

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

Item number: 8/3/32

2/32 Infantry Battalion  
June - September 1940

~~32nd Bn~~

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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 211c.

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The Pennings No.5 Camp	27-6-40		<p>25 Mxd. Bde. established from units of the 2/9 Bn, 2/10 Bn, 2/12 Bn, 2/5 Bn. Reinf., 2/8 Bn. Reinf., 2/11 Bn. Reinf., A.S.C., A.F.W., 6th Div. Sigs.</p> <p>Brigadier Bridgeford commanding.</p> <p>Battalions of Bde. 70 Bn, 71 Bn, 72 Bn.</p> <p>71 Bn. established at The Pennings No.5 Camp, Tidworth. Hants.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="627 834 2665 1312"> <tr> <td>C.O.</td> <td>Lt.Col. A.S.C. Sparks</td> <td>Officers attached from other Corps.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 i/c</td> <td>Capt. R. J. Daldy</td> <td>Capt. Cherry M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adj.</td> <td>Lt. A. D. Petrie</td> <td>Chaplain Scarfe R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>Lt. Bennett A.M.</td> <td>Lt. Austin G.W. 2/1 M.G.Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lt. Dixon G.W.</td> <td>Lt. Plummer H.S. 2/1 M.G.Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lt. Eacott D.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lt. Stargatt W.G.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lt. Rankine H.H.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lt. Jacoby P.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lt. Huitfeldt H.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lt. Cahill M.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lt. Brownrigg C.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	C.O.	Lt.Col. A.S.C. Sparks	Officers attached from other Corps.	2 i/c	Capt. R. J. Daldy	Capt. Cherry M.O.	Adj.	Lt. A. D. Petrie	Chaplain Scarfe R.	Officers	Lt. Bennett A.M.	Lt. Austin G.W. 2/1 M.G.Bn.		Lt. Dixon G.W.	Lt. Plummer H.S. 2/1 M.G.Bn.		Lt. Eacott D.			Lt. Stargatt W.G.			Lt. Rankine H.H.			Lt. Jacoby P.			Lt. Huitfeldt H.			Lt. Cahill M.			Lt. Brownrigg C.		
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The Pennings No.5 Camp	28-6-40		<p>Parashot patrol of 25 men organised, also Platoon to act in the capacity of tank hunters.</p> <p>Digging of slit trenches proceeding in camp area.</p> <p>Thirty-six hours London leave commences for 10% of troops.</p>	Routine Orders No.1																																				
The Pennings No.5 Camp	29-6-40		<p>Some slit trenches completed.</p> <p>Parashot patrol on duty.</p>	Routine Orders No.2																																				

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The Pennings No.5 Camp	30-6-40		Troops addressed by Brigadier Bridgeford, commanding 25th Bde.	Routine Orders No.3
The Pennings No.5 Camp	1-7-40		Intensive training. Defensive positions occupied N.W. side SIDBURY HILL by one platoon of 25 rifles and several L.M.G's.	Routine Orders No.4
The Pennings No.5 Camp	2-7-40		Reconnaissance patrols sent out twice during early morning. Continued occupation defesive positions SIDBURY HILL.	Routine Orders No.5
The Pennings No.5 Camp	3-7-40		Extension of defensive positions SIDBURY HILL. Most slit trenches completed PENNINGS No.5 camp.	Routine Orders No.6
The Pennings No.5 Camp	4-7-40	1430	Preparations early this morning for visit of His Majesty King George <u>VI</u> . Battalion paraded and lined road entering PENNINGS No.5 in extended file. Visit greatly appreciated.	Routine Orders No.7

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The Pennings No. 5 Camp	5-7-40		Intensive training proceeding. Defensive positions SIDBURY HILL still extending and being occupied.	Rout. Orders No. 8
The Pennings No. 5 Camp	6-7-40		Bad weather interfered with training syllabus. Defensive positions occupied and parashot patrols on duty.	Routine Orders No. 9 W3008 - No. 10 W3009 - No. 11
The Pennings No. 5 Camp	7-7-40		Training syllabus continues in good weather. Church parade all denominations.	Routine Orders No. 12
The Pennings No. 5 Camp	8-7-40		All defensive positions occupied in unpleasant conditions and training interfered with. Weather again wet and cold.	Routine Orders No. 13
The Pennings No. 5 Camp	9-7-40		Further digging of defensive positions SIDBURY HILL in bad weather and tents are erected.	Routine Orders No. 14

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The Pennings No.5 Camp	10-7-40		All slit trenches PENNINGS No.5 now complete. Digging defensive positions SIDBURY HILL continues in unpleasant weather.	Routine Orders No.15
The Pennings No.5 Camp	11-7-40		Training continues. Also digging of defensive trenches SIDBURY HILL.	Routine Orders No.16
The Pennings No.5 Camp	12-7-40		Preparation today for Brigade demonstration tomorrow.	Routine Orders No.17
The Pennings No.5 Camp	13-7-40	0815	71st Bn. marched out to link up with 70 Bn. and 72 Bn. for Brigade demonstration vicinity HAXTON DOWN and TRIPLE PLANTATION. Demonstration of 2" Mortar fire and Bren Gun fire from Carriers, also throwing of Hand Grenades.	Routine Orders No.18
The Pennings No.5 Camp	14-7-40	2300	Air raid warning. Four heavy detonations heard close by PENNINGS No.5 at 2305 hrs. No damage camp area. Weather clear.	Routine Orders No.19

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The Pennings No.5 Camp	15-7-40		Training continues. Weather again bad.	Rout. order No.20
The Pennings No.5 Camp	16-7-40		Training syllabus being carried out. Defensive positions NORTH side of SIDBURY HILL completed.	Rout. Orders No.21
The Pennings No.5 Camp	17-7-40		Training continues. London leave for Battalion completed today.	Rout. Orders No.22
The Pennings No.5 Camp	18-7-40		Training continues. Warning this morning to every officer from C.I.G.S. on necessity of avoiding careless discussion of service matters.	Rout. Orders No.23
The Pennings No.5 Camp	19-7-40		71 Bn. Sector of 25 Mxd. Bde. defensive area defined as an area extending from a point N.N.W. of SIDBURY HILL to a point S.S.E. of SIDBURY HILL.	ROUT. Orders No.24

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The Pennings No.5 Camp	20-7-40		Digging of weapon pits and defensive positions continues SIDBURY HILL and other outpost positions.	Rout. Order No. 25 W3008 - No.26 W3009 - No.27
The Pennings No.5 Camp	21-7-40		Further digging of weapon pits all outposts.	Routine Order No.28
The Pennings No.5 Camp	22-7-40		Training syllabus continues in better weather. First Carrier received. Carrier Platoon commences elementary training.	Routine Order No.29
The Pennings No.5 Camp	23-7-40		Digging of weapon pits at all outposts continues. Some M.G's and S.A.A.A. (Bren) guns mounted at outposts.	Routine Order No.30
The Pennings No.5 Camp	24-7-40		Weather now fine and warm and training is being carried out and weapon pits dug in much more pleasant conditions. First official issue of the Bn. periodical "The Newt"	Routine Order No.31 "The Newt" No.31a

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The Pennings No.5 Camp	25-7-40		Weather continues fine and warm. Training syllabus nearly completed.	Routine Orders No.32
The Pennings No.5 Camp	26-7-40		Digging of weapon pits at outposts continues. Weather fine.	Routine Order No.33
The Pennings No.5 Camp	27-7-40		Training syllabus completed today. Companies commence individual training. Platoon and Coy. exercises. Digging proceeding all outposts.	Routine Order No.34 W3008 -No.35 W3009- No.36
The Pennings No.5 Camp	28-7-40		Normal training routine. Weather fine.	Routine Order No.37
The Pennings No.5 Camp	29-7-40		Digging continues all outposts.	Routine Order No.38



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The Pennings No. 5 Camp	30-7-40		Digging of weapon pits now nearly completed all outposts.	Routine Orders No. 39
The Pennings No. 5 Camp	31-7-40		Demonstration to 25th Bde. by R.A.F. of Dive Bombing with Fairey Bombers at Pickpit Hill.	Routine Orders No. 40 "The Newt" No. 40a

WAR DIARY PRECIS.

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Classification  
of Subject.

71 Battalion.

June 40.

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Organisation

Formation of  
Parachute patrol.  
Tank Hunting patrol

War Diary.  
71 Bn.  
27. June 40.  
28 June 40.

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## COPY VERBAL ORDERS

APP

Ref. Maps SALISBURY PLAINS - 1" to 1 mile  
Attached Sketch.

The Bde Cmd has decided to defend TIDWORTH AREA.

## INFORMATION

1. Form of attack likely:-
  - (a) Heavy BOMBING
  - (b) Dive Bombing
  - (c) Airborne Troops
  - (d) Parachute Troops
  - (e) Ordinary Ground Troops
  - (f) Light A.F.V's
  - (g) 5 Column Activities
2. The Bde. is holding a Perimeter surrounding TIDWORTH (as shown on sketch) with F.D.L's

ROAD 673712 to 657713 - N.W. Slope SIDBURY HILL )  
Western slope SIDBURY HILL, South to 657696,  
thence to N.W. corner of DUNCH'S HILL PLANTATION  
- South to TRACK running E.W. South of HARE  
WARREN.

A striking force is held at BURBAGE 665817 -  
SALISBURY RACECOURSE 534489.

The 71 BN has been allotted the sub-area:-  
Right Boundary - incl. ROAD, TIDWORTH-COLLING-  
BOURNE.  
Left Boundary - incl. TRACK running SSW through  
656675.

F.D.L's - As att. map.

Anti-Aircraft  
-----  
as under:-

The M.G. Bn. has mounted 4 M.M.G's for A.A. defence

- (a) 658707
- (b) 658708
- (c) 668709
- (d) 664699

Coys. of 71 Bn. will be prepared to use Bren guns as  
A.A. as well as ground guns, and positions will be reconnoitred for  
same.

The M.G. Bn. has arranged for all A.A. guns to fire  
in ground positions as well.

The M.M.G. at 661709 is prepared to fire on a fixed  
line on Western edge of Timber about 663699.

There is a gun position in vicinity of 664699, with  
a fixed line on Western edge of Timber about 663699.

There is a Gun Position in vicinity of 664699, with  
a fixed line about 673705 with a Primary ground task on a fixed line  
along crest of Spur about 666700.

3. The Bn. will defend the area:-  
Right Boundary - incl. ROAD TIDWORTH-COLLINGBOURNE.  
Left Boundary - incl. TRACK running SSW through  
656675.

See Sketch.

METHOD:-

4. The Bn. area has been divided into six areas:-

COLLINGBOURNE.

(a) Right Boundary - incl. ROAD TIDWORTH-  
Left Boundary - excl. reentrant SE  
SIDBURY HILL 659710.

(b) Incl. reentrant to , excl. TRACK, WEST  
EDGE SIDBURY HILL 654700.

(c) Incl. TRACK - SUN PLANTATION.

(d) excl. SUN PLANTATION - incl. ROAD running  
through DUNCH'S HILL PLANTATION 646686.

(e) excl. ROAD - incl. FLAGSTAFF 652679.

(f) excl. FLAGSTAFF - incl. ROAD through  
HARE WARREN, shown on attached sketch.

Positions have been dug, and Coys. will be prepared to occupy any area when ordered to do so. Coy. Comds. will receive all areas, and have all information about various areas.

The plan provides for four cases, as attacks may come from:-

- (a) North.
- (b) North West.
- (c) West.
- (d) All round.

Other cases will arise, which will be dealt with at the time.

- In case (a) Two Coys. forward in A and B sectors. Reserve one (1) Coy., less one (1) Pl., in Camp area. Tank Hunters, Mobile Reserve, A.A. Guns, already mtd. to stand.
- In case (b) Occupy C and D sectors with two Coys. Reserve one (1) Coy., less one (1) Pl., in Camp area. Tank Hunters in Sector D. Mobile role - Special protection of PUMP STATION
- In case (c) Occupy C D and F. One Coy. in CD Sector. One Coy. in E and F area. Reserve One Pl. of Tank Hunters. Reserve one (1) Coy., less one Pl. in Camp Area.
- In case (d) One Coy. in A B C Sectors, plus one Pl. of Tank Hunters. One Coy. in D E F Sectors. Reserve One Coy. in Camp Area.

Inner Defences:- Are provided by

- (a) General dispositions
- (b) Disposal of Reserve Troops
- (c) Inlying Picquet
- (d) Dispositions of M.M.G., in 1 M.G. Bn. (co-ordinated with C.O.)

Permanent Posts:-

1. North Pennings Plantation
2. Sidbury Hill
- ~~3. North West Edge, Dunch's Hill~~
3. Sun Plantation
4. North West Edge- Dunch's Hill
5. Firs Plantation
6. Hare Warren

Each manned by a Sector.

5. Road Blocks:- Will be prepared at

- 
1. 67311
  2. Roads running through DUNCH'S HILL PLANTATION.
  3. On HARE WARREN ROAD (Left Boundary).

6. Offensive Action:- Will be limited to immediate vicinity  
----- of Defence.

7. General:- Warning Message.  
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On receipt of HOME SECURITY STANDBY - One Pl. (Mortars) will be ready to move within 30 minutes.  
Liason Officer, and M.C.D.R. will report to BDE H.Q.

The ALARM will be sounded:-

(a) On the Bugle or Whistle, as soon as Parachute Troops are observed in Unit Sector. This will be repeated by each Unit in Camp. On that ALARM all troops will stand to.

(b) The Duty Coy. will maintain an Inlying Picquet of 25, which will also act as a Parashot Platoon, ready to move as soon as ordered.

(c) Should enemy troops be located in the sector, sub-unit will notify Bn. H.Q. as to approx. location and strength of enemy, probable intentions, and action being taken.

(d) Parasols - Enemy Parachute  
Starlings - Enemy Aircraft Landing

As soon as a warning order is received, or the alarm given, all troops will be ready to move within thirty minutes by day, and 2 hrs by night.

(e) Each coy. will be responsible for observation in sector. All persons acting in a suspicious manner will be interrogated, and, if not in possession of satisfactory identity cards or other authorised documents, will be escorted to Bn. H.Q., and placed in custody.

(f) T.O. will take such steps as are necessary to ensure that all vehicles and cycles do not fall into the hands of the enemy. As a last resort they will be rendered immobile. At the first alarm on the Bugle call all drivers will standby their vehicles, and start them up. When they are warmed up, they will be switched off.

(g) O.C. Coys. will reconnoitre all areas allotted to Bn., and be prepared to move to any area if called upon.

8.

Ammunition:- 50 rounds per man  
----- 1000 rounds per L.M.G.  
5 grenades per Coy.  
24 rounds per A.T. Boys.

5 boxes per Coy. will be held in Coy. reserve.

Bn. S.A.A. RESERVE - Q.M. STORE.

9. Tools:- Already issued to Coys.  
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10. R.A.F. Camp Hospital

INTER) COMMUNICATION  
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11. Bn. H.Q. in Camp Area.

O.P. COYS by line to Bn.

12. Patrols:- Will be arranged by Coys. in areas. Flank Coys.  
----- to be advised.

13. S.D.F. Green - White - Green.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS


1. Q.M. will arrange for:-

- (a) 24 hrs. Rations to be taken by sub-units on O.P. Such rations to be treated as emergency rations.
- (b) Have ready for issue to Coys. sufficient Rations for 24 hrs.

2. Coy. Cmds. will ensure that water bottles are filled daily, and that all ammunition and guns are cleaned daily.

3. Procedure in Occupation and taking over of positions :-

- (a) Posting of Sentries for gas, air, ground and tanks.
- (b) Detailing Officer in charge by night and Day for Coy.
- (c) Trench works to be checked.
- (d) Repairs to be made to parapets etc.
- (e) Sketches of work - in progress  
projected
- (f) Sketch of wire obstacles and tank traps etc.
- (g) Liason between Pls. and Coys. on each flank and in the rear.
- (h) Check and improve sanitary arrangements.
- (i) Coy. and Pl. S.A.A. always to be with respective H.Q.
- (j) All ranks to avoid, as much as possible, movement by day round post.
- (k) Equipment not to be removed at night.
- (l) Verbal messages will not be given to any person without first checking identity.
- (m) Ensure that all ranks know the pass-word.
- (n) "Stand to arms" will be carried out each morning and night by all ranks for one hour at dusk, and one hour at dawn, and to remain at posts until ordered to stand down.
- (o) A situation report will be rendered daily by Coy. Cmds.

  
.....Lt. Col.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART. I.

APP. 1

BY.

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKS COMMANDING 71ST BN.

No. 1.

PART. I.

28th June 40

DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officers. Next for Duty Lt. Eacott

Bn Orderly Sgt Next for Duty. Cpl. Sparr. Cpl. L. Dover.

Bn. Orderly Corporal. Next for Duty. L/C. Brodie. L/C. Dudley.

Duty Company Next for Duty. B Company, C Company.

Bn. Runner. 1 Per Company.

DUTY COMP WILL PROVIDE GUARD.

1 Sergeant.  
2 Corporals.  
16 other Ranks

Parashot Patrol. 1 Platoon commanded by 1 Sgt.

Lookout Picquet 2 N.C.O's

Fire & inlying Picquet 6 O.R's  
1 N.C.O.  
6 O.R's

Telephone Orderlies. 3.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

0600 HRS REVEILLE. 0830-1230 COY PARADES.  
0615 " ROLL CALL. 1300 LUNCH  
0630 " SICK PARADE. 1400-1630 PARADE.  
0730 " BREAKFAST. 1730 DINNER.



2130 hrs First Post.  
2200 " Last Post.  
2215 " Lights Out.



### DUTIES

All duties will mount at 1830 hrs.

### RETURNS

#### PARAD STATES & CASUALTY RETURNS.

Company will submit same by 0730 hrs daily

MAIL all mail will be censored by Coy. Officers & forwarded to Br. H.Q. RS for franking.

Letters within U.K. Normal postal rates & regulations will apply.

Letters to Australia. Postage should not be prepaid.

### SMOKING.

Smoking in tents is strictly forbidden at all times.

Offices & Sergeants Latrines Washing benches & showers are not to be used by troops.

### CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

Numerous incidents of bad conduct on the part of Australian troops have been reported to this H.Q.

