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27 Infantry Battalion
February 1942, Appendices



ORIGINAL

RECORD OF ORDERS AND MESSAGES DESPATCHED AND RECEIVED.

Time received	Received from	Purport of Order or Message	Action taken	Serial No.
1630 hrs 3 Feb 42	TOKI	working party postponed till further notice	noted	57
0730 4 Feb 42	Maj PLACE	returning 6-7 Feb	Adj	58
2045	TOKI	MMG practice shoot		59
1700 hrs 5 Feb 42	TOKI	re RAAF patrol change of date	Adj	60
1115 hrs 9 Feb 42	TOKI	ref letter 8 Feb	Adj	61
1230	TOKI	NMG testing practice by CENTRE SECTOR		62
2100	TOKI	air raid alarm exercise 10 Feb 1100 hrs.	Adj	63
0915 hrs 10 Feb	A Coy	coy trng area	noted	64
1024	CENTRE SECTOR HQ	requisition for wire etc.	noted	65
0930 hrs 12 Feb	OC R Coy	proceeding to CENTRE SECTOR	noted	66
1530	RIDU	identification of bomb check report para tps.	noted	67
1450 hrs 20 Feb	RIDU	identification of bomb fragments, nose caps etc.	noted	68



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RECORD OF ORDERS AND MESSAGES DESPATCHED AND RECEIVED.

Time received	Received from	Purport of Order or Message	Action taken	Serial No.
1700 hrs 20 Feb 42	RIDU	reports of all air craft brought down giving approx time & map ref.	noted	70
1730	A Coy	map ref of A Coy	noted	71
19 Feb 42	MAKI F	everything under control	JONI notified	72
1730 20 Feb 42	M 10	Everything OK no damage	JONI notified	73
1740 "	M 11	"	"	74
1750 "	M 12	"	"	75
1755 "	M 13	belt dropped using 303 ammo	"	76
1757 "	M 9	everything OK	"	77
1758 "	M 14	"	"	78
1759 "	M 15	"	"	79
1800 "	M 13 A	"	"	80
21 Feb 42	RIDU	re RAAF personnel	noted	81
2325	M 14	re light at NIGHT CLIFFS	JONI notified	82



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Time received	Received from	Purpose of Order or Message	Action taken	Serial No.
23 26 hrs 21 Feb	M 13 A	light at sea	JONI notified	83
23 27 "	M 15	light at sea	"	84
23 40 "	RIDU	re MANUNDA moving out	noted	85
22 30 22 Feb 42	M 9	reported rifle shots	"	87
23 05 "	M 13 A	" a rifle shot	"	88
00 15 23 Feb 42	M 14	reporting light	JONI notified	89
00 25 "	"	light reported above flashed several times again	"	90
13 00 "	M 13	reported submarine moving NORTH 290°	"	91
14 30 "	M 12	reported 2 masted ship 300° long way out	"	92
15 10	YALH	closing WINNECCIE 0700 hrs 24 Feb. opening ref DARWIN SHEET 1 inch to 1 mile 942 133	noted	93

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PERSONAL RECORDS

Collection..... *BUTLER*

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Personal Narratives

Macartney S.W. Munro, E.C.
McCormick, A.
MacDonald, R.
MacDonald S.F.
McIntosh, A.M.
MacKenzie, D.S.
MacKenzie, J.J.
McKean, J.B.
MacMillan, C.C.
McWhae, D.M.
Maddox, J.K.
Manifold, C.C.
Marks, A.H.
Martin, C.J.
Matter, C.
Maxted, S.
May, L.
Metcalf, F.B.
Metcalf, J.B.
Millard, R.J.
Morgan, R.
Morris, E.W.
Moseley, A.H.
Muirhead, J.R.

PERSONAL RECORDS

Collection.....*Butler*.....

Box/Item No.....*3/10*.....

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Borrower	Due Date	Date Returned

Personal Narratives

Macartney S.W.

McCormick, A.

MacDonald, R.

MacDonald, S.F.

McIntosh, A.M.

Mackenzie, D.S.

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McKean, J.B.

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Munro E.C.



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WINNELLIE.
3 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 20/42.

By Lt.-Col. L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, C.M.F.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting Retreat 3 Feb 42.

Mounting Retreat 4 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties.

(a) Bde Duties.

2/11 Fd Coy

2/11 Fd Coy

(b) Bn Duties.

(b) Bn Duties.

Guard	B Coy
Piquet	B Coy
RAAF Guard	B Coy
Bn Ord Offr	Lieut A. DENNET.
Bn Ord Sgt	Cpl D.M.R. GILLIGAN.
Runner	R Coy

Guard	R Coy
Piquet	R Coy
RAAF Guard	R Coy
Bn Ord Offr	Lieut B.F. HOPKINS.
Bn Ord Sgt	Sgt B.N. FELSTEAD.
Runner	R Coy

2. DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Offrs will ensure that when tps are on tng exercises or on recce, strict supervision and control will be exercised to prevent damage or interference to private property.

3. DRS MT.

The completion of WE of coys is now proceeding, and drs transferred will report to T.O. daily for tng and duty.

4. PROVISION FOR DEPENDENTS OF P.M.F. KILLED OR MISSING.

When members of the Military Forces in receipt of pay under War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations are reported killed or missing, allotments and dependents' allowance are continued at public expense for specified periods (W.F.R. 51 and 52).

Approval has been given to apply the above principle to members of the Permanent Military Forces in receipt of pay under Military Financial Regulations. The following conditions have been approved:

- (a) (i) Where a member is reported missing, payment may be made to his dependents, pending determination of his fate, of an amount equivalent to the standard allotment plus dependents' allowance, which would be payable in respect of a member receiving pay under War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations of equivalent rank and with similar dependents.
- (ii) Payment is to be subject to the rules laid down in the case of similar payments to members on AIF rates of pay.
- (iii) Where a member with no dependents is reported missing who has made an allotment to other than a dependent, a payment on his behalf may be made in cases where hardship would otherwise result. Such payment is to be covered as far as possible by the rules applying to members receiving AIF rates of pay.

- (b) In the case of the death of a member, provision may be made where the circumstances of death establish a claim for compensation under Defence Regulations for an advance on pending determination of the amount to be granted and the notification of the death of a member to the widow on behalf of herself and the children, of an amount equal to the pension which would be payable under the Repatriation Act if that Act applied.

The amount payable in each case will be ascertained after reference to the Repatriation Department and will commence as from the day following the date of death of the member.

In the event of it being decided that the provisions of the Defence Act will apply, payments made under this Authority will be taken into consideration when the amount payable under M.F.R. & I. 282 is assessed.

Further advice will be furnished in regard to the payment which may be approved in regard to the dependent of a member in respect of which compensation would not be payable under the Defence Act. In this connection attention is invited to M.F.R. & I. 297.

5. MANTON GAP PIPE LINE.

Personnel noticing any break or other damage to pipe line will immediately report the matter direct to Mr Haron, Dept of Interior (Phone number after hours: 154)

R. A. Wiess

A/Lieut, AIC,
Adjt 27 Bn, CMF.

NOTICES.

LOST.

Rifle bolt No. 87652. Left on seat of MT vehicle.
Coys will make thorough search and report on same by 1800 hrs.



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WIMBELLIE.
4 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 21/42.

BY Lt.-Col. L. K. FARQUHAR, E. D.

Comd 27 Bn, CMF.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting Retreat 4 Feb 42.

Mounting Retreat 5 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties.

2/11 Fd Coy

(a) Bde Duties.

2/11 Fd Coy

(b) Bn Duties.

Guard R Coy
Piquet R Coy
RAAF Guard R Coy
Bn Ord Offr Lieut B. F. JOPKINS
Bn Ord Sgt Sgt B. H. FLESTEAD
Runner R Coy

(b) Bn Duties.

Guard C Coy
Piquet C Coy
RAAF Guard C Coy
Bn Ord Offr Lieut M. W. STUBBS
Bn Ord Sgt Cpl J. A. CURLIS
Runner R Coy

2. ADM - TPT: REQUISITIONS.

- (1) In an endeavour to avoid difficulties and confusion occurring in supply of tpt, the following procedure is to be adopted.
- (2) No vehicle will be provided unless properly completed AAF G1 is handed to T.O. not less than 30 mins before service is required, except that in extremely urgent cases a vehicle may be supplied on verbal demand of either C.O., 2i/c, I.C., Adj't, such verbal demand to be confirmed immediately by submission of AAF G1.
- (3) All AAF G1's TO BE NUMBERED BY SUB-UNITS. This is essential for purposes of reference.
- (4) If desired to amend a requisition for tpt already lodged, A NEW AAF G1 MUST BE SUBMITTED and the number of the previous AAF G1 to be cancelled MUST be quoted thereon. Verbal advice NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- (5) If desired to cancel a requisition, verbal advice will be accepted provided sub-unit number of G1 is quoted. T.O. will note on G1 name of offr cancelling, date and time of advice and sign G1 after marking it cancelled.
- (6) All AAF G1's must be signed by an offr, and must state load and type of load (i.e. weight of material or number of pers) to be carried. Vehicles are frequently overloaded owing to neglect in this regard.
- (7) In the past considerable confusion has arisen through free and-easy methods of demanding tpt and lack of appreciation by personnel requiring tpt of the necessity for sound adm in this regard, and consequently the blame for lateness in supply of tpt cannot be sheeted home to persons concerned.
- (8) It is desired that present arrangements regarding leave tpt remain unchanged.
- (9) It is desired to ensure by above procedure prompt supply of tpt IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUISITIONS and also to protect T.O. from unjustified criticism.

*Lt. J. A. Curlis, IIC,
Adj't 27 Bn, CMF.*



Wainwright

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WINNELLIE.
5 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 22/42

By Lt-Col L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn AIF.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting Retreat 5 Feb 42.

Mounting Retreat 6 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties.

(a) Bde Duties.

2/11 Fd Coy.

2/11 Fd Coy.

(b) Bn Duties.

(b) Bn Duties.

Guard	C Coy
Picquet	C Coy
RAAF Guard	C Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut A. J. BAULDERSTONE
Ord Sgt	Cpl J. A. CURLIS
Runner	R Coy.

Guard	A Coy
Picquet	A Coy
RAAF Guard	A Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut M. R. WICKS
Ord Sgt	Sgt B. C. DIAMOND
Runner	R Coy

2. BICYCLES.

The riding of bicycles in the camp area is to cease forthwith. Bicycles allotted to Coys are for special purposes only, and must be utilized as such.

3. REPAIRS TO ROADS.

Any personnel travelling on roads or tracks, noticing small pools which could be filled in, will endeavour to repair such potholes to save further wear.

A. H. H. H.

A/Lieut, AIC.
Adjnt 27 Bn, AIF.

NOTICES.

LECTURE. Weather permitting, a lecture will be given at the WINNELLIE Camp Open Air Theatre by Lieut COWAN, of the Navy, on Friday evening, commencing 1930 hrs. Subject - "South America versus the Axis". Pictures to follow.



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WINNELLIE.
6 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No 23/42.

By Lt.-Col L. K. FARQUHAR, E. D.

Comd 27 Bn AMF.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting Retreat 6 Feb 42.

Mounting retreat 7 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties, 2/11 Fd Coy.

(a) Bde Duties, 2/11 Fd Coy.

(b) Bn Duties:

(b) Bn Duties:

Guard	A Coy
Picquet	A Coy
RAAF Gd	A Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut D. G. WICKS
Ord Sgt	Sgt B. C. DIAMOND
Runner	R Coy

Guard	HQ Coy
Picquet	HQ Coy
RAAF Gd	HQ Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut N. MACKAY
Ord Sgt	Sgt J. A. MITCHELL
Runner	R Coy

Mounting Retreat 8 Feb 42.

Mounting Retreat 9 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties, 19 MG Regt.

(a) Bde Duties, 19 MG Regt.

(b) Bn Duties:

(b) Bn Duties:

Guard	D Coy
Picquet	D Coy
RAAF Gd	D Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut L. C. MILLS
Ord Sgt	Cpl J. A. WILLIS
Runner	R Coy

Guard	B Coy
Picquet	B Coy
RAAF Gd	B Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut H. E. O'BRIEN
Ord Sgt	Cpl H. R. FUSS
Runner	R Coy

2. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry will assemble to inquire into and report on injury sustained by the following member of this Unit.

S. 21234 Pte M. I. THIELE (BnHQ).

Major D. V. WATSON	President
Lieut C. J. STARLING	Member
Lieut H. N. FLAHERTY	Member

3. CENSORSHIP.

Para 6 of R.O. 14/42 dated 20 Jan is again repeated, and all Company Commanders will render a certificate that the provisions contained therein have been made known to every individual member.

Certificate to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 7 Feb 42.

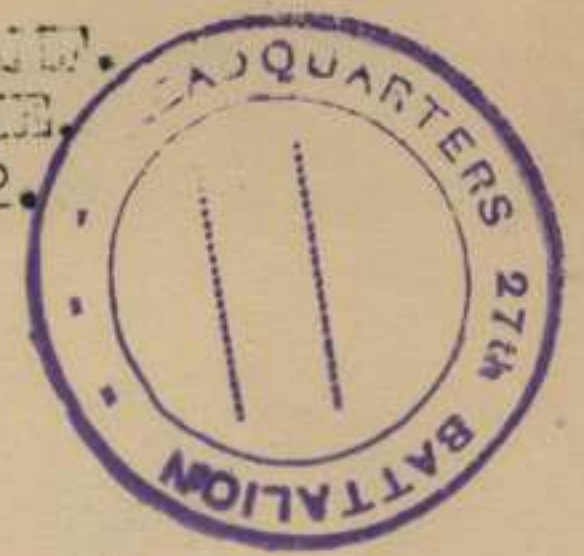
A. A. Thiele
Lieut, AIC.
Adjt 27 Bn, AMF.

NOTICE.

TYPIST. Any person with good knowledge of typing, and willing to be detached to Bde HQ is asked to submit his name to his Coy. List of names received to be submitted to BnHQ.



27 Bn, AMF.
WINDMILL
8 Feb 42.



GUARD DUTIES.

The Guard will consist normally of 1 NCO and 3 OR's but may be increased on advice from BnHQ or when prisoners are in detention.

The main post will be the gate at entrance to camp site, and will be known as No. 1 Post.

The Cpl of the Guard is responsible to see that a sentry is posted at all times and that he is fully acquainted with his duties.

If a prisoner is brought to the Guard Hut for detention, the Cpl is to take particulars regarding his Army No., Rank, Name, Unit, etc., and to see that a copy of charge report is handed in within 24 hours, Vide AMR &O 357.

In the event of a prisoner's personal belongings being sent to the Guard Hut, the Cpl will make out an inventory of such articles received.

The Cpl of the Guard will be responsible to see that the lighting restrictions are observed at all times.

The Guard Commander will be responsible to see that the cooks are called. Vide R.O. 14/42, Para 9.

Guards will not remove shirts or other portions of uniforms during their tour of duty, Vide R.O. 10/42, Para 4.

DUTIES OF THE SENTRY ON NO. 1 POST.

1. Should any person desire information, he will call the Cpl of the Guard.
2. He will take charge of all Govt property in the vicinity of his post.
3. In the case of fire or any unusual occurrence he will at once alarm the guard.
4. He will turn out the Guard at "Retreat", "Tattoo" and "Reveille"; to all armed parties of Company strength; to Grand or Visiting Rounds; to Formation Commander and Camp Commandant.
5. He will not allow any unauthorized person to enter the camp.
6. He will bring to the notice of the Cpl of the Guard any irregularities he may observe.
7. He will challenge all persons approaching his post, unless otherwise ordered.
8. He will not quit his post unless properly relieved by the NCO of the Guard.

Guard Commander will be responsible to watch Unit R.O.'s Part I and keep copy of Guard Duties in Guard Hut fully amended.

A. D. Mice
A/Lieut, AIC.
Adj't 27 Bn, AMF.

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WINNELLIE.
9 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 24/42.

By Lt.-Col L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting retreat 9 Feb 42.

Mounting retreat 10 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties, 19 MG Regt.

(a) Bde Duties, 19 MG Regt.

(b) Bn Duties:

(b) Bn Duties:

Guard	B Coy
Picquet	B Coy
RAAF Guard	B Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut H.E. O'BRIEN
Ord Sgt	Cpl H.R. FUSS
Runner	R Coy

Guard	R Coy
Picquet	R Coy
RAAF Guard	R Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut B.F. HOPKINS
Ord Sgt	Sgt K.J. MCKENZIE
Runner	R Coy

2. MUSKETRY AND AMMUNITION.

On completion of each range practice, Coys will submit message to the RSM showing number of rounds expended.

3. SMALL ARMS - PRESERVATION OF

All ranks are to be instructed that more attention must be paid to the preservation of small arms. Owing to climatic conditions it is imperative that troops should give small arms more than daily cleaning.

Any neglect in this regard will be dealt with by disciplinary action.

4. HYGIENE.

Further to Camp Standing Orders and R O's Part I subsequently published, Company Commanders are again reminded that all sanitary defects must be immediately remedied, and sanitary discipline maintained, and that the cooperation of all ranks is ensured in the maintenance of the highest possible standard of health.

5. MECHANICAL VEHICLES - AIR CLEANERS.

Air Cleaners (Aust) Nos. 2 and 4, fitted to Tractors, Arty., FWD Carriers, MG (Aust), Nos. 1, 2 and 2A.

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

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

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

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

- (i) Damage.
- (ii) Being clogged with dirt.
- (iii) Incapable of maintaining an effective seal at the starred ends of the felt.

Defective elements will be consigned to Ordnance Workshops for reclamation.

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


6. M. T. BATTERIES.

The greatest care must be paid to the maintenance of all forms of batteries in use on vehicles, wireless equipment and any other duties. When a battery is suspected to have completed its useful life the following procedure will be adopted:-

- (a) In the case of MT the battery together with the Log Book AA B.20 will be submitted to 7 MD Ordnance Workshop. It will be inspected and sentenced, and if unserviceable will be returned to store, accompanied by a copy of the O.M.E. Inspection Report.
- (b) In the case of any other batteries, these will be sent to the 7 MD Ordnance Workshop, together with a record of the service they have performed, showing the date taken into service, nature of work, and other relevant particulars. On sentence they will be dealt with as in the case of MT batteries.

7. BOTTLED DRINKS.

Personnel will not carry bottled drink of any kind, either alcoholic or not, when in uniform. Strong disciplinary action will be taken against any member contravening this order.


Lieut, AIC.
Adjut 27 Bn, AMF.



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WINNELLIE.
10 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 25/42.

By Lt.-Col L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting retreat 10 Feb 42.

Mounting retreat 11 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties, 19 MG Regt.

(a) Bde Duties, 19 MG Regt.

(b) Bn Duties:

(b) Bn Duties:

Guard	C Coy
Piquet	C Coy
RAAF Guard	C Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut N.M. MOSELEY
Ord Sgt	Sgt J.S. FOSTER
Runner	R Coy

Guard	A Coy
Piquet	A Coy
RAAF Guard	A Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut G.W. JOLLISTON
Ord Sgt	Sgt C.S. BROOKS
Runner	R Coy

2. COURT OF INQUIRY.

Court of Inquiry, consisting of the undermentioned offrs will assemble to inquire into and report on the following:

- (a) Accident to Vehicle No. V.5245 on 4 Feb 42.
- (b) Injury sustained by S.21304 Pte D.J. EVANS on 4 Feb 42.

S.19683	Capt C.H. SHUTTLEWORTH,	President.
S.20151	Capt L.C. SMITH,	Member.
S.19663	Lieut C.B. MARTIN,	Member.

Report will reach this HQ by 1700 hrs 16 Feb 42.

A.A. Lister

 Lieut, AIC.
 Adjt 27 Bn, AMF.

NOTICES.

LOST. One Money Belt, left in E Coy latrines.
 One Wristlet Watch, left in E Coy showers.
 Finder please return same to Bn HQ.



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WINNELLIE.
12 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 26/42.

By Lt.-Col L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting Retreat 12 Feb 42.

Mounting Retreat 13 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties, 19 MG Regt.

(a) Bde Duties, 19 MG Regt.

(b) Bn Duties:

(b) Bn Duties:

Guard	D Coy
Piquet	D Coy
RAAF Guard	D Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut L.C. MILLS
Ord Sgt	Cpl C.R. DAVEY
Runner	R Coy

Guard	B Coy
Piquet	B Coy
RAAF Guard	B Coy
Ord Offr	Lieut H.E. O'BRIEN
Ord Sgt	Sgt M.A. MURDY
Runner	R Coy

2. D R LETTER SERVICE.

A D R letter service to Left and Centre sectors will leave daily, calling at HQ Coy at 0830, also at E Coy and Bn HQ.

3. CANTEEN PIQUET.

Commencing 1800 hrs, 12 Feb 42, canteen piquet will consist of 1 NCO and 5 O/Rs.

The NCO in charge and 1 sentry will be posted at the main entrance gate to the canteen.

Only members of this Unit will be admitted, and to ensure that this is so, all personnel will be required to produce their identification discs, to the Cpl in charge of piquet.

A.A. Jones

Lieut, AIC.
Adjt 27 Bn, AMF.

NOTICES.

FOUND. Respirator and steel helmet found in D Coy lines.

LOST. 1 Green propelling pencil lost in vicinity of HQ, A or R Coy lines. Finder please return to Sgt R.L. GIRDHAM, HQ Coy.



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WINNELLIE.
14 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 27/42.

By Lt.-Col. L. K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting Retreat 14 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties.

19 MG Regt

(b) Bn Duties.

Guard	E Coy
Piquet	E Coy
RAAF Guard	E Coy
Bn Ord Offr	Lieut W. E. WIGLEY AIC
Bn Ord Sgt	Sgt E. C. BRINKWORTH
Runner	R Coy

Mounting Retreat 15 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties.

2/12 Fd Amb

(b) Bn Duties.

Guard	HQ Coy
Piquet	R Coy
RAAF Guard	HQ Coy
Bn Ord Offr	Lieut D. J. HARTE.
Bn Ord Sgt	Sgt M. V. POMEROY.
Runner	R Coy

Mounting Retreat 16 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties.

2/12 Fd Amb

(b) Bn Duties.

Guard	HQ Coy
Piquet	R Coy
RAAF Guard	HQ Coy
Bn Ord Offr	Lieut C. L. WHITROW
Bn Ord Sgt	Sgt K. I. MCKENZIE.
Runner	R Coy

Mounting Retreat 17 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties.

2/12 Fd Amb

(b) Bn Duties.

Guard	HQ Coy
Piquet	R Coy
RAAF Guard	HQ Coy
Bn Ord Offr	Lieut M. D. SUTHERLAND
Bn Ord Sgt	Cpl A. D. BYRNE.
Runner	R Coy

2. APPLICATIONS FOR ENLISTMENT -- AIF AND RAAF.

The following applications for enlistment have been received -

A. I. F.

S. 36204	Pte	ANGEL, N. S. (x)	S. 20802	Pte	CRANE, N. A. (x)
S. 19858	"	O'BRIEN, E. J.	S. 21517	"	RZESKOWSKI, R. W. (x)
S. 21533	"	FINCH, R. W. (x)	S. 20212	"	CASE, J. V.
S. 20034	"	OWENS, H.	S. 21627	"	DAW, O. E.
S. 21455	"	SINGH, A. W. H.	S. 19745	"	VIRGIN, J. J.
S. 19989	"	HEALY, L. D.	S. 19978	"	WILLIAMS, A. R.
S. 20768	"	WELKE, A. H.	S. 26570	"	UNWIN, L. V.
S. 26818	"	KEANE, D.	S. 19894	"	ARNOLD, T. G.
S. 21528	"	BAYLY, R. E. (x)	S. 26132	"	SANDERSON, H. H. (x)
S. 21667	"	RUSSELL, J. H.	S. 20889	"	FOUNTAIN, K. G.
S. 20421	"	OGILVY, D. A.	S. 15964	"	WILLIAMSON, W. C.
S. 20336	Sgt	NEILL, N. F. (x)	S. 21529	"	MILLER, S. H. (x)
S. 21187	Pte	MOYLE, R. J. (x)	S. 21316	"	JACOBS, N. J.
S. 20511	"	JONES, C. W.	S. 19688	Capt	HEAIRFIELD, R. C. V.
S. 19663	Lieut	MARTIN, C. B.	S. 21664	Pte	COOPER, K. H.
S. 20132	Pte	ROSSER, C. K.	S. 19883	"	CARTER, G. G.

(x) Discharged A. I. F.

R. A. A. F.

S. 30513	Pte	HOGAN, J.F.	S. 27234	Pte	JENZEN, R.H.
S. 21362	"	BLAIR, D.V.	S. 18196	"	PFEFFER, H.E.
S. 17565	"	MENESDORFF, C.T.C.	S. 21425	"	CAPURSO, V.J.
S. 21636	"	HILL, M.R.	S. 21285	"	SABEY, M.J.
S. 17866	"	LAWRENCE, R.J.	S. 21299	"	CORRELL, T.P.
S. 21046	"	JACKSON, R.A.	S. 20369	L/S	TIREGOLD, H.M.
S. 30060	"	MIDDLETON, H.	S. 26089	Pte	STIRLING, W.R.
S. 21532	"	CLARKE, F.	S. 25059	"	DOHERTY, K.M.
S. 16715	"	BURDETT, C.H.C.	S. 20897	"	BAKER, F.W.
S. 21487	"	FISCHER, W.	S. 21576	"	DUDLEY, H.W.
S. 21552	"	WEBB, C.J.	S. 17872	"	MEY, A.
S. 17918	"	TONKIN, A.J.T.	S. 21599	"	WHIBLEY, R.L.
S. 21524	"	HALES, G.R.	S. 21496	"	HICKS, H.T.
S. 21437	"	KILEY, K.	S. 26162	"	TAYLOR, A.W.
S. 20519	"	REILLY, J.S.	S. 20879	"	PURVEY, E.C.
S. 15964	"	WILLIAMSON, W.C.	S. 21667	"	RUSSELL, J.H.
S. 21602	"	CRAWFORD, D.K.	S. 20109	"	BROADHURST, R.E.
S. 21450	"	O'REILLY, L.P.	S. 21553	"	NEIL, M.C.
S. 20811	"	ROGERS, W.J.	S. 20990	Col	DAVEY, C.R.
S. 21488	"	FUSS, D.F.	S. 21543	Pte	WEHRMANN, G.
S. 21526	"	WARREN, C.	S. 19749	Sgt	MEAD, G.D.
S. 18070	"	GALLEY, J. .	S. 21390	Pte	LAWSON, J.E.H.

V. J. ...
 Lieut, AIC,
 Adj't 27 Bn, AMF.

NOTICES.

LOST.

Pay Book No. 556728 belonging to S. 20978 Pte CARMODY, B.J.
 Finder please return to 27 Bn HQ.

Lost at Picture Theatre WINNELLIE on night of 10 Feb 42 -
 1 Ground Sheet marked ⁴⁰/₁₂ also has name Lieut DOWN
 marked. Finder please return to 27 Bn HQ.

CHURCH SERVICES. - SUNDAY 15 FEB 42.

Holy Communion (C of E) Recreational Hut 0715 hrs
 Church parade 0900 hrs.

27 BN (SASR) AMF UNIT OF THE FIGHTING FORCES COMFORTS FUND.

Meeting will be held at the Theatrette, Shell House, North Terrace,
 ADELAIDE at 7.30 p.m. on Thu 19 Feb 42. Ask YOUR mother, wife or
 sweetheart to attend.



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WINNELLIE.
17 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 28/42.

By Lt.-Col. L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting Retreat 17 Feb 42.

Mounting Retreat 18 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties.

(a) Bde Duties.

2/12 Fd Amb

2/12 Fd Amb

(b) Bn Duties.

(b) Bn Duties.

Guard	HQ Coy
Piquet	R Coy
RAAF Guard	HQ Coy
Bn Ord Offr	Lieut M.D. SUTHERLAND
Bn Ord Sgt	Cpl A.D. BYRNE.
Runner	R Coy

Guard	HQ Coy
Piquet	R Coy
RAAF Guard	HQ Coy
Bn Ord Offr	Sgt F.G. EDWARDS (Acting)
Bn Ord Sgt	Sgt D.K. DOWLING
Runner	R Coy

2. COURTS OF INQUIRY.

The following court of inquiry will assemble and report on damaged rifle No. 63396 issued to Army No. S.19950 Pte PENDLEBURY, V.J., HQ Coy, 27 Bn -

Maj D. V. WATSON.	Pres
Capt R.C.V. HEAIRFIELD.	Member
Lieut B.F. HOPKINS.	Member

The following court of inquiry will assemble and report on injury sustained by Army No. S.19884 Pte JORGENSEN, G.A.L., R Coy -

Capt R.C.V. HEAIRFIELD	Pres
Lieut B.F. HOPKINS	Member
Lieut N. MACKAY	Member

3. SMALL ARMS - SAFE CUSTODY OF.

In future bolts will NOT be divorced from small arm weapons for security reasons.

