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Unit 49 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 42 To 2nd Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ref map			Weather muggy and overcast	Bn Code for December App A
DONGARRA	1 Dec 42		Ops - nil	BRO. Pt. I App A. X
H 50/5			Training. C.O. Adj 2 i/c & I.O. in lines	BRO Part II App A. X
STRAWBERRY AREA 319357			1 sec on Sit maps B Coy duty coy. boys camp duties and	Order for Bn Stocktake App A. X
			Administration. B and returns from 2nd Aust. Div Band school in morning	
	2 Dec 42		Weather fine with scattered clouds.	BRO part I App A. X
			Ops nil	BRO part II App A. X
			Training. C.O. Adj 2 i/c & I.O. in lines Bn stocktake commences 0830 hrs. Balance Bn route march. 1 Sec traverse & recce	
			MT LEFROY AREA	

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Unit 9th Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 3rd Dec 42 To 4 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ref Map DONGARRA H50/5	3rd Dec '42		Weather - Fine and Cot	BRO part I Appx A.
			Ops nil	
STRAWBERRY AREA 319375			Trng - Bn engaged administrative duties	
			Special :- 1 officer 39 ors left for THREE SPRINGS area for purpose of pobcutting and erection of lines telegraph.	
			Railioned by 3 AUST CORPS. L.O. left at 0900 hrs for L.I.D. and thence to VIC [PUCKAPUNYAL]. Maj Golding + "J" sec recce area vicinity MT. LEFROY. object, selection of area for "Feild Firing" for Bn. Capt. Macgregor 2/c Capt. Fountain acting O.C of H/Q coy. Trial experiment of new hrs working began at 0500 hrs	
	4 Dec		Weather - Fine with strong westerly breezes	BRO Part I Appx A.
			Ops - NIL	D Coy act Report Appx C*
			Trng. Bn admin. duties. "J" sec recce + ~~mapping~~ mapping of MT LEFROY. Maj Golding A/C.O.	A Coy activity Report Appx C*
			and O.C. B. C. & D coys visit MT LEFROY area. Ref map DONGARRA 4 mls To 1 inch 318361	B Coy " " Appx C*
			to prepare exercise. A/Co + "J" man recce. STRAWBERRY, MILO, IRWIN Rd. also track to 8 mile well 305 364	C Coy " " Appx C*
			B.M. 5 Bde visits A/Co. early this morning 0120 hrs INFM secretive nature	

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Unit 11 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 5 Dec 42 To 7 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ref Map DONGHARRA 1:50/5	5 Dec 42		ops NIL - Weather. Fine with Lot EASTERLY wind	BRO part I appA.
STRAWBERRY 319375			Ing - Bn admin. duties. I/C prepare SIT MAP this area +	IN 3008 ✕ & 3009 appA ✕
			sketch for Field Firing Exercise. 1st Bn Newspaper issued today	Int. Report appA.
			J.O. 5 Bde visits this office	Bn Int Summary appA.
	6 Dec 42		Ops NIL Weather. Fine and hot	BRO. part I appA.
			Ing Bn. rest day. Church Parade 1000 hrs. WASHING Pde.	Bn paper "Double Gu" appA. ✕
	7 Dec 42		Ops NIL Weather. Fine and hot	BRO part I appA.
			Ing boys Ing per syllabus in Ing areas	Training syllabus ~~I~~ appA.
	2000		H.Q exercise vicinity MILO ref DONGHARRA STRAT 316372	
			commenced. Pupose of exercise to test working of B.H.Q, Intelligence	
			Sigs and intercomm. from boys	

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Unit 9th Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 8 Dec 42 To 1845 Dec 10 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ref Map DONGARRA H50/5 STRAWBERRY 319375	8 Dec 42	-	Ops – nil Weather. Fine and hot	BRO part I App A.
			Trng – boys training as per syllabus in trng areas	※ MILO Ex. 1st Report App A.
		1000 hrs	to H.Q. exercise concluded	
	Dec 9 42		Ops NIL – Weather overcast & sultry	BRO part I App A
			Trng boys trng as per syllabus in trng areas	※ BRO part II App A.
			A/c recognition lecture given by Lt. Crisp	※ BRO " " App A.
				※ BRO Part II App A.
	Dec 10. 42	→		
			Ops – ~~Nil~~ 1 cpl. and 1 o/r on recce tracks coastal	Bandit Ex:– Aam inst No 1 App A.
			area DONGARRA and southwards to CLIFFHEAD	Plan of Ex App A.
		0730	Trng – R group departed for MT LEFROY area Ref DONGARRA STRAT 318367 commencement BANDIT EXERCISE	O.O. No 1 App A ※ O O No 2 App A
		0800	O + F groups departed for MT LEFROY trg area	
		1845	R. group departed for MORGAN's FARM area Ref. DONGARRA STRAT 308372	

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Unit 44TH AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 2100hrs 10 Dec 42 To 0915hrs 11 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	10 DEC 42	2100	O. & F Group depart for the vecinity of MORGAN'S FARM Ref 308372	
	11 DEC 42		O/S – 1 cpl and 1 /r still on recce. Weather. Fine & hot	
			F/Ing – BANDIT EXERCISE contd.	X Bde Routine Orders Part I Appx B.
		0600	Bn moved against enemy suspected of being in area map Ref DONGARRA STRAT 303378	
		0726	Contact made with enemy by advanced guard estimated strength 2 Coys	
		0825	GREEN RIDGE cleared. Platoon halted and preparing to attack scrubby ridge, considerable enemy fire on left flank	
		0850	R Grp. moved fwd. O. Grp moving to Rv with R. Grp 0918hrs	
		0900	C. & D Coys move against right flank to rear of GREY RIDGE	
		1100	C & D Coys attack from GREY RIDGE – C Coy on right D Coy on left	

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Unit 44 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 11. DEC. 92 To 12 DEC 92

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1100 contd.	objective - stony hill	
		1112	Success signal fwd. from * STONY HILL (B Coy) advance guard moves to harrass and pursue enemy	
		1120	EXERCISE completed	
		1200	Conference of all Ops. on Stony Hill	
		1330	HQ reopened in camp area	
	12 DEC 92		Ops - I.O. and 1 Pl recce new road STRAWBERRY-GERALDTON	BRO part 1 & appA
			Sapl and 1 Pl still on track recce - Weather - Fine and hot	W3008. W3009 * * appA
			Trng - as per syllabus in Coy areas	Int Repot appA.

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Unit 99TH AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 13 DEC 42 To 13 DEC 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
STRAWBERRY	DEC 13 '42		Ops — J.O. recce road STRAWBERRY GERALDTON	BRO part 1 Appx A.
		1600	returns to camp. Weather. Hot 113°.	
		0930	Inf. Bn church Pde & C.O's PARADE. Discussion	
			on tng and Bde. exercise L.O. stressed urgency of	
			Timor situation. WASHING & REST - concert conducted	
			by 99 TA and compered by WO II Blackhurst at 2000	
"	~~DEC 14 '42~~		~~Ops — NIL — Weather~~	
			~~Inf Bn Leaves for FORT RECESS etc.~~	

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Unit CUFI FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 0900 hrs 14 Dec. 42 *To* 0130 hrs. 15 Dec. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information Reference DONGARRA 4 mls to 1 inch.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
STRAWBERRY	14 Dec. 42		Ops. Nil Weather. Hot.	⊕ B.R.O. Part I Appx A.
			Tng:- As follows -	
			Commencement of FOX EXERCISE	Redundant A.F.B. (A)
			Int Report enemy convoy 13 mls off DONGARRA. This unit	See Movement order No. 1 App. "A" (1)
			detailed by Bde to move towards DONGARRA. At 1800 hrs. Bn moved to	
			take up posn astride rd 302380 (see Sit map). All Coys in posn by	See O O App "A" (2)
			1200 hrs.	
			O P est. at 298377 as from 1300 hrs. This feature dominates	
			the routes from sea.	
			Carriers carried out active recce during afternoon. Left	
			flank which was considered vulnerable subject to continuous patrolling.	
			Approaches from 8 MILES MILE WELL 305364 and track west of	
			8 MILE WELL covered.	

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Unit ..... *Date and Time.—From* ..... *To* 5 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			One Sec Carriers under Int supervision carried out recce	
			and patrol of RIGHT flank. Extended WEST to 293383. This flank	
			found unlikely for enemy approach - country thickly vegetated heavey	
			scrub. Gd NOT suitable tpt.	
		2100	Patrolling commenced (see Sit map)	See Patrol Report No. 1 App C. (1)
		0130	Two P.O.W's captured in HIRO area - brought to B.H.Q.	See Report App "A" (3)
			Two special patrols sent out	See patrol Report No. 1 App "C". (1)
				Action Diary see App "A" (4)

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Unit CUFI FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 0850/ 15 Dec. 42 *To* 1400hrs 15 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IRWIN 303380	15 Dec.42		Ops Nil. Weather - Hot with Sth Westerly Winds.	
			Tng. Continuation of FOX EXERCISE as follows:-	
		0850	Visit by B.C.	
		0930	Part I of Exercise concludes owing to bush fires. This Bn engaged	
			in stamping out large fires NORTH of IRWIN Sta.	
		1100	Coys move off in tactical formation towards DONGARRA for biv and	
			swimming.	
DENISON 285373		1400	Move completed. Biv area DENISON 285373	

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Unit CUFI FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 0001 hrs./6 Dec. 42 *To* 2400hrs 16 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DENISON 285373	16 Dec.		Ops. Nil Weather. Fine and hot	BRO Part II Appx A -X-
			Tng. Continuation FOX EXERCISE as follows:-	BRO Part II Appx A -X-
			This day devoted to swimming and P.T. on beach. Non-swimmers instructed under supervision Capt. BENTLEY.	
		1525	Bn ordered to move to BOOKARA 277400. This Bn to become JAP force as from 0600 hrs. 17 Dec. 42 to move against DONGARRA at 1200 hrs 17 Dec. 42	
		1540	R Gp leave for BOOKARA	See Disposition Sketch -X-
		1730	Main body leave for BOOKARA	
BOOKARA 277400		2100	Move completed.	

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Ref Map BOOKARA 1" : 1 mile.

Unit CUFI FORCE

Date and Time.—From 17 Dec. 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOOKARA 277400	17 Dec. 42		Ops. Nil Weather Hot and fine	B.R.O. Part II Appx. A.
ref map DONGARRA 4 mls : 1 in.			Tgn. Continuation of FOX EXERCISE as follows:-	See O. on 2 Appx A (-) O.
		1000	Patrol under Int supervision recce of route to DONGARRA and enemy	See Recce Report App "A"(1)
			location. Enemy movement observed on high feature ref map BOOKARA	See Int Report APP "A" (2)
			1 in : 1 mile. 829892.	
		1300	Bn moves out towards DONGARRA - axis of adv. rd GERALDTON - DONGARRA.	See Route Report App A (3)
			Commando force has task of encircling move upon DONGARRA - Task:-	
			Destruction of installations and disruption of comms.	see Sit Map for Route - X
		1400	~~Constant~~ Contact made with enemy. Strength estimated at two coys.	
			Our tactics to encircle enemy. See Sit map and Action Diary.	
			In ensuing action enemy suffered heave casualties. ZEJU the Pt coy held	
			main enemy fire whilst QETO moves on left flank. QETO encircling	
			move completed by 1710 hrs. Enemy resistance smashed.	

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Unit ..... *Date and Time.—From* ..... *To* .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	17 Dec.42	1700	At 1700 hrs. report from VAJU gives details of COMMANDO Force.	
			DONGARRA taken unawares. No preparation made by enemy for protection	See Action Diary - Commando
		1800	Our casualties 40%. Bn ordered to withdraw to posns in rear in	Force App C(1)
			prepatation for night patrolling.	See Sit Map (rear) ·X·
		2000	Active patrolling commences. Int Sec prepare patrolling plan and	·X· See patrol Map 1:1mile APP A (4) See patrol Plan Scale 4"- ·X·
			advise Coys of respective task. Patrols arranged so that NO gd left	to 1 ml. App "A" (5)
			unguarded	See Int Report and Patrol
				Report App "A" (6)
				Action Diary App A(1).

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Ref Map BOOKARA 1 " to 1 mile — Unit CUFI — Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs. 18 Dec. 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Map Ref 824911	18 Dec.		Ops. NIL Weather - Fine with hot S.E. winds.	
			Tng. Continuation of FOX EXERCISE as follows:-	
		0900	Reinforcements received.	
		0945	Adv. Gd moves fwd with M/C screen infront.	
		1010	Enemy observed at 829877 - 3 men	See Sit Map X
		1015	Contact made with enemy by QETO. Heavy vegetation makes posn somewhat	
			obscure. Firing from their covered posns out pt pl suffered heavy	
			casualties - 1 offr and 11 men.	
			HIRO sent to Right flank on encircling move	
			ZEJU sent to Left flank on encircling move.	
			Report from QETO estimates strength of enemy no more than standing patrol.	
		1040	HIRO and ZEJU advised to close in, using rd as axis of adv. ZEJU had by	
			this time contacted enemy on left wiping out one pl of men - 17 prisoners	
			being taken.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18 Dec. 42	1100	Enemy vehicle captured	See POW report App. "A2
		1115	HIRO close in on rd and proceeds. Interrogation of prisoners revealed	
		1215	that enemy had two coys forward, astride rd, A Coy on left, D Coy onleft.	
			VAJU committed to left flank on encircling move with 1 sec carriers.	
			ZEJU withdraws acting as reserve coy.	
		1300	VAJU comes under heavy fire - 3 carriers wiped out	
		1315	QETO making slow progress on left flank.	
		1400	Report received that C.O. enemy Bn has been killed.	Conferred at 1430 - Sig office destroyed.
			HIRO contacts enemy on right and attacks.	
			Heavey fire from strongly fortified posn resulted in heave casualties to	
			own tps - 50 % casualties inflicted.	
		1500	Exercise closed.	

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Unit 44 Bn. Date and Time.—From 19 Dec 42 To 21 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	19		Weather fine and hot.	BRO part I Appx A.
			Ops – nil.	W3008, W3009 Appx A
			Training Bn at DENISON BEACH till 1500hrs.	
			when returned.	
STRAWBERRY AREA.				
REF STRZ DONGARRA 70			Weather fine and hot.	* BRO part I Appx A.
			Ops nil.	
			Training – day of rest. Church parades	
	21		Weather fine and warm	BRO part I Appx A.
			Ops nil.	* BRO part I Appx A.
			Training Coy on normal training	

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Unit 4 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 22 Dec 42 To 24 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
STRAWBERRY AREA. Ref Strat DONGARRA	22		Weather fine and hot Ops nil Training boys on normal tong	BRO part I & App A. BRO part II & App A.
	23		Weather fine and hot Ops nil Training – Bn on fd firing Exercise Mt. LEFROY	BRO part I App A. Fd firing Ex :– Plan of ex / App A., X O. Order app A. X
	24		Weather fine and hot Ops nil. Training – nomal syllabus	BRO part I & App A.

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Unit 44 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time—From 25 Dec 47 To 26 Dec 47.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
STRAWBERRY AREA. Ref. Strat DONGARRA.	25.		Weather fine and hot. Ops nil. Training. Christmas Day — day of rest. RC. Church parade DONGARRA Convent 0001 hrs. COs address to Bn following Church parade Xmas morning.	BRO part I Appx A.
	26.		Weather fine and warm. Ops nil. Training — Bn sports day. Sports on field SOUTH of Bn camp area.	BRO part I Appx A. W 300 8 300 9 Appx A. ·X· ·X·

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	17		Weather fine and warm	BRO part 1 App A.
			Ops nil.	X Bn Int Summary App A.
			Training day of rest church parade	
			0830. RC. Parade 1000 hrs.	
	18		Weather fine and warm	BRO part 1 App A.
			Ops nil	
			Training — boys on Blitz training	
			"I" Sec depart on Div mapping scheme	
	19.		Weather fine and a warm	BRO part 1 App A.
			Ops nil.	
			Training — boys on blitz training	
			"I" Sec on Div mapping scheme.	

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Unit 44 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time—From 30 Dec 42 To 31 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Area Strawberry.	30		Weather fine and hot. Ops. nil. Training. Coys on blitz training "I" Sec on Div mapping scheme.	Appx X BRO part 1 Appx A.
	31		Weather fine and hot. Ops nil. Training normal syllabus "I" Sec return to Camp. Bn concert 1930 hrs.	BRO part 1 Appx A.

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SITMAP No 1 (A)

ADJOINING SHEET No 1.

87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95

78 77 76 75 74 73 72

2°W

RAILWAY

MIDLAND

PERTH

GERALDTON

HIGHWAY

DONGARRA ½ MILE

∴ RUINS

RUINS ∴

RUIN ∴

WOORAMURRA

IRWIN RIVER

IRWIN RIVER

∴ RUINS

2. RUINS

SANDY TRACK

TO ↑

THE GRANGE

CLOY 54 BN
ASTRIDE BR

LARGE CONCENTRATION TPS AND TRANSPORT

15 DEC 42

SCALE 4" TO 1 MILE

INT

SITMAP No 1

ADJOINING SHEET 1(A)

CUFI DISPOSITION MAP

REF STRAT H50/S DONGARRA — IRWIN AREA 302380

BN IN POSITION FROM 1200/14

2°W

Patrol Policy:
Coys to commence patrolling from right flank & work west to R. flank adjoining Coy. Vice Versa at half hour intervals from 2100 hrs to 2359

THIS AREA unlikely for Enemy venture. recce by Int officer area. 14 Dec 42.

hourly Patrols

Left at 2100 hrs.

RETURNED TO CAMP AFTER 1900 HRS

STANDING PATROLS from 2100/14 — 0500/15

CARRIERS

B.H.Q.

MIDLAND RAILWAY

IRWIN RIVER

STRAWBERRY

A COY

C COY

D COY

13 PL

12 PL

16 PL

17 PL

BALL HILL

CLEARED

YARRAWONGA SIDING

PADDOCKS

OPEN

½ hourly Patrols

Hourly Patrols

½ hourly Patrols

½ hourly Patrols

½ hourly Patrols

REDHOUSE

RIVER

IRWIN

TAT

8 MILE

To DONGARA

O.P. EST. 1300/14

14 Dec 42

SCALE 4 INS TO 1 MILE

NZ Sec
44 Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

928 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	1/2 Dec	Capt H.N. Bentley
Next for Duty	2/3 "	Capt J.A. Darragh
Bn O Officer	1/2 "	Lieut J.E. Hardwick
Next for Duty	2/3 "	Lieut J.S. Blue
Camp Medical Officer	1/2 "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	1/2 "	Sgt Ryman F.
Next for Duty	2/3 "	Sgt Rodgers E.
Bn O Cpl	1/2 "	Cpl McGlenchy A.
Next for Duty	2/3 "	Cpl Forrest H.J.
Duty Unit of the Day	1/2 "	C Coy
Next for Duty	2/3 "	D Coy

929 STOCKTAKING

Capt R.F. Johnston to replace Lieut Phelps.

930 HARVEY SCHOOLS

The following personnel going to Harvey School will report to Adjt at 1915 hrs today.

Capt Hanson	Cpl Boyle	Cpl Wild
Lieut Petersen	Cpl Holliday	L/Cpl Turnock
Lieut Smith	Cpl Gasmier	Sgt Atkins
Lieut Fitzpatrick	Cpl Braid	Sgt McKenzie
		Pte Reynolds

931 PRIVATE PROPERTY

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932 COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the illegal absence since 5 Nov 42 of W 12009 Pte Coniff M.
President Capt E.C. Plaistowe Member Lieut N.M. Gray
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 0900 hrs 3 Dec 42.

933 LOST

Discs identity belonging to WX 26592 Hislop T., between Provo Tent and exit gate.

934 INTER COY TRANSFERS

WX 26865 Pte Skinner K.H. from C Coy to B HQ.
W 12356 Pte Ridley R. from B HQ to C Coy.

.....Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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935 PROMOTION

WX 26713 Cpl O'Dea P.K. to be A/Sgt.

The abovementioned soldier may wear badge of rank but will not be paid for same until promotion appears in 44 Aust Inf Bn R/Os Part II.

936 REVERSIONS

WX 28744 A/Sgt Morse G.H. to Cpl.
WX 31545 A/Cpl Hagan P.E. to L/Cpl.

..... Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

C O
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S O Tng
R S M
B HQ
HQ Coy No. 1
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OTHER RANKS.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDER PART II
No. 67
1 Dec. 42

44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
2 AUST. DIVISION.

Last Part II Order No. 66 Sub. No. 5501 issued 24 Nov. 42

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties Etc.
STRENGTH INCREASE.			
5502	W.23754	Pte. LEAHY T.J.	M/I ex leave without pay and trans. from X List 28 Oct. 42
3	WX.26652	Pte. CAPORN G.V.	M/I ex Hosp. and trans. from X List 14 Oct. 42
STRENGTH DECREASE.			
4	W.12104	Pte. CLARK S.S.	M/O to G.D.D. for disch. to R.A.N.R. 23 Nov. 42 CCR.75/4/80
5	W.12045	" SHARP E.C.T.	M/O Trans. to 124 Aust. Gen. Tpt. Coy. 23 Nov. 42
6	W.11763	" BRAIN G.D.	do do
7	WX.26833	" KING R.W.	M/O Trans. to A.A.M.C. Details (2 Aust. Div.) 23 Nov. 42
8	W.11738	Cpl. SMITH R.C.	Evac. ex M.D.S. to 4 C.C.S. and trans. to X List 23 Nov. 42
9	WX.26566	Pte. SHAW N.R.	do 19 Nov. 42
5510	WX.29417	" BUSWELL S.T.	M/O Trans. to R.R.D. Reallotment Sec. 27 Nov. 42
1	W.24918	Pte. CRIDLAND W.H.	M/O to Detention Barracks, and trans. to X List 23 Nov. 42
2	W.12214	" FERNIHOUGH G.	do do
3	WX.26760	" McGURK J.J.	do do
REVERSIONS.			
4	NO ENTRY		
5	WX.26690	A/Sgt. KEMP F.H.	Reverts to substantive rank 15 Oct.42
TRADE GROUPING.			
6	WX.26545	Pte. McDONALD W.R.	Classified (TG.2) Blacksmith 26 Nov. 42
PUNISHMENTS.			
7	NO ENTRY		
8	WX.26524	Pte. FROOME G.J. HQ.Coy. (TG.2)	OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 18 Nov. 42 to 2200 hrs, 20 Nov. 42 AWARD. Admonished by C.O. 21 Nov. 42 Automatic forfeiture 2 days pay.
5519	WX.19940	Pte. BARNES N.W. B. Coy.	OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 0001 hrs. 20 Nov. 42 to 1900 hrs. 20 Nov. 42 AWARD. Admonished by C.O. 21 Nov. 42 Automatic forfeiture 1 days pay.

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PUNISHMENTS. Cont'd.

5520 WX.28751 Pte. WRIGHT C.W.
HQ. Coy. (TG.2)
OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 18 Nov. 42 to 0630 hrs. 23 Nov. 42
AWARD. Fined 100/- by C.O. 23 Nov.42
Automatic forfeiture 5 days pay.

1 WX.26638 Pte. POWELL N.A.
HQ. Coy.
OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 0830 hrs. 20 Nov. 42 to 0630 hrs. 23 Nov. 42
AWARD. Fined 100/- by C.O. 23 Nov.42
Automatic forfeiture 3 days pay.

2. WX.32769 Pte. FOLVIG J.F.
B. Coy.
OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 0001 hrs. 20 Nov. 42 to 1300 hrs. 23 Nov. 42
AWARD. Admonished by C.O. 25 Nov.42
Automatic forfeiture 4 days pay.

3 WX.26760 Pte. McGURK J.J.
HQ. Coy.
OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 19 Nov. 42 to 0630 hrs. 23 Nov. 42
AWARD. 28 days detention by C.O. 23 Nov. 42
Automatic forfeiture 4 days pay.
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 32 days pay.

4 W.24918 Pte. CRIDLAND W.H.
D. Coy.
OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2200 hrs. 20 Nov. 42 to 0630 hrs. 23 Nov. 42
AWARD. 28 days Detention by C.O. 23 Nov. 42
Automatic forfeiture 3 days pay.
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 31 days pay.

5 W.12241 Pte. FERNIHOUGH G.A.
HQ. Coy.
OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 0830 hrs. 20 Nov. 42 to 0630 hrs. 23 Nov. 42
AWARD. 28 days detention by C.O. 26 Nov. 42
Automatic forfeiture 3 days pay.
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 31 days pay.

6 WX.26757 Pte. CARTER E.
HQ. Coy.
OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 0600 hrs. 22 Nov. 42 to 0600 hrs. 23 Nov. 42
AWARD. Fined 100/- by C.O. 27 Nov. 42.
Automatic forfeiture 1 days pay.

7 WX.26609 Pte. McGOUGH H.V.
B. Coy.
OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 0001 hrs. 20 Nov. 42 to 2359 hrs. 22 Nov. 42
AWARD. Admonished by C.O. 23 Nov.42
Automatic forfeiture 3 days pay.

COURT OF INQUIRY.
Illegal Absentee.

8 WX.26656 Pte. ELSON T.J.
Court of Inquiry held 20 Nov. 42
Declared Illegal Absentee from 15 Oct. 42
Total Kit Deficiency £7. 14. 2

STOPPAGE OF PAY A.M.R. & O. 1398

5529 WX.21375 Pte. MAXWELL W.J.
Adm. to 122 Special Hosp. 29 Oct. 42 A36/14
Discharged to duty 25 Nov. 42 A36/18
Total Period 27 days.

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'X' LIST 44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.
2 AUST. DIVISION.

2 Dec. 42

Last Part 11 Order No. 5 Sub. No. 71 issued 24 Nov. 42

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

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES ETC.

72	WX.26845	Pte.	SPENCE N.H.	Disch. from M.D.S. to 122 Spec. Hosp. 15 Nov. 42 Disch. 122 Spec. Hosp. to Transit Depot A36/18 27 Nov. 42
3	WX.21375	Pte.	MAXWELL W.J.	Disch. from 122 Spec. Hosp. to Transit Depot A36/18 25 Nov. 42
4	W.11938	"	RODGERS S.B.	Disch. from 109 Con. Depot to Transit Depot 25 Nov. 42 A36/32
5	W.25969	"	TITTERTON H.L.	Disch. from 109 Con. Depot to Transit Depot 23 Nov. 42 A36/32
6	WX.29404	"	STURROCK D.W.	Disch. from 109 Con. Depot to 110 A.G.H. 23 Nov. 42 A36/32
7	W.41432	"	PARKER F.	Disch. from 4 C.C.S. to 109 Con. Depot 24 Nov. 42 (Varicella) A36/4
8	WX.31538	"	COFFEY S.F.	Disch. from 4 C.C.S. to 2/1 A.G.H. 19 Nov. 42 A36/19
9	WX.26507	"	SEMMENS C.A.H.	Disch. from 4 C.C.S. to R.T.D. 16 Nov. 42 A36/19
80	W.47280	"	HALL J.W.	Disch. from 4 C.C.S. to 110 A.G.H. 16 Nov. 42 (Tonsilitis) A36/19
1	W.50167	"	HUNTER S.A.	Disch. from 4 C.C.S. to 2/1 A.G.H. 19 Nov. 42 (Fr. Rt. Fibula)
2	WX.26525	"	ARMSTRONG L.J.	Disch. from 109 Con. Depot to Transit Depot 16 Nov. 42 A36/28
3	WX.29291	"	MACE R.C.	Disch. from Det. Barracks. to G.D.D. 16 Nov. 42 RO. 43/42 Det. Brks.
4	WX.26690	Cpl.	KEMP F.H.	Disch. from 122 Spec. Hosp. to Transit Depot 14 Nov. 42 A36/17

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.

5	W.40425	Pte.	NEVERMAN A.	Granted leave without pay 1800 hrs. 3 Dec. 42 to 1800 hrs. 8 Dec. 42

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

6	W.22230	Dvr.	WEIBRECHT H.E.	M/I to G.D.D. ex leave without pay 21 Nov. 42
7	WX.26673	Pte.	LORD C.J.	do 9 Nov. 42

DETENTION.

88	W.12466	Pte.	MALLIS A.	M/I to G.D.D. ex Detention 11 Nov. 42

DISTRIBUTION.

Unit Clerk	(2)				
Card Index	(1)				
C'wlth Audit Inspr.	(1)				
Statistics	(2)				
Command Paymasters Office	(2)	L.H.Q. 2nd Ech.	(1)	C.C. 44 Aust. Inf.Bn.	(4)
H.Q.W.A.L. of C. Area,	(1)	War Diary	(1)	Spares	(2)
Master File	(1)	Base Post Office	(1)		
W.A.L. of C. Acc.Off.	(3)	H.Q. 2nd Aust. [illegible]	(1)	TOTAL.	23

for Lieut. Col. Majcr.
(H.BURROWES.)
Officer i/c W.Aust. L. of C. Area,
Records Office.

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OTHER RANKS.

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REJOINED UNIT.

5530	WX.29417 Pte.	BUSWELL S.T.	M/I ex Duty D.R.O. and off subsistence 27 Nov. 42

ATTACHED.

1	WX.26833 Pte.	KING R.W.	(AAMC. Details)	M/I and duty	attached for rations 23 Nov. 42
2	W.51301 T/Cpl.	BIRD C.A.	(A.A.O.C.)	do	22 Nov. 42
3	NX.89052 Gnr.	SCHRODER L.	(104 A/Anti Tank) (Unit.)	do	26 Sept. 42
4	N. 352256 Gnr.	BUTCHER V.L.	do	do	do
5535	N. 251079 Gnr.	CAMPBELL B.C.	do	do	do

DISTRIBUTION.

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Commandant Det. Bks. F'tle	(1)
H.Q.W.A.L. of C.	(1)
Master File	(1)
W.A.L. of C. Accounts Office	(3)
L.H.Q. 2nd Ech.	(1)
A.B.M.	(1)
C.O. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.	(6)
War Diary	(1)
Spares	(2)
N.S.W. L. of C. Area Records	(1)
N.S.W. L. of C. Area Accounts	(1)

TOTAL 27

T.O. Bebbington Major.
(H.BURROWES.)
Officer i/c W.Aust. L. of C. Area,
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

4th Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

By
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner
Comd 4th Aust Inf Bn

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937 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	2/3 Dec	Capt J.A. Darragh
Next for Duty	3/4 "	Capt G.A. Fountain
Bn O Officer	2/3 "	Lieut J.S. Blue
Next for Duty	3/4 "	Lieut F.N. Peirl
Camp Medical Officer	2/3 "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	2/3 "	Sgt Rodgers E.
Next for Duty	3/4 "	Sgt Murray G.L.
Bn O Cpl	2/3 "	Cpl Forrest H.J.
Next for Duty	3/4 "	Cpl Dyer C.N.
Duty Unit of the Day	2/3 "	D Coy
Next for Duty	3/4 "	HQ Coy
Duty Bugler	2/3 "	Pte Marlow G.