Some cases reported are:-

- (A) Soldiers entered private house & refused to leave.
- (B) Picquet drinking whilst on duty.
- (C) Picquet threatened Hotel Proprietor with rifle & ordered the Hotel to supply picquet with drinks after hrs.
- (D) Wilful damage to property.
- (E) Removing property including pictures & glasses from hotels.
- (F) Barricading roads to try & stop cars to obtain lifts.
- (G) Use of obscene language.
- (H) Obstructing traffic.
- (I) Committing nuisance in streets.

Any further complaints will cause leave privileges to be greatly restricted.

*[Signature]* Lt. Adj't 71 Br.

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ROUTINE ORDERS Part I

by

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES, Commanding 71 Bn.

No. 2

29 June 40

APP.  
2

1. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Huitfeldt
Next for Duty	Lt. Brownrigg
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. L. Dover
Next for Duty	Sgt. Anderson
Bn. Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Dudley
Next for Duty	Cpl. Johnson
Duty Company	C Company
Next for Duty	H.Q. Company
Bn. Runners	1 from each coy.

Duty Coy. provides:-

Main Guard	1 Sgt	2 Cpls	19 O.R.s
Parashot Patrol	1 platoon commanded by 1 Sgt.		
Fire and Inlying Picquet	1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R.s		
Telephone Orderlies	3 O.R.s		

2. BRIGADE DUTIES

Picquet Officer Lt. Jacoby  
( For Duties see Bde. R.O. dated 29 June 40 )

1. Guard: H.Q. 25th Bde. 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 6 O.R.s

24 hrs duty, mounting 1830 hrs

Dress: S.D., steel helmet, rifles, side arms, respirators.  
Transport to be arranged.

2. Picquets  
(a) Ludgershall 2 N.C.O.s 8 O.R.s

Duty: 2030 to 2300 hrs

Dress: S.D., steel helmets, side arms, respirators.

Transport: Lorry to be provided.

Disposition: 2 O.R.s to be stationed at the main entrance to the Prince of Wales Hotel. to prevent soldiers entering residential quarters.

Duty: Picquets will be responsible for the conduct of soldiers

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(b) Tidworth

S H.C.O.s

S O.R.s

Duty: 2030 to 2300 hrs

Transport: Lorry to be provided

Disposition: A picquet post will be established at the Ram Hotel. The remainder will have a roving commission.

Duty: Picquets are responsible for the conduct of soldiers.

Dress: As for Ladgershall picquet.

3. RETURNS

Tattoo Roll Reports will be returned to Orderly Officer by 2300 hrs every night.

4. MAIL.

Letters will not be accepted for postage within the United Kingdom unless stamped.

5. SPORTS

Two cricket pitches are being prepared on Polo Ground adjoining camp.

Arrangements for matches against Tidworth Garrison will be made by Bde. H.Q.

6. CHURCH PARADE.

Boys will fall in at 0830 hrs. Markers will report to the R.S.M. with parade states at 0835 hrs. Bn. Parade will be at 0845 hrs. R.O.'s will be fallen out and marched to H.A.A.F.I. restaurant where Mass will be celebrated.

Dress: S.D., Hat, Gaiters, Belt and Sidearms.

7. WASHING OF EATING UTENSILS.

The practice of washing eating utensils under the showers must cease

*D. F. Eason*  
Lieut.  
for Adj. 71 Bn.

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Lt Col A S G Sparkes, Commanding 71 Bn

APP  
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No 5

30 June 40

1 DUTIES

Mounting 1830 hrs 30 June 40

Bn Orderly Officer	Lt Brownrigg
Next for Duty	Lt. Dixon
Bn Orderly Sergeant	Sgt Anderson
Next for Duty	Sgt. Hill
Bn Orderly Corporal	Cpl Johnson
Next for Duty	Cpl. Clark
Duty Company	H Q Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy

Duty Coy provides:-  
 Main Guard  
 Parashot Patrol  
 Fire and Inlying Picquet  
 Telephone Orderlies  
 Look-out Picquet

2 SICK PARADE

Bn Sick Parade is at 0630 hrs At other times urgent cases must be paraded to the H Q by Coy Orderly Cpl

*[Signature]*  
 Lieut  
 Adjnt 71 Bn

NOTICES

LOST

Respirator marked QX 4977  
 Respirator and Hat marked BX 6372  
 If found these articles are to be returned to

Bn H Q

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AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS Part I

by

Lt. Col. A.S.S. Spinks, Commanding VI Bn.

No. 4

1 July 40

**APP.**  
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1. DUTIES

- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Bn. Orderly Officer<br>Next for Duty  | Lt. DIXON<br>Lt. JACOBY                              |
| Bn. Orderly Sergeant<br>Next for Duty | Sgt. HILL<br><del>Sgt. MONTGOMERY</del> SGT. MORRISH |
| Bn. Orderly Corporal<br>Next for Duty | CPL. CLARKE<br><del>Cpl. CUTLACK</del> Cpl. COLLESS  |
| Duty Company<br>Next for Duty         | Bac <del>3</del> Coy.<br>H4cA <del>5</del> Coy.      |
| Bn. Runners                           | 1 from each coy.                                     |

Duty Company provides:-

- Main Guard
- Parashot Patrol
- Fire and Inlying Picket
- Telephone Orderlies
- Look-out Picket

Re Bn. Runners. Each coy will provide 1 runner to Bn. H.Q.

ALSO Each coy. will detail 2 men to report to Pte. Hayton of the Pioneer Platoon at 0830 hrs each day for duty. Two men from A.S.S. will also report to Pioneer Platoon each day.

2. OUT OF BOUNDS

Showers are out of bounds to all ranks during parade hours unless they are in possession of a special pass.

3. INSPECTION

Coy. Orderly Officers or their representatives and C.S.M.s will meet C.O.'s inspection party at kitchens at 1000 hrs daily.

4. H.A.A.F.I.

Net canteen hours at the H.A.A.F.I. have been amended to read:-  
1230 to 1200 hrs instead of 1230 to 1400 hrs.

5. PARADE STATES

Coy. are reminded that Parade States must be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. by 0730 hrs daily. All coys. will show on the back of parade states the

number of men

Training  
Duties  
Sick  
Leave  
A.M.S.

## 6. MESS TENTS

Flaps of mess tents are to be rolled up daily. More attention must be paid to the cleaning up of mess tents.

## 7. DRESS

Tin hats and respirators must be worn at all times.

## 8. SECURITY

(a) All Ranks are warned that they must take every precaution when talking to strangers whether in uniform or plain clothes.

(b) Any person acting in a suspicious manner or making enquiries of a kind to arouse suspicion, will be dealt with as follows:-

1. Ask the persons concerned to establish their identity by either a civilian pass ( identity card ), or Military paybook.

2. If identity cannot be established the persons will be handed over to either the Military Police, picquet, guard or the civil police.

(c) All Ranks should carry their paybook or an identification pass, to establish identity when required.

(d) Units will mount a guard over the camp continuously, and will have an inlying picquet who will remain in the camp area throughout the tour of duty.

(e) All Ranks to enter camps past the guardroom, so that a strict check is kept on all personnel entering the camp. Moving patrols, drawn from an inlying picquet will be sent out at frequent intervals; any persons apprehended in camp or in the neighbourhood of camp without authority will be considered as suspicious characters and dealt with accordingly.

(f) Military Drivers, when driving vehicles, will be armed with a rifle and will carry 50 rounds of ammunition.

(g) Personnel armed with a rifle, will carry a rifle and 50 rounds of ammunition when moving out of camp on duty or training.

(h) All ranks will take particular care to guard against loss or theft of equipment or clothing. Articles of equipment or clothing will on no account be left unattended in cars, hotels, cafes etc.

## 9. ROAD SAFETY

Troops must always comply with the rule of the road and keep to the left except during blackout, during which period they will:-

1. Use footpaths or footwalks
2. In the absence of footpaths, walk on the right of road that is against approaching traffic.
3. Not walk more than three abreast along roads.
4. Not attempt to stop cars by barricades, obstructions or signals unless authorised to do so.

## 10. PERSONAL SAFETY

All Ranks are warned of the danger of moving across country at night and of the necessity for immediately obeying when challenged.

*C. Brownings* LT.  
Gw Adj. 71 Bn.

NOTICE

Loss of Arms

The loss of rifle No. 92346 and pistol, 453  
No. 443366 have been reported. Units will check for these  
and if located advise Australian A.A.S.C.

Found

Three keys on ring. Atty B.N.H.F.



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A.P.P.  
528. Duties

Bw. Orderly Officer	-	Lt. Jacoby
next for duty	-	Lt. Cahill
Bw. Orderly Sgt	-	Sgt. Morrish
next for duty	-	Sgt. Anderson
Bw. Orderly Corporal	-	Cpl. Colless
next for duty	-	Cpl. Thatchel
Duty Company	-	A-Maj. Cyp.
next for duty	-	Bac. Cyp.
Bw. Runners	-	1 from each coy.

Duty Company provides -

Parasol Patrol	-	1 Sgt	25 O.Rs.
Lookout Patrol	-	2 NCO's	6 O.Rs
Inducing a Fire Picquet	-	1 NCO	6 O.Rs
Telephone Orderlies	-	3 O.Rs	
Main Guard	-	1 Sgt	2 Cpls. 22 O.Rs.

29. Brigade Duties

Picquet Officer - Lt. Idelfeldt

Hustings House Guards  
 Tidworth Picquet  
 Ludgershall Picquet

For duties etc see Bw R.O. dated  
29 June 40.30. Empire Bureau

An Information Bureau under the auspices of the Empire  
 Societies War Hospitality Committee has opened at Nelson House, 103  
 Fisherton St., Salisbury  
 Teas and light supper are served from 1430 to 2130 hrs  
 and reading and writing rooms are available



31. Discipline

A complaint has been received from the O.C. military Hospital of acts of insolence by patients towards members of the Staff.

Troops must realise that discipline and good behaviour while in hospital is as important as when on parades.

If any patients have complaints they should be submitted to the Officer i/c Ward at his daily visit, or to the O.M.O. or to the O.C. of the Hospital on discharge forms.

32. Messages

All Punks must realise the importance of passing on messages, whether they are given verbally or in writing. Unit Comds. will take action against any person who fails to pass on a message received.

33. Returns - Parade States

Boys are urged to exercise greater care in returns forwarded to Bw H.Q. Attention is drawn to the instructions re Parade States in R.O. dated 1 July 40.

34. Sick Parade

Sick reports are to be made out in triplicate - 1 copy for the M.O.; 1 for Bw H.Q.; 1 for Coy. records. Coy. orderly corporals are responsible for the return of a copy to Bw. H.Q.

35. Change Reports

Four copies are to be made of change reports. Coy. are responsible for forwarding a copy to the Sgt. of the guard for those men in detention.

~~A. C. J. / s/sk~~  
 Lt.  
 Adj. 71 Bw.

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ROUTINE ORDERS. PART 1.

BY

LT. COL. A. S. C. SPARKS, COMMANDING 71st. BATTALION.

NO. 6.

3rd. July 1940.

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36. DUTIES.

- Bn. Orderly Officer ..... Lt. M. Cahill.
- Next for Duty ..... Lt. D. Eacott.
  
- Bn. Orderly Seargeant ..... Sgt. Anderson.
- Next for Duty ..... Sgt. Caldecott.
  
- Bn. Orderly Corporal ..... Cpl. Thatcher.
- Next for Duty ..... Cpl. T. B. Morris.
  
- Duty Company ..... "B" & "C" Coys.
- Next for Duty ..... HQ. & "A" Coys.
  
- Bn. Runners ..... One from each Company.

For Duties provided by duty Coy., see R.O. dated 2nd. July, Par. 28.

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37. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Each Company will detail one (1) man for kitchen fatigue to report to the Sgt. Cook.

BUGLE CALLS.

The Bugler is now playing calls which must strictly be adhered to.

..... *Adjt.* ..... LT.  
(Adj. 71st. Batt.)

LOST

Web Belt marked NX6206.  
Tin Hat and Respirator marked NX11454.

War diary

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by

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COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 7

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39. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer next for duty	Lt. Cahill Lt. Brownrigg
Bn. Orderly Sgt. next for duty	Sgt. Caldecott Sgt. Scott
Bn. Orderly Cpl. next for duty	Cpl. Schiele CPL CARTER
Duty company next for duty	H.Q. and A B. " C
Bn. Runners	One from each coy.

40.

BLUE LIGHT OUTFITS

These are available at the R.A.P. All personnel going on London leave should draw one of these.

Any man going on leave in Tidworth can draw one if he wishes.

Any man who goes into Tidworth can be treated at the R.A.P. on his return. It is not of much use to report on return from London, as it is then too late to prevent infection.

41.

PARADE STATES

Names of personnel A.W.L., together with details of how long A.W.L., are to be shown on back of parade states daily.

Notice. Lost. Rifle No. 96878 Return to Bn. H.Q.

*[Signature]*  
 adjt. 71 bn.

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LT. COL. A. S. C. SPARKS

COMMANDING 71 BN

No. 8.

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42. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer .....	Lt. Brownrigg.
Next for Duty .....	Lt. Dixon.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant .....	Sgt Scott.
Next for Duty .....	Sgt.
Bn. Orderly Corporal .....	Cpl. Carter.
Next for Duty .....	Cpl. HOWLETT
Duty Coy. ....	B. & C.
Next for Duty .....	H.Q. & A.
Bn. Runners .....	1 from each Coy.

43. BRIGADE DUTIES

Picquet Officer ..... Lt. Cahill.

For Duties etc see Bn. R. O., dated 29 June 40.

44. SHOWERS

Personnel must not use showers during Parade hours unless in possession of a pass signed by an Officer.

45. TATTOO ROLL REPORTS

Coys. must ensure that Tattoo roll reports reach Bn. H.Q. by 2215 hrs nightly.

46. PARADE STATES

On back of Parade states, Coys., will show names and army no. of men :-

1. In detention.
2. A. W. L.
3. In Hospital beyond camp area.

NOTICE

LOST

Pay book, Q.X.2378, Pte. L. J. O'Shaunessy.

Coys. please check and return same to Bn. H.Q. if found.

*W. J. O'Shaunessy  
Capt 71 Bn*

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47. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. Dixon ( "B" Coy ) Lt. Austin ( M.G. )
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	L/Sgt. McGregor ( M.G. ) A/Sgt. Carter ( "B" Coy )
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. Howlett ( "B" Coy ) A/Cpl. King, E.F. ( "B" Coy )
Bn. Runners	1 from each coy.

DUTY COMPANY will provide:-Main Guard:- 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 15 O.R.'s

<u>Posts</u>	Main Gate - 2
	Q.M. Store - 1
	Detention Area - 2

Parashot Patrol:- 1 Sgt 24 O.R.'s

<u>Posts</u>	1. Vicinity of cemetery, EAST of 71 Bn. lines
	2. WEST of "C" Coy lines, vicinity of camp area road.
	3. Vicinity of kitchens

Remainder of section to act as a roving patrol.

48. DISCIPLINE

A most regrettable falling off in discipline amongst the troops has been observed. The most noticeable deterioration is in the matter of bearing, turn out and saluting. Any failure in these respects is most noticeable to the civil population.

49. REGIMENTAL BOARD OF AUDIT

The following will comprise the Board of Audit.

Lt. Rankine  
Lt. Cahill  
Lt. Jacoby

Details of their duties will be issued separately.

50. CHURCH PARADE.

Church parades will be held on 7 July 40 as follows

C of B at 1015 hrs. Markers will report to the R.S.M. at 09.40 hrs. Battalion parade at 09.45 hrs.

R.S. at 06.45 and 09.00 hrs at H.A.A.P.I.. Markers will report to R.S.M at 0840 hrs. Parade will be on Bn. parade ground at 0845 hrs.

.....*W. J. ...*.....ADJT.

71 Bn.

NOTICES

LOST

Rifle No. 11355. Coys will check and forward reports to Bn. H.Q..

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*71 Bw.* (Unit.) For Week Ending *6 July '40.*

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	!		
	Majors... ..	.		
	Captains ... ..	/		
	Lieutenants ... ..	10		
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	12	.	.

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Lt. Col		Sparkes. A.S.G.	A.I.F.	Yes.	26/40	
2	M	Capt		Dalby. B.G.	"	"	27/40	
3	S	Lieut		Petite. A.D.	"	"	"	
4	S	"		Bennett. A.M.	"	"	"	
5	S	"		Dixon. G.W.	"	"	"	
6	S	"		Facott. D.	"	"	"	
7	M	"		Stargatt. W.H.	"	"	"	
8	S	"		Rankine. B.G.	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Jacoby. P.	"	"	"	
10	M	"		Huntfeldt. B.	"	"	"	
11	S	"		Cahill. B.	"	"	"	
12	S	"		Brownrigg. G.	"	"	"	
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Cherry. G.P.	A.I.F.	28.6.40	M.O.
Captain		Scarfe. B.	"	1-7-40	
Lieut		Austin. G.W.	"		2/1 Machine gunners
"		Plummer. B.S.	"		"

71 Bn

(Unit.)

7 July '40

(Date of Despatch.)

*W. Sparkes Lt Col*

(Signature of Commander.)

25 Bde. 5. Camp. Penninga

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







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by

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES

COMMANDING 71 BN.

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BDUTIESBn Orderly Officer  
next for dutyLt. Austin (M.G.)  
Lt. Plummer (M.G.)Bn. Orderly Sgt.  
next for dutyL/Sgt. Ingram B coy.  
Sgt. O'Mara C coy.Bn. Orderly Cpl.  
next for dutyCpl. Carter B coy.  
Pte Rail C coy

Bn Runners

One from each coy.

52

DUTY COMPANYDuty Coy  
next for duty C. Coy.

In addition to duties set out in paragraph 47 R.O.,  
6 July 40, Duty Coy. will detail ten men who can be  
called in for fire picquet if necessary.

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LAST WARNING RE PARADE STATES

Parade States must be on hand by 0730 hrs. Companies  
will clearly show :

1.	Personnel	A.W.L.
2.	"	in hospital beyond camp area.
3.	"	in detention.
4.	"	at schools.
5.	"	number on leave.
6.	"	number on duty.
7.	"	number on parade.