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Lieut, AIC,
Adjt 27 Bn, AMF.



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18 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 29/42.

By Lt.-Col L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn. AMF.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting Retreat 18 Feb 42. Mounting Retreat 19 Feb 42.

(a) Bde Duties, 2/12 Fd Amb. (a) Bde Duties, 2/12 Fd Amb.

(b) Bn Duties:

(b) Bn Duties:

Guard	HQ Coy
RAAF Guard	HQ Coy
Piquet	R Coy
Bn Ord Offr	
(Acting)	Sgt F.G. EDWARDS
Bn Ord Sgt	Sgt D.K. DOWLING
Runner	R Coy

Guard	HQ Coy
RAAF Guard	HQ Coy
Piquet	R Coy
Bn Ord Offr	Lieut N. MACKAY.
Bn Ord Sgt	L/Sgt K.A. JACKSON.
Runner	R Coy.

2. FIELD ALLOWANCE.

Commencing on and after 13 Feb 42, Field Allowance to Offrs and W O's Class I will be made through pay book.

All Offrs will immediately return pay books to the Unit Pay Sgt, so that the necessary entries can be made.

3. DEFERRED PAY.

Approval has been given with effect on and from 7 Nov 41, for deferred pay, at the rate of 1/- per day, to be credited for each day of service at an Operational Station in respect of members of the Citizen Military Forces called up for continuous full time duty.

Deferred pay in respect of service at an Operational Station commences from the date of arrival at the Operational Station. If a member is transferred to a station which is not an Operational Station, the deferred pay ceases.

Unit Pay Sgt will advise Coy Orderly Room clerks regarding the method of making the necessary entry.

L. J. ...
Lieut, AIC.
Adjnt 27 Bn, AMF.



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WINNELLIE.
23 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

NO. 30/42.

By Lt.-Col L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

1. DUTIES.

<u>Mounting Retreat.</u>	<u>Battalion.</u>	<u>Brigade.</u>
23 Feb 42	HQ Coy Ord Offr Lieut F.B. PIPER Ord Sgt Sgt H.A. PICKETT	2/12 Fd Amb.
24 Feb 42	R Coy	2/12 Fd Amb.
25 Feb 42	HQ Coy	2/12 Fd Amb.
26 Feb 42	R Coy	2/12 Fd Amb.

2. PAY BOOKS.

Immediate steps are to be taken to have names of units removed from all pay books. This may be done by inking over, or scraping off. Cutting out must not be done unless it is impossible to remove the unit name by any other procedure.

Coys will submit reports to Bn HQ as soon as this instruction has been complied with.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF UNIT.

Steps are to be taken immediately to have any marks, figures or names which may lead to the identification of this Unit removed from personal packages, belongings, buildings, tents or from any place that may be so marked.

The attention of Coy Comdrs is specially directed to this Para.

4. FIELD POST OFFICE.

A Field Post Office has been opened in Post Office Hut, WINNELLIE.

Inward mails will be available at 1000 hrs daily.

Outward mails will close at F P O at 1100 hrs daily.

Parcels will not be forwarded until further advised. Stamps or money orders are not available at present.

5. MOSQUITO CONTROL.

All personnel in camp will endeavor to control the increase of mosquito breeding.

All areas will be cleared of all tins, bottles, drums, etc., likely to hold water. Nets will be drawn at night. Sprays, where available, are to be used frequently, and every effort is to be made to minimize the danger from diseases carried and spread by mosquitoes.

6. MT VEHICLES.

All MT vehicles operating away from the Camp site must report to the transport office whenever entering the camp area, and report to Bn HQ prior to returning to that area, to enquire re despatches, mail, etc.

7. AIR RAID WARNINGS.

Attention of all personnel is drawn to the correct signals being given for "Alert", "Alarm" and "All Clear", especially to the fact that on "Alert" being sounded all ranks carry on their normal tasks until such time as General Alarm is sounded.

The blowing of motor horns must be strictly controlled, and any attempt to imitate sirens and produce false alarms will be severely dealt with.

The conservation of ammunition is strongly urged, and is only to be used when there is a good possibility of hitting an enemy target.

8. NOTIFICATION OF WAR CASUALTIES.

The following is advised for information, relative to the notification to District Records Office, of War Casualties.

Casualties are to read killed in action, killed by accident, died of wounds, died of gas, died of disease, died of wounds accidentally received, died of injuries accidentally received, drowned - accident, drowned - enemy action, wounded in action, wounded - accidentally, gassed.

It is to be noted that of those Killed in Action, Died of Wounds, or Wounded in Action, these should state whether it is by enemy aircraft, and of those Wounded in Action should state whether remaining on duty.

The information should include

NAME, NUMBER, RANK, UNIT, DATE of CASUALTY, and NATURE of CASUALTY,

and be 'phoned immediately, or forwarded as early as practicable to District Records Office.

Also personal effects, other than military issue, of deceased personnel, are to be forwarded to this Office. (DRO).

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Lieut, AIC.
Adjt 27 Bn, ANF.

NOTICES.

MASS. Mass will be celebrated by Padre COSGROVE in the 43 Bn lines at 0700 hrs Tuesday, 24 Feb 42.

FOUND. One leather purse containing money. Owner can have same by giving description. Apply Bn HQ.



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WINNELLIE.
27 Feb 42.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

No. 31/42.

By Lt.-Col L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting Retreat.

Bn Duties.

Bde Duties.

27 Feb 42
28 Feb 42
1 Mar 42
2 Mar 42
3 Mar 42
4 Mar 42

HQ Coy
R Coy
HQ Coy
R Coy
HQ Coy
R Coy

23 Fd Coy
23 Fd Coy
27 Bn
27 Bn
27 Bn
27 Bn

2. FIELD POST OFFICE.

Regular supplies of postage stamps are now available, but postal notes are not so as yet.

3. LOOTING.

Action will be taken immediately by all Offrs to impress on all ranks the seriousness of acts of looting.

Any individual person, soldier or civilian, found looting or in possession of loot is to be dealt with promptly and severely.

4. EXCESSIVE SPEED MT VEHICLES.

Excessive speed on roads will be checked immediately. All Offrs in charge of transport will take strong action to see that previous instructions concerning speeds on roads are obeyed.

5. COURT OF INQUIRY.

The following Court of Inquiry will assemble to inquire into and report on the injury to S.21450 Pte L.P. O'REILLY (HQ) on 27 Feb 42.

Major D.V. WATSON President
Capt C.M. DAY Member
Lieut B.F. HOPKINS Member

A. G. ...

Lieut, AIC.
Adjnt 27 Bn, AMF.

27 Bn, CMF.
Adm RO 5/42.



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WINNELLIE.
3 Feb 42.

By Lt.-Col. L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, CMF.

1. TRANSFERS, INTER-COY. - TO DATE FROM 30 JAN 42.

S. 21474	Pte	BROWN, L.G.N.	From C Coy to Bn HQ (dr)
S. 21230	"	OWEN, G.L.	HQ B
S. 19507	"	GEPP, R.K.	HQ Bn HQ
S. 21271	"	WHITE, L.	HQ Bn HQ
S. 31715	"	COPELAND, C.	HQ Bn HQ
S. 20687	"	CANAVAN, M.V.	HQ Bn HQ
S. 21632	"	GANLEY, C.F.	HQ A
S. 21362	"	BLAIR, D.V.	HQ A (as dr mech not yet trade tested)
S. 21619	"	PRIDEAUX, L.P.	HQ A
S. 17372	"	RIDLEY, E.R.	HQ C
S. 20992	"	GERS, M.L.	HQ D
S. 26491	"	SAUNDERS, N.S.	HQ E
S. 20975	"	GROVES, C.A.	C HQ (No. 5 Pl)
S. 19709	Lieut	PIPER, F.B.	From E Coy to HQ Coy (4 Pl)
S. 20177	Sgt	POMEROY, M.V.	
S. 20166	Cpl	JOHNSON, H.C.	
S. 19787	Pte	ILYES, C.A.	
S. 19809	"	INSTEY, J.F.	
S. 19820	"	JOHNSON, C.D.B.	
S. 19950	"	PENDLEBURY, V.J.	
S. 19983	"	RANDALL, W.J.	
S. 19994	"	O'CONNELL, P.D.	
S. 20005	"	HALL, K.C.	
S. 20038	"	VORWERK, J.C.	
S. 20055	"	RANKIN, W.E.	
S. 20112	"	TRIMMER, K.F.	
S. 20277	"	PAGE, D.A.	
S. 20599	"	BROWN, R.D.	
S. 21288	"	AITCHISON, D.C.	
S. 21290	"	BENJAMIN, L.N.	
S. 21294	"	BARNS, A.E.	
S. 21302	"	DITTER, G.K.	
S. 26347	"	MCGAHEY, J.H.M.	
S. 26388	"	GALVIN, M.F.	
S. 26390	"	HIGGINS, L.H.	
S. 26459	"	WHITE, P.C.	
S. 26848	"	ROGERS, R.R.	
S. 18152	"	LLOYD, T.R.A.	
S. 20988	Cpl	CARTER, L.H.	From R Coy to HQ COY (Transport)
S. 20981	Pte	COOK, W.E.	
S. 21549	"	HOBBS, P.B.	
S. 21162	"	STEELE, H.	
S. 21052	Pte	GRINA, F.	From A Coy to R Coy
S. 17481	"	WRIGHT, O.W.	
S. 48374	"	STEWART, R.W.	
S. 21530	Pte	RONAN, F.M.	From R Coy to A Coy
S. 18073	"	HALLIDAY, T.K.	
S. 20791	"	MCGILL, G.G.	
S. 21484	"	FORD, F.T.G.	
S. 21175	"	GATES, C.W.	
S. 21231	"	POWELL, B.R.	
S. 18098	"	MOYSE, M.J.	
S. 17538	"	DAVIES, E.A.	
S. 19884	"	JORGENSEN, G.A.L.	
S. 18093	"	McINNES, M.D.	



TRANSFERS INTER-COY (CONTINUED)

S. 21658	Pte	MUDDY, M. A.	<u>From R Coy to I. Coy (Cont)</u>
S. 21165	"	SMITH, L. R.	
J. 20085	"	SYMONDS, R. R.	
S. 17470	"	OLPIN, J. S.	
S. 26313	"	ELLIS, R. J.	
S. 20737	"	TREBBY, J. J.	

S. 15964	Pte	WILLIAMSON, W. G.	<u>From R Coy to B Coy.</u>
S. 21214	"	TREFFON, R. N.	
S. 21412	"	HARRIS, S. N.	
S. 18110	"	O'NEILL, M. A.	
S. 18201	"	GRANFELT, G. E. C.	
S. 20371	"	PATURZO, G.	
S. 17875	"	MARTIN, A. E.	
S. 25926	"	MAPEY, H. H.	
S. 19979	"	EMBLIN, H. G.	
S. 31240	"	ROBERTS, T. H.	
S. 21232	"	ROWE, J. T.	
S. 26380	"	YOUNG, R. J.	

S. 21328	Pte	MULES, J. R.	<u>From R Coy to C Coy.</u>
S. 21187	"	MOYLE, R. J.	
S. 20268	"	THREADGOLD, H. E. W.	
S. 26346	"	McGUIRE, J. T.	
S. 21197	"	BAINES, D. K.	
S. 26726	"	MATTHEWS, R. E.	
S. 21179	"	GLIDDON, J. V.	
S. 26282	"	BEAGLEHOLE, E. L. G.	
S. 21221	"	LANG, K. G.	
S. 21313	"	EARL, C. O.	
S. 26580	"	McKENNA, T. R.	
S. 18140	"	WARREN, A. C.	
S. 26323	"	HARDING, A. A.	
S. 16414	"	GERAGHTY, W. K.	
S. 21180	"	HOBBS, F. C.	

S. 21464	Pte	VEALE, A. C.	<u>From R Coy to D Coy.</u>
S. 21100	"	SMITH, J. S.	
S. 21020	"	KING, S. J.	
S. 17860	"	JOHNSON, J. F.	
S. 20043	"	MORGAN, C. D.	
S. 29350	"	MARTIN, J. R.	
S. 21223	"	MARKS, C. R.	
S. 21356	"	MILLIDAY, R. J.	
S. 21292	"	BILLETT, C. H.	

S. 21467	Pte	WATERS, A. J.	<u>From R Coy to E Coy.</u>
S. 21235	"	TRESTRAIL, H. R.	
S. 17166	"	SUMMERS, V. J.	
S. 17866	"	LAWRENCE, R. J.	
S. 18122	"	RAWSON, H. R.	
S. 18074	"	HUNTER, W. N.	
S. 31252	"	VENABLES, R. V. L.	
S. 17465	"	HEMESDORFF, C. T.	
S. 20889	"	FOUNTAIN, K. G.	
S. 17118	"	RUSSELL, J. H.	



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2. PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. (TO TAKE EFFECT 30 JAN 42)

S. 20072	Sgt SMITH, A.R.	B Coy	Promoted A/S/Sgt and appointed CQMS B Coy.
S. 20587	Cpl DIAMOND, B.C.	A Coy	Appointed A/L/Sgt.
S. 20130	Pte BAKER, S.D.J.	A Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 21589	L/C McBEATH, D.	D Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 17328	Pte WYNNE, L.E.	D Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 17038	L/C MALONEY, R.H.	B Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 20933	Sig GARDNER, T.P.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 22867	L/C McROSTIE, D.H.	HQ Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 21102	Pte (GII) AESCHE, R. I.	HQ Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 20394	Pte FURZE, D.R.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 21541	" SCOTT, V.A.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.

3. REVERSIONS (TO TAKE EFFECT FROM 30 JAN 42).

S. 20988 - Cpl CARTER, L.H. R Coy. Reverts to the rank of pte, at his own request.

A.A. Miers
A/Lieut, AIC,
Adjut 27 Bn, CMF.



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27 Bn, AMF.
Adm RO 6/42.

WINNELLIE
11 Feb 42.

By Lt.-Col. L. K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

1. PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. TO DATE FROM 13 FEB 42.

S. 20163	L/Sgt	TILLEY, C.W.	HQ Coy	Promoted A/Sgt.
S. 20493	Cpl	MILLER, W.R.	HQ Coy	Promoted A/Sgt and to be transferred to No. 6B Pl.
S. 19786	Cpl	FUSS, H.R.	B Coy	Promoted A/Sgt.
S. 21333	Pte	PASCO, R.P.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 21110	Pte	TYLER, C.E.W.	HQ Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 21376	"	ROYANS, E.W.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 17108	"	GRAHAM, H.F.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 19820	"	JOHNSON, C.D.B.	HQ Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 20599	"	BROWN, R.D.	HQ Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 21379	"	HASTINGS, H.A.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.

2. TRANSFERS INTER-COY - TO DATE FROM 13 FEB 42.

S. 21110	Cpl	TYLER, C.E.W.	HQ Coy	Transferred to E Coy to be Tpt Cpl.
S. 20045	Pte	WILSON, W.A.	B Coy	Transferred to R Coy.
S. 19937	"	WRIGHT, A.F.G.	B Coy	Transferred to R Coy.

3. CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIALISTS - TO DATE FROM 13 FEB 42.

S. 30060	Pte	MIDDLETON, H.	HQ Coy	To be classified GIII (Clerk)
S. 21541	L/Cpl	SCOTT, V.A.	HQ Coy	To be classified GI (Bricklayer)
S. 20975	Pte	GROVES, C.A.	HQ Coy	To be classified GII (Carpenter)

Lieut,
Adj 27 Bn, AMF.

ADDENDUM

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - TO DATE FROM 13 FEB 42.

S. 20799	Pte	EASTON, R.E.	D Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 20997	"	GROSE, J.W.H.	D Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.



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27 Bn, AMF.
Adm RO 7/42.

WINNELLIE.
17 Feb 42.

By Lt. - Col. L. K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

1. TRANSFERS. INTER-COY - TO DATE FROM 16 FEB 42.

S. No.	Rank	Name	From	To
S. 20588	Cpl	KELMAN, J.	C Coy	R Coy
S. 21433	Pte	HODGSON, J.	C	R
S. 21411	Cpl	DEARLOVE, L. A. V.	C	R
S. 20782	"	GILLIGAN, L.	D	R
S. 21527	Pte	MOORE, R. E. J.	D	R
S. 21564	"	PAULETTO, A.	D	R
S. 20995	"	VIRGO, G. L.	D	R
S. 17828	"	NOSKE, J. W.	D	R
S. 21098	Cpl	GEAR, R. A.	A	R
S. 21044	Pte	NEWMAN, C. W.	A	R
S. 20286	"	JONES, W. C.	A	R
S. 33284	"	TURNER, L. E.	A	R
S. 20278	"	RIVERS, D. W.	A	D
S. 21203	"	BARBER, E. M.	A	E
S. 19764	Lieut	WHITROW, C. L.	R	A
S. 19780	"	HARTE, D. J.	HQ	B

2. PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - TO DATE FROM 13 FEB 42.

S. No.	Rank	Name	From	To
S. 21139	Cpl	CURLIS, J. A.	C Coy	Promoted A/Sgt.
S. 19789	L/Cpl	O'DONOGHUE, L. R.	C Coy	" A/Cpl.
S. 21108	Pte	MILLIKAN, J. H.	C Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 21401	"	LIPP, H.	C Coy	" L/Cpl.
S. 20733	"	ROBERTSON, C. W. F.	C Coy	" L/Cpl.
S. 20959	"	VOGT, R. H.	C Coy	" L/Cpl.
S. 21145	"	SPEED, J. W.	C Coy	" L/Cpl.
S. 20254	"	UNDERWOOD, H. M.	B Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 21199	"	FOWLER, K. R.	B Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 20938	"	BENNETTS, C.	B Coy	" L/Cpl.
S. 26037	"	BATCHELOR, R. W.	B Coy	" L/Cpl.
S. 36207	A/Cpl	ROUSE, J.	R Coy	Appointed L/Sgt.

3. SCHOOLS.

The following personnel attended Rangetakers Course held at WINNELLIE from 21 - 29 Jan 42 and qualified -

S. No.	Rank	Name	Company
S. 20898	Pte	WEIDENHOFER, G. A.	E Coy
S. 26510	"	BELFER, J.	E Coy
S. 19848	"	GERRARD, A.	E Coy
S. 21321	"	MORTON, G. L.	E Coy
S. 26171	"	BURNS, R. B.	E Coy
S. 21309	"	HOOVER, N. A.	E Coy
S. 21367	"	HORAN, B. V.	E Coy
S. 21354	"	HOPCRAFT, D. R.	E Coy
S. 20028	"	HALE, E. R.	E Coy

The following personnel attended the above course but failed to qualify -

S. No.	Rank	Name	Company
S. 20063	Pte	MYERS, E. S.	E Coy
S. 49930	"	OLDS, D. L.	E Coy
S. 20011	"	WALTERS, E.	E Coy

Handwritten initials/signature.



4. SPECIALISTS. - TO DATE FROM 13 FEB 42.

The following personnel have qualified at Rangetakers Course WINNELLIE 21 - 29 Jan 42 and are to be classified as Rangetakers, TGIII

S. 20898	Pte	WEIDENHOFER, G.A.
S. 26510	"	BELFER, J.
S. 19818	"	GERRARD, A.
S. 21321	"	MORTON, G.L.
S. 26171	"	BURNS, R.B.
S. 21309	"	HOOPER, N.A.

A.A. Hicse

Lieut, AIC,
Adjt 27 Bn, AMF.



War Diary

27 Bn, AMF.
Adm RO 8/42.

WINNELLIE.
20 Feb 42.

By Lt.-Col. L. K. FARQUHAR, E. D.

Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

1. PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. - TO DATE FROM 13 FEB 42.

S. 21376	L/Cpl	ROYANS, E. W.	HQ Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 20883	Pte	COLEBATCH, H. G.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.

2. CLASSIFICATIONS. - TO DATE FROM 13 FEB 42.

S. 21299	Pte	CORRELL, T. P.	HQ Coy	Classified TGIII (Dr Mechanic)
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The following are to be classified as TGII (Sigs) -

S. 21285	Pte	SABEY, M. J.	HQ Coy
S. 21636	"	HILL, M. R.	HQ Coy
S. 30513	"	HOGAN, J. F.	HQ Coy
S. 18123	"	RYAN, A. J.	HQ Coy
S. 21242	"	PARKER, L. W.	HQ Coy
S. 19890	"	GARDNER, A. R.	HQ Coy
S. 19918	"	MOORE, H. R.	HQ Coy
S. 18134	"	VIRGO, C. L.	HQ Coy
S. 21208	"	GILLESPIE, J. C.	HQ Coy
S. 17729	"	HEIN, D. H.	HQ Coy
S. 20726	"	GRIFFITHS, G. M. W.	HQ Coy
S. 21445	"	McMAHON, A. M.	HQ Coy
S. 15844	"	JOHNSTON, R. A.	HQ Coy
S. 23556	"	HALL, A.	HQ Coy
S. 21304	"	EVANS, D. J.	HQ Coy

A. A. Hume

 Lieut, AIC,
 Adjt 27 Bn, AMF.



War Diary

27 Bn Adm RO I.
No. 9/42.

WINNELLIE.
25 Feb 42.

By Lt.-Col. L.K. FARQUHAR, E.D.

Comd 27 Bn, CMF.

1. PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS, TO DATE FROM 27 FEB 42.

S. 20294	L/Cpl	SOUTH, J.W.	HQ Coy	Promoted L/Cpl.
S. 21641	Pte	McLACHLAN, J.J.D.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 20517	Pte	ZUCHELT, T.H.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 19915	Pte	WEBBER, J.E.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.
S. 18890	L/Cpl	HEFFORD, G.H.	A Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 20139	L/Cpl	BERRY, R.B.	A Coy	Promoted A/Cpl.
S. 20376	L/Sgt	JACKSON, K.A.	HQ Coy	Promoted A/Sgt.
S. 21579	Pte	GAY, D.E.	HQ Coy	Appointed L/Cpl.

2. INTER-COY TRANSFERS, TO DATE FROM 27 FEB 42.

S. 23556	Sig	HALL, A.	HQ Coy to E Coy.
S. 23020	Pte	DRENNAN, J.	HQ Coy to E Coy.

3. CORRIGENDA.

S. 36264 Sgt MITCHELL, J.A. HQ Coy

Vide Adm RO 4/42 - shown as Promoted A/Sgt.
Should be Appointed A/L/Sgt.

R.A. Shire
Lieut, AIC,
Adj't 27 Bn, CMF.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

27 Bn (AMF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	6		
Lieutenants	27		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	37		

* 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)

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	51651	FARQUHAR LK	27 Bn	Yes	
Major	51653	PLACE FCJ			
	51654	WATSON DV			
	51657	SHEARER AM			
Capt	51666	DAY CAJ			
	51668	MAIRN RD			
	51683	SHUTTLEWORTH CH			
	51682	ALMOND AM			
	51688	HEARFIELD ROY			
	52151	SMITH LC			
Lieut	51663	MARTIN CG			
	51678	BAULDERSTONE AS			
	51679	STARLINE CJ			
	51676	BENNET A			
	51672	TAYLOR WJK			
	51676	MINE TL		No	DETACHED 3 INF BDE
	51695	FLAHERTY MW		Yes	
	51697	PALMER WED			
	51654	SUTHERLAND MD			
	51648	BROWN IS			
	51633	WHEAT DC			
	51671	MOSSELEY AM			
	51661	HARRISON JL		No	TRANSFERRED TO 33. PD WAINVILLE PENINSULAR DIVISION
	51662	GURNEY GA		Yes	
	51671	FINCKAY A			
	51628	PIPER RB			
	52126	MORRIS BS			
	52227	O'BRIEN ME			
	52125	LORRY DE		No	POS. BANCILLA
	51630	JOHNSTON CW		Yes	
	51634	ATKINSON JFW			
	52577	MYERS CF			
	51676	CARTMILLER MC			
	52125	BARKER MR			
	52436	WILEY WE			
	52453	STRAK MW			
	52125	MORRIS DE			

(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		COOPER KC	AACIC	13 Dec 41	M.O.
	5340	COYLE MP	AACD	13 Dec 41	Commander.

27 Bn (Unit.)

6 Feb 42 (Date of Despatch.)

AP These Officers for
(Signature of Commander) attalion

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

27 Bn (AMF) (Unit) 6 FEB 1942 (Date).

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

AMENDED PART "A" A.F. W.3009,

1	2	3	4	5	6
Detail	War Estab- lishment	Strength ex- cluding Attchd & "X" List	Surplus	Defic- iency	Remarks.
W.O.Class I	2	-		2	
W.O.Class II	8	2		6	
C or B.Q.M.S.	6	6		-	
S/Sgt.	1	1		-	
Sgt.	49	42		7	
Bdr. Cpl	94	63		31	
Spec. Gp.1	3	2		1	
Spec. Gp.2	63	35		28	
Spec. Gp.3	51	9		42	
Gnrs. Ptes.	460	832	72		
	1037	992	72	117	
			X	X	

x These Totals are to agree with totals of part "D"

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
CPL A.L. RUSSACK	7 MD. POSTAL UNIT		

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).

27 Bn (AMF) Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers														1		AVAILABLE
Carpenters and Joiners														1		
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers													19			BEING TESTED
Storemen technical												13				
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
DRIVER MECHS														22		SOME BEING TESTED
EQUID REPAIRER														1		AVAILABLE
INIT DUTIES														4		BEING TRAINED
RANGE TAKERS														6		
General duty personnel							72	72					14			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							72	72	26	7	31	71		117		

27 Bn (AMF)
Unit.

Date of Despatch 6 FEB 42.

Attest for
Signature of Commander.
23 Aust INF BDE

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

27 Bn (AMF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	6		
Lieutenants ...	28		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	38		

* 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.
LIEUT	WIESE AA	AIC	16 JAN 42	PROMOTED vide Co/A GAZ 28/42
	WALTON JGH		16 JAN 42	

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	MILNE TS	27 Bn	24 Oct 42	SECONDED TO 3 INF BDE vide Co/A GAZ 28/42

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 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	519651	FARDUNAR LR	27 Bn	YES	
MAJOR	519653	PLACE FGJ	"	.	
"	519654	WATSON DV	"	.	
"	519659	SHEARER AM	"	.	
CAPT	519660	DAY CM	"	.	
"	519668	NAIRN RD	"	.	
"	519683	SHUTTLEWORTH CH	"	.	
"	519680	ALMOND PM	"	.	
"	519688	HEARFIELD RCV	"	.	
"	520151	SMITH LC	"	.	
LIEUT	519663	MARTIN CB	"	.	
"	519678	BAULDERSTONE AT	"	.	
"	519729	STARLING CT	"	.	
"	519706	BENNET A	"	.	
"	519720	TAYLOR WK	"	.	
"	519785	FLAHERTY AM	"	.	
"	519727	PALMER HFM	"	.	
"	519754	SUTHERLAND MD	"	.	
"	519748	DOWN IB	"	.	
"	519730	WICKS DG	"	.	
"	519714	MOSELEY NM	"	.	
"	519761	HARMAN JL	"	No	TRANSFERRED to WAYVILLE PENDING DISCHARGE
"	519762	GORMLY GA	"	YES	
"	519741	MACKAY N	"	.	
"	519708	PIPER FB	"	.	
"	520206	HOPKINS AF	"	.	
"	520227	O'BRIEN HE	"	.	
"	520175	LOAN DE	"	No	DET AUST INT CORPS
"	519730	JOHNSTON GW	"	YES	
"	519724	AITCHISON JFW	"	.	
"	520577	MYERS CF	"	.	
"	519776	CARMICHAEL MC	"	.	
"	520159	BAKER MR	"	.	
"	520486	WIGLEY WE	"	.	
"	520453	STUBBS KW	"	.	
"	520180	MCCABE LC	"	No	LD. CH. WAYVILLE
"	520640	WIESE DA	"	YES	
"	520646	WALTON JGH	"	.	

(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	516715	COOPER RC	AAMC	9 DEC 41	MO.
"	58110	COWLE MP	AACD	5 JAN 42	CHAPLAIN

27 Bn (AME)
(Unit.)
13 FEB 42
(Date of Despatch.)

L. K. Fardun **Lieut. Colonel**
(Signature of Commander)
23 AUST INT BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

27 Bn (AMF) (Unit) 19 FEB 19 42 (Date).

AMENDED PART "A" A.F. W. 3009

1	2	3	4	5	6
Detail	War Estab- lishment	Strength ex- cluding Att & "X" List	Surplus	Defic- lency	Remarks
WO Class I	2	-		2	
WO Class II	8	2		6	
C or BQMS	6	6		-	
S/Sgt	1	1		-	
Sgt	49	44		5	
Bdr Cpl	92	65		29	
Spec Cpl 1	3	3		-	
Spec Cpl 2	63	35		28	
Spec Cpl 3	51	10		41	
Enrs Ptes	760	817	57		
	1037	983	57	111	

* These Totals are to agree with totals of part "D"

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
CPL AL RUSSELL	7 MD Postal Unit		

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).