938 SGTS' MESS

The following have been elected as office-bearers of the Sgts' Mess:-

President	W O II Cunningham
Secretary & Treasurer	S/Sgt McNish
Committee	Sgt Chadd
	W O II Blackhurst
	Sgt Bird
	S/Sgt Kelly
	Sgt Height

939 TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATION

In order to co-ordinate tpt & eliminate unnecessary expenditure of petrol & rubber, all units must report to Bde HQ before proceeding out of Bde area.

For this purpose the Bde area will be considered to be bounded on the West by Rd Junc Dongarra & Old Coach Rd ref 302379 (DONGARRA STRAT). On East by Rd Junc ref 322379 (DONGARRA STRAT), & on the North by Rd. Junc 322382 (DONGARRA STRAT).

940 APPOINTMENT

During the absence of Maj J.F. Stillwell, Capt G.A. Fountain will act as O C Hq Coy.

941 TNG HOURS ETC.

Commencing 3 Dec 42 the following times will operate.

Reveille	0500
Morning Tea	0515
Sick Parade	0515
Tng Parade	0545
Breakfast	0745
Resume Tng Pde	0830
Cease Tng	1245

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Midday Meal	1315
Resume Trg	1630
Cease "	1730
Evening Meal	1800

Breakfast under Coy arrangement served in the fd - midday meal in camp area.

942 CANTEEN HOURS

Commencing today 2 Dec 42, Canteen hours will be as follows.

1245 - 1315 daily (Dry)
1830 - 2100 " (Wet & Dry)

Tickets for wet canteen cease selling at 2045. Orderly offr responsible for policing & closing of canteen.
On day of wet canteen will be closed.

943 MALAY CLASSES

Will recommence tomorrow Wednesday 3 Dec 42 at 0900 hrs & each Wed & Fri thereafter, in Y M C A Hut.

944 SECURITY OF INFORMATION

From G R Cs, 20 Nov 42.

1. The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that the communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air force information is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

2. An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the Allied cause. This fact will be impressed upon all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.

3. An officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him, contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. T his will not, however, absolve the writer of the letter from responsibility for the breach.

4. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc. Part 1 Routine Orders and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation etc.

5. Infringement of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to LHQ so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

945 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Coy vehs as detailed below will report T O Tpt lines 0800 hrs Thurs 3 Dec.

A)
B) 4 each
C)
D)

HQ Coy	O C	
	Sigs	1
	A A	4
	Mort	2
	Carr	1
	A Tk	2
	Q M	
	I O	
	Padre	

All other Battalion & Coy tpt will report T O tpt lines 0800 hrs Saturday 5 Dec 42.

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44 AUST INF BN

SIMULTANEOUS STOCKTAKING DEC 42.

A simultaneous stocktaking of all stores in the Battalion will take place on 2 Dec 42, commencing at 0830 hrs.
Such stocktaking will include a physical count of

(a) Items of War Equipment
(b) Clothing
(c) Ledger Charge Items
(d) Camp Stores
(e) Vehicles
(f) V.O.L's.
(g) Engineers' Stores
(h) Personal Kit
(i) Medical Stores.

Registered numbers will be listed of all articles bearing a registered number and checked with Regimental Register.

Contents of spare parts cases, etc, will be counted and discrepancies listed.

Method

(a) A physical stocktaking will be made in each Coy area by officers as detailed with assistants.
(b) All items on issue to personnel will be checked with A A B 58 and F 12s, and sighted by the checking officer.
(c) Kit inspections will be made under Coy arrangements and will be done simultaneously throughout the Bn at a time to be advised. For checking kits will be laid out in Coy areas with personnel standing at their own kits.

Arrangements to be made by Coys, preparatory to stocktaking.

(a) All items held by or in Coy areas will be listed (showing correct nomenclature), under the headings listed above. (Note in the case of V.O.L. Items listing is not necessary, as these will be checked direct to the V.O.L. and only deficiencies and surpluses advised by the checking officer).
(b) Each spare parts case, holdall etc will contain a list showing items which should be contained therein.
(c) Registered numbers of all articles bearing a registered number will be listed, the list available for checking officer.
(d) Summary of issues to personnel on A A B 58 and F 12 will be completely written up and available for checking by checking officer.
(e) All items on temporary issue are to be withdrawn before stocktaking.
(f) On day of stocktaking all stores to be laid out in Coy or Pl areas in sectional order. Contents of spare parts cases etc to be laid out on ground sheet beside the case, holdall etc.
(g) M.T. stores not included in V.O.L's will be listed prior to stocktaking, and will be arranged in such an order as to facilitate checking.

General

(a) Particular attention is to be paid to check of kitchen equipment.
(b) The senior checking officer in each Coy group will furnish a special report on the state of the equipment in the area checked, and supply a statement setting out his opinion as to whether or not due care has been taken in preservation of the equipment.
(c) All furniture, security chests etc are to be included in the stock sheets.
(d) Note will be made of items not actually sighted, owing to being in possession of personnel at schools, hospital etc.
(e) Checking officers will ascertain by personal inspection that all items in Coy areas have as far as they can ascertain been included in the stock sheets.

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(f) M.T. Stores not included on V.O.L's will be listed separately.
(g) Regimental property such as loud-speaker, showers, water bags etc will be listed separately.
(h) Stock sheets are to be completed in duplicate and signed by the checking officer. On completion these will be handed to Regt Q.M.
(i) Medical stores will be listed by M.O.
(j) Checking officers and assistants will be detailed and advised.

Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn — Lt Col

Checking Officers

Coy	Checking Officer	Assistants		Checking Officer	Assistants
A	Capt H.B.Hanton	Lt Fitzpatrick Cpl B.L.Johnson Cpl Crews	Carrier Pl	Lt Jamieson	Lt Chrisp Cpl Godden .....
B	Capt G.A.Fountain	Lt Bentley Cpl Arlow L/Sgt Hanrahan	Regt Q Store	Lt Kelley	Cpl Spackman E.J. Cpl Campbell W.G.
C	Capt Braddock	Lt Blue Cpl Baskerville L/Sgt N.V. Pearce	HQ Coy Vehicles (other than carriers)	Lt McCulloch	Sgt C'Dea Cpl Taylor F.E. Cpl Gordon A.
D	Capt H.N.Bentley	Lt Peirl Sgt Chadd L/Sgt Keddie	M.T.Stores (other than V.O.Ls.)	Lt Giles	Sgt Murray
HQ No. 1	Capt Darragh	Lt Crofts L/Sgt Hamblett Cpl Dellar Cpl McGlenchy Cpl Lewin	Bn HQ Officers' Mess Sgts' Mess	Lt Gray Lt Bucktin	Cpl Langley Cpl Weston Cpl Dyer
			Medical Stores	Capt Waters	Cpl Crasswell
HQ No. 2	Capt Plaistowe	Lt Phelps Cpl Boland Cpl Collins P.E.	Ammunition Dump	Lt Joel	Cpl Berridge Cpl Sheedy

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BATTALION CODE

SECRET

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1. RULES
   (a) The code is intended primarily for use within the Bn.
   (b) Encoding and decoding will not be done by sigs.
   (c) Code gps will be answered by repeating back.

2. The code is made up of three letter gps made up as follows
   (a) FIRST LETTER shows to whom message refers, namely

A.	I	K.	C Coy	P.	HQ Coy
F.	You	O.	D Coy	S.	A/Tk Pl
G.	Enemy	J.	Carrier Pl		
E.	A Coy	M.	Mortar Pl		
N.	B Coy	B.	Bn HQ		

EXTRAS

(b) SECOND LETTER indicates the subject matter namely

P.	Advance or advancing	U.	Consolidate or entrenching
V.	Bring or sending	B.	Made touch or in touch with
A.	Closing	T.	In observation
S.	Reconnoitre or discovering	D.	Position in or located at
		G.	Get or getting
E.	Extend or deploying	J.	Retire or withdrawing
H.	Firing	C.	Stand fast
F.	Got or getting under fire	Q.	Want
W.	Halted or held up	R.	Moving or going

EXTRAS

(c) THIRD LETTER indicates sense namely

X.	Affirmative
Y.	Negative
Z.	Query

SPECIAL GROUPS

The following special groups will be used in conjunction with three letter groups

Those groups cannot be confused with other groups since none of them end with either X Y or Z

A Tk Guns	TKG	M T	MOT
M Gs	VMG	Report situation	RPR
A F Vs	AMD	All right	ALI
Armd Cs	RDS	Lost	LOT
All Arms	LAM	Water	WTR
Column	CUN	Food	CAF
Infantry	NAT	Commanders close	CMC

EXTRAS

NOTE:- Several examples are quoted in I.M.T. 1941 Aust Appx (H).

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946 SPORTING EQUIPMENT

Coys will submit return by 1200 hrs Thursday of all sporting material on hand.

947 SAFETY OF ARMS & EQUIPMENT

All concerned are notified that the safeguarding of arms, equipment, clothing etc become a personal responsibility when issued, and should any such equipment etc be left in tents when personnel proceed on leave or at any other time vacate the tent, any loss sustained from such action will be compensated for by the personnel concerned.

948 SCHOOLS HARVEY

Personnel detailed in B R O 930 are hereby informed that tpt will depart B HQ at approx 2200 hrs Thurs for entraining sta. Pay will not be available but students can be paid at L.T.D.

949 CYPHER SCHOOL

Applications are invited from personnel desirous of attending Cypher School - Educational qualifications Junior or Leaving. To be at B HQ by 1200 hrs Thurs 3 Dec.

.....Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I A

959 APPOINTMENT

WX 28744 Cpl Morse G.H. to be L/Sgt.

.....Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

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3 Dec 42

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

951 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	3/4 Dec	Capt G.A. Fountain
Next for Duty	4/5 "	Capt E.C. Plaistowe
Bn O Officer	3/4 "	Lieut F.N. Peirl
Next for Duty	4/5 "	Lieut A.F. Jamieson
Camp Medical Officer	3/4 "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	3/4 "	Sgt Murray G.L.
Next for Duty	4/5 "	Sgt Hanrahan J.E.
Bn O Cpl	3/4 "	Cpl Dyer C.N.
Next for Duty	4/5 "	Cpl Savage E.P.
Duty Unit of the Day	3/4 "	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	4/5 "	B Coy

952 ADMINISTRATION

During the temporary absence of Lt Col W.B. Garner the following changes will operate as from 3 Dec 42.
Maj H.R. Golding will administer Comd of 44 Aust Inf Bn.
Capt A.L. Macgregor will act as 2 i/c 44 Aust Inf Bn, and also amenities offr, replacing Maj J. Stillwell.

953 REPORTING

The following personnel will report to B HQ 0900 hrs Friday 4 Dec.

WX 26756	Pte Durack L.
WX 26491	" Elton N.P.
WX 26698	" Monk K.
WX 26845	" Spence N.H.
WX 29416	" Harrison E.H.

954 CATERING

Temporary allocation of cooks.

"B"	Sgt Bovell	"D"	Cpl Morse
	Sgt Harwood A.		Cpl Hagan
	Cpl Ginn A.		Pte Swan
	Pte Olivieri A.		Pte Trew
	Pte Padbon		
"C"	Sgt Ford	"HQ No. 1"	Sgt Chamberlain
	Cpl Foster		Cpl Sanford
	Pte Goltz		Pte Smith
	Pte Mitchell		" Hughes
			" Aggis
		"HQ No. 2"	Sgt Stead
			Cpl Black
			" Kyrwood
			Pte Preston

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Offrs' Mess Cpl Edwards

Sgts' Mess Cpl Stubbs "B" Coy } To cook for A Coy
Pte Higgins "C" Coy } personnel (15).

All cooks to remain on strength of company allotted previous to this date.

955 ENTERTAINMENTS

A dance will be held at DONGARRA in aid of the Red Cross. The allocation for this Bn is 60. Subdivided as follows

B HQ	6
HQ	18
A	2
B	12
C	11
D	11
	60

Admission 1/6.
Tpt will be provided to leave vicinity HQ Coy office at 1900 hrs.
Duty Coy will provide picquet, details of which will be advised later.

956 TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATION

B.R.O. 939.
Alter Bde HQ in line 2 to read Bn HQ. Balance of para remains.

957 APPOINTMENT

B.R.O. 950 is cancelled.

958 OFFRS' MESS

All offrs are reminded that the Offrs' Mess is now functioning continuously for the evening meal.
Duty Coy will provide two batmen to report to Mess 1800 hrs daily.

959 SGTS' MESS

Duty Coy to provide two fatigues for Sgts' Mess. To report to Sgts' Mess 0830 hrs daily.

960 INTER COY TRANSFER

W 12388 L/Cpl Wellington J.J. from HQ Coy to B HQ.

..... Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

961 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	4/5	Dec	Capt E.C. Plaistowe
Next for Duty	5/6	"	Capt H.N. Bentley
Bn O Officer	4/5	"	Lieut A.J. Jamieson
Next for Duty	5/6	"	Lieut H. Crofts
Camp Medical Officer	4/5	"	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	4/5	"	Sgt Hanrahan J.E.
Next for Duty	5/6	"	Sgt Pearce K.W.
Bn O Cpl	4/5	"	Cpl Savage F.P.
Next for Duty	5/6	"	Cpl Berridge M.
Duty Unit of the Day	4/5	"	B Coy
Next for Duty	5/6	"	C Coy
Duty Bugler	4/5	"	Pte Lailey G.
Next for Duty	5/6	"	Pte Marlow G.

962 MALAY CLASSES

In future, commencing from today Friday 4 Dec, Malay classes will be held in Y M C A at the following times.

Tuesdays	0930
Wednesdays	1900
Fridays	0930.

Attention of Coy Comds is drawn to B R O 869.

963 INTER COY TRANSFER

W 12356 Pte Ridley R. will be detached from C Coy to Band for one week.

964 VEHS FOR L A D ETC

To expedite repairs to vehs of the Bn, all vehs must be brought into Tpt lines by 0900 hrs daily. This enables L A D to fwd vehs on to w/shops by their only delivery, i.e. 1000 hrs daily.

965 NOMINATIONS FOR STEWARD

Nominations for steward in Sgts' Mess to be at B HQ by 1700 hrs 5 Dec 42.

966 NEWSPAPER

Bn newspaper is now available at B HQ. Coys to submit number required to B HQ by 1500 hrs 5 Dec 42. Price 2d per copy.

J.N. Reid Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
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Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

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967 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	5/6 Dec	Capt H.N. Bentley
Next for Duty	6/7 "	Capt J.A. Darragh
Bn O Officer	5/6 "	Lieut H. Crofts
Next for Duty	6/7 "	Lieut B.N. Joel
Camp Medical Officer	5/6 "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	5/6 "	Sgt Pearce K.W.
Next for Duty	6/7 "	Sgt Rodgers E.
Bn O Cpl	5/6 "	Cpl Berridge M.
Next for Duty	6/7 "	Cpl Forrest H.J.
Duty Unit of the Day	5/6 "	C Coy
Next for Duty	6/7 "	D Coy
Duty Bugler	5/6 "	Pte Marlow G.
Next for Duty	6/7 "	Pte Lailey G.

968 LOST

Respirator belonging to WX 26838 Pte Teale A.H.
All Coys to make search & if found returned to C Coy. Advise result of search to this HQ by 1700 hrs Monday 7 Dec 42.

969 CHURCH PARADE

There will NOT be any Holy Communion Service.
Church Parade will be held at 1000 hrs area vicinity canteen.
R C Parade 1000 hrs Y M C A Hut.

970 PERSONNEL EX L T D ETC

When personnel return to unit after a period of absence, the senior officer, N C O or private will parade the party to B HQ.
Under no circumstances will they be moved to their respective Coys without authority.

971 OFFRS' MESS

Lieut Pilley will replace Lieut Ford as Treasurer Officers' Mess.

972 PARADE ETC HOURS

Commencing tomorrow Sunday 6 Dec & until further notice, Reveille will be at 0600 hrs & as from Monday 7 Dec normal hours of training will be reverted to.

973 CONCERT

The 2 Aust Div Concert Party will give a concert in Bn area at 2015 hrs Sunday 6 Dec.
Personnel are requested to be in position by 2000 hrs & to refrain from any undue movement during performance.

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974 SYLLABUS

Coys will commence syllabus as for day 3 commencing Monday 7 Dec.

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Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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44 AUST INF BN SUMMARY No. 5

Compiled from infm received at this HQ
from 0800 hrs 27 Nov 42 to 0800 hrs 5 Dec 42.

Infm contained herein is for circulation
to ALL tps.

Part I.

Operations on WORLD FRONTS.

1. RUSSIA

In face of severe opposition SOVIET armies gaining gd all fronts. New successes have been reported at STALINGRAD, where GERMANS have been thrown out of more blockhouses. There are signs that the GERMANS are failing to organise action either N.W. or S.W. of STALINGRAD.

Fighting at RJEV is bitter with the RUSSIANS having NO illusions as to what they are up against. The GERMANS are resisting stubbornly, remembering HITLER'S words that the loss of RJEV would be as serious as the loss of half of BERLIN.

2. TUNISIA

Six aerial attacks carried out against TUNIS & 12 enemy planes destroyed on gd. Preliminary skirmishes are in progress in northern areas. GERMAN paratps have been used in their attacks but all were repulsed.

3. CAIRO

Very little to report. 8 Army force gradually closing in on TUNIS.

4. NEW GUINEA

Our patrols attacked enemy M G posns near new strip. Our arty concentrated on BUNA mission. Strong patrolling in progress. Our a/c attacked BUNA causing fires.

5. TIMOR

Intense enemy activity in this area. Tp landings taking place.

Part II

1. Equipment

Previous summaries gave notification to Unit Gas Officer & A Tk Pl Comd of infm re enemy equipment. It is suggested that they avail themselves of infm which is theirs for the asking at INT SEC HQ.

2. Moonlight Charts

The above for December is available for perusal to officers for the preparation of their night tng.
Report Int Sec HQ.

3. Enemy Order of Battle

Available to Coy Comds at Int Sec HQ.

Part III

1. Tng Notes on RABAUL and GAZELLE

Notes on above will reach your Coy within a few days. It is suggested that a lecture period be set aside & notes read to tps with necessary comments. They are instructive, informative and interesting.

2. Table of Surface Winds

In furnishing reports it is often necessary to give an estimate of surface wind velocity. The following table provides a handy guide:-

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Wind	Ft per sec.	Remarks
Calm	0 - 1.5	Smoke rises vertically.
Light Air	2 - 4	Smoke drifts; flags flutter.
Light Breeze	5 - 10	Felt on face; leaves rustle; flags flap
Gentle Breeze	11 - 18	Wind extends light flag.
Moderate Breeze	19 - 27	Raises dust and paper; flags straight.
Fresh Breeze	28 - 36	Small trees begin to sway.
Strong Breeze	37 - 46	Whistling in telegraph wires; flags rise.
Moderate Gale	47 - 57	Whole trees in motion.
Fresh Gale	58 - 69	Impedes progress.
Strong Gale	70 - 81	Slight structural damage occurs.
Whole Gale	82 - 95	Trees uprooted.

This guide also handy when aiming off for wind.

Part IV

1 Security

It has been reported that a number of tps are having tattoed on their arms & chest the name & badge of their units, and, in some cases, the name of the particular place they are treated at the time.

It is not suggested that men of this unit would embark on such dangerous & foolish practices. It will be stressed on all ranks that above provides an indelible record of matters which should be concealed.

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App F

44 AUST INF BN

Intelligence Report for week ending
5 Dec 42

1. TNG

Activities have been mainly confined to AIM. The week was set aside for this purpose as it was found that much more work was necessary to provide necessary camp facilities. Mess huts have been built & installed in company areas. Incinerators for kitchens are complete. New tracks have been cut. The Provost Sec are doing good work in maintaining track discipline, confining traffic to existing circuits.

To lessen the danger of bush fires, all fallen jam wood which is light and combustible has been cleared from areas & stacked for use in kitchens.

The Bn stocktaking & kit inspection was held during the week. On kit inspection day tps went out on route march, total distance covered being 15 mls. Men were fit & keen and appreciated the march.

Nearby swimming facilities were utilized on Bn rest day 29 Nov 42. Men were taken to the beach in gps during the day. This gesture was much appreciated by the men, who returned to camp in high spirits.

2. MORALE

Good. No efforts have been spared to make the tps as comfortable as possible, & this is realized by them.

Tng will be resumed on the 7th Dec 42 & then fullest co-operation is expected. However, the old point of a more active contribution to the war is still fresh in their minds.

3. HEALTH

Generally good. A few skin complaints have been reported but are not serious.

4. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY Nil.

5. EVASION OF CENSOR Nil.

6. PERSONNEL

	Officers	O/Rs	Total
	35	658	693
Attached	2	13	15
			708

Coy Comds continually query the reinforcement question. Reinforcements are needed to give full scope to training & tactical exercises.

7. TOPOGRAPHICAL

Int sec conducted reccos during the week. Object - to select suitable tng areas. The following are included in the attached sketch.

a. Close Country Tng Area
b. Fd Exercises for Coys & Pls Area
c. Bn fd firing area

8. GENERAL

A number of complaints have been received with regard to shortages in rations. Attendance at several messing parades have shown unit I.O. that these complaints are justified. It is suggested that some inquiry be made & the unsatisfactory position rectified.

[signature] Capt. for Maj
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn A.D.

[signature] Lieut
I.O. 44 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

975 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	6/7	Dec	Capt J.A. Darragh
Next for Duty	7/8	"	Lieut J.G. McCulloch
Bn O Officer	6/7	"	Lieut B.N. Joel
Next for Duty	7/8	"	Lieut E. Chrisp
Camp Medical Officer	6/7	"	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	6/7	"	Sgt Rodgers E.
Next for Duty	7/8	"	Sgt O'Dea
Bn O Cpl	6/7	"	Cpl Forrest H.J.
Next for Duty	7/8	"	Cpl Gordon A.
Duty Unit of the Day	6/7	"	D Coy
Next for Duty	7/8	"	HQ Coy
Duty Bugler	6/7	"	Pte Lailey G.
Next for Duty	7/8	"	Pte Marlow G.

976 CONCERT

For personnel attending 2 Div concert tonight it is suggested that ground sheets be taken to sit on.

977 AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION

The Bn has been successful in obtaining a set of aeroplane models for the purpose of explaining the various types of machines likely to be encountered in the S W Pacific War Zone.

With this object in view a syllabus has been arranged as shown below & Coys should see that as many personnel are in attendance as circumstances will allow.

Lieut Chrisp will be in charge & report to Coy tng areas as follows on Monday & Wednesday next.

B	0830 - 0915	
C	0915 - 1000	
D	1000 - 1045	
B HQ	1100 - 1145	incl office staff
HQ No.1	1400 - 1445	
HQ No.2	1500 - 1545	

978 TRAFFIC CONTROL

Water carts do not need passes to leave camp area. Also Coy utes rationing guards etc may travel past T C P at exit gate & return via entrance gate without pass.

979 COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the illegal absence of W 22694 Pte McDermott F. since 2359 hrs 15 Nov 42.
President Capt R.F. Johnston Member Lieut A.W.Bentley
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 8 Dec 42.

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The Bint G.

ALWAYS TO THE POINT

FORMERLY Eggs-a-Cook

Official Organ of:-

TWO UP SCHOOL (REG)
A.W.L. LEAGUE
G.U. DEPT.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

WORK done shortest notice, camp-sites constructed, wrecked, vacated junk lifted, C.G. Iron collected, houses removed & flagpoles moved, sited and erected.

Apply:-

Bren Garner's Guerillas.

(Except on organised G.U. days)

N.B. Anyone requiring a quote for anything requiring training of a Military nature is advised to apply to the nearest Labour Bn.

A.W.L. LEAGUE Committee meeting will be held in the Officers' mess (by their kind permission) to discuss ways and means!!!

TREAT THIS MATTER AS URGENT.

T. Elson Pte (Sec)
(A.O.D.)

HEALTH TOURS. B.H.Q. is calling for nominations for the above. To be forwarded through Coy. Office.

Nomination - A.W.L. 4 days

Acceptance - Repeat the dose.

R.S.M. will arrange personal interview with the Old Man for intending tourists. HIS DECISION IS FINAL.

GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS

We are G.U. experts, in fact classified as specialists.

Let us quote you!

Apply H.Q. Coy.

Years of practice in dodging Duty Day (and how).

WARNING ORDER. The roster for Duty Coys is:-

The Coy going off goes on again to obviate the Coys off going on.

This order will be maintained for an indefinite period to ease worry in the Adjt's work. It suits him anyway.

LOST a Duty Roster Sheet [illegible] last seen blocking off the Adjt's table. Its Kelley to report.

WANTED TO BUY Some Bent Wire fasteners. Must be able to keep a Tortoise in and [illegible]

Apply to:-

"Summers Day" Bentley, "O" Coy. (Long and Fine)

If he's not long we'll wait.

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EDITORIAL

This is the first effort of a 'The Double G' and this issue is almost an individual effort. It comes to you at considerable risk to the publisher and editor, so for that reason alone he desires to remain anonymous for the time being.

These columns are available to you all and contributions, letters of opinion, queries, any jokes or skits are requested.

Would you appoint a Coy representative to collect these items and forward them to the editor. This will ensure every Coy being represented. The editor is sure that you will realise that the life of the paper and the frequency of its appearance depends on yourselves, so its success is assured or is it?

It is intended to charge 2d. per copy and so enable the Editor to defray cost of publication, and what is more to the point, buy him a beer or two. (Very necessary I assure you). When sufficient funds are available the Ed. may be able to spread himself for your entertainment, or even purchase some better designed picks and shovels so easing your labours.

Don't forget your jokes, they can be broad, we can take it, in fact we like it. Remember no help no paper.

LATRINOGRAMS
"The Censor Speaks"

There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that Tony Hallis and the C.O. were seen having morning tea together recently.

There will be no leave in the local township. It will need a town picquet if there is and Lt. Kelley is too busy.

The Germans have not occupied Hydrophobia - they always have had it.

John Theaker is not getting an extra T.G. allowance for his ability as a G.U. exponent.

There is absolutely no truth in the furphy that Tony Gunson was once early on parade.

The rumour that a certain CSM applied for leave of absence to attend the wedding of his pater and mater is completely false.

They state that they have no such intentions.

Whoever started the one that we are to build 25 miles of road wants a bash in the pants, as it is 125 miles!!!!

The latest from the cooks, who will give it on oath if required, is deliberately calculated to upset the men. We are NOT leaving the Brigade.

Unfortunately.

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POETIC LICENSE
(Help wanted)

EX S. M. F.

They made us take down the triangle
Our pride, the three-cornered white patch
They told us we'd done excellently
We blushed and then looked for the catch.

It wasn't too long ere we found it,
High thoughts for good work quickly fade,
And as a reward for our virtues,
We form part of an Eastern Brigade.

We put down our tents in nice circles,
We dress up as though for a ball,
But when a job of real soldiering's wanted,
The boys from the East get it all.

Mind you, we are not complaining,
We LIKE to cut poles and make roads.
It's just that we joined up for action,
And NOT for these baseline troops modes!

So give back our old independence,
Get away from this red tape and frills.
Give us mens jobs is all that we ask,
For We're men, with men's strength and men's wills.

"A Brick"

I wish I was a Brigadier
with red upon my hat.
To run 'round in my D.S. car
and not know where I'm at!

"Another Brick"

THE DOUBLE G QUIZ SESSION
(Answers on page 6)

(1) How would you completely camouflage a vehicle?
(2) Where would you visualise the flagpole in a Bn in Attack, and who carries it?
(3) When the Adjt. lays the tape, is it red or white?
(4) What is vasoular vesicle?
(5) Why is a stove when it's hot?
(6) What is a four letter word expressing extreme annoyance?
(7) What ranked officer removes a streamer from an R.S.M. on a ceremonial parade?
(8) What is a Hmdinger?
(9) When is a Gd. Sjt. not a Gd Sjt?
(10) What happens on the command "Two up"?
(11) What is "Three up"?
(12) Where do the Strawberry blondes hang out?
(13) What is it the more it dries, the wetter it gets?
(14) What is the difference between a Vacuum Cleaner and a Swiss Admiral?
(15) What is the difference between a bad marksman and a constipated owl?
(16) What was the charge of the Light Brigade?

NO prize for correct answers.

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Enlist and Muster

SHALL I TOW HIM TO THE 20?

BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT HIM BANNED

OH THE SPIRIT IS WILLING BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK

THERE'S A BLOODY RACEHORSE GOMMA GETTING ON IT

OH GUS GET AND PUSH HIM

WON'T DIV'IT SUIT YOU?

WHO SAW THE GIRL PINCHES THE RATIONS

McCOY SHOWERS ON DOES IT?

PAGE 5

UPON A HILL NAPOLEON STOOD!

SEND 2 FIS IN SUPPORT TO RUIN RIDGE I HIGH SHARPE ON ROAD WHERE'S KELLY

THAT'S THAT OUT OF THE WAY

HAVE YOU THE ACCEPTANCES FOR SATURDAY

SHARPE HAS 2 CENTS FULL ROW AGAIN

SCORSBY'S GIGANTICUS

SUPPLEMENTARY RATIONS ON THE WAY

NOW SHUT UP SO RATIONALE

FRIENDS WE HAVE MET

ANTICUS AQUITTIMINOUS

TRAP DOOR SPIDER WITH LID CLOSED

DARWIN ABSIMILE

BENEDICTUS MATHIS

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT (Seriously)

Military Law should not be confused with Martial Law. The latter is a form of Emergency Government which is brought into being when Civil Authorities can no longer maintain order. Whereas Military Law is the Code under which soldiers are disciplined.

A soldier can be arrested by Military Police and be tried by an Officer. He can equally well be arrested by Civil Police and tried by a Magistrate for offences against Civil Law.

Just as a club has rules by which members must abide, so the Army has A.M.R.& O. (Aust Mil. Regs & Orders) in which is given the "Rules" for conduct of soldiers. The Army Act, by which Military Law is implemented. So the difference between A.M.R.& O. and The Army Act is that the former sets out what an Officer can expect of his men as well as what is expected of him as an Officer and gives authority to take action under Military Law.

In time of war the Army has enormous powers - grown by custom and adopted. In energency the supreme consideration is the safety of the State, and that should be the guiding star of every soldier whatever his rank

In the next issue we will say some more on this subject. If you have any queries, submit them and we will endeavour to explain them to your satisfaction.

QUIZ SESSION ANSWERS

(1) Shut it in a shed. (Vide MTP 46 Part 4 Sec. 3 Para 1)
(2) Behind the Point Pl and carried by the R.S.M. at the "ALERT" crying 'Excelsior'.
(3) We have never been present on such a private and personal occasion. Ask Adjt.
(4) We don't know either.
(5) Because the more you sit on it you cant.
(6) Wrong again. Damn!
(7) A Div. Comd.
(8) A night cart with bells on.
(9) After the Brig. has passed.
(10) Troops shout "Heads are right"
(11) Sudden Death.
(12) We would also like to know the answer to this one.
(13) A towel.
(14) A Vacuum Cleaner sucks and sucks and never fails; while a Swiss Admiral has fair hair and gold Epaulettes.
(15) A bad marksman shoots and shoots and can't hit whereas an Owl only comes out at night.
(17) 1d. per unit for Cash up. No tick.

