bn. by 0900 hrs. 21 Feb. 42.

7. LOST AND FOUND.

Lost. 1 Belts, Web waist - at Brickyard pool, by W.39067 Pte. Barrey, S.E.
1 Belts, Web waist - in Perth by W.25471 Pte. Palmer, S.A.
1 Hat, fur felt - in C. Coy. area.

8. BLACKOUT.

A complete blackout of all camp area will be observed from sunset to sunrise 21/22 Feb. 42. All vehicles moving through camp area with lights adjusted as per blackout regulations.

DISTRIBUTION.

As shown on Force R.O. Pt. I No. 34/42.

Signed

A.L. Macgregor Capt.
for Adj. Special Mobile Force.

War Diary

Appendix F

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APPENDIX "A".

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. I.

TABLE OF VEHICLES PER DET.

	M.C.	15 cwt.	1 ton	30 cwt	3 ton	Carriers.
Rifle Coy.	1	1	4	1		
Tp. 25 M.G. Regt.			5			
Carrier Sec.						2
Det. A.A.S.C.	1	2		7		
Mort Det.			1			
Res. M.T.	1				7	
TOTAL	3	3	10	8	7	2

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| Copy No. 1. | W. Comd. |
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| 3. | Adjt. |
| 4. | Tp. 25 M.G. Regt. |
| 5. | Det. W. Comd. A.A.S.C. |
| 6. | Det. Res. M.T. |
| 7. | Det. 13 Fd. Amb. |
| 8. | Bn. Sig. Offr. |
| 9. | O.C. Mortar Pl. |
| 10. | O.C. Carrier Pl. |
| 11. | O.C. "B" Coy. |
| 12. | O.C. "D" Coy. |
| 13. | T.O. |
| 14. | Q.M. |
| 15.) | |
| 16.) | File. |
| 17.) | |
| 18.) | War Diary. |
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Det. A.A.S.C.	1	2		7		
Mort Det.			1			
Res. M.T.	1				7	
TOTAL	3	3	10	8	7	2

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| 3. | Adjt. |
| 4. | Tp. 25 M.G. Regt. |
| 5. | Det. W. Comd. A.A.S.C. |
| 6. | Det. Res. M.T. |
| 7. | Det. 13 Fd. Amb. |
| 8. | Bn. Sig. Offr. |
| 9. | O.C. Mortar Pl. |
| 10. | O.C. Carrier Pl. |
| 11. | O.C. "B" Coy. |
| 12. | O.C. "D" Coy. |
| 13. | T.O. |
| 14. | Q.M. |
| 15.) | |
| 16.) | File. |
| 17.) | |
| 18.) | War Diary. |
| 19.) | |
| 20.) | Spare. |

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION MP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 36

H. Q. Special Mobile Force.
21 Feb. 42.

BY

Major E. SANDOVER.....ADMINISTERING CO. 44 Bn. Gp.

1. DUTIES.

Ed. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	21/22 Feb.	Capt. J. H. Mould	44 Bn.
Next for duty	22/23 Feb.	Capt. N. H. Waldby	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	21/22 Feb.	Lieut. G. Appleton	8 Bty
Next for duty	22/23 Feb.	Lieut. D. J. Lightfoot	R.M.T.
Force Orderly Sgt.	21/22 Feb.	Sgt. Kirkham	
Next for duty	22/23 Feb.	"C" Coy. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	21/22 Feb.	Bdr. Edmeades	
Next for duty	22/23 Feb.	"C" Coy. to provide	
Camp Medical Offr.	21/22 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	22/23 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Unit of the day	21/22 Feb.	25 M. G. Regt.	
Next for duty	22/23 Feb.	"C" Coy. 44 Bn.	

2. CONFERENCE.

A representative of each Coy. and Det. will attend a M.T. conference at L.A.D. at 2000 hrs. on Monday, 23 Feb. 42.

3. BLACK OUT.

All vehicle lights will be masked. No vehicle will be allowed to travel inside or outside the camp unless this is done.

No lights will be allowed in tents, stores etc. unless satisfactorily masked.

4. FATIGUES.

As from Monday 23 Feb, the duty Coy. will supply daily until further notice 12 men equipped with shovels as a road making fatigue. Men will report to gravel pit at F. H. Q. at 0830 hrs. daily.

T.O. will arrange two 3 ton trucks suitable for gravel carting to report daily to gravel pit at 0830 hrs for this fatigue.

5. TRADESMEN.

The following tradesmen are operating at Force Q. store and Coys. and Dets. are asked to make use of their services in effecting any repairs applicable to the particular trades.

- Shoemaker
- Equipment Repairer.
- Sgt. Armourer.
- S/Sgt. Tailor.

Arrangements regarding timings etc. are to be made through Force Q.M.

6. BREN GUNS.

Coys. are neglecting to use "Graphite Grease" when firing Bren Guns on the range. C.O. range should see that grease is used in proper manner. C.Q.M.S' are instructed to draw Graphite grease from Force Armourer immediately.

7. CHURCH PARADES.

A March of England Parade will be held in Gravel pit vicinity Force H. Q. at 0900 hrs., Sunday, 22 Feb. 42. - Chaplain Berry.

Roman Catholic Mass will be held at L.A.D. Green Tent at 0900 hrs. 22 Feb. 42.

LOST AND FOUND.

Identity discs belonging to W.19013 Pte. Bradbrock on manoeuvres.

DISTRIBUTION.

As shown on Force. R.O. No. 34/42.

Signed. A.L. Macgregor Capt.
For Adj. Special Mobile Force.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 37

H. Q. Special Mobile
Force
22 Feb. 42.

BY

MAJOR A. E. SANDOVERADMINISTERING COMMAND 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fl. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	22/23 Feb.	Capt. N.H. Waldby	44 Bn.
Next for duty	23/24 Feb.	Lieut. L.D. Toy.	R.M.T.
Force Orderly Offr.	22/23 Feb.	Lieut. D.J. Lightfoot	R.M.T.
Next for duty	23/24 Feb.	Lieut. A.W. Bentley	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Sgt.	22/23 Feb.		
Next for duty	23/24 Feb.	"A" Coy. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	22/23 Feb.		
Next for duty	23/24 Feb.	"A" Coy. to provide.	
Camp Medical Offr.	22/23 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	23/24 Feb.	Capt. Vincent.	
Duty Unit of the day	22/23 Feb.	"C" Coy. - 44 Bn.	
Next for duty	23/24 Feb.	"A" Coy. - 44 Bn.	

2. AMMUNITION.

Field Offr. must check ammunition on Guard Mounting and include the report in his Field Officers report.

3. WATER DUTIES - TRAINING.

Coys. & Dets. will see that personnel who are to be trained in water duties report to R.M.O. at R.A.P., 1000 hrs. Monday, 23 Feb. 42.

4. TAXIS.

Taxis containing personnel returning from leave are not permitted to pass Guard Tent. Personnel must alight at main guard tent and return to areas on foot.

5. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry composed as under will assemble at a time and place to be nominated by the President to inquire into accident to army vehicle No. V.5231 and injury to W.25794 Cpl. Boyle, I.V.

<u>President.</u>	Capt. W. Winkless.
<u>Members.</u>	Lieut. J. McCulloch.
	Lieut. F.A. Ford.

6. LECTURE.

A Lecture on "Burma and the Thailand Frontier" will be given on Monday, 23 Feb. at Gravel pit vicinity Force H.Q. at 2000 hrs. This is a lecture of topical interest and all personnel are invited to attend.

Signed. A.L. Macgregor Capt.
for Adj. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

25 M.G. Regt.
8 M. Coy.
100 A. & C. Regt.
13 M. Coy.
W.C. Sig.
44 Bn. (20)
W.C. A.A.S.C.
131 R.M.T.
13 M. Amb.
W.C. Pro. Sec.
War Diary. (2)

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SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 38

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.
23 Feb. 42.

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....COMMANDING 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fd. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr .	23/24 Feb.	Lieut. L.D. Toy.	R.M.T.
Next for duty	24/25 Feb.	Capt. H.N. Bentley	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Offr.	23/24 Feb.	Lieut. A.W. Bentley	44 Bn.
Next for duty	24/25 Feb.	Lieut. W. Scurry	8 Bty.
Force Orderly Sgt.	23/24 Feb.	Cpl. Nash, R. ^B .	
Next for duty	24/25 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	23/24 Feb.	Cpl. Hanrahan, J.	
Next for duty	24/25 Feb.	25 M.G. Regt. to provide	
Camp Medical Offr.	23/24 Feb.	Capt. Vincent.	
Next for duty	24/25 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Unit of the day	23/24 Feb.	"A" Coy. - 44 Bn.	
Next for duty	24/25 Feb.	"A" Sqn. 25 M.G. Regt.	

2. FATIGUES - ROAD MAKING.

13 Fd. Coy. will supply 1 N.C.O. to report to Force H.Q. at 0830 hrs. daily to supervise work of road making fatigue.

Gravel will be dug from Gravel pit at Bushmead Rifle Range and dumped as ordered by Swan Roads Board engineer, Mr. Holding.

3. WATER.

Water can now be drawn from the Stand pipes, vicinity of A.A.S.C. lines. Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will warn water duties personnel to use care in drawing water from these pipes

4. DENTAL CLINIC.

Until further notice, personnel requiring extractions will report to Force H.Q. not later than 0800 hrs. on Tuesday and Thursday to pick up dental cards and be transported to Dental Clinic, 8 C.C.S.

5. COURT OF INQUIRY.

Reference Force R.O. Part I No. 10, para 4 of 24 Jan. 42 - Inquiry into an accident to D.R. Ridley, R., W.12365, and damage to vehicle.

Capt. N.H. Waldby - 44 Bn. will replace Capt. G.W.D. Moore as President.

6. MAIL ARRANGEMENTS

Commencing as from Wednesday, 25 Feb. 42, there will be only one mail inward and outward daily.

Outward mail will close at 1045 hrs. Inward mail will be available at Post Office from 1400 hrs.

Telegram arrangements will remain as at present.

Signed. A. E. Riley Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

25 M.G. Regt.	W.C. Pro.Sec.
8 Fd. Bty.	War Diary.
109 A. Tk. Regt.	
13 Fd. Coy.	
W.C. sigs.	
44 Bn. (20)	
W.C. A.A.S.C.	
121 R.M.T.	
13 Fd. Amb.	
277 L.A.D.	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 40.

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.
25 Feb. 42.

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....COMMANDING 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fd. Offr. & Gd. Mounting Offr.	25/26 Feb.	Lieut. E.C. Flaistowe	44 Bn.
Next for duty	26/27 Feb.	Capt. C.H. Chessell	8 Bty.
Force Orderly Offr.	25/26 Feb.	Lieut. J.R. Purse	25 M.G
Next for duty	26/27 Feb.	Lieut. A.J. Jamieson	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Sgt.	25/26 Feb.	Sgt. McKenzie, L.	
Next for duty	26/27 Feb.	8 Fd. Bty. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	25/26 Feb.	Cpl. Lightley, B.	
Next for duty	26/27 Feb.	8 Fd. Bty to provide.	
Camp Medical Offr.	25/26 Feb.	Capt. Vincent	
Next for duty	26/27 Feb.	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Unit of the day	25/26 Feb.	"D" Coy. - 44 Bn.	
Next for duty	26/27 Feb.	8 Fd. Bty.	

2. RESPIRATORS.

Respirators are to be carried for two periods per week. Coy. and Det. Comdrs. will see that during these periods, respirators are worn for at least one hour. Apart from these periods, respirators will be left in tents.

3. D. R. TRAFFIC.

Attention is drawn to the fact that D/Rs. still approach too close to Force H.Q. and allow engines to roar. Unless this action ceases immediately, disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

4. MUSTER PARADE.

There will be a muster parade of all personnel of the Special Mobile Force, at 0900 hrs. 26 Feb. 42, at "A" Coy. - 44 Bn - Training area. Only one person to be left in Coy. stores and 1 as a security guard.

5. MOVEMENT THROUGH LINES.

Attention is drawn to the fact that personnel of some units are still making a practice of moving through other unit lines. This practice must cease immediately.

6. COOKHOUSES, MESSES ETC.

Ref. Para 3 Force R.O. Part I No. 39.

Advice as to building of bush shelters may be obtained from Sgt. Pilgrim, H.Q. Coy. 44 Bn. timber

Shelters should be made substantially of bush/with view to possibility of arranging for galvanised iron during winter.

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25 M.G. Regt.
8 Fd. Bty.
109 A.Tk. Regt.
13 Fd. Coy.
W.C. Sigs.
44 Bn. (20)
W.C. A.A.S.C.
121 R.M.P. Coy.
13 Fd. Amb.

Signed, A. E. Riley Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force.

Adjutant
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 41

H. Q. Special Mobile Force
26 Feb. 42.

BY

LIEUT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....COMMANDING 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Force Orderly & Gd. Mounting Offr.	26/27 Feb. 42	Lieut. A.J. Jamieson
Next for duty	27/28 Feb. 42	Lieut. J.H. Caddy
Force Orderly Sgt.	26/27 Feb. 42	Sgt. Briggs
Next for duty	27/28 Feb. 42	"C" Coy. to provide
Force Orderly Cpl.	26/27 Feb. 42	L/Bdr. Thomson
Next for duty	27/28 Feb. 42	"C" Coy. to provide
Camp Medical Offr.	26/27 Feb. 42	Capt. Breckler
Next for duty	27/28 Feb. 42	Capt. Vincent.
Duty unit of the day	26/27 Feb. 42	8 Fd. Bty & 109 A.Tk. R.
Next for duty	27/28 Feb. 42	"C" Coy. - 44 Bn.

In future only one officer will be detailed to act as both Field Offr. and Orderly Offr. The officer detailed will also be responsible for Guard Mounting Parade.

2. PAY PARADE.

Friday, 27 Feb. 42 - Pay will be available at Force H.Q. at 1100 hrs.

3. LEAVE PASSES.

Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. are still issuing Leave Passes without showing the name of Coy. or Det.

This must be remedied immediately.

4. PRIVATE PROPERTY

It has come to notice of Force H.Q. that water melons are being taken from adjacent properties. This must cease immediately and disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.

5. CANTEENS.

The following are the hours during which canteens attached to S.M.F. will be open:-

0630 hrs. to 0700 hrs.	Dry
0745 " " 0815 "	Dry
1315 " " 1345 "	Dry
1630 " " 1730 "	Dry
1845 " " 2030 "	Wet
1845 " " 2100 "	Dry

6. INTER COY. TRANSFERS - 44 BN.

W. 54556 Pte. Richardson, K.	from "A" Coy. to "D" Coy.
W. 54722 " Dellar, G.G.	" "A" Coy. to "D" Coy.

DISTRIBUTION.