27 Bn (AMF) Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	AVAILABLE
Carpenters and Joiners																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers														19			BEING TESTED
Storemen technical														3			
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																	
DRIVER MECHS														22			SOME BEING TESTED
EQUIP REPAIRER														1			AVAILABLE
INT DUTIES														4			BEING TRAINED
RANGE TAKERS														6			
General duty personnel							57	57						13			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							57	57	26	5	29	69	111				

27 Bn (AMF)
Unit.

Date of Despatch

19 FEB 42.

E. K. Tanaka
Commanding Officer

Major Colonel
Commanding Officer

23 AVST INF BDE

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

27 Bn (AMF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	7		
Lieutenants ...	30		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	41		

* 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.
519764	WHITROW	CL	27 Bn	16 JAN 42 PROMOTED VIDE COLA
519735	BROWN	J	"	GAZETTE 45/42
519760	MILLS	LC	"	

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, 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	519651	FARQUHAR LK	27 Bn	YES	
MAJOR	519653	PLACE FGJ	"	"	
"	519654	WATSON DV	"	"	
"	519659	SHEARER AM	"	"	
CAPT	519660	DAY CM	"	"	
"	519668	NAIRN RD	"	"	
"	519683	SHUTTLEWORTH CH	"	"	
"	519680	ALMOND PM	"	"	
"	519688	HEARFIELD PCV	"	"	
"	520151	SMITH LC	"	"	
"	519663	MARTIN CB	"	"	
LIEUT	519678	BAULDERSTONE AJ	"	"	
"	519729	STARLING CJ	"	"	
"	519706	BENNET A	"	"	
"	519720	TAYLOR WK	"	"	
"	519785	FLAHERTY HN	"	NO	TRAVELLING TO ATTEND SCHOOL CHEM WARFARE
"	519727	PALMER HFM	"	YES	BONEGILLA 2-22 MAR
"	519754	SUTHERLAND MD	"	"	
"	519748	DOWN LB	"	"	
"	519730	WICKS DG	"	"	
"	519714	MOSELEY NM	"	"	
"	519761	HARMAN JL	"	NO	TRANSFERRED TO WAYVILLE PENDING DISCHARGE
"	519762	GORMLY CIA	"	YES	
"	519741	MACKAY N	"	"	
"	519708	PIDER FB	"	"	
"	520206	HOPKINS BF	"	"	
"	520227	O'BRIEN HE	"	"	
"	520175	LOAN DE	"	NO	DET AUST INT CORPS
"	519730	JOHNSTON GW	"	YES	
"	519724	AITCHISON JAW	"	"	
"	520547	MYERS CF	"	"	
"	519746	CARMICHAEL MC	"	"	
"	520159	BAKER MR	"	"	
"	519486	WIGLEY WE	"	"	
"	520453	STUBBS KN	"	"	
"	520180	MCBRIDE LC	"	NO	ID. CH. WAYVILLE
"	5196404	WIESE AA	"	YES	
"	5196465	WALTON JCH	"	"	
"	519764	WHITROW CL	"	"	
"	519735	BROWN J	"	"	
"	519460	MILLS LC	"	"	

(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		COOPER KF	AAMC	9 DEC 41	MO.
	53110	POWLE MP	AACD	5 JAN 42	CHAPLAIN.

27 Bn (AMF)
(Unit.)

20 FEB 42
(Date of Despatch.)

At the time of Lt Col
Commandant (Signature of Commandant) attached

23 AUST INF BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

27 Bn (AMF) (Unit) 20 FEB 19 42 (Date).

AMENDED PART "A" A. F. W. 3009

1	2	3	4	5	6
Detail	War Estab- lishment	Strength ex- cluding Att & "X" List	Surplus	Defic- lency	Remarks
WO Class I	2	-		2	
WO Class II	8	3		5	
C or BQMS	6	6		-	
S/Sgt	1	1		-	
Sgt	49	42		7	
Rtr Cpl	94	65		29	
Spec Gp 1	3	3		-	
Spec Gp 2	63	35		28	
Spec Gp 3	51	16		35	
Enrs Ptes	760	808	48		
	1037	979	48	106	

x These Totals are to agree with totals of part "D"

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
COL AL RUSSACK	7 M.D. BATAL UNIT		

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).

27 Bn (AMF) Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers														1	1	AVAILABLE
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														19	19	BEING TESTED
Storemen technical														3	3	
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
DRIVER MECHS														22	22	SOME BEING TESTED
EQUIP REPAIRER														1	1	AVAILABLE
INT DUTIES														4	4	BEING TESTED
General duty personnel								48	48	25	729	13	56			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								48	48	25	729	63	106			

27 Bn (AMF) Unit.

R. A. Mese *Lieut. Colonel*
Commander, *23 Aust Inf Bde*

Date of Despatch 20 FEB 42

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

27 Bn (AMF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		
Lieutenants	30		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	41		

* 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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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

FIELD RETURNS

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Grade	Remarks (e.g. present where, if present)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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	519651	FARQUHAR LK	27 Bn	YES	
MAJOR	519653	PLACE FGJ	"	"	
"	519654	WATSON DV	"	"	
"	519659	SHEARER AM	"	"	
CAPT	519660	DAY CM	"	"	
"	519668	NAIRN RD	"	"	
"	519683	SHUTTLEWORTH CH	"	"	
"	519688	ALMOND PM	"	"	
"	519689	HEARFIELD RCV	"	"	
"	520151	SMITH LC	"	"	
"	519663	MARTIN CB	"	"	
LIEUT	519678	BAULDERSTONE AS	"	"	
"	519729	STARLING CT	"	"	
"	519706	BENNET A	"	"	
"	519720	TAYLOR WK	"	"	
"	519785	FLAHERTY HN	"	NO	TRAVELLING-TO ATTEND SCHOOL CHEM WARFARE
"	519727	PALMER HFM	"	YES	BONEGILLA
"	519754	SUTHERLAND MD	"	"	
"	519748	DOWN IB	"	"	
"	519730	WICKS DG	"	"	
"	519714	MOSELEY NM	"	NO	TRANSF TO WAYVILLE
"	519761	HARMAN JL	"	YES	PENDING DISCHARGE
"	519762	GORMLY CA	"	"	
"	519741	MACKAY N	"	"	
"	519708	PIPER FB	"	"	
"	520206	HOPKINS BF	"	"	
"	520227	O'BRIEN HE	"	"	
"	520175	LOAN DE	"	NO	DET AUST INT CORPS
"	519730	JOHNSTON GN	"	YES	
"	519724	AITCHISON JFW	"	"	
"	520574	MYERS CF	"	"	
"	519776	CARMICHAEL MC	"	"	
"	520159	BAKER MA	"	"	
"	519486	WIGLEY WE	"	"	
"	520453	STUBBS KH	"	"	
"	520180	MCKIBRIDE LC	"	NO	LD, CH WAYVILLE
"	519640	WIESE AA	"	YES	
"	519645	WALTON JGH	"	"	
"	519764	WHITROW CL	"	"	
"	519735	BROWN J	"	"	
"	519760	MILLS LC	"	"	

(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		COOPER KF	AAMC	9 DEC 41	M.O.
	53110	COWLE MP	AACD	5 JAN 42	CHAPLAIN.

27 Bn (AME)

(Unit.)

27 FEB 42

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
Lieut. Colonel
Commanding Officer

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

27 Bn (AMF) (Unit) 27 FEB 1942 (Date).

AMENDED PART "A" A.F. W. 3009

1 Detail	2 War Estab- lishment	3 Strength ex- cluding Att & "X" List	4 Surplus	5 Defic- iency	6 Remarks
WO Class I	2	-		2	
WO Class II	8	4		4	
C or BMS	6	6			
S/Sgt	1	1			
Sgt	49	40		9	
Bdr Col	94	71		23	
Spec Gp 1	3	3			
Spec Gp 2	63	50		13	
Spec Gp 3	51	16		35	
Gns Ptes	760	767	7		
	1037	958	7	86	

x These Totals are to agree with totals of part "D"

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
CPA RUSSACK AL	7 MD Postal Unit		
Sgt STACE MK	AAPE 4 MD.		

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).

27 Bn (AME) Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers														1	1	AVAILABLE
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical														3	3	
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
DRIVER, MECHS														22	22	SOME AVAILABLE
EQUIP REPAIRER														1	1	AVAILABLE
INT DUTIES														4	4	BEING TESTED
General duty personnel							7	7	24	-	9	23	17	-	55	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							7	7	24	-	9	23	48	-	86	

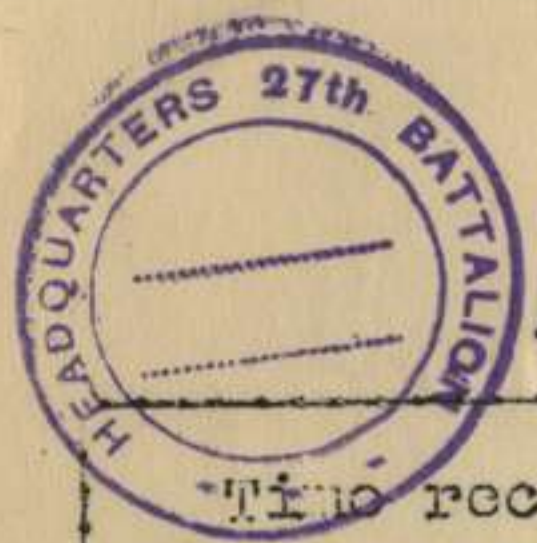
27 Bn (AME) Unit.

Act Mess Lieut for Bde. Colonel
Signature of Commander. 27th Infantry Battalion

Date of Despatch 27 FEB 42

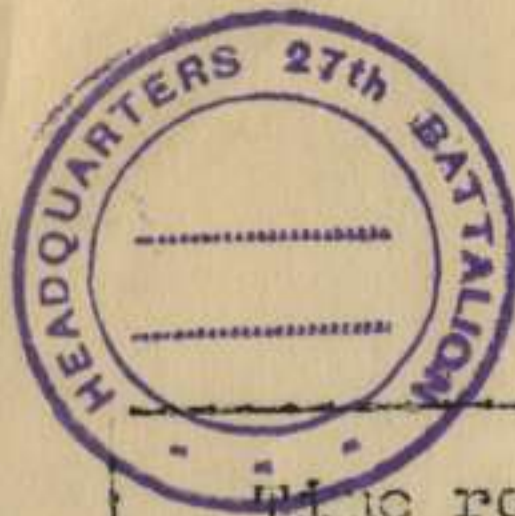
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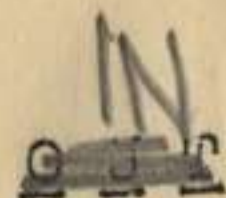
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1720 hrs 23 Feb 42	M 12	small craft travel- ling NORTH 240°. 1 mast long way out, seen through binoculars, sea in area calm.	JONI notified	94
1735 "	M 12	2 vessels on horizon 300° 1 boat 3 masts, second 2 masts travel- ling N+S respectively, seen with binoculars, sea calm	"	95
2245	M 13 A	a weak light towards NIGHTS CLIFF 230° 3 miles away	"	96
1225 24 Feb	A Coy	no concertina wire held by this coy		97
1350	M 14	long black object 2½ miles out to sea 269° sea very calm. seen with naked eye. floating NORTHWARD	"	98



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Time received	Received from	Purpose of Order or Message	Action taken	Serial No.
1450 hrs 24 Feb	B sqn	dammert wiring & stakes required to be held at posts in CENTRE SECTOR in case of an emergency quantities of dammert wire coils 300, stakes 6' 1400	noted	99
1610	M 10	MMG fire in easterly direction. proved to be practice.	enquiries made at 19 sqn	100
1850	M 12	reported funnel or sub coming tower 3-4 miles out 300°	JONI notified	101
2017	M 14	floating object 230° (wreckage)	"	102
0500 25 Feb	M 13	bright light 270° stationary, yellowish, dazzling for a start, now not so bright	"	103
0505 W	M 14	number of lights, one 280° 6 others slightly NE. can hear planes & very pistol lights can be seen also plane over CASUARINA POINT coming in	"	104



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0509 25 Feb.	M 12	reported a plane coming in with red light identification light	JONI notified	105
0525	M 13	light reported by them found to be plane coming in	"	106
0650	M 14	a shout + whistle blast identified O.K.	"	107
0750	M 14	re vessel on horizon	JONI notified. identified as naval sloop	108
1140	M 13 A	object like drum 340° 1200'	JONI notified	109
1200	JONI I sec.	re man missing written message	all posts notified	110
1235	M 13 A	object in sea now 1° decided as irregular shape. moving towards LEE POINT	JONI notified	111
1255	M 15	evening of 24 Feb washed ashore 2 lifebelts	"	112
1415	M 14	re 2 shining objects	"	113
1420	M 13	a raft	"	114



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1555 hrs 25 Feb 42	Adi.	two A personnel to return to WINNELLIE	to A coy via runner	115
1640	A coy	query pay!	pay sgt notified	116
1705	M 13	re drum of petrol	JONI notified	117
1835	M 12	re drum of petrol	"	118
1950	M 15	re a drawer from ships desk. also an oar	"	119
2122	M 13	light flashing on water. bearing M. NORTH	"	120
2310	M 14	green very light	"	121
2320	A CH	re stations transmitting	all posts notified	122
2355	JONI	stations above notified as AMERICAN	all posts & B sqn notified	123
0720 hrs 26 Feb 42	M 15	Series of flashes like Aldis lamp 310° white light 5-6 miles out	JONI notified	124
0725	M 15	white light flashing 300° 6 miles out	"	125



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1750 hrs 26 Feb 42	JONI	re AASC vehicles	noted	137
0335 hrs 27 Feb 42	M 12	white light low on horizon 200° flat light	JONI notified	138
0350 "	M 9	report what looks like gun fire. yellow ball shape. 3° off LEANYER TONGUE. can hear plane	"	139
0410 "	M 13	light reported 225° signalling from DRIPSTONE CAVES	"	140
0435 "	M 9	gun flashes continuing	"	141
0945	M 12	2 vessels 240° going towards PT DARWIN	"	142
1315	M 12	re small ship 250°	"	143
1355	M 14	re ship 250	noted	144
2135, 27 Feb 42	JONI	advise of MG practice RIGHT SECTOR	JONI notified	145
0930 hrs 28 Feb	B Sqn	re affrs sick	"	146
1120	M 12	re smoke on horizon	"	147
1155	M 12	re smoke on horizon 345° moving SOUTH	"	148



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0740, 26 Feb 42	JONI	light identified in 124 & 125 as sentry ship	M15 & M14 notified	126
0800 hrs "	M 12	boat on horizon going SOUTH	noted	127
0805 "	B sqn	inquiring for ration strength for today.		128
0905	M 15	re oxygen mask	JONI notified	129
1154	M 9	re one plane at terrific height	"	130
1215	M 12	plane travelling NORTH very high	"	131
1216	JONI	re parachutist @ RAAF reported bombed	all posts notified	132
1340	M 13	balloon reported above singapore past	JONI notified	133
1610	M 15	brought in by O.C. B sqn. ships documents	"	135
1445	M 14	re vessel out to sea 260°	"	134
1630	M 14	vessel passing NIGHT CLIFF. going towards port	"	136



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1210 hrs 28 Feb 42	M 14	re 2 vessels moving towards port 270°	JONI notified	149
1520 "	JONI	re beach light exposure.	all posts notified	150
1642 "	M 14	reported large vessel 2 funnel 1640	JONI notified	151

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 Date 5 Jan 42.



27 Aust Inf Bde.
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WEEKLY TRAINING REPORT.

1. STRENGTH. 30 Offrs, 117 NCO's, 915 O Rs.
2. HEALTH. Medical report herewith.
 The few cooler days have enabled many to adjust themselves to local conditions, and a more alert outlook should be obtaining this week.
3. MORALE. Is good. Has been helped considerably this week end by a satisfactory church parade. - A short talk by C O to majority of Bn. - and a news talk by A E S representative, Major PLANT. The men are keen to deal with any invader.
4. TRAINING. Detailed sub-unit reports attached. Despite extraneous tasks, 3 Coys being completely detached, definite progress has been made, and something accomplished. A start has been made in training HQ office personnel in their field duties. Rifle coys were divided to form a cadre for refresher two weeks course for out of camp personnel.
5. FUTURE TNG. Greater progress expected this week with return of B Coy ex ADELAIDE RIVER, C Coy ex training stop-line LEANYER - DRIPSTONE. Cadre personnel will complete second week of refresher course. Other personnel not required for duties will do same syllabus.
6. WEAPON TNG. Results were far from satisfactory, but men have gained confidence and experience of weapons. Previous training has been restricted owing to conservation of amm. We have lost the service of experienced marksmen (rifle club members) who have gone to AIF and men of some months experience lack practice. Detailed report attached.
7. CONCLUSION. The upheavals and reorganisations are behind us, and rapid progress should be made provided duties do not encroach too heavily.

R. K. Tanguer

Lt Col.
 Comd 27 Bn, AMF.

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LARRAKEYAH.

Address 27 Bn, AMF. DARWIN.
Date 12 Jan 42.

WEEKLY TNG REPORT NO. 2.

1. STRENGTH. 33 Offrs, 1032 O R's.
2. HEALTH. Improving with acclimatisation.
Urgent need to have doubtfuls boarded by most expeditious means. Undue delay may involve the Dept of the Army in needless heavy expenditure.
3. MORALE. Good and improving. Advent of Chaplain COWLE has enabled a number to discuss their homesickness and "get it off their chests".
4. TNG. Detailed reports herewith.
A and C Coys have completed 2 weeks refresher individual cadre course for out of camp personnel. B and D Coys have completed one week. All coys have resumed tng under coy arrangements. A and C Coys have commenced section tng.
5. FUTURE TNG. Is being based on one week section tng and 3 weeks pl and coy tng, subject to necessary working parties. B and D Coys will commence sec tng next Mon 20 Jan 42.
6. WEAPON TNG. Open range not available but 30x range used to full under Weapon Tng Offr Lieut M.D. SUTHERLAND.
EMPHASIS - Weapons to be kept up in all tng. Instruction in THOMPSON SUB MG commenced for all offrs first under Weapon Tng offr.
7. SPECIALISTS. Good progress made.
8. NCO's. Working well, but a potential source of weakness due to lack of sufficient experience and background. Special efforts are being made to overcome this by a special 3 day cadre, on the basis of one NCO for Pl at a time, under Capt R.D. NAIRN.
Syllabus herewith.
9. RECCE PARTIES. All Offrs have now been conducted over likely battle areas and have appreciated possible tasks. Now getting their NCO's over some of the areas. In lieu of leave to DARWIN for O R, we are arranging afternoon trips to COCOANUT GROVE, DRIPSTONE and LEE POINT in order to familiarise men with areas.

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MONTHLY TNG REPORT. 7 MD CIRC 8701 para 4.

SYLLABUS.

In spite of working parties and other tasks, all rifle coys have been able to keep to original syllabus in the main, and have attained a fair standard in refresher, sec and pl tng. Owing to incidence of tasks, many individual soldiers are below the desired standard. R Coy, having been relieved of duties for four weeks, has attained a similar standard and has been able to supply trained soldiers to Specialists and E Coy.

FUTURE TNG.

Owing to many tasks being allotted this week, the necessity of erecting another five sleeping huts, the syllabus submitted for 3-8 Feb 42 has been put back a week, and so that sub-standard soldiers can be given Coy Cadre training in weapon tng.

PL COMDRS.

Working well and being given greater responsibility.

NCO's.

An NCO 3 day cadre handled 15/16 NCOs at a time during first three weeks. The last week cadre participated in a unit Anti Gas Course for 5 days, putting on a demonstration to whole Bn.

HEALTH.

Improving but 16% of sick parades during latter part of month being due to diarrhoea.

MORALE.

Very good.

SPECIALISTS.

Have been relieved of most duties so as to reach opnl standard by early February.

CARRIER PL.

Not exercised as Pl as were manning beach MMG but started tng on 31 Jan 42.

E (MG) COY.

Has manned FDLs for five weeks with one hr's tng daily plus con and camm, and constant improvement of poans.

L. K. Farquhar

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Date 26 Jan 42.

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TNG REPORT - WEEK ENDING 25 JAN 42.

1. STRENGTH. 39 Offrs, 1032 0 Rs.
2. HEALTH. Improving. Sick parades smaller including 12% diarrhoea.
3. MORALE. Still improving. Can take it and will give it.
4. TNG. Detailed reports herewith.
Further consolidation of tng, and lessons.
Still hindred by Working Parties missing tng.
R Coy has finished an uninterrupted four weeks course. Has reached a resonable standard against great odds.
5. FUTURE TNG. Further weapon tng, section and pl tng.
Pls commencing to go out on special exercises.
6. WEAPON TNG. Will continue and complete 2 coys later this week.
7. SPECIALISTS. Progressing towards taking their place in Coy or Bn operations.
8. NGO's. Improving. Being helped by 3 day cadre course.
9. CONCLUSION. Further progress made. Will be able to advance tng next month.

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TNG REPORT - W/E 31 JAN 42.

STRENGTH. 37 Offrs, 1011 0 Rs.

HEALTH. Improving.

MORALE. Very good.

TRAINING. Detailed Coy reports herewith. Good except for personnel who missed periods because of working parties.

FUTURE TNG. Coy syllabi submitted have been put back a week a/c road and hut construction. Balance being trained in cadres for weapon tng. This is shown to be necessary by Range Offr's report attached.

SPECIALISTS Ready to commence opnl tng.

NCO's. Cadre replaced by Gas Cadre plus Pioneer Pl. Forty students attended Gas Cadre 26 Jan - 30 Jan 42. Several missed lessons owing to diarrhoea and attendance at RAP. Generally the students showed intense interest especially in the practical demonstrations. Students asked very good questions which showed that they had studied their text books. Every opportunity was made to use the stores provided by Bde and to complete the demonstration improvised stores were made, making as true a picture as possible. As it was practically impossible to consider every student, an examination of approx. 1½ hrs duration was given. Mr. BENNETT was responsible for most of the instruction and he was most untiring in his efforts to make the cadre a success. Mr. SUTHERLAND and Mr. GORMLY assisted with several lessons. I think all students benefited by the cadre and the demonstration on Friday should have given the men an insight into the tng that is required.

CONCLUSION. Satisfactory progress still being made, but emphasis to be kept on weapon tng.

R. H. Tanguila
Lt Col.
Comd 27 Bn AMF.

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DARWIN.
9 Feb 42.

23 Aust Inf Bde,
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TNG REPORT WEEK ENDING 7 FEB 42.

STRENGTH. 32 Offrs, 1033 0 Rs.

HEALTH. Slightly better.

MORALE. Very good.

TNG. Wet weather, weapon tng, refreshers. Time mostly spent on working parties.

FUTURE TNG. Pl Tng. Platoon 2 or 3 days exercises in battle areas.

ENLISTMENT AIF. 17 from Unit waiting list have been accepted this week end and have been replaced from R Coy. This Coy has done good work in tng backward personnel for rifle and specialist Coys. Now looking for new blood to train.

POTENTIAL NCO's. R Coy are starting a class (one week) for potential NCO's from all Coys in methods of instruction.

CONCLUSION. Owing to inclement weather, it is difficult to assess actual improvements made in tng.

Lt Col.
Comd 27 Bn, AMF.



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28 Feb 42.

23 Aust Inf Bde,
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WEEKLY TNG REPORT.

STRENGTH.

38 Offrs, 975 O R.

WORK.

All Coys except R and HQ Coys have reported through respective Sector HQ.

HEALTH.

Generally better. Will be improved by psychological effect of unfits being transferred out of unit.

TNG.

Continued on Bde policy - half day's work, half day tng. Has been adjusted when necessary to fit in with tides.

FUTURE TNG.

Will be continued on same lines, with particular attention to lessons received from overseas ops of Japs.

AIR RAID.

This generally has stiffened morale. Attached is report of AA Pl Comd showing need for Tracer and AP SAA.

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TNG REPORT - WEEK ENDED 14 FEB 42.

STRENGTH. 35 Offrs, 1018 0 Rs.

HEALTH. Slight improvement, but gastric attacks on Saturday promptly traced to ice cream vendor who has been excluded from Unit lines.

MORALE. Improved. C O Put Bn into "picture" on Sunday. No misunderstandings. All, including P L duties, expected to fight.

TNG. Syllabi uncompleted due to working parties and hut construction. Several Pls completed 3 day exercises on own resources.

FUTURE TNG. Will be in battle areas. Should improve away from usual camp atmosphere and with intimate realisation of individual Pls possible roles.

R. K. [Signature]
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Time despatched	Despatched to	Purpose of Order or Message	Action taken	Serial No.
1900 3 Feb	area offn PROSPEST	re TURNER'S discharge	Sigs	39
2000 6 Feb	DIKO	Capt. ELLIOTT report LARRAKEYAH 7 Feb 42	Sigs	40
1320	E Coy LEFT SECTOR	search for respirator 40/660	Sigs	41
1515 14 Feb 42	all coys.	re 16-17 years youth	runner	42
1550 19 Feb 42	MAKI	everything under control no casualties	Sigs	43
1610	RIDU	all MG posts report no casualties	DR	44
1730	RIDU	patrol reports no para tps in RAPID CK area	Sigs	45
1000 20 Feb 42	27 Bn.	strength return	DR	46



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Time despatched	Despatched to	Purpose of Order or Message	Action taken	Serial No.
12 15	RIDU	vessel reported 265° 4 miles out from M 14	noted	47
21 25	RIDU	re plane shot down	Bde notified	48
11 25	Lieut WALTON	re steel pickets	sig	49
1135 hrs 25 Feb	A Coy	re pay sgt.	sent by runner	50
1800	all posts	forward salvaged articles to TEMPO	sig	51
0740 hrs 26 Feb	M15 + M14	light reported 0725 hrs identified as sentry ship	sig	52
0830	B sqn	re ration strength	QM notified	53
1000 hrs 27 Feb	Adj KIMO	re working party	sig	54
1100 hrs 1 Mar	COBRA, KODAK, MAKI, PVKI, YALA WUKI, JONI,	re THOMPSON M. G shoot	sig	55

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THE REPORT ON INTELLIGENCE SECTION - WEEK ENDED 21 FEB 42

STRENGTH. 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 6 O Rs.

HEALTH. Very good.

TENTS. Camouflaged and prepared for wet weather.

MORALE. Very good.

TRAINING. Specialist tng, combined with establishing I Sec HQ at Centre Sector HQ and wiring traverses and inspection of wiring.

FUTURE TRN. Battle Procedure Intelligence in field.

GENERAL. I section have had practical battle station procedure and have performed duties satisfactorily.

W. Horney Lieut.
I O 27 Bn, AMF.

27 Feb 42 ✓



TNG REPORT ON STRETCHER BEARERS - WEEK ENDED 21 FEB 42.

STRENGTH. 1 Sgt, 20 O Rs.

HEALTH. Good.

TENTS. As Coys have moved to battle stations S B's have moved into huts - condition of huts, fair.

MORALE. Good.

TRAINING. 5 men attached to Coys as first aid men.

Most of tng period taken up with working parties at Centre Sector Hq.

FUTURE TNG. Men will be attached to Coys for practical tng in first aid.

GENERAL. Duties performed satisfactorily, and are showing keenness in field work.

W. H. H. H. Lieut.
I O 27 Bn, AMF.

R. H. H. H.

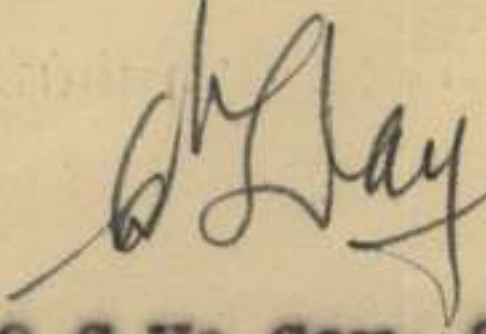


Hq Coy, 27 Bn.
WINNELLIE.
22 Feb 42.

Adj,
27 Bn.

TNG REPORT - HQ COY - WEEK ENDED 21 FEB 42.

1. Tng this week was of an interrupted nature account working parties and camp duties necessitated by all other Coys except R Coy being out of camp.
2. The following working parties, exclusive of camp duties, were supplied:
 - (a) 16 to Bn Hq (Centre sector) daily.
 - (b) Road making party (32) on Mon, Tues, Wed.
 - (c) Sandbagging open range (36) on Mon.
3. At present 72 are detached for duty in opnal areas.
4. Tng was carried out as far as possible in accordance with syllabus, but no definite progress of sub-units as a whole can be reported.
5. Further demands for working parties are anticipated in coming week.
6. Tng in future will be confined to recap in all time available.
7. Morale is high following air raid on Thursday last.
8. Health is good generally, apart from infected sores.
9. Work of Offrs and NCO's was satisfactory.
10. Attached please find weekly report of 2 Pl Comd (Weapon Tng Offr). Particular attention is drawn to his report on the air raid. I endorse his remarks thereon.