How did you go?

MILITARY GLOSSARY

ESTABLISHMENT. Is the name given to cover the reason why a body of men is always given insufficient, singularly ill-contrived tools to perform the job in hand.

ONE BULLET - ONE JAP - ONE DAY

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RULES AND REGULATIONS
Selection and Siting of Camps

A camp area is selected by Div. H.Q. in the first place. There are no hamstringing rules to this but there is a method that under no circumstances be departed from. The selector must have a large hatpin, a pencil, an eggcup, an ink-well and a cup. Then he takes a Training sheet and after a preliminary recce for the best and worst areas, he seizes the hatpin 'twixt finger and thumb. With one eye open (LB. Safety prec.) he jabs very carefully at the map always remembering which unit he is selecting for. Where the pin lands so is the centre peg or Bomb aiming mark planted. About that point by means of the other stores is the camp laid out. This ensures that when allowance is made for the "permissable error" in bombing, it is the tents that cop it and not the peg.

The unit now moves into the area selected where the following rules will be observed.

(1) Select site for flagpole.
Committee to consist of:- C.O., I.O., T.O., Sig.O., and the Adjt. with CO's batman. (All complete with colour patches).
Drill. I.O. finds three intersecting bearings which the T.O. will provide. As a further check, the Adjt. ties a piece of barbed wire around the batman's neck and in quick time leads him around the area in rapidly diminishing circles until they arrive at the point. where the batman disappears. (Like unto the Oofa Oofa Bird). On this spot erect flagpole, if it doesnt agree with the previously selected point it does not matter.
(2) Site B.H.Q. (No drill - the position is obvious).
(3) E Coy. (azuwere!) H.Q. Coy. Comd selects his area. (Best shade softest digging).
(4) Remaining areas given in alphabetical order to avoid any further argument.
(5) Coy areas to be themselves sited and laid out originally for the comfort and convenience of the men.
(6) Allow 3 days in hard digging country, 2 in soft, and then alter all dispositions in order to conform to Bde. Instr. 109240Y.
(7) Adjt. will then collect all resignations from Coy officers, make 5 copies and forward them with the Inactivity Report to Div HQ. One copy of each to be dropped at Bde. Intelligence en the way. (If it can be found)
(8) Bolster Morale and watch Security as troops with prior knowledge and profound apprehence know that blue billage will happen, and further that when work is finally finished they automatically vacate the camp for an Eastern Station Unit. and proceed to a new area. So the vicious circle goes on.

"Never in the history of human conflict have so many been buggered about by so few, so often.

GASTRONOMICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL.

The Sun will continue to rise in the East and set in the West until further notice. It will, however, please itself at what hour it does so.

The weather will continue to be fine to hot and hotter, with winds from the N.S.E.& W. (the amount of dust to be carried varies with the intensity of the wind).

Nevertheless whether it's fine or whether it's not, we have to weather it whether or not!

(Heard on Bunbury Beach)
She. "What a lovely shooting star"
He. "Sorry I'm not in a position to see it!!!!

(Heard in a London blackout)
"I say old chap would you mind swapping with me, I appear to have picked up an old aunt of mine.

"Do you know that you are the fourth pregnant woman that I have rescued this evening?" said the A.R.P. Warden.
"I'll have you know I am not pregnant!" replied the sweet young thing just disturbed in her bath.
"No," said the warden, "You are not rescued yet either!"

The undermentioned are interesting items gleaned from Routine Orders.

OPINION COLUMN

Contributions invited

"Curious." No! It would not brighten up the "Retreat" Parade to grease the flag pole and dispense with the rope. Trousers W.D. are too hard to get and the constant washing will only result in premature wearing out of them.

The Editor gives it as his opinion that the ceremony will have to remain as laid down. You ask 'has any attempt been made?' Yes'. Twice! - Once by Lt. McKissock at --- (censored Ed.) when he ordered the bugler to "Sound the Last Post! No! Stap my liver! Play Reveille! God bless my soul, give us Retreat. B'jove!

A not quite so spectacular but nevertheless no less devastating effort was executed recently by Lt. Jamieson. He being of a far more peaceful nature, the main feature of it was to alter the sequence and the procedure by sending the Guard and the Picquet about their business before lowering the flag.

This may have had due recognition if the Gd. Comd. had taken the Guard with him instead of going off alone. In any case the Cpl. would look too odd doing the sort of Dying Swan Dance that you suggest before delivering his oration prior to handing over the flag. Ed.

"Bitten." Serjeant Ants get their name from serjeants who also bite.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/12/3 34 = 503
1 = 114

HQ Coy 4th Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	11		
Lieutenants	21		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	35		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	McKissock R.K.	HQ Bn	22/11/42	Seconded to 2 Aust Corps Sch

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col	VX 39284	CAMERON W.S.	C.O.	Yes	Sqdn Leader, [illegible]
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	2 i/c	Yes	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	Sqdn Leader Recruiting
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

44 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 5.12. 1942 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	8		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	47		
Corporals	81		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	513		
TOTALS	658	*	* 200.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt.	A.A.M.C.	3 O/Rs	10th A/Tk.
1 Cpl. and 1 Sgt	A.A.M.C.	1 O/R	5th Bde.
2 Privates	"		
1 Sgt.	2nd Div. H.Q.		
1 Sgt.	2nd Div. Sigs.		
1 O/R.	A.A.M.C.		
2 O/Rs.	"		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

a.w. 3m bks. 5/42

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers Bandsmen		5	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		6
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		1	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			A/R		188
			Certified that the figures in Red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit					
						Lieutenant		
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								200

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

4th Aust Inf Bde ..... Unit.

Signature of Commander.

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

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980 DUTIES

Guard Mounting Officer.	7/8 Dec.	Capt. H.P. Braddock.
Bn. Orderly Officer.	7/8 Dec.	Lieut. K.C. Pilley.
Bn. Orderly Sgt.	7/8 Dec.	Sgt. Park. W.
Bn. Orderly Cpl.	7/8 Dec.	Cpl. Baskerville. N.
Camp medical Officer.	7/8 Dec.	Capt. T.E. Waters.
Duty Bugler.	7/8 Dec.	Pte. Lailey. G.

Next for Duty. "D" Coy.

981. LECTURE.

There will be a lecture for all officers in Officers Mess at 1930 hrs Tuesday 8 Dec. '42 by Capt. Rofe, Bde., Legal Officer. Officers are invited to ask any questions concerning Military Law.

982. INNOCULATIONS.

Coys will submit a list of personnel who still require to be innoculated etc. Particular attention to be paid to those personnel who have returned from X list and leave.

983. REVERSION.

WX 26825 Pte. Powell. E.F. from T.G. 11.

984. INTER-COY TRANSFER.

WX 26825 Pte. Powell E.F. from H.Q. Coy to D. Coy and be detached for for duty with Postal Sgt.

985. MALAY CLASSES.

Ref. R.O. 962. The last class held on Friday only six students attended out of 26 on the Nominal Roll. Unless attendance is continuous the time of the instructor and balance of class is wasted. The nominal roll is again repeated hereunder.

Cpl. Howard. F.	Pte. Taylor.
Sgt. Spackman, R.J.	L/Cpl. Perkins. L.
Cpl. Langford. H.K.	Pte. orboy, B.
Cpl. Cunningham. T.C.	Sgt. Shadd, R.
Sgt. Collins.	Cpl. Gordon.
Cpl. Johnston.	Sgt. Hurst.
Cpl. Berridge.	Capt. Macgregor.
Pte. Spence, N.H.	" Braddock.
Sgt. Kidd. F.	Lieut. Hardwick.
Sgt. Wylie. L.	Lieut. Pilley.
Pte. Morris. A.	Sgt. Hanarahan J.E.

In future when any member of a coy detailed in the above list is unable to attend advice is to be sent.to this H.Q. the day previously a and any further complaints from sgt instructor that attendance is NOT satisfactory will result in disciplinary action being taken against. offenders.

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986. DUTIES.

Commencing today duty coy will mount for four days continuously. The usual guard mounting parade will be held.

987 3 AUST CORPS INTNS.

Particular attention of all Coy Comdrs are drawn to 3 Aust. Corps Admin. Instrns. A.Q. 8. - Para's 2-3-5-6.

"All personnel proceeding to MINGENEW on duty MUST carry duty pass - Town is out of bounds to all troops except on duty and standing picquet now exists.

Capt.
Adjt. - 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Distribution.
As per R.O.S Serial No. 1. 301

SYLLABUS - 7 Dec 42 to

44 Aust Inf Bn - 5 Aust Inf Bde

Serial No		Subject		Reference	Notes for Instructors
1	A.	Map Reading & Fd Sketching	1 hr	Man. Map Reading & A.T.M. 13 Supp	Recap. Scales, conventional signs. Contours.
	B.	Bayonet Training	1 hr	S.A.T. Vol 1 pam 12	Introduce advance & assault on defended posns.
	C.	Sec. Tng. Sections advancing over various types of country.	2½hrs	I.M.T. Chap X	Check formations (see I.M.T. Chap X diagrams 7.8.9.10.11) & scout work Special attention to rapid deployment when moving from close to open country.
		Lecturette - Camouflage - truck discipline	½hr	M.T.P. 46 pt 1 Sec 10	Stress reasons for camouflage
2	A.	Aircraft Recognition	1 hr	S.A.T. Vol Pam 6A pt 11 Secs 6.7.8.9	Stress constructional terms.
	B.	Bren Recap.	1 hr	S.A.T. Vol 1 pam 4	
	C.	Gas	1½hrs	P.A.G. COECDOR Drill	As required by Coy Comdr.
	D.	P.T.	½ hr	Phys. & Rec. Tng. Table VI pt 2 1, 3 & 4	Commence with ½ hr's lecture on war games
3		At Coy Comd's discretion			Recap. necessary subjects, general admin., weapon maintenance, vehicle loading.
4		do do		Manual Phys. & Rect. Tng. Table VI pts 5 & 6	Include ½ hr P.T. - also demo. of unarmed combat
5	A.	Aircraft Recognition	1 hr	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 6A pt 10	Recap. on previous lesson, then give some types - use models.
	B.	Rifle - J.D. & Aiming Recap	1 hr	I.M.T. Sec 33 - S.A.T. Vol Pam 3 - lesson 6 onwards	T O E T and correct faults
	C.	Fieldcraft - camouflage and observation tng	2 hrs	M.T.P. 33 - Sec 8 and 12 Sub-sec 11	Demonstrate - correct and incorrect use of natural resources.
6	A.	Mines & Booby Traps	1 hr	M.T.P. 30 - pt IV - M.T.P. 40 - F.E.P. 9. I.M.T. Appx D	Arrange according to equipment available - demo. mines.

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Serial No	Subject		Reference	Notes for Instructors
	B. Rd Blocks	2hrs	M.T.P. 30 - Pt III Sec 3 I.M.T. Appx C	Particular attention to siting of weapons - 15 minute lecture to commence.
7.	Patrols - fighting		I.M.T. pt 3 Sec 73.	Introduce bayonet charges storming outlying posts. - ½ hr's lecture on types of patrols to commence.
8.	A. Map Reading & Compass	1hr	A.T.M. 13 Supp. Visibility. NTH pts.	Stress the value of being able to choose a good Op. from this map.
	B. Section Stalk		M.T.P. 33 sec 27	
9	A. Elementary Fd Sketching		Man. Map Reading & Fd Sketching	
	B. P.T. and Bayonet			
10	A. Molotov Cocktails		Training Instructions	Instruct preparation and the way to use them.
	B. Guerilla tng - use of explosives and preparation of Jam Tin Bombs		School trained instructors only	Discription & demonstration. 15 minute talk on guerilla work.
	General Instructions for Training			
	Marching			Pl distances maintained during movement to area.
	Water			No drinking between meals. Water bottles must always be full before leaving pde gnd.
	A/A		I.M.T. chap XVI 80-85 (incl) & appces. S.A.T. Vol 1 pam 6 A	Alarms calling for offensive A/A fire will be practised when men are in camp area. Special attention to pl gun teams getting into action. BN HQ will originate all alarms. Warning of the first alarm will be given. No warning for subsequent alarms.
	Instruction -		See I.M.T. Chap II	
	Each Serial represents one half-day's work.			

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44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
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Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

988 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	8/9	Dec	Capt J.A. Darragh
Bn O Officer	8/9	"	Lieut J.S. Blue
Camp Medical Officer	8/9	"	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	8/9	"	Sgt Pearse N.V.
Bn O Cpl	8/9	"	Cpl Elwin G.J.
Duty Bugler	8/9	"	Pte Lailey G.
Next for Duty	9/10	"	D Coy

989 MALAY CLASSES

Ref R O 962 Malay classes Wednesday now 1630 hrs instead of 1930 hrs.

990 BATHING IN TANKS

The practice of bathing in tanks either inside or outside the Bde area is strictly prohibited and disregard of this instruction will result in disciplinary action against offenders.

991 FIREARMS

Coy Comds are held personally responsible that no unauthorised firearms are held by any member of their Coy.

992 WATER CONSERVATION

From 5 Aust Inf Bde R Os, Serial 16/42, 4 Dec 42.
It has been reported that troops are washing and showering at water points. This practice must cease forthwith

993 M.T. SPEED LIMITS

From 5 Aust Inf Bde R Os, Serial 16/42, 4 Dec 42.
Attention is again drawn to speed limits. M.T. will not exceed 10 m.p.h. while passing any unit lines. Speed through Mingenew township will NOT exceed 15 m.p.h.
Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

994 FOUND

One hatband, Sunday night, in area where concert was held.

995 LOST

One webbing belt, in B HQ latrine.

996 BDE SIG OFFICE - REPORTING

From 5 Aust Inf Bde R Os, Serial 16/42, 4 Dec 42.
All officers of Bde units when visiting Bde HQ area are requested to call at Signals Office to facilitate delivery of despatches for their respective units.

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997 SECURITY OF INFORMATION

From 2 Aust Div R Os, Serial No. 21, 5 Dec 42.

1. The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that the communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air force information is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

2. An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the Allied cause. This fact will be impressed upon all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.

3. An officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him, contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. This will not, however, absolve the writer of the letter from responsibility for the breach.

4. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc Part 1 Routine Orders and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation etc.

5. Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to LHQ so that, if though necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

998 IDENTITY DISCS

From 2 Aust Div R Os, Serial No. 21, 5 Dec 42.

It has been brought to notice that identity discs are not being worn by all personnel, and when accidents occur, great inconvenience has been caused. Unit Comd will take immediate action to correct this, and take disciplinary action against all offenders.

999 CONSERVATION OF RUBBER

From 2 Aust Div R Os, Serial No. 21, 5 Dec 42.

(a) It is the responsibility of comds and those controlling the use of MT to study constantly the question of saving tyre wear and thus prolonging the life of tyres on issue. Unless this is done the depletion of our available supplies of rubber may well bring about the situation that a large percentage of vehs have to be grounded for lack of replacement tyres.

(b) The most obvious means of implementing this saving are contained in GRO 0150 and MBI 041/42 to which the attention of all ranks will be directed. They are as follows:-

(i) Less use of vehs;
(ii) Strict observance of speed limits at all times;
(iii) Constant attention to tyre pressures;
(iv) Close study of tyres to reveal any undue wear caused by bad alignment or faulty brake adjustment.
(v) Return of tyres for remoulding or recapping when in correct stage of wear.
(vi) Unloading vehs if they are to be left standing idle for a period unless provision is made to "jack up", and remove weight from wheels.

(c) It is considered that if the true position in regard to supplies and the vital necessity for economy are explained to all concerned, an appreciable saving in tyre wear will be effected. Comds will therefore arrange for discussions among officers and all MT personnel on methods of conserving tyres.

(d) The contents of this order will be repeated in unit orders, and the strictest disciplinary action will be taken against personnel involved in the abuse or neglect of tyre preservation and maintenance.

1000 XMAS PARCELS

From 2 Aust Div R Os, Serial No. 21, 5 Dec 42.

Troops are requested to post parcels immediately in order that they may reach their relatives and friends who reside in distant localities before Xmas.

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1001 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TELEGRAMS

From 2 Aust Div R Os, Serial No. 21, 5 Dec 42.

To assist the P.M.G. Department, it would be appreciated if Christmas and New Year Greeting Telegrams be of a standard text, e.g.:-

(a) A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, all well.
(b) Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, all well.
(c) Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all at home, all well.
(d) Love and best wishes for a Happy New Year, all well.

Personnel wishing to send any other form of telegram may do so, but are requested where possible, to adopt one of the above texts.

1002 CINEMA OPERATORS

Applications are invited from personnel qualified as cinematograph operators. These may be required in the near future to operate cinemas within the Division. Nominations close 0900 hrs Wed 9 Dec.

1003 OFFICERS WITH LEGAL EXPERIENCE.

The names of all officers who have legal experience will be submitted this HQ by 0900 hrs./ Age, experience and qualifications should be stated. Wed 9 Dec 42.

1004 2 AUST DIV PRO COY

Applications are invited from personnel desirous of transfer to the above Coy.

Applicants should be of good physique
minimum height 5' 9"
good character with clean conduct sheets
should hold for preference Army licences 1, 2 & 5

Special skill in one of the following would be of distinct advantage

Map reading
First aid
Amb work
Convoy duties & M T maintenance.

Nominations close 0900 hrs Wed 9 Dec.

Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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File 2
Officers' Mess
Sgts' Mess
Canteen
Postal Sgt
Pay Sgt

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A.M.P.

[redacted] SECRET

[redacted] App 7

[redacted] Sqn. A.M.P. No. 1

[redacted] 30.AG.0532 hrs. 8 Dec. 42

Ref. Map [redacted] - [redacted] - 1 inch to 1 mile

OPS

1. [redacted]

Ground between R.[redacted] and [redacted] soft and N.F. liable to become boggy.

The [redacted] is not fordable between [redacted] and [redacted]. Apart from this the river is fordable.

2. OPS

(a) Our Ins.

[redacted]. Active patrolling beyond F.D.L.'s during night. At 0535 hrs. local resident reported that enemy movement visible by [redacted]. Local patrol sent to investigate, sighted four enemy tpt. Appeared to be recce elements. Local resident held pending inquiries his bona fides.

Six natives captured at 0130 hrs at [redacted]. Natives in this area around patrol indicate curiosity with the recent capture. At first they appeared friendly, but interrogation proved them to be hostile and in cahoots with enemy.

At 0545 hrs AP thereafter found near mi [redacted] during.

[redacted]. Patrolling as per instruction carried out. Quiet in this section.

[redacted]. Patrolling throughout night. hrs
Lights flashing at [redacted] seen by this Coy. 2255 (one qtr) At 2302, two unidentified M.T. observed proceeding [redacted] direction. Fired on but did not stop.
At 0215 unidentified A/C observed flying[illegible] at 3000 feet. Gd lights observed [redacted] and appeared to be signalling to A/C. Careful patrolling resulted in capture of Jap soldier fitted with W/T set and signalling lamps. He was shot dead attempting to escape.

(b) Enemy Ins.

Apart from incidents mentioned above, no other info available. The captured prisoner belonged to the [redacted] of the [redacted] Division, Guards.

3. [redacted]

(a) Morale

Although our contact with enemy was slight, the boldness of his recce patrols approaching so close to our lines shows that he will stop at nothing and that his morale is high. The W/T signaller gives further weight to this statement.

(b) Methods

He has made quick contact with the natives and promptly bribed them to disclose our posns.

The local resident who gave info to [redacted] may be a fifth columnist.

It appears that the land forces have scant support.

(c) Equipment

W/T set of recent make with latest designs. This force apparently well equipped. The Parachute found in pack of mysterious silk and the rip cord is of a new design, with a quick release gadget attached. This may be used to allow for parachuting at low altitudes.

(d) Air Support.

No further info available.

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4. SPECIAL ITEM.

Two war correspondents expected at this H.Q. at 2300 hrs 7 Dec. 41 reported to be Fifth Columnist. Three men who were proceeding by car from this H.Q. did not arrive. The police detailed to meet them were last seen at 2245 hrs. The vehicles seen by 51st may link up with disappearance of the bogus war correspondents and guides.

All Coys will question patrols in this matter and report result to H.Q.

Acknowledge.

Method of Distribution. D.F.

[signature] Lieut.
I.O. 3/51

A M F

Secret

44 AUST INF BN

Copy No.

8 Dec 42

BANDIT EXERCISE

Bn in Attack & Pursuit

Adm Inst No. 1

Dress : Own Troops : Trousers K.W.D. Shirts Helmets Steel. Fighting order.

Enemy : Trousers K.W.D. Shirts [illegible] working Fighting order.

Respirators will not be carried.

D.S. & Umpires Hats Felt with white band.

Blankets : 1 per man.

Kit Arrangements Kits will be stored under Coy arrangements.

Personnel to be left behind :

A security picquet of 3 per Coy to include storeman will be left in lines, light duty men to be utilised for this purpose where possible.

Rations Tinned ration will be issued for exercise.

Water Discipline Strict water discipline will be observed. All tps will move out with full water bottles.

Bayonets Bayonets when fixed at night will have scabbards firmly tied on. In all assaults by day Bayonets will be fixed but umpires will be responsible for seeing that no physical contact is made.

Representation of Fire

Own Troops Rifle 1 round per rifle for rifle Coys only
L M G Rattles
M M G Lucas lamps
Mortars Gelignite bombs
Smoke Smoke candles

Enemy Rifle 3 rounds per rifle.
L M G Rattles
M M G Lucas lamps

Safety Precautions Coy etc Comds will be responsible that all ranks are inspected for ball ammunition prior to moving out on exercise & certificate submitted to Bn HQ accordingly. No blank amn will be fired at closer range than 30 yards.

All unexpended blank amn to be returned at completion of exercise.

All blank & fireworks will be issued in hours of daylight.
Coy Comds will be responsible to see that all mob amn is sealed & a responsible N.C.O. appointed for its safe keeping.

Private Property

Any fences cut or damage done to property during exercise will be reported to Bn HQ. Rabbit-proof fences will not be interfered with.

Transport Phase I Full war scale unit tpt will be used. Tps will be shuttled to Biv area. All vehs will be loaded as per unit load table with Bn W.E. only.

Phase II "F" Gp vehs only will be used for move to MORGAN'S FARM area. Tps to be shuttled forward.

Minimum tpt (two per rifle Coy) will be used for remainder of adv. Balance of "F" Gp will form A2 Ech and will remain at MORGAN'S FARM area until ordered to move.

P.O.L. Normal arrangements.

R.A.P. R.A.P. will be established in the field in accordance with operation orders.

Battle Casualties Umpires will be responsible for nominating casualties in the field for the purpose of exercising S.B's & R.A.P. For this purpose R.M.O. will prepare casualty tags to be furnished to umpires.

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BANDIT EXERCISE

Bn in Attack & Pursuit

Instns to Umpires

Lessons to be Taught

Umpires are to be clear in their mind as to the lessons to be taught and are to complete Umpires' Field Sheets noting any faults in the course of the exercise. All sheets are to be completed & handed into D.S. at conclusion of exercise, with summary of principal points attached.

Tasks Umpires are responsible for seeing that no physical v iolence occurs during exercise.

Umpires are to act as observers only throughout exer cise with exception of those attached to Adv Gd who will be responsible for pinning Pls in accordance with action taken by enemy & attacking troops in assault of GREEN RIDGE. Map r ef DONGARRA Sheet 1 in to 4 miles (305378).

Tpt

No vehicles will be ava ilable to umpires who will attach themselves to O C's of Coys etc.

Conferences

As per field sheets.

Rations

Umpires will be rationed by Coys to which they are attached.

Sequence of Events

Date	Time	Event	Remarks
10 Dec	0500 hrs	Warning order to move to MT LEFROY area. No movement before 0630	To test efficiency of loading drill & movement using unit M.T. on shuttle system
	0700 hrs	Movement commences	
	0700 to 1800 hrs	Occupation of MT LEFROY area	Occupation to be on perimeter defence
	2100 hrs	Move to MORGAN'S FARM areacommences	Posn to be occupied by 2359 hrs
	0500 hrs	Adv to SCRUBBY RIDGE commences	Minimum tpt to be used Umpires to note stores carried & method employed in replenishing amn etc supplies
	061[illegible] hrs	Attack should develop	

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BANDIT EXERCISE

FIELD SHEET

Scheme No. R/p/7

Battalion in Attack and Pursuit

Using Minimum Transport

Area: Vicinity [redacted]
Map Ref DONGARRA Sheet 1 in to 4 mls
" Enlargement 1 in to 1 ml

Object of Exercise

Phase I To exercise Bn in rapid movement using unit transport.
Phase II To exercise Bn in attack & pursuit using minimum transport.

Lessons to be Taught

(a) Rapid movement.
(b) Battle procedure.
(c) Occupation of area by night.
(d) Atta ck & organised pursuit.

Dates for Exercise 10 - 11 Dec 42.

Troops Taking Part

(a) Own troops 44 Aust Inf Bn less Pioneer Pl.
Comd Capt H.N. Bentley.

(b) Enemy Pioneer Pl.
O C Enemy Lieut J.E. Hardwick.

Directing Staff Director Major H.R. Golding
Asst Director Capt A.L.G. Macgregor

Umpires
B Coy Capt J.A. Darragh
C Coy Capt G. Fountain
D Coy Capt E.C. Plaistowe
Adv Gd Coy Umpires: Lieut J. McCulloch
" A.W. Bentley
" H.M. Kelley

Conferences

Serial No. 1 : Preliminary
When held : 7 Dec 42
Time : 0900 hrs on ground
By whom attended : Directing Staff
All umpires
O.C. Enemy
Purpose: Outline exercise & view ground.

Serial No. 2

When held : 7 Dec 42
Time : 1400 hrs Y.M.C.A. Hut
By whom attended Battalion & Coy Comds
Purpose : Explain objects of exercise and administrative arrangements

Serial No. 3 :

When held : Conclusion of exercise STONY RIDGE
By whom attended : Direct ing Staff & umpires

Serial No. 4 :

When held : Conclusion of exercise STONY RIDGE
By whom attended : Directing Staff, umpires and all troops

Serial No. 5 :

When held : Conclusion of exercise OFFICERS' MESS
Time : On return to Camp
By whom attended : Directing Staff, umpires & officers.

Order Separate instructions issued.

General Ideas Phase 1 Order from Bde Comd to C.O. 44 Aust Inf Bn to move to Biv Area vic MT LEFROY Map ref DONGARRA Sheet 1 in equals 4 miles (321365).

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Object to cover: IRWIN - [illegible] JEFROY Coach Rd.

Phase II. O.L. from Bde Comd to C.O. 44 Aust Inf Bn to move to IRWIN area & dislodge enemy forces from SCRUBBY RIDGE area Map Ref DONGARRA Sheet 1 in to 4 miles (304378) and drive them into the sea.

General Instruction Appreciate - recce - move rapidly - attack - pursue.

Routes : (a) Camp site - MILO - track to MT LEFROY.
(b) MT LEFROY - MORGAN'S FARM (303374) - SCRUBBY RIDGE.

Inter Comm W.T. - L.T. - D.R.

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NARRATIVE

A JAP Force estimated strength one Inf Regt effected landing at DONGARRA early hrs morning 10 Dec. The landing was opposed by 19 Gun Bn.

At 1200 hrs 10 Dec 19 Gun Bn were ordered to hold & delay advanced east along DONGARRA-MINGENEW rd with object of capturing important supply base at MINGENEW.

Delay adv was held west of IRWIN by 54 & 56 Bns.

At 1830 hrs 10 Dec Tac R reported that a JAP force estimated streng th two coys had moved round left flank with apparent object of outflanking 54 & 56 Bns & gaining use of IRWIN-STRAWBERRY rd to continue adv to MINGENEW & gained high ground at STONY RIDGE.

In view of heavy JAP losses in landing operations Bde Cond appreciated that JAP force on SCRUBBY RIDGE would consolidate during night, and await reinforcements before continuing adv next day.

OPENING SITUATION

44 Aust Inf Bn which was in bivoua c vic MT LEFROY was moved to area MORGAN'S FARM during night 10 Dec. At 0100 hrs 11 Dec C.O. 44 Bn was ordered to move at first light & drive Jap force from SCRUBBY RIDGE & pursue enemy to the sea.

C.O. 44 Bn issued the following order for the adv. -

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44 Aust Inf Bn

BANDIT Exercise

O.O. No. 1

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INFORMATION

1. No change.

INTENTION

2. 44 Aust Inf Bn will adv & capture SCRUBBY RIDGE & drive enemy into the sea.

METHOD

3. Order of March
As per Bn H.Q's less Pioneer Pl.

4. Axis of adv STRAWBERRY-IRWIN Coach rd.

5. START TIME 0500 hrs.

6. S.P. Gate entrance to MORGAN'S FARM.

7. Bounds : Pointed out on ground. Successive bounds to be reported clear.

ADM 8. Tpt : Minimum tpt will be used (Two vehs per rifle coy).
Remainder of Tpt will from A2 Ech under T.O. & remain at MORGAN'S FARM un till further orders.
B Ech remain MT LEFROY until further orders.

9. Rations Tinned ration will be carried.

10. Amn : Bn Res A2 Ech.

11. R.A.P. will move at rear of main body.

Inter comm Reports to head of main body.
Wireless silence until contact with enemy then Battle & Map Ref codes.

Synchronise watches.

Ack

Signed at 0200 hrs

Issue by D.R.

Joe Bloggs
Capt
Adjt
44 Aust Inf Bn

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44 Aust Inf Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1005 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	9/10	Dec	Capt J.A. Darragh
Next for Duty	10/11	"	Lieut J.C. McCulloch
Bn O Officer	9/10	"	Lieut B.N. Joel
Next for Duty	10/11	"	Lieut E. Chrisp
Camp Medical Officer	9/10	"	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	9/10	"	Sgt Sherlock K.P.
Next for Duty	10/11	"	Sgt Bird N.
Bn O Cpl	9/10	"	Cpl Boland H.
Next for Duty	10/11	"	Cpl Bailey F.V.
Duty Unit	9/10	"	D Coy
Next for Duty	10/11	"	HQ Coy
Duty Bugler	9/10	"	Pte Lailey G.

1006 USE OF ABBREVIATIONS IN CORRESPONDENCE

From 2 Aus Div R Os, Serial No. 20, 29 Nov 42.

(a) The list of authorised abbreviations contained in Field Service Pocket Book PAMPHLET No. 2 (1939) is for use in the field and during training.

(b) Authorised abbreviations are issued to assist officers in the rapid writing of orders and messages and to reduce the number of letters contained in words to be telegraphed.

(c) The abbreviations are intended to help and NOT to hinder.