25 M.C. Regt.
8 Fd. Bty.
109 A.Tk. Regt.
13 Fd. Coy.
W.C. Sigs.
44 Bn. (20)
W.C. A.A.S.C.
121 R.M.T.
15 Fd. Amb.

277 L.A.D.
W.C. Pro.Sec.
War Diary. (2)

Signed. A. E. Riley. Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 42

H.Q. Special Mobile Force.
27 Feb. 42.

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....COMMANDING 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fd., Orderly & Gd. Mounting Offr.	27/28 Feb.	Lieut. J.H. Caddy	109 A.Tk.
Next for duty	28/ 1 Mar.	Lieut. B. Wade	44 Bn.
Force Orderly Sgt.	27/28 Feb.	Sgt. Norman, E.	
Next for duty	28/ 1 Mar.	"A" Coy. to provide	
Force Orderly Cpl.	27/28 Feb.	Cpl. Forwood, R.	
Next for duty	28/ 1 Mar.	"A" Coy. to provide.	
Camp Medical Offr.	27/28 Feb.	Capt. Vincent.	
Next for duty	28/ 1 Mar.	Capt. Breckler	
Duty Unit of the day	27/28 Feb.	"C" Coy.	
Next for duty	28/ 1 Mar.	"A" Coy.	

2. LEAVE.

As the Duty Officer of the day has been reduced to one, Duty Coys. or Dets. will detail 1 Offr. and 2 N.C.O's. for entraining and detraining on leave nights. This instruction is to take effect immediately.

3. IDENTITY DISCS.

Coys. and Dets. will immediately check to see that all Identity Discs are correctly stamped as previously laid down in Routine Orders.

Reports are to be at Force H.Q. by 0900 hrs. Monday, 2 Mar. 42.

4. SICK REPORTS.

Copies of sick reports which are illegible are being submitted to Force H.Q. Immediate action will be taken to see that correct carbon copies are taken.

5. STEEL HELMETS.

Shrimp net for camouflaging of steel helmets is now available. Coys. and Dets. may obtain same by requisitioning on Force Q.M. Requisitions are to state the number of helmets to be covered.

6. WORKING DRESS - A.M.F.

Attention is drawn to W. Comd. R.O. No. 34 which states. -
"Alternative Working Dress as under may be issued to A.M.F. on full time duty:-

R.A.E. and Artificers, R.A.A.

Caps, working, blue	1
Jackets, working engineers Blue jean	2
Trousers " " " "	2

A.A.S.C. M.T. and Tank Personnel.

Caps, Working M.T.	1
Suits combination blue jean	2

A.A.O.C. Workshops.

Caps, Working blue	1
Jackets, working, dungaree	2
Trousers, working, dungaree	2

Coys. and Dets. affected by above are to advise Force Q.M. of quantities required, and requisition will be made to Ordnance to cover requirements for the Force.

(See over)

7. WATER DUTY PERSONNEL.

Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will advise Force H.Q. names of personnel suitable for training in Water Duties. This return to be submitted by 0900 hrs. 2 Mar. 42.

8. ADDRESSING OF CORRESPONDENCE - UNITS OF FIELD FORCES.

The form of address for correspondence (including telegrams) will exclude all mention of place names and will consist of :-

- (a) Army number.
- (b) Rank.
- (c) Name.
- (d) Squadron, Battery, Company or other sub-unit.
- (e) Unit (i.e. Regiment, Battalion etc.)
- (f) The indicator (i) "HOME FORCES" (A.M.F. Units) or (ii) "A.I.F. AUSTRALIA" (A.I.F. Units)

Note; A.I.F. personnel will request their correspondents to indicate in the address of their mail matter the name of the Training Unit or Special Force to which they are attached.

The importance of advising their correspondents to address their mail matter correctly, is impressed on all personnel.

All insufficiently and incorrectly addressed mail matter will be returned to the senders for completion of the address.

9. CORRESPONDENCE.

All correspondence within the Force, dealing with matters to be attended to by Force H.Q. must be addressed to the Adjutant.

10. FIELD CENSORSHIP.

Field Censorship will come into force as from 1 Mar. 42. Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will parade personnel under their command and explain the position to them. Further instructions will be issued in Routine Orders at a later date.

11. A.W.L.

Coys. and Dets. must notify Force H.Q. of the return to camp of any personnel who have been A.W.L.

Signed. A. E. Riley Capt.
Adj. Special Mobile Force

DISTRIBUTION.

- 25 M.G. Regt.
- 8 Ld. Bty.
- 109 A.Tr. Regt.
- 13 Fd. Coy.
- W.C. Sigs.
- 44 Bn. (20)
- W.C. A.A.S.C.
- 121 R.M.T.
- 13 Fd. Amb
- 277 L.A.D.
- W.C. Pro. Sec.
- War Diary (2)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND,

SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE - 44 BATTALION GP.

ROUTINE ORDER - PART I - NO. 43

H.Q. Special Mobile Force,
28 Feb. 42.

BY

LT. COL. W. BRENDON GARNER.....COMMANDING 44 BN. GP.

1. DUTIES.

Fd., Orderly & Gd, Mounting Offr.	28/1 Mar.	Lieut. P Wade	44 Bn.
Next for duty	1/2 Mar.	Lieut. Jorynson	25 M.G.
Force Orderly Sgt.	28/1 Mar.	Cpl. Reed, J.	
Next for duty	1/2 Mar.	25 M.G. Regt. to supply	
Force Orderly Cpl.	28/1 Mar.	Cpl. Smith, R.C.	
Next for duty	1/2 Mar.	25 M.G. Regt. to supply.	
Camp Medical Offr.	28/1 Mar.	Capt. Breckler	
Next for duty	1/2 Mar.	Capt. Vincent.	
Duty Unit of the day	28/1 Mar.	"A" Coy. 44 Bn.	
Next for duty	1/2 Mar.	"A" Sqn. 25 M.G. Regt.	

2. CAMP STORES.

All Coys. and Dets. to immediately arrange for central ablution sites on the following basis:-

- Tubs, Washing round 1 per 10 O.R's.
- Buckets 13" 1 per 20 O.R's.
- Offrs., W.O's. and Sgts. to arrange separate sites on a basis of :-
- Tubs, Washing round 1 per 5 personnel
- Buckets, 13" 1 per 10 "

Suitable sanitary method for disposal of waste water to be made.

All tubs and buckets in excess of above to be returned to Force Q.M. by 1200 hrs. Monday 2 Mar. 42.

Coy. and Det. Cmdrs. will ensure that all tents are fully occupied (1 tent per 8 personnel, 1 tent per 6 Sgts. and 1 tent per 2 officers), and that all Kitchen utensils in excess of essential requirements are immediately returned to Force Q.M.

3. RATIONS.

The following re-arrangement of times for delivery of rations to Coys. of 44 Bn. will operate as from 1 Mar. 42.

A. Coy.	2210 hrs.
C. Coy.	2220 "
D. Coy.	2230 "
H.Q. Coy.	2240 "

All Coys. will bring to ration point their own containers. Ration strength is to show personnel in Detention Compound, so that rations for these personnel may be diverted to A. Coy.

4. CHANGES OF NEXT-OF-KIN, ADDRESS, ETC. W.C.R.O. Pt. 34/42

All Coys. and Dets. are reminded that changes of next-of-kin, address, or marital condition of personnel, must be made known to Force H.Q. immediately.

5. DRESS AND LEAVE - A.I.C. W.C.R.O. Pt. I 34/42

Winter dress will not be worn during summer period.

All brass collar and hat badges will be oxidised or otherwise blackendd.

A.I.C. personnel are under the command of the unit to which they are attached as regards leave, and will obtain a leave pass signed by the authorised officer of that unit before going on leave.

6. USE OF BEACH RESORTS FOR M.T. DRIVING AND OTHER INSTRUCTION. C.C.R. 54/1/134

Commencing forthwith all Metropolitan Beach Resorts are out of bounds for the purpose of M.T. Driving and other M.T. Instruction.

No halts will be made by M.T. being used in the training of drivers in any inhabited Beach Resort.

6. USE OF BEACH RESORTS FOR M.T. DRIVING AND OTHER INSTRUCTION (Cont.)

Units will ensure that this is promulgated to all concerned, and disciplinary action taken for any breach of these instructions.

7. CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF PYRENE TYPE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS CARRIED ON MECHANICAL VEHICLES. (C.C.R. 138/2/50) W.C.R.O. Part I No. 35/42

All Units with M.T. on strength will ensure the promulgation of this instruction to all concerned:-

Extinguishers must be kept COMPLETELY FILLED. If, for any reason, part of the contents has been removed, the requisite amount to refill must be added with the least possible delay. Only the approved fluid is to be used for refilling purposes.

ON NO ACCOUNT MAY WATER BE USED.

Extinguishers are to be tested at regular intervals to ensure that they are reliable.

Any extinguishers reported defective will be at once replaced, and the defective ones returned to Ordnance Depot.

It will be ensured that brackets are securely fixed to vehicles in a vehicle and readily accessible position close to the driver, or, in the case of a M.G. Carrier, one of the crew, and that the spring clips are neither too tight nor too loose and free from rust.

Drivers, etc., should be exercised in the correct way to remove and replace extinguishers and in the method of using them in case of necessity. They must be removed by gentle leverage rather than by a rough direct pull.

If desired to test an extinguisher, operate the plunger and empty the contents into an absolutely dry, clean jug or other suitable container. The fluid can then be poured back into the extinguisher after test, without loss.

8; PAYMENT OF POSTAL NOTES TO MEMBERS OF THE FORCES. (C.C.R.170/1/58) W.C.R.O. 35/42

In order to prevent irregularities in connection with the payment of Postal Notes to members of the Forces, the following safeguards, which already apply in the case of Money Orders, will be made effective forthwith.)-

- (a) Soldiers presenting Postal Notes for payment will produce paybook for identification purposes.
- (b) The payee will sign his name in the space provided and in addition place his Name, Number and Rank on the back of the note. The particulars will be confirmed by reference to the payee's paybook.
- (c) Postal Notes made payable to a particular individual will be paid to the payee named only.
- (d) If a soldier is unable to present his paybook to the Paying Officer a certificate in the following form should be obtained:-

"This is to certify that the bearer, whose signature is appended is No..... Rank Name Unit

Signature

Appointment

Special Signature

- (e) The certificate may only be issued by a C.O., Coy. Comdr. or Adjt. of the Unit to which the soldier is attached, and an impression of the official stamp of the Unit must be placed on the certificate.

9. INTER COY. TRANSFERS - 44 BN.

W.11945 Pte. Catt, D. from "D" Coy. to "C" Coy.

10. COURTS OF INQUIRY.

Courts of Inquiry composed as under will assemble at a time and place to be nominated by the Presidents to inquire into:-

- (a) A.W.L. of W.23648 Gnr. Batty, D.T. from 0001 hrs. 23 Jan. 42.

President Capt. Chessell 8 Fd. Bty.

Members. Lieut. J. Darragh 44 En.
..... Lieut. H. O'Halloran 25 M.G. Regt.

10. COURTS OF INQUIRY (Continued.)

(b) Desertion of W.32765 Pte. Windsor, C.A. from 17 Dec. 41 - 121 R.M.T.

<u>President.</u>	Capt. H.N. Bentley.	44 Bn.
<u>Member</u>	Lieut. Wood	25 M.G. Regt.

(c) A.W.L. of W.22210 Pte. Kickett, R. "B" Coy. 44 Bn.

<u>President.</u>	Capt. W. Winkless	44 Bn.
<u>Member</u>	Lieut. J. McCulloch	44 Bn.

(d) A.W.L. OF W.39139 Pte Kilheen, E. E(MG) Coy. 44 Bn.
 W.11800 " Skinner, K.H. " " "
 W.41354 " Simpson, L.D. " " "

<u>President.</u>	Capt. G.A. Fountain	44 Bn.
<u>Member.</u>	Lieut. A.R. Cook	44 Bn.

11. SYSTEMS OF REFERENCE.

Pages 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Index to Towns with regard to maps are now available at the Int. Office, 44 Bn.

12. FIELD CENSORSHIP.

1. With regard to letters, all ranks will put their correspondence in addressed envelopes, to be left open, and will hand them to the appropriate officers.
2. Parcels or packets will be left open for franking and a declaration of the contents must be placed on the outside wrapper.
3. Ordinary letters or other articles to be forwarded by registered post, will be franked and sealed in the presence of the sender or his representative, who will be responsible that the contents are complete except for censored matter.
4. Telegrams (where there are facilities for despatch) after being approved will be routed through the Army Post Office nearest from the place of origin to ensure that Security considerations are being followed.
5. The use of headed or embossed stationery is prohibited, if the location of the writer or the unit is thereby disclosed. The use of hotel, ship or similar stationery is forbidden. No address whatever is permitted on postcards.

13. MECHANICAL VEHICLES.

Trucks, (W.D. Pattern) Failure of Ball attached to Arm - Steering gear.

There have been reports of failures in the neck section of the ball attached to arm steering gear in the above pattern vehicles.

Coys. and detachments with these vehicles on strength will make immediate arrangements to have the above mentioned component part examined at the L.A.D.

Economy in the Consumption of Rubber.

1. Special attention is to be given to the maintenance of tyres of mechanical vehicles, including bogie wheel and guide rollers of M.G. Carriers.
2. The distribution of loads should be carefully watched; the idea is to make all tyres carry a fair share of the load.
3. Vehicle mileage should be reduced wherever possible.
4. All tyres are to be frequently inspected, inflation pressures are to be carefully checked and every possible repair is to be executed as soon as possible in order to obtain the maximum life from each tyre.

Appendix B
44 Bn

44TH BATTALION,
REC'D - 3 FEB 1942
IN YOUR REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

BY

MAJOR-GENERAL E.C.P. PLANT, D.S.O., O.B.E.

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, WESTERN COMMAND.

No. 21

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
Perth.
3 Feb. 42.

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Q.M.	✓
R.S.M.	✓
R.Q.M.S.	✓
P.A.	✓

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Sgt. Daley to inspect of
Lt. Buckton

1. FIXED SIGNAL EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED BY UNITS. (C.C.R. 215/1/510)

It has been brought to notice that certain units have acquired from the P.M.G.'s Department and from other sources Telephones, Switchboards and other signal equipment which is not included in their War Equipment table.

All units will immediately submit a return showing full details of all such equipment held and the prices paid for same.

It is necessary that all signal equipment in units be kept within the authorised scale unless specially authorised. No unit will, therefore, purchase or acquire by gift or otherwise any signal equipment unless prior approval has been obtained from these Headquarters.