Capt.
O C Hq Coy, 27 Bn.

Report on Tng of E Coy by Maj A.M. SHEARER
at LEFT SECTOR HQ at 0830 hrs. 23 FEB 48.

E COY 27 Bn.
CONFIDENTIAL.

Part I

- (1) Except for one hour of the mornings, the remainder of the days have been used in improving of the posns.
- (2) The general health of the Coy is very good.
- (3) The morale of the tps after the Air Raid is fair only; about 85% of the men have got the jitters. I put a certain amount of this down to the fact that they were unable to hit back at the enemy planes.



A.M. Shearer
Maj.

O.C., E Coy 27 Bn.



W.A. DIVISION

KEEP YOUR MOVEMENTS SECRET.

21 Feb 42

TNG REPORT



Coy. week ended 21 Feb.

Tng for this week has been as follows.

10 Pl detached at vicinity JUNE ROAD
MAIN DARWIN and QUARANTINE carrying out
Tng as per syllabus.

11 & 12 Pls in LEFT SECTOR have worked
on Sector Posts by replacement of double
aprons fencing & clearing of areas of wire
The preparations of Rev. Brownas lines
The morning has been allocated to
Sector Posts - the afternoon to Tng.

Coy HQ personnel by orderlies have been
receiving Tng and messages carrying and
blazing of direct routes through Post
to Pls HQ.

The left sector was subjected to enemy air
attack on 19 Feb. 11 Pl 1019 went into
action against enemy fighter planes.

WRITE ON BOTH SIDES. IT'S A WARTIME ECONOMY.

A.C.F.

W.A. DIVISION

TNG



B Coy (continued)

11+12 Pls. have been standing to
 from 0630 hrs daily since 20 Feb. They
 have all inspected their back positions,
 and reconnoitered routes thereto. - 11+12 Pls patrolled
 for reported enemy paratroops on 19 Feb. (afternoon + night)
Morale of Tps. This is by no means
 high; men are very tired, and
 state of morale appears to be caused through
 tiredness and reaction to enemy air attack,
 and present positions.

Healths. Generally good.

Last work. Tps have worked well both
 by day and by night ~~and~~.
Discipline - Good, and whilst subject to
 enemy air attack for first time, discipline
 was splendid.

W. H. T. [Signature] Capt.



WEEKLY TRAINING REPORT..... WEEK ENDED 27 Feb 43
To Sector Condr. Right Sector..... From Kimo.D. Micket Creek.
By Lt Col F.G.J. Place... O.C.D Kimo.D.

(1) PERIOD. Days completed.....7 Days

(2) WORK.
16 Pl. Erecting wire along stopline at the Landing.
Patrols day and night. Patrolling.
17 Pl. Clearing mangroves between Fletchers and Leanyer.
Big cut now completed. Patrolling.
18 Pl. Clearing mangroves between Fletchers and Leanyer.
Big cut now completed. Patrolling

(3) STORIES REQUIREDNIL.

(4) RATIONS AND WATER SUPPLY
(16) Pl. 3-4 Gallon drums refilled daily by water tanks
17 Pl. 500 Gallon tank filled every other day
18 Pl. Use of Micket Creek water. Water getting low.
Necessary to provide other means and as no tanks
available it is proposed to sink a well.

(5) HEALTH AND SANITATION.
Health generally good.

(6) WEAPONS
All weapons on hand are in good order.

(7) TRAINING
On 26 Feb all Pls. participated in Amn supply T.E.W.T
Apart from periods spent on working parties every
opportunity to continue general training
especially weapon training was availed of.

(8) AIR ACTIVITY
Slight air activity was noted during the period
it being reported on Thursday 26 Feb that two
enemy planes flew round the district at about
35000 Ft.
16 Pl and 17 Pl. carried out extensive patrols in
search of reported Paratroops.
The result of the patrols was nil.

(9) GENERAL
The work carried out during this period is consider
ed satisfactory. The cutting down of mangroves be
tween Fletchers and Leanyer is completed although
the brush will have to be destroyed to eliminate
any advantageous cover to the enemy.

(10) MORALE
The morale of the Coy is good.

F.G.J. Place
Major

O.C. Kimo.D.

Debits as above have been made in the pay-books
of the members concerned.

Officer Commanding

Divisional or Depot Postmaster



ORIGINAL

TNG REPORT ON "I" SECTION - WEEK ENDING 14 FEB 42.

STRENGTH. 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 6 O Rs.
HEALTH. Very good. No attendances at RAP.
MORALE. Very good, men are very keen.
TENTS. Tents have been camouflaged and condition good.
TRAINING. I section specialist tng, prepared situation maps for tp comds of Centre Sector MNG posns, and recce of new tracks.
FUTURE TNG. Occupying battle station Hq and practical intelligence in the field.
GENERAL. standard of efficiency good and men are looking forward to working in forward areas.

W. Somers Lieut.
I O 27 Bn, AMF.

L. V. Farquhar Lieut. Colonel
Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

14 Feb 42 ✓



TNG REPORT ON REGIMENTAL POLICE, WEEK ENDING 14 FEB 42.

STRENGTH. 1 Cpl, 30 Rs.

HEALTH. Very good, no attendances at RAP.

MORALE. Very good.

TENTS. Camouflaged, condition good.

TRAINING. Truck driving, traffic control, and recesses of tracks and roads.

FUTURE TNG. Concealment and camouflage of MT vehicles, track discipline, duties of Regimental Police at Bn HQ.

GENERAL. Tng very good, and men very keen.

G. Gormley Lieut.
I O 27 Bn, AMF.

Adj't,
27 Bn.



HQ Coy,
27 Bn.
WINDMILLIE.
15 Feb 42.

TNG REPORT - WEEK ENDED 14 FEB 42.

1 PL - SIG.

Syllabus. Completed.

Progress. Satisfactory. Results of classification test 9, 10, 11 Feb will be available within day or so.

Future Activities. Anticipate immediate despatch of further sig sets into fd. Practising buzzers will be carried for tng purposes. Remainder of pl remaining in camp will man Bn switchboard or continue tng.

Personnel. 9 on duty Centre Sector switch, 4 on duty Left sector. All unclassified sigs were available for trade gp classification test.

Pl Cond & NCO's. Satisfactory work done.

Health. Good.

Morale. High.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

2 PL - A A.

Syllabus. Not completed owing to three days spent in construction of No. 3 Post and cam of same.

Progress. ³ days weapon tng lessons carried out.

Future Activities. As per syllabus unless required for work parties. Hoped to carry out a night shoot on 30² range on night of Tues 17 Feb, using tracer.

Pl Cond. Has been appointed cam offr. This together with duties of weapon tng offr will restrict his supervision of his pl considerably.

NCO's. Fair. Good report on L/Cpl ROYALS who attended week's ICG course.

Health. Good.

Morale. Good.

Conclusion. Tng fair only a/c work on new post.

3 PL - MORTAR.

Syllabus. Completed.

Progress. 25 min lessons on weapon tng recap and fieldcraft of definite value in pepping up work.

Future Tng. Recap on mortar work but anticipate heavy demands on this pl for future working parties.

Pl Cond & NCO's. Good application. The loss of Sgt H. F. HILL to AIF will be felt and unit loses a forceful pot offr.

Health. Good - few minor ailments.

Morale. High.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.



4 PL - CARRIER.

Syllabus. Completed.

Progress. Good. Sec at RAAF each week are firing Table H Pt I on RAAF 30^x range, commenced this week.

Future Tng. Three secs will alternate weekly with RAAF protection and tng, D & M, MG and carrier syllabi. In this way rising standard of tng will be uniform throughout pl.

Pl Comd. Good application.

NGO's. Inexperienced, but improving.

Carriers. Mechanical condition unchanged, but anticipate early return of steering boxes and brake drums and shoes from Ord Workshops for defective vehicles.

Health. Generally good.

Morale. Good.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

5 PL - PWR.

Syllabus. Dugout construction.

Progress. Very fair, considering lack of explosives. 2 men on kitchen erection for week and 2 L/Cpls at NGO's Course - good reports received.

Future Tng. Anticipated pws will be required for constructional work in centre sector.

Pl Comd & NGO's. Good work.

Health. Good - minor ailments.

Morale. Good.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

6 PL - TPT.

Syllabus. Completed.

Progress. Good.

Future Tng. Tng will be restricted owing to demand for tpt for coys and working parties. School will be suspended temporarily and recommenced at earliest opportunity.

Pl Comd & NGO's. Good work.

Health. Good.

Morale. Good.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.



GENERAL CONCLUSIONS.

1. Future tng will not be continuous, on account of fd duties and working parties. Such work will be new phase of discipline and tng in itself for personnel of this Coy who have been concentrating on specialist work and as yet have had little or no experience of working and living in this country outside of camp. Such work is therefore welcomed at this stage by pl comdrs after a period during which a good foundation has been laid.
2. As reported verbally last night, numerous cases of gastro-enteritis occurred in late afternoon and evening of Sat 14 Feb 42. 90% of sufferers (33) had eaten ice cream during the day.
3. Health is improving, with smaller sick parades.
4. Morale is high generally and I am certain that tps are realising that they are going home when the job is done and done well and NOT before. Less grizzling over trifles.

W. L. Lay
Capt.
03 HQ Coy.

A

Sub-Unit Training report Week-Ending 15 Feb.



SYLLABUS

1st. Day : Training as per syllabus. 7 L.D. 1 N.D. 1 Hosp.
 2nd. " : " " " " 12 L.D. 1 N.D. 1 Hosp.
 3rd. " : " " " " Night parade, lecture by I. man on
 : "Situation in Pacific" 9 L.D. 1 Hosp.
 : C.H.Q. Grenade throwing.
 4th. Day : Bn duties, no training. 5 L.D. 1 Hosp.
 5th. Day : Training as per syllabus, 5 L.D. C.H.Q. Written messages &
 : L.M.G. (Stoppages)
 6th. Day : Recapitulation on the weeks syllabus. 6 L.D.
 7th. Day : Make and mend day, Church parade, 5 L.D.
 : All this week 5 junior N.C.Os have attended school.

FATIGUES

Coy Daily : 24, (2 San., 3 P.M.O., 4 Cooks, 7 Transport, 4 Batmen, 2 O/Room 20q.)
 Bn " : 10 (Erecting huts.)
 Ex-Unit " : 24 (11 Road party 2/11th., 14 E.S.B. VESTRY'S.)
 4th Day : Bn Duties. 1 B.O.O. 1B.O.S. 5 Main guard, 2 R.A.A.F. guard.

PROGRESS

: 12 Men who failed to qualify in their first shoot, were sent
 : to 30 Yd. range, Results showed much improvement.
CON & CAM : No 7 Pln. paid particular attention to this when they moved
 : out to LEE POINT PENINSULAR, which appears very effective.
FIRE CONTROL: Considerable improvement was shown in this which was lacking
 : in their first shoot, but has been concentrated on in their
 : training, which goes to show that the men are taking a keener
 : interest in their work.
GRENADA : Every has been taken to practice this phase, and the men have
 : become quite efficient.
COLLECTIVE: With so few of the men available for parade, this has been
TRAINING : limited, but what has been carried out, has been quite
 : satisfactory.

FUTURE TRAINING

INDIVIDUAL: Training of weapons are to be continued at every possible m
 : moment ,which through so many working parties has become lax.
COLLECTIVE: With the Coy moving out on Monday to their area, this phase
 : will be more beneficial, which will be carried out with more
 : of the competitive spirit.
PLATOON : Good
COMMANDERS :

REMARKS

No 7 Pln has been out all of the week, at the coy area , & have
 been engaged in working parties erecting shore defences, the
 few which have been left, has been camouflaging the tents and
 general work around the camp.

L. C. Smith
O.C.

"A" COY 27 Bn A.M.F.

B



Training report - week ended 14 Feb.

During the week the majority of the Coy was engaged on working parties. Those available for Eng were involved in weapons Eng. The timber given to Eng was broken owing to demands for parties and has consequently caused falling for the floor.

One Platoon PC marched out of WINDGULLIE to Broomer area opp Bala HQ area, NORTH of Railway line at Map Ref. 906123. The Platoon engaged in the exercise of moving & occupying a humped position, & patrol work.

Officers and NCOs have made notes of Left Section, and selected humped areas, for occupation on 16 Feb.

The Coy has been very dependent owing to working parties provision, and it has not been possible to break any great heading into Eng. The Coy used the 30° Range during the exercise for a party of 12 who were available under the present state of the Coy.

C. H. [Signature]

PART II.

TNG. REPORT.

'B' Coy.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL WEEK ENDED 14/2/44.

	GUARD DUTIES	PIONEER.	DETACHED	L.D.	N.O. & HOSPITAL	STOREMAN	COY CLERK	MESS DRG.	DRIVERS M.T.	N.C.O. CHIEF	COOKS	BUTCHER	C.Q.M.S.	MUN FIELD WORKING PARTY	TASK 27/2	WIRING PARTY	MUT FRACKETON	DENTAL.	CLASS DUTIES	NO. 10 BNS DETACHED	AVAILABLE TRAINING	TOTAL STRENGTH
Monday	OK	2	1	7	1	1	1	2	7		6	1	1		11							80
2. 42	off																					4
Monday	OK	2	1	7	3	1	1	2	7	4	5	1	1	10	11	17	6	4				37
2. 42	off																					4
Monday	OK	8	2	1	4	3	1	1	2	7	4	5	1	1	10	11	17	6	3	15		18
2. 42	off	1																				3
Tuesday	OK	2	1	8	2	1	1	2	7	4	5	1	1	10	11	17	18	5				24
2. 42	off																					4
Monday	OK	2	1	9	5	1	1	2	6	4	4	1	1	10	11	17	6					29
2. 42	off																					1
Monday	OK	2	1	7	3	1	1	2	6	4	4	1	1	10	11	17	8					29
2. 42	off																					1
Tuesday	OK	7	2	1	8	5	1	1	2	6	4	4	1	1	10	11	8	6	10	29		115
2. 42	off	1																				1



2. ORS Transport Coy.

W. H. ... Capt.

WEEK ENDED 15 Feb 1942.

SYLLABUS.

All days completed.

PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLESickness:

1 Hospital for week
 1 Hospital for 1 day.
 1 No Duties for 2 days.
 1 " " for 2 days 4 days Light Duty.
 12 Light Duty off feet for week.
 2 " " " 1 day.

Fatigue :

Para Mess Orderly 1
 Cooks 4
 Road Party 10
 Hut Bldg in camp 10
 Mess Orderly for
 1 Day each 6.
 Gunrd. 11 (1 day)

PROGRESS.Weapon Trg:

12 fired rifle 30 yard range.
 IMG stoppages and replacements, and mag filling at night.
 Grenade Training.

Pl Training :

15 Pl completed 3 days Pl training on SHOAL BAY PEN. Training consisted mainly of Patrolling by day and night, keeping direction and Recce of ground. Night work was extensive and beneficial mainly patrolling.
 13 and 14 Pls had lectures on practical Map reading and compass at night. These pls supplied all working parties.

FUTURE TRAINING

Con and Cam, Map reading and recognition of ground from map.
 Training of Pl for counter Para-troop action using MT.

HEALTH.

Men generally are soft and could not stand up to several days severe hammering. Quite a number of 15 Pl were over fatigued on their 13 mile march to CAMERON'S BEACH from WINNELLIE. Anticipate that the men will harden quickly out at action stations. Impetigo increased although men have been lectured by Pl Comds who are watching this closely.

MORALE.

Good. Much improved by international situation. Can understand reason for being here.

Pl COMDS.

Generally satisfactory. Need to drive men more. Will have better opportunity in field.

POTENTIAL NCO S.

5 Privates attended school for potential NCOs. 4 were recommended for promotion and have been recommended to be appointed 1/4 Cpls.

CONCLUSION.

Further open range practice is required by this Coy. Results forwarded were poor. As soon as men have passed their range practice I would suggest that an area be set aside for field firing, as this country offers very few fields of fire as encountered on the open range.

Anticipate a far greater interest to be shown by the men whilst in the Right Sector where they may possibly do their fighting.

R. Shaver

..... Capt.
 O.C. C Coy 27 Bn.

Report on Tag ²⁷¹⁰¹ E Coy by Maj A.M. SHEARER
at LEFT SECTOR HQ at 0830 hrs 16 Feb 42.

E COY 27 BN
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Part I.

- (1) Very little ~~work~~ has been carried out by personnel manning the MMG posts. Attention has been concentrated on the completion of work.
- (2) The MMG School has now finished. Results were very pleasing.

Part II.

- (1) The Coy is now fully organised, but is 1 Cpl cook and 3 Dvr Mechs. under Est.
- (2) The Coy carries and trains its own reinforcements.
- (3) 19 Pl is holding the beach from RAPID CREEK incl. to 807180 excl.
20 Pl is holding the beach from 807180 incl. to ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~.
~~XXXXX~~ LUDMILLA CREEK excl.
21 Pl will come under comd CENTRE SECTOR from 1800 hrs 17 Feb 42.
- (4) All posts will be manned at full strength.

A. Shearer Maj
O.C., E Coy 27 Bn.



ORIGINAL

TRAINING REPORT ON
INTELLIGENCE SECTION.

Week Ending 7 Feb 42.

STRENGTH. 1 offr, 1 sgt, 6 OR's.

HEALTH. Very good. No attendances at RAP.

MORALE. Very good.

TESTS. An improvement on previous week.

TRAINING. Specialist "I" training, combined with recon of LEANIER SWAMP, LEANIER CREEK and 2/4 MG Bn carrier track for 23 Bde.
Prepared situation map for centre and left sectors.

GENERAL. Men have now a good knowledge of Darwin Defence Area and their work is very satisfactory.

FUTURE TRNG. Recon, compass marches, keeping direction, combining usual "I" training.

7 Feb 42

G. Hornley
Lieut.
1027 In, AMF.

TRAINING REPORT ON

REGIMENTAL POLICE.

Week ending 7 Feb 42.



STRENGTH.

1 Cpl, 10 OR's.

HYGIENE.

Very good, no attendances RAP.

MORALE.

Very good.

TENTS.

Good.

TRAINING.

Traffic control, Policing BnHQ, recess and recess reports on roads and tracks, map reading.

FUTURE TNG.

Battle procedure, traffic control, more recess and reports, concealment and camouflage for III.

GENERAL.

Men are carrying out duties very satisfactory.

W. J. G. G. G. Lieut.
I 0 27 Bn, AMF.

6 Coy 27 Bn

Weekly Training Report. Week ended 8.7.42



Syllabus

Work Completed. All days were completed.

Personnel not Available

Sickness

2 OR	in Hospital	for week.
4 OR	LIGHT DUTY	" "
1 OR	No	" " 4 days.
1 OR	"	" " 2 days.
1 OR	"	" " 1 day.
1 OR	LIGHT DUTY	" 3 days.
4 OR	"	" 4 days.
3 OR	"	" 3 days.
1 OR	"	" 1 day.

Fatigue

5 books	} 1 hour training daily.
1 Mess orderly	
1 off mess	
1 Canteen	

Bn duties: 4 NCO's 16 OR Guards.
 1 NCO. 12 OR Working party
 each missed 1 day's training.

Working Party: - Road Bldg. 7th Fld Coy.
 1 NCO 20 OR, for 2 days.
 Road Bldg Centre Sector
 1 NCO 12 OR, for 3 days.
 Hut building in camp.
 6 OR for week.

Progress.

Weapon training

Complete revision of weapon training.

Future training

Pl training.
No. 15 Pl to move to Right Sector for Pl training
for period of 3 days.

2

No. 15 Pl to move to R sector for second 3 day period
No. 14 Pl following week.



Pl Comds.

Carried out recce of Pl areas in Right sector with Pl Sgt and section commanders, with the exception of Jewell MOSELEY, 14 Pl, who, on Saturday and Sunday, was unable to move to his area, on HOWARD PENINSULAR, owing to roads being impassable.

Health.

Majority of men on sick parade, ^{there} suffering from Impetigo on legs. Otherwise health good. As soon as sufficient supplies of dusting powder are available, this will be issued to the men.

Conclusion.

No actual training was missed due to weather, as weapon training was continued in the mess hut. Working parties interfered with general training, and I understand that there is a possibility of further working parties being required. Endeavouring to draw fatigues from 2 Pls, thereby allowing one Pl to have at least 3 days complete Pl training.

W.A. Taylor Lieut.
For O.C. 'C' Coy, 2/Bn

HQ COY, 27 Bn.
WINNELLIE.
8 Feb 42.



Adjt.
27 Bn.

TRAINING REPORT - WEEK ENDED 7 FEB 42.

1 PL - SIG.

Syllabus. 6 Feb 42 spent in completing slit trenches in Coy dispersal area and a slight re-arrangement of syllabus on 7 Feb 42 resulted. Otherwise completed.

Progress. Satisfactory.

Future Tng Trade sp classification test will be held on Mon, Tues, Wed of this week. Following that will be weapon tng recap.

Personnel. All classified sigs were absent for most of past week on maintenance of telegraph lines. Four additional personnel att centre sector comms. Average of two men per day attended daily sick parades. Cpl F.D. HALE absent for the week in Hosp; Pte D.J. EVANS, att from B Coy for tng, admitted to Hosp 4 Feb 42 as result of accident (see report already forwarded).

Health. Good, except for prevalence of infected sores and bites.

Morale. Good.

Pl Comd & NCO's. Good work done.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

2 PL - A-A.

Syllabus. Interference by rain and work done in huts with re-arranged syllabus. Grenade lessons substituted for recap finishing with TOBT 7 Feb 42. Results quite satisfactory.

Progress. Better than usual, due to presence of Pl Comd on most parades, he being freed of other weapon tng duties.

Future Tng Immediate construction of two more AA posts anticipated.

NCO's. Improving, due to drive of Pl Comd, in the absence of whom they are not yet quite self-reliant nor capable of sufficient imaginative stimulation of interest.

Pl Comd. A capable offr.

Morale. Good.

Health. Two minor illnesses during week. Sgt L.M. PALMER and Pte L.C. MARTIN still in Hosp.

Conclusion Tng standard improving.

3 PL - MORTAR.

Syllabus. Rearranged account rain on 2,3,4 Feb 42 and completed except for fd formations and mortar shoot, to be completed in coming week. During wet weather mortar pl received elementary lesson on HMG from carrier pl and reciprocated with a lesson on mortar. Written examination also conducted during inclement weather.

Progress. Satisfactory. Results of examination show improvement in knowledge of work.

Future Tng Weapon tng and general recap in coming week.



Pl Comd & NCO's. Working very well.

Morale. Good.

Health. One man in Hosp. (P.U.O.); several cases of infected sores and bites.

Carriage of Stores. In response to my request to Pl Comd for calling of suggestions from men for method of carriage of stores, on carriers pending receipt of special vehicles for the purpose, the design of L/Sgt H.M. WINDGOLD was selected as most practical and passed to you during week for consideration. It is strongly recommended that failing provision of special type carriers, that carriers annoured, if and when received for Mortar Pl, be altered in accordance with this design. It is pointed out that at the moment tactical movement of Mortar Pl is not possible account shortage of vehicles and total absence of carriers. Any movement required would be on makeshift basis with consequent adverse effect on mobility of dets.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

4 PL - CARRIER.

Syllabus. Carrier syllabus completed by 7 men, 11 are at RAAF and 10 completed D & M Course.

Progress. Good - improvement shown all round. Average marking of D & M exam papers was 87.5 %. Tng of carrier sec at RAAF is developing satisfactorily.

Future Tng. D & M Course for 8 pers incl pl sgt commences 9 Feb 42. Sec which has completed D & M syllabus will carry out HMG syllabus. Sec at RAAF will continue tng there and will fire Table M Pt I on RAAF 30⁰⁰ range permission already having been obtained from Stn Amament offr for this to be done.

Health. Very good.

Morale. High.

NCO's. Good work done.

Pl Comd. Excellent work done to get things under way quickly.

Conditions of Carriers. The condition of 10 carriers held at present is not satisfactory. One has no track displacement; one requires steering adjustment; one has no track displacement to left; two have flat batteries. Everything possible is being done to get these carriers on the road quickly, and it is hoped to overcome all above faults in 2-3 days. One of the carriers with flat battery requires attention to brake drums and linings and these will be taken to Ord workshop tomorrow. Before passing judgment on general road-worthiness of carriers, after above is completed all will have to pass through Unit LAD for thorough check over.

Conclusion. Very satisfactory progress to date.



5 PL - PNR.

Syllabus. Interfered with considerably by rain. Syllabus rearranged accordingly and recess periods being filled with lessons from subsequent periods. Practical work interfered with periodically. Work commenced on Thu 5 Feb 42 on projected dugout south of tpt park for storage of mortar ammo. This dug-out is considered to/d provide opportunity for tng in construction work, timbering, limited demolitions, roof construction, culverts and general improvisation where necessary tools not available. When project mooted it was thought that allotment of explosives for tng was forthcoming but as this will not now be so, it is intended to allot possibly one further week after forthcoming week to enable job to be completed. Considered unwise and bad tng to abandon project at this juncture.

Progress. Satisfactory, considering effect of weather on syllabus. No report as yet to hand on recent anti-gas cadre.

Future Tng Construction of dug-out. Anticipate requirement of tradesmen for camp construction in coming week.

NCO's. Recently appointed Cpl and 2 L/Cpls showing promise. Cpl A.D. BYRNE still not quite fit for full duty.

Health. Improving.

Morale. Considerable improvement and interest is being shown in constructional work now in hand.

Conclusion Tng suffers in this Pl through unavoidable provision of personnel on unit jobs within camp area, which is sporadic, and the lack of experienced NCO's, apart from Pl Comd, who has a big job in consequence, both of tng his NCO's as well as his Pl.

6B PL - TPT.

Syllabus. Completed.

Progress. High standard of D & M tng at Unit schools being maintained, 3 students this week obtained over 95%.

Future Tng At conclusion of coming week of MT drivers will have completed 1 week's school on D & M. It is proposed to continue schools on similar lines with particular attention to practical maintenance and running repairs (ignition and fuel systems and lubrication) Tri-weekly map reading lectures will be continued. I Sec are co-operating in this.

Pl Comd & NCO's. Excellent work done.

Health. Good. 2 cases of boils and infected bites.

Morale. Good.

LAD. It must be realised that without the work of the gp of mechs MT and Dr Mechs constituting the "Unit LAD" that our MT vehicles could not possibly be kept in as good a mechanical condition as they are. It is desired to recognise the good work done by Pte (T II) H.H. APPER, who organised and supervises all LAD work, by promotion but unfortunately no vacancy exists for him on est. Pl Comd reports favorable comments from Bde T.O. on co-operation given him on numerous occasions at short notice.

Conclusion Tng satisfactory.



GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

1. I am satisfied with the attitude displayed towards tng by offrs and NCO's in past weeks. The standard reached, under the circumstances, is satisfactory, considering standard and background of NCO's. The work of offrs of coy is satisfactory and degree of realisation of responsibilities is increasing. It still remains in some Pls that NCO's have still to absorb a little more of the "go-getter" spirit.
2. It is understood that PADRE COWLE is to lecture forthcoming NCO's School on elements of ~~the~~ psychology and it is recommended that a lecture be given to all offrs in near future.
3. Health and morals at the present time are good, except for prevalence of infected bites and sores. All precautions are being taken by Pl Comds and nothing further can be done pending adequate medical supplies being received and distributed on pl basis.

[Handwritten Signature]
Capt
CC HQ Coy

SYLLABUS: 1st Day : Wet weather syllabus; training in huts. LMG Elementary Handling Stoppages. Description and Mechanism of Machine Carbine; Lecture: Paratroops and their tactics. Grenade, LMG Stripping and Cleaning— 5 L.D. 5 N.D.

2nd Day : Training in huts; Revision on weapon training 8 L.D. 5 N.D.

3rd Day : Training in huts: revision on weapon training Night Pde: Weapon training Lecture: CHQ LMG Elementary Handling 8 L.D. 3 N.D.

4th Day : Training in huts: Weapon training CHQ Section stalk Night Pde: Lectures: by R.M.O. on First Field Dressing and Snake Bites; CHQ Japanese Army Tactics and Weapons 9 L.D. 1 N.D.

5th Day : Training in huts: Weapon training CHQ LMG Recap 7 L.D. 1 N.D.

6th Day : Bn Duties- No training Night Pde LMG Recap. 1 Hospl CHQ Night Pde Digging slit trenches 6 L.D. 1 N.D.

7th Day : Church Pde; Make and Mend Day Night Pde Squad Drill 7 L.D. 1 N.D. 1 Hospl.