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H.S.W. GOVT. OFFICES

New South Welshmen may be interested to know that there  
is an office of the H.S.W. Govt. in London, where  
certain facilities are provided for officers and men who  
hail from M.S.W. ~~addresses~~. Address: 125 Strand,  
London W.C. 2.

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VACANCY POSTAL UNIT

The position of O. in C., Postal Unit, rank of Lieutenant,  
is required to be filled, preferably by an employee of  
the P.M.G.'s Department prior to enlistment.  
Recommended applications will be submitted at the  
earliest possible date through this R.O.

VACANCIES CLERKS. H.Q. AUSTRALFORCE  
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A number of vacancies for typists and shorthand writers exist in the H.Q., Australforce.

Applications for these appointments will be received from suitably qualified personnel in the following classes :

- A. Typist and shorthand writer.  
B. Typist only.

Applications stating the qualifications of the applicant, will be submitted in writing through the normal channel.

Notice.

Lost.

1. Watch in mens showers, engraved TIGER PAYNE.  
Keepsake. Reward.
2. Web Belt, marked "NX-10068. NX 6428.
3. Greatcoat, marked in pocket lining, A.J. BALKIN,  
NX 10068.

*[Signature]*  
----- Adjt.  
71 Bn.

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COMMANDING 71 BN.

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51 DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. Plummer Lt. Macott
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Cpl. Howlett Sgt. Laing
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	A/Cpl. Rail A/Cpl. Seniele
Duty Company Next for Duty	C Company A Company
Bn. Runners	1 from each coy.

52. BRIGADE DUTIES

Picquet Officer Lt. Fahey

For Duties etc. see R.O. Dated 29 June 40.

53. SHOWERS

Showers are not being shut off properly after use, thus causing damage to taps, and an overflow of the sumps. All ranks are warned that shaving in the shower rooms is not permitted.

54. AIR MAIL SERVICES TO AUSTRALIA

Details of Air Mail Services to Australia and corresponding charges are set out below:-

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>POST CARDS</u>	<u>LETTERS 1/2-06.</u>
1. Surface route to South Africa, thence by Air Mail to Australia. No special endorsement other than blue Air Mail sticker	7d.	1/3d.
2. Air Mail via North Atlantic and Transpacific Services. Endorse - North Atlantic and Transpacific Services.	2/3d.	4/6d.

55. CASUALTY RETURNS

Coys. are reminded that they must show all evacuations to and discharges from hospitals beyond the Camp area in C.R.'s.

56. INTER-COMPANY TRANSFERS

All inter-company transfers must be notified to Bn. H.Q. immediately.

..... Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

NOTICES

MISSING

Rifle No. 95603. Coys will check and report to Bn. H.Q.  
Tin Hat and Respirator marked NX ~~4406~~ 11524  
Greatcoat marked with name, L. Balkin.

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LT. COL. A. S. C. SPARKES

COMMANDING 71 BN.

N. 12.

9 JULY 40.

57. DUTIES

- Bn. Orderly Officer. Lt. Sacott.  
Next for Duty. Lt. Jacoby.
- Bn. Orderly Sergeant. Sgt. Laing.  
Next for Duty.
- Bn. Orderly Corporal. Pte. Schiele.  
Next for Duty.
- Bn. Runners. 1 from each Coy.

58. PARADE STATEMENTS

When filling in parade states, Coy. will show men on outpost duty and parashot patrol as "On Parade". On Battalion duties (Cooks, Mess Orderlies, Runners, Clerks etc) will be shown as "Duties".

59.

- (A) Church Parade Troops will wear S. D., webbing equipment, steel helmet and will carry Rifle.
- (B) Meals Troops will wear tunics or W. D. jackets at meals.

60. CHURCH PARADE

Church for R. C. will be held at TIDWORTH CATHOLIC CHURCH at 1830 hrs 10 July 40. All R. C. are expected to attend.

61. FETE

The A. T. S. will hold a Gala Fete in the A. T. S. Recreation ground TIDWORTH on 10 July 40 from 1830 hrs until black-out. Dancing, side-shows, N. A. A. F. I., Bar etc.

..... Lt.  
(Adj. 71 Bn.)

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62. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer            Lt. Jacoby  
    Next for Duty                Lt. Stargatt

Bn. Orderly Sergeant        Sgt. Dover

Bn. Orderly Corporal        Cpl. Potter

Bn. Runners                    1 from each coy.

63. BRIGADE DUTIES

To mount 1830 hrs, 11 July 40

Picquet Officer                Lt. Cahill

64. SHOWERS

Showers are now closed from 1830 hrs  
to 0600 hrs: and also during parade hours

*D. Hawthth*  
.....Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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65. DUTIES

- Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Stargatt  
Next for Duty Lt. Dixon
- Bn. Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Morrish  
Next for Duty
- Bn. Orderly Corporal Cpl. Donaldson  
Next for Duty
- Bn. Runners 1 from each Coy.  
Duty Company C. Coy.  
Next for Duty A. Coy.

66. BRIGADE DUTIES

To mount 1830 hrs., 11 July 40  
Picquet Officer Lt. Cahill

67. REMITTANCES FROM AUSTRALIA

Enquiries from personal expecting remittances from Australia, whether through the various D. F. O's. or the Commonwealth or other bank, should be directed to the Paymaster, H. Q. Australforce.

68. ARTICLE LOST

A greatcoat left in the Strand Theatre Office, London on 6/7/40 by VZ 6689 Pte. Webb W.H. of the I Aus. M.G. Bn. has not been recovered.  
Name and number on tag inside.  
Units will check for this and if located advise H. Q. Australforce.

69. FARES

There are no arrangements for free travel by troops by either Rail or Bus. Troops proceeding on LONDON Leave are required to pay the following fares:-  
RETURN ( Bus..... Camp to ANDOVER.....1/6  
( Rail..... ANDOVER TO LONDON.....9/8

70. SECURITY - IDENTITY DOCUMENTS.

All ranks will be informed of the importance of their being at all times in possession of their identity documents, discs and paybook. Men will be warned that they must take particular care of all identity Documents etc., and all badges, clothing and equipment carried.



Badges, paybooks, articles of uniform etc., would be of considerable value to enemy agents into whose hands they may fall and cases have occurred where men on leave have become intoxicated in undesirable company and had such documents and badges stolen.

Troops will be warned against giving away badges etc., to acquaintances.

Cases of loss of badges, identity papers etc., will be thoroughly investigated and disciplinary action taken where necessary.

#### 76. INTELLIGENCE PERSONAL

Applications are invited for the Intelligence Section on Bde. H.Q. Knowledge of mapping and sketching is required. Appointment if confirmed carries non-commissioned rank up to SGT. Applications are to be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. by 1000 hrs 12 July 40.

#### 72. ARTICLES LOST AND FOUND

Lost.....Kangaroo skin wallet marked A.R.  
III 6799 Pte. A. Rae

Money belt containing (£2)

III II623 Pte. S.R. Humphries

Found.....Gold Watch no markings  
Rosary beads black

Any information regarding above articles to be forwarded to Bn. H.Q.

#### BAYONETS

The following were loaned by H.Q. Coy. for the purpose of completing equipment on Duty Parades companies will check and return same.

NOS.	80270
	80951
	80385
	80026
	80383
	80989
	80518
	80503

.....Lt.

Adj. 71 Bn.

BW HQ.

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73. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. Brownrigg Lt. Macott
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Douglas J. Cpl. Carter
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Warren S. S. Cpl. Scherer
Bn. Rangers	1 from each Company.
Duty Company Next for Duty	A. Coy. B. Coy.

74. CHURCH PARADE

R. S. M.  
Mass and Holy Communion will be held at 0845 hrs. in B. A. A. F. I. Marker will report to the R. S. M. at 0845 hrs. for Mass at 0900 hrs. Parade at 0845 hrs.

C. of A.  
Service will be held at 1015 hrs. Markers will report to the R. S. M. at 0940 hrs. Battalion Parade at 0945 hrs.

75. ALLOTMENTS OF PAY

All forms relating to allotments are now available at the Pay-Sergeant's office.

76. ARTICLES LOST

Wastebush lost on the road between S IDWASH and SHIMON. Finder please return to B. H. Q.

Money belt, blue cloth, double buckle and 1 leather pocket. Lost by Isolation Camp. No 6372 Cpl. Ingram "B" Company. Finder please return to B. H. Q.

.....  
.....LT.

Adj. 71 BN.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY

LT. COL. A. S. C. SPARKES

COMMANDING 71 BN

NO. 16.

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77. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for duty	Lt. Dacott. Lt. Stargatt.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Cpl. Carter. Sgt. Scott.
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for duty	Cpl. Schorr. Cpl. Lawson.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Coy.
Duty Company Next for duty	B. Coy. C. Coy.

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68. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. Plummer Lt. Austin.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sgt. Scott
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Burvill
Duty Company Next for Duty	C. Coy. A. Coy.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Coy.

79. BRIGADE DUTIES

To mount 1830 hrs, 14 July 40.

Picquet Officer      Lt. Fahey

80. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

The indiscriminate discharge of fire-arms will be treated in future as a serious breach of discipline.

81. SHAVING

All personnel will be shaved by 0800 hrs daily - failure to comply will be treated as a breach of discipline.

*Daddy*  
.....Lt.  
Lt. 71 Bn.

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82. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Austin
Next for Duty	Lt. Jacoby
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. Potter
Next for Duty	
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Schoer
Next for Duty	
Duty Company	A. Coy.
Next for Duty	B. Coy.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Coy.

83. LEAVE - DRESS O.R.'s.

It has been observed that many troops on leave are becoming slovenly in their dress, and are leaving the collar button of their tunics open. Disciplinary action will be taken against troops found improperly or untidily dressed.

Troops will NOT wear collars and ties with S.D. Respirators and steel helmets WILL be carried by troops at all times when they proceed on leave or on duty outside their unit camp.

84. DRESS - OFFICERS

Officers who have a revolver in their possession will carry it at all times.

85. POSTAL ADDRESS

The postal address of the A.I.F. in the U.K. is as follows :-

No	Rank	Name
	Unit	
	A.I.F.	
	Army Post Office	
	England.	

86. AIRCRAFT DEMONSTRATION

One FAIRY BATTLE aeroplane will fly over Camps on Tuesday 16 July. to give Troops ideas of heights. Plane will make three circuits over each camp at 500 ft., followed by two circuits at 1000 ft. and two at 2000 ft. over Bde. area. Timetable - Pennings 1405 hrs. Bde. circuits 1415-1430 hrs. Plane to be identified by retracting and lowering wheels. Troops will note difference of details of plane visible at different heights and make notes, particularly on 500-ft. circuits.

*A. S. C. Sparkes*  
for Adj. 71 Bn.

NOTICE

A letter has been received from the O/C, 238 Squadron, R.A.F. expressing thanks for assistance received and wishing the Unit Good Luck and Good Hunting.

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87. DUTIES

- Bn. Orderly Officer                      Lt. Jacoby P.R.  
Next for Duty
- Bn. Orderly Sergeant                    Sgt. Caldecott L.K.  
Next for Duty
- Bn. orderly Corporal                    Cpl. Morris J.Y.  
Next for Duty
- Duty Company                            "B" Coy.  
Next fo Duty                            "C" Coy.
- Bn. Runners                                I from each Company.

88. REGIMENTAL INSTITUTE

The committee are as follows :-

- Captain Daldy R.J.
- Lt. Lancaster C.G.
- Sgt. Grover J.
- Cpl. Jeffs D.G.
- Pte. Lewis R.T.
- Sports Officer - Lt. Brinkley.

89. Medical Inspection

Commencing at 1000 hrs inspection will be carried out as follows :-

H. Q. Company	Thursday
B.H.Q.	Thursday
"A"            "	Friday
"B"            "	Friday
"C"            "	Saturday
Tank Hunters	Saturday

90. Discipline

Further complaints have been received from the C.O. Garrison Hospital concerning the behaviour of men when in hospital. Men must be informed that breaking out of hospital when a patient, or disobedience and non-compliance with Hospital orders are serious offences, and men who do not conform to hospital rules will be charged.

91. Philanthropic Institutes - Passes

Personnel employed with Mobile Canteens and in Camp will also be issued with A.F.A.29 countersigned by H.Q. Southern Command. Persons without A.F.A.29 should NOT be admitted to Camps or other Military establishments.

*10.30*

*[Signature]*  
.....Lt.  
for Adj. 71 Bn.

*(Continued over)*

92. CENSORSHIP

All ranks are warned not to mention the method by which a soldier of the A.I.F. was wounded on Saturday 13 July 40, in letters, etc. or in conversation with civilians, or in the hearing of civilians. The leakage of such information may lead to similar occurrences and additional casualties. Officers censoring letters will ensure that this instruction is complied with.

Orderly Officer  
Text to Day

Mr. Orderly Sergeant  
Text to Day

Mr. Orderly Sergeant  
Text to Day

Text to Day

Text to Day

The committee are as follows:-

- Captain Laidy M.C.
- Mr. Lancaster C.C.
- Mr. Brown T.
- Mr. Lewis O.C.
- Mr. Lewis R.F.

Orderly Officer - Mr. [Name]

Commanding Officer's Inspection

Commanding Officer's Inspection will be carried out as follows:-

- 1. C. Company Thursday
- 2. B. Co. Thursday
- " " Friday
- " " Friday
- " " Saturday
- 3. A. Company Saturday

Text to Day

Discipline

Further complaints have been received from the Garrison Hospital concerning the behaviour of some patients. It is requested that patients be warned that breaking out of hospital when a patient or disobedience and non-compliance with hospital regulations are serious offences, and that who do not comply will be liable to be reported.

Administrative Instructions

Personnel assigned with mobile canteen should be kept well away from the canteen. A.P.A. 23 should be issued to all personnel without A.P.A. 23 should not be issued to groups or other military establishments.

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93. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Stargatt  
Next for Duty Lt. O'Mara

Bn. Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Scott  
Next for Duty

Bn. Orderly Corporal Pte. Rail  
Next for Duty

Bn. Runners 1 from each Company

Duty Company "C" Coy.  
Next for Duty "A" Coy.

94. BRIGADE DUTIES

Picquet Officer LT. FAHEY.

95. LIGHT DUTIES

All light duty men will report to the Bn. Orderly Sgt. at BN. H. Q. at 0900 hrs. daily.

96. REGIMENTAL INSTITUTE

Amendment of list as detailed in R.O. 19 16  
Cpl. Jeffers to replace Pte. Jeffs.

..... *[Signature]* ..... CAPT  
Adj. 71 Bn.



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97. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. O'Hara
Next for Duty	Lt. Bruton
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. Thatcher
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Pte. Brice
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
Duty Company	"A" Company
Next for Duty	"B" Company

98. LOCAL LEAVE

No noise on return - Personal returning from local leave are warned that they must observe strict silence within the camp area. Failure to comply with this order will be treated as a serious breach of discipline.

99. SECURITY

Switchboard operations, telephone orderlies etc., must be impressed of the importance that the identity of the various formations and units served by an exchange should not be known outside and operations and personnel working main exchanges must not mention the location of units when putting through a call.

Callers will always ask for Units required by name and by name only where they do not employ the actual telephone number.

The strictest compliance with this order by all ranks is essential to safety.

100. RUMOURS

All ranks are again warned against spreading baseless rumours and should be on their guard against unwittingly propagating 5th Columnist propaganda in the form of rumours. All rumours should be traced to a source and that source reported to an officer. All officers and N.C.Os. will pay particular attention to this order the importance of which cannot be too strongly stressed.

101. LEAVE

The rumour that a leave period of four days is probable is not confirmed. Following London leave. No leave period can be expected for some time. A decision regarding leave for personnel who were unable to take London leave is expected in a few days.

.....*A. J. C. Sparkes*.....Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

LOST

Wristlet watch Chrome, leather band and cover. Finder return to Bn. H.Q.

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102. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Lancaster C.G.
Next for Duty	Lt. Morrish J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. Ingram D.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Clark D.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
Duty Company	"B" Company
Next for Duty	"C" Company

103. REGIMENTAL INSTITUTE

Amended committee is as follows :-

Major Daldy R.J.  
 Lt. Lancaster C.G.  
 S/Sgt. Graham A.  
 Cpl. Jeffers A.G.  
 Pte. Lewis R.T.

*[Signature]*  
..... Cap

Adj. 71 Bn.

NOTE :- Webbing belt - pouches - ammunition  
Belt marked QX 286 Bridge K.

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by

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

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104. DUTIES

- Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Morris J.
- Next for Duty Lt. Brinkley P.
- Bn. Orderly Sergeant Pte. Locke R. (Acting)
- Bn. Orderly Corporal Pte. Moran J.L. (Acting)
- Bn. Runners 1 from each Company.
- Duty Company "C" Company
- Next for Duty "A" Company

105. CHURCH SERVICES

Church services will be held on Sunday 21 July 40 as shown hereunder.

- (a) C of M at 1000 hrs. in N.A.A.F.I. theatre.  
Holy Communion will be held at the conclusion of the service.  
Bn. Parade - 0945 hrs. Markers - 0940 hrs.
- (b) R. C. at 0700 hrs. and 0900 hrs. in 71 Bn. Y.M.C.A. hut.  
Bn. Parade - 0845 hrs. Markers 0840 hrs. for all R. C. personnel including those personnel who attended at 0700 hrs. Mass.
- (c) DRESS S.D., gaiters, respirators, steel helmets, rifles, ammunition.

106. Respirators

All respirators will be tested in gas chamber in camp area tomorrow 21 July 40.

H.Q. & B.H.Q.	0900	hrs.
"A" Coy.	1000	"
"B" "	1030	"
"C" Coy.	1100	"
"D" Coy. and attached troops	1130	"

Immediately afterwards respirators will be disinfected with MBAL drawn by Company arrangements from R.Q.H.S.

107. BRIGADE DUTIES

To mount at 1830 hrs. 20 July 40  
Platoon Officer Lt. Smith M.G.

..... *[Signature]* ..... Capt.

Adj. 71 Bn.