(d) In documents such as letters, reports and memoranda which are not usually written under conditions of great urgency, no abbreviations will be used except those recognised for the designations of appointments, Headquarters of Formations and Units.

1007 RATIONS

From 2 Aust Div R Os, Serial No. 20, 29 Nov 42.

When personnel are detached for duty with other units for portion of a day, it is essential that the unconsumed portion of the day's rations be carried.

1008 RAZOR BLADES

From 2 Aust Div R Os, Serial No. 20, 29 Nov 42.

In view of the acute shortage of razor blades, it should be impressed on all personnel that proper care of blades will increase their period of usefulness.

If procurable, hot water should be used, in which razor is dipped frequently whilst shaving, and after shaving blade should be carefully cleaned and dried.

All old blades should be collected and resharpened under unit arrangements. Sharpeners for this purpose may be obtained at a small cost.

1009 LOST.

Money belt, removed from shower Hq Coy area.

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1010 RETURNS

When returns are called for it is essential that NIL returns, where applicable, are forwarded.

1011 M T MAINTENANCE

Recent examination of M T within the Bn reveals lack of supervision by those concerned.

Comds will give the subject of vehicle maintenance their immediate and personal attention & in particular will ensure that

a. Thorough & regular inspections of M.T. under their comd are made at frequent intervals, and inspection reports fwded this HQ on 1st each month.

b. Disciplinary action is taken against persons concerned where neglect is revealed.

c. Disciplinary action is immediately taken when tools or parts are lost or damaged through carelessness or neglect.

1012 INOCULATIONS

Ref B R O 982. Return due B HQ 1700 hrs T hurs 10 Dec.

1013 LOST

Respirator belonging to WX 28742 Pte Mast ers R., A Coy.
Bayonet No. 2331, scabbard and frog. All Coys to search for these items and report result to this HQ by 1000 hrs 10 Dec 42.

1014 CANTEEN HOURS

In future canteen will open dry only between 1300 & 1330 daily, Sunday excepted.

..... Capt
Adjt 14 Aust Inf Bn

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5595	WX.26771	Sgt. McKENZIE L.A.	M/O 3 Aust. Corps Sch. 43/5 4 Dec. 42	Serial JLP
6	WX.26408	" ATKINS C.E.	do do	K43/4
7	WX.19442	Cpl. WILD K.A.	do do	K43/3
8	W.25794	" BOYLE L.V.	do do	JLS43/6
9	WX.26746	" HOLLIDAY J.	do do	G43/9
5600	WX.14408	" GASMIER A.	do do	MG 43/3
1	WX.26874	A/Cpl. TURNOCK J.W.	do do	do
2	WX.26839	Cpl. BRAID A.	do do	K43/3

REJOINED UNIT.

3	WX.26534	Sgt. MURRAY G.	M/I ex School of Inst.	30 Nov. 42
4	WX.26625	L/Cpl. FOLLINGTON A.A.J.	do	do
5	WX.26826	Cpl. MARKS P.M.	do	do
6	WX.26561	A/Cpl. SMITH A.J.N.	do	do
7	WX.26803	Sgt. PARK W.J.	do	do
8	WX.26490	A/Cpl. DELLAR G.	do	do
9	WX.26679	Sgt. STIRLING R.	M/I ex Band School	1 Dec. 42
5610	WX.26850	Cpl. KEMP E.A.	do	do
1	W.12246	Pte. SADLER R.	do	do
2	W.40575	" BOVELL A.D.	do	do
3	W.40458	" MARLOW H.H.	do	do
4	WX.34430	" QUINN J.	do	do
5	W.11919	" UREN L.C.	do	do
6	W.40435	" HINSON J.	do	do
7	W.12135	" LAILEY G.A.	do	do
8	W.40428	" LAWSON T.A.	do	do
9	W.40453	" RAYNOR J.W.	do	do
5620	W.41329	" BARTLETT D.G.R.	do	do
1	W.26681	" DIPROSE J.C.	do	do
2	W.26680	" AUGUSTON R.B.	do	do
3	WX.34429	" CARSON M.	do	do

MARCHED IN.

4	WX.26673	Pte. LORD C.J.	M/I ex A.R.D. ex leave without pay 4 Dec. 42	
5625	WX.26752	Pte. BROWN L.R.	do	do

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No. 3
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2 AUST. DIVISION.

OFFICERS. 9 Dec. 42

Last Part 11 Order No. 2 Sub. No. 15 issued 18 Nov. 42

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties Etc.
STRENGTH INCREASE.			
16	WX.29250	Capt. RILEY A.E.	M/I ex Sch. of Inst. and trans. from X List 11 Nov. 42
7	WX.29248	Capt. PLAISTOWE E.C.	M/I ex Hosp. and trans. from X List 21 Nov. 42
STRENGTH DECREASE.			
8	WX.29246	Major. STILLWELL J.F.S.	M/O to Reg. Comds. Sch. Course No. 3 Beenleigh Qnsd. and trans. to X List 2 Dec. 42
9	WX.29256	Lieut. HANTON H.B.	M/O to 3rd Aust. Corps. Sch. Serial C43/7 4 Dec. 42 and trans. to X List
20	WX.29271	Lieut. PETERSON G.A.	do J.L.O. 43/7
1	WX.29273	Lieut. SMITH P.W.	do G.43/9
2	WX.29257	" FITZPATRICK J.L.	do K.43/3
SECONDMENTS.			
3	WX.29250	Capt. RILEY A.E.	Seconded to H.Q. 3 Aust. Corps. 11 Nov. 42 Auth. A113/19/5
4	WX.29395	Lieut. SIMMONS S.J.	Seconded to H.Q. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. Auth. RTB/BW42
5	WX.29260	" McKISSOCK R.R.	Seconded to 3rd Aust. Corps. Sch. Instructor Weapon Tng. 22 Oct. 42
SCHOOLS & COURSES.			
6	WX.29244	Lt. Col. GARNER W.B.	M/O to No. 14 Course A/Tank Sch. Puckapunyal 3 Dec. 42
7	WX.29268	Lieut. McDONALD A.L.	M/O to 3rd Aust. Corps School Serial WTM. 43/4 21 Nov. 42
8	WX.29262	Lieut. CHRISP E.	M/O to Instruction 14 A/Tnk. Bty. 30 Nov. 42
REJOINED UNIT.			
9	WX.29255	Capt. JOHNSTON R.F.	M/I ex Sch. of Inst. 1 Dec. 42
30	WX.29276	Lieut. BLUE J.S.	do 30 Nov. 42
1	WX.29269	" HARDWICK J.E.	do do
2	WX.29272	" PHELPS L.G.	do do
CORRIGENDUM.			
33	WX.29260	Lieut. McKISSOCK R.R.	Ref. R.O. 2/13 of 18 Nov. 42 Delete entry.

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Last Part 11 Order No. 6 Sub. No. 88 issued 2 Dec. 42

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties Etc.
		HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES ETC.	
89	W.47280	Pte. HALL J.W.	Disch. from 110 A.G.H. to L.M.C.H. 25 Nov. 42 A36/47
90	W.12040	Cpl. ARCHER R.A.	Disch. from 2/1 A.G.H. Guildford to 2/1 A.G.H. Merredin 27 Nov. 42 A36/34
1	W.50167	Pte. HUNTER S.	do do
		PUNISHMENTS.	
2	WX.21357	Pte. KING G.E.	CHARGE 1. A.W.L. from Transit Sec. Claremont from 1400 hrs. 3 Dec.42 to 1815 hrs. 3 Dec. 42 CHARGE 2. Drunkenness 3 Dec. 42 AWARD. Fined 100/- and 28 days Detention by C.C. G.D.D. 4 Dec.42
3	W.47280	Pte. HALL J.W.	CHARGE. A.W.L. from L.M.C.H. from 2300 hrs. 29 Nov. 42 to 0900 hrs. 30 Nov. 42 AWARD. 14 days C.B. by C.C. 110 A.G.H. 30 Nov. 42 Automatic forfeiture 1 days pay.
4	WX.26566	Pte. SHAW N.R.	CHARGE. Drunkenness 3 Dec. 42 AWARD. Fined 40/- and 14 days C.B. by C.C. 109 Con. Depot. 3 Dec. 42
5	W.22194	Pte. DAVIS A.C.	CHARGE. Failing to appear at a place of Parade 30 Nov. 42 AWARD. Fined £1. by C.C. G.D.D. 1 Dec. 42
6	WX.26741	Pte. GRIFFITHS E.H.	
7	WX.21357	Pte. KING G.E.	
8	WX26845	Pte. SPENCE N.H.	
9	WX.34430	Pte. MITCHELL W.C.	
		SENTENCE - Remission of	Ref R.C. 50/4683 of 11.Sept 42
100	W.25413	Pte. COX S.R.	Remission of one sixth of sentence Approved by Col. i/c Adm. 26 Nov. 42

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Last Part 11 Order No. 67 Sub. No. 5535 issued 1 Dec. 42

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties Etc.
STRENGTH INCREASE.			
5536	W.50339	Pte. JACOBS W.	M/I Trans. ex 25 Aust. Cav. Tng. Squad. 4 Dec. 42
7	W.49838	" ROBINSON T.A.	M/I Trans. ex 110 A.G.H. 30 Nov. 42 D.A.A.G. 229/1/1208
8	WX.33018	" OLDHAM J.M.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Detention Barracks 3 Dec. 42 and trans. from X List.
9	WX.29291	" MACE R.C.	do do
5540	WX.26558	" SIMPSON L.D.	do do
1	W.11564	" TOOKE J.S.	M/I ex Sch. of Inst. and trans. from X List 4 Dec. 42
2	WX.32928	L/Cpl. ALEXANDER A.	do do
3	WX.26673	Pte. LORD C.J.	M/I ex leave without pay and trans. from X List 4 Dec. 42
4	W.25969	Pte. TITTERTON H.L.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Hosp. and trans. from X List 4 Dec. 42
5	WX.26646	" STALEY V.D.	do do
6	WX.26526	" ARMSTRONG L.J.	do do
7	WX.26690	Cpl. KEMP F.H.	do do
8	W.11938	Pte. ROGERS S.B.	do do
9	WX.18854	" WILLIAMS J.H.	do 25 Nov. 42
5550	W.41411	" HOGAN E.J.	M/I ex Sch. of Inst. and trans. from X List 20 Nov. 42
1	W.41444	" REAT I.A.	do do
2	WX.20248	Cpl. BERRIDGE M.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Hosp. and trans. from X List 22 Nov. 42
STRENGTH DECREASE.			
3	W.41411	Pte. HOGAN E.J.	M/O Trans. to A.A.O.C. Tng. Depot 20 Nov. 42
4	W.41444	" REAT I.A.	do do
5	WX.18854	" WILLIAMS H.J.	M/O Trans. to R.R.D. reallotment Sec. 25 Nov. 42
6	W.41434	" PEARCE A.J.C.	M/O to G.D.D. for disch. to R.A.A.F. 1 Dec. 42 A8/516/1
7	WX.16191	" HALL S.R.	M/O Trans. to 3 Aust. Fld. Regt. H.Q. 1 Dec. 42
8	WX.26865	" SKINNER K.H.	M/O Trans. to 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. 27 Nov. 42
9	W.40620	" LA MANCUSA G.	M/O Trans. to 7 Adv. Ord. Depot 27 Nov. 42
5560	WX.26742	" HUSKINS A.	Evac. from M.D.S. to 8 C.C.S. and trans. to X List 26 Nov. 42
1	WX.26835	" McNAMARA H.	M/O to Detention Barracks and trans. to X List 4 Dec. 42
2	WX.26640	" RATCLIFFE G.	M/O to M.V.T.T.C. School and trans. to X List 27 Nov. 42
3	W.22694	" McDERMOTT F.	Evac. to 122 Special Hosp. and trans. to X List 13 Nov. 42
5564	W.25944	" STOKOE A.A.	M/O to A.T.T.D. Mech. Course and trans. to X List 28 Nov. 42

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APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS.

5565	WX.19998	Cpl. WILLIAMS W.O.	Promoted to A/Sgt. 15 Oct. 42
6	WX.16499	Cpl. KIDD F.	Promoted to A/Sgt. 30 Nov. 42
7	WX.26587	" ARLOW W.R.	do do
8	WX.26556	L/Sgt. SMOKER R.J.	do do
9	WX.29409	L/Sgt. SPACKMAN R.J.	do do
5570	WX.26806	Cpl. RODGERS E.	do do
1	WX.33016	Pte. STREATFIELD E.	Promoted to A/Cpl. 30 Nov. 42
2	WX.26874	L/Cpl. TURNOCK J.W.	do do
3	WX.26878	L/Cpl. PASSMORE W.E.	do do
4	WX.26876	L/Cpl. BARTLETT J.C.	do do
5	WX.26554	L/Cpl. BUSWELL S.F.	do 15 Oct. 42
6	WX.26613	L/Cpl. SAVAGE F.P.	do 30 Nov. 42
7	WX.26561	Pte. SMITH A.J.N.	do do
8	WX.26878	" PASSMORE W.E.	Appointed to L/Cpl. 30 Nov. 42
9	WX.26745	" CLARKE T.H.E.	do do
5580	WX.26564	" OSTLE W.T.	do do

REVERSIONS.

1	WX.26554	A/Cpl. BUSWELL S.F.	Reverts to L/Cpl. 4 Dec. 42 by C.O.

PUNISHMENTS.

2	WX.26835	Pte. McNAMARA H. C. Coy.	OFFENCE. Failedto appear at a place of parade appointed by his C.O. 21 Nov. 42 AWARD. Fined 45/6d. by C.O. 4 Dec.42
3	WX.26835	Pte. McNAMARA H. C. Coy.	OFFENCE. Failed to appear at a place of parade appointed by his C.O. 26 Nov. 42 AWARD. 14 days detention by C.O. 4 Dec. 42
4	W .25738	Pte. PORTER C.W. C. Coy.	OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 0001 hrs. 5 Sept. 42 to 0645 hrs. 29 Oct. 42 AWARD. Admonished by C.O. 4 Dec. 42 Automatic forfeiture 55 days pay.
5	W.39007	Pte. BIZZACA F.J. D. Coy.	OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 22 Nov. 42 to 1400 hrs. 30 Nov. 42 AWARD. Admonished by C.O. 3 Dec. 42 Automatic forfeiture 8 days pay.

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6	W.22694	Pte. McDERMOTT F.	Adm. to 122 Spec. Hosp. 13 Nov. 42 Disch. to Duty 2 Dec. 42 Total period 19 days.
7	W.24526	" SHERIDAN R.R.	Adm. to 122 Spec. Hosp. 22 Sept. 41 Disch. to Duty 14 Oct. 41 Total period 22 days.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

8	WX.26556	A/Sgt.	SMOKER R.J.	M/O to School 14 A/Tank Bty.30 Nov.42
9	WX.26821	Sgt.	WYLIE L.L.	do do
5590	WX.26783	Sgt.	McALLISTER J.L.	do do
1	WX.26712	Cpl.	BRAUND L.J.	do do
2	W.25928	Pte.	VALLENCE J.W.	M/O to 3rd Aust. Corps. Sig. Sch. Serial 32 4 Dec. 42
3	W.11868	"	LEEN K.	do do
5594	W.41402	"	DAMIANI J.S.	do do

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O. O. No. 2

EXERCISE BANDIT.

Ref Map DONGARRA 1" to 4 M.
ENLARGEMENT - Sketch of TACTICAL AREA.

INFM.
1. As per narrative.

INTENTION
2. 44 Aust Inf Bn will move to assembly area vicinity MORGANS FARM and be prepared to adv against any enemy force.

METHOD
3. Order of March. (a) B Coy will move at 1900 hrs and be prepared to take up an outpost posn covering the occupation of the assembly area.
(b) Remainder of "F" Gp. -
2 i/c
C Coy
B.H.Q.
D. Coy.
H.Q. Coy less Mort, Carr, A/Tk.

Two Three Ton vehs will report B Coy 1830 hrs. to tpt marching personnel.
Two Three Ton vehs to be provided by T O wil report D Coy at 1900 hrs. On debussing personnel all four vehs to report Q M in B ech area.

4. S.P. Quantarra Ridge
5. S.T. 2100 hrs. 10 Dec. 42
6. M.I.H. 5 to Milo Rd and thence 10 to D.P.
7. V.T.M. 40
8. D.P. MORGANS FARM
9. T.C.P. (a) Junc. MT LEFROY track and MILO Rd.
10. (b) MORGANS FARM

On arrival assembly area coys will occupy perimeter defence and be responsible for patrolling Coy frontages. Coys. will liase with regards to patrols going out and Bn will be advised on patrols moving out and on return.

ADM.
11. B Ech will remain present Posn.
12. Water - Water bottles will be filled prior to move. In view of possible water shortage, strict water discipline must be anforced.

INTERCOMN.
13. D.R. & runner
14 W/T Policy - Wireless silence
15. B.H.Q. - Head of coln to assembly area.

Chitchell
..... Capt.
C. Mitchell
Adjt. 44 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. C O
2. 2 i/c
3. Adjt
4. R S M
5. I O
6. Sig Offr.
7. Q M
8. T O
9. H.Q. C oy
10 A Coy
11 B Coy
12 C Coy
13 D Coy
14 3 Aust Inf Bde
15 " " " "
16 File
17 File
18 War Diary
19 War Diary
20 Spare
21 Spare.

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APPENDIX "A" TO O.O. NO. 2

MOVEMENT TABLE NO. 1

Serial	Group	No of Veh.	From	To	S.P.	S.T.	Route	M.I.H.	V.T.M.	D.P.	Remarks
1	C Coy	7	Area	D.P.	Ridge B Coy area	ZERO	Track to MILO Road WEST to MORGANS FARM	Area to Rd Junct. 5 M.I.H. – 40 From Rd. Junct to D.P. 10 M.I.H. – 20		MORGANS FARM	T.C.P. 1. Junct. Track & MILO 2. Turnoff MORGANS FARM
2.	B.H.Q.	4	"	"		± 3					
3	MORTARS	8	"	"	"	± 5½	"			"	
4	CARRIERS	10	"	"	"	± 9	"		"	"	
5	A/TK.	5	"	"	"	± 13	"	"	"	"	
6	D Coy	7	"	"	"	±15	"	"	"	"	
7	H.Q. Coy Loss Det.	14	"	"	"	± 18	"	"	"	"	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

4/4 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 4/4 Aust Inf Bn

1015 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	12/13 Dec	Capt J.H. Mould
Bn O Officer	12/13 "	Lieut F.N.Peirl
Camp Medical Officer	12/13 "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	12/13 "	Sgt Arlow W.R.
Bn O Cpl	12/13 "	Cpl Spackman E.J.
Duty Unit	12/13 "	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	13/14 "	HQ Coy

1016 XMAS TELEGRAMS & MAIL

All members of this unit are reminded that Xmas telegrams should be delivered to Fd P O by not later than 17 Dec. Also Xmas mail should be posted as soon as possible. Late posting may result in mail not reaching destination by Xmas Day.

1017 CHURCH PARADES

Holy Communion 0630 hrs Y M C A Hut.
Church Parade 0830 hrs at usual place.
R C Church Parade will assemble at Y M C A at 0845 hrs, under Capt G.A. Fountain, & at conclusion of Padre Brown's service at approx 0900 hrs, will assemble with that parade for talk by C.O. At conclusion of C.O's. address, R Cs will be broken off until Padre Lyons's service commences at 1000 hrs in Y M C A.

1018 UNAUTHORISED BATHING

Complaints are being made that personnel are using wells, tanks & dams in area for swimming. This practice is to cease at once. Coy Comds are to read this instruction to troops on three successive parades.

1019 INTER COY TRANSFER

Lieut J. Hardwick of A Coy will be attached to B Coy until further notice.

1020 RE-DIRECTION OF MAIL

From 2 Aust Div R Os, Serial No. 17.
(a) Hospital Patients.
Personnel evacuated beyond RAP to a hospital are instructed to obtain Change of Address cards (APS 17) from Post Orderly att to hospital, which should be filled in and posted free of charge to Post Orderly of member's late unit. Post Orderlies will hold mail until re-direction cards have been received.
(b) Personnel Transferred or Detached from Units
Personnel being transferred or detached from units for any reason should notify Post Orderly of his change of address on card provided by Post Orderly.

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1021 KITS AND EFFECTS

From G R Os, 4 Dec 42.

A. Kits and Effects of Illegal Absentees.-

1. Immediately a member of the A.M.F., including A.W.A.S. or A.A.N.S. or A.A.M.W.S., has been declared an illegal absentee, the following action will be taken in respect of effects other than those on charge to the member's unit.

2. The effects, after removal of items on charge to the member's unit, will be despatched to the section of Aust. Kit Store servicing the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section the effects will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-H.Q. of Aust. Kit Store. Such effects will be accompanied by AAF K.S.4, in duplicate, such form containing a certificate to the effect that the member concerned is an illegal absentee. The effects will then be stored with other kits and effects of members of the same unit.

3. (a) Such effects will be noted by Aust. Kit Store as those of an illegal absentee and will not be issued to the member concerned except on a request signed by or for the C.O. of the member concerned, either of his then unit or of a unit to which the member may be subsequently posted after being apprehended. If such member claims to have been discharged from the Military Forces and produces to Aust. Kit Store his certificate of discharge, arrangements will be made for the kit to be dissected in accordance with para. (b) hereof and the personal effects forwarded to the member at an address nominated by him.

(b) If such effects have not been withdrawn after the expiration of six months after deposit, Aust. Kit Store will ascertain, through L.H.Q. Records Office, whether the member concerned is still an illegal absentee. If such member is found to be still illegally absent, then the effects concerned will be dissected and dealt with by Aust. Kit Store as provided in the case of a deceased soldier by G.R.O. Q.178/1942 and Administrative Instructions for Kit Stores, 1942. If such member, upon such inquiry, is found to be no longer an illegal absentee, then the effects will be removed from the illegal absentee list and, if necessary, transferred to another section of Aust. Kit Store. In the latter case, the member concerned will be so notified.

B. Equipment and Effects found on Railway Stations, Cloakrooms, Hotels, etc.

1. Action as set out below will be taken in all cases where arms, equipment, kits and personal effects are recovered from railway stations, railway and other non-military cloakrooms, hotels and other sources. Such action will be taken by the member of Movement Control, Provost Corps or other unit or person recovering the articles.

(a) Arms and equipment will then be returned to the nearest A.A.O.C. Depot. If the article can be identified, the owner's unit will be so advised by the A.A.O.C. Depot and the article will be struck off the unit's charge.

(b) Kits and personal effects will, if the owner and his unit can be ascertained, be forwarded to the section of Aust. Kit Store which serves the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section, such articles will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-H.Q. of Aust. Kit Store. Such Sub-H.Q. will arrange for the storage ofthe article and notify the owner.

(c) If the ownership of the kit or effects cannot be established, the same will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-H.Q. of Aust. Kit Store, by whom the articles will be dissected in accordance with G.R.O. Q.178/1942 and Administrative Instructions for Kit Stores, 1942. If the effects remain unidentifiable, the personal property therein will be stored by Aust. Kit Store pending identification by description of contents, and the Army property therein dealt with as provided in G.R.O. Q.178/1942, para. 5(c)(ii). If ownership of the effects is established during dissection, then the effects will be sent to the appropriate Kit Store Section and the owner will be so notified.

2. Arms, ammunition, or equipment will not be deposited in cloakrooms other than those staffed by military personnel, nor will they be left unattended by military personnel in hotels,

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restaurants, cafes or similar institutions.

1022 COURTS OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into alleged illegal absence since 19 Nov 42. of W 25 466 Pte Nettup M.H.
President Capt H.P. Braddock Member Lieut K. Pilley.
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 13 Dec 42.

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into deficiencies in dehydrated rations.
President Capt J.A. Darragh Member Lieut J.E. Hardwick
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 13 Dec 42.

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into deficiencies in .55 A.P. ammunition.
President Capt J.A. Darragh Member Lieut J.E. Hardwick
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 13 Dec 42.

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into deficiencies in .303 ammunition.
President Capt J.A. Darragh Member Lieut J.E. Hardwick
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 13 Dec 42.

1023 ENTERTAINMENT

A Bn concert will be held in area vicinity Canteen at 1915 hrs tomorrow Sunday. All personnel are invited to attend. Bring ground sheets.

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Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

C O
2 i/c
Adjt
S O Tng
R S M
B HQ
HQ Coy No. 1
" " " 2
A "
B "
C "
D "
Q M
T O
Caterer
R A P
5 Aust Inf Bde
War Diary
File 2
Officers' Mess
Sgts' Mess
Canteen
Postal Sgt
Pay Sgt

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Serial 30.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/12/3 34 × 838 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)
attached 1 × 14.

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus **to** Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	11		
Lieutenants	21		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	35		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
LT COL.	WX 1244	GARNER W.B.	C.O.	No	School.
MAJ	29245	GOLDING H.R.	2/C	Yes	
	29246	STILLWELL T.F.S.	O.C. H.Q. Co.	No	School.
CAPT	29257	BEATTIE A.J.	O.C. C Co.	Yes	
	29241	DOULD T.H.	Adt T.O.	"	
	29253	FOUNTAIN G.H.	2/C	"	
	29254	DONAGH T.H.	O.C. D Co.	"	
	29251	GUTTERIDGE K.H.	O.C.	"	
	29247	MITCHELL C.	ADJT	"	
	29252	MACGREGOR A.L.	O.C. A Co.	"	
	29256	HEATON H.S.	2/C D Co.	No	School
	29253	JOHNSTON K.E.	2/C C Co.	Yes	
	29248	PENNSTONE E.C.	O.C. B Co.	"	
	VX 7443	BRADDOCK H.P.	2/C D Co.	"	
LIEUT	VX 29261	BUCKTON C.J.	Asst Adjt	"	
	29259	GRAY A.M.	Mess Off	"	
	29269	HADDRICK J.E.	Pl Comd A Co.	"	
	29263	PEIRCE E.N.	2/C Carrier Pl.	"	
	29270	FORD E.A.	I.O.	"	
	29258	JOLL B.A.	Regtl Off	"	
	29266	McCULLOCH J.G.	Coy Off	"	
	29241	GILES J.A.	Pl Comd B Co.	"	
	29262	CHRISP L.	Transport Off	"	
	29264	CHARTS A.	M.O.	"	
	29274	FAULKNER A.J.	Sig	"	
	29294	HEANEY H.M.J.	Sig	"	
	29296	BEATTIE H.H.	Sig	"	
	29263	PURCELL K.C.	Sig	"	
	29273	SMITH S.W.	Sig	No	School
	29261	WHEELER R.J.	Regtl Off	Yes	
	29275	FITZPATRICK T.L.	Platoon Sig	No	School.
	29276	BLUE T.S.	Sig	Yes	"
	29271	RUTLEDGE G.H.	Sig	No	"
	29272	PHELPS L.C.	Regtl Off	No	Wkng Party 36 Bn Sig Pl.
	29264	McDONALD A.L.	Adjt Off	"	School.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
CAPT	W 128	BROWN J.L.	A.A.C.H.Q.	24.4.42	Duty & Rations
	VX61405	WATERS T.E.	A.A.M.C.	24.4.42	"

4th Aust Inf. Bde. (Unit)

[signature] (Signature of Commander)

12 December 42. (Date of Despatch)

5th Aust Inf Bde. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

44 Aust. Inf Bn. (Unit) 12 Dec. 1942 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required. Serial 30.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	8		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	47		
Corporals	81		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	523		
TOTALS	668.	*	* 200.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A A P 6	3 Offr.	10th A/Tk.
1 Armr Sgt	A.A.O 6.	1 Offr	5 Bde
1 Batman for Offr	A A O 6.		
1 Sgt	2 Div Pl.		
1 Sgt	2 Div Sig. Sq.		
1 Offr.	A.A.M. 6		
2 Offrs	A A M 6		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
W 29467	Pte	HEATH H.	35 A.T.R.	Northam.
W 49757	"	HEMMING S H	"	"
W 49363	"	HSHER J	"	"
W 49893	"	BEST K W	"	"
W 7908 3	"	PRATT H	"	"
W 29481	"	GURR S W	"	"
W 40011	"	FREEMAN N	"	"
W K 20208	"	NISBETT L J.	"	"

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4th Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

Serial 30.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers Bandsmen		6	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		6
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		/	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			O/Rs		187
			Certified that the figures in Red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit					
						Lt-Colonel		
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								200.

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

4th Aust Inf Bde
Unit.

Lt-Colonel
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 12 Dec. 42.

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

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44 AUST INF BN

Intelligence Report for week ending
12 Dec 42

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1 TNG:-

Two tactical exercises were included in this week's training. The first conducted on 7/8 Dec was a HQs exercise, the second on 10/11 Dec a Bn in attack & pursuit. Tng as per syllabus for remainder of week.

The HQ exercise was highly successful from an Intelligence point of view. The flow of signal traffic resulted in extreme pressure of work in the Int HQ, which however was handled satisfactorily. Signal office did excellent work. Message writing shows that, although std is good, improvement could be shown in brevity of text. More exercises of this nature would help to make the practice of correct intercomm a habit and a drill.

The second exercise was the use of a Bn in an attack & pursuit of an enemy. The object of this exercise was:-

i To exercise Bn in quick loading of war equipment on receipt of warning order.
ii Rapid movement using unit tpt.
iii Attack and pursuit using minimum tpt.

On 10 Dec Bn moved to biv area MT LEFROY area ref map DONGARRA 4 mls : 1 inch map ref 318367. Slit trenches were dug. Active patrolling and O P's established during the day. At 1830 on receipt of intelligence infm that enemy had landed at DONGARRA & proceeding towards MINGENEW, this Bn moved to assembly area vicinity MORGAN'S FARM 308373 preparatory to attack. At first light in morning 11 Dec Bn moved to attack.

Several points were brought out in this exercise. Again it was proved that good intercomm and good intelligence are essential to success in any operation. Mistakes made in this exercise have been noted & will be rectified, in further exercises of this nature.

Interesting & informative lectures on A/C recognition were given by an officer of this unit during the week. His lessons were well received.

Fieldcraft, mapreading, gas, & recapitulation on weapon tng were the main subjects in the syllabus for the week.

2 MORALE

Fair. Changes with fluctuations in weather and living conditions. Given active service the morale of the unit would be high. The question of reinforcements needs stressing.

3 HEALTH Good.

4 SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY Nil.

5 EVASION OF CENSOR Nil.

6 PERSONNEL

	Officers	O Rs	Total
	35	668	703
Attached	2	12	14

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7 TOPOGRAPHICAL

Ref map DONGARRA 4 mls : 1 inch

Recent recces conducted along rd OLD COACH that runs from STRAWBERRY to IRWIN via MILO shows that repair work is essential if this road is to be considered from a military aspect. Taking the rule that a road is classified according to its weakest spots the rd is a 3 C 3. Urgent repair work is required immediately from 315372 westwards to 313371. Most of this rd is badly corrugated.

Br at 303379 is useless and in its present collapsed state is dangerous.