2. STANDING ORDERS - P.A.D. - ALARM SIGNALS. (C.C.R. 23/1/12)

Further to W.Comd. Routine Order Part I, No. 1 of 2 Jan. 42, para. 2, it is advised that the "All Clear" after an air raid will be passed by word of mouth.

3. ADMISSION & DISCHARGE BOOK (A.A.B. 7) (C.C.R. 140/1/134)

Attention is directed to the provisions of Standing Orders for A.A.M.S. 1941, relative to the above subject.

In view of the number of separate arms of the services now entitled to receive treatment in military hospitals, and the considerable time involved in dissection of these arms should they be kept in the one A. & D. Book, it is desired that separate A. & D. Books be maintained for the following arms and services :-

- (a) Australian Military Forces (P.M.F. A.I.F. F.T.D. Militia, etc.)
- (b) A.A.N.S., V.A.D's., W.A.A.A.F., A.W.A.S.
- (c) R.A.A.F.
- (d) R.A.N.
- (e) Allied Forces

It is not considered necessary that separate books should be maintained in medical establishments other than military hospitals.

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4. 18 YEAR OLD TRAINEES CALLED UP UNDER PART IV D.A.
(C.C.R.227/4/224)

If and when, units move to operational stations, personnel in the 18 year old category will not so move unless considered adequately trained. Any rear parties required will be furnished from these personnel.

5. A.W.A.S. OFFICERS. (C.C.R.19/1/186)

In anticipation of approval of the Regulations for the Australian Women's Army Service, Officers of the Service are to be accorded Army rank and title and will use such titles when signing correspondence.

6. COURT OF INQUIRY ON ILLNESSES AND INJURIES. (C.C.R.117/3/60)

Attention is drawn to the fact that in some cases Courts of Inquiry are not properly constituted in accordance with A.M.R. & O. 699 (2). Cases sometimes will occur when officers of the required rank are not available, but in such cases a statement to this effect shall be made in the Order convening the Court and referred to in the proceedings.

In no circumstances will a member be required to make a sworn statement as to whether or not he intends to claim compensation from the Commonwealth.

Western Command Administrative Instructions for Camps of Continuous training (C.C.R.38/4/84) are amended.

Section IV Appendix "B" Sheet 3 (page 70) is altered by deleting sub-para (b) of para. (10), reading as follows :-

"(b) That (rank) _____ (name) _____ will (not) claim compensation."

7. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY - SUSPENSION OF ALLOTMENT. (C.C.R.241/10/158)

The question of the action to be taken from the finance standpoint in regard to members granted leave without pay has been under consideration.

In the case of A.I.F. men the practice has been general for paybooks to be held in the General Details Depot until such time as the men report for duty, and to allow the allotment to proceed, recovering the consequential overpayment from the member later. This system is weak and where the leave is for a lengthy period is quite unsatisfactory.

A similar position arises in connection with Militia Camps of Training, but the proportion of cases of leave without pay is higher and as frequently the leave is for an indefinite period unnecessary work is created in the District Accounts Office in keeping the account of the member "active" until he is reported returned to his Unit.

It has, therefore, been decided that in all cases where leave is granted without pay, the paybook is to be withdrawn and amended to show that no pay is due from the date of commencement of the leave and where an allotment is in force it is to be suspended on and from that date and not reinstated until the member resumes duty. During the period of the leave no credit earnings will be shown in the paybook or on the ledger card.

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8. PROCEEDINGS OF COURTS OF INQUIRY. (C.C.R.65/1/172)

Consideration has been given to the question of whether the proceedings of Courts of Inquiry should be made available to the Police Department. As Courts are convened only for the purpose of obtaining information for Army use, the proceedings are not to be made available. In fatal accidents, the statements of Army witnesses, including that of the driver, should not be made available to the Police.

There is no objection, however, to the names of Army witnesses, including that of the driver, being given to the Police to enable them to obtain statements if they so desire, but it is considered in such cases that the driver of the Army vehicles should be warned that he is not obliged to make a statement to the Police and that, if he does, it may be used against him.

The Police Department's co-operation with the Army authorities in allowing Police witnesses to attend and give evidence before Courts of Inquiry is appreciated and it is desired that the utmost co-operation between the Police and Army authorities should continue. It is felt that these decisions are necessary in the interests of the Service generally and will not affect the existing co-operation given by the State Police authorities.

9. SPECIALIST PAY - DRIVERS M.T. (C.C.R.164/8/226)

Attention is drawn to W.Comd. R.O. 104/41 para. 5.

In some instances the necessary action to revert Drivers M.T. to Non-Specialists has not yet been taken; it is therefore requested that units submit the necessary Casualty Returns to D.R.O's. forthwith. Date of reversion will be 3 Jul. 41.

10. COURTS MARTIAL AND COURTS & BOARDS OF INQUIRY.

Each Camp Headquarters will prepare and maintain a Register of Officers available to serve on Courts Martial and Courts and Boards of Inquiry.

The Register will be prepared so that each rank from Lt.-Col. down is shown separately and will provide details of name, length of commissioned service, and unit.

One copy of the Register will be submitted to these Headquarters not later than 10 Feb. 42 and any subsequent alterations thereto will be notified forthwith.

Care will be taken to ensure that duty on Courts Martial and Courts and Boards of Inquiry is distributed as evenly as possible and provision will be made to detail officers for instruction when necessary.

When an officer has performed any of the duties referred to advice will immediately be sent to these Headquarters in the following pro-forma :-

Rank	Name	Unit	Nature of Duty	Date

(Continued on Back)

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Sgt

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11. AUTHORITY TO SIGN RAIL WARRANTS, V.D.C. (C.C.R.181/2/2)

Bn. Cdrs. and Adjutants, full time duty, V.D.C. are authorised to sign :-

- A.A.F. T.1 - Country Travel only.
- A.A.F. T.1A - Suburban Travel.
- A.A.F. T.2 - Railway Consignment Notes.

under the following conditions :-

- (a) Warrants issued only in accordance with M.F.R. & I.
- (b) Are signed by authorised Officers only.
- (c) Return showing all Warrants issued to be forwarded to H.Q., Western Command monthly.
- (d) Separate return rendered monthly of warrants issued for travel outside Bn. Area and reason for travel.
- (e) Travel under (d) will be covered by approved A.A.F. B.2

12. AUTHORITY TO SIGN RAIL WARRANTS ETC. (C.C.R.181/2/02)

C.C. & Registrar, 110 General Hospital, Hollywood are authorised to issue and sign :-

- (a) A.A.F. T.1 (Country Rail Warrants only)
- (b) A.A.F. T.1A (Suburban Rail Warrants)
- (c) A.A.F. T.2 (Railway consignment notes)

13. SECURITY OF INFORMATION - ARMY DRIVING LICENSE.

(C.C.R.138/1/773)

In order to prevent information as to Units being passed to the enemy in the event of a soldier being taken prisoner, Army Driving License A.A.F. G.11 will NOT have the Unit of a soldier entered therein.

Where name of Unit is now shown, immediate steps will be taken to have Unit name excised in a manner similar to that for pay books, vide W.Comd. R.O. Part I, 161/41 para. 2.

Commanding Officers will ensure that action is taken in this respect without delay.

Security of Information - M.T. Vehicles.

Names of Units will NOT be placed on Army Vehicles, either on identification plates or on any other portion of vehicle.

Unit colour patches may, however, be shown on identification plates, and further instructions in regard thereto will be issued at an early date.

14. EQUIPMENT - DENTAL UNITS. (C.C.R.215/8/290)

Pending the operation of ledger a/cs. issues of necessary equipment and clothing will be the responsibility of the Camp H.Q. (or Unit H.Q. as the case may be) to which Dental Units are attached.

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15. USE OF BUSHMEAD RIFLE RANGE. (C.C.R.200/4/41)

(i) Preliminary Arrangements.

- (a) Approval for use of the Range will be given by General Staff.
- (b) Notice to C.C. Range.
At least four days before date of firing the Unit will inform the C.C. Range of -

Number and type of targets required.
Estimated time of arrival at Range.
Practices to be fired.

(ii) Vehicle Park.

Vehicles over 15 cwt. will park in the area adjoining the range Staff Quarters, and no vehicle will be permitted to be driven on the pathway between the butts and the 400 yard mound.

(iii) Range Stores.

Keys to Sheds, Portable telephones, Paste brushes, and danger flags will be drawn from the Range Staff and will be returned after completion of firing.

(iv) Firing Times.

Firing time from 0830 to 1630 will be strictly adhered to except by arrangement with C.C. Rifle Range.

(v) Discipline. (a) Safety precautions.

Strict Range discipline will be observed, vide S.A.T. Vol. I Pam. I (Paras. 41-45) and all ranks will be informed of safety precautions immediately after arrival on the Range.

(b) Non-firers.

Parties not firing will keep at least 10 yards in rear of the firers.

(vi) General Conduct.

All ranks will observe the following -

- (a) Target shed and environs will be left tidy after each day's firing.
- (b) Targets will be stacked neatly in their correct size groups.

(vii) The Officer commanding the unit party on the range will be responsible for compliance with these instructions.

(viii) O.C. Bushmead Rifle Range is Capt. J. Shilkin, stationed at Bushmead Camp, Telephone U.J.63.

16. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS W.Comd. R.O. 21/42.

15. USE OF BUSHMEAD RIFLE RANGE. (C.C.R.200/4/41) as amended ~~is under~~ (Serial No. 3) :-
The list of names appearing in C.C.R.200/4/41 as Officers authorised by the G.O.C. Western Command to issue Orders for Supplies under Treasury Regulations 63 (I) is amended as under :-

- (a) Approval for use of the Range will be given by General Staff.
- (b) Notice to C.C. Range. (Continued on Back)
At least four days before date of firing the Unit will inform the C.C. Range of -

Number and type of targets required.
Estimated time of arrival at Range.
Practices to be fired.

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ADD -

- "Q" Branch - Asst. E.S.O. Fremantle - Lieut. H.L. Harris
- Records - Officer in Charge - Maj. H.O.A.D. Burrowes.

This delegation is made in favour of the particular Officers mentioned above and not to any other officer who may act temporarily at any time in one or more of the above appointments.

17. OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. (C.C.R.62/1/175)

The list of names appearing in W.Comd. R.Os. as Officers authorised to sign Certificates of Form T.S.4 affecting payment of accounts is amended as under (Serial 3) -

ADD -

- Ordnance Branch - O.C. Ordnance
- Workshop - Major A.O. Sinclair.
- O.M.E. - Lieut. R. Horton.

This delegation is made in favour of the particular Officers mentioned above and not to any other Officer who may act temporarily at any time in one or more of the above appointments.

18. SALVAGE SERVICE : USE OF SUBSTITUTES FOR PAPER PACKING GOODS FOR SHIPMENT. (C.C.R.204/1/57)

In order to conserve paper, of which there is an acute shortage, materials other than paper must be used for packing purposes wherever practicable.

Every effort is to be made in Military Camps, Depots and Establishments to ensure that the maximum quantity of waste paper is collected.

17. USE OF GUMMED LABELS ON ENVELOPES (C.C.R.65/1/190)

The attention of Camp and Unit Headquarters is drawn to W.Comd. R.O. Part I No. 137/41 para. 10 and No. 174/41 Para. 4 in respect of the use of Gummed economy labels for envelopes.

Cases are frequently occurring where the names and addresses are written on the front of the envelopes instead of on the labels. Greater use will be made of these labels on all inter-departmental and inter-unit correspondence.

[Signature]
Colonel i/c Administration, Western Command.

(O.V.HOAD)

NOTICE.

Alteration of Nomenclature.

The following alterations in nomenclature are to be noted and brought into use immediately -

- 109 A. Tk. Regt. (formerly 9 A. Tk. Regt.)
- 10 Recce. Bn. Sig. Sec. (Formerly W.Comd. Recce. Bn. Sig. Sec.)
- 10 Recce. Bn. (Formerly W.Comd. Recce. Bn.)

Appendix B

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

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Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
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WESTERN COMMAND INSTRUCTION Q.27.

44TH. BATTALION,

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IN YOUR BEST INTEREST PLEASE ANSWER

CAMOUFLAGING OF TENTS.

In furtherance of Western Command Instruction Q.18 of 21 Jan 1942, it is directed that the camouflaging of all tents in use by troops be taken in hand immediately.

In view of the many difficulties in obtaining satisfactory chemical dyeing agents it has been decided to use clay and earth slurries (soil colouration) as the means of camouflaging tents. It is intended that the application of the slurries shall be carried out by the troops in occupation of the tents. The attached notes on the general methods to be adopted in the use of soil colouration should be carefully studied before any camouflaging takes place.

Where necessary, ingredients for improving the colour or adhesive qualities of the slurries may be obtained.

A progress report is to be furnished to reach Command Headquarters on 30th day of each month.

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Colonel i/c Administration Western Command.
(O.V.HOAD)

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To all Units and Camps.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
PERTH.

4 Feb. 42.

SOIL COLOURATION OF TENTS.

1. General.-

The first requirement is to dull the canvas to a tone matching the surrounding ground as much as possible.

Unevenness, or blotchiness, is an advantage rather than otherwise.

Disruptive patches of contrasting tones (one considerably darker than the other) are a further advantage unless the surroundings are very plain and even in tone. Do not leave any white patches.

Two different tones or colours are sufficient.

Patterns should not be small. No two tents in the same group should be to any one disruptive pattern.

Where colour other than the local earth colours is introduced (by means of dry pigments, if available) it should match other natural colours in the immediate vicinity, for example, rocky outcrops, grass, scrub or gorse, trees.

Colours widely suitable in Australia to contrast with earth colours are khaki (brownish) green, scrub (yellowish) green, dark green. In dry conditions grass is very light in tone, with the result that light browns or khakis are indicated as a match rather than strong greens.

Fly, tent ends, sides, a 12" margin round top front and back of tent itself (where it might show under fly) should be treated.

2. Making and Applying Soil Slurries.

(a) To achieve dulling by soil colouration make a thick slurry of local earth, the darkest available, and the puggiest clay procurable. Both should be thoroughly stirred together.

Heating is not actually necessary, but such mixtures are improved by warming and stirring, especially if adhesive matter is added as referred to below.

The mixture should be of a creamy consistency.

It may be sufficiently dark in tone without adding darkening matter. It will be found however that the colour is considerably lighter when dried out. In consequence soot or finely ground charcoal may and probably should be added.

If it happens that dry pigments such as umber are procurable or suitable dry colours (especially chromium oxide) to produce appropriate greens, these can be added until the required tones or colours are produced - by trial and error, judged when applied and dry.

(b) Application should be by hand brushing or rubbing well in; preferably by energetic use of scrubbing brush.

3. Adhesives.-

Some clays may be sufficiently sticky to give reasonable adhesion under movement and weather; but if not, glue size or other muscillageous matter may increase adhesion. Suggestions for use of glue size and rice are detailed below. Failing these being available, cornflour is suitable.