- 1. Money belt containing sum of money.
- 2. " " " Identification disc.  
Lost in Sergeants Latrines, at 1000 hrs 20 July 40.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

71st A.I.F. (Unit.) For Week Ending 20 July 40

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..			
	Captains ... ..	3		
	Lieutenants ... ..	18		
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	22		

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	LT. COL		SPARKES A.S.C.	A.I.F.	YES	26/6/40	
2	M	CAPT		DALDY R.J.	"	"	27/6/40	
3	S	"		SHARP D.P.	"	"	10/7/40	
4	S	"		PETRIE A.D.	"	"	26/6/40	
5	S	LIEUT		BENNETT A.M.			27/6/40	
6	S	"		DIXON G.W.			"	
7	S	"		ERCOTT D.			"	
8	M	"		STARGATT W.G.			"	
9	S	"		RANKINE H.H.			"	
10	S	"		JACOBY P.R.			"	
11	M	"		HUITFELDT H.			"	
12	S	"		CANILL M.N.			"	
13	S	"		BROWN RIGG C.			"	
14	"	"		FANEY J.P.			7/7/40	
15	S	"		BRUTON E.V.			27/6/40	
16	"	"		DAVIES H.G.			"	
17	"	"		CARTWRIGHT R.F.			"	
18	"	"		SMITH N.S.			"	
19	S	"		O'MARA M.J.			"	
20	S	"		MORRISH J.			"	
21	S	"		BRINKLEY P.			"	
22	M	"		LANCASTER C.G.			"	
23								
24								
25								
26								
27								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		CHERRY, E.P.	A.I.F.	28-6-40	R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN		SCARFE, R	"	1-7-40	
LIEUT		AUSTIN, G.W.	"	3-7-40	2/1 M.G.
"		PLUMMER, H.S.	"	"	"

71 Bw

(Unit.)

20 July 40

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
Lidworth

25 Bde

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

710<sup>th</sup> (Unit). 20 July 1940 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	18 (and 2 P/Os) 1 a/cpt)		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	29 (and 13 P/Os) 5 a/cpt)		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	502 → 502.		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<del>650</del> 580.	*	*

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Coy Sgt	A.A.P.C.		
69	2/1 M.G.		

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

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

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Unit.

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

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

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Unit.

Date of Despatch

20 July 40

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

*[Signature]*  
 Signature of Commander.  
*[Signature]*

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Rules

- Bn. Orderly Officer                      Lt. Brinkley  
Next for Duty                              Lt. Davies H.
- Bn. Orderly Sergeant                      CPL POTTER  
Next for Duty
- Bn. Orderly Corporal                      CPL MARRIS
- Bn. Runners                      1 from each Company.
- Duty Company                      "A" Company  
Next for Duty                              "B" Company

109. LEAVE

- (a) Reports are still being received that troops are out of camp after 2359 hrs. C.O.s. and C.S.C units must ensure that a more thorough check is kept on personnel leaving camp.
- (b) All personnel who wish to visit British Troops married quarters must be in possession of a Special pass endorsed with the number of the quarters which may be entered.

110. DUTY PASSES

All personnel required to be out of camp before 1630 hrs on special duty or on leave must be in possession of a duty or leave pass.

111. MARKING OF EQUIPMENT

All ranks will mark their personal equipment with their army number. The markings will be made in indelible.

112. LEAVE IN LONDON • CONDUCT OF MEN.

The reports received concerning members of the A.I.F. on leave in London show that, generally, a high standard of conduct and demeanour was established. The percentage those who failed to return at the appointed time was small. This showed that a keen sense of duty and regard for the reputation of the A.I.F. and the interests of comrades prevails thorough the force. I am to express the appreciation of the G.O.C. regarding this and to say that, a good reputation having been established, he has no doubt that all ranks will do their utmost to maintain it.

113. EMPIRE BUREAU

The Empire Bureau has been established at :- St. Ann's Manor, St. Ann's Street, Salisbury. A club with a garden for Dominion troops. A restaurant is provided, a reading-room, a writing room, a lounge, table tennis and indoor games.

Australian Cable news will be re-broadcast at 1800 hrs. tonight

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.....  
Adj. 71 Battalion.



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114. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer                      Lt.    Davies    H.  
      Next for Duty                        Lt.    EACOTT    D..

Bn. Orderly Sgt.                            Cpl.    Potter

Bn. Orderly Corporal                      Cpl.    Morris

Bn. Runners            1 from each Company

Duty Company                              A    Company  
      Next for Duty                        B    Company to mount  
  at 1800 hrs.  
  23 July 40.

Note:- In future Duty Company will mount  
*on* Duties for 72 hrs.

..... *Sparkes* ..... Capt.

Adj. 71 Bn.

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Routine Orders

Part I

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES

by

COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 26

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115. DUTIES

Bn Orderly Officer

Lt. Bennett

Bn Orderly Sgt.

Cpl. Ingram

Bn. Orderly Cpl.

Cpl. Carter

Bn Runners I from each Company

Duty Company  
next for duty

B Company  
C Company

(to mount 1600 hrs. 26 July 40)

*W.D. Sparkes*  
Adj. 71 Bn.

Capt.

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116. DUTIES.

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Bennett
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. Ingram
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Carter
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
Duty Company	B Company
Next for Duty	C Company

To mount 1800 hrs 26 July 40

117. Blue Light Outfits

All troops are notified that "Blue Light" outfits are available at any time from R.A.P.

.....  
Adj. 71 Bn. Capt.

LOST

Left in gas chamber I respirator .  
Please ~~return to~~ R.A.P.S.  
CLAIM FROM

Guard from 72 Bn. lost rifle while on Guard Duty at Bde. K.Q. on 21 July 40 between 1800 hrs. and 2230 hrs. He thinks it possible to have been taken by mistake by 71 Bn. man. Please check ~~respirators~~.  
RIFLES

Fellowmen, our news sheet is now blessed with a name, to wit, "The Newt". Of the many suggestions offered, this was the most suitable. Concise, and to the point.

A little about Fifth Columnism. Why listen? The people who say these things get nearly everything right, except what happened.

Padre Scarfe is on the hunt for budding Caruso's and Tauhers. Those selected will have the honour of being broadcast to the nation. Here is a grand opportunity for all you ambitious singers. See the Padre for full information.

Can you tell the nationality of a plane, British or German, by the noise of the engine? A large majority will answer yes to this question. Yet the plain fact is, that except in isolated cases, such as a Diesel engine, it cannot be done. Now where did this "furphy originate".

And where did the saying "furphy" originate? A magnificent prize of five minutes special leave, free of all restrictions, will be given to the bright lad sending in the best answer. Your orderly room is the place to hand in the answers.

The story of a Guard. On Thursday afternoon, 16 July, a H.Q. Corporal visited several tents, and amid profound grumblings and groans, collected a guard for Hastings House. Promptly at 1700 hrs. he marched them off to tea. Afterwards a truck was commandeered, and loaded with their bedding etc. Then the light of day came through. 'Twas realised the Guard was just the bare twenty four hours too early. Sad dismissal of guard.

Major Daldy and Lt. Bennett seen enjoying themselves immensely "On the Rocky Road to Dublin" per the carrier.

Was told there have been luscious rabbit dishes on the menu of the Officer's Mess. Yes Sir, and here's why. A certain assistant in the mess sneaks away by cover of darkness and duly arrives, sometime later, with the luxuries tucked safely away. 'Tis said he gathers a nice little profit from these nocturnal adventures. Nice Work.

Was ever a larger drought of cigarettes than last week? Poor Tim Buckley produced a nice full packet of Players. He finished with three. Lucky Tim.

Do they push over semi-blackouts in Sydney. There's organisation for you.

A small mail from home, via Palestine, was distributed last week. The smile on the recipients' faces was good to see.

A short poem. Hope you like it.

We left it all behind,  
But how reluctantly,  
That land of golden wattle  
We hope once more to see.

Because we hold it dear  
We ventured oer the foam,  
That none shall ever threaten  
The land that we call home.

That none by wars aggression  
Shall bring one twinge of pain,  
To hearts that pray incessantly  
For our return again.

Some excuses heard in the Orderly Room from A.W.L. experts :-

"I slept in the wrong camp"

"Y-yes S-s-sir, I w-was A.W-W.L, b-but I g-got s-stuck into t-two Tommies and g-got a f-father of a h-h-hiding."

( Comment - About time someone had news of a victory )

"Isn't this Tidworth, Sir" -- Actually miles away.

"Er, I made the mistake of getting married"

"I didn't think two days was much A.W.L."

The C.O. won't pay these now. Anything original has a chance. Believe it or not - 750,000 gallons of lovely beer was poured down the sink in New South Wales last week, surplus stock. "Tears of Beer" So history repeats itself. Our H.M.A.S. Sydney comes to light and unceremoniously sinks the fastest cruiser in the world. Shades of 1914. Some advise boys; Don't discuss military matters with anyone. Don't take anyone's word. make them produce identification papers etc. And don't fire your rifle for fun. It costs 10/- per shot (per rabbit, perhaps) for careless or accidental shots. The case of a pigeon "Sox" Symens shot a pigeon. Promptly brought before C.O. Pigeon was Exhibit "A" Fined 10/- Comment by C.O. "Seeing that you've paid for the B----- thing take it to the cookhouse and tell them it is to be cooked for you personally. Hope you enjoy it my son. " Exit a smiling "Sox".

Actual copy of a letter on the files of the Western Railway of Georgia.

Ashworth  
1896.

To the Superintendent  
Western Atlantic Railroad  
Atlanta.

Dear sir,

On the 15th January yore train that was ging to Atlanta run over my bull at 30 mile post, he was in my pasture, you orter see him, yore rode tuk a pece of hyde outer iz belly between his nable and iz poker at least a fut squar and tuk iz bag must off and he lost iz seeds. I dont belcive he is going to be any use as a bull. I wish yo would tell the president that he is ded for he is good as ded since he was hit by yore train.

Yours respectful;

W. Harris.

P.S. Be sure and report him ded as he as nothing left but iz poker he was a red bull but he stands aroun these days lookin dam blue.

Short wave broadcasts from Australia - Advice has been received that the Australian Broadcasting Commission have arranged special broadcasts to the A.I.F. from 8 to 8.30 B.S.T. every evening. The call sign for these broadcasts is V.L.Q.7 - 25.25 metres, 11880 kilocycles.

Broadcasts by B.B.C. of Weekly Australian News-letter.

Until such time as the facilities for reception of the broadcast from Australia (para. above) are general in camps, the Weekly News-letter from Australia is to be broadcast by the B.B.C. in the Forces programme every Tuesday evening from 7.5 to 7.15 p.m. B.S.T.

Units are requested to submit to these H.Q. reports on the quality of reception of broadcasts referred to in A.B.Cs. programme and any constructive criticism of the programme which they may wish to offer.

The Editor  
D. Ahearn  
Bn. H.Q.

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25 July 40

118. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer  
Next for Duty

Lt. Bennett  
Lt. Huitfeldt

Bn. Orderly Sergeant  
Next for Duty

Cpl. Ingram  
L/Cpl. BURVILL

Bn. Orderly Corporal  
Next for Duty

Cpl. Carter  
Pte. Cullam

Bn. Runners I from each Company.

Duty Company  
Next for Duty

B Company  
C Company to mount  
1800 hrs, 26 July 40

..... *Sparks* ..... Capt.

Adj. 71 Bn.

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119. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Huitfeldt
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	L/Cpl. Burvill
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Pte. Cullam
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
Duty Company	C Company
Next for Duty	A Company to mount 1800 hrs. 29 July 40

120. ROLLING SIDES OF TENTS

Sides of all tents and mess marquees will be rolled each morning before 0812 hrs. When rain falls while parades are in progress it will be the duty of Company Duties to let down sides.

21. PAY-BOOKS

All personnel going into hospital out of the camp area must take their paybooks with them.

*[Signature]*  
..... Capt  
Adj. 71 Bn.

Notice

Notice to Mess Orderlies . Tea leaves, liquid tea, wash up water and paper and glass must not be put in pig tins. Mess Orderlies will in future clean all messing utensils thoroughly and place on the tables at the entrance to the Mess Tents. Tables must be thoroughly scrubbed, not just wiped over. The above instructions must be carried out for the Orderly Officer's inspection by 1000 hrs. daily.

Lost

Lost in letrines money belt containing £2 - 2 - 6 in two ten shill. notes and £1 - 2 - 6 in silver  
XX 2046 Pte King H.E. A Company.

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122. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. H. Huitfeldt
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	S/Sgt. McKnight
Bn. Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Burvill
Bn. Runners	1 from each coy.
Duty Company	C Company
Next for Duty	A Company ( To mount at 1800 hrs, 29 July 40 )

123. CHURCH SERVICES

Church services will be held on Sunday, July 28  
as follows:-

C. of E.      at 1000 hrs in N.A.A.F.I. theatre.  
Holy Communion will be held at the conclusion  
of the service.  
Bn. Parade - 0945 hrs.      Markers 0940 hrs.

R. C.      at 0645 hrs and 0900 hrs in Y.M.C.A. hut.  
Bn. Parade - 0845 hrs      Markers 0840 hrs.  
For all R.C. personnel including those who  
attended at 0645 hrs.

Dress      As set out in R.O. No. 23

.....*[Signature]*..... Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

LOST From B Coy. lines, Slouch hat and Badge. NX 6380,  
Pte. M. F. Morris.



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

71 Cw A.I.F. (Unit). 27 July 1940 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	23		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	40 (inc. 2 E/S)		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	505 (inc. 10 E/Pls)		
TOTALS	578	*	*

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Coy Sgt	A.A.P.C.		
1 Batman			
(Chaplain Secy)	25 Bde H.Q		
70 O'Rs	2/1 M.G.		

**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).

71 Bw A.I.F

Unit.

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

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

71 Bw.

Unit.

R J Dalby  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 28 July 40

250de Tidworth  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

71 Bw. A.I.F

(Unit.) For Week Ending

27 July 40

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

War Establishment.	1  Ranks.	2  Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3  Surplus to Establishment.	4  Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains ... ..	2		
	Lieutenants ... ..	19		
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	<b>TOTALS ... ..</b>	<b>23</b>		

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Col		Spurks A.S.C.	A.I.F	Yes	21/40	
2	M	Major		Daldy R.J.	"	"	"	
3	S	Capt		Patric A.D.	"	"	"	
4	S	"		Spurk D.B.	"	"	10/40	
5	S	Lieut		Bennett A.M.	"	"	27/40	
6	S	"		Lison G.	"	"	"	
7	S	"		East D.	"	"	"	
8	M	"		Stangatt W.G.	"	No	"	School
9	S	"		Park H.H.	"	No	"	Second 25 Bde H.Q.
10	S	"		Jacoby P.R.	"	No	"	School
11	M	"		Shuffeldt H.	"	Yes	"	
12	S	"		Cable M.N.	"	No	"	School
13	S	"		Browning C.	"	"	"	
14	M	"		Foley J.P.	"	"	7/40	
15	S	"		Bruton E.V.	"	"	27/40	
16	S	"		Davis H.G.	"	"	"	
17	M	"		Cartwright R.E.	"	"	"	
18	S	"		Smith N.S.	"	"	"	
19	S	"		O'Mara M.J.	"	"	"	
20	S	"		Brinkley P.	"	"	"	
21	S	"		Morris J.	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Lancaster C.G.	"	"	"	
23	S	"		Young D.W.	"	"	"	
24								
25								
26								
27								
28								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Blorry E.P.	A.I.F	28-6-40	R.M.O.
Platoon		Scarfe R.	"	1-7-40	"
Lieut		Austin G.W.	"	3-7-40	A.I.M.C.
"		Plummer H.S.	"	"	"

71 Bn AIF

(Unit.)

28 July 40

(Date of Despatch.)

*R. Daldy*  
(Signature of Commander.)

25 Bde

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

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124. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	W.O. II Montgomery
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	S/Sgt. McKnight
Bn. Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Dudley
Bn. Runners	1 from each coy.
Duty Company	C Coy.
Next for Duty	A Coy. ( To mount 1800 hrs 29 July 40 ).

125. SPORT

25 Mxd. Bde. is organising a Boxing Tournament. Full particulars will be available shortly. Those who intend nominating for Bn. elimination contests should contact Pl. Cnds.

126. ENTERTAINMENTS

Entertainments for week ending 4 Aug. 40:-

Pictures	-	Thursday 1 Aug. 40.
Concert	-	Saturday 3 Aug. 40.

The Services Club, Andover, has numerous offers of hospitality for members of the A.I.F. from residents of Andover district. Personnel are advised to call at the Club for such information and for directions.

.....*Sparkes*..... Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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127. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	W.O. II Robinson.
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Cpl. Donaldson
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Richards
Bn. Runners	1 from each Coy.
Duty Company	A Coy.
Next for Duty	B Coy. ( To mount at 1800 hrs, 1 Aug. 40 )

128. MAIL

All mail must be censored through O.C. Coys. Troops are urged not to post mail in the N.A.A.F.I. box, as such mail is still censored in the Camp area. Only mail for Australia is post free: all other mail must carry full postage.

.....*Phillips*..... Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

NOTICE

Lost, from ration truck between hill station and R.A.P., one Respirator. Marked NX 9211. Please return to Bn. H.Q.

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30 Jul. 40

1. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Stargatt
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. Donaldson
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Richards
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
Duty Company	A Company
Next for Duty	B Company to mount 1800 hrs., 1 Aug. 40.

130. Unauthorised Shooting

Many instances have occurred recently of indiscriminate shooting in unit areas, this will cease forthwith, and severe disciplinary action will be taken against any offender.

..... *[Signature]* ..... Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

Lost and Found

**Found** ~~is~~:- One slouch hat, fur felt. Not marked, no badge.

**Lost** 1. Shaving Outfit branded Pte. K.A. Garnsey NX 11889  
"B" Coy. Contains - Brush, soap, and safety razor.

~~Found~~:- 2. One slouch hat, fur felt; marked - NX 11517  
N.E. Paull

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131. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	It. Stargatt
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Col. Richards
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Col. Thatcher
Bn. Runners 1 from each Company	
Duty Company	A Company
Next for Duty	B Company to mount 1800 hrs., 1 Aug. 40.

132. OUT OF BOUNDS

The Guild Hall, about 200 yds. on the TIDWORTH side of the RAM HOTEL, NORTH TIDWORTH, is out of bounds to all A.I.F. troops.