FATIGUES Coy Duties Daily 21 (2 San. 3 PMOs 4 Cooks 4 Transport
Duties ex (4 Batmen 2 O. Room 2 QM)
Kst Reg :
Unit Daily: 44 (1 NCO 10 ORs Road Party 2/11)
(3 NCOs 30 " E.S.B. Vestey's)
5th Day : 10 ORs erecting Huts Bn area
6th Day : " " " " " "
Bn Duties 1 B.O.O. 1 B.O.S. 7 Main Guard
2 RAAF Guard

PROGRESS All training this week has been carried out in huts
CON & CAM Nil - Instructions in 23 A.I.B. Memo 42/25/11 of 4 Feb 42
have been read out to NCOs

FIRE CONTROL" Instructions in A.T.M. No. 5 Pt I Sec 9 have been
discussed

GRENADE Need further training. Some troops have examined
live HE No.36 4 sec. type

COLLECTIVE
TRAINING Nil

FUTURE TRAINING

INDIVIDUAL Every opportunity will be taken to get the men on
weapon training which is greatly needed
COLLECTIVE If sufficient personnel available collective training
will be carried out as laid down in syllabus
CHQ will receive lectures at night on elementary
tactics and the duties of personnel during operations
PLN CMDRS Good

GENERAL REMARKS

Very few men were trained daily as working parties
took most of the personnel. Weapon training was
concentrated on at Night Parades. When wet - in huts
This is necessary as personnel on working parties
seem to lose all benefit of their weapon training
and need refreshing at every opportunity

L. C. Smith
.....CAPT
O.C. "A" Coy
27 Bn A.M.F.



PART 1

TNG. Wet weather rendered necessary the carrying out of a wet weather syllabus. The weapon tng set out for tng for the week was adapted to suit weather conditions. The tng however has been very broken owing to demands for working parties.

The concentrated recapitulation in weapon Tng even though a great proportion of the Coy has not been able to be so trained owing to working party duty, is being reflected in the better knowledge of their weapons.

A. H. H. H. H. H.
.....Capt.
CO "B" Coy.

PART II.

TNG REPORT 'B' Coy

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL.

WEEK ENDING

7-2-42

	GUARD DUTIES, TBN-CAMP DUTIES	PIONEER	DETACHED	L.D	N.D HOSPITAL	STOREMAN	COY CLERK	MESS. ORD.	DRIVERS M.T.	COOKS	BUTCHER	CQM S.	2/11 Field WORKING PARTY	WIRING PARTY	QUINTING RE	PARTY SERIAL 27/2	PARTY SERIAL 27/3	'R' Coy	AVAILABLE TRAINING.	TOTAL STRENGTH OFFICERS.	O.R.S	
Sunday	OR	1	2	1	5	4	1	1	2	7	5	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	77	107		
1-2-42	Off																		4	4		
Monday	OR	-	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	7	5	1	1	30	-	-	-	-	52	107		
2-2-42	Off																		4	4		
Tuesday	OR	-	2	1	4	3	1	1	2	7	5	1	1	30	-	-	-	-	49	107		
3-2-42	Off																		4	4		
Wednesday	OR	11	2	1	4	2	1	1	2	7	5	1	1	10	-	-	-	12	60	120		12 O.R. from 'R' Coy and 1 O.R. from HQ Coy.
4-2-42	Off	1																	3	4		
Thursday	OR	6	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	7	5	1	1	10	17	-	-	12	50	120		
5-2-42	Off																		4	4		
Friday	OR	6	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	7	5	1	1	10	17	11	-	12	39	120		
6-2-42	Off																		4	4		
Saturday	OR	6	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	7	5	1	1	10	17	-	11	12	38	120		
7-2-42	Off																		4	4		



[Signature]
Cap!

D. Coy. 27th Bn.

TRAINING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 7TH. FEB. 42

Syllabus. Number of days. . . 5
Personnel not available. . . See attached sheet

Training. During this week training in the field was interrupted by rain and therefore a wet weather syllabus was followed. Also Working parties reduced the number of men available for training.

Elementary Training in L.M.G. was continued together with recapitulation of the rifle, gas and Grenade, where possible section training was conducted in the field.

Future Training. During the coming week it is proposed to progress the training further by platoon training.

Health. The health of the Company has improved, 3 on the average reporting sick each morning.

Morale. The morale of the company is high, the men willingly carrying out any work which will give them greater knowledge of the country over which they expect to fight

Pl. Comds. During this week Pl. Commanders received information from the Commander of Right Sector that they had been allotted the following areas and instructed to submit their appreciation reports thereon by 1500 Hrs. 10 Feb. 42

16 Platoon. Lieut. L.C. Mills Shoal Bay Pen. W of Grid 98 and N. of Grid 19

17 Platoon. Lieut. I.B. Down. Fletchers Point Pen. N of Grid 16.

18 Platoon Lieut. M.R. Baker. Leanyer Point Pen. N of Grid 16

These reports are being prepared and will be submitted.

Conclusion. While regretting that rain and working parties have seriously interfered with Training. Pl. Commanders report that recapitulation of Weapon Training is having the desired effect and while frequent repetition is a trifle boring to the individual the men generally are fully aware of its necessity

P. M. Almond
O.C. D. Coy 27 Bn.

~~MINIATURE RANGE PRACTICES~~
RANGE 25 YARDS

No	Practice	Target	Rds	Detail	Remarks	H.P.S.
1	Grouping	Grouping 100/25	5	Lying - Rifle rested on suitable cover	Object - To test the firer's ability and to locate possible faults 1 inch group = 25 pts 2 " " = 20 " 3 " " = 15 " 3 " 1 wide = 10 "	25
2	Appli- cation	Small 100/25	5	Lying - Rifle rested on suitable cover	Object - To test the firer's ability to apply his shots correctly, based upon his known grouping capacity	25
3	Appli- cation	Small 200/25	5	Lying - Rifle rested on suitable cover	Object - As for Practice 2	25
4	Snap- shooting	Small 200/25	5	Lying - Rifle rested on suitable cover. The firer may be in the aiming position when the target appears. Exposure = 6 seconds for each shot.	Object - To test the firer's ability to take a quick shot at a target appearing for a limited time. Bullseye and inner only to count for score	25
5	Snap- shooting (option- al)	Large Snap Disc 200/25	5	Lying - Rifle rested on suitable cover, butt of rifle in contact with	Object - As for Practice 4	

IMPORTANT—Any reference to gripping of troop movements will result in the delay or multiplication of long letters.



D. Company. 7th. Feb. 42

For period ended 7th. Feb. 42

	Feb. 2	3	4	5	6	7
Sick in lines	7	9	11	10	8	10
Sick in Hospital	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detached.....O/R.	5	6	6	4	4	4
".....Officers.	1	1	1	1	1	-
Working Parties	14	4	4	13	19	29
Working Party (Road)	31	-	-	-	-	-
Permanent Camp Duties	27	27	25	27	26	27
Camp Guard	7					
R.A.A.F. Guard	2					
2/11 Working Party	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dental Parade	3	-	-	-	-	-
Reece Parties.....Officers	-	-	-	3	3	1
".....O/R.	-	-	-	12	14	6
Bn. Duties.....Officers	1	-	-	-	-	-
".....O/R.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Transferred from R. Coy.	9	9	9	9	9	9
On Parade.....Officers	3	4	4	1	1	4
".....O/R.	14	65	65	41	39	36
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O.C....D....Coy...27Bn.

Report on the Tng of E Coy 27 Bn by Maj. A.M. SHEARER
at Left Sector HQ at 2000 hrs on 6 Feb 42.

Part I

- (1) The Coy is now split into 2 parts, firstly the MMG school at WINNELLIE of 56 personnel and secondly personnel manning the MMG posts and HQ in the LEFT SECTOR. 73 E Coy personnel are in LEFT SECTOR.
- (2) 14 Members of the Coy have just completed an MT school; 13 passes 1 failure. The Coy is now 1 Dvr and 4 M/C orderlies under Est.

Part II

- (1) Personnel at the MMG school are showing good progress (each member of the school receives marks for each lesson. Details of these can be obtained from Coy HQ).
The personnel manning the MMG posts have shown a falling off in efficiency, but this has now been rectified.
- (2) The results of this MT school have been very pleasing. Details of these results may be obtained from Coy HQ.

A. M. Shearer
Maj

O C E Coy 27 Bn.

ORIGINAL

REPORT ON I SECTION 27 BN AMF

W/E 31 JAN 42



STRENGTH

1 Offr 1 Sgt 6 ORs

HEALTH

Very Good. No R A P attendance

MORALE

Very good

TENTS

Need improving because of monsoonal weather

TNG

Tng as per syllabus with recce of Leanyer Swamp and Carrier track from Leanyer Swamp to Lee Point for 23 Bde. New track made from Lee Point Road to Leanyer Swamp also plotting MG posns in centre sector.

FUTURE TNG

Specialist I Tng and more recces and compass marches as monsoonal weather makes keeping direction difficult.

GENERAL

Standard of tng very good and are continuing their previous good work.

G. M. M. M. M. Lieut
I.O. 27 Bn AMF

L. K. Faral

31 Jan 42

TRAINING REPORT ON STRETCHER BEARERS 27 BN AMF

W/E 31 JAN 42

STRENGTH B 1 Sgt 20 ORs

HEALTH With exception of one man with injured knee, attendances at R A P very small.

MORALE Good

TENTS Need more improvements because of monsoonal weather.

TRAINING Section and weapon training in morning periods and first aid in afternoon periods.

FUTURE TNG Map reading. Compass marches. Keeping direction. Battle procedure and fieldcraft.

GENERAL Standard of section and weapon tng very poor otherwise tng progressing.

TRAINING REPORT ON REGIMENTAL POLICE 27 BN AMF

W/E 31 JAN 42

STRENGTH 1 Cpl 3 ORs

HEALTH Very good. No attendance at R.A.P.

MORALE Very good

TENTS Fair

TRAINING Traffic control. Policing BnHQ. Recces of roads tracks and map reading.

FUTURE TNG Battle procedure. Traffic control. Recces. Fieldcraft. Concealment and camouflage for M.T.

GENERAL Type of men good and show keenness in their tng. Cpl COOKES performing duties very satisfactorily.

L. O. Boney Lieut
L.O. 27 Bn AMF

L. H. ...
Lieut. Colonel
Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

Australian Military Forces—4th Military District

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H. Q. Coy,	
27 Bn,	
WINDMILLIE,	
1 Feb 42.	

Adjt,
27 Bn.

H. Q. COY TNG REPORT WEEK ENDING 31 JAN 42.

1 PL - SIG.

Syllabus. Completed except afternoon of 31 Jan 42.

Progress. Satisfactory.

Duties, etc. Left sector (old) and unit switchboards manned.

Future Tng. Anticipated that tnd sigs will be required for field duties as from 2 Feb 42. Unclassified sigs will be tested for classification at conclusion of forthcoming week's work which will be bull-ring recap with two periods of buzzer reading each morning.

Pl Cond. Work Good.

NGO's. Working well. Sgt G.B. ROBINSON attended unit anti-gas cadre.

Health. Average two men per day absent from tng with minor ailments. 2 cases of diarrhoea. Cpl F.D. MALE evacuated to BAGOT Hospital with poisoned hand.

Morale. High.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

2 PL - A.A.

Syllabus. Improvement of cam on No. 1 Post carried out on Mon 26 Jan. Syllabus completed. 3 periods devoted to bayonet assault course and loading MT and were made up on Tues and Wed nights.

Progress. Standard improving.

Future Tng. Progressive, including AA defence of convoys.

Pl Cond. Good work done.

NGO's. Improving.

Health. Generally good.

Morale. Good.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

3 PL - MORTAR.

Syllabus. Completed, except afternoon of 31 Jan 42.

Progress. Satisfactory. A shoot with dummy bombs was conducted on Thu 29 Jan 42. All pers have now fired either HE and/or dummy bombs. EMD improved. As result of carrier courses, 16 drs have received licences.

Future Tng. PAG and further digging of slit trenches in pl dispersal area included.

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Pl Comd. Good work done.

NCO's. Good work done. Sgt H. F. NEILL attended unit anti-gas cadre.

Health. Few minor complaints, one man sprained ankle in bayonet obstacle course.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

4 PL - CARRIER.

Syllabus. D & M course for ten pers completed. Remainder of Pl transferred from E Coy, 29 Jan 42.

Progress. Nine of ten pers. passed written exam. in D & M.

Future Tng. Commencing 2 Feb 42, 10 pers commence D & M course. 10 pers who have completed D & M will do carrier tng and one sec carrier pl will be ready to take over duties at RAAF on 7 Feb 42. Remainder of Pl will do HEB tng.

NCO's. Good work done.

Pl Comd. Anticipate usual conscientious application of this offr.

Morale. High.

Health. Insect bites complained of since return from fwd areas. One man festored sores, one man tinea of feet (old complaint). One man chronic backache, awaiting X-ray.

Conclusion. Good carrier pl. will be produced rapidly. Men all keen and have gained valuable general experience in past weeks.

5 PL - PNR.

Syllabus. Pl attended unit anti-gas cadre during whole week.

Progress. Detailed report of cadre work not to hand, but it is understood that pl as a whole worked satisfactorily.

Future Tng. Practical fd works to be tested where possible, e.g. carriers attempting to surmount tank traps and obstacles.

NCO's. Cpl A. D. BYRNE still sick - good effort by prospective NCO's. Separate ~~recommendation~~ recommendation being forwarded to fill vacancy for 1/cpl and appointment of 2 L/Cpls.

Morale. Distinct improvement.

Health. Normal minor ailments. All sick men except Cpl BYRNE attended cadre lectures.

Conclusion. quality of tng to be judged from anti-gas cadre report.

6A PL - ADM.

1 hr general tng daily.

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6B PL - TPT.

Syllabus. Normal school for 12 hrs completed. 30 hrs attended anti-gas camp on Fri 30 Jan 42. 3 night lectures in map reading are given each week.

Progress. School results averaged 88.5%. Highest individual marking 99%. All hrs seen keen to learn.

Future Tng. Usual syllabus will be continued.

Pl Comd & NCO's. Working well.

Morale. Good.

Health. Two cases of boils, otherwise good.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS.

1. It is considered that at the end of a further week's tng specialist y/pls will have reached a good standard of tng to fit them for satisfactory execution of opnal tasks.
2. Future syllabus will include special attention to further weapon tng and fieldcraft.
3. It is hoped that rft pers can be made available from R Coy for tng in week commencing 9 Feb 42.
4. Sat. afternoon 31 Jan 42 was occupied in digging slit trenches in coy lines and further work will be carried out in coy dispersal area in coming week.
5. Standard of work of NCO's improving gradually. Power to comd being developed.
6. Outbreak of diarrhoea reported last week has abated and interference to tng from this source is slight.
7. Morale generally is very good.

W. L. Lay
 Capt
 OC HQ Coy 27 Bn

Lieut.-Colonel
 Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

B Coy TNG REPORT week ended 31 Jan
PART I



The by [unclear] the week was altered owing to [unclear] the Coy firing LMG on 30th Range. The result of the shoot considering scores and reports indicates that shell further Tng was necessary. Accordingly the [unclear] was advised to permit of further Recap on LMG. Still further recap is however necessary.

A detail of 9 ORs from Table B2 on DARWIN open range. One only passed.

Tng of Coy HQ was put in hand, including the use of improvised cloth model for the purpose.

Firecraft Exercises show that men are generally applying themselves, up to a point, much more business can be put into the Tng owing to [unclear] of junior NCOs [unclear] for working parties and [unclear] for range duties it has been [unclear] to obtain the necessary control and [unclear] of the Tng, [unclear] NCOs [unclear] ORs having been [unclear] made use of.

Close order drill as the order of each day Tng this has been practised. It is found that the strictest discipline is necessary to obtain even a few results.

Working Parties a party of 10 ORs has been provided daily to [unclear] for Coy.

[Signature]
Coy

L.K. Tanquer

Staff Colonel
Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

PART II

TNG. REPORT.

B Coy.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL.

WEEK ENDED 31 Jan 52

		GUARD DUTIES	PIONEER	DETACHED	A	N. D. Hoop.	STORE MAN	COMS	COY CLERK	MESS DRG.	DRIVE/MT	A.C.O. CAPT	COOKS	BUTCHER	2/4 Two Coy Working Coy	AVAILABLE T.P.	TOTAL STRENGTH WEEK	O.A.S.	REMARKS
SUNDAY	OFF	1														3	4		Duty Coy.
25.1.52	OR	24	2	1	5	-	1	1	1	2	7	-	5	1	-	57		107	
MONDAY	OFF											1				3	4		
26.1.52	OR	-	2	1	2	-	1	1	1	2	7	3	5	1	10	71		107	
TUESDAY	OFF											1				3	4		
27.1.52	OR		2	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	7	3	5	1	10	68		107	
WEDNESDAY	OFF											1				3	4		
28.1.52	OR		2	1	6	3	1	1	1	2	7	3	5	1	10	64		107	
THURSDAY	OFF											1				3	4		
29.1.52	OR		2	1	5	2	1	1	1	2	7	3	5	1	10	65		107	Duty Coy. but am include including par
FRIDAY	OFF											1				3	4		
30.1.52	OR		2	1	7	3	1	1	1	2	7	3	5	1	10	63		107	
SATURDAY	OFF															4	4		
31.1.52	OR		2	1	6	2	1	1	1	2	7	-	5	1	10	66		107	



Official Report

Camp 275m

Clay

Weekly training reports - week ended 1 Feb 1945

Syllabus

All days completed.

Personnel not available



Sickness

- 2 Hospital for 1 week
- 2 Derm LD " "
- 2 LIGHT DUTY " "
- 1 NO " " 1 day
- 3 LIGHT " " 3 days
- 4 " " " 2 "
- 5 " " " 1 day

Fatigues

- 5 Cooks
- 2 Mess Orderlies
- 1 Off. mess
- 1 Carpenter
- 1 Butcher

} 1 hour training daily

Working Party - 10 u.r. for week.
7th Fed Coy.

Bn Duties. Lewis's 21 OK missed 1 day trg.

Progress.

Collective trg.

Section trg. in attack, defence, patrols, and road blocks.

Also protection against Gas, and advanced LMG handling.

Night training

Great attention was given to this branch of training. During 3 days the bivouac each night was devoted to several to several lessons on patrols of all types, LMG work at night, and digging + siting of section posts.

Future training

During the next week, recapitulation on weapon training, + those lessons which were missed when on Bn. duties.



Pl Comds

Pl took place on 2 day bivouac under Pl adm. with success, during first part of week.

Health

Good. Increase in sick parade noticed on return from bivouac. Physical fitness still being encouraged by Pl Comds.

Conclusion

A great improvement in Section by. Enthusiasm noticed in work on bivouac. - also opportunity for Section leader to handle Section completely, under guidance of Pl Comd., was of great help.

AD Harris Capt
O.C.C. Coy 27BN.

L.H. [Signature]
Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

D. Coy. 27th Bn.

TRAINING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 31 JAN. 42

Syllabus. Days completed ---
Personnel not available --- See attached sheet.

Section Training. was continued during this period and several periods were devoted to recapitulation of individual Subjects such as Elementary Handling of L.M.G. --- Bayonet Grenade Pl. Commanders report that T.O.E.T. in Rifle, L.M.G. and Grenade were completed with the exception of four 4 men absent on a working party at Vesty's and a few men on light duty.

Future Training During the next week section training will be continued during the morning periods and further intensive weapon training in the afternoon.

Health. of the company has been fairly good apart from a few cases of diarrhoea. Lieut. Baker returned to duty after four days N.D. as a result of this complaint.

Morale. The team spirit of the Company has definitely increased as a result of the company having been able to train as a body for the third week in succession

Platoon Comdrs. continue to show keen interest in their work and are obtaining good results from their handling of the men

Conclusion The results of the training is evident in the general bearing of the troops. They are steady on parade and march well.

Field craft training has given the men greater confidence in moving about the bush, especially by night. Weapon training is still receiving attention, the aim being to make the men thoroughly conversant with the weapons with which they are armed. Section competitions were introduced and bore good results.

L. H. Tanguish

Lieut.-Colonel

Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

W. Meade Almond
Capt Major

for O.C. D. Coy. 27Bn.

For Period ending 31 Jan. 42

DATE.....JAN. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31.

D. COMPANY



For Period Ending 31 Jan. 42

	Jan.	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sick in Hospital.		1	1	1	1	1	2
Sick in Lines		1	1	-	-	-	-
Officers		11	15	12	7	12	14
O/Ranks.		4	4	4	4	4	4
Construction Veatys.		23	26	25	25	25	27
Perm Camp Duties		2	2	2	-	-2	-2
Construction (Glass)					1	1	1
Fisherman		3	3	3	3	3	-
N.C.O's Gas School			2	2	19	3	3
Range				1			
Guard etc. Bde. Duties	Officers						
	O/Ranks			16			
On Parade	Officers	4	4	4	5	5	5
	O/Ranks	68	59	47	52	61	59

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D Meade *Merwood*
Cap Major.
 for C.C. D. Coy. 27 Bn.

..... (Corps).

Station & Date 19.....

Religion	If detailed for any Duty.	Whether a Defaulter, Soldier under sentence or in arrest.	Diseases	Medical Officer Remarks & Signature
C of G	LA			[Signature]
"	ND			[Signature]
"	ND			[Signature]
North	D			[Signature]
C of G	D			[Signature]
"	ND			[Signature]
North	LD			[Signature]
R.C.	LD			[Signature]

handed in to M.O. when sick parades are assembled. To be returned to Regt. Office on completion of examinations.

..... Orderly N. C. C.
R. E. Cartrell 6/11.



ORIGINAL

27 BN CMT.

REPORT ON INTELLIGENCE SECTION 19-24 JAN 42.

STRENGTH. 1 OFFICER 11sgt 6 O.R.'s

HEALTH. Very good.

MORALE. EXCELLENT, men are keen to do their best.

TENTS. Tents are fair but improvement to be made in view of the wet weather to come.

TRAINING. Specialist training divided in to trained and untrained as per syllabus. Situation maps of Stop Line and Lee Point Area and ADELAIDE RIVER prepared for Bde which afterwards are to be sent to 7 MD.

FUTURE TNG. Specialist Training and outdoor exercises staying out at nights also weapon training in Thompson sub-machine gun and refresher in individual tng.

GENERAL. Work of the I Section is very good and the 19 M.G. Bn and training 2 men in I work. *are doing maps etc for*

W. Somers Lieut.
I.O. 27 Bn AMF.

24 Jan 42

27th. BATTALION.

Report on Stretcher Bearers and Regimental Police.



19-24 Jan 42.

STRETCHER BEARERS.

STRENGTH. 1 Sgt. 20 O.R's

HEALTH. 1 Man admitted to hospital with Dengue Fever otherwise health was very good.

MORALE. Good.

TENTS. Only fair. More improvements needed.

TRAINING. Individual training in morning periods and Stretcher Bearing Drill in the afternoon combined with first aid work.

FUTURE TRAINING. Sectional Training, weapon training and S.B. work in the field.

GENERAL. Are progressing favourably in their work but need open range rifle practices.

REGIMENTAL POLICE.

STRENGTH. 1 Cpl. 3 O.R's.

TRAINING. Mapreading, Motor cycle riding, Recce of alert and surrounding areas.

FUTURE TRAINING. Traffic control within the Camp area and outside Camp reading and Recce.

GENERAL. The Regt. Police show keenness and reliability in their work and the Provost Corp has proved satisfactory.

Signed.....

Cpl
Blomley

L. V. Farquhar
Lieut.-Colonel
Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

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H. Q. Coy,
27 Bn.,
WINNELLIE.
25 Jan 42.

Adj
27 Bn.

TNG REPORT - WEEK ENDED 24 JAN 42.

1 PL - SIG.

Syllabus. Completed.

Progress. Good. Non-specialist, PAG and tactical lessons are being worked in with specialist tng.
Trained sigs reading Morse at 14 wpm ; six recruit sigs doing 10 wpm in tng , although several failed to qualify at this speed in a practice classification test held a week ago.
Specialist work as a whole is keenly undertaken by pl.

Practice Classification Test.

Trained and recruit pers did same test, with exception of:-

buzzer reading...	Recruit sigs	6 wpm
	Trained sigs	10 wpm
lamp reading ...	Recruit sigs.	4 wpm
	Trained sigs	10 wpm

Result.

All trained pers passed and eight out of thirty recruit sigs passed.
Results considered satisfactory at this stage.

Future Tng. Trade Gp classification test to be held 7 Feb 42. On completion of next week's syllabus, one week's recap on bull ring method will be undertaken.

Pl Comd. Work good.

NGO's. Work good.

Health. 6 men with boils, 23 with minor attacks of diarrhoea, eight more serious cases of diarrhoea - an average of 5 men per day missing tng account sickness, but have attended lectures in most cases.

Morale. High. Tps cheerful, although sickness worried them a bit.

Fatigues, etc. Normal duties as outlined in previous reports.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

2 PL - AA.

Syllabus. Mon and Tues occupied in constructional work and cam at No. 2 Post, latter being influenced somewhat by inadequate supply of material.
Remainder completed, except one lesson substituted with lecture on TSMG

Progress. Satisfactory. Close order drill considerably improved and this reflected in other tng.

Future Tng. Further recap; bayonet and grenade tng, JD, in addition to LMG.

Pl Comd. Work good.

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NCO's. Working well.

Morale. Good,

Health. Men less tired since being relieved of night sentry duty. 6 men with diarrhoea, all have recovered. Sgt L.M. PALMER still in hosp, 1 man admitted to hosp with probable appendicitis.

Conclusion. Tng Satisfactory.

3 PL - MORTAR.

Syllabus. Completed.

Progress. Written examination on general mortar knowledge held during week - satisfactory results. Practice in message writing carried out. A separate report on shoot held 22 Jan 42 has been fwded. Eight personnel qualified in each of two courses in advanced carrier D & M.

Future Tng. Further RMD and firing practice of dummy bombs during week.

Pl Comd & NCO's. Work good.

Morale. High - good team spirit developing in dets.

Health. One man admitted to Hosp; several cases of diarrhoea during week causing slight interference with tng.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

4 PL - CARRIER.

First carrier D & M Course commences 26 Jan 42 for 10 pers. Carrier tng will commence on return of remaining pers and pl comd from opnal tasks.

5 PL - PNR.

Syllabus. Completed - except night marching by compass postponed a/c rain - Wed night. Message forms and procedure substituted.

Progress. Fair - improving.

Future Tng. All of coming week will be spent in anti-gas cadre tng conducted by Capt R.D. HAINN.

NCO's. Pl Comd working well although not fully pepped up after illness. Cpl R.D. BYRNE influenza all last week, anticipate return to duty during coming week. 1 vacancy in pl for spl - pl comd trying out several potentials.

Health. Some cases of diarrhoea.

Morale. I have noted for some time that the morale of Pl has been lower than any of the others. Had a showdown with them on the subject on Fri 23 Jan 42 and disposed of their imaginary grievances. The real grievance of not getting a "fair go" from pl comd appears to have a grain of foundation as Sgt BUTLER has a rather brusque manner and is inclined to drive a little too much instead of leading. However, I am satisfied that the fault lay mainly on the side of the men in their failure to fully comprehend the necessity of co-operation and team spirit. I have told the men straight what they will do about it, and have made certain suggestions

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to Pl Comd which should clear the matter up and instil a happier team spirit in the pl. Pl comd reports improvement already.

Conclusion. Tng fair - will improve.

6A PL - ADM.

1 hour's general tng continued with daily.

6B PL - TPT.

Syllabus. Completed.

Progress. satisfactory. During week, at convenient times, several parties moved to alert area for practice dispersal in selected tpt area.

Future Tng. Continued passage of 12 drs per week through school.

Pl Comd and NCO's. Working very well.

Health. Good. One case of diarrhoea.

Morale. Good

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS.

1. At conclusion of further two weeks' tng all specialist pls should be fit for opnal tasks.
2. All NCO's possible to be spared have passed through NCO cadre and favorable reports re type of individual, knowledge and keenness have been received for all.
3. Morale generally high.
4. Offrs and NCO's getting a better grip of their comds but still room for improvement.
5. Health of coy, apart from bites, sores, boils, etc., received a serious setback by an outbreak of diarrhoea which, while not confined to this Coy, the incidence of cases in the Coy is unduly high.

Hygiene measures have been overhauled and tps advised of their responsibilities in this regard - it has been a valuable object lesson to them if nothing else, but the trouble has been traced, in my opinion, to the cookhouse, which is shared with A Coy whose experiences are correlated to ours. The fault does not lie with the cooks, but appears to be the passage of flies to the cookhouse from rotten potatoes, which are attacked immediately after unloading at dry ration store, and although the potatoes do not remain there long, the period of exposure is evidently sufficient for the infection to be carried by swarms of flies to the coy cookhouse a few yds away. It is understood that arrangements have been made by 2 i/c to overcome this.

Ch. J. Day
Capt.
OC HQ Coy.