None of these agents will give very long life to the coating, and constant titivation, or regular re-treatment, will be necessary, especially in rainy weather.

Various chemical substances might be thought useful as adhesives or colouring agents, but the above suggestions are made with a view especially to the following :-

- (a) Materials available practically anywhere.
- (b) No risk of rotting or chemical re-actions with preparations used in weather proofing etc. of the canvas.

4. Glue Size.-

Take a quart of boiling water and slowly add 10-ozs of glue size (carpenters' glue, ground very fine) stirring vigorously and leave to boil and stir until all lumps or grains disappear.

Add this mixture, hot, to 1 gallon of slurry (cold or warm) and mix well so as to get a solution of brushing consistency.

Application by scrubbing brush or rag pad is effective.

Due to the variation in natural adhesive quality of earths and clays, it may be found that the mixture dries hard and causes canvas to be stiff and the earth coating to crack readily and crumble away. In this case reduce the quantity of glue size, but not the water.

Also due to variations in natural adhesive qualities, the coat might dry so that one can readily wipe it off with a finger. In this case, increase the quantity of glue size, but not the water.

It will be found that in all earth colouring mixtures a constant stirring is necessary during application.

5. Rice.-

Add 1-lb. of rice to 1-gallon of boiling water and continue boiling for 1 1/2 hours, stirring frequently to avoid burning.

During boiling, add water to maintain quantity (1 gall)

When mixture comes to an even, sticky consistency, add the earth and clay and water until a good brushing consistency is obtained. Scrubbing brush is preferable for application. Any glutinous rice grains remaining in the slurry should be scrubbed on to the canvas with the mud.

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Appendix B

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND

ROUTINE ORDER PART I

BY

MAJOR-GENERAL E.C.P. PLANT, D.S.O., C.B.E.
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, WESTERN COMMAND

No. 24

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
Perth.
9 Feb. 42

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44TH BATTALION,
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W. Comd. Routine Orders Part I, Nos. 22 and 23 dealt with District Courts Martial, and were not generally distributed.

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1. CO-OP RATION WITH THE R.A.A.F. (C.C.R.26/2/131)

(a) Flights by members of the military forces, other than Cond. H. Staff.

The conditions under which members of the forces may carry out flights are laid down in "Instructions for Training, 1933" Chapter I, Section 6, paras. 5 and 6. Relevant extracts are reproduced hereunder and will be noted by all units.

"5. Flying by members of the military forces will be required on occasions as part of military duty and training, and when flying is so undertaken the provisions of Section 57 of the Defence Act, and of the F. & A. Regulations made thereunder will apply.

However, flying on duty will only be under the definite orders of members of the Military Board, Formation Commanders, Chief Instructors of Army Schools and the Senior Military Instructor of the School of Army Co-operation R.A.A.F.

6. Flying in service aircraft, other than on duty and under specific orders, will only be undertaken when authorised by the Air Board. Such flying will be at the risk of the person concerned and the Commonwealth Government will not be liable for any compensation or damages that may result from the flights."

The foregoing is to be made known to all concerned.

The above is not to be construed as indicating that flying on duty is under restriction. On the contrary, it is to be encouraged. No flights will, however, be undertaken except on the specific orders of the G.O.C.

The following procedure will be adopted :-

The Comd. originating the request will forward an application to the General Staff giving particulars as under :-

- Names of personnel to fly
- Date on which flight is required
- Time of day and approx. duration of flight
- Nature of duty
- Area or route to be flown

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1. CO-OPERATION WITH THE R.A.A.F. (Contd.)

If approved, application will be made to Air Force H.Q., Perth, by the General Staff for an aircraft to be made available for the flight.

If an aircraft is available, copies of an order to fly signed by the G.O.C. will be forwarded to the Comd. concerned and to the Air Force.

The above procedure may be speeded up as required by the use of the telephone, but no member of the Military Forces will be permitted to leave the ground in an R.A.A.F. aircraft unless he has the order to fly in his possession.

(b) Air Co-operation in training

It is known that units have on occasion made direct application to the R.A.A.F. Station Pearce, for co-operation in exercises. This practice will cease. When it is desired that the R.A.A.F. co-operate in exercises or other forms of training, application, giving full details, is to be submitted to these Headquarters, for attention of General Staff.

(c) Air Photographs

Attention is again directed to W.Comd. R.O. Part I, No. 165 of 4 Nov. 41.

All applications for air photographs will be made to the General Staff and, on no account, direct to the Air Force.

2. INSTRUCTIONAL WALL DIAGRAMS. (C.C.R.178/1/288)

It is desired that units submit details of Instructional Wall Diagrams considered necessary to assist in training. Diagrams in text books and pamphlets, etc., which would be more effective in a larger form are to be considered. In this case a reference to the pamphlet and diagram is all that is necessary.

Suggestions may also be submitted regarding diagrams suitable for reproduction on 35 millimetre strip films. Recommendations as above are to reach these Headquarters by 12 Feb. 42.

It must be borne in mind that as the equipment situation improves, the need for wall diagrams for instructional purposes will, to some extent, be reduced for it is, in most cases, better to instruct personnel on the equipment itself rather than by means of diagrams. Diagrams are mainly of value in supplementing instruction on equipment which is not to be stripped and on particular parts which cannot be readily shown.

3. GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

W.11742 Lieut. (Prob.) COCK, Alan Ronald. General Court Martial held at Swan Barracks, W.A. on 22 Jan. 42.

Charge 1: Absenting himself without leave in that he at Melville absented himself from 2235 hrs. on 30 Dec. 41 to 0130 hrs. on 31 Dec. 41. A.A. 15 (1)

Charge 2: Disobeying a lawful command given by his Superior Officer in that he did fail to carry out the duty of Battalion Orderly Officer and duty Officer as directed. A.A.9(2)

Finding: Guilty both charges.

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3. GENERAL COURT MARTIAL. (Contd.)

Sentence: Charge 1, Severe Reprimand. Charge 2, To forfeiture of Seniority of rank to the extent that he will take rank and precedence in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia as if his appointment to the rank of Lieutenant (on Prob.) held by him bore date of twentieth (20) day of January 1942. Confirmed by G.O.C. Western Command, 23 Jan. 42. Promulgated 23 Jan. 42.

4. COURTS OF INQUIRY RE DEATHS IN WESTERN COMMAND.

Cases have arisen where reports of Courts of Inquiry into deaths in W.Comd. have not been received at H.Q. W.Comd.

Although previous reference to this subject has been made in W.Comd. R.Os. the position is still unsatisfactory.

The attention of all concerned is directed to the necessity of taking action to ensure despatch of above reports to H.Q. W.Comd.

5. WAR DIARIES.

Attention of all Units is directed to the necessity of forwarding War Diaries to D.R.O. each month.

Certain Units have been neglectful in this respect, and prompt action will be taken to comply with these instructions.

6. MEDICAL RECORDS.

(i) Army Forms I.1220 are, in many instances, being forwarded to D.R.O. in an incomplete state.

It is necessary for the Disease to be shown, also if any operation took place, and any complication that may have arisen.

Greater care should be exercised in showing correct regimental numbers and names of patients.

(ii) Inoculations and Vaccinations - Reference is made to A.A.M.C. Standing Orders issued 8 Aug. 41, page 7, para. "G" which reads :

"Notification to D.R.O. (Medical Records Section)

At the conclusion of vaccination, inoculation, etc., of each batch, D.R.O. (M.R.S.) will be supplied with a complete list showing personnel and dates on which these were carried out.

(iii) A.B's 39 (Medical Officer's Diary) must be forwarded to D.R.O. (M.R.S.) when filled.

(iv) Reference A. & D. Books (A.A. Book 7). All Hospitals are reminded that these books must be forwarded to D.R.O. (M.R.S.) on 31st December of each year, for checking purposes.

7. AUSTRALIAN PROVISION OFFICE (E.G.)

Articles for delivery to this office must be addressed -

A.P.O. (E.G.) Pakenham Street, Fremantle.

Faulty addressing of articles is causing their delivery to W.Comd. Prov. Coy.

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8. A.A. F. A.33 (REVISED DECEMBER, 1940)

Recommendations for promotion will, in future, be submitted on this form.

Stocks of A.A.Fs. A.33 (revised March 1937) will be returned to W.Comd. Stationary Depot for conversion to waste.

9. POSTAL ADDRESS - ARMY HEADQUARTERS (AUSTRALIA) 2ND ECHELON.
(C.C.R.12/1/49)

The address of the abovementioned Unit now is as under, and correspondence is to be forwarded to that address :-

Cr. Broadway and Glenhuntly Road,
ELWOOD, S.3.
VICTORIA.

Telegrams will be addressed to Echelon, Melbourne, as heretofore.

10. MEDICAL BOARDS. (C.C.R.140/1/67)

Owing to the calling up of Militia for F.T.D., it is now necessary for all soldiers who are considered by the C.O., and the responsible M.O. to be unfit for service, to be brought before Medical Boards.

A.M.R. & O. 253 only applies to voluntarily enlisted personnel.

When the disability is not attributable to service, and when no claim for compensation is likely to be made, at a later date, Medical Boards will where possible, be arranged locally, and will be composed of Camp M.Os.

When it is possible that the question of compensation may arise, soldiers will be sent to Referee, Medical Boards at 110 Gen.Hosp. Perth, or Camp H.Q. Northam.

A.A.F. D.2 must be completed in Parts 1 by the Soldier and Pt. 11 by the M.O. in charge of the case and where there is any possibility of a claim for compensation for a disability or for aggravation of a pre-existing disability, M.Os. must record the results of a full clinical examination, viz:- Mouth, Throat, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, B/P., Urine & Joints.

11. CLASS IIB PERSONNEL.

All field formation units will submit a return to these Headquarters ("A" Branch) by 15 Feb. 42 showing number of Class IIB personnel at present on strength of unit.

Army No., Rank and Name, and nature of duties will be supplied.

12. SPECIALIST PAY - DRIVERS M.T. (C.C.R. 164/8/226)

W.Comd. R.O. 21/42 Para. 9 is amended.

Delete 3 Jul. 41 and substitute 3 Feb. 42.

13. CARRIERS M.G. L.P. 2 & 2A DIFFERENTIAL FAILURE. (C.C.R.106/4/80)

Extensive damage has been done to the crown wheel and pinion and pinion bearing with Carriers L.P. 2 and 2a, by attempting to tow the vehicle with rear axle shafts in position after failure of the differential bevel wheels. If differential failure is suspected the rear axles must be withdrawn before attempting to tow the vehicle.

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14. CONCESSION RATE TELEGRAMS. (C.C.R. 170/1/27)

The conditions governing the acceptance of telegrams from members of the Defence Forces for transmission at Concession rates have been further modified, and telegrams may now be lodged at any telegraph counter without the "Department of the Army Concession Postal Rate" stamp impression, subject to the following conditions :-

- (a) That the soldier is in uniform and attends personally to lodge the message; and
- (b) That telegram is endorsed with the sender's name, number, rank and Unit (not necessarily for transmission).

The following rates apply :-

<u>Ordinary Rate.</u>	14 words	6d
	Each additional 2 words ..	1d
<u>Urgent Rate.</u>	14 words	1/-
	Each additional word	1d

The foregoing paragraphs will be promulgated through all Camp and Unit Routine Orders.

Necessary amendment will be made to Administrative Instructions for Camps Section II (Postal Services) page 37, as follows :-

- Delete Para 6 (7)
- Insert above matter as new para 6 (7)

15. MECHANICAL VEHICLES - CAMOUFLAGE DISRUPTIVE PAINTING. (C.C.R.138/1/728)

This work will be a unit responsibility and materials may be secured by requisition on Ordnance on following basis :-

Vehicles on Charge.

<u>Paint</u>	<u>Vans</u> 15 Cwt. 1 ton	<u>Car</u> D.S.	<u>Lorries</u> 30 cwt. 3 - ton.
Light Stone N.	2 pints	1 pint	4 pints
Khaki Green J.	1 "	1 "	3 "
Dark Green M. (darkened)	2 "	1 "	4 "
Turps	2 "	1 1/2 "	4 "

Brushes.

One 4" and one 2 1/2" brush for first five vehicles and one extra of each for every additional ten vehicles.

A Khaki Green is the standard Army colour and issues of this paint are intended only for camouflage treatment of canvas hood coverings. Where design permits this existing paint on body work will remain untouched.

Method adapted will be as laid down in Mechanization Circular No. 301, in connection with which the following modifications should be observed:-

- (a) All paints as supplied will require some thinning.
- (b) No soft soap to be used.
- (c) Windscreens not to be painted but to be lightly oiled and dusted (when it becomes necessary) except for an aperture for vision.

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- (d) Canvas to be painted on outer side only when raised to be rolled internally.
- (e) Motor cycles not to be painted.
- (f) Registered Nos. not to be painted on sides of vehicles until instructed.
- (g) All boundary lines between colours to be sharply defined.
- (h) A foundation coat of khaki green will not be laid completely over canvas hoods.

Units will send representatives to a demonstration and instruction upon design and methods of application, to be held at Ordnance M.T. Workshops, Murray Street at 1400 hrs. Wednesday, 11 Feb. 42.

16. LIGHTERAGE - FREMANTLE - ROTTNESST. (C.C.R.98/5/199)

Attention of all Units shipping goods to Rottneest is drawn to the following, which must be observed in order to obviate the unnecessary delay in dealing with the Contractors accounts.

Delivery Note A.A.B.66 must be prepared in Duplicate, original to be handed to E.S.O. Fremantle, one copy retained by Unit.

As from 8th Feb. 42, Goods will not be accepted by E.S.O. unless accompanied with delivery note in accordance with above.

17. MENU "Y" - For Geraldton Camps will come into operation on 19 Feb. 42.

Colonel i/c Administration, Western Command.
(O.V. HQAD)

NOTICE.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

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BASE POST OFFICE

W.Comd. Base Post Office, 466 William St., Perth.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I

BY

MAJOR-GENERAL E.C.P. PLANT, D.S.O., O.B.E.

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, WESTERN COMMAND.

NO. 25

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
Perth.
9 Feb. 42.

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1. USE OF BUSHMEAD RIFLE RANGE. (C.C.R.200/4/39)

The restriction of firing times contained in sub-para. (iv) of para. 15 of W.Comd. Routine Orders Part I, No. 21 dated 3 Feb. 42 is cancelled. Bushmead Rifle Range may be used by units firing thereon during such hours as the light is suitable for the continuation of shooting. When submitting applications for the use of the Range, units will state the hours during which it is desired to conduct practices, and times as approved by General Staff on such applications will be adhered to.