Maj
Adm Comd 4/4 Aust Inf Bn

Lieut
I.O. 4/4 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1024 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	13/14 Dec	Capt G.A. Fountain
Bn O Officer	13/14 "	Lieut E. Chrisp
Camp Medical Officer	13/14 "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	13/14 "	Sgt McAllister J.L.
Bn O Cpl	13/14 "	Cpl Francis N.
Duty Unit	13/14 "	HQ Coy

1025 COURT OF INQUIRY

Ref R O 1022.
Court of Inquiry referring to loss of .303 amn is cancelled.

1026 ADM INSTRUCTIONS FOR BDE EXERCISE

1. The Bn will prepare to move at short notice.
2. Each Coy will leave not more than four personnel to act as Coy picquet.

The Bn duties required are

Guard posts 3
"Q" store
Amn dump
Canteen

All personnel remaining in camp will be fed at Sgts' Mess, & will commence there with breakfast tomorrow.

Nominal rolls to be at Q.M. office by 1800 hrs today of personnel remaining.

3. Dress Shorts Shirts
Hats K F turned up
Helmets Steel & respirators will NOT be taken.

4. Rep of fire - Rifle Blank
L M G or M M G Lucas or torch
Mortars - Gelignite

5. Special Insts. - a. Strict grass fire precautions will be observed.
b. Fences if cut will be repaired before returning to camp.
c. Gates will be left closed.
d. Bayonets - by day naked
by night scabbards tied on.
e. All cultivations, buildings & house paddocks out of bounds.

6. Messages - All messages will be prefixed by the word FOX.
7. Rations - Vehs for rations & water drawn by units in bulk will be neutral whilst so employed.
8. Tpt to be left behind as follows
1. Veh for fence repairing party.
2. Veh for use of Q.C. party remaining.
3. Spare veh for water etc. 200 gal tank at canteen available.
9. Postal Sgt to arrange delivery of mails to R.P. location of which will be advised by Q.M. Censoring of mail etc in the fd to be a Coy responsibility.

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10. Amn. Mort amn will NOT be taken on carriers. Res mort amn will be carried & R S M will be responsible for safe custody together with S A A during exercises.
Blank 250 rds will be issued to each Coy incl HQ Coy for each exercise. To be issued only to personnel armed with rifle.

11. Intercomm.
a. One D R to be left in camp for intercomm between camp & exercise HQ.
b. 208 set to be provided for B ech.
c. 2 D Rs to be with Bn HQ.

1027 SAFE CUSTODY OF AMMUNITION

a. Bn dump. Each guard commander will be responsible for checking quantity of ammunition in dump on taking over. Each box will be examined & if seal intact no action need be taken. If, however, seal is broken, the ammunition is to be counted & receipt given to outgoing commander, in the following form

Boxes seals intact
" " broken quote quantity

R S M will be responsible that amn is stacked to facilitate counting & that guard comd carry out this instruction.

b. Coy amn. Coys will count the Coy supply DAILY & at 0830 hrs each Monday supply a certificate that amn check is O K. If shortage detected during the week this office to be advised immediately

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Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn Capt

DISTRIBUTION

C O
2 i/c
Adjt
S C Tng
R S M
B HQ
HQ Coy No. 1
" " " 2
A "
B "
C "
D "
Q M
T O
Caterer
R A P
5 Aust Inf Bde
War Diary
File 2
Canteen
Officers' Mess
Sgts' Mess
Postal Sgt
Pay Sgt

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APP A. (1).

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EXERCISE FOX 16 Dec. 42

MOVEMENT ORDDER NO. 1

Ref Map DONGARRA 4 Miles - 1 "

INFM.

1. Enemy force estimated one Bn succeeded landin g at DONGARRA.

INTENTION

2. ~~&~~ 44 Aust Inf Bn. will move from biv area and take up Mob defensive posn astride DONGARRA - IRWIN Rd. at ref DONGARRA (301379). to oppose further exploitation by enemy force.

METHOD

3. Covering Force. Comd Capt. H. Bentley - C. Coy.
C. Coy.
2 Dets. Mortar
1 Sec. A/ Tk.
1 Sec. Carr.
Take up posn astride DONGARRA- IRWIN Ref map 299378.

S.T. 0845
S.P. Exit gate.

4 . Main Body. Move to assembly area vicinity MORGANS Farm by 2 i/c - ref map DONGARRA 307374 .
S.T. 0930 hrs.
S.P; Exit Gate
Order of March. B.H.Q.
B. Coy.
D. Coy.
H.Q. Coy. less Detached Tps.
Position to be occupied by 1200 hrs.

5. Tpt. - Movement will be by M.T. All Kitchen vehs will report to T O .

ADM.

6. B. Ech will remain in present posn.

7. "R" Group move immediately.

8. "O" Group R.V. vicinity br. ref map DONGARRA 303379 at 0945 hrs.

Intercomn.

9. B.H.Q. will move at head of coln.

10. 2 D.Rs will move with B.H.Q.

Capt.
Adjt. 44 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. C O
2. 2 i/c
3. Adjt.
4. Q.M.
5. T.O.
6. R/M.O.
7. H.Q. Coy.
8. A. Coy.
9. B. Coy.
10. C. Coy.
11 D. Coy.
12. 5 Bde.
13. 5 Bde.
14. War Diary
15. " "
16. File
17. "
18 Sig. O
19 I.O.

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App A (2).

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44 AUST INF BN

EXERCISE FOX

Ref Map - DONGARRA 1" - 4 miles

INFORMATION

1. No further infm re enemy activities.

INTENTION

2. 44 Aust Inf Bn will occopy defensive posn astride Rd vicinity 301379.

METHOD

3. Fwd Coys. B. right TREES RIDGE
D. Left BALD HILL
C. IRWIN RIDGE.

4. Posn to be occupied by 1200 hrs.

5. Carriers - when C. Coy takes up posn on IRWIN Ridge Sec Carr report to Bn. H.Q. Carr Pl then act as m ob ~~secs~~. res.

6. A/Tk. - Two A.Tk guns comd under comd D Coy for left flank protection
One A.Tk gun come under comd C. Coy for rear protection
One A.Tk gun under comd pnr. Pl and man rd block.

7. Mortars. 2 Dets come under comd each B.C. and D. Coys.

8. A.A. Protection. 2 Dets. Bn. H.Q.
2 Dets. B. Ech.

9. Pnr Pl will construct and man road block vicinity BALD HILL.

10. Patrol Policy. Coys are responsible for patrolling front conforming to policy laid down by Bn. H.Q. Deep patrolling to be undertaken.

ADM.

11. Sitreps - Coys will submit sitreps hourly.

12. Transport - Min Tpt 2 vehs per Coy. fwd. Remainder in A2 Ech under T.O. vicinity MORGANS Farm.

13. R.A.P - Vicinity B.H.Q.

INTERCOMN.

14. Bn. H.Q. vicinity IRWIN Ry Sta.

15. Line and D.R.

16. W/T policy - Normal

Capt.
Adjt. 44 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. C O
2. 2 i/c
3. Adjt
4. Q M
5. T O
6. R M O
7. H Q Coy
8. A Coy
9. B "
10. C "
11. D "
12 5 Bde
13 5 Bde
14 War Diary
15. War Diary
16. File
17 File
18. Sig O
19 I O

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App A (3)

CUFI FORCE

REPORT ON P.O.W.'s captured at 0130 hrs. 15 Dec. 42

Two P.O.W's. captured in HIRO area and brought under escort to B.H.Q.

1. Result of Interrogation

(a) Name.

N.195731, Pte. WARD S.R.
No. 1 Pl. H.Q. Coy. 54 Bn.

N.130044 Pte. BOOTH, S.J.
No. 1 Pl. H.Q. Coy. 54 Bn.

(b) Infm gained.

Prisoners were separated and interrogated individually.

Both men talked freely - prisoner WARD being particularly helpful to increase our knowledge of enemy.

Enemy dispositions given as follows:-

1. Several C.W.P's extending from DONGARRA southwards for 30 mls - approx strength each patrol 9 men. Intercomn with H.Q. by D.R.

2. Approx 50 men (including 26 MORTAR personnel 4 SIGS, a number of PIONEERS and A.A., 2 Tpt. Sgts.) remained at 54 Bn. area. O.C. biv area Lieut. MAY.

3. Remainder of Bn was seen at approx. 1500 hrs. 14 Dec. 42 ~~as~~ astride rd at Bridge 294375.

4. O.C. H.Q. Coy. - Maj. ARROW
O.C. D. Coy. - Capt. MICHELL

Intercomn with Higher formation was through 56 Bn switchboard and thence to Bde. H.Q.

2. It is pointed out that the infm gained from these prisoners would prove extremely valuable to a resourceful enemy.

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Action Diary

App A (4)

Map Ref DONGARRA Strat 4 miles to 1 inch.

Serial	Date	Time	Information	Deduct	Note	Action Taken
1	14	0955	R Gp and HIRO arrived IRWIN area ref 302380. HIRO taking over position of protective force astride Rd vicinity of Br Ref. 289378			
2.		1200	Bn in position as shown on sit map			
3		1300	Patrolling of flanks by carriers commences	See W.Diary	Advised 5 Bde.	
4		2100	Bn engaged in deep patrolling	See Sit Map	" " 2	
5		2210	Notification from Bde. 25% reinforcements arriving 0900/15.			
6	15	0130	2 POW's brought in. Captured HIRO area	See report BB		
7			Two patrols leave on special mission.	See Report.		

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NO. 69
44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
2 AUST. DIVISION.

OTHER RANKS

16 Dec.42

Last Part II Order No. 68 Sub No 5625 issued 9 Dec.42

Sub No	Army No	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties Etc.
		STRENGTH INCREASE	
5626	W 4044I	Pte RANSLEY J.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Hospt and trans from X List II Dec.42
7	WX3I538	Pte COFFEY S.F.	do do
8	WX330I7	Pte RYAN J.E.	do do
9	WX2674I	Pte GRIFFITHS E.A.	do do
5630	WX2I2I4	L/Cpl JASPER E.R.	do do
I	WX2I375	Pte MAXWELL W.J.	do do
2	WX26845	Pte SPENCE N.H.	do do
3	WX26507	Pte SEMMENS C.E.H.	do do
4	WX20250	Pte MEYER C.	M/I ex Sch of Inst and trans from X List 5 Dec.42
5	WX34438	Pte HOWSON R.G.	do do
6	WX26663	Pte SUMNER C.G.	M/I ex leave without pay andxtrans from X List II Dec.42
7	W 39083	Pte HULME W.G.L.	M/I ex Sch of Inst and trans from X List 4 Dec.42
8	W 23773	Pte WEBSTER C.K.	do do
9	WX2664I	Pte RAWLE A.J.	do do 5 Dec.42
5640	WX21002	Pte BAILLE R.F.	do do
1	WX29419	Pte NELSON L.R.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Detn Brks and trans from X List 8 Dec.42
		STRENGTH DECREASE	
2	W 39083	Pte HULME W.G.L.)	M/O trans to A.A.O.C. Tng Depot
3	W 23773	Pte WEBSTER C.K.)	4 Dec.42
4	WX26822	Pte HARTNUP C.H.	M/O to Fitters Gun Course(Tech Sch) and trans to X List 7 Dec.42
5	W 25952	Pte HOWES G.H.	M/O trans to 418 Gun Stn 5 Dec.42
6	WX26782	Pte SINGLETON E.	M/O to leave without pay and trans to X List 5 Dec.42
7	WX26569	Pte CHRISTENSEN C.	Evac to 3 C.C.S. and trans to X List 5 Dec.42
8	WX26625	L/Cpl FOLLINGTON A.J.	do do 7 Dec.42
9	W 46888	Pte NICHOLS W.F.	Evac to 2/1 A.G.H. and trans to X List 10 Dec.42
5650	WX29419	Pte NELSON L.R.	M/O to G.D.D. for Disch A.M.R.&.O 253(1)(1) 8 DEc.42 C.C.R. 67/1/153
		APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS	
1	WX34433	Pte MILEHAM W.	Appointed to L/Cpl 5 Dec.42
		TRADE GROUPING	
2	WX26543	Pte BLAKEMAN D.H.	Classified T.G.111 Clerk 4 Dec.42
		SENTENCE SUSPENSION OF	
5653	WX29419	Pte NELSON L.R.	Ref R/O 56/4890 of 7 Oct.42 Sentence by D.C.M. to Six months detention on 23 Sept.42. Balance of Sentence suspended by G.O.C. 3 Aust Corps as from 2 Dec.42 Total Period Served in Detention Seventy One(71)days Auth71/34/11

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SENTENCE- REMISSION OF

5654 W 24918 Pte CRIDLAND W.H. — Ref R.O. 67/5524 of 1 Dec.42 Remission of one sixth of sentence approved by Col i/c Adm 11 Dec.42

5655 W 12241 Pte FERNIHOUGH G.A. — Ref R.O. 67/5525 of 1 Dec.42 Remission of one sixth of sentence approved by Col i/c of Adm 11 Dec.42

COURT OF INQUIRY
DEATH

6WX26562 Pte SULLIVAN H.R. (Deceased)

FINDING of Court of Inquiry held at Bellevue 19 Oct.42.
The Court having considered the evidence reports as follows:-
(1) At about 0200 hrs on the 3 Sept.42 Cpl H.J. Strickland and Cpl R.F.Miller both of 44 Aust Inf Bn were returning by taxi cab to the 44 Aust Inf Bn camp Area when they saw the body of WX26562 Pte Harold Roy SULLIVAN 44 Aust Inf Bn lying seriously injured on the Toodyay Road,MIDLAND JUNCTION,about a quarter of ca mile from Newcastle Road.
(2) Medical aid was immediately summoned but on the arrival of the Medical Officer Capt Jolly,it was found that Sullivan was dead.
(3) In the evening of the 2 Sept.42 Pte Sullivan attended a dance at MIDLAND JUNCTION.He was last seen prior to his death,at this dance at 2300 hrs
(4) The injuries sustained by Pte Sullivan and which caused his death, were a compound depressed fracture of the left temporal bone- Contusion- Haemorrhage and Laceration to the brain.
(5) The Court has perused the statements taken by the Police for the purpose of the Coroner's Inquiry, and a copy of same is attached to the report; also a plan of the locality where the body was found.
(6) According to Medical Evidence, Pte Sullivan,may have sustained his injuries about 2 or 3 hrs prior to his death which took place about 0200 hrs on the 3 Sept.42.
(7) The Court is unable to state how Pte Sullivan sustained the injuries which caused his death but is of the opinion that they were probably caused by his being struck by a car or other vehicledriven by some unknown person whose identity cannot be ascertained.
CONFIRMATION Confirmed by Maj.Gen H.W. Lloyd CB.CMG.CVO.DSO. 2 Aust Div

COURT OF INQUIRY
Illegal Absentee

5657 W 12009 Pte CONIFF M. — Court of Inquiry held 4 Dec.42. Declared Illegal Absentee since 1200 hrs 5 Nov.42 and is still so absent. Total Kit Deficiency £3-9-11

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LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

5658	WX26880	Pte GILMOUR W.	Granted extension of leave to 6 Dec.42

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9	W 22194	Pte DAVIS A.C.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex leave w/out pay 11 DEC.42
5600	WX26663	Pte SUMNER C.G.	do do
1	WX26651	Pte SEWELL J.C.	do do

MARCHED OUT

2	WX26782	Pte SINGLETON E.	Granted four weeks leave without pay from 5 Dec.42

REJOINED UNIT

3	WX26556	A/Sgt	SMOKER R.J.	M/I ex Sch of Inst 5 Dec.42
4	WX26813	Sgt	ODGERS J.C.	do do
5	WX26821	Sgt	WYLIE L.L.	do do
6	WX26783	Sgt	McALLISTER J.L.	do do
7	WX26486	Cpl	CREWS A.C.	do do
8	WX26712	Cpl	BRAUND L.J.	do do
9	WX28756	Cpl	SPACKMAN E.J.	do 6 Dec.42
5670	WX26827	Cpl	ANDERSON L.	do do
1	WX26764	Cpl	ROBERTS V.C.	do do
2	WX26743	L/Cpl	RODGERS R.D.	do 5 Dec.42
3	WX26528	Cpl	BARKLA J.R.	do 8 Dec.42

DETACHED

4	W 11915	Pte CLARKE C.G.	M/O to H.Q. 5 Aust Inf Bde for rations and duty 11 Dec.42

CORRIGENDUM

5675	W 41404	Pte EDGAR G.	Ref R.O. 48/4639 of 9 Sept.42 Entry should read:- Ref R.O. 47/4547 of 2 Sept.42

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No 70
44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
2 AUST DIVISION

Last Part II Order No 69 Sub No 5675 issued 16 Dec.42

Sub No	Army No	Rank and Name	Particulars Casualties Etc

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

5676 WX26656 Pte ELSON T.J.

Proceedings of a District Court Martial held at Claremont 9 Dec.42
CHARGE (1) When on active service absenting himself without leave, in that he,in the field absented himself without leave from 44 Aust Inf Bn at 2359 hrs on 15 Oct.42 until at Fremantle at 0001 hrs on 4 Dec.42 he was handed over to O.C. Details Perth and Fremantle Areas (having meanwhile been attached to such O.C. Details) he, having been arrested by the Civil Police at 1140 hrs on 1 December at Bunbury.
CHARGE (2) When on active service losing by neglect his equipment clothing and regimental necessaries, in that he,in the field on 19 Nov.42 was defic ient of his clothing and equipment and regimental necessaries of the total value of £2-11-4
PLEADS Charge (1) Guilty.
Charge (2) Not Guilty.
FINDINGS Charge (1) Guilty
Charge (2) Guilty except that he did not lose the following:- Laces 1 pr, Titles(Australia) 2, Discs Identity 2, and Singlets cotton 1.
SENTENCE Detention 150 days,and stoppages of pay in the sum of Two Pounds nine shillings and two-pence
DATE of SENTENCE 9 December 1942
CONFIRMATION Confirmed by Lt-Gen H Gordon Bennett G.O.C. 3 Aust Corps. 11 Dec.42
PROMULGATION 15 Dec.42
FORFEITURES A.W.L. 49 days
Close Arrest 5 days
Detention 150 Days
TOTAL FORFEITURE 204 days

T.C.T. Burrowes Major
(H.BURROWES)
Officer i/c W.Aust.L. of C.Area Records

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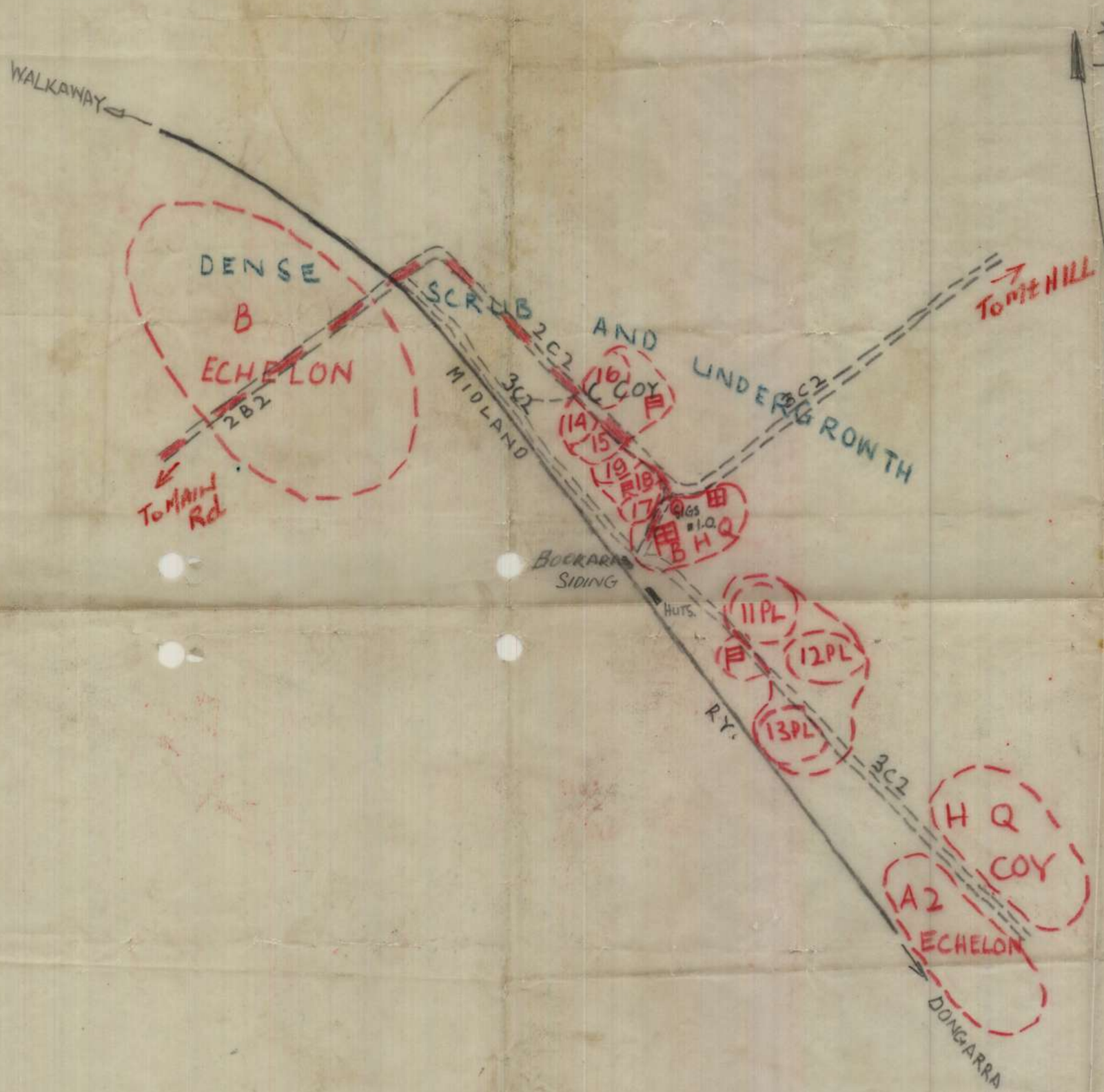
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DISPOSITIONS — BN BIVI. AREA — NIGHT 16/17 DEC.

BOOKARA SIDING REF STRAT H50/5 277400



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDER PART ~~11~~
No 8
44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
2 AUST DIVISION

17 Dec.42

Last Part 11 Order No 7 Sub No 100 issued 9 Dec.42

Sub No	Army No	Rank and Name	Particulars Casualties Etc

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS DISCHARGES ETC.

101	WX28733	Sgt GRIFFITHS R.A.	Evac from 8 Bde Cooking Sch to 118 A.G.H. 10 Dec.42 A36/27
2	WX21357	Pte KING G. E.	Evac from Detn Brks U/E to 110 A.G.H. 10 Dec.42 W3034/98
3	WX29404	Pte STURROCK D.W.	Disch from 110 A.G.H. to G.D.M.S. 11 Dec.42 W 3034/99
4	WX26566	Pte SHAW N. R.	Disch from 4 C.C.S. to 109 Con Depot 30 Nov.42 A36/5
5	W 11738	Cpl SMITH R.C.	do
6	W 39074	Pte COTTRELL F.L.	Disch from 109 Con Depot to D.&.R.D. 7 Dec.42 A36/38
DETENTION			
7	W 25413	Pte COX G.R.	Disch from Detn Brks U/E to G.D.D. 3 Dec.42 Detn Brks R.O. 45.

PUNISHMENTS

8	WX26845	Pte SPENCE N.H.	Charge Conduct to the predjudice of good order and military discipline 10 Dec.42 AWARD Fined 60/- by C. O. A.R.D. 10 Dec.42
9	WX29404	Pte STURROCK D.W.	CHARGE A.W.L. from 110 A.G.H. from 2030 hrs 4 Dec.42 to 2330 hrs 4 Dec. 42 AWARD Fined 20/- by C.O. 110 A.G.H. 7 Dec.42

MARCHED IN

110	W 40425	Pte NEVERMAN A.	M/I ex leave without pay 1800 hrs 8 Dec.42 to A.T.T.D.

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44 AUST INF BN

JAP FORCE

EXERCISE FOX.

O.O. No. 2

1 Sec

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Ref. Map DONGARRA 1" to 4 mile

INFORMATION.

1. Air recce reports enemy force estimated one Bn strength defending DONGARRA

2. 44 Bn. acting as JAP Force.

INTENTION.

3. 44 Bn. move SOUTH on axis Main GERALDTON Rd and capture DONGARRA.

METHOD.

4. ORDER OF MARCH.

(a) M/C Screen - 4 M/C combinations
(b) ADV GD - Comd. Capt. J.A. Darragh - "D" Coy.
"D" Coy with under comd 2 dets mortar
1 sec A.Tk Pl.
(c) "R" Gp.
(d) "B" Coy with under comd 2 dets mortar
(e) B.H.Q. - O.C. Capt. Macgregor.
(f) H.Q. Coy. less detached tps - Comd. Capt. Fountain.
(g) "C" Coy.
R.A.P.
Padre.
(h) "A" Coy. under comd Lieut. Kelley and represented by Pioneer Pl with D.R. and 2 carriers attached will move as diversionery force on left flank by BOOKARA - BONNIEFIELDS. track to cut enemy comn with DONGARRA and capture DONGARRA water supply.

5. Axis of advance Main body SOUTH along Main GERALDTON - PERTH Rd.

6. S.T. 1300 hrs.

7. S.P.

8. Movement will be by BOUNDS of 2 miles and be reported clear by O C M/C Sec.

9. Action on contact - Adv Gd will hold enemy whilst remainder of force commences encirclin g move with a view to outflanking enemy's main positions. When main axis of advance is regained by encircling troops, road block will be constructed and one Pl detailed to cover by fire. Remainder of force continue advance on DONGARRA, and R V vicinity cr DENNISON Rd.

10. V.T.M. 10
11. M.I.H. Between ~~comds~~ bounds - 15
12. A.A. As per Bn S.O's.

ADM

13. Rations - Cut meal will be carried.

14. B. Ech will remain present position until ordered to move.

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15. Transport. - on contacting enemy and tps debussing, tpt will come under comd T O who wil l be responsible for bringing Coy Gps to debussing points under cover.

16. Dress - Personnel in possession of sandshoes will use them for night patrolling.

17. Medical - On contact R.A.P. will be established in rear of holding Coy until ordered to move.

INTERCOMN.

18. (a) Between Bn and coys - W/T and runner
(b) Between Bn and T O - W/T
(c) Between Bn and A Coy - one 208 set to be used for reporting having gained objective.
(d) R Gp on commencement of encircling move will be at rear of B. Coy.
(e) D.Rs will be attached as follows:-

	Adv. Gd.	1
	B.H.Q.	2
A. Coy.	Lieut. Kelley	1
	T.O.	1
	2 i/c	1 Total 6

Ack
Method of Distribution - D.R.

Capt.
Adjt. 44 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

1. C O
2. 2 i/c
3. Adjt
4. Q M
5. T O
6. R M O
7. H.Q. Coy
8. A Coy
9. B "
10. C "
11 D "
12. 5 Bde.
13. 5 Bde
14. War Diary
15. War Diary
16. File.
17. "
18 Sig O
19. I O .

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APP. "A" (1)

ROUTE REPORT - track along Rly Line
from BOOKARA to 823917

ref map BOOKARA 1": 1mile

1. Condition of Track.

Suitable for all types of tpt. Classification 3 C 1 (C 2). Stony outcrops appear at several points but are no hindrance.

2. Topography.

No feature of any significance encountered along the route. Gd is slightly undulating. Stony outcrops appear at several pts.

3. Vegetation.

Track is well protected and covered, passing through heavily wooded country. Track emerges into cleared country at 825922. This portion of track visible from feature 822910.

4. Tactical Aspect.

This track is a good alternative route between BOOKARA and 824913 should the main rd be harassed by an enemy.

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App A (2)

SECRET

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Enemy Strength and Dispositions at 1330 hrs. 17 Dec. 42

Ref. Map BOOKARA 1 in : 1 mile.

see Next page

1. ENEMY STRENGTH

With assistance of Intelligence Log and Recce patrol following deductions are made:-

At this stage enemy is one coy in strength with five carriers attached. This coy will probably act as spearhead against our attack - carriers to be used for flank protection and recce. it is safe to assume that a rd block exists in rear of enemy posns.

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

A map recce shows that country south of high feature 830888 is not tactically suitable for defence. It can be expected that further enemy strength is concentrated in area under observation. At present, infm gained shows that one coy is astride rd at 830888 Two pls on left of rd, one pl on right with carriers in posn close to rd on left.

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2. App A (2)

INTELLIGENCE LOG. Date 17 Dec. 42

Ref Map BOOKARA 1 in : 1 mile Location: 823913

Ser.	Time	Observations	Deductions	Action Taken
1	1100	Enemy movement on high feature 830888 Two sentries seen emerging from cover along road and challenging all M T movement.	This feature is only prominent feature between BOOKARA and DONGARRA. Considered most likely that enemy force is concentrated in this area.	
2	1110	Two vehicles seen turning to right of road under cover.		
3	1115	D R approaching from DONGARRA turns in to right of road run		
4	1117	Several men ~~seen~~ across rd from right to left		Sent recce patrol on left flank.
5	1130	One vehicle emerges from right of rd turns left towards O P approaching our posn. Six men observed in back of truck, 200 yds from our posn truck turns left to right of rd and disappears under cover.	Probably recce patrol.	
6.	1137	Sentries appear on road. Converse for a minute	Do not know they are under observation or are being used as decoys to draw fire.	
7.	1212	Vehicle (Serial 5) heard on right of rd, appeard to be approaching our posns	Enemy expect trouble from this flank ?	Advised H. Q. of posn to date.
8	1223	Dust clouds seen on right of rd, rear of high feature	Apparently bring up tps or are carriers.	
9	1230	Left area to report to H. Q.		
10	1319	Returned to area and contaced our recce patrol. Observations as follows; (a) 5 carriers on high feature left of rd. (b) One enemy pl. on railway line 835893. (c) Considerable tp movement observed on both sides of rd. Estimate strength one Coy.		informed Adv Gp Comd.

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REPORT ON APP "A" (3)

TRACK BOOKARA TO DONGARRA via MT HILL (Ref 857034)

and joining the MINGENEW - DONGARRA RD 400 x SOUTH of ref 891755.

All Map refs are from BOOKARA M.S. 1/63360 Temporary First Edn.

1. General remarks on track.

The track leaves the BOOKARA sheet at ref 934919. From this point it continues in a south easterly direction for approximately half a mile, after which it runs south for approximately 3 miles. Then it turns due west and comes on to the map again at 934864. The complete route is shown on the DONGARRA STRAT H.50/5) 4 miles to 1 inch.

~~Our mos~~ Over most of the route, the track is in reasonable condition There is a very sandy stretch extending for about 2 miles south of the farm house at 923841. There are also odd short patches of loose sand at various places on the route.

Most of the track from approximately 895990 until just before it was on to the map at 934864 is fairly rough through its being slightly overgrown with low scrub owing to disuse.