WINNELLIE,
25 Jan 42

27th BATTALION
A COY
SUB-UNIT TRAINING REPORT
For week ending 25 Jan 42

SYLLABUS 1st Day: Bn Duties - no training during day; Night Pde Compass March by Night; 3 NCOs Cadre 6 No Duties 6 Light D
2nd Day: Action during Attack; Road Block; Standing Patrol Fighting in woods; Attack in woods; Defence in Woods Action when in close contact with enemy; Bayonet recap 10 L.D. 6 N.D. 3 NCOs Cadre
3rd Day: Fighting patrol; Protection when advancing; Protection at rest; Flank protection; possible enemy use of gas by enemy; Conduct of a night attack; Smoke and tactical use of gas by enemy; Close order drill Pln in night attack 9 L.D. 8 N.D. 3 NCOs Cadre
4th Day: Recce patrol, Duties of Sentries, Scout training, Fighting in woods, Attack in woods, Messages and reports, Recce and recce reports, Bayonet. 7 N.D. 8 L.D. 3 NCOs Cadre
5th Day: Bn Duties - no training done - 10 L.D. 5 N.D. 3 NCOs Cadre
6th Day: Erecting Bayonet assault course; Digging slit trenches 11 L.D. 5 N.D. 3 NCOs Cadre
7th Day: Church Pde; Make and Mend Day 7 N.D. 9 L.D.

FATIGUES Coy Duties Daily: 22 : 2 O/Room, 2 Q.M., 4 Transport, 4 Cooks 2 Sanitation Squad, 2 Fishing Party, 5 Roofing Party 3 PMOs
1st Day: Bn Duties 1 B.O.O. 1 B.O.S. 7 Guard 2 RAAF Guard 11 Working Party 2/11 22 E.S.B. Vestey's Rest of Coy working party Bn area; 4 Transferred to
2nd Day: E(MMG) Coy 2 transferred to Hq Coy (Carrier Pln) 11 Working Party 2/11, 22 E.S.B. Vestey's
3rd Day: " " " " " " " " " " " "
4th Day: " " " " 33 " " " " " "
5th Day: " " " " " " " " " " " "
Bn Duties 1 B.O.O. 1 B.O.S. 7 Guard 2 RAAF Guard Rest of Coy working party Bn area
6th Day: 11 Working Party 2/11 33 E.S.B. Vestey's
7th Day: 33 E.S.B. Vestey's

PROGRESS During the week 6 NCOs attended 3 days Cadre; results not yet to hand
CON & CAM Good
FIRE CONTROL Nil
GRENAD Nil

COLLECTIVE TRAINING Owing to so many working parties being taken from this Coy during the week under review there have been insufficient men to exercise this phase of training

FUTURE TRAINING

INDIVIDUAL Next week's syllabus comprises recap of last 3 weeks' training - mostly individual
COLLECTIVE Will be included in later syllabus
PLN CMDRE Good

L. C. Smith
..... CAPT,
O.C. "A" COY
27 Bn A.M.F.

L. H. Farquhar
Lieut.-Colonel
Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

B Coy

TNG



WEEK ENDED 24 Jan.

I.

Trng. This was carried out as per Syllabus, excepting that, Recap. L.M.G. was substituted on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. The result of this recap is pleasing - Tps are becoming more familiar with the weapons. Elementary handling was included, and carried out on a competitive basis.

Trng in fieldcraft subjects indicates that the Tps are applying themselves to the work. - generally their interest is keen. These exercises which have been elementary and 2 sided have been successful in bringing out the lessons set out.

Morale. This on the whole is good.

Discipline Good.

Health. Tps appear to be in good conditions. They are standing up to the work, and sickness within the Coy has abated.

General. Tps are rapidly becoming more serious in their outlook on the war situation. They appear to have realized fairly fully their own role.

L. K. Farquhar

Lieut.-Colonel

Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

A. H. Stewart

Capt.

O.C. B Coy

PART II.

TNG REPORT.

B Coy

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL.

Week-End
24. 1. 42.

	Quartermaster	Platoon	Detached	L.D.	N.D.	Stokers	Coy Clerk	Miss Onan	Arms M.F.	N.C.O. Cash	Cook	Bartender	All field working party	C.Q.M.S.	Available Training	Total strength officers	O.R.'s
Sunday OFF															4	4	4
18. 1. 42 OR		2	2	6	1	1	2	7	4	5	1	6	1	79		113	
Monday OFF															4	4	
19. 1. 42 OR		2	1	4	1	1	2	7	4	5	1	10	1	67		107	
Tuesday OFF															4	4	
20. 1. 42 OR		2	1	7	1	1	2	7	5	5	1	10	1	63		107	
Wednesday OFF															4	4	
21. 1. 42 OR	10	2	1	7	1	1	2	7	4	5	1	10	1	54		107	
Thursday OFF															4	4	
22. 1. 42 OR		2	1	5	3	1	1	2	7	-	5	1	10	1	68		107
Friday OFF															4	4	
23. 1. 42 OR		2	1	5	2	1	1	2	7	-	5	1	10	1	69		107
Saturday OFF															4	4	
24. 1. 42 OR		2	1	5	2	1	1	2	7	-	5	1	10	1	69		107



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6 Coy 27 Bn

weekly training report for 100K ended 25.1.42

SYLLABUS

Days completed

All days were completed except one wet afternoon which was spent in the mess hut, on LMG.



PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE

Sickness

- 2 in Hospital - 5 days each
- 2 term. Light Duties for week.
- 1 No duties + Light Duties for week.
- 2 " " for 2 days each.
- 3 " " 1 day each.
- 7 Light Duties for 1 day each.

Fatigues

- 5 Cooks
 - 2 Mess Orderlies
 - 1 Officer's mess
 - 1 Canteen
 - 1 Butcher
- } 1 hour training daily.
- 10 Working party, attached 7th Fld Coy - for week
 - 16 " " Officer's mess, Tarrakenyah "
 - 3 NCOs Bn Duties missed 1 day
 - 9 OR

PROGRESS

collective training
Section training as per syllabus.

Night Training

- Patrol Competition
- Careage of Tools.
- Wiring
- Keeping direction

Future Training

- Patrols (various) day & night
- LMG Section work, & night training
- Messages.
- Road Blocks
- LMG Advanced Handling
- Bayonet Recaptulation

PL. COMDS.

Mr. Stubbs spent 4 days in bed with
blood poisoning
Mr. Bauldstone still supervising potential
NCO's classes.



HEALTH.

Good. Physical fitness is being further
encouraged by Pl. Comds. Greater attention
was paid to cleanliness of kitchen & lines.

MORALE

Good.

CONCLUSION

- 1/ marked improvement noticed in Section
training. Seven out of Coy failed in
LNG TOET.
- 2/ The additional 2 Bren tripods enabled each
Pl. to train in A.A. protection. Pl Comds.
considering possibility using tripod for
night firing.
- 3/ suggest change of boy training areas
as terrain is becoming very familiar.

W. J. [Signature] for O.C. Coy.



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H.Q. Coy,
27 Bn.
WINDMILL
18 Jan 42.

Adjt.,
27 Bn.

TNG REPORT H.Q. COY WEEK ENDED 17 JAN 42.

1 PL SIG.

- Syllabus. Completed. On morning of 14 Jan 42 pl fired LMG on miniature range until 1130 hrs. Work missed fitted in on subsequent lessons.
- Progress. Absorbing practical work well, recruit sigs being considerably helped by trained sigs.
- Future Tng. Pressure will be kept well on.
- NCO's and Pl Comd. Doing good work. Sgt R.L. PEARCE attended 3 days' NCO cadre.
- Health. One man removed to hospital with ear trouble; another suffering from ear trouble which is responding to treatment. Remainder minor complaints. 2 LD colds; 1 LD on special diet, 1 NCO ND infected leg, all attended parades.
- Morale. Good - as evidenced by Pl concert.
- Fatigues, Duties, etc. Manning of Bn switchboard. 4 men in 8 hr shifts, 2 on night shift. These men miss either morning or afternoon parades, depending on shift. These, with sick pers. result in average of 5 men per day on ND and missing tng.
- Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

2 PL A.A.

- Syllabus. Completed with exception of Wed and Thurs. These two days were spent erecting and improving cam on No 1 Post. Lack of material has delayed work on No 2 Post but this will be undertaken as soon as possible. Cam work on AA posts was discontinued some weeks ago to enable tng to be undertaken: Syllabus unaffected by weather.
- Progress. Satisfactory.
- Future Tng. Bayonet and JD being reintroduced this week.
- NCO's. Fair control and knowledge, but some lack of drive.
- Pl Comd. Expected that his presence will raise standard of work of NCO's
- Morale. Good.
- Health. 1 man LD - tonsillitis - is keen and will pick up tng missed. L/Sgt L.M. PALMER is Hosp probably for another week. Has been visited by Pl Comd who reports will probably return to duty at end of coming week. Suffering from probable pleurisy.
- Conclusion. Tng Satisfactory.

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3 PL MORTAR.

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Syllabus.

Completed.

Add
Date

Progress.

TOET (Mortar) resulted 24 tested, 20 passed. 2 of 4 men who failed have since been transferred out of pl as being unsuitable for further tng. TOET (Rifle) were conducted for those who failed or who were absent from last week's test. Result, 5 tested, 5 passed

Future Tng.

It will be noted that more variety has been introduced into syllabus for coming week. A firing practice will be held at LEANYER POINT on Thurs 22 Jan 42 and this should have a beneficial effect on efficiency and general spirit of pl. Programme of shoot as follows - time of commencement, 1400 hrs

Practices.

1400 hrs.	1. Demo of method of passing and preparation of bombs for firing	Bombs fired	Nil
1430 hrs.	2. Ranging - 2 practices - long & short brackets - verifying of short bracket - firing for effect.		
	A. Range under 800 ^x - Charge 1		
	B. Range over 800 ^x - Charge 2	Bombs fired	18
1500 hrs.	3. Area Target - ranging & covering area target.	Bombs fired	12
		<u>Total bombs fired</u>	<u>30.</u>

Emphasis to be laid on correct procedure. Pl will bivouac in LEANYER POINT AREA on night 21/22 Jan 42 and will spend morning of 22 Jan 42 on occupation of posns and preparation of mortar for firing. At 1430 hrs brief tactical situation will be given to all det comds and mortar posn will be occupied by one det only, but as far as possible all det comds and mortar numbers will be exercised during shoot.

Two three day courses in carrier driving in progress at present

NGO's.

Good work being done all round. Sgt N.F. NEILL and Cpl J.M. MITCHELL attended NGO cadre this week and were favorably reported on.

Pl. Comd.

Has attended three day course in carrier D & M. Good work done.

Morale.

Good. Intensive syllabus has resulted in some tiredness, but spirits rose on announcement of forthcoming shoot.

Health.

Some minor ailments responding to treatment. 1 man influenza evacuated to Hosp; 1 man sciatica (recurrence) evacuated to Hosp; 1 man ND since 13 Jan 42 - boil on groin.

Conclusion.

Tng good.

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4 PL PNR.

Tng disorganised considerably during week on account of sickness of NCO's (incl pl comd) and men. Syllabus was suspended and duty personnel were engaged in necessary camp construction work and repairs, such as alterations to meathouse, cookhouses and grease traps. LD men and spare personnel not required for jobs were employed on wood carting to obtain a wet weather reserve.

During week sick personnel were distributed as under daily: (on average)

Boils and sores	5
Influenza	2 NCO's
Tinea of crutch	1 (sensitive skin).
Chafed crutch	1
Sore jaw	1
Sore back	1

I have instructed pl comd to keep his eye closely on the matter of health. He anticipated being fit to carry on tng on Mon 19 Jan 42.

5 PL TPT.

Syllabus. Completed as laid down - 12 drs completed week's syllabus.

Progress. Drs realising importance of maintenance; driving improving; ~~because of~~ practical experience gained in con and cam.

Future Tng. One week syllabus to be continued until completed by all drs. Lectures are to be given at night on mech. subjects, fault finding and repairs.

NCO's. Cpl M. CHAPMAN i/c School doing commendable work. All NCO's thoroughly reliable and doing good work.

Pl Comd. Continued good work and keenness.

Morale. High.

Health. Good generally. 3 men ND for from 3 to 7 days account infected bites caused by an insect which attacks drs sleeping in vehicles, although protected by nets. Drs have been removed from vehicles in question and matter being further investigated.

General. Work of improvised LAD is of high standard and without its operation it would be impossible to keep the number of grounded vehicles low.

Conclusion. Tng Satisfactory.

5A PL ADM.

All adm personnel doing one hour's tng per day.

21 PL CARRIER.

Not yet under my comd.

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GENERAL CONCLUSIONS.

1. Tng, with exception of that of Par Pl, is very satisfactory, and after three weeks further tng all pls should be in a posn to undertake all tasks likely to fall to them.
2. Morale is generally good.
3. Health seems to be improving after a bad period in which percentage of pers attending RAP was unduly high. All pl Comds are watching the posn closely.
4. Work of Offrs and NCO's continues to be satisfactory, with NCO's showing improvement. 6 NCO's have attended NCO cadre during week and all have been favorably reported on. Such cadres will be invaluable to NCO's in brushing up general knowledge, as their specialist work is quite good.

W. L. Lay
 capt.
 CC HQ Coy

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L. K. Farquhar
 Lieut.-Colonel
 Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

WINNELLIE,
18 Jan 42

SIC UNIT TRAINING REPORT

1st week ending 18 Jan 42

- SYLLABUS**
- 1st Day Field signals, sec formations, finding range & factors effecting types of fire & fire control orders, Sec as Recce, fighting & standing patrols, bayonet (recap), Night Pde Section patrol - 9 No Duties 3 L.Ds 5 NCOs Cadre
 - 2nd Day Withdrawal of patrol under pressure, Section in attack, Occupation of Sec post, Section stalk, Slit trenches and org. and routine of sec post, consolidation. 8 N.Ds 6 L.Ds 5 NCOs Cadre - In Duties
 - 3rd Day Road Blocks, Finding Range and factors affecting opening types of fire, examples of fire control orders, sec as recce patrol, duties of sentries, anti-gas, section in attack, slit trenches and org. and routine of sec post Night Pde: Patrol Competition - 9 N.Ds 4 L.Ds 5 NCOs Cadre
 - 4th Day Messages, Withdrawal of patrol under pressure, Sec attack Sec as fighting patrol, sec formations, standing patrol Night Pde: Lecture on Compass. 6 N.Ds 7 L.Ds 3 NCOs Cadre In Duties
 - 5th Day Anti-gas, Messages and orders, theory of S.A. Fire (Fire), Verbal reports orders and messages, A.A. handling L.M.C. Scout training, LMG stoppages. 5 N.Ds 4 L.Ds 3 NCOs Cadre NCOs Night Pde: Lecture on Thompson Sub-machine Gun
 - 6th Day Slit trenches org and routine of sec post, maps and sketching, protection of camp bivouacs, decontamination of areas and detection and marking, elementary theory LMG War gases (recap) LMG stoppages LMG section handling 7 N.Ds 4 L.Ds 3 NCOs Cadre
 - 7th Day Recapitulation, Church Pde, 7 N.Ds 5 L.Ds

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FATIGUES

- Coy 18 daily (4 Transport 3 P.M.Os 4 Cooks 1 Canteen 2 Ord. room 2 Q.M.S. and 2 Sanitation)
- 1st Day 8 ORs 2/11th Road making 1 NCO 10 ORs 23 Inf Pde 4 Woodcarters
- 2nd Day In Duties 1 B.O.O. 1 B.O.S. 1 NCO 45 ORs Picquet 2/4th Car Park 1 NCOs 6 ORs Guard 4 ORs Woodcarting 8 ORs 2/11 Road making 1 NCOs 10 ORs 23 Inf Pde
- 3rd Day RAAF Guard 1 NCO 1 OR 8 ORs 2/11 Roadmaking 1 NCO 10 ORs 23 Inf Pde 4 ORs woodcarting
- 4th Day In Duties 1 B.O.O. 1 B.O.S. RAAF Guard 1 NCO 1 OR 1 NCO 6 ORs Guard 8 ORs 2/11 Road making 1 NCO 10 ORs 23 Inf Pde 4 wood carters 5 Roofing party (Party)
- 5th Day 8 ORs 2/11 Road making 1 NCO 10 ORs 23 Inf Pde 5 Roofing
- 6th Day 8 " " " " " " " " " " " "
- 7th Day 8 " " " " " " " " " " " "

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PROGRESS

During the week 8 NCOs attended Cadre: Results not yet known
4 Senior Privates promoted L/Cpl.

COE & CAN

Good

FIRE CONTROL

Sec Cmdrs have had more opportunities to exercise this and the results are satisfactory; but they find that in this timbered country closer formations must be adopted to keep full control of their sections.

GRNADE

COLLECTIVE TRAINING

Firing from discharger cup would improve grenade training with more section work on the syllabus a distinct improvement has been noticed but in this area plenty of initiative by the individual is needed

LMG

FUTURE TRAINING

- INDIVIDUAL** : With the exception of a few lessons the work will be Pln training but recap. on LMG Gas and Scout training together with close order drill and bayonet training will be included
- COLLECTIVE** : L/Cpls promoted will be having lessons at night conducted by C.S.M.
- PLN CMDRS** : Sgt Herbert P.J. has been appointed A/Pl/Cmdr No 8 Pln after 10 weeks OTS at Bonegilla Lieuts Wicks B.G. and Johnston G.W. - Work good

L. K. Farquhar
Lieut.-Colonel

Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

L. C. Smith
CAPT
C.O. BAW COY 27th INF BATT



"B" Coy.

Tng Report for week ended 18 Jan....."B" Coy.

Part 1

18 Jan

Tng.

The training carried out was as laid down in the Syllabus adopted by the Cadre Coy. As B Coy was detached during the early part of the Cadre Tng Period this was necessary in order to complete the individual Tng.

Close order drill was introduced at the beginning, being carried out at the close of the days tng


The development of team work is becoming apparent and this should develop more with next weeks tng in Sec and Pl work,

Tps have been exercised in wearing of respirators at various times,

Tps require more practice in handling of automatic weapons. This is noticed particularly in I A and general handling of LMGs. This was still apparent after compilation of next weeks syllabus and this Coy will introduce resp LMG in order to overcome the weakness

Generally the standard is improving - Tps are making good use of sporting equipment after parades and this is being encouraged as it should help in building up the team spirit


Capt.
O.G. "B" Coy.


Lieut. Colonel
Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

PART II TNG Report. 'B' Coy

Distribution of Personnel. Week ended. 17 Jan.

Date.	Guards clerees	Pioneer	Wood Cutting	L.D	N.D.	Stewards	CAMS	Coy Clerk	Mess Orderlies	Drivers w/ - Dr. Meck.	N.C.O Cadre	Cooks	Detachment for Coy	Avant TNG	Total strength effrs.	O.Rs.	Remarks.
Jan 11	offr													5	5		
Jan 11	OR	2	4	7	3	1	1	1	2	7	4	6	7	68	113		
Jan 13	offr													5	5		
Jan 13	OR	2	4	5		1	1	1	2	7	5	6	7	72	113		
Jan 14	offr													5	5		
Jan 14	OR	2	4	5	2	1	1	1	2	7	5	6	7	70	113		
Jan 15	offr													5	5		
Jan 15	OR	2	4	5	3	1	1	1	2	7	3	6	7	71	113		
Jan 16	offr													4	4		
Jan 16	OR	2	-	10	2	1	1	1	2	7	3	6	7	71	113		
Jan 17	offr	1												3	4		
Jan 17	OR	24	2	-	8	1	1	1	2	7	3	6	7	50	113		Duty Coy.



Warrant Officer, CC B Coy.



SYLLABUS.

Days completed. All days were completed.

Personnel not available.

Sickness 1 Hospital for week - No training.
 1 LD for 5 days
 1 ND for week - No training.
 1 ND for 3 days and LD for 3 days - No training.
 1 LD for 1 day.

Fatigues.

Cooks 5
 Mess Orderlies. 2 } all 2 hours training.
 Officers Mess 1
 Canteen 1

Working Party with 2/11 Fld Coy 1 NCO and 16 OR each missed 3 days
 Woodcutting Party. 3 OR missed 3 days each.
 Bn Duties, 3 NCOs and 9 OR missed 1 day each.
 Same number on duty on Sunday 18th.

Leave. 24 missed half day.

PROGRESS.

Collective training.
 Section training as per syllabus.

Night training.
 Compass march
 Patrol competition
 Recce patrol

N.C.O.s
 6 NCOs attended 3 days cadre training each.

FUTURE TRAINING.

Section training
 T.O.E.T.
 Recapitulation - bayonet
 Protection against Gas
 LMG to be fired on 30 yd range.

PL COMDS.

Concentrated on night classes for potential NCOs.

HEALTH.

Good. Close supervision by Pl Comds reduced total missing training to 6.

MORALE.

Good. Suggest organised concert Sunday afternoon or evening for those unable to have leave.

CONCLUSION.

The training very much improved since Coy commenced training/as a unit together.
 Further Section training required before Pl training can be considered
 but suggest Pl Coms taking their Pls away for 5 or 6 days to carry on with
 Section training and Pl Adm.

R. H. [Signature]
Lieut.
 for O.C. COY 27 Bn.

L. H. Farquhar

Lieut.-Colonel
 Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

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DAILY SICK REPORT (R.M.O. and C.D.S.)
CAMPS AND BIVOUACS.

B Coy 27 Bn

Corps.

Warradale

7 May 1941 A.A.F. A.46a
Station and Date.

1 Army No.	2 Rank and Name.	3 Age.	4 Civil Occupation.	5 Address.	6 Disease or Injury.	7 Date and Time.		8 Duty L.D. N.D. C.D.S. Hosp.	9 Opinion of M.O. as to—		10 Remarks.	11 M.O.'s Initials.
						Seen.	To Report.		Probable Duration of Disability.	Necessity of Board.		
	Donoghue T. Plt	27	Musician	Broken Hill	Furunculosis in nose in nose			L.D.				J.P.
	Harv A. Plt	20	Mechanic	Sub Post Office	Bleeding tooth socket			Dental				J.P.
	Ryan W/O	28	Laborer	Trunkton	Chafed toe.			D				J.P.
	Alagich A	21	Laborer	Broken Hill	strained thumb.			D				J.P.

NOTES.—To be made out in duplicate and handed to Medical Officer by Orderly N.C.O. of sick parade. Duplicate to be returned by Orderly N.C.O. to Unit Regt. Office.

Columns 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to be filled in by Orderly N.C.O. ; 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, by R.M.O. or M.O. or O.D.S. Column 10 to show M.O.'s opinion as to injury or illness contracted on duty or otherwise.

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K. Power
Orderly N.C.O.

D. Coy. 27 Bn

Training Report for week ended 17 Jan 42



Syllabus.

Days completed .6.

Personnel not available
see attached sheet.

Individual Trg.

Individual trg was carried out during this period when the following subjects were dealt with:

T. D. Tests.

Bayonet.

L. M. G. elementary handling

Stoppages

Additional stripping

Rifle:

Quirring off for wind & movement.

Lying position

Kneeling standing & sitting

Application of fire

Fire Control

Field Work.

Tools digging drill.

Slit & Crawl trenches

Road blocks

Field signals

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5th Bn

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5th Bn

Section Formations
in essays & reports.



Future Insp.

Training for period ending 20 Jan 42
will be advanced into Section Insp

Health.

On the Average the health of the Coy has
been good.

Permanent Light Duty 5.

- 1 to be discharged knee injury
- 1 under observation Chest
- 1 shoulder injury
- 1 Infected insect bite
- 1 Bruised finger

Morale.

Although this Coy has had only one
week training as a Coy the morale is
quite good and the majority of the
men are quite keen & are showing
improvement

All Commanders

Have achieved good results after only
one weeks work. It has been their first
opportunity to have their pl. under their
Command and they are enthusiastic &
results are consequently good.

Conclusion Although it will be necessary
to have recapitulation for quite some
time, the results for the week are good.

18 Jan 42

O Meade Almond
OC D Coy 27 Bn



DATE	JANU	12	13	14	15	16	17
Working Party	OFF	11					
Road Party		7	7	7	7	7	7
Guard		7				7	
R.A.A.F.		2				2	
Sick in Lines		10	11	11	10	10	13
On Duties	OFF	4	3	4	21		
	OFF	1			1		
Sick in Hospital		1	2	1	1	1	1
Detached		1	1	1	1	1	1
Inf Cadets NCOs		2	2	2	2	2	2
Reconstruction Party			5	5	5		
Permanent Camp Duty		22	21	23	22	22	23
Inf Cadets	OFF	51					
	OFF	1					
On Parade	OFF		69	65	66	47	72
	OFF	4	4	4	4	4	4
TOTAL		122	122	122	122	123	123

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M.O.'s

C.O. H.Q.

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27 Bn A.M.F.
Darwin

Address
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REPORT ON INTELLIGENCE SECTION PERIOD 4 JAN - 10 JAN 42

STRENGTH

1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 6 ORs.

HEALTH

Very Good

except for 1 man with blisters on leg.

MORALE

Very Good. Men are still very keen on their work.

TENTS

Tents are improving and cleanliness much better.

TRAINING

Subjects covered were:-

Use of Ground and cover, Selection of OPs, Observation Training, Messages, Cyphers, Morse Code, Abbreviations, Orders, Recce reports, Security, Keeping direction, Compass Marches, Stereoscopes, Battle Procedure, Enlarging, Recognition of Aircraft, and AFVs. Panorama sketching and intervisibility.

FUTURE TRNG

More battle procedure, Bn in attack and defence, Compass marches, Keeping direction, Working under actual service conditions i.e. long marches and recce, digging camouflage, slit trenches and constructing different types I section HQ.

GENERAL

Men are very interested in their work and spend most of their spare time learning about I work.

10 Jan 42

C. H. Somers Lieut
L. O. 27 Bn (A.M.F.)

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Date

27 BR A.M.F.
DARWIN

REPORT ON STRETCHER BEARERS 4 JAN -- 10 JAN 42

STRENGTH 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 20 ORS.

HEALTH Good with the exception of 1 Man with a injured knee and a few with minor ailments. Sick Ptes in Bn are few.

MORALE Very Good. Men are now showing less signs of homesickness.

TECH Improving. Standard fair.

TRAINING Morning periods:-- Individual training of a refresher nature
 Afternoon periods:-- S B Drill and first aid by R.M.C.

FUTURE THE More field manoeuvres and wing under actual service conditions. Long marches and keeping direction.

GENERAL Men are becoming acclimatized and are showing more keenness in their work.

Howes Lieut
L.C. 27 Bn (S.A.S.R.)

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L. O. Coy,
WINNELLIE,
11 Jan 42.

Please print name and group above

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YOJO.

Review with tng report for week ended 10 Jan 42 - the second week of specialist tng of this Coy.

1 Pl.-sig.

Syllabus. - Completed with exception of

- (a) 9 Jan 42, recap on TOET substituted for V/S Terminal sta.
- (b) TOET held 10 Jan 42 in lieu of Gp working L/T. Lessons missed brought forward to coming week.

Progress.

- (a) Specialist tng - standard satisfactory and improving with increase of practical work.
- (b) TOET; standard good. 6 did not complete or pass all tests; 2 ND, 4 duty pers (switchboard), 2 resting after switchboard duty and 1 dental treatment; a total of 15 still to complete will be retested in coming week.

Future Tng.

- (a) Tactical phases are being worked into syllabus to combine with and replace purely drill procedure.
- (b) It is intended to hold classification tests in four weeks time. All pers will be tested.

N.C.O.'s.

Specialist instruction good. Still room for improvement in general knowledge of adm duties.

Pl Comd.

Capability needs no comment. Apart from camp routine duties of maintenance supervision, one day and three half days on recce kept him from his Pl.

Morale. High.

Health.

An average of five men per day on sick parade on account of stomach disorders and other minor complaints. No serious interruption to continuity of tng.

Conclusion.

Tng satisfactory.
pers. off pde account sickness - see under "Health".
Fatigues other than coy and unit - Nil.
4 sigs on left sector comms.

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2 Pl. - A.A.

Syllabus. Completed. ~~TOET~~ included in recap period on 10 Jan 42. Please quote this Number when replying.

Progress. Satisfactory. Two still slow to absorb work but improving. TOET not yet up to standard.



Future Tng.

- (a) Further recap of elementary rifle lessons and TOET to be undertaken in recap periods.
- (b) Pl Comd desires to undertake a night shoot on open range ^{with tracer} later if amn can be made available.

NCO's. Standard fair; more development needed.

Pl Comd. Appointment of Lieut M.D. SUTHERLAND welcomed. His presence will have beneficial results in development of NCO's.

Morale. Good.

Health. L/Sgt L.W. PALMER ND for week - influenza. 2 men missed one day and 1 man half a day account dental treatment and subsequent rest.

Conclusion. Tng Satisfactory.

3 Pl - MORTAR.

Syllabus. Completed - except that TOET rifle replaced TOET mortar.