..... *[Signature]* ..... Capt.

Adj. 71 Bn.



71 Bn.

THE NEWT

No. 3

31 July 40.

Thanks for the congratulations and good wishes expressed towards our little news-sheet. As circumstances permit it will be enlarged and improved. Incidentally 'tis the first to be brought out by the A.I.F. in England. Also thanks for various contributions - all the more the merrier - just what the doctor ordered.

#### A Tip from the C.O.

He'd like the troops to mention, when writing home, the fact of their being transferred from their original units; and get the folks to see that all comforts gathered for these units are sent to the right "possie" i.e. the 71 Bn. Otherwise we will do quite a lot of "missing out".

#### Sport

What the devil can I write on this subject. All that can be observed is some more or less disinterested kicking of a football. No cricket. ( No bats !! What's wrong with using a couple of pick handles - good practice, believe me ).

What about a little organization. Say, an inter-company competition - then select the best and challenge the 70 and 72 Bns. ( They're rather a cocky bunch of fellows, I'm told - need taking down a peg or two ).

And who are the best grenade throwers in the Bn ? Be interesting to know, for more reasons than one.

There is a Sports' Committee - what about it ? This is one department where the English troops leave us far behind.

#### Boxing Tournament

A little glimmer of light does appear. 'Tis said there are to be a series of elimination bouts to decide who is to represent the Bn. in the Brigade Boxing Championships to be held shortly. Give your Platoon Cmdr. your entry.

#### When Winter Comes ( Or is there a Summer ? )

In September we're due to move into billets ( so says the "Daily Sketch" ), ranging from mansions and hotels down to ordinary wooden huts. A lottery, so to speak.

#### Expected Victory

"Devilish cheek of the Australians was responsible for the victory of H.M.A.S. Sydney over the more heavily armed Italian cruiser, Bartolomeo Colleoni". The above statement came from the first officer ( now detained in Egypt ) of the late lamented cruiser.

#### Odds and Ends

The meaning of "furphy". Pte. Kent wins the magnificent prize. During the last war a gentleman named Furphy, from Victoria, gained the contract to supply all water carts ( this developed also to carting of latrines ) for troop camps. From this sprang the word "furphy".

'Twas the bewitching hour of midnight ! All was quiet in the camp, when suddenly - helter skelter, out from a tent dashed a wild-eyed soldier at full pelt - and not far behind another, obviously on murder bent. Up comes the guard, with a threatening "Halt ! " to the first. " Halt, be b-----". Obviously a case of better the devil you know than etc.....

Ignorance is bliss !!! A runner was sent with a message to all coys. As a footnote to the message was a note marked N.B. Some considerable time later the runner, very flustered, arrived back. " I found A, B and C coys, OK, but where in heck is " N.B. Coy ". Staff-serjeant passes out.....

Candid Communications

HQ Coy often listen to the "Sharp" side of the argument these days.

It is not true that our Mr. Bruton is shortly to add television to his telephone system. That's a relief.

There is a war on !! Ask the A.A. platoon - er, or the rabbits.

The C.O. has an almost unlimited fund of stories these days.

Ask him the one about his chaffeur and the English game hunter !!

"Go to it !", they say. "Coming to it !" is more like it.

Next week:- The Tale of a "Sox".

B----- who was the hopeful fellow in A Coy., who wrote. "Will the who took my hat, please return" That's optimism for you.

When is the gentleman from the North Pole going to meet the gentleman from the South Pole. Ask our Pay Sjt., Bill Kingsley.

I'd just love to go on a reconnaissance ! I'm sure it would be an education.

Electrocuted by Sparkes - Revived by the Cooler.

They'll be calling us the "Hill Billy Boys" soon.

Great shortage of sandbags:- The M.O? Captain Cherry, has collared the lot. Have a gaze at his H.Q. (I mean the shed behind the sandbags - the roof only is visible). They tell me the Doc. and his staff contemplat<sup>3</sup> sleeping there.

George Farrant, the honourable orderly room Corporal for B coy, was enquiring frenziedly for a train timetable to Croydon. Be careful George.

The boys in detention at the 72nd. had to erect there own barbed wire enclosure. As ye sow, so shall ye reap.

Many, many inquiries re mail from home. Sorry boys, no business as yet.

You can send a letter home by air mail for 1/3. Via the cape, and there is a reliable timetable.

Puzzle Department

The old perennial. Sisters and brothers I have none, but  
That man's father is my father's son. Who is it ?

Can you write down four (4) sevens (7) to total fifty (50-).

The frog and the well :- The well is ten (10) feet deep.  
Our friend frog creeps up two (2) feet each day - and falls back  
one (1) foot each night. When does he see daylight.

Answers next week.

That's all there is, there isn't anymore - till next week.

Chin, chin soldier. See you next week.

THE EDITOR.

*D. Ahearn*

*Bn. M.O.*



71st Bn. DEFENCE AREA  
 TIDWORTH - PENNINGS  
 MAP REF: SALISBURY PLAIN 1" = 1 MILE - 686742, 618742, 120662, 67468A

- Legend
- M.G. Posts
  - ⊠ Anti-Tank Gun
  - ⊙ A.A. Gun Base
  - Weapon Pits

Scale. 6 inches = 1 Mile = 1/25000



WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118.

*Added to  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pennings Camp No. 5 Tidworth Hants.	23-6-40	0900	<p><u>First Signal Platoon</u> Organized Signal Platoon 71st Bn. A total of 30 personnell were selected to form Signal Platoon. All personnell volunteered to become members of Platoon. Nearly all men without previous training in Signals. Signal platoon was organized, and by 0900 hrs. the following day, the personnell had been selected, a site allocated, tents erected and a course of instruction commenced.</p>	
	26-6-40		Signal Platoon disbanded and personnell drafted to other units.	
	30-6-40	0900	<p><u>Second Signal Platoon.</u> Second Signal Platoon organized and made up by personnell (32 in total) mainly semi-trained transferred to 71st Bn. from 6th Div. Sigs., 2/1 A.F.W., L.A.D. 48, A.S.C., and 1st Anti-Tank Reg. <u>Communications.</u> Training commenced under difficult conditions, as the Battalion was required to take up defensive positions immediately, necessitating the establishment and maintenance of a communication system. <u>Telephones.</u> The telephone system consisted of 3 direct lines to the P.M.G. Camp Exchange which was already installed prior to our arrival. At a later date an extra P.M.G. telephone was procured, and this enabled us to convert one line into a party line, making a total of 4 P.M.G. Phones. - C.O., Adj. &amp; 2i/c Party line, Sig. centre. As time progressed an inter communication system consisting of 26 D.3. telephones and 8½ miles of wire was developed. In addition alarm bells and buzzers were installed to save runners and speed up the service. It was so arranged that the intercommunication service could be switched through to the P.M.G. Service.</p>	

## WAR DIARY

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or  
**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**

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Sheet No. 2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pennings No. 5 Camp	30-6-40		<p>(Continued from Sheet No.1)</p> <p>As a result of having to use equipment and wire which had seen better days, and semi-trained operators, the system at times gave us a good deal of trouble. However, in spite of the difficulties, constant changes and wet weather conditions, the inter-communication service alone has averaged over 300 calls a day.</p> <p><u>Equipment.</u></p> <p>A small amount of modern war equipment <del>and</del> was made available at a later date. This equipment was used for field exercises, and to supplement the training equipment in the telephone system.</p> <p>A public address system was also allotted to us, and this has been extensively used by the C.O. and Company commanders for instructional purposes during field exercises etc. It has also been used for the broadcasting of news services and musical programmes to the troops.</p> <p><u>Signal Centre.</u></p> <p>A Signal Centre was established and the platoon took over all signal traffic within the battalion. Two despatch riders were available for service, as well as runners mounted on bicycles.</p> <p><u>Training.</u></p> <p>In addition to maintaining and operating the services already mentioned, a reasonable amount of training has also been carried out.</p> <p>During the periods of training, signal outposts were established in the defensive area of the Battalion, and message traffic exercises were conducted for a week at a time. Attached are diagrams showing the telephone system at two different stages and also two diagrams showing the outpost stations were set up for message traffic exercises.</p>	

D.B. TELEPHONE INTERCOMMUNICATION  
YOUR CALL LETTER IS

- I. SECTION. ■
- I SECT. TREN. ■
- R.A.P. ■
- T. Hg MB's (2coy) ■
- OFFICERS MESS ■
- M TRANSPORT ■
- MAIN GATE. ■
- SIG. SECT. ■
- CHUK. ■
- CHUK E. TEL. ■
- CHUW. ■
- CHUB. ■
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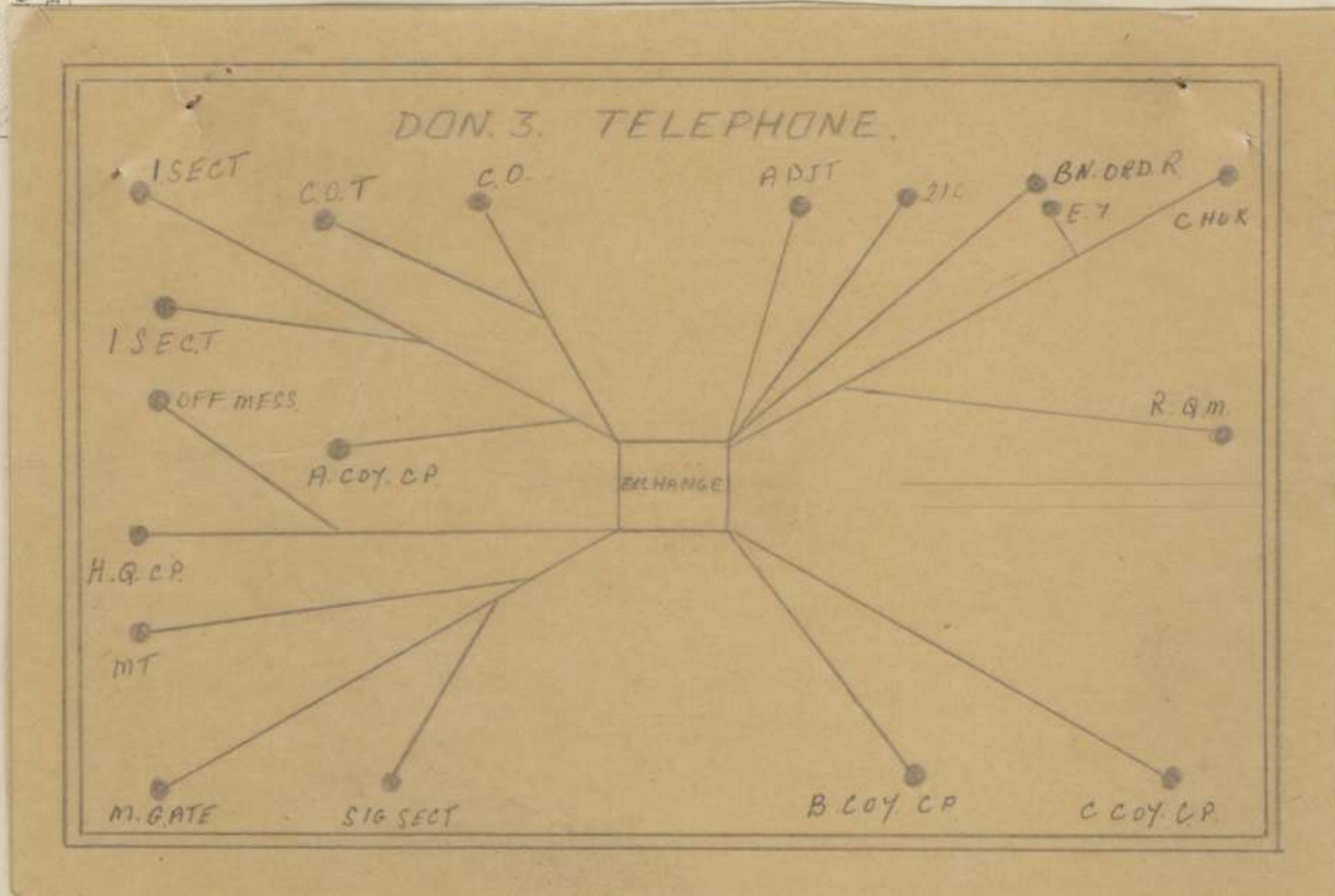
EXCHANGE

- C.O.
- C.O.'s TRENCH
- ADJT.
- 210
- EN. ORDERLY RM.
- H.Q. COY.
- H.Q. C. POST.
- A. COY.
- A. COY. C. POST.
- B. COY.
- B. COY. C. POST.
- C. COY.
- C. COY. C. POST.
- R.Q.M.S.
- 
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*A call letter was given to every telephone*

*Sheet 104*

Remarks and  
places to  
be indicated



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**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**

**71 BATTALION**

**CALL SIGNS, CODE NAMES AND ORIGINATORS NUMBERS FOR  
BATTALION INTER-COMMUNICATION**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Originators Nos.</u>
BN. H.Q.....	C H U B	(C.O. A C (2 I C W X (ADJT. Q X
H.Q. COY.....	C H U G	H X
A COY.....	C H U X	A X
B COY.....	C H U D	B X
C COY.....	C H U P	C X
MOTOR TRANSPORT.....	C H U V	V X
R.Q.M.....	C H U E	E X
I SECTION.....	C H U I	I X
R.A.P.....	C H U R	R X
SIG. OFFICER.....	C H U Z	Z X
(TANK UNIT.....	C H U T )	D T X
(MACHINE GUN UNIT.....	C H U M )	COY. M X
(NO. 1. OUTPOST.....	C H U W )	D X
(PUMPING STATION.....	C H U S )	
HILL OUTPOST.....	C H U K	K X

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and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages

Place

*Copies of the above diagrams and lists of  
code names were prepared and stuck on  
boards at every telephone.*

The attached picture is a photograph of a pencil drawing measuring 4 feet 5 inches long by 2 feet 1 1/2 inches wide.

The picture which was drawn on board the *Gauretania* is a sketch of the convoy as it left Fremantle Australia, and includes the following ships —

<u>Top Row.</u>	Escort cruisers	" <i>Sanbua</i> "	" <i>Australia</i> "	" <i>Kanaka</i> "
<u>Centre Row</u>	" <i>Queen Mary</i> "	" <i>Aquitania</i> ,"	" <i>Empress of Japan</i> "	" <i>Empress of Canada</i> "
<u>Lower Row.</u>	" <i>Empress of Britain</i> ,"	" <i>Gauretania</i> ,"	and the " <i>Aodes</i> ."	