2. Topographical.

In the early stages, the track is completely dominated by MT HILL (857034) which is a huge feature, similar to a breakaway. There is a very deep ravine in the water course at 928938. From high ground at ref 891788, a wide panorama can be obtained. From this point DONGARRA can be plainly seen.

3. Vegetation

Immediately after leaving BOOKARA, there is heavy scrub continuing until 830029 where the track bears diagonally across an open paddock (at present in stubble). After that it continues in open scrubland until approximately 905974 where it becomes heavier with light timber appearing as the ravine at 928938 is approached. The light timber continues most of the way until approx. 933850, where open fields are encountered. After passing the farmhouse at 923841, scrub and light timber appears again until approx. 899796, from which position the track runs mainly through open fields.

4. Water Supply.

There are windmills at 831029, 923842, and 889775 which are right alongside the track and were observed. There are also the following windmills shown on the map as being within 1000 yards of the track - mills at 922851, 907797, 895776 and 886762. Owing to the circimstances under which the track was covered, it was impossible to sample the water at any of these places or to examine the quantity available.

5. Communications.

The farmhouse at 923841 is connected by phone to the DONGARRA exchange and in point of fact the track from there onwards follows the telephone line .

At 891789 the road turns South at right angles. Straight ahead at this point leads to BONNIEFIELD (ref 861788).

6. Tactical Aspect.

The commanding nature of MT HILL (857034) has already been mentioned. As the track is for most of the journey from 4 to 6 miles EAST of the main GERALDTON - DONGARRA RD and as until the later stages, there is a ridge of higher land between it and the main road, movement along it would not be likely to be observed by forces holding the main road unless they were widely disposed or were keeping the track under observation. Moreover, the cover over most of the route, although far from the best is as good as will be found along any track that extends for miles in thizs country. It would appear to be a possible line of advance for an enemy encircling force.

7. Road Recce Report Route. (see attached pro forma)

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APP. "A" (3)

ROAD RECCE REPORT ROUTE:

DATE: 17 Dec. 42

WEATHER CONDITIONS WARM

VEHICLES USED F.W.D.

Ref Map BOOKARA M.S. 1" = 1 mile

Place	Time	Meter Reading Miles	Length of Road Miles	Width of Road	Foundation Showing Classification	Cover Showing Type	Bridges and Culverts	Proximity of Sand, Gravel, Stone Available	Remarks
1 Rd Junct E. BOOKARA Sid.	1805	66.2			3 C 2	M.T. Cover			Good cover
2		67.6	1.4		3 C 2	"			Fence appears on both sides of RD.
3		68.2	2.0		3 C 2	"			Track on R. Carry straight on
4		68.3	2.1		3 C 2	"			Fork in road. Turn left passing through gate
5		69.1	2.9		3 C 2	Open on Right			
6		69.4	3.2		3 C 2				X-roads - Turn Right
7		69.5	3.3		3 C 2	No Cover			Pass opening in fence - House on L. Windmill on R - move along track that goes DIAGONALLY across open field.
8		70.5	4.3		3 C 2	"			Track Bushy
9		70.7	4.5		3 C 2	"			Track crosses fence.
10		71.2	5.0		3 C 2	"			X-roads. Carry straight on
11		71.5	5.3		3 C 2	Scrub country appears			Track crosses fence.
12		72.5	6.3		3 C 2	do			" " 2
13		73.5	7.3		3 C 2	do			Cross fence and turn R. - follow fence line.
14		74.7	8.5			Lightly timbered			Cross fence

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App A (3)

ROAD REC[illegible] REPORT ROUTE:

DATE: 17 Dec. 42

ATHER CONDITIONS WARM

HICLES USED F.W.D. Ref Map BOOKARA M.S. 1" : 1 mile

ace	Time	Meter Reading Miles	Length of Road Miles	Width of Road	Foundation Showing Classification	Cover Showing Type	Bridges and Culverts	Proximity of Sand, Gravel, Stone Available	Remarks
15			76.9		3 C	2	Light Timber Good cover along rigor bed		Reach deep river bed Carry on
16			77.5		3 C	2	- do -		Track rejoins fence again
17	93920 BOOKARA M.S.		77.8		3 C	2	- do -		Recce closes here as recce to date shows that details on map fairly accurate.

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ACTION DIARY

AppA (7)

Ser.	Orig.	Date	Time	Information	Deductions	Notes	Action Taken
1		17	1000	Patrol left Bivi BOOKARA area gain infm re enemy dispositions DONGARRA area.			
2	CUFI I	"	1212	Patrol reports Enemy activity ref 829892 BOOKARA M.S. Patrol investigating.			
2A			1300	Commando force under Lt Kelley move out on encircling move to DONGARRA.	See Commando Report		
3		"	1310	Bn left Bivi BOOKARA area for DONGARRA. Route GERALDTON - DONGARRA Rd.			
4		"	1400	Column halted. Enemy force est 12 personnel. 1 vehicle astride Rd at ref 829892 "D" Coy point pl attacks.	S	See S.TMAP	
5			1500	Enemy strength now estimated at 1 Coy astride road and in addition a Pl either side of road with five carriers on our left flank.			
6			1530	"B" Coy moved 3000^{x} EAST and 5000^{x} SOUTH and back to main Rd.		see Sit Map	
7			1540 1610	O.C. carriers recce to WEST.	Picking of suitable route for outflanking move to WEST		
8			1610	Carrier Recce by sec of carriers to EAST.			
9			1610	ZEJU right flanking patrol inflicted eleven casualties, suffered nine. Right flanking patrol outflanked enemy & erected road block approx 1 mile SOUTH of ZEJU HQ.			
10	ZEJU	17	1632	Enemy patrol strength 20 moving N E passed sec of centre Pl. Sec opened fire at 50^{x} & wiped out patrol.	This patrol failed to stop		
11	DS		1700	44 Bn suffered 40% casualties.			
12	LAQV		1700	Demolition at DONGARRA. Post office, railway station, water supply, DENISON Bridge, police station, all destroyed. A Coy then established road block at 853802 BOOKARA M.S.			

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Ser.	Orig.	Date	Time	Information	Deductions	Notes	Action Taken
13	ZEJU	17	1720	ZEJU lost about 30 men as prisoners & two carriers.			
			1930	Having suffered 40% casualties Bn withdrew to posns having F D Ls astride road at 283387 DONGARRA 4" : 1 ml.			
		17	2000	Patrolling commences.			

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Ref Map BOOKARA 1 inch to 1 mile

Action Diary — COMMANDO FORCE.

App C. (1)

Ser	Unit	Date	Time	Information	Decision	Notes	Action Taken
1	PDL	17	1300	Left Biv area - route track C2 via 833029 - 856012- 928938. Arrive DONGARRA at 1600hrs and proceeded with demolitions railway water supply. DENISON Br. Police, Post, and Rly Sta and proceeded to find posn for Rd block.		See Sit Map	Advised H.Q.
			1630	Rd Block made at 853802			
			1710	Enemy D.R. captured NX96282 Pte Burns , A.J.			The oretically sent to H.Q.
			1711	Carrier and vehicle with PON's failed to stop despite VICKERS fire.			
			1713	Lt Col on way to GERALDTON permitted to pass			
			1715	Enemy carrier halted under VICKERS fire then attempted to charge through.			
			1730	Prisoner Burns sent to advise enemy at rear NOT to come through as gelignite would be used to stop them this time. Umpires arrive Second D.R. captured N.200983 Pte. HAASE E.W.		Lack of umpires to give decisions.	
			1735	Nos of carriers that charged through 1360, 1460.			
			1740	Umpires depart.			
			1750	No. 53 (54 Bn) vehicle to DONGARRA.			
			1800	Prisoner Burns shot (sent to lines)			
			1840	B.C. arrives.			

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App A (6)

C U F I SECRET

18 Dec 42

Int Report for

Night 17/18 Dec 42

PART I

1. Topography

From recces both by day & night, right flank found more suitable for further adv than left. Latter open with burnt out scrub, also heavy going for Inf.

Right flank well wooded w/- protection of hills, although NOT suitable for M T.

2. Ops

a. Enemy. Confined to perimeter patrolling of own line.

b. Own. Considerable patrolling activity during night. Patrols penetrated to 3 mls beyond Enemy F D L's. 2 P O W's taken - 8 killed (many more could have been annihilated). Equipment captured includes guns & A Tk amn. See Part II.

3. Infm Regarding Enemy

a. Dispositions See sketch.

b. Identification 56 Bn from 5 Aust Inf Bde.
Offrs include Capt Clarke O C HQ Coy
Lieut Day No. 6 Pl O C

c. Equipment Captured
3 Thompson M G
1 Bren
1 0.5 A.P. A Tk rifle rd.

d. Methods
Poor patrolling. No passwords. Easily deceived by any trained enemy.

e. Health
Several appear to be suffering from dysentery.

f. Morale
Appears low. Our patrols when encountered were allowed to pass. Enemy tps showed NO interest in the war.

4. Probable Intention
Retire to southern areas.

5. Deductions
It is stressed in full seriousness that had our patrols belonged to a genuine enemy, the 56 Bn would have suffered many casualties. As Japs excel in silent killing, such as strangling & throat-cutting, Int sec considers that great proportion of the enemy were killed.

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AppA (6)

MOST SECRET

C U F I F O R C E

Part II

Patrolling Reports

for Night 17/18 Dec 42.

Ref CUFI PATROLLING PLAN 4" : 1 ml and 1" - 1 ml.

Ser.		Remarks
No. 1	Left at 2200 hrs. Task - Left Flank. Route - See Sketch. Returned at 0400 hrs. Report:- 1. Topography. Gd east of ry line heavy going. Up hill climb for 1400x from time of reaching line. Burnt out scrub & light timber slowed progress. From posn of our F D L's to enemy F D L are three minor features, which gradually rise into the main slope of enemy held posn. 2. Enemy Strength a. Inf. This patrol est strength as 2 Coys astride general high feature running EAST-WEST - one Coy on each side of rd. b. M.T. 1. 3 vehicles, close to rd on left, 200x from crest of hill. 2. Several vehicles in sand pit South of our F D L's. c. CARRIERS 2 carriers seen on left of road. Same posn as 2 (b). d. A TK PORTEE 1 portee seen as in 2 (b). 3. Emplacements Road block est 200x south of crest. 4. Result of Ops Patrol penetrated to depth of 3 mls beyond enemy F D L's. Main enemy force concentrated at posn where 3 carriers observed - 8 men were silently bayoneted. A sentry was captured in this area. Name) NX 124418 Pte SMITH K. No.) Rank) He gave infm as follows:- belonged to No. 6 Pl HQ Coy 56 Bn O C HQ Coy - Capt CLARKE O C No. 6 Pl - Lieut DAY Equipment captured includes:- Two THOMPSON SUB MACHINE GUN Nos 8/196415 One BREN No. M7254 One 0.5 A TK Rifle rd. (taken from prisoner's equipment) Several sig wires were cut.	Similar to report of Carrier patrol NOT Security Conscious Belonged to someone called "Vestie" A O 7999 (Prisoners)
No. 2	Left at 2200 hrs. Task: RIGHT FLANK. Route: See Sketch. Returned at 0230 hrs. Report:-	

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App A (6)

Ser		Remarks
	1. Topography Sand hills made going hard. M T could not travel through. Vegetation includes crub and lightly timbered bush. Covered approaches to enemy's rear. 2. Enemy Strength a. Inf Estimated one Coy on Right of rd. BHQ also. b. M T As in No. 1 2b1. 3. Emplacements Rd block as in No. 1 (3). 4. Result of Ops Patrol penetrated deep. Two enemy patrols encountered on enemy's left flank - but were perimeter patrols only. One Tommy Gun removed from vehicle, near rd block. This patrol when challenged by sentry at rd block deceived enemy into believing we were one of their patrols. NO password was demanded. Sig wires were cut.	Simple matter to infiltrate through lines
No. 3	Left at 0130 hrs. Task - Right Flank. Route - As for No. 2. Returned - 0500 hrs. Report:- 1. Topography As for No. 2. 2. Enemy Strength. a. Inf. One Coy on R of Rd. An enemy officer, suffering from pangs of dysentery, was captured at Coy latrine. Gave infm that "A" Coy was holding Right. 300x from Rd block approx 1 pl right of rd. More enemy tps south of this posn, as 450x from rd block sig wires were cut, although NO movement observed. 3. Emplacements Rd block as mentioned previously. 4. Result of Ops Enemy movement at 0400 hrs. Motor cycles make liaison with Rd block. May have been sent up to remove block as enemy withdrawal appears imminent. Sig wires cut.	NOT security Conscious
No. 4	Left at 0130 hrs. Task - Left Flank. Route - As for No. 1. Returned 0600 hrs. Report 1. Topography As for No. 1. 2. Result of Ops This patrol observed much enemy movement. Appears that enemy withdrawal imminent. 6 carriers seen on Right of Rd near rd block.	

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App A (6)

Ser.		Remarks
	Tps moving about & dressing. A runner captured. Name McADAM No. NX 125896. Rank Pte. Under interrogation the P O W thought he was fighting 54 Bn. Belonged to A Coy (this was revealed from letters found on his person). Very truculent and would not talk. Shot.	Addressed envelopes make identification simple

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App A(4)

PATROL PLAN

night 17/18 Dec 42.

Ref Map BOOKARA 1in: 1mile.

"C" COY
STANDING PATROL

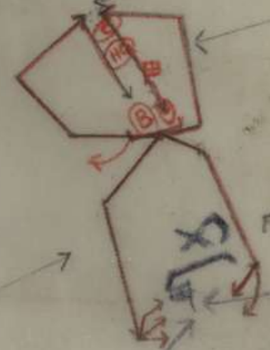
PROTECTIVE PATROLLING

"B" COY

Policy:
1. STANDING PATROL - FDL's.
2. PERIMETER PATROLS at 2hrly. intervals.

"D" COY

Policy:- same as "B" Coy



"C" COY
RIGHT FLANK:-

1st LEG
218°M — 1000ˣ — base of spur.

2nd LEG
167°M — 1600ˣ — cnr. fence.
dist. from rd. 600ˣ.

1st Patrol leaves at 2200 hrs.

2nd " " 0100 hrs.

Concentration vehicles here

RECCE: PATROLLING

"C" COY
LEFT FLANK

1st LEG
117°M — 600ˣ — RLY LINE. EMBANKMENT

2ND LEG
AXIS of ADV. EAST side RLY LINE — 1400ˣ.
at this pt. probe in depth — rd. 700ˣ WEST.

1st Patrol at 2200 hrs

2nd " 0100 hrs

Scale 1in: 1mile.

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App A 4)

CUFI

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App A

Report on P.O.W's. captured in

Area 829877 on 18 Dec. 42.

Ref Map BOCKARA 1" to 1 Mile

A continuous stream of prisoners was a feature of this battle. Valuable infm regarding enemy dispositions, strength, equipment, morale and casualties was obtained. Twenty two prisoners were interrogated including 1 officer and 3 N.C.Os. Infm gained as follows:-

Identifications	-	56 Bn.
Fwd. Tps	-	A Coy on left D Coy on right.
Supporting Arms	-	1. A/Tk gun astride rd at 830877 2. Carriers mounted M.M.G. at 830876.
Equipment	-	1 utility to each Coy for purpose of tpt of Bren, Amn etc. Vehicle captured had several thousand rounds of amn.
Casualties.	-	Heavy on left flank. No. 10 pl wiped out by our fire.
Morale	-	Low. Prisoners complained about our patrolling during night. Said that withdrawal to new position at 0400 hrs that morning due to our throughness. Several did not know whom they were fighting. ~~The~~ They all seemed pleased to have been captured and when questioned spoke freely.

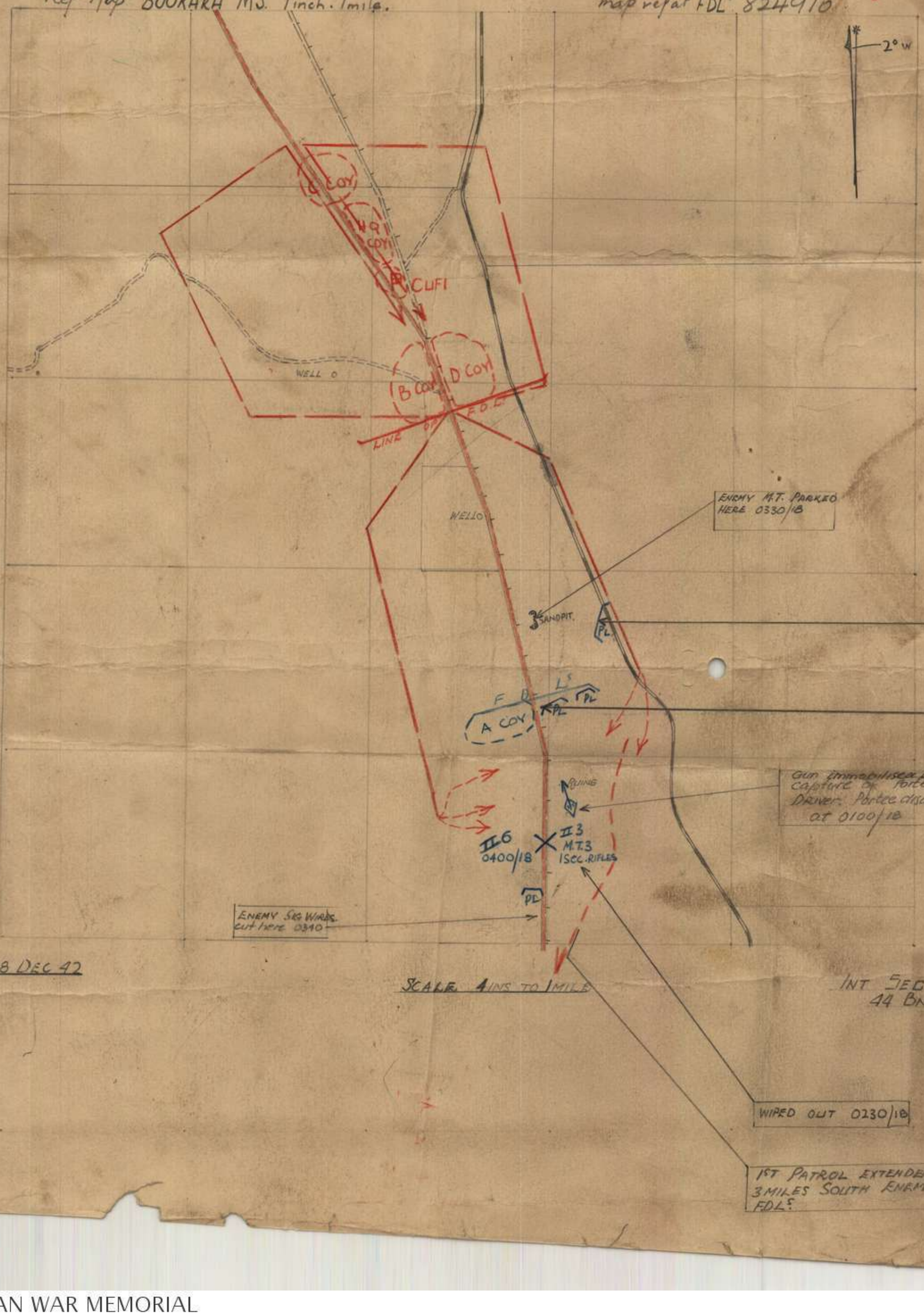
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AppA (8)

PATROL MAP — NIGHT 17/18 DEC

Ref Map BOOKARA M.S. 1 inch: 1 mile.

map ref at FDL's 824910

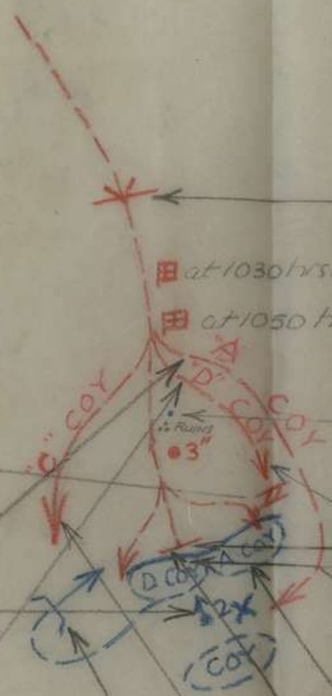


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OVERLAY OF BOOKARA MS 1:63360

SITUATION MAP COFL AS FROM 0945/18 DEC

MAP REF OF 2ND POSITION B.H.Q. 830890



1. 0945 S.P. of "B" COY + 2 DETS MORTARS ON MOVE TO capture DONGARRA
2. 3 ENEMY SCOUTS at 1010 hrs
3. ENEMY ASTRIDE ROAD IN THIS AREA 1030 hrs ESTIMATED STRENGTH ON CONTACT ONE COY :— 2 PLS LEFT ONE PL EXTENDED RIGHT
4. "B" COY POINT PL. PINNED DOWN 1030 hrs FLANKING PLS BEGIN ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT LEFT AND RIGHT C + D COYS BEGIN ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT.
5. 1030 hrs "C + D" COYS BEGIN ENCIRCLING MOVEMENTS RIGHT + LEFT.
6. 1040 hrs "C + D" COYS ADVISED DISCONTINUE ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT AND CONTINUE ON AXIS OF ADVANCE — THE ROAD
7. 1100 hrs POINT PL CASUALTIES 1 OFFR 11 O/Rs
8. ENEMY CASUALTIES at 1100 hrs 1 OFFR 8 O/Rs
9. ENEMY VEHICLE captured by "B" COY 1100 hrs
10. ENEMY APPROX 1 PL MOVING EAST FROM COAST 1115 hrs
11. ENEMY: 10 PL "A" COY TAKEN PRISONER 1130 hrs POW REPORTS :— 2 COYS ASTRIDE ROAD. A COY LEFT FLANK "D" COY RIGHT
12. "D" COY REJOINS MAIN BODY 1200 hrs HELD AS RESERVE COY
13. "A" COY ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT BEGIN 1215 hrs. + SEC CARRIERS
14. 2 CARRIER MOUNTED M.MGs FIRING DOWN ROAD
15. 2 CARRIERS A COY WIPED OUT 1300 hrs

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Tracing BOOKARA M.S.

TO GERALDTON

BOOKARA

BINI NIGHT 16/17 DEC

ROUTE TAKEN BY "A" COY + 1 SEC CARRIERS AT 0300 HRS

MT HILL

REAR HQ EST 1545 hrs
"A" ECH + H.Q. COY less
DETACHED PERSONNEL
ALSO HERE

1610 SEC
CARRIERS RECCE
retd at 1735

ENEMY PL LOCATED
AT 1700 HRS

Recce by OC
CARRIER PL 1540 hrs

COASTAL SANDHILLS

FOREWARD H.Q.

MORTAR TASK
Shelled this

ENEMY PLS HERE

D COY BUILT
IN ATTACK

WITHDRAWN AND SENT
TO LEFT FLANK AT 1720
HRS

ENEMY
EST STRENGTH
1 VEHICLE
at 1410 hrs

ENEMY PATROL WIPED OUT
HERE STRENGTH APPROX 20
AT 1632 hrs.

LEFT PL OUTFLANKS ENEMY
AT 1610 hrs AND ESTABLISHES RD BLOCK

ROUTE OF B COY

MIDLAND RAILWAY

EAST OF ROAD ONLY

INDIAN OCEAN

5 CARRIERS
1440 hrs

B COY AT 1615 hrs

RD BLOCK ESTABLISHED
BY A COY AT 1700 HRS

DEMOLITIONS COMPLETED OF
P.O. RY STN. WATER SUPPLY. POLICE STATION
DENISON BRIDGE BY A COY AT 1630 HRS

DONGARRA

SCALE 1 INCH TO 1 MILE

17 Dec 42

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Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1028 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	19/20	Dec	B Coy to provide
Bn O Officer	"	"	" " " "
Camp Medical Officer	"	"	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	"	"	B Coy to provide
Bn O Cpl	"	"	" " " "
Duty Unit	"	"	B Coy
Next for Duty	20/21	"	" "

1029 UNAUTHORISED BUYING

The practice of personnel ordering goods of any description on behalf of the unit will cease immediately. No responsibility will be accepted for the purchase of goods on behalf of the unit without a written order & the authority of the C O.

1030 CHURCH PARADES

Holy Communion 0700 hrs Sal. Army enclosure.
Church Parade incl R.C. 1000 hrs.

1031 ENTERTAINMENTS

A picture show will be held in unit lines near canteen, commencing 2030 hrs today.

1032 PAY

Pay is available from Pay Sgt.

1033 WATER - UNAUTHORISED SOURCES

From 5 Aust Inf Bde R Os, Serial 18/42.
Instances have been brought to notice of troops drawing water from unauthorised sources. C.Os will be held responsible to ensure that this practice is discontinued forthwith.

1034 RAILWAY WATER TANKS

From 5 Aust Inf Bde R Os, Serial 18/42.
It is again emphasised that all railway water tanks are out of bounds to troops at all times.

1035 SWIMMING - PORT DENISON

From 5 Aust Inf Bde R Os, Serial 18/42.
Further to earlier instruction from Bde HQ, the area of PORT DENISON beach from LEANDER POINT at SOUTH end to 400 yds NORTH OF JETTY is out of bounds to all troops.
This order will be promulgated on first possible parade, and steps taken to ensure compliance.
This restriction still allows a large area for bathing of troops on authorised occasions.

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As per R Os, Serial No. 307

E Mitchell
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn ... Capt

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Army Form W.3009
(page 1)
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

4 H Aust Inf Bde. (Unit) 19 Dec. 1942. (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required. Serial 31.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	8		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	47		
Corporals	81		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	516		200
TOTALS	661	*	* 200.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt.	A.A.S.C.	3 O/Rs	14 A/Tk.
1 Armr. Sgt	A.A.O.C.	1 O/R	5 Bde.
1 Bkr. L/C	A.A.O.C.		
1 Sgt.	2 Div H.Q.		
1 Sgt.	2 Div Sigs.		
1 L/C	A.A.M.C.		
2 O/Rs	A.A.M.C.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
W 24467	Pte	HEATH H.A.	25 A.T.Bn	Northam.
W 49757	"	ALLARD S.A.	"	"
W 41393	"	ASHER J.	"	"
W 49893	"	BEST R.H.	"	"
W 79083		PRATT H.	"	"
W 29491	"	LAKIN S.H.	"	"
W 40011	"	FRIEND A.	"	"
W 20208		NISBETT L.J.	"	"

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4th Aust Inf Bde ..... *Unit.*

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009. Serial 31.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers Bandsmen		6.	G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		12
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		/	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			4/A.		151
			Certified that the figures in Red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								200.

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

4th Aust Inf Bde ..... *Unit.*

..... *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 19/12/42.

5th Aust Inf Bde ..... *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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TO BE FURNISHED BY ALL UNITS OF THE ARMY IN THE FIELD AND FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Unit

Part A of Army Form W. 3009. Return of Surplus or Reinforcements required in the Field.

(Vide Regulations for Field Service, 1909, para. 477)

(Australia) (Vide s)

Part B. Details of Surplus or Reinforcements required by all units (Headquarter units).

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners		
Armament Artificers		
Armourers		
Artificers, Engine Fitters		
Artificers, Fitters		
Artificers, Turners		
Bakers		1
Batmen		
Battery Observers		
Battery Orderly, Asst.		
Blacksmiths		
Boilermakers		
Bombers		
Buglers		
Butchers		
Cable Jointers		
Carpenters and Joiners		
Chainmen		
Chemical Analysts		
Clerks, Accounting		
Clerks, Supply		
Clerks, Typewriting		
Coast Artillery		
Compositors		
Cooks		
Coopers		
Corporals		
Dental Mechanics		
Dental Surgeons		
Despatch Riders		
Draftsmen, Architectural		
Draftsmen, Mechanical		
Draftsmen, Topographical		
Drivers, Signal		
Electricians, Engine Room		
Electricians, Fitters		
Electricians, Linemen		
Electricians, Motor Boat		
Engine Drivers, Stationary		
Engine Fitters, Motor Boat		
Engine Room Artificers		
Engine Room Artificers, Signal		
Engine Room Artificers, Torpedo		
Engine Room Hands		
Engine Tuners		
Engineers, Marine		
Engineers, Stationary		
Farriers		
Fitters		
Fitters, Gun		
Fitters, Motor Transport		
Fitters, Turners		
Foremen		
Gaolers		
Gas Engine Fitters		
Gas Engine Men		
Gas Engine Men, Asst.		
Gas Engine Men, Chief		
Gas Engine Men, Leading		
Gas Engine Men, Senior		
Gas Engine Men, Stoker		
Gas Engine Men, Trimmer		
Gas Engine Men, Turner		
Gas Engine Men, Winchman		
Gas Engine Men, Yeoman		
Gas Engine Mechanics		
Gas Engine Mechanics, Asst.		
Gas Engine Mechanics, Chief		
Gas Engine Mechanics, Leading		
Gas Engine Mechanics, Senior		
Gas Engine Mechanics, Stoker		
Gas Engine Mechanics, Trimmer		
Gas Engine Mechanics, Turner		
Gas Engine Mechanics, Winchman		
Gas Engine Mechanics, Yeoman		
Gas Engine Operators		
Gas Engine Operators, Asst.		
Gas Engine Operators, Chief		
Gas Engine Operators, Leading		
Gas Engine Operators, Senior		
Gas Engine Operators, Stoker		
Gas Engine Operators, Trimmer		
Gas Engine Operators, Turner		
Gas Engine Operators, Winchman		
Gas Engine Operators, Yeoman		
Gas Engine Stokers		
Gas Engine Stokers, Asst.		
Gas Engine Stokers, Chief		
Gas Engine Stokers, Leading		
Gas Engine Stokers, Senior		
Gas Engine Stokers, Stoker		
Gas Engine Stokers, Trimmer		
Gas Engine Stokers, Turner		
Gas Engine Stokers, Winchman		
Gas Engine Stokers, Yeoman		
Gas Engine Turners		
Gas Engine Turners, Asst.		
Gas Engine Turners, Chief		
Gas Engine Turners, Leading		
Gas Engine Turners, Senior		
Gas Engine Turners, Stoker		
Gas Engine Turners, Trimmer		
Gas Engine Turners, Turner		
Gas Engine Turners, Winchman		
Gas Engine Turners, Yeoman		
Gas Engine Winchmen		
Gas Engine Winchmen, Asst.		
Gas Engine Winchmen, Chief		
Gas Engine Winchmen, Leading		
Gas Engine Winchmen, Senior		
Gas Engine Winchmen, Stoker		
Gas Engine Winchmen, Trimmer		
Gas Engine Winchmen, Turner		
Gas Engine Winchmen, Yeoman		
Gas Engine Yeomen		
Gas Engine Yeomen, Asst.		
Gas Engine Yeomen, Chief		
Gas Engine Yeomen, Leading		
Gas Engine Yeomen, Senior		
Gas Engine Yeomen, Stoker		
Gas Engine Yeomen, Trimmer		
Gas Engine Yeomen, Turner		
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/12/3 attached 38 × 858 1 × 14. 44 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	10		
Lieutenants	18		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	30.		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col	WX29244	Garner W.B.	A.O.	No	School
Maj	29245	Golding F.R.	2/i/c	Yes	
Capt	29257	Bentley H.R.	A.A.A.C.	Yes.	
	29247	Mouth J.H.	Asst I.O.	"	
	29253	Sinclair J.A.	2 i/c A	"	
	29254	Darragh J.K.	O.C. D. Coy	"	
	29251	Gubbridge K.A.	Qm	"	
	29247	Mitchell C.	Adj	"	
	29252	Macgregor A.L.	O.C. A Coy	"	
	29253	Johnston A.F.	O.C. B Coy	"	
	VX7443	Bradforth H.F.	2/i/c B Coy	"	
Lieut	WX29261	Buchtin C.N.	Sig. Off	"	
	29259	Gray T.M.	Asst Adj	"	
	29269	Hardwick J.C.	Pl. Com. B Coy	"	
	29263	Peirl J.H.	2/i/c Carr. Pl.	"	
	29270	Ford F.A.	I.O.	"	
	29288	Joel B.H.	Reinf. Off	"	
	29266	Mc Culloch J.G.	Carrier Pl Com	"	
	29411	Gilg J.K.	Pl Com. D Coy	"	
	29262	Christ C.	Q/Mr. Off	"	
	29264	Groves H.	Pl Com. C Coy	"	
	29274	Jameson A.J.	" B Coy	"	
	29394	Kelley A.M.S.	" B Coy	"	
	29396	Bentley A.H.	" D Coy	"	
	29263	Pilley K.J.	" A Coy	"	
	29267	Woodley R.F.J.	Reinf. Off.	"	
	29276	Blue L.S.	A Coy Sig	"	
	29272	Phelps L.J.	Reinf. Off	No	Wtng Pl Sig. Stoke Sig.
	29268	Mc Donald A.L.	Mtr Off.	"	School.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Capt	VX128	Brown J.L.	A.A.Corps	24.11.42	
"	WX11405	Waters F.C	A.A.M.C	29.4.42.	