Progress. Satisfactory. Two men will not make grade. Recommendation regarding disposal will be fwded separately.

TOET rifle - 20 of 29 personnel available for tests passed. Balance and remainder (carrier school) not yet tested will be handled 12 Jan 42. Standard fairly good.

Carrier D & M - progressing very satisfactorily.

Future Tng selection of areas and digging of emplacements in coming week.

NCO's. Sgt R.L. GIRDHAM - excellent work during sickness of Pl Comd - is capable of Comd of Mortar Pl. Remainder - Good.

Pl Comd. Did not enjoy good health during week - 2 days ND - influenza.

Morale. High - "Wish they would hurry up and come - we're waiting for 'em". A Good team spirit shown.

Health. Generally good. Some personnel for dental treatment caused slight interruption to tng. Pl Comd 2 days ND, one man 3 days ND and one man 2 days ND - influenza.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory. Fatigues other than within Coy - Nil.

4 Pl PNR.

Syllabus. Considerably disorganised during week.

- (a) Mondays syllabus construction of Pl locality disorganised by heavy rain and 6 personnel being sick - minor ailments.
- (b) syllabus deferred on Tues and Wed. - whole Pl employed on essential camp repairs and construction. Considered most economic method of handling this work.
- (c) Thurs. - Mondays syllabus completed.
- (d) Fri. - Tuesdays syllabus proceeded with.

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- Progress. Unsatisfactory, viewed as a whole; standard of work completed quite fair. TOE - very good. 7 men to complete tests next week.
- CO's. Pl Comd - 3 day's NO - influenza. Other NCO's did their best in absence of Pl Comd but are not yet fitted for Comd and do not yet themselves possess the specialist knowledge to stand on their own feet.
- Health. Pl Comd - see above. Approx. 6 personnel per day requiring attention for minor ailments.
- Morale. Improved. - probably because certain personnel have been trade tested. It has been noted that these had been previously inclined to grumble. (Broken Hill wages are not comparable with army pay.)
- Conclusion. Progress with tng of this Pl. will be slowed down until sickness overcome and Pl Comd returns to full duty. Pl Comd has been told to allow considerably more time for the bigger lessons - if completed in less time than budgetted for remaining time can be most profitably spent in recap of individual tng subjects. Considered better this way than making haste uneconomically. It was considered that fair time had been allowed for contingencies in last week's syllabus but events proved otherwise. Progress may be further retarded by demands for employment of tradesmen on camp construction and repair work. It is hoped that this will be kept at a minimum. Fatigues other than within Coy (other than listed above) - Nil.

5 Pl. - TPT.

Syllabus and Progress.

All drs on strength have completed on e day syllabus in MT instruction except drs att E Coy and drs who have previously done a D & M Course. Much practical experience gained in handling of bogged vehicles during normal duty running.

Future Tng. 9 Drs from E Coy will commence one week's syllabus on D & M 12 Jan 42. Remaining 3 drs att E Coy will then be recalled for instruction.

NCO's. Working well - ~~as~~ a fine team with good spirit.

Pl Comd. Continued good work.

Health. Generally good - a few minor ailments only.

Morale. Good.

Conclusion. Satisfactory progress made. Maintenance lessons being absorbed by drs; this is reflected in condition of their vehicles. Tpt Pl doing much necessary improvement work also:-

- (a) Petrol dump shelter and ~~can~~ thereof.
- (b) Cleaning rocks from vehicle Pk.
- (c) Improving tracks in pk with gravel.
- (d) Completing sub-unit designation numbers on vehicles and painting out arty markings.

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5A P1 - ADM.

Tng inaugurated under GSM of all adm pers for period of one hr per day. Two trained water duty pers are on strength and they will shortly commence brief course of instruction in water duties which will be attended by all sanitation pers. on pl establishment. It is proposed that later, subject to your approval, water duty personnel be conducted over opnl sectors on water recee by I Sec. to enable them to gain practical experience in water purification. It is also proposed that water duty men train water cart drs in its opn.

21 P1 - CARRIERS.

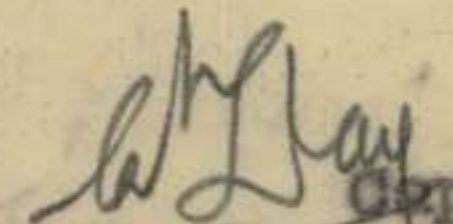
Not yet under my Comd.

GENERAL CONCLUSION.

Training continues to be satisfactory although still room for "brightening up" and display of more ~~energy~~ ~~display~~ energy.

GENERAL POINTS.

1. Standard of work on miniature range showed improvement when unqualified pers repeated the practices. Further lessons on aiming, trigger pressing will be carried out by all pls in future with repetition of TOET.
2. Tps evidence thirst for news on war situation and are definitely interested in current events.
3. Morale is generally good, and initial homesickness and grumbling seems to be on the decline.
4. At least one NCO from each P1 will attend each forthcoming NCO's refresher cadre and beneficial results should follow. While specialist work is good, the NCO's seem to need a more thorough grasp of the general side of their tng to enable them to develop power to comd to a higher degree than possessed at present.


 Capt.
 O. C. H. Coy.

WHIRLIE,
11 Jan 42

A COY

SUB UNIT TRAINING REPORT
for week ending 11 Jan 42



SYLLABUS 1st Day D and B Coys joined Cadre

A and C Coys: A.A. Lead (Rifle) Range cards
LMG: Mechanism Bayonet: Assault practice;
Scout training; Respirator drill
D and B Coys: Recap MHD; Military Vocabulary;
Methods of searching ground; Cover
from view and fire and fire positions
Mechanism and trigger pressing (rifle)
Bayonet: On Guard High Post Point
LMG: Mag filling Loading and U/loading
Sightsetting; Night Pde: Hearing and
Visual training

2nd Day A and C Coys: Fire Control; Messages and Reports;
LMG: I.A. Bayonet: Unarmed assault
A.A: Fire Discipline training
Rifle: Kneeling standing and sitting
positions; Care and cleaning of
respirator; Night Pde: Individual
stalk

D and B Coys: Bayonet: 1 Pt and 2 Pts
Locating service targets;
Rifle: Daily cleaning loading and
u/loading; Camouflage; Grenade:
Description and mechanism; Points
before firing; War Cases

3rd Day A and C Coys: First 2 lessons LMG Stoppages
Rifle: Snaphooting A.A.: Handling
Gas: Recap; Bayonet: Recap;
Aiming off for movement; Night Pde:
Recce before advance or attack

D and B Coys: Observation training; Bayonet: 3 Pts
and jab; Accuracy of aim A.A. Intro
Study of ground and recognition of
service targets; LMG : Piston and
body group; Grenade: Discharger
Night Parade: Keeping direction

4th Day A and C Coys: LMG: Additional stripping; Field
Signals; Section Formations; TOETs
Rifle Grenade LMG and JD; Night Pde
Patrol Exercise

D and B Coys: Bayonet: The Charge; Aiming at
Service: A.A. Direct attacker (Rifle)
Gas weapons; Section Formations;
LMG: Barrel group; Grenade: Firing
positions; Night Pde: Carriage of tool
and crossing of wire obstacles

5th Day A and C Coys: Tool and digging drill; LMG: Section
handling; Digging and wiring; Road
Blocks; Slit and crawl trenches;
Night Parade: Patrol competition

D and B Coys: J.D.; ~~Stalk~~ : Cleaning daily during
firing and after gas attack (L.M.G.)
Bayonet: Quickening exercises;
Description of respirator; Aiming off
for wind and elevation; Grenade:
Standing and lying position; Fitting
of respirator; Night Pde: Intercommu-
nications and verbal messages

TRAINING REPORT (CONTINUED)

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6th Day A and C Coys: LMG : Section handling; Section in attack (3 lessons) Afternoon: Competitions LMG Assault course and Dismounting

D and B Coys: A.A. Lead (Rifle); Range cards; LMG : Mechanism; Bayonet; Assault course; Scout training; TOET Grenade Respirator Drill

7th Day All Cadre

Church Parade and Recapitulation

FATIGUES: 1st Day
2nd Day
3rd Day
4th Day

15 Dental Parade 12 Sick Parade
Bn Duties: 50 ORs 19 Sick Parade
" " 39 " 22 " "
Duties 9 ORs Bn Duties 50 ORs
20 Sick Parade

5th Day

Bn Duties 53 ORs 14 Dental Pde
20 Sick Pde

6th Day

Duties 10 ORs 25 Sick Pde

7th Day Coy Duties Daily

Bn Duties 55 ORs 10 Sick Pde
10 ORs; Working Party 2/11th 8 ORs

PROGRESS

During the week A & C Coys held P.O.E.Ts on
GRENADE : RIFLE : L.M.G. : & ~~XXXXX~~ J.D.

RESULTS

	No		
GRENADE	Examd.	Fail	Pass
	124	4	<u>120</u>
RIFLE	124	9	<u>115</u>
L.M.G.	124	6	<u>118</u>
J.D.	124	35	<u>89</u>

Competition was held for A. & C Coy on;
ASSAULT COURSE 3 Per team
LMG Elem. Hdlg. 2 " "
U/armed. Asslt. 2 " "
Every team which participated passed.

Good.

CONCEALMENT & CAMOUFLAGE

FIRE CONTROL

Lesson A.A. fire discipline training.

COLLECTIVE TRAINING

Last 2 or 3 days of Cadre had the opportunity of men working as a team, results of this was shown in competition held Sat afternoon.

FUTURE TRAINING

Next week A. & C. Coy return to Coy training B. & D. Coy will continue 2nd weeks Cadre syllabus .

A. Coy Section is laid down for the next week & necessity of teamwork & discipline will be emphasized.

COLLECTIVE TRAINING

Sec Commanders will train and exercise their OWN men in all phases of sec work Pln Commanders will lecture their Plns on FIRE CONTROL, MAP READING, & n theory of SMALL ARMS FIRE.

This will enable personnel to get a clear picture of their roles and procedure in action, and appreciate that all members of the section must co-operate and work as a TEAM.

PLATOON COMMANDERS

GOOD.

L. C. Smith Capt.

O.G. "A" Coy.
27th BN.

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WINDMILL,
11 Jan 42

A COY

SUB-UNIT TRAINING REPORT
for week ending 11 Jan 42

REMARKS:

During the week B & D Coys held T.O.E.Ts on
GRENADE: RIFLE: and J.D. but owing to a
large number of personnel being away on
duties the tests could not be completed.

<u>RESULTS:</u>	<u>No. Held</u>	<u>Fail</u>	<u>Pass</u>
<u>GRENADE:</u>	50	14	36
<u>RIFLE:</u>	20	13	6
<u>J.D.</u>	80	41	39

These results are of personnel working on the first
week syllabus of Cadre and are anything but good.

They indicate the need for the second week's
refresher course. It was found that some personnel
had had only one lesson on the Discharge cup during
their whole military training.

The training generally in the use of weapons needs
brushing up considerably.

L. B. Smith

.....CAPT.

T O E T RESULTS

		Rifle	LMG	GRENADE	J.D.
S16890	Pte	Hafford G.H.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17173	"	Grivell E.M.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17445	"	Gunn V.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17447	"	Tickle R.M.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17481	"	Wright O.W.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17653	"	Gunn V.L.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17795	"	Blomfield C.L.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17818	"	Evans L.J.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17841	"	Dean C.J.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17873	"	Mew A.T.C.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17918	"	Tonkin A.J.T.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17919	"	Tobin M.J.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S17929	"	White A.G.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S18049	"	Burrows G.S.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S18051	"	Byers R.W.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S18062	"	Daley M.F.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S18070	"	Galley J.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S18071	"	Clanville L.J.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S18115	"	Page K.T.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S18133	"	Fodd- Egglestone H.E.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20130	"	Baker S.D.J.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20134	"	Pink S.M.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20139	"	Berry R.B.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20262	"	McNiel K.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20266	"	Seaton J.W.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20278	"	Rivers D.W.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20284	"	Jones W.C.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20459	"	Fraser J.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20618	"	Phillis R.M.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20623	"	Tregoning R.F.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20628	"	Burford R.A.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20639	"	Siviour P.R.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20641	"	Hill K.H.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20642	"	Brinkley J.F.K.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20651	"	Gray D.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20653	"	Dixon E.W.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20658	"	Blight A.D.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20673	"	Fitts W/J.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20768	"	Wake A.H.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20898	"	Weidenhofer G.A.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20900	"	Hutson S.C.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20901	"	Jeansch R.A.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20903	"	Wright W.R.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20904	"	Henningsen C.C.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20905	"	Haynes G.I.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20906	"	Robinson H.B.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20911	"	McFarlane W.H.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20912	"	Dart R.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20914	"	Hendy R.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20916	"	Williams R.A.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20919	"	Slater D.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S20917	"	Pelvin H.J.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S21018	"	Ellis F.S.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S21021	"	Morrison G.W.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S21026	"	Cameron H.A.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S21033	"	Thompson C.G.A.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S21036	"	Willshire S.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S21039	"	Burke J.C.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S21041	"	Morgan D.G.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S21044	"	Newman C.W.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP
S21048	"	Mildren R.D.	PPPP	PPPP	PPPP



ROLL OF HONOUR

			IMG	GRENADE	J.D.
821002	Pto Grima F.	P P P P	P P P	P P P P	P P
821003	* Marshall T.O.	P P P P	P P P	P P P P	P P
821140	* Parker H.D.	P P P P P P P P			
821189	* Wolf R.G.				
821203	* Barber R.H.	P P P P P P P P			
821211	* Faggott D.R.	P P P P P P P P			
821232	* Gulin L.W.	P P P P P P P P			
821250	* Adams A.L.	P P P P P P P P			
821261	* Newbold G.D.	P P P P P P P P			
821262	* Flumer H.O.	P P P P P P P P			
821263	* Barber P.H.	P P P P P P P P			
821265	* Waters R.	P P P P P P P P			
821300	* Cotton P.H.A.	F F F F			F
821270	* Crocker H.	P P P P P P P P			
821278	* Hank H.V.A.	P P P P P P P P			
821279	* Callister W.J.	P P P P P P P P			
821282	* Pavlich F.C.	P P P P P P P P			
821293	* Rodgers D.	P P P P P P P P			
821294	* Stevens P.	P P P P P P P P			
821296	* Webb H.	P P P P P P P P			
821404	* MILESOME H.K.	P P P P P P P P	P P P	P P P P	F
821401	* Sleep R.A.	P P P P P P P P			
821440	* Hather J.J.	P P P			
821447	* Richardson J.	P P P	P P P	P P P P	F
821610	* Chigvidden A.R.				
821620	* Halford H.R.	P P P P P P P P			
821623	* Tiggeman G.J.				
821628	* Urew J.H.	P P P P P P P P			
821635	* Hoover H.J.	P P P P P P P P			
821637	* Hobby G.H.	P P P P P P P P			
821639	* Elliot W.A.	F F F P P P P P	P P P	F P P P	F
821643	* Hamilton S.A.	P P P P P P P P			
821644	Raedel M.J.				
821666	" Surman A. G.				
821699	" O'Donnell J.R.	P P P P	P P P	P P P P	F
8215742	" Scudds D.	P P P P	P P P	P P P P	P P
8216844	" Possingham J.A.	P P P P	P P P	P P P	P P
8219573	" Turner A.G.	P P P P	P P P	P P P	P P
8211200	" Davis H.E.W.				
8213284	" Turner L.E.				
82148374	" Stewart R.W.				



TRAINING CADRE

REPORT ON N.C.Os of No. 1 and 2 PLATOONS

SGT WILKINSON C.L. Knows his work but needs to prepare lessons more thoroughly. His discipline and bearing are both good. He seems to be lacking in keenness but this is perhaps due to the fact that during the latter half of Cadre he was suffering from a heavy cold.

 C COY

SGT KELLY H.F. Knows his work and is never caught unprepared. Sets fine example to his men. Discipline and bearing both good. Very keen and conscientious.

 D COY

SGT BLAIRIE C. Knows his work but is inclined to wander from his subject. This however has definitely improved. Discipline fair; bearing excellent.

 A COY

CPL CURLISS Has fine qualities of leadership. His bearing discipline and method of instruction are excellent. Is fit for promotion. Very keen.

 C COY

CPL GODFREY Discipline and bearing very good. Method of instruction good. His knowledge of his subject and preparation are excellent. Needs more experience to gain confidence and leadership: is very keen and conscientious.

 C COY

CPL WADLOW L.A. Owing to the fact that he was with Intelligence Section until recently he lacks experience with I.M.C handling but makes up for this fact with his keenness preparation bearing and discipline. With more experience should do well.

 A COY

CPL GIBBONS K.E. Good knowledge of his work and handles his men well. His bearing and discipline are good. Is very keen.

 A COY

Wicks
.....LIEUT
PLATOON COMMANDER

L. B. Smith
.....CAPT

TRAINING CADRE.

REPORT ON N.C.O's. 3 and 4 Es.

S20766
Sgt RYAN F.W.G.

A good instructor especially with L.M.G. Good word of command and bearing. Ability to control.

S20096
Sgt BROOKS G.S.

A capable instructor with good knowledge of all subjects. Exceptionally good bayonet instructor. Control and word of command good.

S20464
Cpl WOODARD A.A.

Keen, conscientious instructor. Has good knowledge of all subjects with special application for the Lewis Gun. Has natural ability to lead and control. Good word of command.

S20129
Cpl HODGE G.J.

Knows his work and has a good word of command but has monotonous delivery when instructing.

S20587
Cpl DIAMOND B.G.

A good instructor on all subjects. Has a good word of command and good bearing.

S20017
Cpl BOWMAN H.B.

Knows his work and has good word of command but bearing is only fair however takes a keen interest in his work. Good bayonet instructor.

S21142
Cpl REDDING K.

A very good instructor. Knows his work and has good word of command and ability to control. Takes a keen interest in his work and the acquiring of further knowledge.

Although the "bull ring" method of instruction was used, the instructors were given different subjects each day and generally showed a good knowledge of each.

W. Johnston
..... Lieut
Platoon Commander.

L. C. Smith
..... Capt.

REPORT BY CAPT. L. B. SMITH

Report on TRAINING CADRE - 29 Dec 41 to Jan 42

TROOPS: Bearing: Improved considerably Conduct: Good
Discipline: Good Knowledge of weapons: Good
March discipline: Good

Remarks: These men will go back to their Companies greatly improved in bearing discipline and knowledge of their weapons; great keenness was shown by the majority of the personnel who have completed the syllabus

H.C.Os: Detailed report attached. Some need a few classes to brighten them up

OFFICERS: Work : Good

General remarks: Taking into consideration the number of duties that had to be performed by personnel of the cadre the results were very good.

L. B. Smith

.....CAPT

Winnellie,
11 Jan 42



66 "B" Coy.

"B" Coy TRAINING REPORT WEEK ENDED 10 Jan 42.

Monday 5 Jan.	<u>Distribution of personnel</u>	Offrs.	O.R.
	Hospital		2
	Mess Orderlies		2
	Cookhouse		3
	CQMS & Storeman		2
	Orderly Room Clerk		1
	Range duty		1
	Supervising TOETS	1	
	2 i/c adm.	2	
	OC supervising tng.	1	
	Tng. with Cadre Coy		87
	Drivers MT and Dr. Mech		7
	Pioneer duties		2
	Avail Tng. TOETS personnell not Tng		4
	Cadre		
		<u>5</u>	<u>113</u>

Tuesday 6 Jan.	<u>Distribution of personnel</u>	Offrs.	OR
	Hospital		2
	Mess Orderlies		2
	Cookhouse		3
	CQMS & Storeman		2
	Clerk		1
	Range duty		1
	Tng with Cadre Coy	1	25
	Drivers MT & Cpl. Mech		7
	Guard		10
	Piquet Vehicle Car Park		48
	RAAF Piquet		2
	OC & PlComd prep Tng	2	
	2/ic adm.	1	
	Bn Orderly Officere	1	
	YMCA Fatigue		2
	Pioneer duty		2
	Light duty		1
	Avail for duty apart from Tng Cadre		
	personnel 7 duties		5
		<u>5</u>	<u>113</u>

5 personnel shown above employed in morning making refuse bins erecting partitions in store. In afternoon 16 OR from Vehicle Car Park ret'd to lines. 12 went to Cadre tng. 4 on fatigue whole of afternoon loading parties, collecting wire etc.

66th B Coy.

"B" Coy Training report week ended 10 Jan 42

Wed. 7 Jan.	<u>Distribution of personnel</u>	Offrs.	OR
	Hospital		
	Mess Orderlies		1
	Cook House		2
	CQMS & Storeman		5
	Range Duty	1	2
	Clerk		1
	Drivers MT & Dr Mech		7
	OC & Pl Comds	3	
	2/IC at Larrameyah	1	
	Pioneers		2
	Training with Cadre Coy		80
	Available for tng		5
	Road Making Party to 2/11 Fld Coy		7
		<u>5</u>	<u>113</u>

All personnel at Cadre who had not previously done so fired on miniature range. Also 5 shown above available for training fired min. range and were put through T.O.E.T.

Thurs 8th Jan	<u>Distribution</u>	Offrs.	OR
	Mess Orderlies		2
	Cookhouse		5
	CQMS & Storeman		2
	Clerk		1
	Range Duty	1	1
	OC & 2/IC & Pl Comds.	4	
	Drivers MT & Dr Mech		6
	Pioneers		2
	Training with Cadre Coy		80
	Road Making Party to 2/11 Fld Coy		7
	Available for Tng		7
		<u>5</u>	<u>113</u>

Personnel who had not completed their T.O.E.T.s continued and on completion engaged filling sand bags.

"B" Coy.

"B" Coy TRAINING REPORT WEEK ENDED 10 JAN 42

REMARKS

The Tng. in regards to personnel with Cadre Coy is dealt with under separate heading supplied by OC Cadre Coy.

Being in regard to TOETs of personnel not with Cadre Coy. shows that in tests 80% of personnel passed. These personnel were those who had been at Camp at WARRADALE and marched from there into Camp at WINNELLIE.

Tng. in regard to range practises (MIN) shows that more practise is necessary to enable personnel to become familiar with their weapons. This applies also to LMG (Lewis) practises.

Tps. appear to be settling ^{down} to work and with concentrated effort it is anticipated that this will be reflected early in their work.

C. M. Capt

OC "B" Coy

"B" Coy

TRAINING REPORT WEEK ENDED 10 JAN 42

"B" Coy.

Friday 9th Jan

Distribution

Offrs.

OR

Butcher

1

Mess Orderlies

2

Cooks

5

QMS & Storemen

2

Clerk

1

Range Duty

1

1

Drivers Mt & Dr Mech

7

OC & 2/IC & Pl Comds.

3

Bn Ord. Offr.

1

Pioneers

2

Guard

7

RAAF Picquet

2

Civic Centre fatigue

2

Veh. Car Pk. Picquet

48

Detached to 2/11 Pl Coy for Rd Making

7

Sick in lines

5

Fatigue Parties supplied as Duty Coy
and erecting sand bag protection to

Coy ann.

11

TOEF Tests

10

Sat 10th Jan

Distribution

5

113

Offr.

OR

Butcher

1

Mess Orderlies

2

Cook house

5

QMS & Storemen

2

Clerk

1

Drs. Mt & Dr Mech

7

OC & 2/IC & Pl Comds

4

Pioneers

2

TOEF tests

3

Laying Sand bags

3

Training with Cadre Coy

86

Range duties

1

5

113

A. H. Leworth Capt.
O.C. "B" Coy.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—4th MILITARY DISTRICT.

A.A.F. A.46a.

DAILY SICK REPORT (R.M.O. and C.D.S.)
CAMPS AND BIVOUACS.

E Coy 27 Bn Corps. *Removal 11/5/41* Station and Date.

1 Army No.	2 Rank and Name.	3 Age.	4 Civil Occupation.	5 Address.	6 Disease or Injury.	7 Date and Time.		8 Duty L.D. N.D. C.D.S. Hosp.	9 Opinion of M.O. as to—		10 Remarks.	11 M.O.'s Initials.
						Seen.	To Report.		Probable Duration of Disability.	Necessity of Board.		
19748	Cpl BRICE, M.H.	25	Clerk	Forrester	Spontaneous of throat.			L.D.				
2021	Cpl PALMER	23	Labourer	St. Peter's	Debility from cold.			1 wk's leave				

NOTES.—To be made out in duplicate and handed to Medical Officer by Orderly N.C.O. of sick parade. Duplicate to be returned by Orderly N.C.O. to Unit Regt. Office.
Columns 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to be filled in by Orderly N.C.O. ; 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, by R.M.O. or M.O. or O.D.S. Column 10 to show M.O.'s opinion as to injury or illness contracted on duty or otherwise.

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AB Brice Orderly N.C.O.

10 Coy. 27 Bn

Training report for period ended
10 Jan 42



Training days 6

Cadre During this week 57 O/R
have been training with the Cadre
General.

Apart from the personnel
training with the Cadre the company
was occupied as follows.

Date	6	7	8	9	10
Sigs Officer	11	11	11	11	11
Construction Party	5	6	6	5	5
Permanent Camp duties	22	23	23	23	22
Inp Cadre	OFF	1	1	1	1
	O/R	1	60	55	1
Sick in Lines	7	7	2	6	8
Hospital	2	2	2	2	1
Read making party	-	-	7	7	7
Battalion Duties	OFF	1	-	-	-
	O/R	68	-	-	62
On Parade	OFF	1	2	3	2
	O/R	2	9	12	1
TOTAL	OFF	3	3	4	4
	O/R	118	118	118	118

W. G. Arnold
CAPT.
10 Coy., 27 Bn.

12 Jan 42

Lieut.-Colonel
Commanding 27th Infantry Battalion

Station and Date

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—4th MILITARY DISTRICT.

A.A.F. A.46a.

DAILY SICK REPORT (R.M.O. and C.D.S.)
CAMPS AND BIVOUACS.

83 Coy 27th Ar

Corps.

Warradale 11/5/41

Station and Date.

1 Army No.	2 Rank and Name.	3 Age.	4 Civil Occupation.	5 Address.	6 Disease or Injury.	7 Date and Time.		8 Duty L.D. N.D. C.D.S. Hosp.	9 Opinion of M.O. as to—		10 Remarks.	11 M.O.'s Initials.
						Seen.	To Report.		Probable Duration of Disability.	Necessity of Board.		
19718	Cpl BRICE M.H.	25	Clark.	Warradale	Spurred of throat			L.D.				
19721	Cpl PATER	23	Warradale	St Peter's	Debility from cold.			1 wk's leave				

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W. B. B. B.

Orderly N.C.O.



ORIGINAL

R Coy,
27 Bn (S.A.S.R.).

TRAINING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 27 DEC 41.

GENERAL.

The re-inforcement Coy was constituted on 24 Dec 41, but did not function until 27 Dec owing to other Coys not being in a position to release their quota of men.

STRENGTH.

The strength of R Coy on 27 Dec 41 was
Offrs 4 (plus 1 attending O.F.C. and 1 Sgt (Appt pend.) in Hosp.)
N.C.O.s 14
O.R. 114

TYPE.

The type of personnel transferred to this Coy was very poor, comprising:

- Medical unfits
- Mental unfits
- Technical unit men with no infantry training
- Mess orderlies, stewards, etc., with no infantry training
- Recruits and partially trained personnel.

STANDARD OF TRAINING.

The following table gives approx. percentages of degree of training received, either general, infantry or technical.

90 days and over	33%
60 days and over	24%
30 days and over	7%
under 30 days	36%

REJECTS.

It is essential that a Medical Board be constituted at earliest opportunity and all L.D. N.D. and IIA personnel be examined and the unfits evacuated and replaced at once. It is a waste of time and money attempting to train these men. The re-inforcement Coy should be built up to full strength immediately if it is to be of any use to the Bn.

TRAINING.

No training was done on 27 Dec as the whole day was occupied in Adm details. Absence of records necessitated every man being interviewed personally. Approx 33% of personnel came from other units with no records at all.

(Sgd) R.C.V. HEARFIELD, Capt.
O.C. R. Coy.

29 Dec 41.

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Address 27 Bn (S.A.S.R.)
 Date DARWIN.
 5 Jan 42.

REPORT THE WORK ON OPEN RANGE.
FOR WEEK ENDED 3.1.42.

Approx. 250 men fired table B Part II and 130 men Table L.

1. RIFLE.

- a. Generally personnel showed a lack of knowledge of essentials details, e.g. Correct position of body in Lying Position, Rules of Aiming, etc.
- b. Accuracy- I would estimate that approx. 15-20 % of personnel passed as 2nd Class Marksmen. The general inability to get a "Group" at 100 yds. was reflected throughout the practices.

2. L.M.G.

- A. While bearing in mind that many men had not handled the L.M.G. for a considerable time, their knowledge of the weapon was still extremely meagre. Elementary gun drill - I.A. & Stoppages were simply unknown or forgotten. It appears that intensive individual training will be necessary to correct this.
- b. Accuracy.- Generally speaking, the degree of accuracy was quite good.