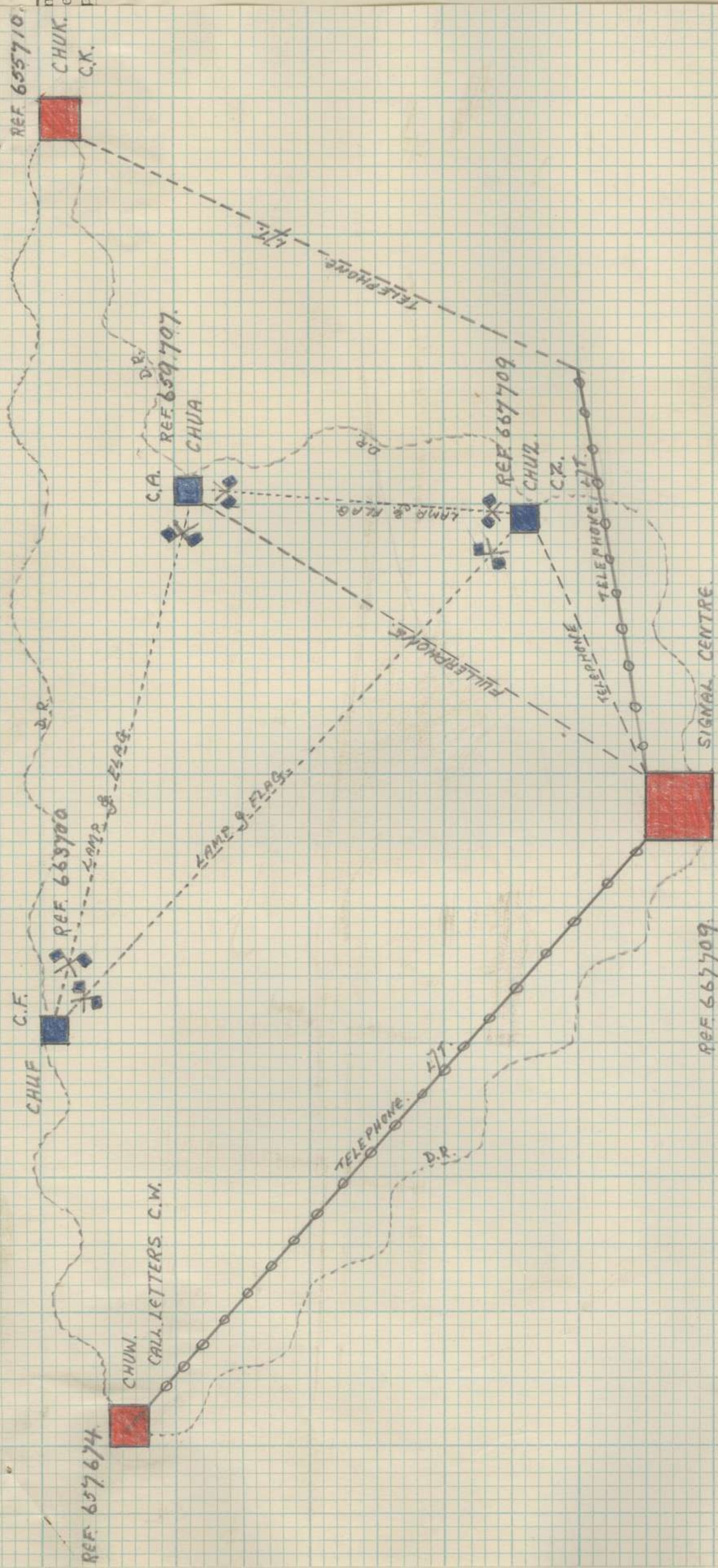
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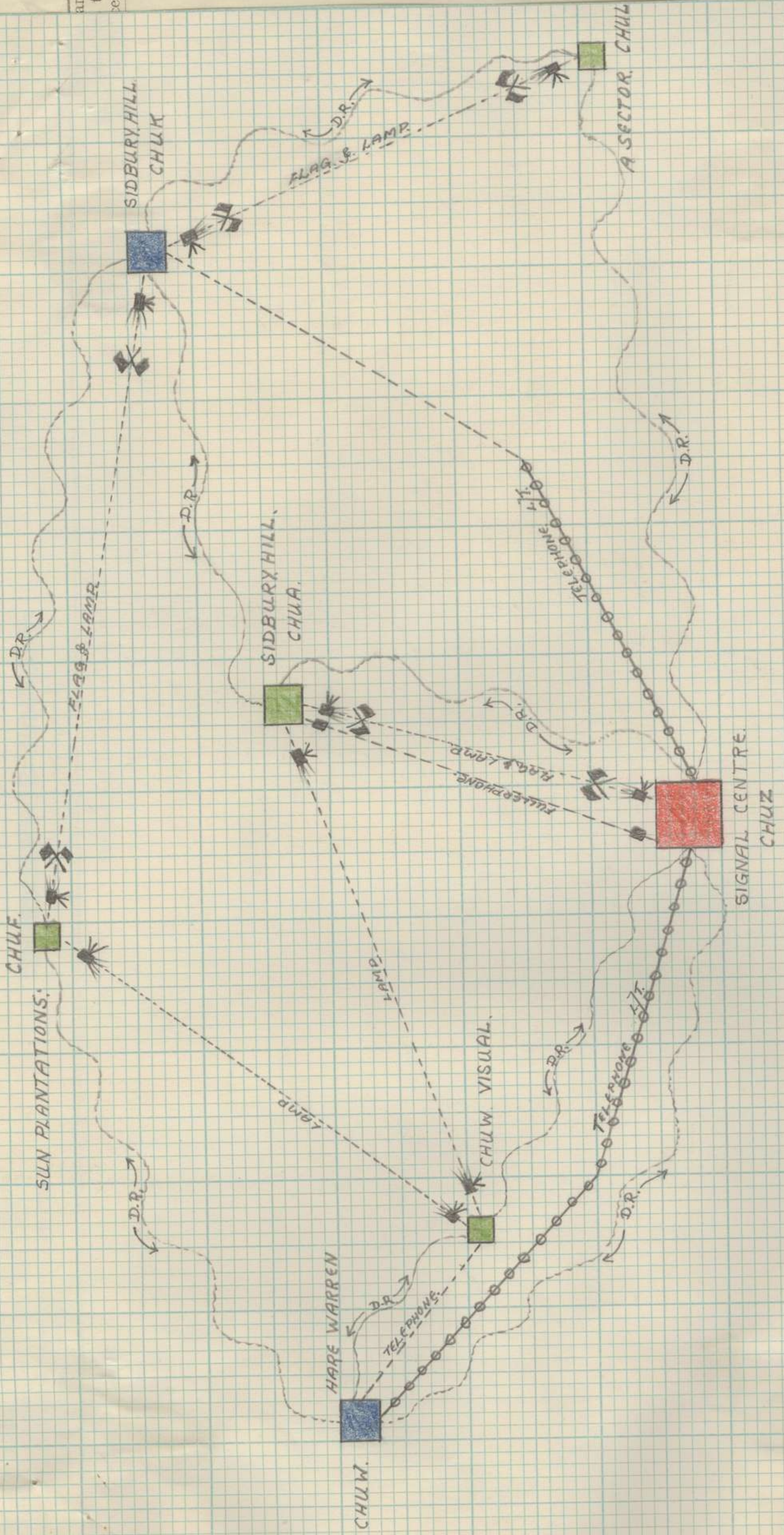
SIGNAL PLATOON. 71<sup>st</sup> Bn. TRAFFIC EXERCISE WEEK-ENDING SATURDAY AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> 1940.

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# WAR DIARY



WEEK-ENDING SATURDAY AUGUST 10th 1940.

TRAFFIC EXERCISE

SIGNAL PLATOON 7th Bp.

*Spulson Hunt*

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**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
The Pennings No.5 Camp	1-8-40		Training continues. More weapon pits being dug in defence area.	Routine Orders No.41
The Pennings No.5 Camp	2-8-40		Intensive training. Copse NORTH of camp near BARROW PN. being prepared and occupied as part of defensive preparations.	Routine Orders No.42
The Pennings No.5 Camp	3-8-40		Training continues. Weapon pits being dug in northernmost plantation of THE PENNINGS	Routine Orders No.43 W3008- No.44 W3009- No.45
The Pennings No.5 Camp	4-8-40		Church parade. Training	Routine Orders No.46
The Pennings No.5 Camp	5-8-40		Training and routine camp duties.	Routine Orders No.47

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
The Pennings No.5 Camp	6-8-40		Training and routine camp duties. Weather fine. Two more Carriers received. Carrier Platoon becoming quite proficient.	Routine Orders No.48
The Pennings No.5 Camp	7-8-40	0845 1600	Bn. went on route march, proceeding through Tidworth, Shipton Bellenger, Kimpton. Bn. arrived back in camp after route march. Humorous report on route march by Editor of Bn. periodical The "Newt".	Routine Orders No.49 Report 49a 49b
The Pennings No.5 Camp	8-8-40		Training continued. Few men attended by M.O. for sore feet following route march	Routine Orders No.50
The Pennings No.5 Camp	9-8-40		Intensive training continued.	Routine Orders No.51
The Pennings No.5 Camp	10-8-40		Training and routine duties. Weather still fine.	Routine Orders No.52 W3008- No.53 W3009- No.54

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
The Pennings No.5 Camp	11-8-40		Church parade. Cricket team from 71 Bn. met team from 53rd Rifle Reg. at Tidworth, resulting in win for 53rd Rifle Reg. by 93 runs.	Routine Orders No.55
The Pennings No.5 Camp	12-8-40		Training continued. Preparations made for exercises to be held 13th inst.	Routine Orders No.56
The Pennings No.5 Camp	13-8-40	0900          1600	Bn. carried out exercises and movement in convoy. Convoy proceeded from Camp to Everleigh, Collingbourne Kingston and back to camp. Exercises were carried out in area HARE WARREN, DUNCH HILL. Air alarm. Enemy bombers appeared through low clouds and dropped bombs in TIDWORTH area about 2 miles from camp. Report received of parashot troops being landed by enemy between ANDOVER and LUDGERSHALL. Later discounted.	Routine Orders No.57
The Pennings No.5 Camp	14-8-40	1715	Training continued. Air raid warning sounded. No bombs dropped in area, although combat between 'planes above clouds was heard.	Routine Orders No.58
The Pennings No.5 Camp	15-8-40		Training continued. Weather fine.	Routine Orders No.59

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
The Pennings No.5.Camp	16-8-40		Training continued.	Routine Orders No.60
The Pennings No.5 Camp	17-8-40		Training and routine camp duties.	Routine Orders No.61 W3008- No.62 W3009- No.63
The Pennings No.5 Camp	18-8-40		Training and routine duties. Carrier Platoon co-operated with Home Guard in an exercise attack on Marlborough defences.	Routine Orders No.64
The Pennings No.5 Camp	19-8-40		Training. During afternoon gas alarm and gas spray alarm was given as training to accustom all ranks to gas attack conditions.	Routine Orders No.65
The Pennings No.5 Camp	20-8-40	0900	Bn. parade. Training continued.	Routine Orders No.66

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
The Pennings No.5 Camp	21-8-40		Training continued.	Routine Orders No.67
The Pennings No.5 Camp	22-8-40		Training Practice gas alarm during afternoon.	Routine Orders No.68
The Pennings No.5 Camp	23-8-40		Training in morning mainly practice in embussing and debussing. In afternoon Bn. attended gas demonstration at WINTERBOURNE GUNNER. Air craft spray used, and all troops for possibly the first time appreciated the importance of their gas equipment and its uses. "The Newt".	Routine Orders No.69 "The Newt" No.69a
The Pennings No.5 Camp	24-8-40		Training. Cricket team from this Bn. met team from 72 Bn. 71 Bn. won by 15 runs. First detachment of troops left on 6 days leave.	Routine Orders No.70 W3008-No.71 W3009-No.72
The Pennings No.5 Camp	25-8-40	0900	Bn. paraded. Afterwards moved off to Church parade. Received news that VX4704 Pte. E.R.Schiele was killed in London by a motor bus. Pte. Schiele was on leave and the news came from the Hammersmith Hospital. This death represents the first casualty suffered by the Bn. since its inception.	Routine Orders No.73



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
The Pennings No.5 Camp	26-8-40	1900	<p>Training. Bn. ordered to stand to. Defensive area was manned until 2300 hrs.</p>	<p>Routine Order No.74</p>
The Pennings No.5 Camp	27-8-40	0900	<p>Bn. parade addressed by C.O. Lt. Col. Sparks who congratulated men on speed in moving to forward defence positions last night. (Time taken was 1 hr. 20 min.) Reveille now 0630 hrs. Break off for day at 1600 hrs. The late Pte. E.R.Schiele was buried in the A.I.F. Section of the Brookwood Cemetary Aldershot. The funeral was attended by a representative group of officers and men from the Bn.</p>	<p>Routine Order No.75</p>
The Pennings No.5 Camp	28-8-40	0930	<p>Bn. moved out on 15 mile route march, returning to camp at 1600 hrs. This march was carried out in conjunction with the 70 Bn. and 72 Bn. and was really an exercise for a Bde. on the march.</p>	<p>Routine Order No.76</p>
The Pennings No.5 Camp	29-8-40		<p>Training continued in camp. Weather fine, inclined to be warm.</p>	<p>Routine Order No.77c</p>
The Pennings No.5 Camp	30-8-40		<p>Training continued. Weather fine.</p>	<p>Routine Order No.78c</p>
The Pennings No.5 Camp	31-8-40		<p>Training continued. Preparations being made to commence Bn. exercises. Weather fine with moderate S.S.E. breeze.</p>	<p>W3009-No.79c W3008-No.80c</p>
<p>Details and maps of the Bn. defensive scheme will be submitted at a later date.</p>				<p>TIDWORTH AREA DEFENCE SCHEME No.81</p>

Classification of Subject. 71 Battalion August 40.

Training General-Weapon Pits. War Diary.  
 Mobility. 71 Bn.  
 Gas. 1 August 40.  
 13 August 40.  
 19 August 40.

Equipment. Bren carriers received War Dairy.  
 71 Bn.  
 6 August 40.

Sport Cricket. War Diary.  
 71 Bn.  
 11 August 40.

Casualty. Accidental Death War Diary.  
 71 Bn.  
 25 August 40.

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133. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	LT. Bennett
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. Clarke
Bn. Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. MsKenzie
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
Duty Company	B Company
Next for Duty	C Company to mount 1800 hrs., 4 July 40.

134. WITHDRAWAL OF KITS

Kits will be packed and ready for removal to A.I.F. kit store as from 1800 hrs. today. Officers baggage will be reduced to the authorised field scale. Kits of other ranks will be reduced to that normally carried on the man in the field plus other articles essential for comfort in camp. The latter must be reduced to an absolute minimum. Personal baggage in excess of the above will be handed into the kit store. When order to move is given all kits will be stacked on edge of timber in Coy. areas.

135. PREPARATION OF BAGGAGE FOR STORAGE.

Each item of personal baggage, sea kit bag, universal kit bag, trunks, etc. will be clearly labelled to show the owner's army No., rank, name and unit, preferably painted on the article. Universal kit bags and sea kit bags will be securely tied, or if desired, fastened with a locking device. Trunks, suit cases and the like should be locked and the keys removed. Articles of an inflammable nature, such as matches and petrol lighters, are not to be included. All clothing must be thoroughly dried before packing.

136. Motor Tour

A motor tour by saloon coach visiting, Burbage, Marlborough, Calne, Chippenham, Bath, Beckingham, Warminster, Chitterne, Shrewton and Larking and covering a distance of 110 miles is proposed for Sunday next 4 Aug. 40. 32 passengers are required and the cost will be 5/- per passenger. There will be several stops on the journey. Those wishing to make the trip please leave names at Bn. H.Q.

.....*W. J. ...*..... Capt.

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137. DUTIES

Bn . Orderly Officer	Lt. Bennett
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. Clarke
Bn. Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. McKenzie
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
Duty Company	B Company
Next for Duty	C Company to mount 1800 hrs., 4 Aug. 40.

138. EYE SHIELDS

Eye shields are only to be worn in the open and then over the eyes. They must not be worn on hats or steel helmets.

.....*Sparkes*..... Capt.

Adj. 71 BATTALION.

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3 Aug. 40.

139. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Bennett
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. Clarke
Bn. Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. McKenzie
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
Duty Company	B Company
Next for Duty	C Company to mount 1800 hrs., 4 Aug. 40

140. CRICKET

A representative A.I.F. team is playing the Rifle Brigade Sunday Aug. 40 at the Garrison Ground Tidworth commencing at 1130 hrs. The Brigade Commander particularly desires that as many men as possible who are not on duty attend. 71 Bn. will be represented in the team by S/ Sgt. Graham.

.....*W. Bennett*.....Lt.

FOR ADJT. 71 BN.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS**

..... 71 Bw ..... (Unit). ..... 3 Aug 19 40 ..... (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	22		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	41 (inc 2 S/2 S/Lt)		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	508 (inc 10 S/Cpls)		
<b>TOTALS</b>	581	*	*

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Coy Sgt	A APC		
1 Butcher	25 Bde HQ		
70 O.R's	1 M.G. Bw		

**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).

71 Bw

Unit.

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

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

71 Bw

Unit.

*Ascharuk Ltd*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 3 Aug 40

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

710w

(Unit.) For Week Ending 3 Aug 40

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors ...	2		
	Captains ...	19		
	Lieutenants ...			
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...			
	<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>23</b>		

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Lt Col		Starkes A.S.C.	AIF	Yes	25/8/40	
2	M	Major		Dalby R.J.	"	"	"	
3	S	Capt		Patel A.D.	"	"	"	
4	S	"		Starkes D.B.	"	"	15/7/40	
5	S	Lieut		Bennett A.M.	"	"	27/8/40	
6	S	"		Wilson G.	"	"	"	
7	S	"		Evatt D.	"	"	"	
8	M	"		Stewart W.G.	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Dunkin H.H.	"	No	"	duty in London
10	S	"		Jacobs P.R.	"	Yes	"	
11	M	"		Kentwell H.	"	"	"	
12	S	"		Grice N.M.	"	"	"	
13	S	"		Bromberg C.	"	"	"	
14	"	"		Talbot J.P.	"	"	21/8/40	
15	S	"		Cruton E.V.	"	"	27/8/40	
16	S	"		Davies H.G.	"	"	"	
17	M	"		Cartwright R.E.	"	"	"	
18	S	"		Smith N.S.	"	"	"	
19	S	"		O'Mara M.J.	"	"	"	
20	S	"		Brimbley P.	"	"	"	
21	S	"		Morris J.	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Pennington C.G.	"	"	"	
23	S	"		Young D.W.	"	No	"	Second 25 Bde HQ
24								
25								
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27								
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31								
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33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Clarry EP	AIF	28-6-40	RMO
Captain		Scarf R	"	1-7-40	
Lieut		Quaker GW	"	3-7-40	IMC B
"		Plummer H.S.	"		"

71 Bn

3 Aug 40

(Date of Despatch.)

(Unit.)

*(Signature of Commander.)*  
25 Bde

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

(Signature of Commander.)

J. J. J.

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141 DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Huitfeldt  
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Trotter H.C.  
Bn. Orderly Corporal J/Cpl. Grayson J.G.  
Bn. Runners 1 from each Company

Duty Company  
Next for Duty

C Company  
A Company to mount  
1800 hrs., 7 Aug. 40.

142. KITS MORE STORAGE

All kits for storage at A.I.F. Kit Depot must be ready for transport by 0830 hrs. 5 Aug. 40.

*W. J. ...* Capt.

Adgt. 71 Bn.

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5 Aug. 40.

143. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Huitfeldt
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Naylor
Bn. Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Grayson
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
Duty Company	C Company
Next for Duty	A Company to mount 1800 hrs., 7 Aug. 40.

144. ENTERTAINMENTS

Pictures Saturday 10 Aug. 40.

.....*[Signature]*..... Capt.

Adj. 71 BN.

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145. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Huitfeldt H.  
Next for Duty Lt. Cahill N.H.

Bn. Orderly Sergeant ~~Sgt. Haylor~~  
Next for Duty Cpl. Langford

Bn. Orderly Corporal L/Cpl. Grayson  
Next for Duty Pte. Payne

Bn. Runners 1 from each Company

Duty Company C Company  
Next for Duty A Company to mount  
1800 hrs., 7 Aug. 40.

.....*Lehie*..... Capt.

Adj. 71 Bn.

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LT. COL. A.S.C. STARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

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7 Aug. 40.

146. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Cahill

Bn. Orderly Sergeant Cpl. Langford

Bn. Orderly Corporal Pte. Payne

Bn. Runners 1 from each Company

Duty Company

Next for Duty

A Company

B Company to mount

1800 hrs., 10 Aug. 40.

147. Sport

The 71 Bn. will play a cricket match against the 53rd. Light Training Regiment on Sunday the 11 Aug. 40. on the Garrison Ground Sidworth. Team will be announced later.

148. ENTERTAINMENT IN LONDON

Invitation to party which is held every Tuesday from 6 P.M. until 7.30 P.M. at 36, Portland Place, W.1. is extended to members of the A.I.F. when in London. Famous artists appear each Tuesday.

.....*Starkes*..... Capt

djt. 71 Bn.

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ASIDES ON MANOEUVRE

Wednesday, 7 Aug 40.

Away sharp at 0900 hrs., to the accompaniment of a little interlude from the Paymaster (Sgt. Kingsley). He dashed out of Bn. H.Q., waving a sheet of carbon paper for the clerk. Alas and alack, he missed the bus by mere seconds.

Thence along the highways and byways, singing a merry tune. The Tankchasers clapped a lively pace, swinging along to the happy rhythm of Lt. Brownrigg's snappy marching.