44 Aust Inf. Bn
(Unit)

19 December 42
(Date of Despatch)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander)

3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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4th Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 4th Aust Inf Bn

1036 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	20/21 Dec	Capt E.C. Plaistowe
Bn O Officer	20/21 "	Lieut J.R. Giles
Camp Medical Officer	20/21 "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	20/21 "	Cpl Lewin J.
Bn O Cpl	20/21 "	Cpl Simmons W.
Duty Unit	20/21 "	B Coy
Next for Duty	21/22 "	B Coy

1037 DISCIPLINE

All concerned are again advised that MINGENEW is out of bounds to all troops except personnel on duty. Personnel on duty NOT carrying duty passes signed by an officer will be subject to disciplinary action.

1038 HARVEY SCHOOLS

Coys are invited to submit nominations for 3 Aust Corps Training School HARVEY covering the following subjects. Courses are held approx each month commencing about the first week. Four weeks duration unless otherwise shown.

a. Fl Comds Course
Refresher Course duties & tactics junior offrs.

b. O.T.S. Preparation Course
Preparation Course for potential offrs before being sent to O.T.S. BONEGILLA.

c. Sec Leaders Course
N C Os Training & Refresher Course.

d. Guerilla Warfare Course
To train offrs & N C Os as instructors in guerilla warfare tactics.

e. Anti-Gas Course (3 weeks only)
To train offrs & N C Os of the rank of Sgt & above as instructors and P A D offrs in P A D & C.W.

f. M M G Course
To train offrs & N C Os. Course includes use of M M Gs in carriers.

g. Mortar Course (2 weeks)
Instruction of offrs & N C Os in 3" mortars.

h. P & R T Course BASSENDEAN
To train offrs & N C Os as unit instructors.

i. W A L of C M V T T C GRAYLANDS
To train Drs M/T to stage of Dr Mech & Mechanics M/T.
A proportion of best students in Dr Mech wing are selected to attend Mechanics M/T Course.
Personnel must have Army Drs Licence & qualified at unit schools of D & M.

There is no limit to number of nominations Comds may submit, but lists should be in order of preference. Students may also be nominated for more than one course. Lists to be submitted as early as possible but not later than Saturday 26 Dec 42.

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1039 MEAL PARADES

Commencing today until further notice evening meal will be served at 1800 hrs.

1040 CIVILIAN FOOD SUPPLIES

2 Aust Div Administrative Instruction No. 39.

1. Subtended is a copy of H.Q. 3 Aust Corps memo G6/2/16 of 2 December 42 for information:-

"It has been reported that in some of the more remote districts of the State, especially in the N. West convoys of troops passing through townships in such areas have bought most or all of the available civil stocks of certain commodities, particularly tinned fruits and similar foodstuffs which are vital for the maintenance of a balanced diet.

The transport situation renders it very difficult to provide and maintain supplies sufficient for ordinary civil needs at places situated in the areas distant from the Metropolitan Area, and it will be readily realised that actions such as are indicated in para 1 cause real hardship to the local population.

In future all convoys, detachments or recce parties whose route passes through areas in which there are no Army Supply Depots or canteens, will carry with them sufficient rations and supplies to last until the next source of Army supplies is reached.

Civilian supplies of any kind in isolated areas should NOT be drawn on by organised parties of Army personnel.

Individual service personnel will only be permitted to make such purchases in remote places in cases of necessity due to failures of Army supplies.

The DDST will be informed of any projected troop movement to localities beyond formation administrative areas."

1041 COURTS OF INQUIRY

Courts of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the alleged illegal absence of WX 21115 Pte Wilson J.E., W 12500 Pte Radanovich S., W 11768 Pte Conway D.J., and W 11526 Pte Scoffern H.
President Capt G.A. Fountain Member Lieut A.L.McDonald
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 21 Dec 42.

1042 LOST

Camouflage net on MILO Rd 19 Dec 42.
Anyone knowing whereabouts notify B HQ.

1043 BN SPORTS DAY

On the morning of Dec 26 a Sports Meeting will be held in the Bn area. Coys are to select Sports Representative to report for full particulars to Bn Sports Officer, Lieut J.R. Giles, at 0830 hrs 21 Dec 42.

1044 PALLIASSES & STRAW

All palliasses will be withdrawn from ALL personnel tomorrow Monday 21 Dec 42, rolled into bundles of ten & returned to RQMS by 0830 hrs. Straw will be dumped in river bed near canteen. It will NOT be burnt. Disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel retaining palliasse after time stated above.

1045 PHONETIC ALPHABET

As from 1st Jan 1943 the following change will come into effect.

A	ADAM	H	HOW	O	OBOE	V	VICTOR
B	BAKER	I	ITEM	P	PETER	W	WILLIAM
C	CHARLIE	J	JIG	Q	QUEEN	X	X RAY
D	DOG	K	KING	R	ROGER	Y	YOKE
E	EASY	L	LOVE	S	SUGAR	Z	ZED
F	FOX	M	MIKE	T	TARE		
G	GEORGE	N	NAN	U	UNCLE		

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1046 LEAVE

(1) (a) The following provisions will apply as from 1st July 1942 to all members, other than those on part time duties, serving in Australia & the Territories.

(b) Leave granted is the maximum & will always be subject to operational requirements and availability of transport.

(c) Leave of whatever nature may be cancelled at any time.

(2) Recreation Leave

(a) Leave may be granted on the basis of two days per calendar month.

(b) A member who desires to go on leave to a place within the following categories will be obliged to accumulate the leave for which he is eligible for the periods shown.

(i) Where the journey exceeds 100 miles but does not exceed 500 miles from the place in which the member is serving - for three months.

(ii) Where the journey exceeds 500 miles but does not exceed 1250 miles - six months.

(iii) Over 1250 miles - 12 months.

Leave will commence in most cases from the time of marching out from L T D Claremont & when leave expires, member will report to L T D for return to unit.

(3) Travelling Time

A maximum of 2 days travelling time may be added to leave to enable a member to travel from L T D to destination except that (a) where travelling time does not exceed 12 hours no addition will be made to any leave & (b) where travelling time does not exceed 36 hours not more than one day will be added.

(4) For the purpose of calculating the leave for which a member is due, periods of leave without pay, which the member has been granted & periods of A W L will not be treated as service qualifying for leave. Any period of A W L may be deducted from any authorised leave at discretion of C O.

(5) A condition of granting accumulated leave will be that the member has a paybook credit sufficient to meet reasonable expenses during the period of leave. Leave for any period of or exceeding 12 hours on any one day will for the purpose of calculating leave taken be considered as one day's leave.

(6) A member will NOT terminate his forward journey at a place other than that mentioned as his destination in his rail warrant or combined home leave pass & railway ticket as case may be.

(7) Compassionate Leave

Authority is given for the grant of compassionate leave and the provision at public expense of free travelling facilities in cases of great hardship as hereunder.

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(i) death or serious illness of spouse, child or parent or other near dependent relative,
(ii) serious damage to or destruction of home, property or stock

provided that the provisions of sub para (i) above will NOT apply to cases of normal pregnancy.

Production of proof of the bona fides of the case is necessary, but if NOT practicable prior to approval the C O may grant leave provided

(a) A written statement signed by the member affirming the truth of the grounds upon which his application for compassionate leave is based

(b) An authority to the C O to order the deduction from his pay of the cost of any warrants issued to him in respect of such compassionate leave, in the event of the bona fides of his case not being subsequently established to the satisfaction of his C O.

The period of compassionate leave granted will be such as would normally permit the member to spend three consecutive days at the place where the event occurred upon which the application for leave was based.

Leave may be granted for longer than three days but will be without pay.

(8) Leave at Schools

A student at a school or course of instruction may be granted leave by the C.I. at the termination of the course provided that the student lodges with the C.I. at least 14 days prior to the termination of the course the written approval of his C.O. for such leave being granted.

Churchill ..... Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1047 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	21/22	Dec	Lieut A.J. Jamieson
Bn O Officer	"	"	Lieut H.M. Kelley
Camp Medical Officer	"	"	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	"	"	Cpl Crews A.G.
Bn O Cpl	"	"	L/Cpl Rodgers R.D.
Duty Unit	"	"	B Coy
Next for Duty	22/23	"	B Coy

1048 R.C. CHURCH PARADE XMAS DAY

Midnight Mass will be celebrated at Dongarra for all members of 5 Bde Gp.

Transport will leave HQ No. 1 area at 2230 hrs 24 Dec 42, troops to be paraded under Coy arrangements. O Cs Coy parties will have a nominal roll & be responsible for checking personnel for return trip.

Coys will advise Capt G.A. Fountain not later than 1800 hrs 23 Dec 42 the number of personnel who will be on parade.

For Bde records Coys will also supply to Capt Fountain by the same time a nominal roll (No., Rank & Name) in alphabetical order of all R.C. personnel on Coy strength.

1049 AUDITORS

Regt Audit Board as follows
Capt R.F. Johnston
Lieut F. Ford
" J. Hardwick

Canteens Audit Board
Capt R.F. Johnston
Cpl Forwood R.

1050 WATER CONTAINERS

All Coys will submit a return to this HQ by 1000 hrs 22 Dec 42 showing the number of 2-gal cans at present held on vehicles. These should be of tinplate or galvanised tin for the carriage of water but may be of terneplate for petrol or oils.

1051 LOST

Rifle No. 5458 during Fox exercise. Finder return to B Coy.

..... Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1052 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	22/23 Dec	Capt E.C. Plaistowe
Bn O Officer	22/23 "	Lieut J.E. Hardwick
Camp Medical Officer	22/23 "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	22/23 "	Sgt Hanrahan J.
Bn O Cpl	22/23 "	Cpl Lewin J.
Duty Unit	22/23 "	B Coy
Next for Duty	23/24 "	C Coy

1053 XMAS DAY

For Xmas Day the following times will be observed.

Reveille	0630 hrs
Breakfast	0800
Midday meal	1315
Evening meal	1830

Canteen will be closed during the day but will open for wet canteen only between 1900 hrs & 2030 hrs.

1054 ENTERTAINMENTS

All concerned are advised that when inter Coy sporting contests are desired, arrangements will be made through unit sports officer, Lieut Giles.

1055 FIELD FIRING EXERCISE

Adm arrangements for Fd Firing Ex to be held vicinity MT LEFROY Wed 23 Dec are as follows.

Movement of Rifle Coys will be across country in deployed battle drill formation.

Order of March
B Coy
C "
D "
Supporting arms (3, 4 & 5 Pls) will move by road & track MILO - MT LEFROY.

S.T. Marching personnel 0830 hrs
M T 1030 "

S.P. Exit gate.

Assembly Area - Vicinity MT LEFROY.

Rations Cut lunch will be carried by all ranks.

Water Only supply will be from w/bottle carried by personnel.

Umpires Will R V vicinity B HQ at 0830 hrs & be prepared to move by M T to MT LEFROY area. Tpt to be arranged by T O.

Tpt The following tpt will be used
ea Rifle Coy - 1 utility
R. Gp. - all vehs
R A P - 1 veh
Supporting arms - all vehs

Allocated Personnel SIGS, S Bs & I personnel will report to Coys at 0815 hrs.

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44TH. BATTALION,
OTHER RANKS.
REC'D 24 DEC 1942
IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDER PART 11
No. 71
22 Dec. 42

44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.
2 AUST. DIVISION.

Last Part 11 Order No. 70 Sub. No. 5676 issued 16 Dec. 42

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties Etc.
STRENGTH INCREASE.			
5677	WX.26742	Pte. HUSKING A.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Hosp. and trans. from X List 18 Dec. 42
8	W.47280	" HALL T.W.	do
9	WX.26625	L/Cpl. FOLLINGTON A.J.	do 15 Dec. 42
5680	W.40415	Pte. MARTIN J.E.	M/I ex School of Inst. - Trans. from X List 12 Dec. 42
1	WX.26760	" McGURK J.J.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Detention Barracks and trans. from X List 19 Dec. 42
2	W.12241	" FERNIHOUGH G.A.	do
3	W.24918	" CRIDLAND W.H.	do
STRENGTH DECREASE.			
4	WX.26479	W.O.1 FEWSTER K.	M/O to I.O.T.S. Bonegilla and trans. to X List 16 Dec. 42
5	WX.26535	Sgt. CHURCH K.	do
6	WX.28744	Cpl. MORSE G.	M/O to W.A.L. of C. Cooking Sch. and trans. to X List 18 Dec. 42
7	W.9979	L/Cpl. CRAGAN L.M.	M/O Trans. to 124 Aust. Gen. Tpt. Coy. 14 Dec. 42
8	WX.26573	Pte. WARREN T.A.	M/O to M.V.T.T.C. D/Mech. Course and trans. to X List 13 Dec. 42
TRADE GROUPING.			
9	WX.26774	Pte. ANDERSON R.C.	Classified T.G. 3 D/Mech. 11 Dec. 42
5690	WX.26888	" DURTANOVICH S.P.	do
1	W.40415	" MARTIN J.E.	do 12 Dec. 42
2	WX.26619	" DELLA VEDOVA J.	do 8 Nov. 42
PUNISHMENTS.			
3	WX.26781	Pte. FROOME K. H.Q. Coy.	OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 19 Nov. 42 to 1800 hrs. 20 Nov. 42 AWARD. Admonished by O.C. 5 Dec. 42 Automatic forfeiture 1 days pay.
4	WX.26504	Pte. RENTON D.M. C. Coy.	OFFENCE. W.O.A.S. Disobeying in such a manner as to show wilful defiance of authority, a lawful command given by his superior officer. AWARD. Fined £3. by C.O. 12 Dec.42
REMISSION OF SENTENCE.			
5695	WX.26760	Pte. McGURK J.J.	Ref. R.O. 67/5523 of 1 Dec. 42 Remission of one sixth of sentence approved by Col. in charge Adm. 11 Dec. 42

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SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

5696 WX.26725 Cpl. DYER N. M/O to 3 Aust. Corps Tng. Sch. Mortar Course 18 Dec. 42

REJOINED UNIT.

7 WX.28738 Cpl. JOHNSON P.B. M/I ex Sch. of Inst. 15 Dec. 42
8 WX.29288 Pte. CORBOY B.E. do
9 WX.26753 " NEWLAND C.H. do

MARCHED IN.

5700 W.24994 Pte. GIFFORD F.A. M/I ex G.D.D. ex leave without pay 18 Dec. 42

MARCHED OUT.

5701 W.25948 Pte. CROZIER G. To GDD for 4 weeks leave without pay 14 Dec. 42

ATTACHED

5702 W11980 Cpl COLE S.T. M/O off rations and duty to Parent Unit 10 Dec.42

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C'wlth Audit Inspr.	(1)
Statistics	(2)
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Commandant Det. Bks. F'tle	(1)
H.Q.W.A.L. of C. Area	(1)
Master File	(1)
W.A.L. of C. Accounts Office	(3)
L.H.Q. 2nd Ech.	(1)
C.O. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.	(6)
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Spares	(2)

TOTAL 23

T. O'Brien Lieut.
For Officer i/c W.Aust. L. of C. Area,
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

4th Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 4/4 Aust Inf Bn

1056 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	23/24 Dec	Capt H.N. Bentley
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut R.P.J. Woodley
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Odgers J.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Forwood R.
Duty Unit	" "	C Coy
Next for Duty	24/25 "	B Coy

1057 SANDSHOES

Attention is drawn to the wearing of sand shoes. Coys will ensure that personnel wear sandshoes only on recognised P.T. parades.

1058 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - C OF E.

Holy Communion will be held at the Recreation Hut at 0700 hrs. The service is a voluntary one but all denominations are welcome

1059 A T M

A T M 15 is now available at B HQ. Will officers who have not collected their issue please do so.

1060 COURTS OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the loss of certain platoon stores of HQ Coy on Fox exercise.
President Capt H.N. Bentley Member Lieut B.N. Joel
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 24 Dec 42.

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the loss of Bayonet No. 58006 belonging to WX 2942 Pte Chapman J.W.E.
President Capt H.N. Bentley Member Lieut B.N. Joel
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 24 Dec 42.

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the loss of articles and equipment belonging to WX 26490 Cpl Dellar G.
President Capt E.C. Plaistowe Member Lieut R.P.J.Woodley

1061 INTER COY TRANSFER

WX 19998 L/Sgt Williams W.O. from HQ Coy to A Coy and be attache to B Coy.

Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I A

1062 REVERSION

WX 19998 A/Sgt Williams W.O. to L/Sgt.

1063 APPOINTMENT

WX 26690 Cpl Kemp F.H. to be L/Sgt.

Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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Field Sheet

Scheme No.

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Appx A

etch MT LEFROY

1. Exercise — Bn in Attack (Deliberate) Field Firing.

2. Object — To accustom personnel to action under Actual Covering Fire.

3. Lessons to be Taught
   a. Fire and movement
   b. Simple Fire Plan

4. Tps Taking Part — 44 Aust Inf Bn.

5. Assembly — Bn will be deployed as though on axis of adv with leading elements at track ref 143058.

6. Date and Time — 1300 hrs 23 Dec 42.

7. Stores
   a. Targets etc to rep enemy disposns as shown on Sketch (Appx A).
   b. Flags Sig

Two Flags	each Coy	6
"	" Mortars	2
"	" Carr	2
"	" Director	2
	Total	12

   c. 108 Sets
      6 required
   d. Maroon Gnd
   e. Pistol Sig & Curt Red

8. Director — Maj H.R. Golding
   Asst. Director — Capt H.N. Bentley

9. Umpires

C Coy	B Coy	D Coy	Mort	Carr
Capt Fountain	Capt Macgregor	Capt Darragh	Lieut McDonald	Lieut
Lieut Hardwick	Lieut Joel	Lieut Pilley	Lieut Kelley	McCulloch
Lieut Blue	Lieut Woodley	Lieut Bentley		Lieut
Lieut Ford	Lieut Bucktin	Lieut Crofts		Giles

10. Rations — Coy arrangements in biv area for midday meal. Evening meal on return to camp.

11. Dress — Fighting Order less Respirator.

12. Rep of Fire — Ball Amn
    Scale of Issue

30	per	rifle	C Coy
15	"	"	other Coys
60	"	L M G	C Coy
30	"	"	other Coys
125	"	M M G	(6)
		Mort	

13. Safety Precautions
   a. Sentries will be posted at range extremities.
   b. Red flags will be displayed at Target Points etc.
   c. Tps will be inspected for amn before and after exercise and cert. to this effect rendered by O/C Coys.
   d. Umpires will act as safety offrs.
   e. Field dressings will be carried.
   f. R A P will be established vicinity MT LEFROY.
   g. Assault Tps will not be permitted to move fwd of line C/D (Appx A) until given All Clear by Chief Umpire.

14. Intercomm
    Neutral Sigs
    108 Sets will accompany
    Each Coy
    Mortars
    Carriers
    Director

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Alternative Semaphore

Call Signs

A Coy	letter		A
B "	"		B
C "	"		C
Carr	"		D
Mort	"		E

Signals Assault Tps reach line C/D (Appx A) Letter P

Answer

Carry on Letter R

Emergency Cease Fire - 1 Maroon Gnd & Verey Light

15. Conferences

Umpires & Coy Comd	On Gnd 0900 hrs 23 Dec 42
Umpires	On Gnd after Exercise
Directors & Offrs	As arranged by Director

16. Routes Plan etc. See Appx A and Narrative.

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44 Aust Inf Bn
Ref Map
Sketch MT LEFROY

Scheme No.
Secret

App B

Instructors Sequence - Narratives Etc.
Ref IMT Sec 98, 99, 102, 103 IT (1927) Sec 41, 42, 66.

1. Opening Situation

44 Aust Inf Bn as an independent Guerilla Force moving South along axis of adv with instns to destroy any enemy forces encountered.

O O M — 44 Aust Inf Bn
C Coy
R Gp
D Coy
BHQ
B Coy
HQ Coy
R A P

2. Narrative

As the Scouts of the Pnt Pl of C Coy approached GREEN GORSE the Pl was in the vicinity of ROCKY KNOLL and was fired on from fwd slopes of TWIN TREE RIDGE.

The Pl was pinned to the gnd and O/C C Coy appreciated the situation and decided to probe the posn and endeavour to locate its extent.

This he did by sending two Pls to the right flank to endeavour to approach by the covered approach there.

These Pl reached a point at P. Apps and were unable to proceed further owing to heavy fire from GREEN GORSE.

The Bn Comd decided to attack and issued the fol orders

(See par B) Instructors Sequence

3. D/S Solution

Bn in Attack.

Infm — Enemy — Est str two Coys right and left of GREEN GORSE.

Own Tps — C Coy hold general line ROCKY KNOLL.

Intention — 44 Bn will capture posn at GREEN GORSE.

Method

Fwd Coys — B Coy Right
D " Left

Objectives — B Coy Posn right of GREEN GORSE.
D " " left " GREEN GORSE.

Route — Left Flank.

Assembly Area — QUATARA DEPRESSION.

Start Line — TREE RIDGE.

Start Time — 4-45 mins from completion of C O's orders.

Fire Sup
C Coy will sp attack from present posn.

Fire Plan

Ser.	Unit	Loc.	Task	Times
1	1-3 Det Mort	LETOUS REENTRANT	Enemy Right Posns	Z-2 Z+6
2	4-6 " "	QUATARA DEPRESSION	" Left Posns	Z-2 Z+6
3	Carr	Forward of SANDY PATCH	Enemy Posts	Z+2 Z+7

Adm — R A P MT LEFROY
Veh remain QUATARA DEPRESSION

Intercomm — Success Sig -------
B H Q ----------

4. Detailed Sequence — For detail sequence up to this point and subsequent action see "Forecast of Events" Appx B.

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Appx B
Scheme No. 2

FORECAST OF EVENTS

Approx Time	Event	Instns to Umpires	Remarks
Z	Leading Elements move off	Scouts will not be allowed fwd of ROCKY KNOLL *	*Safety
Z + 20	Pnt Pl reaches ROCKY KNOLL	Pin Pl by painting picture of heavy fire	
Z + 30	15/16 Pls move to Right Flank	Insist on fire and movement when exposed	
Z + 45	15/16 Pls reach Point P	Paint picture of heavy fire to pin Pls	
Z + 50	C O goes fwd on Recce	Watch for suitability of O P & undue exposure	Warning order to O Gp etc.
Z + 60	C O issues orders to O Gp		
Z + 70	O/C Coy Recce		
Z + 80	" " Orders to Pl Comd		
Z + 90	Pl Comd Orders to Sec		
Z + 100	Coys move to Start Line and Mort open fire		
Z + 102	ZERO		
Z + 104	M M G open fire		
Z + 108	Assault Tps reach line C/D (Appx A)	Do not allow to pass until "all clear"	
Z + 109	M M G cease fire. Pls commence move fwd by fire & movement	Observe safety; all secs move only when covered by fire	
Z + 112	Assault Bren firing from hip		
Z + 120	Exercise Ends		

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44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
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Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1064 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	24/25 Dec	Capt H.N. Bentley
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut H. Crofts
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Ryman F.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Collins P.R.
Duty Coy	" "	C Coy
Next for Duty	25/26 "	D Coy

1065 A A DEFENCE

All Coys will ensure that all troops conversant with and that plans are in operation for A A defence.

1066 CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

From G R Os, 11 Dec 42.

1. All ranks, who have cameras, may in future use them subject to the following:-

2. An officer will be appointed in each unit to be O. i/c Photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with the number, rank and name of its possessor.

3. Officers and O.Rs. will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with the O. i/c Photography.

4. Cameras will be withdrawn, prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations. Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operations.

5. C.Os. of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.

6. The O. i/c Photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to:-

(a) such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Packages containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be handed to the possessors in each case;

(b) H.Q. L. of C. Area; or

(c) O. i/c Base Depot.

The O. i/c Photography will give a receipt for all cameras received, whether for disposal by (a), (b) or (c).

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of paras. 4, 5 and 6, a C.O. may, if he thinks fit, approve of the retention of cameras by not more than four members of the unit provided they signify their agreement that such retention will be subject to the following terms:-

(a) That cameras so retained will be used only as directed by O. i/c Photography.

(b) That the said cameras remain in the possession of the members concerned and will be at such members' risk.

(c) That the C.O. may withdraw such approval at any time.

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8. H.Q. L. of C. Areas will be responsible for ensuring that cameras deposited for custody by a unit proceeding overseas are forwarded on the unit's behalf to the Base Depot abroad.

9. (a) Films of photographs taken for official purposes will be forwarded for processing by formations, units, experimental and technical establishments etc. direct to H.Q. L. of C. Area. They will be accompanied by a memo. signed by the C.O. or an officer of field rank stating the purpose to which they will be put.

(b) If in the opinion of G.S.I. at H.Q. L. of C. Area, films or prints should not, for security reasons, be returned to forward areas, G.S.I. will retain them and will without delay advise the formation, unit, experimental or technical establishment, etc., accordingly.

10. Films of photographs taken by officers and O.Rs. for non-official purposes will be forwarded to an approved photographer for processing. H.Q. L. of C. Areas will arrange with approved photographers that photographs contravening the Control of Photography Order will not be returned to the send, but to H.Q. L. of C. Area. Such photographs will be referred to C.O. unit for necessary action.

11. The names of approved photographers will from time to time be published in Unit Routine Orders. Approving authorities will be, in Australia, H.Q. L. of C. Areas, and abroad, Formation Commanders.

12. Photographs (other than those taken for official purposes) which, if captured, would be of value to the enemy, are prohibited.

13. Contraventions of this order will be dealt with by disciplinary action and/or by:-

(a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.
(b) Destruction of films and prints.

14. This order will be read in conjunction with the relevant paragraphs of Army Field Censorship Instruction No. 22 - Procedure and Instructions for Unit Censorship.

1067 IDENTITY DISCS

From G R Os, 11 Dec 42.

1. All ranks will be supplied with two identity discs which will be worn as shown below:-

(a) The No. 1 disc (green) will be suspended round the neck beneath the uniform by 32 inches of cord, and the No. 2 disc (red) will hang below the No. 1 by the two being joined by 6 inches of cord.

(b) The following particulars must be stamped clearly and effectively on the discs as under:-

Front side -
(i) Army number.
(ii) Initials and name.
(iii) Index letter(s) of religion.

Reverse side - Blood group number (as shown inside back cover of Pay Book). The greatest care must be taken in stamping the group letter and figures on the discs, as an incorrect marking may lead to loss of a life which might otherwise have been saved.

(c) The index letters of the various religious denominations are:-

Church of England	C.E.	Congregational	C.
Presbyterian	P.	Roman Catholic	R.C.
Methodist	M.	Jewish	J.
Baptist	B.	Salvation Army	S.A.

2. Discs that have been stamped with incorrect details are to be destroyed under supervision and any necessary replacements requisitioned for.

3. All units will institute a check to ensure that every serving member is in possession of identity discs which are correctly marked.

4. Instructions governing the wearing of identity discs will be published in unit orders. Neglect to wear discs will be treated as a breach of discipline.

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1068 FALSE STATEMENTS TO OBTAIN LEAVE, ETC.

From G R Os, 11 Dec 42.

1. Attention is directed to regulation 73A of the National Security (General) Regulations, inserted by Statutory Rules 1942 No. 475. That regulation is as follows:-

"73A.-(1.) A person shall not knowingly produce or present to any person any document containing any false statement or from which any material omission has been made, or knowingly make or connive at the making of any false statement, whether oral or in writing, or any omission, for the purpose of obtaining for any person or of assisting any person to obtain -

(a) exemption from service in or leave of absence from any part of the Defence Force;

(b) a transfer from one unit, service, department, corps or arm of the Defence Force to another or from any place at which he is serving as a member of the Defence Force to any other place;

(c) the transfer from any place of detention to any other place, or the release, whether temporarily or permanently, of any person detained in pursuance of any instrument made or issued under any regulation made in pursuance of the Act, or any benefit or special treatment for any person so detained.

(2.) In any prosecution for a contravention of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation, any document purporting to be signed by the accused person, or to be authorised by him-

(a) shall be admissible in evidence against him without proof that the signature therein is his signature or that the document was authorized by him; and

(b) shall be prima facie evidence that any statements contained therein were made, and that the document was produced or presented, by him or with his authority.

(3.) In any proceedings under this regulation against any person, the onus shall be upon that person of satisfying the court that the statement or representation which is the subject-matter of the prosecution was true."

2. The substance of sub-regulation (1.) of regulation 73A will be published in Unit R.Os.

3.(a) The above regulation is in addition to and not in substitution for A.M.R. & O. 203A and offences under the latter are to be dealt with by C.Os. or by court-martial as military offences.

(b) If a member subject to military law commits an offence specified in N.S. Reg. 73A but not in A.M.R. 203A (such as "conniving" at the making of a false statement) he may be charged under A.A. 40 if he is to be tried by military law.