3. GENERAL.

a. Time Wasted.

- (1) Approx. one hour per day was lost owing to our not taking full advantage of the extended hours. An extra 20 men (making 80 per day) could be handled.
- (2) Teaching personnel elementary training on the open range wasted much time. This not only cut down the number of partly trained personnel who could have fired during the day, but also resulted in a loss of ammunition. Invariably these men scored very little if anything. It seems essential that all personnel who go to the open range should have passed the practice at the miniature range.
- (3) The sending of an "odd" man, e.g. 29 instead of 28 should be avoided if possible. At least 25 minutes is needed to, put that man through the table, and during that time the remainder are kept waiting.

- b. Dress. During the wet weather Sand Flies are most prevalent, and I would suggest that if Working Dress is not available that Trousers S.D. should be worn rather than shorts. The possible discomfort for half a day would be preferable to that experienced as a result of the insect bites.

- c. Range Discipline. Generally very good.

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Date

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d. CONCLUSION.

Generally personnel benefited greatly by their experience on the range. It was noticeable that in many cases men lost their nervousness after firing at the 100 and 200 Yd. Range and were consequently more accurate at longer ranges. Taking into consideration that it was the first time most of the personnel had fired on the open range and that they were firing a Trained Soldier's Practice, it is not surprising that results were as bad as they were. I consider, however, that if they get the opportunity to fire again the results would be greatly improved.

Only in isolated instances had any of the men fired an L.M.G. and their enthusiasm was such that if it becomes at all possible for all personnel to fire, the improvement and interest in their L.M.G. training would be most noticeable.

(Sgd) M.R. BAKER, Lieut
D Coy.

Triplex

TNG Report - "B" Coy.
Week ended 27 Dec 41.



Monday Dec 22

Sec. formations - Recce Patrol.

Night. Visual Tng - Keeping direction.

2 NCOs 50 OR working party at FANNY BAY BEACH

Tuesday Dec 23

Day. Duty Coy. - Tng practically Nil except for Recap of Monday's work for backward personnel.

Night Pay Pde & issues to Tps.

2 NCOs 50 OR working party at FANNY BAY BEACH

Wednesday Dec 24

Day. Bn Pde. half personnel avail for pde fired on min Range - $\frac{1}{2}$ Tng in "Sec in attack" - Sec in Defence - Patrols.

afternoon - $\frac{1}{2}$ avail personnel on min Range other half carried out Tng as above.

2 NCOs 50 OR working party at FANNY BAY BEACH
Night Pay Parade

Thursday Dec 25

Day. 2 NCOs 25 OR working party FANNY BAY BEACH.

Bal personnel avail Tng as under.

42 personnel - Patrols - Keeping Direction.

50 personnel whole day on open Range

4 personnel morning at min Range.

Friday Dec 26

- Day - Duty Coy

Night - admin - loading etc for move.

Saturday Dec 27

- Move to Station - admin - Relieving marching out sub-unit.

Officer in Charge

Adj
27th Bn.



H. Q. Coy. 27th Bn
WINNELLIE
24 Jan 42

REPORT ON MORTAR TROOP LEANYER PT

THU 22 Jan 42

1. Pl comd's report is forwarded herewith
2. All adm arrangements for shoot were left in hands of pl comd who gained valuable practical experience in this phase of the shoot. Pl comd was taken on recon of area concerned on Mon 19 Jan 42 and given the following questions to answer in his recon report:
 - (a) Suitability of area as bivouac site with particular ref to con from ground and air
 - (b) Suitability of area for purpose of practice shoot and types of targets available
 - (c) Mortar posns availableHis recon report was forwarded to you on Tue 20 Jan 42
3. Adm arrangements made by pl comd were generally sound and although the bivouac proposed for night 21/22 Jan 42 was cancelled account heavy rain, the measures taken regarding protection, sanitation, and feeding on the day of the shoot were satisfactory. Pl vehicles were well dispersed in scrub area and none except that for carriage of stores for practice approached within 500 yds of exposed opnl area at LEANYER PT.
4. Valuable experience was gained from the practice by pl comd who is comparatively inexperienced in handling mortar pl.
5. Det comds profited most from practice. All are keen and industrious with good knowledge which cannot be applied practically at frequent enough intervals. This shoot brought out weaknesses in practical fire control which cannot be disclosed on blackboard or sand-table. Mistakes were expected and mistakes were made with compensating lasting impressions which should improve future work in drill and firing practices.
6. Mortar numbers will benefit by gaining of confidence in weapon after handling HE bombs for first time. Previous practices have been conducted with practice or dummy bombs only.
7. I anticipated that the practice would disclose weakness in drill as most weapon practices with ball ammo do. I have repeatedly stressed the necessity in all weapon tng for the reduction of drill to automatic mechanical operations which must instinctively take place under all conditions and this point was amply borne out and rammed home in the minds of pl and det comds. Further tng should eradicate the evident hesitation, chatter and tendency for attention to wander from immediate task in hand.
8. In near future it is intended to proceed with shoots with dummy bombs followed by further HE shoots.
9. From my point of view the practice was satisfactory and up to my expectations.
10. I understand from A/M 23 Aust Inf Bde that the allotment of 70 HE Bombs for tng purposes is based on annual allotment scale for AIF Bn which has est of 2 3" Mortars. It therefore is recommended that immediate steps be taken to obtain a further 140 Bombs to make a total of 210 which is relative allotment for est of 6 3" Mortars which this unit has.

OC HQ

Coy.

Capt

27 Bn (S.A.S.R.)

1 Jan 42.

23 Aust Inf Bde.
LARRAKEYAH.



TRAINING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 27 DEC 41.
ADDENDUM.

Carrier Pl.

Instruction was commenced in driving, but was discontinued, as it was necessary to take all personnel nominated for carrier pl. to man MMGs on left sub-sector. They were therefore trained in maintaining the gun in action, and firing on fixed lines.

Future Training.

Pl. will be reconstituted when relieved of forward duties.

Lt Col.
Comd 27 Bn (S.A.S.R.)

SYLLABUS.

DAYS COMPLETED. All days were completed.
7 NCOs and 50 OR were attached to A coy for special refresher training cadre.

FATIGUES. The following affected training during this period.
3 officers 4 NCOs 43 OR engaged on demolition of old stop line across LEE PENINSULAR. RE-constructed double apron stop line vicinity DRIPSTONE ROAD.
Commenced 18 Dec 1941. Completed 2 Jan 1942.
Bn Duties 7th day.
1 officer 12 OR missed one day. 16 OR missed half day.
Coy Duties.
4 OR per day.
1 OR eaten no training for week.
1 OR off mess no training for week.

SICKNESS.

1 Hospital no training
2 No duties " "
2 Light " " "
3 Light Duties missed one day each.

PROGRESS.

INDIVIDUAL TG.

57 OR attached to training cadre reported on separately by Capt. SMITH.

OPEN RANGE PRACTICE.

30 OR fired LMG. table L. 15 rounds rapid at 200. 25 rounds application at 300. 25 rounds distribution at 300.
17 passed. 8 fair. 5 failed.

COY EXERCISE.

Occupation of PAD defensive position at DRIPSTONE., on receipt of General Alarm at 0100 hours on 2 Jan 1942. This disclosed numerous weaknesses, and it is intended to lay down a drill for PAD during outpost duty.

FUTURE TRAINING.

Loading of transport, embussing and debussing of personnel for movement to our forward area. Movement of personnel to Fwd area by alternative routes. Recce by officers and NCO's of Pl area and later by men. Commencement of Section training in Fieldcraft. Patrolling, recognition of aircraft. Commencing on 5 Jan at 1900 hours NCO's class will be held on advanced training for 2 nights per week.

PL COMDS.

Have all worked very satisfactorily. At present selecting potential NCOs and preparing syllabus for night classes. Mr. Stubbs' first appointment through.

HEALTH.

Good. An increase of 10% in sick parade on returning to camp. Suggest Pl Com should inspect and question their men before going to M.O. A certain small supply of medical requisites could be kept in the Orderly Room.

MORALE.

Good.

CONCLUSION.

Troops have settled down and are becoming acclimatized very quickly.

R. Chain

.....Capt.
O.C. C Coy.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Report on the Tng. of E (M.G.) Coy. 27 Bn. by Maj. A.M. SHEARER
at LEANYER HUT on 4 Jan. 1942 3700 hours.

Part I

1. The actual take-over of the beach positions was quite efficient and was completed by 1000 hours 27 Dec.
2. The work of the Coy. during the first few days was disappointing.
3. General improvement has been noticed over the last few days and is continuing.

Part II.

1. The work of the Coy. during the first few days was disappointing. The following points I think were the reasons -

- (a) The lack of experience of all ranks in this type of field work.
- (b) The slight build and youth of the men (about half the Coy. is only 19 years of age) and the fact that they have not been acclimatised.
- (c) Dirty conditions of the posns. on taking over. Much time has been spent on improving the hygiene. This is still not 100%.
- (d) The lack of equipment. The men cannot realise that the shortage of equipment is beyond the control of 7 M.D. for the time being. If the position was as urgent as it has been represented the equipment would be available. (this feeling is more prevalent and deep-rooted than I thought).
- (e) The lack of news from all theatres of war. (The news bulletin is in too few copies and is too scrappy). I think that the dissemination of authentic news is of vital importance, and that mock secrecy and lack of information is a great weakness. If the men think that they know a little more than the civilians instead of much less, their outlook will be more that of a soldier and less of a civilian. Most people like being trusted.
- (f) Three months ago these men were in office jobs and living in most cases in comparative comfort. In a few weeks they have been taken from their homes and comfort and placed at battle stations with attendant discomforts. We must remember that these men are conscripts, not volunteers.
- (g) Every effort is being made to eliminate the above misconceptions (see para. d) (see para f)
- (h) Time and hard work will improve matters in paras. (a) and (c).
- (i) Paras. (d) and (e) are matters for the Higher Command.

(j) *The officers are working well - the general morale good.*

A. M. Shearer. Maj.
O.C., E (M.G.) Coy.
27 Bn.



Training report for Period ended Jan 3.54

Syllabus

Days not completed .6.

Personnel not available.

Remarks.

Progressive training was not possible during this period as the Company was fully occupied in providing personnel for working parties and camp duties as set out hereunder.

Date.	27 Dec	30 Dec	31 Dec	Jan 1	2 Jan	3 Jan
Work Party Larrakeyah	15	14	13	-	-	-
Sigs Officer	11	11	11	11	11	11
Drumstone	34	34	34	34	34	-
Construction Party	4	5	6	3	4	6
Range Party OFF	1	1	1	1	1	1
O/R	18	18	16	18	12	13
Permanent Camp Duties	22	20	23	23	21	22
Training Cadets OFF	1	1	1	1	1	1
O/R	1	1	1	1	1	1
Firing Party Open Range	-	-	-	-	-	16
Sick in Lines	7	8	10	4	11	3
Hospital	1	1	1	1	1	2
Battalion Duties	-	1	-	1	10	-
Dr Parade OFF	1	1	1	1	1	1
O/R	2	2	2	14	11	43
Total OFF	3	3	3	3	3	3
O/R	115	115	115	117	117	117

Meade Sturges

G.O. Coy. 27 Bn

WINDHELLIE,
2 Jan 42

A COY

SUB-UNIT TRAINING REPORT
For week ending 2 Jan 42



SYLLABUS

1st Day In Duties 2 Sick in Lines
2nd Day Church Pde 25 men on leave 4 Sick in Lines
3rd Day A Coy and C Coy combined for Training Cadre
In all 141 personnel
Military Vocab, Method of searching ground
Cover from view, Cover from Fire, Fire positions
Mechanism and trigger pressing, Bayonet, IMC Mag
Filling Loading and U/loading: 57 men at 600 yard
range: 18 at Min range: Night Pde Training in
Visual and hearing

4th Day Grenade: Description and mechanism and Points before
firing
Rifle : Daily cleaning before and after firing
and loading: 58 men at 600 yard range.
IMC : Holding aiming and firing
Concealment and camouflage, locating service targets
Night Pde: Movement by night 5 Sick in Lines

5th Day Grenade: The Discharger
Bayonet: 3 Points and jab
A.A. : Introduction
IMC : Piston and body group
Observation training, study of ground and recognitio
of targets: Accuracy of aim: 11 Sick in Lines

6th Day 34 Men at 600 yard range, 23 at Dental Unit
Bayonet: Charge A.A. Direct Attacker (Rifle)
IMC : Barrel group : Grenade: Firing Positions
Aiming at service targets and ground
Gas weapons and section formations
Night Pde: Carriage of tools and crossing of wire
obstacles
Air Raid Warning : Coy moved to dispersal area
12 Sick in Lines

7th Day 33 Men firing IMC at 600 yard range
Judging distance 6 Sick in Lines
IMC : Daily Cleaning before firing and during
gas attack
Bayonet: Quickening exercises
Gas : Description of respirator and fitting same
Grenade: Standing and lying positions
Aiming off for wind and elevation
Night Pde : Intercommunications and verbal messages

FATIGUES Coy Duties: 10 ORs daily

1st Day 1 Offr 30 ORs at Shoal Bay carrying party
In Duties 1 Offr 46 ORs

2nd Day Cleaning up party on In area

3rd Day In Duties 1 Offr 13 ORs 4 ORs P.A.A.F guard
46 ORs on 2/4th Vehicle Park Picquet

4th Day 49 " " " " " "

5th Day 46 " " " " " "

6th Day 1 Offr 4 ORs In Duties
48 ORs on 2/4th Vehicle Park Picquet

7th Day 1 Offr 4 ORs In Duties
46 ORs on 2/4th Vehicle Park Picquet
3 ORs Sanitation Squad

PROGRESS Result of shoot at 600 yard range anything but good and a
good deal of range work is recommended

CONCEALMENT AND CAMOUFLAGE Good
FIRE CONTROL Nil
GRENADE TRAINING Work so far good

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COLLECTIVE TRAINING:

With the continuation of Cadre training a distinct improvement in all phases of training should be noticed

FUTURE TRAINING

INDIVIDUAL : Discipline of Cadre greatly improved
The following personnel who have not completed their individual training are recommended for transfer to R Coy for further training :-
S23099 Pte O'DONNELL J.R.
S26568 " THOMAS L.
S30285 " HAINES R.J.

COLLECTIVE : The control by NCOs is improving but still needs brushing up
Training cadre personnel would benefit a great deal more if they were required for less duties in order to concentrate on their work

PLN CADRES : Work of Pln Cadres has been greatly retarded by the number of personnel away from time to time on other duties

A. C. Smith
.....Capt
O.C. "A" Coy
27 Bn
A.M.F.

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Address H. Q. Coy, YOJO.
Date 4 Jan 42.

YOJO.

Herewith report on tng for week ended 3 Jan 42. Report is based on detailed reports of pl comds and my own observations. This was the first week of specialist tng of coy and aim was for comprehensive syllabus of intensive tng to meet possible immediate operational demands.

1 PL - SIG.Syllabus.

Completed with following exceptions;

- (a) Afternoon 1 Jan 42 V/S substituted for L/T
Reason - work absorbed quicker by V/S than L/T
(new sigs)
- (b) Afternoon 1 Jan 42 R/T cancelled account wire-
less silence in opn area. (trained sigs) (recruit
syllabus substituted)
- (c) Afternoon 31 Dec 41 - Recce cancelled tpt not
available and weather adverse. Substituted -
recap on instruments and buzzer reading.
- (d) Morning 31 Dec 41 - 11 pers fired range practice.
Work missed made up 1 Jan 42.
Pers off parade account sickness - nil.
Fatigues other than within coy - nil.

Progress.

Work satisfactorily done; keenness displayed; new sigs absorbing work rapidly.

Future Tng.

Recruit and trained sigs will work on same syllabus in future - this is considered desirable, uniformity of standard being of vital importance at present. Trained pers will tend to lift standard of recruit sigs more quickly. Buzzer reading still weak - will be given further attention in coming week.

N.C.O.'s.

Specialist knowledge, keenness and instructional ability good. Laxity in finer points of deportment and discipline. Pl comd has taken this up with N.C.O.'s and improvement will follow.

Pl Comd.

Has been instructed that he will ~~free himself~~ free himself as much as possible from extraneous duties, substituting an N.C.O. as often as possible, if necessary, and will personally supervise pl tng. His absences have not been many and probably unavoidable, but it is felt that his presence with pl is vital at this stage.

Health.

Good - a few minor ailments.

Morale.

Good - tps cheerful, ingenuity used in amusing themselves in own time, mental standard of pl appears to be high, and they have the right attitude towards their job and are capable of thinking logically for themselves.

Conclusion. Tng satisfactory.

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Date2 PL - A.A.Syllabus.

Completed with following exceptions -
29 Dec 41, day spent sandbagging, complete posts within camp P.A.D. scheme. Day's work spread over remainder of week and picked up. Pers off parade account sickness - nil. Fatigues other than within coy - nil.

Progress.

Satisfactory. Tps still seem a little sluggish in their movements. Point taken up with N.C.O.'s. T.O.E.T. - all qualified except one man, who is slow but trying hard. Pers with 3 months tng improving with concentrated I.M.G. work.

Future Tng.

Tempo to be slowed down a little next week, with last week's lessons to be hammered home. First A.A. lesson due next Sat. Fd work and camouflaging in coming ~~week~~ week.

N.C.O.'s.

Offr badly needed as pl cond. Sgt COTTLE - pl sgt, working hard, but not quite up to standard yet. Other N.C.O.'s improving.

Morale.

Good.

Health.

Good.

Conclusion.

Tng satisfactory.

3 PL - MORTAR.Syllabus.

Completed. Pers off parade account sickness - 2. Fatigues other than within coy - nil.

Progress.

Comprehensive mortar syllabus produced very gratifying results. Work of act comds in fire control and ranging with sand table excellent. Men seem pleased with their efforts, which indicates interest. Rifle work of good standard.

Future Tng.

Tempo to be slowed down, with some repetition of past week's work. Quickening exercises to be introduced in coming week.

N.C.O.'s.

Pl Sgt - Sgt R. L. GIRDHAM - is recommended for listing as a pot offr. Cpl J. A. MITCHELL is worthy of promotion. Separate recommendation to be forwarded. Remaining N.C.O.'s are good workers. All with instructional ability, with exception of Sgt H. A. PICKETT, who needs development in mortar work. His general work is good.

Pl Comd.

Good job done, with great application. ^{Always} ~~is~~ cheerful

Morale.

Improved. Tps interested in war news.

Health.

Good, except for two men I.D., one sunburn, other stiff neck and conjunctivitis.

Conclusion.

Tng good. N.C.O.'s among best, keenest in coy. Relays of 10 pers are being trained in Carrier D. & on 3 days' syllabus, with satisfactory results.

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Date4 PL - PWR.Syllabus.

Completed with following exceptions -

- (a) 1 Jan 42 - wiring drill impracticable account rain - treated on blackboard and will be done practically in coming week.
- (b) Knife rests 3 Jan 42 - materials not available - to be done later. Lesson in obstacles continued for further hour.
- Personnel off parade account sickness - 1 man for 2 days, 1 permanent L.D., attended lecture work only.
- Fatigues - signwriter 2 days painting unit Nos. on vehicles.
- Miniature Range (twice) 1 carpenter for approx 2 hours in all.

Progress.

Standard attained fair. Four men slower to absorb work than remainder. Considered standard will improve as tng progresses and less^{ons} tie in with each other. Drill needs improvement.

N.C.O.'s.

Pl comd good knowledge, fair comd and good instructional ability. Other N.C.O.'s improving under pl comd's supervision, but not yet self-reliant.

Morale.

Improving.

Health.

Generally good.

Conclusion.

Results - fair. General camp duties of pl cut to a minimum and emphasis laid on tng. This interests men following experience in previous camps.

5 PL - TPT.Syllabus.

Impossible to maintain turnover of 16 hrs daily account tpt requirements, both unit and bde, and necessary constructional work on L.A.D. and pet storage facilities. As many hrs as possible passed through school daily.

Personnel off parade account sickness - nil.

Fatigues other than within coy - nil.

Progress.

Practical experience from syllabus in convoy driving and maintenance - nil.

All minor repairs to vehicle carried out at unit L.A.D. are explained to hrs of vehicles concerned, thus giving tng in running repairs and adjustments, particularly the fuel system. Close order drill good.

Future Tng.

Despite difficulties T.O. has been instructed to push on with tng to the highest degree possible with available personnel.

N.C.O.'s.

All efficient in their work and instruction, with fairly good comd. Pl Comd cheerful, untiring and capable - doing an excellent job under difficulties.

Morale.

Good.

Health.

Good.

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5A PL - ADM. - No tng carried out. Adm duties performed. An immediate start is to be made on periods of tng daily in fundamentals under supervision of A/C.S.M. When R.M.O. is reasonably free from work of medical boards it is desired that specialist tng of water and sanitary duties be placed in his hands.

21 PL - CARRIER. Not yet under my comd. It is desired to put all carrier personnel through a Carrier D. & M. course as soon as practicable.

GENERAL CONCLUSION.

Satisfactory standard attained in first week of specialist tng of this coy. Successful efforts are being made to make every possible man available for some tng daily. It is too early to assess the standard of specialist pl in relation to their opn tasks.

Sundry Points for Information.

1. Offrs are working well, and N.C.O.'s are trying hard. Good material among them.
2. In forthcoming week pl comds will recap T.O.E.T. and elementary lessons on fire discipline, aiming, trigger pressing etc to try and improve these mechanical operations to raise the standard of further range practices.
3. Pl comds will periodically stress security and need for observation and passing on of information.
4. All tps have been given the main points of A.T.M. 5.
5. 15 mins work in respirators is carried out daily. Respirators are inspected weekly by pl comd.
6. The trade testing of specialist pers has been commenced, and recommendations will be submitted regarding trade grouping when results are to hand.
7. The necessity for periods of concentrated close order drill is appreciated, and on coy parades every morning and at conclusion of tng daily this is carried out. Every sun morning pl comds exercise their pls for 30 mins and have been told to make it hot and strong. Improvement in individual pls was reflected in this work this morning.

This being the first tng report on specialist tng of this coy, it is necessarily more fullsome than subsequent reports will be. As standard of tng improves, further reports should be capable of being briefer expression.

W. L. Day
Capt,
O.C. H.Q. Coy, [redacted]

PROGRESS

This was the 1st week of individual training & the results generally were far from satisfactory.

- 1. Get rifles & range practices out of the way.
- 2. Large number of such practice.
- 3. Personnel in duties.
- 4. Lack of Offrs (with Command grants)
- 5. Weakness in instructions by N.C.O.s



To rectify these faults the following steps have been taken:

- 1. Utilization of portions of 1st Troop each day for range.
- 2. 43 members are to be medically boarded.
- 3. Contact has been made to Bn.
- 4. Bn requested to release Offrs and Range clubs & supply additional ones if possible.
- 5. N.C.O. prep classes in night hours and parades.

30th Range - During week the whole of the Coy shot on the 30th Range. This test which revealed many weaknesses, lack of training, and confidence, physical condition etc. Personnel were given additional tuition & on re-shooting results were as under:

no fault	98
no qualified	59
no failed to qualify	29
no still to fire	10

Personnel to be medically boarded included from above figures.

Range Officer reports that the 29 who failed to qualify, need more instruction & practice but will only make few shots at the best.

T.O.E.T.s Tests were carried out by PIs as under but all personnel have not yet been examined.

- No 22 PI. 3 tests 14 examined 11 passed 3 failed.
- No 23 PI. Test incomplete as duties etc.
- No 24 PI. 2 tests 16 examined 15 passed 1 failed.

GENERAL

The change of 1 hr Daylight Saving Time has presented several difficulties.

- 1. During our last night on the dark has hindered all the progress of clearing up, the long trails etc & necessitated use of lighters for clearing etc. There has been a reported falling off in the steadiness of the lines & personal appearance of the map.

2. Night parades should start until now have been 16.2000 on basis of 1900 hours. This however was altered between 1700 and 1700 until 2000 & results on the way getting to last now have been.

- 3. Logical solution would be to move parades & all parades are now forward.

SUMMARY

The personnel of this Coy consist in the majority of sea mess orderlies, steward's mess members with little or no infantry training. They were drawn from different units & rushed up here for various days for a couple of weeks & then transferred to the R. reinforcement Coy. Coy. de Coy. was lacking, but towards the end of the 1st week there was some sufficient change as the men moulded themselves into a Coy. This 1st week gives them some introduction to general infantry work & Pl Comd's report that the majority seem keen to learn but quite a few are still lacking in interest. The work is new to most of them but Comd's feel that improvement will be more marked as they become accustomed to their weapons & the work.



W. H. H. H. H.
O.C. R Coy

4 JAN 42.

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Australian Military Forces - Adelaide River week ended 3 Jan

District
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Coy Strength

5 ORS - plus 1 I see attached

Sunday 28 Dec.

Distribution of personnel (ODs)

Kitchen	5
Pioneer	3
Driver MT trucks	7
Clerk	1
Qm Storeman	2
Camp fatigue	4
guards	57
Hospital	1
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	80

33 personnel engaged on cleaning camp site, cleaning store, repairing beds. Night further guard 10pc 60R mounted on Detention barracks.

Monday 29 Dec

Distribution

Kitchen	5
Pioneers	3
Driver MT truck	7
Clerk	1
Qm Storeman	2
Camp fatigue	4
guards	57
Hospital	1
messing party (moving Tps)	8
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	88

25 personnel engaged digging slit trenches, improvement AFA ports, in morning & continued by 15 in afternoon. 10 men on fella firing in afternoon. Night further guard 10pc 60R on Detention barracks. Moving Tps approx 280 returned by B Coy.

Tuesday 30 Dec

Distribution

Kitchen	5
Pioneers	3
Driver MT trucks	7
Clerk	1
Qm Storeman	2
Camp fatigue	4
guards	44
Hospital	2
messing party (moving Tps)	8
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	76

37 men engaged in improving slit trenches in disposal area, improving AFA mounds, 10 men fella firing in afternoon



Wednesday 31st Dec

Kitchen	4
Provender	3
Stores MT	7
Clerks	1
Qm Storeman	2
Guards	44
Hospital	2
Messing party	
(moving Tps)	8
Hospital fatigue	10
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See Tps transfer on field forming (10) patrol work.

Thursday 1 Jan

Distribution as for Wed (less messing party Hospital fatigue)

10 men employed improving shells for messing moving Tps.
 10 men drawing erecting tank, making beds tables, latrine pits
 March 2 Cpl + 6 OR mounted guard at ADELAIDE RIVER - SNAKE CREEK.
 Field forming 10 men, balance transfer on patrol work.

Friday 2 Jan Distribution

Kitchen	5
Provender	3
Stores MT	7
Clerks	1
Qm Storeman	2
Guards	52
Hospital	3
Messing party	
(moving Tps)	14
Hospital fatigue	6
Camp duties	4
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16 men spent most of day working getting MT out of bog. (over Tps + others).
 (large party for messing necessary on a/c heavy rain - moving Tps fed on Tuesday)

Sat 3rd Jan Distribution -

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Kitchen 5 Provender 3 Stores MT 7 Clerk 1 Qm Storeman 2 Guards 52 Hospital 2 Camp duties - total 76.

See Coy loading vehicle, cleaning camp site - now back to WINNELLIE
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Sgt (cont)

arrived at W. BASTILLE -

9 PE. erecting tents

10 PE. unloading parcels

11 PE. collecting material making beds.



Moving Moving Tps.

Form F 3510 + AB 55 forwarded to Br - disclose that
for success needed 3 Jan we understand 1 Ration on our
own personnel + understand 4 rations on moving Tps
rationing.

approx 100 moving Tps fed during week + in
each instance OC Tpa Train stated that meal served
at ADELAIDE RIVER was best on journey
Send menu for each batch moving Tps.

W. Stewart Capt.

OC B Coy.

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ORIGINAL

27 BN. A.M.P.

REPORT ON STRETCHER BEARERS.

15 DEC 41 - 4 JAN 42.

STRENGTH: 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 20 O.R.

HEALTH: Good, except for minor ailments.

MORALE: Very good - men are keen.

TENTS: Tents are prepared for wet weather, and their condition is fair.

TNG: Most of the tng time has been taken up with the sand-bagging of R.A.P. and Bn H.Q. Owing to a large number of pers being from reserve and non-inf units, tng is in the nature of recruit tng. Signs of improvement are evident.

The stretcher bearers do recruit tng in the morning, and S.B. drill and first aid in the afternoons and evenings. They are also members of the pipe band, and have bn duties, mounting guards etc.

FUTURE TNG: S.B. drill, first aid, practical S.B. drill in field work, keeping direction, compass marches. Although S.B. should not carry rifles, all pers must be thoroughly trained in the use of inf weapons.

GENERAL: The men are clean in habits, keen and happy, and will make satisfactory S.B.'s.

A. Gormey Lieut. I.O.

4 Jan 42