2. UNIT RETURN OF ABSENTEES.

All Units will forward return of all Goldfields personnel who have not reported on call-up. This will be treated as urgent, and returns are to reach these Headquarters by 13 Feb. 42.

3. RATIONS FOR CONVOY PARTIES. (C.C.R.185/1/275)

Where parties move in Convoy, and will be absent from a Military Camp area for a period exceeding 72 hrs. the following arrangements will apply in respect to provisioning :-

- (a) Personnel will take with them the unconsumed portion of current days ration.
- (b) Personnel will be removed from ration strength of parent unit.
- (c) Rations as drawn for sustenance, either in full or part, for the convoy journey will be issued from Supply Depot to O.C. party and will be taken up on F.76, which will be maintained by O.C. Party.
- (d) Local purchases may be made by O.C. Party on A.A.F. F.59 to cover perishable items required for consumption and will be recorded on A.A.F. F.76
- (e) O.C. party will enter as entitlements in F.76, ration strength of party for each day at a rate not exceeding the commuted ration allowance for the district in which operations or movement is being carried out.

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4. CLOTHING - PERSONNEL ON TRANSFER TO 7 M.D.
(C.C.R.51/3/280)

A considerable number of troops are arriving in 7 M.D. clad in woollen underwear.

It is appreciated that on occasion prevailing weather conditions may render it necessary that the troops retain warm clothing for use en route. Action however is to be taken to ensure that woollen garments retained by such personnel are reduced to the absolute minimum required.

As regards tropical clothing generally, every endeavour is to be made to complete initial issues up to the full scale prior to movement.

5. CANTEENS PROFIT DISTRIBUTION: (C.C.R.41/1/35)

As from 1st January, 1942, the following is to be the basis of distribution of profits earned by the Australian Defence Canteens Service in Australia :-

- (i) 3 1/2% of turnover to be distributed to Units monthly per medium of D.F.O. for credit to Regimental Trust Funds.
- (ii) A cash distribution equal to 2/- per man to be made for the benefit of troops embarking for overseas.
- (iii) Amounts equal to 1 1/2% on turnover to be paid by the Canteen Service to Western Command for disposal at discretion of the G.O.C. for the benefit of the Troops.
- (iv) An amount equal to 1/2% on turnover to be set aside by each District Board to a special fund and used for any special expenditure which may be directed from time to time by Army.
- (v) Revenue received from Ancillary Rights will be distributed to the Camps in which it is earned.
- (vi) Attention is drawn to the altered method of distribution made to the G.O.C. Western Command, and to the fact that the above policy covers all distributions of profits. No further distribution by Canteens Service will be sanctioned for any purpose whatsoever. Any applications for Canteen Funds for entertainment, sporting or other purposes, are to be referred to Headquarters, Western Command, who will deal with such request from the 1 1/2% allocation.

6. OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. (C.C.R.62/1/175)

The list of names appearing in W.Comd. R.Os. as Officers authorised to sign certificates on Form TS.4 affecting payment of accounts is amended as under :

<u>Delete</u>	Engineers Branch - D.A.D.S.S.	Capt. S.E.EVANS
<u>Add</u>	Engineers Branch - D.A.D.S.S.	Capt. H.C.R. KORNER.

This delegation is made in favour of the particular Officer mentioned above and not to any other officer who may act temporarily at any time in the above appointment.

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7. AUTHORITY TO SIGN RAIL WARRANTS, ETC. (C.C.R.181/2/02)

The Officer holding the appointment of O.C. Ordnance, M.T. Workshops, Murray Street, Perth, is authorised to issue -

A.A.F. T.1 (a) Suburban Rail Warrants Only.

8. MECHANICAL VEHICLES - AIR CLEANERS (AUST.) NOS. 2 & 4 FITTED TO TRACTORS, ARTY. F.W.D. CARRIERS, M.G. (AUST.) NOS. 1, 2 and 2A.
(C.C.R.138/1/775)

Excessive cylinder wear is being experienced in the above vehicles. The chief cause of this wear is the entry of abrasive materials into the cylinders through the air cleaners.

Maintenance.

In order to enable these cleaners to function as efficiently as possible, the following action will be taken:-

- (a) Daily. The cleaners will be removed from the vehicle and the felt cleaner element thoroughly brushed by the driver to remove all adhering dust.

Note: When cleaning, the felt element and end sealing discs will be inspected and replaced by new elements and/or discs if the originals be incapable of functioning in an efficient manner, due to :-

- (i) Damage.
- (ii) Being clogged with dirt.
- (iii) Incapable, of maintaining an effective seal at the starred ends of the felt.

Defective elements will be consigned to Ordnance Workshops for reclamation.

Fitting.

It will be noted that the ends of the radiating stars of the felt are sewn together at the bottom and open at the top. It is essential that the element be fitted always in this manner and that the end felt discs be checked to ensure efficient sealing of each end of the cleaner. If this element be fitted upside down, the filtering action will be seriously reduced.

9. MECHANICAL VEHICLES - INSPECTION - VANS, 1-TON FORD (AMERICAN) (C.C.R.138/1/496)

All Vans 1-ton Fd. are to be inspected to be certain that the "bolt retaining Universal Joint flange" is fitted with a spring washer and is fully tightened.

Should it be found that there is no spring washer behind the head of this bolt the tail shaft is to be immediately dismantled and one washer fitted.

These vehicles are of American manufacture and may be distinguished by having a 7 figure engine number and the prefix "BB18F" and the suffix Y.

10. THE CARRYING OF PERSONNEL IN M.T. VEHICLES. (C.C.R.38/1/124)

The following instructions must be complied with.

Personnel will sit back to back in the centre of the vehicle with their legs towards the sides.

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When travelling with kit they will wear same or carry it across their legs. On no account will they sit on their kit.

When accompanying any stores or supplies personnel will not sit on the load.

11. MISSING PISTOL. (C.C.R.215/41/54)

Pistol, Revolver No. 1 M.R.V.I. No. A.7918, on charge to 13 Inf. Bde. is reported missing.

All units will institute a check of all revolvers in their possession and forward a report of the result of their search to reach Headquarters, W.Comd. not later than 23 Feb. 42.

"Nil" Return (A.A. Form A.87) will be submitted, if no trace of the revolver can be found.

Colonel i/c Administration, Western Command.

(O.V. HOAD)

NOTICE.

The undermentioned publications and Journals have been added to W.Comd. Library during the month of January 1942.

Publications.

<u>Accession No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
3755/8	Traverse Tables - Boileau.
3759/66	Shortredes 7 figure Tables of Logarithms.
3767/76	Chambers Mathematical Tables
3777/9	Hints to Travellers Vol. I Survey & Field.
	Astronomy - Reeves.
3780	Military Railway Engineering Part I (Survey) 1940.
3781	do. Part II (Engineering) 1940.
3782	do. Part III (Bridging) 1940.
3783/5	Manual of Traverse Computation on the Transverse, Mercator Grid - Adams & Claire.
3786/8	Manual of First Order Traverse - Durgin & Sutcliffe.
3789/91	Manual of Second & Third Order Triangulation & Traverse.
3792/4	Manual of Triangulation Computation & Adjustment.
3795/7	Manual of First Order Triangulation.
3798/9	The Nautical Almanac 1942.
3800	Who's Who in Australia 1941.

Journals.

- Blackwoods Nos. 1512, 1513, 1514, Oct-Nov-Dec. 1941.
- United Service Institution of India No. 305, Oct. 1941.
- Royal Air Force Manual of Army Co-operation.
- Royal Army Veterinary Corps Vol. 13 - No. 1 - Nov. 1941.
- Cavalry Journal (2 copies) Nov. 1941.
- Quarterly Army List, Oct. 1941.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

BY:

MAJOR-GENERAL E.C.P. PLANT, D.S.O., O.B.E.

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, WESTERN COMMAND.

No. 29

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
Perth.
16 Feb. 42.

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1. SAFE CUSTODY OF SMALL ARM WEAPONS. (C.C.R.198/1/75)

Advice has been received that certain units are still adhering to an instruction issued over 10 years ago (Circular memo. H.B. No. 246/1931) that bolts and rifles etc. were to be stored separately.

The above instruction is cancelled and bolts will not now be divorced from small arm weapons for security reasons.

2. ENGINEER SERVICES - POSTING OF OFFICERS.

The following postings are filled by the under-mentioned Officers and have been so filled since the date set opposite each name respectively.

D.C.E.	T/Lt.-Col. Napier, J.	20 Oct. 41
	M.C., V.D.	
A.D.E.Serv.	T/Maj. Duncan, K.C.	"
D.A.D.W.	T/Capt. Chisholm, O.	"
D.A.D.	T/Capt. Hargrave, J.H.O.	"
Hirings		
D.A.D.E.S.	T/Capt. Korner, H.C.R.	1 Jan. 42

Maj. G.D. Shaw is acting C.R.E. from 22 Dec. 41 and from 23 Dec. 41 Capt. Bennett administers Command of 7 A. Tps. Coy.

3. A.M.F. PERSONNEL - ENLISTMENT A.I.F. DEFERRED.

Attention is drawn to W.Comd. R.O. 14/42 para. 3 page 3, and particularly to the word "total".

Each return is to show the total number at the particular date up to which the return is made not extras since last return.

4. DEFENCE CONTRACTS.

Bricklayers and Carpenters are urgently needed for the early completion of important Defence works.

Units will render a return of any Bricklayers and Carpenters on the strength who are not key men, who can be spared, and who are willing to return temporarily to civilian occupation to complete these works.

Returns are to reach these Headquarters by 16 Feb. 42.

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5. W.Comd. R.Cs. Part I, Nos. 26 - 28 incl., dealt with Courts Martial, and were not generally distributed.

6. LEAVE AND CHURCH PARADES. (C.C.R.161/2/50)

Complaints have been received to the effect that members of the Australian Military Forces are being compulsorily required to attend Church Parades.

The attention of all officers is to be drawn to the provisions of Defence Act D.A.123(b).

7. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

WX.1467 Pte. Monck, Gerald Thomas. District Court Martial held at Swan Barracks, Perth W.A. on the 30th January, 1942.

Charge: Deserting His Majesty's Service, in that he did absent himself without leave from the Recruit Training Battalion Northern Camp from 0630 hrs. on the 4th day of August 1941, until apprehended by the Civil Police at 1100 hrs. on the 24th day Dec. 1941 at Kalgoorlie he being then dressed in Civilian Clothes. A.A.12 (1)(a)

Finding: Guilty. Sentenced to 52 days detention commencing 30 Jan. 42. Confirmed by G.O.C. Western Command 5 Feb. 42. Promulgated 5 Feb. 42.

8. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

W.27456 Pte. John McLean. District Court Martial held at Swan Barracks Perth W.A. on 30 Jan. 42.

Charge: (1) Striking his superior Officer being in the execution of his duty, i.e. at North Fremantle on 23 Dec. 41, struck with his fist in the face, L/Cpl. Charles Starr, "Y" Grn. Coy., 5 Grn. Bn., who was at the time N.C.O. of the Guard. A.A. 8(1)

Charge (2) Using threatening language to his superior officer, i.e. at North Wharf Fremantle on the 23rd Dec. 41 said to L/Cpl. Charles Starr "Y" Grn. Coy. "The first chance I get I'll fix you with a bayonet", or words to that effect. A.A. 8(2) Found guilty of both charges. Sentenced to twentytwo days detention, commencing 30 Jan. 42. Confirmed by G.O.C. Western Command, 5 Feb. 42.

9. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

W.39045 Pte. O'Loughlin, Francis. District Court Martial held at Swan Barracks, W.A. on 30 Jan. 42.

Charge:- Deserting His Majesty's Service in that he at Melville on 29 August 1941 absented himself from the 16 Bn. A.M. until apprehended by the Civil Power at Kalgoorlie on 7 Dec. 41 dressed in plain clothes. Handed to Military Police 28 Dec. 41 at termination of detention by civil police.

Found guilty. Sentenced to fiftyseven days detention. Confirmed by G.O.C. Western Command 5 Feb. 42. Promulgated 5 Feb. 42.

10. MONTHLY RETURN OF PASSENGER WARRANTS AND RAILWAY CONSIGNMENT NOTES ISSUED. (C.C.R.181/2/251)

Attention is drawn to the provisions of M.B.I. dated 31 Mar. 38 - Q.10 para. 6 - reading as follows :-

"At the end of each month, all persons authorised to issue passenger warrants or freight orders will check all unused warrants and furnish, through the usual channels, to formation headquarters, returns of expenditure on warrants issued by them during the month, on A.A.F. T.6 or A.A.F. T.11 respectively. Formation, etc., headquarters will check the returns, note the expenditure, then pass them to the District Finance Officer not later than 15th of each month."

Returns are to be furnished accordingly.

11. COMBINED HOME LEAVE PASS & RAIL TICKETS - CONTROL OF BOOKS : NON-COLLECTION OF TICKETS.

Attention has previously been drawn to negligence by units, Camp H.Q. etc. in the carrying out of duties concerning these documents.

Irregularities are increasing and much valuable time is wasted by these H.Q. in effecting reconciliations.

The principal irregularities are :-

- (i) Loss of tickets without reasonable explanation.
- (ii) Alteration of destination without authority.
- (iii) Issue of passes to those not entitled.
- (iv) Books not returned for checking by 7th of month after issue.
- (v) Issue of tickets in excess of monthly entitlement.

It is apparent that :-

- (i) Leave personnel are treating the matter of returning passes with scant regard.
- (ii) Having lost passes personnel are travelling back to camps without tickets.
- (iii) Commanding Officers are not taking disciplinary measures strong enough to abate this practice.
- (iv) Unauthorised alterations are not being detected by Units when passes are handed in.
- (v) Issuing Officers are not properly checking the applicants entitlement to the pass.
- (vi) Passes are not being made out and signed in accordance with instructions.
- (vii) Passes are being signed by unauthorised persons.

It is the responsibility of the authorised signing Officer for the correctness of his book or books, and commencing forthwith, any further debits raised by the Audit Branch of the Railways will be immediately raised through the D.F.O. against the Officer concerned.

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12. MENU "Y"

Menu "Y" will come into operation on 19 Feb. 42 at the following camps :-

- Metropolitan
- Pearce
- Northam
- Bunbury
- Harvey
- Busselton

Special menu for A.W.A.S. Camp comes into operation on 15 Feb. 42.

13. ORDERING OFFICER - TREASURY REGULATIONS 63 (1)

(C.C.R.62/1/175)

The General Officer Commanding, Western Command has authorised the following amendments to the list of names appearing in W.Comd. R.Os. part I as officers authorised to issue orders for supply and services under Treasury Regulations 63 (1) (Amendment Serial No. 4).

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT.