Companies marched 300 yds. apart, with Platoons 100 yds. apart. This was kept up, except on odd occasions.

Passing the 72nd., we noticed what was apparently an old quarry, converted into a miniature rifle range. We were held up here (72nd) for about 20 mins.

Old iron. One wonders what some people are thinking about. There was, for instance, a large estate, and right round the border a six foot high fence. All solid iron.

A picturesque scene - Drawing water from the well. Ye olde horse walking round and round ye very much older well. Result - water.

Another picturesque scene. A couple carousing on top of Pic Pat Hill. Maybe the time, but I doubt about the place.

Our first list of casualties occurred at 1100 hrs., three men falling by the wayside.

Some excitement - an air raid, and a dash for cover. Everything O.K. No casualties. Good heavens. Gas - respirators donned in record time, then much blowing and panting for about half an hour, until the all clear signal. (This gas attack appeared to come too near lunch time).

Lunch at approx. 1245 hrs., consisting of an excellent stew. Honours to the cooks.

Off again at 1400 hrs. Not so frisky after the relaxation and feed; but soon a gas attack arrives to liven things up.

The Tankchasers starting to feel the heat now. Still, an air raid made 'em hop to it.

A noticeable feature on the way home, was the use of cover, or rather the lack of use. One platoon marched across a white field, apparently because it possessed two or three trees.

An aside from other camps passed by. The camouflage for many trenches was poor, the mounds of chalk showing up much too clearly.

At approx. 1600 hrs., a tired but happy band of soldiers marched back into camp.

And now for the morning sick parade.

Cheerio, soldiers. Nice weather we're having

The Editor.

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7 Aug. 40.

Quite a lot of news this week, gents. How did you come through the walkabout on Wednesday.

Things are sparking up a bit in the sports line. Last Sunday our Bde team (S/Sgt Alan Graham was chosen from this Bn), had a match against abainst the Rifle Bde of England, probably the best Army team in England. The decision went our way. Scores:- 25 Bde - 3 for 230. Rifle Bde  $\frac{1}{2}$  54 and 4 for 140. Nice work.

Our Bn. is set down to play the 53 Training Rgt., on the Garrison Ground, Tidworth, next Sunday afternoon. A good time is assured for those those chosen to play, maybe a good result. Go along and watch it, you have the opportunity.

I believe the Tankchasers are booked to play the M.G.s rugger. Tarzan and his boy friends need to improve on their performance on the manou manoeuvres, particularly as "Canada Fraser" will be referee.

And have you read the notice re the Boxing and Wrestling elimination bouts? Let's see many entries. The Sports Committee are handling the matter.

Farewell Dinner:- A farewell dinner was held by the Machine Gunners last Sunday evening. And you should have seen the menu. Made my mouth water just typing it out. Everything from Hors D'oeuvres (?) to Cafe Noir. And several kegs of the best were on tap. 'Twas patronised by the C.O., and did he enjoy himself.

The R.S.M. (Peter Lawson) was in a spot of bother the other day. His batman wanted a leave pass, and he wandered into Bn. H.Q. for it; told to go to the R.S.M., he said he was not allowed to, as that gentleman was asleep. Poor Peter.

Zoom - Scatter for cover, here come the Dive Bombers. Great excitement, danger is here - and through it all, our A.A. man slept the peace of the peace. Seen at the Dive Bombing demonstration last week.

The lost is found. ~~He~~ - whilst posting letters for censoring in his orderly room, was at the same time listed A.W.L. by the same lively (?) orderly room. Not Bad.

A lot of enquiries from the boys about a rum ration. Living in hopes. What about a practice run "over the Top," C.O.

"Sox" possessed ~~one~~ pair of socks, and he guarded them with his life, even to taking them on guard to hang up to dry after washing up and down, with one eye of guard, and one on the socks. His sock eye shnt momentarily, and away went the socks. Hence the name "Sox".

Puzzle Department

Contribution to the Newt.

The puzzle of the frog, and his attempts to see daylight. (Extracted from Sunbeams, Sunday Sun). I give up, but the frog was more fortunate than our editor.

Comment:- I see you do read the Childrens' Page.

Answers to Puzzles:-

The Old Perennial - Sisters & Brothers, etc. - Son.

The four sevens to total fifty -  $7 \times 7$  plus  $\frac{7}{7} = 50$

The frog takes nine days to see daylight.

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149. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Lancaster
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Caldecott
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Sgt. Naylor
Bn. Runners 1 from each Company	
Duty Company	A Company
Next for Duty	B Company to mount
	1800 hrs., 10 Aug. 40.

.....*Sparkes*..... Capt.

Adj. 71 Bn.



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9 Aug. 40.

150. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Lancaster C.G.

Bn. Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Caldecott L.J.  
Next for Duty Sgt. Clark D.E.

Bn. Corporal Corporal Sgt. Naylor F.W.  
Next for Duty Cpl. Kirwan E.

Bn. Runners 1 from each Company

Duty Company A Company  
Next for Duty B Company to mount  
1800 hrs., 10 Aug. 40.

151. LECTURES & UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Arrangements have been made for lecturers from the University of Bristol to lecture at camps on subjects of educational and topical interests. Lectures will be of an hours' duration and will include such subjects as Current Events, Travel, Geography, History, Economic and Political questions.

Lectures will be held in the Y.H.C.A. marquees and attendance will be voluntary.

14 Aug. 40. 1830 hours Tidworth Pennings  
Subject:- The War in the Mediterranean  
or  
Germany - National Socialism

..... *Adair* ..... Capt.  
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152. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. A.M. Bennett
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sgt. D.E. Clark
Bn. Orderly Corporal	A/Cpl. E. Kirwan.
Bn. Runners	1 from each company.
Duty Company	B Company
Next for Duty	C Company to mount 1800 hrs 13 Aug. 40.

153. CHURCH PARADES

Church Services will be held on Sunday, 11 Aug.

C. of E.    At 1000 hrs in N.A.A.F.I. theatre.  
Holy Communion will be held at the conclusion  
of the service.

R.C.        At 0900 hrs in Y.M.C.A. hut.  
DRESS      S.D., Gaiters, Respirators, Steel Helmets, Rifles  
and Ammunition.

*Leche*  
.....Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

718w (Unit). 10 Aug 19 30 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	23		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	45		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	432		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>512</b>	*	*

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgt	AAPC		
1 Batman	25 Bde HQ.		

**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).



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

718w

(Unit.) For Week Ending

10 Aug 40

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains ... ..	2		
	Lieutenants ... ..	19		
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	23		

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	Campbell W.H.	A.I.F.	6.8.40	R.M.O.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Cherry E.P.	AIF	6.8.40	Transferred 2/3rd Regt

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Lt Col		Sparkes A.S.C	A.I.F	Yes	26/6/40	
2	M	Major		Lalday R.J.	"	"	"	
3	S	Capt		Patric A.D	"	"	"	
4	S	"		Clark D.B.	"	"	12/7/40	
5	S	Lieut		Bennett AM	"	"	27/6/40	
6	S	"		Dixon G.E.	"	"	"	
7	M	"		Ficots D.	"	"	"	
8	S	"		Stargatt W.G.	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Parlane H.H.	"	No	"	Duty in London
10	S	"		Jacoby P.R.	"	Yes	"	
11	M	"		Wulfeck H.	"	"	"	
12	S	"		Chill N.M.	"	"	"	
13	S	"		Browning C	"	"	"	
14	M	"		Jaloy J.P.	"	"	7/7/40	
15	S	"		Quinn E.W.	"	"	27/6/40	
16	S	"		Jarvis H.G.	"	"	"	
17	M	"		Cartwright R.E.	"	"	"	
18	S	"		Smith W.S.	"	"	"	
19	S	"		O'Hara M.J.	"	"	"	
20	S	"		Brinkley P	"	"	"	
21	S	"		Morris J	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Linnaker C.G.	"	"	"	
23	S	"		Young D.W.	"	No	"	Seconded 25 Bde HQ
24								
25								
26								
27								
28								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		Campbell W.H	A.I.F	6.8.40	R.M.O
Captain		Scane R	"	1.7.40	

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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154. DUTIES

Bn. Ord. Officer	Lt. A.H. Bennett
Bn. Ord. Serjeant	Sgt. D.A. Clark
Bn Ord. Cpl.	A/Cpl. E. Kirwan
Bn. Runners	1 from each Coy.
Duty Coy.	B Coy.
Next fot duty	C Coy. to mount 1800 hrs. 13 Aug

155 LEAVE

Subject to the military situation permitting, it is hoped that it will be possible to grant leave up to a maximum of seven days, beginning about the end of this month or early in September - dates to be notified later.

All ranks are advised to accumulate funds in pay books to enable leave to be granted when due.

156 PEDESTRIANS.

Many troops returning to camp have been in the habit of walking on the left hand side of the road, this practice is very dangerous, when footpaths are not provided, troops will use the right hand side of the road.

A.H. Bennett Lt.  
for Adjt  
71 Bn.

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No. 46

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157. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Bennett A.M.  
 Bn. Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Naylor F.M.  
 Bn. Orderly Corporal A/Cpl. Kirwan E.  
 Bn. Runners 1 from each Company  
 Duty Company Y Company  
 Next for Duty G Company to mount  
 1800 hrs., 13 Aug. 40.

158. COURT OF INQUIRY

The following will constitute a Court of Inquiry

Lt. Jacoby President  
 Lt. Bennett Member  
 Lt. Brownrigg Member

The Court will assemble at 1630 hrs. to enquire into the absence of the following personnel of the 71 Bn.

QX 4971	Pte.	Towzey	D.C.R.
SK 4623	Pte.	Donnelly	F.
EX 6505	Pte.	Keating	R.S.
VX 6859	Pte.	Gibbs	A.J.
VX 17568	Pte.	Thompson	C.L.

.....*W. J. Lewis*..... Capt.  
 Adj. 71 Bn.

Notices.

Entertainments

Pictures 1830 hrs. 12 Aug. 40.  
 Concert 2015 hrs. 16 Aug. 40.

Found

Gold Wristlet Watch }  
 1 Key and chain. } Apply Bn. H.Q.

Lost

Web Belt marked QX 3778 . Return Bn. H.Q.



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**159. DUTIES**

Bn. orderly Officer	Lt. Jacoby P.R.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Scott L.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Cullam K.E.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.
Duty Company	C Company
Next for Duty	A Company to mount
	1800 hrs., 16 Aug. 40.

**160. CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Any man desirous of being presented for Confirmation is asked to report to Chaplain Redding after Church Parade on Sunday Aug. 18th. 40.

..... *Ed. Sparkes* ..... Capt.  
..... Adj. 71 Bn. ....

Lost.

Would any man who may have found a wristlet watch engraved NK 12184 A. Binnie A.I.F. please return same to H.Q. Amesbury. B.W.P.

Chrome wristlet watch, leather strap and cover engraved. Return to Pte. Mobbs J.W. NK 8739.

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14 Aug 40

161. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Jacoby P.R.

Bn. Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Scott L.

Bn. Orderly Corporal Cpl. Cullen R.E.

Bn. Runners 1 from each Company

Duty Company C Company  
Next for Duty A Company to mount  
1800 hrs., 16 Aug. 40.

..... *Sparks* Capt.

Majt. 71 Bn.

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162. DUTI

Bn. Orderly Officer  
next for duty

Lt. Jacoby P.R.  
Lt. Stargatt W.G.

Bn. Orderly Sgt.  
next for duty

Sgt. Scott L.  
Sgt. Colless O.W.

Bn. Orderly Cpl.  
next for duty

Cpl. Cullam K.  
Cpl. Donaldson R.

Bn runners

1 from each Coy.

Duty Coy.  
next for duty

C COY.  
A Coy. to mt.  
1800 hrs. 16 Aug 40.

*Robert A. ...* Adjt.  
71 Bn.

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16 Aug. 40.

163. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Stargatt	W.G.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Colless	O.W.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Donaldson	R.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"A" Company	
Next for Duty	"B" Company to mount	1800 hrs., 19 Aug. 40.

164. LOW FLYING ATTACKS

It has been reported that cases have recently occurred of our own aircraft being fired on and hit by our own S.A.A. Units are reminded that fire will NOT be opened on an aircraft until it has committed a hostile act or has definitely been identified as hostile. This instruction must be brought to the notice of all ranks.

165. CHURCH SERVICES

Mass Y.M.C.A. tent 0900 hrs. Sunday 18 Aug 40.

.....*Levie*..... Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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166. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	lt. Stargatt	W.G.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Colless	O.W.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Donaldson	R.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"A" Company	
Next for Duty	"B" Company to mount	
	1800 hrs., 19 Aug. 40.	
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167. OFFICERS' CLUB AND REST HOME

A Rest House and Club for officers on short leave has been opened by Sir Frank and Lady Carter under the auspices of the Victoria League, at -

Red Hatch  
Halpden Woods  
Hobly-on-Thames.

Bathing Pool in grounds : Private entrance to Hebly Golf  
Accommodation free: meals charged Links.  
Station : Henley-on-Thames 1½ miles  
Rooms may be booked and particulars obtained by writing  
or telephoning Lady Carter at Henley 200 (CR1145)

168. CLUBS AND CANTEENS

The S.O.S. Society has established two clubs, with canteens attached, for the accommodation, entertainment and convenience of members of H.M. Forces, at -

Westminster

73 Petty France S.W. 1 (near Victoria St Station)  
(Telephone : Whitehall 2020)

Paddington

26 Lord Hills Road W.2 (near Paddington Station)  
(Telephone: Abecorn 3716)

Bed, bath and breakfast 1/9 per night.  
Hot meals served in Canteen (CR 1146)

170. CRICKET

the 25 MxD. BDE. will play a return match against the Rifle BDE. on Sunday 18 Aug. 40. the Brigadier hopes that as many troops will attend as possible.

171. Church Parade  
R.C.

Mass will be celebrated in the N.A.A.F.I. at 0915 hrs.

*[Signature]* Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

71 Bw (Unit). Aug 17 1940 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	6	2	
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	32		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			1
Corporals	4853 (includes 1 Lt/Sgt)		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	477		9
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgt	A APC		
1 Postman (Padre)	25 Mtd Bde HQ		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX/2643	a/bpl	CALDER, L.J	A.I.F.	NESTBURY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

71 Bw

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"  " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																		3	3	
Sawyers ... ..				1																
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..															1				1	
C.Q.M.S. ... ..				1														6	6	
General duty personnel ... ..																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).				2											1	9	10			

71 Bw

Unit.

*Admiral H. G. C.*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 17 Aug 40

25 Bde 1st Div

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

710w

(Unit.) For Week Ending 17 Aug 40

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*			
1	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
3	Majors... ..	1		
4	Captains ... ..	2		
19	Lieutenants ... ..	19		2
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
27	TOTALS ... ..	23		2

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Lt Col		Starkes ASC	AIF	YES	26/6/40	
2	M	Major		Dalry RJ	"	"	27/6/40	
3	S	Capt		Palmer A D	"	"	27/6/40	
4	S	"		Sharp D B	"	"	27/6/40	
5	S	Lieut		Bennett AM	"	"	27/6/40	
6	S	"		Shinn G. E.	"	"	"	
7	M	"		Stargatt W G	"	"	"	
8	S	"		Foot D	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Rankine H H	"	"	"	
10	S	"		Jacoby P. R	"	"	"	
11	M	"		Mitchell H	"	"	"	
12	S	"		Cahill N. M	"	"	"	
13	S	"		Cromming C	"	"	"	
14	M	"		Foley J. P.	"	"	7/7/40	
15	S	"		Griffin E. V.	"	"	27/6/40	
16	S	"		Dennis H. G.	"	"	"	
17	M	"		Cartwright R. E.	"	"	"	
18	S	"		Smith NS	"	"	"	
19	S	"		O'Mara M. J.	"	"	"	
20	S	"		Cumley P	"	"	"	
21	S	"		Morrish J	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Lancaster C. G.	"	"	"	
23				Young D. W.		NO		Second 25 Bde HQ
24								
25								
26								
27								
28								
29								
30								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Campbell W.H.	A.I.F.	6.8.40	RMO
Captain		Scarfe R.	"	1.7.40	

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(Unit.)

17 Aug 40

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
25 Bde Tidworth  
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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18 Aug. 40.

172. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officers	Lt. Bennett	A.M.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. McLean	H.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Brodie	R.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	

Duty Company	"B" Coy.
Next for Duty	"C" Coy. to mount 1800 hrs., 19 Aug. 40.

17. N.A.A.F.I.

Shortages of cups, glasses, beer bottles etc are still occurring and in future the cost of these will be deducted from the units' share of the canteen profits.

.....*[Signature]*..... Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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No. 53.

19 Aug 40.

174. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer next for duty	Lt. O'Hara M.J. Lt. Brownrigg C. <i>Scott L.G.</i>
Bn. Orderly Sgt. next for duty	<del>Sgt. Dolan</del> Sgt. Colless C.W.
Bn. Orderly Cpl. next for duty	Cpl. Staliman L.J. Cpl. Morris J.V.
Bn. Runners	1 from each coy.
Duty Coy next for duty	C Coy. A Coy.

175. INDISCRIMINATE SHOOTING

Cases of indiscriminate shooting are still ~~being~~ occurring. Offenders will be severely dealt with. Officers and N.C.O.'s will be held personally responsible if a shot comes from their area, and the offender is not apprehended.

*Adrie* Capt.  
Adj't 71 Bn.

LOST

Steel Helmet in Mess Tent. Finder return to Bn. H.Q.

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20 Aug. 40.

176. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Brownrigg C.
Bn. Orderly Sgt. Next for Duty	Sgt. Colless O.W. Sgt. Clark D.
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. Morris J.V. Cpl. Armstrong E.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.
Duty Company Next for Duty	"A" Coy. "B" Coy.

177. F.G.C. H.

The following sentences are promulgated for information.

VX 5490 Cpl. Hogg S.P. 71 Bn. found guilty of being A.W.L. A.A. 15(L) reduced to ranks 14 Aug. 40. ( M.M.L. 595 Note )

VX 11360 Pte. Bainbridge H.C. 71 Bn. found guilty of being A.W.L. A.A. 15 (1) sentenced to 60 (sixty) days detention) 9 Aug. 40.