4. As offences against the above regulation cannot, except as specified in para. 3 above, be dealt with by court-martial or by a C.O., all breaches of the regulation which come to the notice of C.Os. (including breaches by civilians) will be reported to the relevant Headquarters, Lines of Communication Area.

1069 FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE, ETC.

From G R Os, 11 Dec 42.

A recent Statutory Rule has amended A.M.R. & O. by inserting a new A.M.R. 203A, the full text of which will be published shortly, and which provides in effect that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connexion with any application that -

(a) any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or

(b) any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by A.M.R. 215.

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The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prima facie evidence of such falsity and intent.

1070 GREEN ENVELOPES - POSTAL CHARGES

From G R Os, 11 Dec 42.

1. In order to correct any misunderstanding which may exist in regard to postal charges on green envelopes post on the mainland of Australia or in Tasmania, the attention of all ranks will be drawn to the following instructions:-

(a) When the Green Envelope contains one letter only - the green envelope will be addressed to the person for whom the letter is intended and bear the appropriate postage stamp. If it is intended that the letter be sent by air mail, the appropriate additional postage stamp will be affixed and the green envelope marked "By Air Mail".

(b) When the Green Envelope contains two or three letters - the following conditions must be observed:-

(i) Each letter enclosed in the green envelope must be placed in an addressed envelope which must bear the necessary postage stamps and be left unsealed. The green envelope will be addressed to the "Deputy Base Censor" and will not bear any postage stamps.

(ii) The words "By Air Mail" must be written on the green envelope if any of the letters enclosed therein are prepaid for transmission by air mail.

2. Letters etc., not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in Papua and New Guinea for delivery within the Commonwealth are exempt from postage, except when air mail transmission on the mainland or in Tasmania is desired, in which case the appropriate air mail fees are applicable.

1071 CLEANING OF WEB EQUIPMENT AND GAITERS

From G R Os, 11 Dec 42.

1. The practice of bleaching articles of web equipment and web gaiters, either by excessive washing with soap and soda or other means, is to cease immediately.

2. Items treated in this manner are not only unduly conspicuous in action but the treatment greatly deteriorates the material and reduces the life of the article.

3. When it is necessary to clean any item by washing, luke warm soapy water and light scrubbing only should be used. However, such washing should be restricted to occasions when it is absolutely essential.

1072 MODIFICATION OF .38-IN PISTOLS TO FIRE 9-MM. PARABELLUM AMMUNITION

From G R Os, 11 Dec 42.

1. Attempts to fire 9-mm. Parabellum S.A.A. in .38-in pistols will result in barrel failures after approximately 25-rounds. Therefore, 9-mm. S.A.A. will not be fired from pistols of .38-calibre, nor will any modifications be made to these pistols in order to make them accept 9-mm. ammunition.

2. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

1073 TOOTHBRUSHES - REPLACEMENT ISSUES

Toothbrushes will be replaced at not less than three monthly intervals on return of unserviceable brushes. Advice will be issued by Q M when stocks are available.

1074 HARVEY SCHOOLS - RESULTS

The following personnel will report to Adjt as soon as practicable after receipt of this R O.

Lieut Phelps
Sgt Murray G.L.
Cpl Sheedy J.M.
L/Cpl Follington
Cpl Spackman E.J.
Cpl Crews A.G.

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1075 SPORTS DAY 26 DEC 42

Start time 0900 hrs. Coy Sports Representatives to report to Lieut Giles at 0845 on Sports Ground, in rear of B Coy area. All competitors to be marshalled in Coy Groups to assist organisation of events.

The following officers are nominated to assist as Judges & Stewards.

Capt Johnson
Capt Bartley
Capt Plaistowe
Capt Darragh

Lieut Ford
Lieut Gray
Lieut Chrisp
Lieut Woodley
Lieut Blue
Lieut Hardwick

1076 USE OF RESPIRATORS A/GAS IN TRG

From 3 Aust Corps Trg Instn No. 6, 5 Dec 42.

In order to conserve existing supplies of A.Gas eqpt, the use of respirators, A/Gas, during trg will be restricted as under:-

(a) Carrying: Respirators will be carried during trg on ONE day per week only.

(b) Wearing: Respirators will be worn for periods NOT exceeding 2 hrs in any one week. The length of periods will be at the discretion of the CO.

1077 COURT OF INQUIRY

Ref R O 1022. In connection with Court of Inquiry concerning deficiencies in .55 A.P. ammunition Capt R.F. Johnston and Lieut F.N. Peirl replace Captain J.A. Darragh and Lieut J.E. Hardwick.

1078 BATTERY CHARGING

All batteries within the Bn except batteries on vehs will be delivered to T.O. by 0800 hrs 26 Dec 42.

Ellmerchen ...Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

4/ Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Major H.R. Golding
Adn Comd 4/ Aust Inf Bn.

1079. DUTIES.

Gd Mounting Officer	25/26	Dec	Capt. J.A. Darragh
Bn O Officer	"	"	Lieut. J.S. Blue
Camp Medical Officer	"	"	Capt. T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt.	"	"	Sgt. Sherlock, K.
Bn O Cpl.	"	"	Cpl. Dellar, G.
Duty Coy.	"	"	D Coy.

1080. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Ref B.R.O. 1066 para 2.
The O C Photography for this unit will be the I O.

1081 LEAVE.

Coys will supply a summary of the leave position within their Coys, i.e. numbers due for either two, three, four, six, or twelve days leave as the case may be.
Return to be at this H.Q. by 0900 hrs Monday, 28 Dec. 42.

1082. BLOOD GROUPING.

Coys will advise this H.Q. by 0900 hrs Saturday, 26 Dec. 42 the number of personnel yet to be blood grouped.

1083. FIRING OF SERVICE WEAPONS.

In view of the danger involved, the firing of Service weapons will only take place on classification ranges, field firing ranges or other specially selected areas.

Firing on such areas will at all times be controlled by an Officer or senior N.C.O.

1084. LOSS OF DENTURES.

Recently there have been numerous instances of loss of dentures by members whilst swimming. Any further cases of loss of this nature will be considered to be the fault of the member concerned. Attention is directed to the following extract from Standing Orders for AAMC (Dental Services):-

"(a) The loss or damage to a denture supplied at public expense will be a charge against the member unless the loss or damage is proved not to have been the fault of the member concerned.

Renewals and replacements of dentures rendered necessary by changes in the dental condition of the meber are not affected by this Standing Order m

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1084. LOSS OF DENTURES (Continued)

"(B) In all cases of loss or damage (other than simple fractures) an AA Form D.50 will be made out in duplicate by the Dental officer concerned and passed to the C O of the Members Unit, who will complete the form and return one copy to the Dental Officer. The Dental Officer will forward this copy to the DDO or Chief Paymaster.

(c) The Dental Officer will compute the cost of replacement by strict adherence to the following scale:-

(i) For each full upper or lower denture.....£1.10.-

(ii) Partial dentures according to the number of teeth used and clasps or retainers necessary with a minimum of 15/- for a 1 or 2 tooth partial denture and 1/3 for each extra tooth or clase.....15/- to £1.8.9.

Capt.
C. Mitchell
Adjt. 44 Aust Inf Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART Ia

1085. PROMOTIONS

WX26676 Cpl. Francis, N. to be A/Sgt. vide Sgt. Chadd - 26 Dec.42
WX26625 L/Cpl. Follington to be A/Cpl. " Cpl. Francis, N. " " "
W.11351LSgt. Keddie, V.G. to be A/Sgt. " Sgt. Church as from 20 Dec. 42
WX28751 Pte. Wright, C. to be A/Cpl. " L/Sgt. Keddie 20 Dec.

1086. APPOINTMENTS.

WX26518 W.O.II Sykes, L.H. is attached to H.Q. No. 2 and is A/C S M until further notice

WX28751 Pte. Wright, C.W. to be L/Cpl.
WX28749 " Townsend, R.W. to be L/Cpl.

Capt.
C. Mitchell
Adjt. 44 Aust Inf Bn.

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26 Dec 42

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1087 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	26/27 Dec	Capt J.A. Darragh
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut K. Pilley
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Rodgers E.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Smith A.J.N.
Duty Coy	" "	D Coy

1088 STOCKTAKING

The recent stocktaking held within the Bn reveals a very unsatisfactory state of affairs. Coy Comds will be responsible for instituting a weekly stocktaking and a return to this HQ is to be made each Monday at 0900 hrs, showing deficiencies or surpluses. Where fd exercises are held & interfere with the stocktaking the return will be submitted on the day following return of unit to camp area. Particular care is to be taken to ensure that stocktaking is thorough and complete.

1089 LIGHTS OUT

Coy Comds are responsible for seeing that lights are extinguished & radios turned off, at "lights out" each night. The Bn Orderly Officer is responsible for Bn HQ area.

1090 TENT FLYS - USE OF

Any tent flys NOT used in their proper capacity will be returned to Q M immediately. The practice of using tent flys to cover material & for tent floor covering is to cease.

1091 TIMBER ON BEACH

Timber is being stacked on beach at Port Dennison. This timber will NOT be removed under any circumstances.

1092 PISTOLS SIGNAL

All pistols signal in possession of personnel or Coys other than HQ Coy are to be handed to C.Q.M.S. HQ Coy before 0900 hrs 27 Dec 42.

1093 LOST

Hat khaki fur (Fly not stitched to brim, name on band Pte Blunt V.). Finder return B Coy.

1094 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

On a recent check it was found that many fire extinguishers are definitely U.S., being leaky. Coys will submit to the T O by 1000 hrs 28 Dec 42 a return showing the number of U.S. extinguishers on their vehs and how many are empty.

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As per R Os, Serial No. 315.

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Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/12/3 attached 34 x 838 1 x 14. 44 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	10		
Lieutenants	18		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	30.		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

~~Sept 22~~.

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col.	WX29244	Garnet W.S.	A.O.	Yes	School
Maj.	29245	Goldney A.R.	2/6	Yes.	
Capt.	29257	Bentley H.R.	A.A.C.	"	
	29247	Mould J.H.	Ord. Dep.	"	
	29253	Fountain G.A.	2/6 A.G.	"	
	29254	Darragh J.H.	A.A.C.	"	
	29251	Guttridge L.A.	A.M.C.	"	
	29247	Mitchell C.	Staff	"	
	29252	Macgregor A.L.	A.A.C.	"	
	29248	Plaistowe E.C.	A.A.C.	"	
	29253	Johnston A.F.	2/6 A.A.C.	"	
	VX 7443	Braddock H.P.	2/6 A.A.C.	"	
Lieut	WX 29261	Buchanan C.A.	Staff Off.	"	
	29251	Gross [illegible]	A.A.C. Off.	"	
	29269	Hartwright J.A.	2/6 Fd. Amb.	"	
	29263	Peril [illegible]	2/6 Fd. Amb.	"	
	29270	Ford [illegible]	A.A.C.	"	
	29258	Jack [illegible]	Regt Off.	"	
	29216	McCulloch J.G.	Can. Inf.	"	
	29211	Giles J.R.	2/6 Fd. Amb.	"	
	29262	Wright E.	A/Tk Off.	"	
	29264	Enfield [illegible]	2/6 Fd. Amb.	"	
	29274	Jamieson A.J.	"	"	
	29304	Kelley [illegible]	"	"	
	29296	Bentley A.H.	"	"	
	29263	Pillen [illegible]	"	"	
	29267	Woolley R.P.J.	Regt Off.	"	
	29276	Blue [illegible]	2/6 Fd. Amb.	"	
	29272	Shelton [illegible]	Regt Off.	"	
	29269	McDonald A.L.	Med. Off.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Capt	W 128	Brown J.L.	A.A.M.C.	24.4.42	
"	W 61405	Waters J.E.	A.A.M.C.	29.4.42	

44 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

26 December (Date of Despatch)

(Signature of Commander)

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

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Bandsmen 6

Signallers 13

1 Sgt a.a.p.6. 30/R. 104 V/Hs.
1 Armourer Sgt a.a0.6. 1 c/R. 5 Bde
1 Storek. c/t a.a0.6. 1 c/t H.E.M.E.
1 Sgt 2 Div. Pl.
1 Sgt 2 Div Sig. Sec.
1 c/c. a.a.m.b.
2 c/R. a.a.m.b.

Equipment Repairers 1

O/Rs. 180.

Certified that the figures in Red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.

Counter Sig. O/C.

200

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44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Maj
Mel H.R. Golding
Admin. Comd. 44 Aust Inf Bn

1095 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	27/28	Dec	Capt. H.P. Braddock
Bn O Officer	"	"	Lieut. K. Pilley
Camp Medical Officer	"	"	Capt. T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	"	"	Sgt. Pearse, N.V.
Bn O Cpl.	"	"	Cpl. Elwin, G.
Duty Coy	"	"	D Coy

1096 TRAINING

Commencing Monday, 28 Dec. 42, the tng hours will be as follows:-

Reveille	0630 hrs
Breakfast	0730 hrs
Parade	0830 hrs
Midday meal	1245 hrs.

Afternoons - Rifle coys. organised sleep.
H.Q. Coy usual tng until 1700 hrs except A.A. Pl which will conform to hours of rifle coys.

Night Tng will be undertakenffor all Rifle coys and A.A. Pl from 2100 hrs until 0100 hrs.

Night Tng syllabus for each coy to be at Bn H.Q. by 1700 hrs each day.

1097 HARVEY SCHOOLS

The following personnel will report to Adjt. as soon as practicable after receipt of this B.R.O.

Capt. J.aA. Darragh	Sgt. Back, T.E.
Lieut. J.R. Giles	Sgt. Hanrahan, J.
Lieut. F.N. Peirl	Sgt. Rogers, E.
Lieut. N.M. Gray	Pte. Miller, R.

1098 LECTURE

A lecture will be given by Bde Comd to all officers after Mess on Monday night 28 Dec. 42.
Title 'Concealment and Camouflage'.
All officers to attend.

1099 COURT OF INQUIRY

The following officers will comprise a Court of Inquiry to inquire into the alleged illegal absence of WX26757 Pte. Carter, E. from 29 Nov. 42.

Capt. H.P. Braddock
Lieut. E. Chrisp.

Proceedings to reach this H.Q. by 1800 hrs. 28 Dec. 42

1100 ENTERTAINMENTS

A Bn concert will be held vicinity Y.M.C.A. on New Years Eve.
Coys are requested to submit list of personnel who will give items to P.I.C. by 1200 hrs. Tuesday, 29 Dec. 42

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1101 - SGTS' MESS

Nominations for Sgts' Mess steward to be at B.H.Q. by 1800 hrs Monday, 28 Dec. 42

In future all sales of liquor will cease at 2200 hrs daily.

1102 SWIMMING - WARNING

Coys will ensure that NO swimming, organised or otherwise is permitted in vicinity of mouth of GREENOUGH River. A notice will be placed on the beach indicating the most southerly point at which swimming is safe. For information the white sand spit near the entrance is a reef full of pot-holes which are normally filled with sand. The action of the waves in certain weather causes these pot-holes to open up.

1103 DRESS - SHORTS

The practice of rolling up legs of shorts high above the knee must cease.

Too many instances are occurring of personnel appearing incorrectly dressed and this breach must be corrected.

1104 RESPIRATORS

Further to B.R.O. 1076 of 24 Dec. 42

Respirators will be carried each Wednesday and will be worn at various periods so that the total period of wearing will be at least one hour each Wednesday and the total during the week two hours.

K.B. Reilly Lieut.
.....for Capt.
Adjt. 44 Aust Inf Bn. AOD

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1105 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	28/29 Dec	Capt H.P. Braddock
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut J.S. Blue
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Rodgers E.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Forrest H.J.
Duty Coy	" "	D Coy
Next for Duty	29/30 "	HQ Coy

1106 LECTURE

A lecture for all officers will be given in Offrs' Mess on Wednesday at 1930 hrs by Capt Gutteridge.

1107 VICKERS BOTTLES

Attention is drawn to the use of Vickers Bottles which are in all latrines.

Bottles contain a Lysol solution 2% which is effective for destroying all germs on the hands.

A few drops rubbed over the hands is all that is necessary and all personnel are to be instructed to make full use of these bottles.

Remember a few drops today may save much trouble later on.

Attention of all troops to be drawn to the above para.

1108 CANTEEN SUPPLIES - AERATED WATERS

Coys are requested to return immediately all aerated water bottles in their areas. The practice of accumulating empty bottles will cease & in future bottles will be returned daily. All ranks are to be impressed with the necessity of promptly returning empties as future supplies depend on their regular flow.

1109 CHITS

Chits for dry canteen goods will not be redeemed after 31 Dec 42.

1110 CANTEEN HOURS

Canteen hours for Monday Tues & Wednesday will be from 1830-2030 only.

Wet canteen will not be open on any of these nights. This is necessary owing to shortage of supplies.

1111 COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled at time & date to be decided by the president to inquire into damage by fire to a tent on charge to B Coy.

President Capt Mould Member Lieut Bucktin

Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 30 Dec.

1112 INTER COY TRANSFER

WX 21106 Pte Yates S.M. from B Coy to HQ Coy.

Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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1113 APPOINTMENTS

WX 26541 Pte Miller R.F. to be L/Cpl.
WX 26[illegible] Pte Wolls E.G. to be L/Cpl.
WX 32768 Pte Ockerby G.L. to be L/Cpl.

1114 TRADE GROUP

WX 26643 Pte Smith I.R. to be T.G. III from 27 Sep 42.

[signature]
..... Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

4/4 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1115 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	29/30 Dec	Lieut J.G. McCulloch
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut N.M. Gray
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	A/Sgt O'Dea P.K.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Gordon A.
Duty Coy	" "	HQ Coy

1116 PERSONNEL TO REPORT

The following personnel will report to the Adjt at 0830 hrs Wednesday.

Cpl Teede R.C.	Pte Oldham J.M.	Pte Morphew H.
Pte Colleran J.P.	" Moore S.G.	" McGurk J.J.
" Stanton E.	" Mann A.T.K.	" Martin J.E.
" Lynes A.A.	" Ianello C.	" Migliori T.A.

1117 CATERING

Conference of all N.C.O. cooks will be held at Ration Store 0900 hrs 30 Dec 42.

1118 CONFERENCE

A conference of Coy Comds will be held in the Officers' Mess at 0830 hrs tomorrow, Wednesday, to discuss training.

.....Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1119 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	30/31 Dec	Capt J.H. Mould
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut F.N.Peirl
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	L/Sgt Hamblett F.G.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Braund L.J.
Duty Coy	" "	HQ Coy

1120 STATIONERY

Monthly requisitions for stationery will be at B HQ by 1200 hrs 31 Dec 42.

1121 LOST

Sam Browne belt, between bayonet assault course and camp. Finder please return to Capt R.F. Johnston.

1122 FOUND

In area of Bn sports ground. 1 Hats Khaki Fur with Puggaree, 1 prs light heavy boots, 1 nose cap of Practice Bomb. Owner apply to Q M.

1123 CENSORSHIP

Parcels and packets MUST be censored in the same way as ordinary mail before handing over to the Postal Sgt. In all cases this is not being done.

1124 ENTERTAINMENTS

A Bn Concert will be held on New Year's Eve between 2130 and 2300 hrs.

1125 CANTEEN HOURS

Canteen hours New Year's Eve will be as follows
1830 - 1930
2300 - 2345

Chinchen Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Maj H.R. Golding
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1126 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	31 Dec/ 1 Jan	Capt G.A. Fountain
Bn O Officer	"	Lieut E. Chrisp
Camp Medical Officer	"	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	"	Sgt Wylie L.L.
Bn O Cpl	"	Cpl Barkla R.J.
Duty Coy	"	HQ Coy

1127 SPORTS MEETING

Reveille 0600 hrs
Breakfast 0700 hrs
Method of movement for other than competitors will be on foot.
S.T. 0745 hrs
S.P. Gate in fence near Tpt lines.
Order of March B HQ
HQ
B
C
D

Competitors will be transported to sports arena. T.O. to arrange tpt & R V with Lieut Giles.

Cut lunches will be carried together with full water bottles.

Canteen Sgt will be prepared to sell canteen goods on sports ground, dependent on supplies being available.

Evening meal at 1900 hrs Jan 1.

1128 COURT OF INQUIRY

As per R O 1111 is cancelled.

[signature]. Capt
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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44T ION.
12 DEC 1942

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

BRIGADIER F.H.H. FEWTRELL,

Commander, 5th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Nos 155 - 168
11 Dec. 42

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R.S.M.
R.Q.M.S.
P.A.

155. KITS AND EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL ABSENTEES AND KITS, EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT FOUND IN RAILWAY CLOAK ROOMS ETC.

(A) KITS AND EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL ABSENTEES.

1. Immediately a member of the A.M.F. including A.W.A.S or A.A.N.S. or A.A.M.W.S. has been declared an illegal absentee the following action will be taken in respect of effects other than those on charge to the member's Unit.

2. The effects after removal of the items on charge to the member's Unit will be despatched to the section of Australian Kit Store servicing the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section the effects will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-HQ of Australian Kit Store. Such effects will be accompanied by A.A.F. K.S.4, in duplicate. Such form containing a certificate to the effect that the member concerned is an illegal absentee. The effects will then be stored with other kits and effects of members of the same Unit.

3. (a) Such effects will be noted by Australian Kit Store as those of an illegal absentee and will not be issued to the member concerned except on a request signed by or for the C.O. of the member concerned, either of his then Unit or of a Unit to which the member may be subsequently posted after being apprehended. If such member claims to have been discharged from the Military Forces and produces to Australian Kit Store his Certificate of Discharge, arrangements will be made for the kit to be dissected in accordance with para (b) hereof of the personal effects forwarded to the member at an address nominated by him.

(b) If such effects have not been withdrawn after the expiration of six months after deposit, Australian Kit Store will ascertain, through LHQ Records Office whether the member concerned is still an illegal absentee. If such a member is found to be illegally absent, then the effect concerned will be dissected and dealt with by Australian Kit Store as provided in the case of a deceased soldier by GRO 6178/1942 and Administrative Instructions for Kit Stores 1942. If such member, upon such inquiry, is found to be no longer an illegal absentee, then the effects will be removed from the illegal absentee list, and if necessary, transferred to another section of Australian Kit Store. In the latter case the member concerned will be so notified.

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155. (B) EQUIPMENT AND EFFECTS FOUND ON RAILWAY STATIONS, CLOAKROOMS, HOTELS ETC.

1. Action as set out below will be taken in all cases where arms, equipment, kits and personal effects are recovered from railway stations, railway and other non-military cloakrooms, hotels and other sources. Such action will be taken by the member of Movement Control, Provost Corps or other Unit or person recovering the articles.

(a) Arms and equipment will then be returned to the nearest A.A.O.C. Depot. If the article can be identified, the owner's Unit will be so advised by the A.A.O.C. Depot and the article will be struck off the Unit's charge.

(b) Kits and personal effects will, if the owner and his Unit can be ascertained, be forwarded to the section of Aust. Kit Store which serves the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section, such articles will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-HQ of Aust Kit Store. Such Sub-HQ. will arrange for the storage of the article and notify the owner.

(c) If the ownership of the kit or effects cannot be established, the same will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-HQ of Aust Kit Store by whom the articles will be dissected in accordance with G.R.O. 0178/1942 and Administrative Instructions for Kit Stores 1942. If the effects remain unidentifiable, the personal property therein will be stored by Aust Kit Store pending identification by description of contents, and the Army property therein dealt with as provided in G.R.O. 0178/1942, para 5(c)(ii). If ownership of the effects is established during dissection then the effects will be sent to the appropriate kit store section, and the owner will be so notified.

2. Arms, ammunition, or equipment will not be deposited in cloak rooms other than those staffed by military personnel, nor will the be left unattended by military personnel in Hotels, restraunts, cafes or similar institutions.

(G.R.O. Q 636).

156. CONCRETE TANK -DONGARRA - OUT OF BOUNDS.

Concrete tank and mill at DONGARRA Strat 319378 is out of bounds to all tps.

157. BLADES SAFETY RAZOR - FREE ISSUE OF

The attention of all Units is drawn to G.R.O. 0.637.

158. UNAUTHORISED BATHING.

BRO

Complaints are being made that personnel are using wells, tanks and dams in area for swimming. COs are to taken adequate steps to ensure that this practice ceases at once.

THIS ORDER IS TO BE READ TO TROOPS ON THREE SUCCESSIVE PARADES.

159. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER.

Attention is directed to 2 Aust Div R.O. 21/407 of 5 Dec. 42.

160. EXCESS ISSUES ORDNANCE STORES:

Attention is drawn to 2 Aust Div ROs 205 and 414.

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161. AIR-MAIL LETTER CARDS.

Air mail letter card service will be made available to members of the forces serving in Western Australian, commencing on Sunday 20 Dec. 42.

Postage charges on each letter card will be 1d and this will entitle them to be carried over the internal Air Mail Service of the Commonwealth. This charge covers both postage and Air Mail surcharge.

The issue will be at the rate of two, per man, per week.

OCs are responsible for obtaining supplies for personnel of thier Units, and they should arrange to draw supplies when requisitioning for stationery, as the Letter Cards will be a Stationery Supply and will not be handled by the Postal services in this regard. Owing to the difficulty which exists in the maintenance of supplies, care will be taken to ensure that the prescribed rate of issue is not exceeded.

162. XMAS PARCELS.

Troops are requested to post parcels immediately in order that they may reach their relatives and friends who reside in distant localities before Xmas.

163. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TELEGRAMS.

To assist the P.M.G Department it would be appreciated if Christmas and New Year greetings be of a standard text, e.g.

/telegrams.

(a) A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, all well.

(b) Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, all well.

(c) Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all at home, all well.

(d) Love and best wishes for a Happy New Year, all well.

Personnel wishing to send any other form of telegram may do so, but are requested where possible, to adopt one of the above texts.

164. LIQUOR OF OFFICERS' AND SJTS' MESSES.

The attention of Units is drawn to GRO Q.608.

165. CONSERVATION OF FOODSTUFFS - POTATOES.

The attention of Units is drawn to GRO Q.610.

166. FREE TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE FORCES.

The attention of Units is drawn to GRO Q.611.

167. TRANSFERS TO A.I.F.

The undermentioned personnel having volunteered for service in the A.I.F., being classified medieall Fit Class AI or A2 and completed A.A.F. A.200 are transferred to A.I.F. on dates as shown hereunder and allotted army Nos as shown -

N190016.	Pte.	CARSON. S.C.	NX132025	18.10.42
N190120.	Pte.	DRAYTON. W.	NX132026	"
N247365.	A/Cpl.	THOMPSON. L.H.	NX126272	9.10.42
N191382.	Pte.	WALSH. L.	NX126273	"
N198588	Cpl.	FRANCIS. J.J.	NX128957	18.10.42

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168. PAYBOOKS - NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM MEMBERS.

Attention is directed to G.R.O. F.623

Lt Col Barham Capt
4/5/42 (R.T. BRYEN) Major
B.M. 5 Aust Inf Bde. 5/5

NOTICES.

1. CHURCH PARADES. SUNDAY 13 DEC. 42.

Combined services.

UNIT.	AREA	SERVICE	TIME	CHAPLAIN
14 A/Tk Bty.	Own lines.	Church parade	0745	Chaplain Smith.
56 Aust Inf Bn	Own lines.	Church parade	0830	Chaplain Smith.
54 Aust Inf Bn	Own Lines.	Church parade	0930	Chaplain Smith.
44 Aust Inf Bn	Own Lines. YMCA Hut	Holy Communion	0630	Chaplain Brown.
44 Aust Inf Bn	do	Church parade	0800	Chaplain Brown.
HQ 5 Bde Sec DOW Sec DOFP 5 Fd Coy	5 Bde HQ	Church Parade	0930	Chaplain Brown.
17 Coy AASC	Own lines	Church parade	0845	Chaplain Waugh.

2. CATHOLIC CHURCH PARADE.

54 Aust Inf Bn 56 Aust Inf Bn 104 A/Tk Regt.	54 Aust Inf Bn Lines.	Holy Mass.	0730	Chaplain Lyons.
5 Aust Inf Bde HQ 5 Fd Coy RAE 17 Coy AASC Sec DOW Sec DOFP	5 Bde HQ Area (near Rd Bridge).	Holy Mass.	0845	Chaplain Lyons.
18 Fd Regt 44 Aust Inf Bn	44 Bn Lines	Holy Mass.	1000	Chaplain Lyons.

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D. 99. Secret. War Diary

Activity Report. December 4th 42.

1. Training — Administration
2. Health. — Good.
3. Morale. — Good.
4. Personnel. — 110 all Ranks Good Type
5. Materials. — Rifles - Good condition
   L.M.G. " "
   T.S.M.G. " "
6. Topography — Nil. Returns.
7. Special Features. — " "

War Diary

B Coy
4 Dec 42
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I.O.
4th Aust Log Sec

Activity Report

Week 27th to 3rd Dec 42

1. Eng. NO Eng carried out. all Eng engaged on Construction new Camp site.

2. Health In Hospital 5, otherwise all men in good health.

3. Morale High

4. Personnel. Total Strength 125 Ration Strength 102 Good type

5. Material. Boots – unable to get boots repaired or replaced as fast as they become worn or condemned

Razor Blades – insufficient

Rations – particularly meat, not quite sufficient for men engaged in Camp Construction work.

Weapons – (excepting 2" Mortar + ATk Rifles) up to establishment.

A/ Lieutenant
for OC Coy A.D.

"A" Coy
14 Aust Inf Bn.

WEEK ENDING 4 DEC '42.

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War Diary

ACTIVITY REPORT.

1. TRAINING. —. Working in area on improvements etc.

2. HEALTH. — Good.

3. MORALE. — Good — no charges etc.

4. PERSONNEL — Total Strength 37. — N.C.O's & Officers working with other Coys.

5. MATERIALS — Stores good condition, rations satisfactory, weapons maintenanced & stocktaking Carried out.

6. —.

7. —.

D Strickland Cpl
for OC "A" Coy.

"C" Coy 44 Aust Inf Bn

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5 Dec 42

ACTIVITY REPORT WEEK ENDED 3 DEC 42

1. Training
Adm has occupied this week.

2. HEALTH
Good - Tps now well browned and in excellent condition for sun and heat

3. MORALE
The recent movement raised the morale but the ensuing adm has had a tendency to lower it. More active work ~~of~~ including new ideas for tng are required. The issue of "The Double G" the Bn Magazine will help improve morale. The tps feel the tie of being tied to a Bde and frequently compare conditions existing at present to the days when they formed part of "The Special Mobile Force"

4. Censorship No untoward incidents to record

5. A.W.L. Little difficulty in this regard while at "Out of the way" Stations

6. Strength
6 Offrs 98 O/Rs.
The natural wasteage is not being replaced and reinforcement is badly needed.

7. GENERAL
Tps are overdue of active service and are inclined to get bored. Additional Amenities in the form of Picture Shows, Concerts etc would be of great benefit.

Tps are adepts at "Living off the Land" and rations are considerably augmented in many ways.

H A Bentley Capt.

O/C "C" Coy

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