Add - D.A.D.S. II Capt. E.G. Woolcott

ORDNANCE

Delete Control Officer Lieut. D.T. Smith
 Officer i/c Provision and Accounts Section Lieut. W.H. Campbell

Add Officer i/c Provision and Accounts Section Lieut. D.T. Smith
 2nd I/c provision and Accounts Section " W.H. Campbell.

This delegation is made in favour of the particular officers mentioned above and not to any other officers who may act temporarily at any time in one or other of the above appointments.

14. DEFICIENCIES IN EQUIPMENT RECEIVED FOR REPAIRS.

(C.C.R.215/1/501)

Stores are frequently returned from Units deficient of essential components. It is considered that in many cases the parts deficient become broken during use, are discarded, and therefore not returned with the article on its return to workshops for repair.

In future, all component parts broken during use, are to be returned with the equipment as it is often more economical to repair the breakage than to manufacture a new part.

The following components are commonly deficient :-

- (a) Soyers Stoves - Lids, main elbows and handles.
- (b) Poles, Tent & Ridge - Steel fittings including 1/2" spikes.
- (c) Cans, 3 Gallons - Bottom rims.
- (d) Boats, assault - Brackets and wood fittings
- " folding - Gunmetal fittings & steel struts.
- (e) Apparatus Cable Laying No. 3 - Various fittings.
- (f) Telephones D, Mk. III " "

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15. OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. (C.C.R.62/1/175)

The G.O.C. Western Command has authorised the following amendments to the list of names appearing in W.Comd. R.Cs. Part I, as Officers authorised to sign Certificates of Form T.S.4 affecting payment of accounts (Amendment Serial No. 5)

ORDNANCE

Delete

Control Officer, Lieut. D.T. Smith
O.i/c Provisions)
and accounts Section) Lieut. W.H.Campbell.

Add

O. i/c Provisions and)
Accounts Section) Lieut. D.T. Smith.

2nd I/c Provision and)
Accounts Section) Lieut. W.H. Campbell

This delegation is in favour of the particular Officers mentioned above and not to any other Officer who may act temporarily at any time in one or other of the above appointments.

16. CO-OPERATION WITH THE R.A.A.F. (C.C.R.26/2/131)

W.Comd. R.O. Pt. I No. 24/1942 para. 1 is amended.

In the heading to para. 1 (a) strike out the words "other than Comd. H.Q. Staff".

17. ISSUE OF DISCS, IDENTITY. (C.C.R.27/1/32)

In future, Discs, Identity, will be included with the initial issue of clothing made at General Details Camp, Claremont.

18. A.A.S.C. VEHICLES - TEMPORARY LOAN. (C.C.R.138/1/600)

A.A.F. F.1(a) for temporary loan of M.T. Vehicles will be discontinued. New Army form A.A.F. G.27 for A.A.S.C. M.T. Vehicles - Temporary loan, will be introduced forthwith.

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Colonel i/c Administration, Western Command.

(J.V.HCAD)

NOTICE.

INCORRECT ADDRESSES.

Confusion is being caused by correspondence being insufficiently addressed to the following Units :-

Western Command Ordnance Workshops, MIDLAND JUNCTION.

Western Command Ordnance Workshops, M.T. MURRAY STREET.

AM
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TO

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Staff

Headquarters } B 3050
Western Command } B 3140
 } B 3143 (7 lines)
 } B 3171 (5 lines)

For Branches and Drill Halls
see Department of Army in
Telephone Directory.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—WESTERN COMMAND

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SECURITY.

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
PERTH.

16 Feb. 42.

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C.O. 10 Recce. Bn.
C.O. 44 Bn.

*Copy to Brig Stubbell
next conference*

*Discussed with
Coy. Lt. Col. at
conference.*

GUARDS AND SENTRIES.

1. I am directed by the G.O.C. to say that his recent visit to Wanneroo and the Pearce Area disclosed that guards and sentries had very little knowledge of their real duties or if they had that knowledge there was a considerable degree of slackness in the carrying out of those duties. Security was almost entirely lacking and in many cases for all the use the sentries were, they might just as well have been otherwise employed.
2. In one case a sentry leaning against a tree took little if any interest in the traffic on the road, whilst at a road block on the back track into Pearce, no one was within many yards of the obstacle.
3. At the main exit from Pearce the sentry and others of the guard simply took no notice of the G.O.C.'s car as it left the aerodrome.
4. These incidents denote a distinct lack of security training within the units concerned and Commanding Officers will immediately take effective action to remedy this state of affairs.
5. In view of the present situation, all guards and sentries must be imbued with a spirit of realism and the peace time atmosphere dispelled rigorously.
6. More frequent visits to posts will be made by Orderly and field officers of the day to ensure that guards and sentries know their duties and are carrying them out.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I

BY

MAJOR-GENERAL E.C.P. PLANT, D.S.C., O.B.E.:

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, WESTERN COMMAND.

No. 34

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
Perth.

23 Feb. 42.

W.Comd. R.Os. No. 30 - 33 incl. dealt with District Courts Martial, and were not generally distributed.

1. THOMPSON MACHINE CARBINE - DAMAGE TO SPRING IN DRUM TYPE 50 - RD. MAGAZINE.

The following amendment is to be included in Extracts from S.A.T. Vol. 1 Pam. 20 issued to units equipped with Thompson Machine Carbine.

Page 2, MAGAZINE FILLING, para. 4 After "NAME PLATE" add -

"When only a few rounds are placed in the magazine it will not be wound to the full number of clicks, otherwise the spring will become damaged.

If cartridges, dummy drill are used, wind as follows -

for five cartridges - not more than 3 clicks.
" ten " " " 4 clicks.

When ball ammunition is used the magazine will normally be fully charged and wound from 9 to 11 clicks prior to fire commencing.

It will not require further winding until more rounds are added."

Attention is also directed to "Handbook of Thompson Sub-Machine Gun" page 18.

2. CHANGES OF NEXT-OF-KIN, ADDRESS, ETC.

All Units are reminded that changes of next-of-kin, address, or marital condition of personnel, must be made known to D.R.O. promptly.

3. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.

Where personnel are marched out on leave without pay they must be marched out as at the hour of midnight and the hour of marching in is also to be midnight.

4. ENGINEER SERVICES - POSTING OF OFFICERS.

W.Comd. R.O. No. 29/42 Para. 2 is cancelled.

5. MENU "Y".

Menu "Y" - (R) will operate from 26 Feb. 42, and has been issued separately to all concerned.

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6. DIAGNOSIS OF URETHRITIS. (C.C.R.140/1/138)

The attention of all medical officers in Camps is drawn to the following :-

Suspected cases of Venereal Urethritis will be shown on sick reports as suffering from "Urethritis".

The diagnosis of "NEISSERIAN Urethritis" will only be made when the suspected cases have been proven by pathological examination.

7. DRESS AND LEAVE - A.I.C.

Winter dress will not be worn during summer period.

All brass collar and hat badges will be oxidised or otherwise blackened.

A.I.C. personnel are under the command of the unit to which they are attached as regards leave, and will obtain a leave pass signed by the authorised officer of that unit before going on leave.

8. THE RED CROSS, ETC. (C.C.R.17/1/279)

Attention is directed to F.S. Regs. Vol. 1 Sec. 68, Amdt. 11 of Sep. 39.

Personnel of the Medical Services, Chaplains and members of voluntary Aid Societies will wear fixed permanently to the left arm, an armlet (brassard) with the Red Cross on a white ground, delivered and stamped by competent military authority.

Identity certificates (A.F.W. 3050) will be used for Medical Officers, members of Nursing service, Chaplains and V.A. officers on full-time duty, and will be signed by O.C. of Unit.

Soldiers of the military medical services will not be provided with the identity certificate (A.F.W.3050). The following entry will be made in the margin of page 2, Part I, A.B. 64.

"Protected under provisions of Geneva Convention, 1929 (arts. 9 (para 1) and 21 (para 2))."

Personnel of the combatant branches of the service when attached to a medical unit for duty as transport drivers, e.g. R.A.S.C. drivers must have a suitable entry in their pay books (A.B.64). This will be inserted on page 4, Part I, A.B. 64, as follows :-

"Protected under provisions of Geneva Convention, 1929 (arts. 17 (para 3) and 21 (para. 2)), whilst attached to this unit."

Such personnel will not wear brassards.

Regimental stretcher bearers must have an entry in their pay books to the effect that they have been trained as such. The entry "Stretcher bearer" will be made in the space provided for this purpose on page 6, Part I, A.B.64. The following entry will be made in addition.

"Protected under provisions of Geneva Convention, 1929, whilst carrying out these duties (Arts. 9 (para. 2) and 21 (para. 2))."

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8. THE RED CROSS, ETC. (Contd.)

Regimental stretcher bearers will not wear brassards, but will wear armllets bearing the letters "S.B." in red, 1 1/2 inches by 1 inch on white drill, for the purpose of identification by their own comrades.

Units concerned will take the necessary action forthwith and Brassards will be forwarded to D.D.M.S. Office, 13 Francis St., Perth, for signature by D.D.M.S.

9. MAKERS INSTRUCTION BOOK.

All Units with "B" Class vehicles on charge will submit to the S.O.M.E. by 28 Feb. 42 a return indicating the number of vehicles and make and type without instruction books.

10. WORKING DRESS - A.M.F. (C.C.R.51/3/76)

Working Dress - A.M.F. - Alternative Working Dress as under may be issued to A.M.F. personnel on full time duty:-

<u>R.A.E. & Artificers R.A.A.</u>	- Caps, Working Blue	1
	Jackets, working, Engineers, Blue, Jean.	2
	Trousers, working, engineers, blue, Jean	2

A.A.S.C. M.T. and Tank Personnel

	Caps, working, M.T.	1
	Suits, combination, blue Jean.	2

A.A.O.C. Workshops

	Caps, working blue.	1
	Jackets, working, dungaree	2
	Trousers, working, dungaree	2

11. TENTS - MOSQUITO AND SANDFLY PROOF. (C.C.R.98/7/62)

All personnel proceeding to 7 M.D. and 8 M.D. are to be provided with Tents, Mosquito and Sandfly proof, on the basis of one per man.

Units concerned will requisition on A.D.O.S. W.Comd. for requirements for personnel proceeding by sea.

Personnel proceeding overland will obtain requirements in Southern Command.

12. IRON RATIONS FOR ARMoured FIGHTING VEHICLE PERSONNEL.

(C.C.R.185/1/294)

In order to meet the operational requirements of A.F.V. units in respect of reserves of rations, authority is given for the issue to units of the 1st Armd. Div., Armd. Regts., and other such units whose functions may place them beyond the normal source of daily supply by the A.A.S.C., of iron rations on the basis of one ration per man for each of three days.

Indents for iron rations will be rendered separately to the A.A.S.C. Issues of iron rations will be replenished by indenting for the number consumed. Indents for replenishments must be signed by the unit C.O. personally and with a certificate on the face of the form that the indent is for replenishment of iron rations consumed under his authority.

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C.Os. of units holding iron rations will render at the end of each month a certificate to the A.D.S.T. of the Command through normal channels, showing the number of iron rations held, that they have been inspected, that they are intact and correct as regards quantity, and that indents have been lodged to replace any consumed.

Issues of iron rations made in accordance with this authority will not be taken on charge by or otherwise accounted for by units.

The provisions of M.B.I. Q.126/40, para. 9, will be amplified in due course to provide for the holding of iron rations by units.

13. VEHICLES 3 TON F.W.D. - CARE IN OPERATION. (C.C.R.138/1/66)

Units will ensure that no drivers are permitted to handle these vehicles until fully conversant with the conditions under which the use of front wheel drive is permissible, and otherwise qualified for driver's license.

Attention is directed to the Instruction Book of Special Pattern vehicles, and in particular to Pages 150, 156, 157 and 207 regarding operational precautions.

Neglect of these provisions has caused serious damage to vulnerable parts, which are not readily replaceable.

14. MECHANICAL VEHICLES - CAMOUFLAGE DISRUPTIVE PAINTING. (CCR.138/1/72)

Reference is made to W.Comd, R.O. Pt. I No. 24/42, para. 15 -

The following additional instructions are issued for guidance in camouflaging vehicles :-

All existing authorised signs, such as tare weight, load capacity and bridge classification are to be preserved.

Wheel colour (Khaki Green J.) is to be preserved intact and previous instructions regarding dual tone treatment of wheels are cancelled.

15. LIGHTERAGE - FREMANTLE-ROTTNEST. (C.C.R.98/5/199)

Reference W.Comd, R.O. Pt. I No. 24/42 para. 16, A.A.B. 66 must also be accompanied by Weighbridge Tickets.

16. GEAR BOX LUBRICANT - ARIEL CYCLES. (C.C.R.138/1/780)

Owing to the special type of gear-box on these machines, a heavier lubricant has been provided.

Units will requisition for quantities required specifying quality in accordance with above heading.

Gear boxes should be drained and flushed prior to use of new type lubricant.

17. A.A.O.C. - URGENT NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND TRADESMEN. (C.C.R.157/2/99)

Attention is directed to the importance of employing professional engineers and tradesmen in their skilled capacities. Such personnel are urgently needed for A.A.O.C. Workshop Units in which full establishments

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of trained specialists are essential for the maintenance of vehicles and equipment upon which the army depends.

It is therefore imperative that every avenue be explored to ensure that suitable personnel, not already employed in their skilled capacities, are made available for transfer to Workshop units.

Suitable personnel are as follows :-

Trained Engineers with suitable qualifications are eligible for appointment as Ordnance Mechanical Engineers; Journeymen fitters and turners for training as Armament Artificers and skilled tradesmen for appointment as artisans with rank of tradegrouping according to qualifications.

This instruction will be brought to the notice of all members of the forces by promulgation in Unit Orders and the following action is to be taken :-

- (a) Every Officer and soldier (other than those serving in Field Engineering Units) having professional engineering qualifications or being members of recognised Engineering or Automotive Institutes will submit through the proper channels to H.Q. W.Comd. a written statement giving particulars of training and experience.
- (b) Members of the Forces acquainted with professionally trained engineers, not at present serving, but prepared to serve in either A.M.F. or A.I.F. will submit a written statement giving names and addresses of such persons with brief particulars, to their C.Os. for similar submission.
- (c) Tradesmen of the following categories who are enlisted but not allotted to appropriate trade positions on their unit establishment will similarly submit written statements giving particulars of their trade and experience :-

Fitter, Turner, Motor and Cycle Mechanics, Electrical workers, wireless Mechanics, Blacksmiths, Saddlers and Textile or Canvas Workers.

All statements must include the members number, rank, name, age, unit and present duties.

All statements submitted to Unit H.Q. will be sorted into the categories defined by paras. (a) (b) and (c) and forwarded with such comments as may be necessary, to reach H.Q. W.Comd. by 4 Mar. 42.

18. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

WX.17568 Pte. FINN, Aubrey, (13 Tng. Bn.).
District Court Martial held at Swan Barracks Perth on 13 Feb. 42.

First Charge: An act to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline in that he at the Detention Barracks Fremantle on 3 Jan. 42 did use indecent and insulting language to Sgt. Chapelhow. A.A.40.

Second Charge: Striking his superior officer,

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REC'D 25 FEB. 1942

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND

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ROUTINE ORDER PART I

BY

MAJOR GENERAL E.C.P. PLANT, D.S.O., O.B.E.

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, WESTERN COMMAND.

No. 35

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
Perth.

24 Feb. 42

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1. COURTS OF INQUIRY.

Reference is made to A.M.R. & O. 662 (R.372).

Owing to the fact that the services of Officers are urgently required with their various Units, only two officers (unless the particular circumstances demand that it should be otherwise) will sit as Courts of Inquiry. See Sub.-para. (3).

2. TEXT BOOKS FOR A.I.C. (C.C.R.178/1/19)

It is not now possible to make issues of text books to A.I.C. on the scale which previously applied.

Where a member of the A.I.C. is not occupying a posting on a War Establishment and requires certain books for the efficient performance of his duties which cannot be supplied by the unit or establishment to which he is attached, special application for issue of the books necessary should be submitted through Comd. S.M.

3. A.I.C. - ABSORPTION IN W.E.

No further enlistments in, transfers to, or appointments to the A.I.C. are to be made at present.

Where possible A.I.C. personnel are to be absorbed on W.E. as F.T.D. personnel. Usual provisions for release from A.I.C. to W.E. appointments will apply.

Where Units can absorb A.I.C. personnel in a W.E. appointment immediate advice and recommendations are to be forwarded to these Headquarters.

4. DRESS - PHILANTHROPIC REPRESENTATIVES. (C.C.R.82/1/146)

Attention is drawn to W.Comd. R.O. 109/41 para. 4 -

Philanthropic representatives who are ministers of religion in civil life should not wear the uniform of chaplains whilst engaged solely in welfare work. Chaplain's uniform will be worn only by clergymen who have been gazetted and are serving as chaplains.

Clergymen who are not chaplains will be permitted to conduct Church Parades only at the request of the senior chaplain of the appropriate denomination, and when the services of a duly appointed chaplain are not available.

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5. ENROLMENT OF MEMBERS OF MILITIA; in A.I.F. AND R.A.A.F. (A.I.F. AND R.A.A.F. RESERVE). (C.C.R.227/4/160A)

When a member of the A.M.F. is enrolled for the A.I.F. or R.A.A.F. (A.I.F. or R.A.A.F. Reserve), a casualty return is to be rendered by the unit to District Records Office, which will thereupon record the fact on A.F. B.199A or A.F. B.103.

6. PROMOTIONS. (C.C.R. 176/2/24)

The following will be the principle observed in all recommendations submitted to these H.Q. for either local or A.H.Q. authority.

Officers :-

All promotions in time of war are to temporary rank only -

Promotion of an officer to temporary rank does not involve the supersession of officers of his rank who are senior to him, but when a recommendation for promotion of an officer involves the passing over in temporary rank of officers senior to him in his unit or corps all such officers will be so informed of the recommendation.

Officers of the P.M.F. attached to units should be considered for any temporary promotion on the W.E. for which they may be fitted.

Officers seconded for duty are to be considered for promotion and may be returned to unit in the rank for which there is a vacancy.

Officers seconded and promoted in an appointment do not take regimental seniority in that rank, and on return to unit relinquish any temporary rank held whilst seconded.

Officers on detached duty may be promoted to any higher rank provided in the establishment to which detached or seconded.

Recommendations must show the W.E. and the vacancy to be filled i.e., vice last occupant, or if a new appointment - "to complete war establishment", or "to fill posting previously unfilled".

No promotion will be recommended unless the probationary or provisional appointment has been confirmed.

Attention is directed to W.Comd. R.Os. '99, 121, 123, 125, 129, 165, all of 1941.

Warrant and N.C.Os.

All Warrant and N.C.Os. (including P.M.F. attached) are to be considered in relation to filling an appointment involving promotion and promotion is not to be limited to any special section of a unit.

Any Warrant or N.C.Os. it is proposed to pass over should be informed and in the case of W.Os. the reasons therefor should be forwarded to these Headquarters.

Except in the cases of those not recommended promotion will be in order of seniority and this must not be departed from without specially good reasons.

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6. PROMOTIONS. (Contd.)

An efficient system of understudy must be adopted under which members next in line for promotion can be fitted for such promotion when the opportunity arises.

N.C.Os. on detached duty are not to be overlooked when promotions are being made and if senior and qualified should be called in and promoted.

Special attention is directed to W.Comd. Instruction G.27, W.Comd. R.O. 121/41 para. 4, 123/41 para. 4, reference to qualification within the unit before promotion.

7. EXPLOSIVES - USE FOR CAPTURE OF FISH. (C.C.R.54/1/140)

Complaints have been received concerning the use of explosives by troops in the taking of fish.

Heavy penalties are provided by the Fisheries Act for offences of this nature, which are viewed in a most serious light owing to the great damage inflicted on the fishing grounds by the explosions.

"Dynamiting" of fish is viewed very seriously and any personnel offending in this direction will be severely punished.

8. DISCS IDENTITY.

Attention is again drawn to W.Comd. R.O. 184/41 para. 14

Where action has not been taken this must be done forthwith.

9. CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF PYRENE TYPE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS CARRIED ON MECHANICAL VEHICLES. (C.C.R.138/2/50)

All Units with M.T. on strength will ensure the promulgation of this instruction to all concerned :-

Extinguishers must be kept COMPLETELY FILLED. If for any reason part of the contents has been removed, the requisite amount to refill must be added with the least possible delay. Only the approved fluid is to be used for refilling purposes.

ON NO ACCOUNT MAY WATER BE USED.

Extinguishers are to be tested at regular intervals to ensure that they are reliable.

Any extinguishers reported defective will be at once replaced and the defective ones returned to Ordnance Depot.

It will be ensured that brackets are securely fixed to vehicles in a vertical and readily accessible position close to the driver or, in the case of a MG. Carrier, one of the crew, and that the spring clips are neither too tight nor too loose and free from rust.

Drivers, etc., should be exercised in the correct way to remove and replace extinguishers and in the method of using them in case of necessity. They must be removed by gentle leverage rather than by a rough direct pull.

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If desired to test an extinguisher, operate the plunger and empty the contents into an absolutely dry, clean jug or other suitable container. The fluid can then be poured back into the extinguisher after test, without loss.

NOTE: The above replaces C.I.M.T. Circular No. 2 of 6 Nov. 33, which is hereby cancelled.

10. AUTHORITY TO SIGN RAILWAY CONSIGNMENT NOTES, ETC. (C.C.R.181/2/02)

Officer holding the appointment of Asst. to S/Capt. (M) H..., W.Comd. is authorised to issue and sign :-

- (a) A.A.F. T.1 (Country Rail Warrants only).
- (b) A.A.F. T.1 (a) (Suburban Rail Warrants only).
- (c) A.A.F. T.2 (Railway consignment notes).

11. ANALYSIS OF CAMP ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICES. (C.C.R.127/1/35)

Camp Commandants and C.Os. of Units are reminded that the quarterly Return of Camp Accommodation and Services is due at these Headquarters not later than 2 Mar. 42. All details of accommodation and services must be included, and notations made of any sleeping huts, being used as lecture rooms, temporary Q.M. Stores, or other services for which the huts were not primarily intended.

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12. SALVAGE SERVICE : SACKS & BAGS. (C.C.R.204/1/70)

In view of the general shortage of jute and hessian and the necessity for the conservation of these materials, suitable fertilizer bags should be obtained and used wherever possible in the construction of earth work defences in lieu of bags which have a greater universal and commercial value.

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It is pointed out, however, that great care will require to be exercised in the selection of this type of bag on account of the deleterious effects certain classes of fertilizer have on jute and hessian. Unless such bags have been turned inside out and brushed or well shaken soon after contents have been removed, deterioration takes place fairly rapidly; particularly if the bags have become wet.

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The time has now arrived when it is nationally and strategically important that this form of re-utilisation should be observed as a general policy wherever it can be applied and in this connection stocks of materials held at Army Salvage Depots should be drawn on to the fullest extent, thereby assisting to reduce demands for new goods.

Units requiring sacks and bags for earth works as above will requisition on Salvage on A.A.F. F.55.

13. PAYMENT OF POSTAL NOTES TO MEMBERS OF THE FORCES. (CCR.170/1/58)

In order to prevent irregularities in connection with the payment of Postal Notes to members of the Forces, the following safeguards, which already apply in the case of Money Orders, will be made effective forthwith :-

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- (a) Soldiers presenting Postal Notes for payment will produce paybooks for identification purposes.
- (b) The payee will sign his name in the space provided and in addition place his Name, Number and Rank on the back of the note. The particulars will be confirmed by reference to the payee's paybook.
- (c) Postal Notes made payable to a particular individual will be paid to the payee named only.
- (d) If a soldier is unable to present his paybook to the Paying Officer a certificate in the following form should be obtained:-

"This is to certify that the bearer, whose signature is appended, is No.
 Rank Name Unit

Signature Rank

Appointment

Special Signature

- (e) The certificate may only be issued by a C.O., Coy. Comdr. or adjt. of the Unit to which the soldier is attached, and an impression of the official stamp of the Unit must be placed on the certificate.

The foregoing instructions will be promulgated in all Camp and Unit Routine Orders.

Western Command Administrative Instructions for Camps are amended as follows :-

Section II para. 6 (Postal Services)

Insert in heading to sub-para (8) on page 37, after "Money Orders" the words "and Postal Notes".

14. USE OF BEACH RESORTS FOR M.T. DRIVING AND OTHER INSTRUCTION.
(C.C.R.54/1/154)

Commencing forthwith all Metropolitan Beach Resorts are cut of bounds for the purpose of M.T. Driving and other M.T. Instruction.

No halts will be made by M.T. being used in the training of drivers in any inhabited Beach Resort.

Units will ensure that this is promulgated to all concerned and disciplinary action taken for any breach of these instructions.

15. SUBSISTENCE PAYABLE TO MEMBERS OF A.A.N.S. AND V.A.D.
(C.C.R.17/2/01)

Finance authority No. 5/312 of 18 Mar. 40, governing payment of subsistence to members of the A.A.N.S. employed at Camp Dressing Stations is cancelled as from 21 Feb. 42,

Under Finance Authority 5/303 of 12 Feb. 42, approval is given for the payment of special subsistence allowance of 4/4d., (four shillings and fourpence) per day to all members of the Australian Army Nursing Service and of Voluntary Aid Detachments who :-

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- (a) are employed at Camp Dressing Stations, Camp Hospital Casualty Clearing Stations and General Hospitals; and
- (b) because of their employment, are required to live away from home; and
- (c) are not subsisted departmentally.

The payment of the special subsistence allowance of 4/4d. per day will commence as from 21 Feb. 42.

16. MISSING PISTOL. (C.C.R. 215/48/14)

Pistol Revolver .445 in. Mk. VI, No. 108 on charge to 5 Dist. L. of C. Prov. Coy. is reported missing.

All Units will institute a check of all pistols, revolver, in their possession and forward a report of the result of their respective searches to reach H.Q. W. Comd. not later than 28 Feb. 42.

Nil return (A.A. Form A.87) will be submitted if no trace of the revolver can be found.

17. A.M.F. UNIT EQUIPMENT ACCOUNTS. (C.C.R. 215/1/5-14)

Stores such as office furniture, etc., not forming part of War Equipment will be disposed of as follows :-

(i) Units in fixed camps:

- (a) All items with the unit will be transferred to the Camp Commandant.
- (b) All items in home training area will be transferred to Area Officer.

(ii) Units not in fixed camps:

All items will be transferred to the Area Officer who will seek directions from Ordnance as to its disposal.

Action as above will be implemented forthwith as far as possible as all such items must be reduced to an absolute minimum.

Those items which cannot be disposed of immediately will be committed to an inventory, so that ultimate handing over, as above, will be expedited as much as possible.

Camp Equipment.

Many units in the Command are in possession of Camp equipment in excess of the quantities authorised in S.O. Equipment Part I General Appendix V. Immediate action will be taken by all Units to conduct an effective check of all camp equipment. Stores held surplus are to be returned without delay.

This will include camp Equipment issued as portion of mobilization stores, with the exception of articles specified in Unit W.E. Tables and not included in Appendix V. These articles will be retained by Units on ledger charge.

Surplus camp stores on lodger charge are to be returned to Ordnance Stores, preceded by Return to Store Voucher, A.A.F. F.2, and surplus camp stores held on A.A. Form F.1 (a) are to be returned to the respective Camp Commandants.

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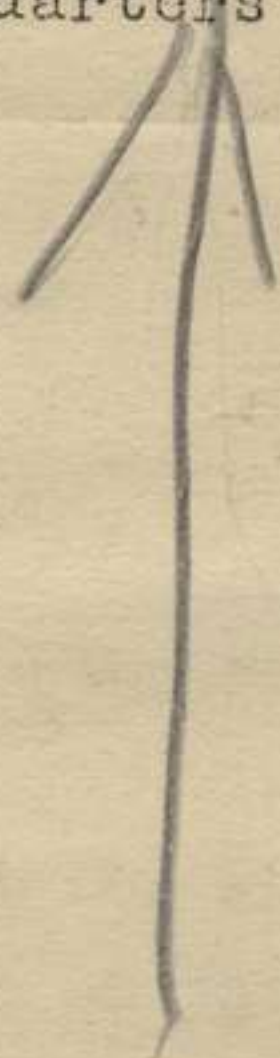
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Surplus Ordnance Stores: All Ordnance Stores held surplus to War Equipment Tables, unless specially authorised, will be returned immediately to Ordnance Stores, Midland Junction preceded by A.A.F. F.2.

"Action Complete" will be reported to these Headquarters not later than 10 Mar. 42.



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Colonel i/c Administration, Western Command.
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Appendix B
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND

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HEADQUARTERS

Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
PERTH. W.A.

26 Feb. 42

To

WESTERN COMMAND INSTRUCTION Q.45

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HOME FORCES

1. At an early date mail matter for Units of the "Field Forces" will be handled by the Army Postal Service, and pending the introduction of the new arrangements mail matter and telegrams for members of and certain other units will be subject to the following instructions as from 1 Mar. 42.

2. ADDRESSING OF CORRESPONDENCE - UNITS OF FIELD FORCES

The form of address for correspondence (including telegrams) will exclude all mention of place names and will consist of:-

- (I) Army number.
- (II) Rank.
- (III) Name.
- (IV) Squadron, Battery, Company or other sub-unit.
- (V) Unit (i.e., Regiment, Battalion, etc.,)
- (VI) The indicator (a) "HOME FORCES" (A.M.F. Units) or
(b) "A.I.F. AUSTRALIA" (A.I.F. Units)

Note:- A.I.F. personnel will request their correspondents to indicate in the address of their mail matter the name of the Training Unit or Special Force to which they are attached.

It is emphasised that at present the new arrangements will be applicable only to members of the Units concerned and to A.I.F. personnel.

3. The importance of advising their correspondents to address their mail matter correctly, is impressed on all members.

All insufficiently and incorrectly addressed mail matter will be returned to the senders for completion of the address.

4. The foregoing instructions will be promulgated in the Routine Orders of the Units concerned.

5. CENSORSHIP

Concurrently with the new arrangements Censorship will be brought into application. Separate instructions in Censorship of mail matter to and from members of the Units immediately concerned will be promulgated by "G" Branch.

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Colonel i/c Administration, Western Command

Distribution -

G. O. C.	10 Recce. Bn. (4)	I. S. G. S.
Col. i/c Administration.	O. C. Base Postal Unit (2)	H. Q., W. Comd. A. A. S. C.
A. Q. M. G.	O. C. Field " " (6)	Camp Comdt. Karrakatta.
A. Q. M. G. (Movement)	D. A. D. Posts (6)	" " G. D. C.
D. A. Q. M. G. (2)	A. D. S. T. (3)	" " Ascot
A. A. G.	122 R. M. T. Coy.	" " Northam (H. Q.
G. S. O. I	D. R. O.	W. C. Tng. Depots).
G. S. O. II	D. F. O.	1 copy for each Unit
" III	Stationery Officer.	concerned,
13 Inf. Bde. (12)	A. D. O. S. (4)	Spares (10)
Special Mobile Force (6)	W. C. Sup. Coln.	War Diary - C. C. R.
	Ordnance Service.	Master File ("A" Branch)

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Appendix B

"A" SQUADRON,
25 M.G. REGIMENT,
SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE,
10 Feb. '42.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY A.M.R. & O. 1587

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

25 M.G. REGIMENT - SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1

NO. 1

BY

MAJOR R.A.L. MATHWIN O.C. "A" SQUADRON 25 M.G. REGIMENT S.M.F.

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(1) Duties

Squadron Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Norrish	N.F.
" Runner	Tpr. Stiles	F.
" Cookhouse	Tpr. Wells	E.A.
	Tpr. Halden	S.R.
" Pioneer	Tpr. Jones	W.M.

(2) POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

A Field Post Office is established close to Force H.Q.
Mails outward close at 0915 hrs. and 1400 hrs. All mail must therefore be at Field P.O. by 0900 hrs. and 1345 hrs. daily.
Personnel will ensure that their mail is addressed-example as follows:-

W..... Tpr.....
25 M.G. Regiment,
Special Mobile Force,
Home Forces.

(3) AREAS OUT OF BOUNDS TO TPS.

The Farm House on left flank of Camp Area is out of bounds to tps., as are all private houses and farm properties within the Camp Area.
Clayhole swimming pools are out of bounds to tps. except under arrangements.
Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

(4) LAUNDRY FACILITIES.

The Camp Salvation Army representative has established a laundry depot at the Salvation Army Hut. Laundry may be left at the hut by Sunday P.M. for return on Thursday P.M. or by Wednesday P.M. for return on Monday A.M.
Personnel are advised to include a list of items included in each parcel of laundry.

(5) FORCE H.Q. - TRANSPORT.

Any D.R., truck or other transport must stop at least 50 yards away from Force H.Q., and messages etc., are to be carried on foot to this H.Q.
In order to prevent duplication of vehicles between Camp and Perth - Melville, a T.C.P. will be established on Road vicinity of Force H.Q.
All vehicles proceeding outward will report there and ascertain whether there are any personnel or parcels to be conveyed to places on route.

(6) THUNDER BOXES.

It has been noticed that lids have been left up. All troops should note that flies also come to mess.

(7) CANTEEN - HOURS.

Morning 0700 - 0800 hrs.)
Midday 1300 - 1330)
Evening 1630 - 1730, 1800 - 2100) Dry.
1800 - 20 30 Wet. over

(8) SLIT TRENCHES

Slit Trenches dug near tents are not in every case capable of accomodating the occupants of the tents. Where this is the case trenches will be enlarged or more trenches dug.

(9) PRIVATE VEHICLES - CAMP AREA.

Vehicles belonging to Military personnel attending Camp will not be permitted to park in the Camp Area, or within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the boundaries of the Camp Area.

(10) CIVIL OFFENCES BY SOLDIERS.

Complaints have been received of troops committing a nuisance in public places and particularly in the vicinity of Cathedral Avenue, Perth, when on leave.

This conduct renders the soldier liable to immediate arrest by Civil Police and several convictions have recently been recorded against soldiers in the Perth Police Court for this offence. The penalty is a fine of £10-.

(11) SNAKE BITE

Immediately apply ligature between bite and heart. If below elbow or knee, apply ligature just above elbow or knee - to stop circulation.

Then pinch up skin around the bite and cut away 1 square inch of flesh around the bite with razor blade or sharp knife, first removing by washing any snake venom lying on the skin.

If bite is on neck or trunk, cut away flesh as above immediately.

Then apply surgical dressing or clean handkerchief and report to M.O. as soon as possible.

(12) GUARD MOUNTING

The best turned out soldier on Guard Parade will be named by Guard mounting Officer as "Stick Orderly" and will gain one evening leave to be taken on the next non-training night.

(13) UNATTENDED FIRES.

Several instances have been noticed of rubbish being burned in the camp lines and of the fires being left unattended.

This practice is to cease. Under no circumstances will any burning off take place except under the personal supervision of an Officer.

(14) LEAVE DETRAINING.

It is the practice of some personnel to rejoin the train while on the move at some distance past detraining point with a view to obtaining a ride to a position closer to their quarters. This practice must cease forthwith. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

(15) NIGHT DRIVING.

Drivers of M.T. are to be particularly careful when driving at night to prevent accidents. All care must be taken as regards pedestrian traffic.

Troops on foot are warned that responsibility rests upon them to keep clear of vehicular traffic.

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2 I.C. "A" SQUADRON 25 M.G. REG.
SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE.

MF-142 January

Australian Military Forces.

"A" Coy. 44 Bn. S.M.F.

Tactical Exercises with Troops.

Platoon in attack

Ex. prepared by - Capt. N. Waldby 27 Feb 42.

Area. Vicinity Darlington Quarry. (067515)

Right boundary:- Helena River.

Left " :- Line running parallel to Helena River, 300+ distant - through Power House.

Reference Mundaring Sheet 1 in - 1 mile.

1. Lessons to be taught

- a. Forward pl. advancing.
- b. Cover from view and fire.
- c. Section formations over varying types of ground.
- d. Fire and movement.
- e. Use of smoke.

2. Troops taking part.

(a) Own troops - 7, 8, and 9 Pbs. in succession.

(b) Enemy. O.C. Lieut. W. Zeigel

Strength :- 1 sec L.M.G. 1 Sec Rifleman (provided from ~~troops~~ not taking part in ex)

Dress :- Working dress - fighting order with "giggle" hats

Assembly :- Report to O.C. enemy at Luncheon Area at 1000 hrs. and proceed to posn.

O.C. Fireworks C.S.M. Sykes.

3. Umpires

Chief Umpire. Capt. N. Waldby.

Umpire. Lieut. R. Johnston

Umpires will wear white band round hat - & carry Red & Blue flags.

4. Neutral Signals

Following code, semaphore, will be used between Umpires.

"H" = Halt

"R" = Fire

"N" = Advance.

"Ack" signal acknowledged.

"Close" signal - whistle - succession long blasts.

"U" chief Umpire

"D" Umpire (pl)

"E" O.C. enemy.

these sigs. to precede others for indication purposes.

Appendix C

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5. Conferences

<u>Serial</u>	<u>when held</u>	<u>by whom</u>	<u>purpose</u>
1.	before exercise	Chief Umpire Umpire O.C Enemy.	Views ground & explain exercise. Perfect signal system.
2.	after exercise	Umpires & O.C Enemy	Discussion of execution of exercise
3	" "	Umpires & all personnel particip- ating	Umpires criticism & discussion (post mortem)

6. Representation of Fire Enemy. Rifle sec. Blanks.
L.M.G. Waving red flag.
Grenade Thunder flashes (?)

Attacking troops.

Rifle sec. Blanks.
L.M.G. Stones in Kero Tin.
Grenades. Thunder flashes.
Smoke Smoke grenades.
(or candles)

7. Administration

i Dress - Own troops. Fighting order - resp'n
at alert - steel helmets.
Arms. - Rifle & bayonet. Brens guns for
143 secs.

ii Amm. Rifle 3 rounds per man.
Brens own tps Kero tin per gun -
carried by No 2.
enemy. Red flag.

iii Stores. 250 Blank. 5 Red flags. 3 Blue flags.
1 E.Y. rifle - 2 smoke grenades (or
2 smoke candles) 1 discharger.
3 L.M.Gs and holdalls.
2 Kero tins - with stones.
2 Rounds Ballistite cartridges.

8. Opening situation. Following successful action by S.M.F
enemy withdrawing ~~enemy withdrawing~~ to
SMITH'S MILL (106534) leaving outpost to
on RIDGE (072513) to deny use of HELENA RIVER
ROAD to S.M.F's forward elements.

a. Appreciation by Pl. Comd.

Object. To capture RIDGE.

Note Chief Umpire
deals with app'n
at "Post mortem"

considerations etc. Made by pl. comd. during
his recce.

10. Information

- i. Enemy. Est. strength - sec each rifleman & L.M.G.
- ii. Own troops complete platoons.

11. Intention. To capture RIDGE.

12. Method. (a) Right flank. No 1, 2, secs. No. 3 covering fire from ORCHARD KNOLL.

Objective. Enemy post on RIDGE.

Assembly area. Creek bed - leading to HELENA RIVER.

Start LINE. Creek bed, confluence with RIVER.

Route. Covered approaches along CREEK.

Direction of attack. EAST - along RIVER.

Start time. Zero.

Support. No 3 sec. covering fire L.M.G. ^{& rifle.} on assault, firing by observation, from ORCHARD HILL.

~~The~~ Alternative Method (depending on pl. cond.)

(b) Left flank. No. 1 & 2 secs. No 3. covering fire from QUARRY OUTCROP.

Objective: Enemy post on RIDGE

Assembly area. Higher reaches of CREEK

Start line. CREEK BED.

Route. Slopes leading to CREEK BED (Smoke as troops pass over bare ground, from Road)

Direction of attk. East, parallel with CREEK BED.

Start time ZERO.

13. Administration. Amm. extra bandolier each rifleman. L.M.G. & extra mags. in carriers.

W.V.C.P. Huts at rear of POWER HOUSE

14. Intercommunication. Pl. HQ. in CREEK BED; after assault on RIDGE.

Communication by runners.

Synchronize watches.

Any Questions.

Forecast of Events

Serial	Time	Situation	Insts. to Vampires
1.	Z - 30	Pt Sec. fired on.	Note sec. comds action
2.	Z - 25	Pl. bomb. Recce.	Note time taken for recce & action taken.
3	Z - 10	Pl. comds issues orders.	Note sequence
4	Z - 10 8	Sec. comds orders to sec.	Note sequence.
5	Zero - 5	Secs move	Note action & formation of secs.
6	Zero.	Start line crossed.	
7.	Z +	The approach and attack	Note fire orders & sec. control.
8	Z + 20	Objective taken	
9.	Z + 25	Ex. ends.	

ZERO No. 7. Pl. 1130 hrs.
 " 8 " 1400 hrs.
 " 9 " 1500 hrs.

Midday meal at "Culvert" in GULLY.
 at 1230 hrs. 3/4 hr for meal.

Enemy Cptd by M.T. for afternoon exercise

A. P. TACTICAL EXERCISE with TROOPS....
C. Coy. 44 Bn.

SM.F.

28 FEB. 42

PLATOON IN ATTACK...

Ref. MUNDARING SHEET

AREA. 952517

Prepared by Lieut. E.C. PLAISTOWE

LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT.

1. Use of ground
2. Fire & Movement
3. Use of smoke

Form exercise to take.....Own Course

TROOPS TAKING PART..C Coy. 44 Bn. 13, 14, 15. pls. successively
..enemy two secs. drawn from pl. not in action.

ASSEMBLY...Coy. Tng. Area.-----046518----pls. will leave from here
at zero -15

UMPIRES..Chief Umpire...Lieut. E.C. Plaistowe

1 sec. ...Lieut. A.J. Jamieson

2 sec. ...Lieut. N.M. Gray

3 sec. ...Lieut. A.W. Bentley

O/C enemy...C.S.M. WO11 Hicks

NEUTRAL SIGNALS...M Semaphore-attract attention by waving flag
over head.

U..Chief Umpire

C.. 1 sec.

D.. 2 sec.

E.. 3 sec.

O..O.C. Enemy

T.. HALT

M..ADVANCE

R..You are under L.M.G. fire

J.. do. rifle fire

CONFERENCES..

Before Exercise. 1. Director and all umpires to view ground

2. Director and umpires and O/C enemy to
view ground and perfect signal plan

After Exercise. 3. Director, all umpires, O/C enemy to discuss
execution of plan

4. All participating to discuss lessons taught

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

RIFLE.....Blank

GRENADE.....Thunder flashes

L.M.G.Beat stick in tin

Smoke.....Smoke grenade will be fired over the heads
of participating troops.

Bayonet.....Naked bayonets will be used, high port within
15 ydw. of opponent

Bodies of enemy..Sacks filled with straw

ADMINISTRATION....DRESS & distinguishing marks

OWN TROOPS..Fighting order, respirators (alert), steel helmets,

..Rifles, tommy guns, Brens, etc. acc. to W.E.

..Enemy do. except for hats W.D.

..Chief umpire...white hat band

..Umpires....White arm bands

Stores.....5 sets flag signal

10 sacks filled with straw

5 empty tins and sticks

Ann.scale of issue

Blanks.....3 per sec.

Thunder flashes.....3 per sec.

Smoke grenades.....2 per sec.

Crackers.....1 pkt. (enemy only)

Narrative..

S M F has fought a successful action against enemy who are
retiring S E.....C Coy. who had been in reserve are detailed
to act as advance gdn in continuation of attack, following
the retiring enemy column. Enemy have left a rearguard to
(est. strength 2 secs.) to fight delaying actions.

Opening situation.

pl. is pt. pl. is advancing along road when leading section
is fired on.