..... *Sparks* ..... Capt.  
Adj. 71 Battalion

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21 Aug 40.

178. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Bennett	A.
Next for Duty	Lt. Jacoby	P.
Bn. Orderly Sargeant	Sgt. Clark	D.
Next for duty	Sgt. Clelend	R.H.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Armstrong E.	
Next for Duty	Cpl. Vassallo P.L.	
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

179. DISCIPLINE

Complaints have been received about the noise made by A.I.F troops returning home from the All Ranks Dance which is held at the Double Gymnasium, ASSAYE BARRACKS every Friday from 1815 to 2200 hrs. All troops are to be warned that if the noise continues then this invitation will not be extended to them.

180. COLOUR PATCHES

No miniatures are to be worn. Personnel going on 6 days leave must wear 71 Bn. colour patches - purple uppermost and 1 inch from shoulder

181. RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS

Bns. will ensure that personnel spending their leave in any place other than LONDON, commence and finish such leave on days that will not necessitate travel on Sat. or Sundays. By rail.

A communication has been received from the War Office that, owing to the congestion of traffic, it has become necessary to forbid the use of railways by Military Personnel for leave purposes on Saturday and Sundays. Whilst this does not affect the special trains which have been arranged for the forthcoming leave period, all ranks are to be instructed that ordinary railway services are not to be used on Saturdays or Sundays. Personnel, whose destination on leave will entail rail travelling other than on the special trains which have been arranged, will therefore be granted leave on dates which ensure that they are able to complete their journeys on week days.

182. ENTERTAINMENTS

Pennings 5 24 Aug 40. Cinema 1430 hrs.

*[Signature]*  
.....Capt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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183. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Jacoby	P.
Next for Duty	Lt. Lancaster	C.G.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Cleland	R.H.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Caldecott	L.K.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Vassallo	P.L.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Donaldson	R.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	
Duty Company	"C" Company	
Next for Duty.	"A" Company	

Bn. Guard will consist of:-

- 1 Sgt.
- 1 Cpl.
- 13 other Ranks.

184. SPORTS

A cricket match against 72 Bn. will be played on Saturday Aug 24th at the No. 2 Fisher ground commencing at 1400 hrs. Team selected is :-

Lt. Lancaster	C.G.	Pte. Frost	R.A.
Lt. Dixon	G.E.	" Donovan	B.
Lt. ...	H.	" Garnsey	K...
S/Sgt. Graham	H.	" Reeves	S.E.
Cpl. Clark	J.B.	" Sier	A.J.
L/Cpl. Burville	W...H.	" Heather	L.J.

Any of the above who are unable to play must notify Bn. H.Q. by 1800 hrs. on Friday Aug 23rd. The team will assemble at Bn. H.Q. at 1330 hrs. on Saturday.

185. LEAVE - MEDICAL

All personnel proceeding on leave will be in possession of a Prophylactic Outfit. The ...I.F. R.A.F. will be established at 14 Durlough St. Strand (adjacent to Strand Palace Hotel).

.....  
Adj. 71 Bn. Capt.

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186. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. C.G. Lancaster Lt. A.H. Bennett
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sgt. L.K. Caldecott Sgt. D.N. McLean
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. E. Donaldson Cpl. R. Brodie
Duty Company Next for Duty	"A" Coy. "B" Coy.
Bn. Runners	1 from each company

187. CHURCH PARADES.

Mass will be celebrated in the N.A.A.F.I. entertainment theatre on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 0915 hrs.  
 Details of C. of E. service will be announced later.  
Dress - S.D., Steel helmets, Respirators,  
 Rifles and Ammunition.

*..... [Signature] ..... Capt.  
 Adj. 71 Bn.*

LOST -

In Sgt's showers on evening of Aug. 22, gold signet ring. Hexagonal front engraved "Jimmy". Engraved inside "Lum 13-4-40". Return to Bn. HQ.

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App. No 69a.FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

We will be able to vote in the forthcoming Federal elections in Australia. A bill to enable this to be done was passed in both houses of Parliament last Wednesday.

SPORTING.

I watched an inter-company cricket match the other afternoon. Players on both sides were very keen, there even being a black-board showing the progress scores. I could not stay for the finish thereby missing the results and leading performances.

If the captains bring along data about these matches to Bn. HQ. I'll be only too pleased to put same in the "rag".

Incidentally full scores of the recent match against the 53 Light Training Regiment were:-

Training Regt. 200 ( Pte. Angell 3-30, Pte. Rodda 2-31, Lieut. Stargatt 1-37, Lieut. O'Hara 2-35, Lieut. Lancaster 0-18, Cpl. Clark 1-16, Pte. Frost 1-17 )

71 Bn. 107 ( Lieut. O'Hara 18, S/Sgt. Graham 0, Lieut. Lancaster 18, Pte. Frost 16, Lieut. Stargatt 9, W.O. Robinson 7, Lieut. Dixon 4 no, Pte. Rodda 0, Cpl. Clark 7, Pte. Angell 10, Pte. Heather 1 ).

An alleged football match was played between two scratch sides on Wednesday. Nobody seemed to know what code it was, there being a very mixed crowd of Rugby League and Union, Aussie rules and Soccer players participating. Some tackled, others didn't, some caught the ball ( a soccer ball by the way ), others just kicked. Still, it was great fun, enjoyed by everybody.

The Darts tournament at the R.S.A.F.I. entertainment tent produced a keen, interesting struggle. An I.C. carried off the first prize of 100 sigs. George Sadler, from the Pioneers, collected 50 Players for his meritorious effort in the final. But I must say the technique of most of the players stood out - by the absence of such. Too much wild throwing, and no daintiness as shown by the experts.

The Bn. cricket team play the 72 Bn. tomorrow, Saturday 24 Aug. Very confident, too, they believe a win is possible. And on Sunday week they meet the 70 Bn. at Ludgershall ground.

Another coming sporting fixture is an Australian rules football match against the 10 Bn.

It was decided by Bn. HQ. personnel to raffle their share of the Queensland Comforts Fund. Sgt. Cook and his I section henchmen did the deed. Of course, I wouldn't be "insinuating", Mrs. Harris, but the fact remains that Sgt. Cook and his henchman did carry off more than their share of the prizes. And I wonder what will become of the scarf the R.S.I.'s batsman won ?

An Australian soldier went into a local cafe with two bright young things. The soup came along, and a fly decided to have a warm bath. "Take this insect away", quoth one of the bright young things wherewith two burly rouseabouts came along and hoisted out our Aussie soldier. Tell you his name one of these days.

The adjutant, Capt. Petrie, went for a race on a motor-bike, with Lieut. Bennett on the pillion seat. Tearing along at an alarming speed our popular Lieut. shouted "I'm glad you can drive one of these things". "On the contrary, my first experience", was the very comforting reply. Later it has been announced that Mr. Bennett has ordered a size smaller in uniforms.



'Tis rumoured that one Paymaster, to wit, Sgt. Bill Kingsley, was up and about before 0645 hrs the other morning. Surely the age of miracles is not yet past. And I wonder what the same Pay Sgt. thinks of cricket after his experience of last night. Quite marred his good looks - and now he's very worried about the A.T.S. party on Sunday.

Sex Equality. Noticed about 6 A.T.S. girls valiantly endeavouring to carry several heavy stools in Tidworth the other afternoon. No notice, let alone a helping hand, was taken of the girls by the many passing soldiers.

Air Raid !!! Whistles blew !!! And a certain private was in the middle of shaving. Was he put out ? No, sir. Merely carted razor, water etc. to his trench, and finished the shave there. No trouble.

Long Leave is starting to-morrow. BE GOOD, CHILDREN 30

The War is now 11 months, 2 weeks and 7 days old. So what !!!

#### PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

Who is the "Sleeping Sergeant-Major". Answer next week.

Who is the R.S.M.'s "sister" ?

Why did several officers have to have the bands in their tin hats stretched ?

#### NICKNAME "NIC NATS".

A few gems in the En:-

Jim the Hangman - The Lauretania Glutton - Garrulous George - Sox - Skoeter - Snifty - Mopy - A W-L L ( the stuttering fool ) - Ned Kelly, the bushranger - Daphne ( I see there are rare occasions "he" doesn't wear the overcoat now ).

And who are Blossom and Kidget ? Enquire at the Sgt's Mess if you dare.

#### ARMY EFFICIENCY.

Posted a letter to a cousin the A.I.F. stationed in Palestine. It was returned with a request for a stamp. Yet, if I sent it home and the folks send it on, no postage would be required !!!

#### ON THE OUTPOSTS.

Two civilians on two prancing horses - with the evening's bag hanging temptingly on their saddles - proved too much for a couple of hungry soldiers. Halt - a prompt halt. Most authoritatively " Dont you know you are trespassing on military ground, and what you cant "sport" here. Leave that stuff here and go". And away the civilians went - on the dot. Result - a swell banquet for all concerned. And the Lieut. laughed and laughed and laughed.

And there you are. See you next week, soldier.

THE EDITOR.

P.S. SUITS FOR LIME !!! I hereby take no notice of the many threats being handed out. Freedom of the Press, you know ! Anyway, thanks for the many nice remarks about the "Kewt". They are greatly appreciated, I assure you.

And finally, all contributions you want inserted, hand in to .....

D. AHEARN  
BN. HQ.

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24 Aug 40.

188. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Bennett	A.M.
Next for Duty	Lt. Morrish	J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. McLean	D.N.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Scott	L.G.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Brodie	R.
Next for Duty	Cpl. McDonough	C.A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company.	

*J. J. Davidson* ..... Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

71 Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 24 Aug 40

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

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	*			
1	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
3	Majors... ..	1		
4	Captains ... ..	2		
19	Lieutenants ... ..	19		2
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
27	TOTALS ... ..	23		2

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Lt. Col.		Sparkes A.S.C.	A. I. F.	Yes	26/6/40	
2	M	Major		Dalry R.J.	"	"	27.6.40	
3	S	Capt.		Petrie A.D.	"	"	8.7.40	
4	S	"		Sharp D.P.	"	"	12.7.40	
5	S	Lieut.		Bennett A.M.	"	"	27.6.40	
6	S	"		Dixon G.E.	"	"	"	
7	M	"		Stargatt W.G.	"	"	"	
8	S	"		Eccott D.	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Rankine H.H.	"	"	"	
10	S	"		Jacobs P.R.	"	"	"	
11	M	"		Hurstfield H.	"	"	"	
12	S	"		Gahill N.M.	"	"	"	
13	S	"		Brownrigg G.	"	"	"	
14	M	"		Fahy J.P.	"	"	7.7.40	
15	S	"		Bruton E.V.	"	"	27.6.40	
16	S	"		Davies H.G.	"	"	"	
17	M	"		Cartwright R.E.	"	"	"	
18	S	"		Smith N.S.	"	"	"	
19	S	"		O'Mara M.J.	"	"	"	
20	S	"		Brinkley P.	"	"	"	
21	S	"		Morris J.	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Lancaster C.G.	"	"	"	
23	S	"		Young D.W.	"	No	"	Seconded 25 Bde HQ
24								
25								
26								
27								
28								
29								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		Campbell W.H.	A. I. F.	6.8.40	R.M.D.
Chaplain		Scars R.	"	1.7.40	

71 Bn

(Unit.)

24 Aug 40

(Date of Despatch.)

*Asa Sparkes*  
(Signature of Commander.)

25 Bde. Tidworth

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

71 Bn (Unit). 24 Aug 1940 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5	1	
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	23		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			1
Corporals	48		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	471		19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
One Pay Serjeant	A.A.P.C.		
" Batman	25 Bde		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 12643	A/cpl.	CALDER L.J.	A.I.F.	Westbury Convalescent Hospital

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"    " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																			3	3
Signallers ... ..																				
Stoemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
C.O.M.S. Bugler				1			1									1				1
General duty personnel ... ..								16											16	16
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).				1			1	16											19	20

71 Bn Unit.

*Asespaik Hild*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 24 Aug 40

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

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189. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. Morrish J. Lt. Brownrigg C.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sgt. Scott L.G. Sgt. Colless O.W.
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. McDonough C.A. Cpl. Payne L.J.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.
Duty Company Next for Duty	"C" Coy. "A" Company.

190. ANTI-GAS TRAI - PERSONAL DECONTAMINATION.

The use of the word COECDO will assist personnel in remembering the correct sequence of PERSONAL DECONTAMINATION. Each letter in this word indicates the particular piece of clothing or equipment that is used or treated also the correct order for each treatment in the sequence.

- (1) COTTON WASTE. Remove with cotton waste any free liquid on the exposed skin.
- (2) OINTMENT Rub anti-gas ointment vigorously for one minute into all exposed skin.
- (3) EYESHIELDS (if contaminated) Prepare a fresh eyeshield for use and then remove the contaminated eyeshield and put the new one on.
- (4) CLOTHING (Not applicable to SMALL drops of spray) Remove or cut away contaminated clothing. Rub ointment into any skin which has been covered by clothing upon which blister gas has fallen. Put on fresh clothing as necessary and available.
- (5) DETECTORS Change individual gas detectors if necessary or mark the spots in the case of small drops.
- (6) OINTMENT Rub anti-gas ointment into the hands again for one minute.

191. SPORTS

An Australian Rules football match will be played against 10 Bn. next Saturday 31 Aug. 40. Would be players hand names into Coy. Orderly Rooms. Coys. will forward lists to Bn. H.Q. by 1200 hrs. Monday 28 Aug. 40. Coys. will ensure that men going on leave are not included.

*H. Daldor*  
.....Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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192. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Brownrigg	C.
Next for Duty	Lt. Rankine	H.H.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Colless	O.W.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Clark	D.E.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Payne	L.J.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Kirwan	E.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	
Duty Company	"A" Company	
Next for Duty	"B" Company	

193. LECTURE

All personnel will attend a lecture on Wednesday 28 Aug 40. at 1830 hours. Subject "German Army".

194. ENTERTAINMENTS

1830 hrs. Friday 30 Aug 40. PICTURES

.....*J.J. Anderson*.....Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.



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195. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Rankine	H.H.
Next for Duty	Lt. O'Mara	M.J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Clark	D.E.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Cleland	R.N.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Kirwan	E.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Leeson	H.T.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

196. TRACK DISCIPLINE ON OUTPOSTS

Inspection of the various outposts have revealed that vehicles and sentries have, by the use of regular routes in the open, established tracks that must reveal the positions to hostile airmen.

In future more attention must be paid to track discipline. New beats for sentries must be selected under cover and men off duty must not follow regular routes in the open.

Vehicles, over the latter part of their approach to the post must select routes under cover or approach, and depart, each day from a different direction and must not unload stores at the same place each day if it means doing so in the open near the posts. Officers and N.C.Os. must see that these instructions are enforced.

*J. Davidson*.....Lt.

Adj. 71 Bn.

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199 DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. O'Mara	M. J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sgt. Cleland Sgt. Caldecott	R. N. L. K.
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. Leeson Cpl. Dalziel	H. T. G. A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company Next for Duty	C. Company A. Company	

198. METHOD OF STOPPING VEHICLES BY SENTRIES

In future the following method only will be used to stop vehicles.

BY DAY - The sentry will stand in the path of the oncoming vehicle and raise his right hand in the normal stop signal.

BY NIGHT - He will raise the Red light that is provided.

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Adj. 71 Bn.

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199. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Cahill	N.M.
Next for Duty	Lt. Rankine	H.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Caldecott	L.K.
Next for Duty	Sgt. McLean	D.N.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Epl. Dalziel	G.A.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Armstrong	E.A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"A" Company	
Next for Duty	"B" Company	

200. ROLLING OF TENTS

In future tents will not be rolled on windy days as this only results in dust being blown into the tents.

*J. J. Davidson* Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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201. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Rankine	H.
Next for Duty	Lt. Morrish	J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. McLean	D.N.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Dover	L.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Armstrong	E.A.
Next for Duty	Spl. McDonagh	C.A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

202. SECURITY

Recently reports have been received many hours after the occurrence of certain suspicious acts such as the apparent showing of lights etc. All ranks will be impressed with the necessity for action rather than reporting many hours later. If direct action is impossible a report should be made immediately to the nearest officer. In this connection attention is drawn to A.G.S.I. No 94 para 3 of 21 Aug 40. Cases have also occurred of sentries answering questions asked by strange officers the identity of whom is unknown. Sentries and picquets will on no account answer questions asked by a person of whose identity they are uncertain. If there is any doubt, then the identity card must be demanded and if not produced the person will be detained.

203. BADGES.

REGIMENTAL COLOUR PATCHES. The authority given for personnel to wear the colour patch of their parent unit in addition to the colour patch of the new unit is cancelled. Personnel will wear only the colour patch of the new unit. Any member at present wearing the small colour patch of their parent unit will remove them immediately.

204. AIR RAIDS

It has been brought to notice by the Civil Authorities that members of the fighting services set a bad example to the general public when air raid warnings are sounded or when air raids occur. All ranks when NOT on duty who happen to be in towns and villages during an air raid should take cover and conform to civil instructions when air raid warnings are sounded. To stand in the streets gazing into the sky not only sets a bad example to the general public, but also invites attention from enemy aircraft and incurs unnecessary risks of casualties. The above will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

205. SPORT

The 71 Bn. team to play 10 Bn. at Fisher Ground Tidworth 1445 hrs. Sat. 1 Aug 40. Aust. Rules Football will be selected from the following :- Lt. Rankine, ~~Lt. Stargatt~~, Sgts. Colless, Graham. Cpls. Thompson N.L., Payne L.J., Coffey B.J., Ptes. Colman, Pollitt Green A.W., Marchesi, Tyson, Bartlett W., Flett, Smith F.J., Berry Mullens, Hillgrove, Brennan, O'Brien T.J. and Lindorff. Any of the above unable to play must notify Bn. H.Q. by 1200 hrs. Sat. 31 Aug. Team will assemble for transport at Bn. H.Q. 1400 hrs.

Cricket:- The following have been selected to play 70 Bn. at Ludgershall Sports Ground on Sat. 1 Sep. 40. at 1415 Hrs. Lt. Stargatt, Lt. Lancaster, W.O. Robinson, Ptes. Sier, Angell, Tyson, Reeves, Meers, Strotton, Garnsey, Ward, Borwick, Smith F.J., Any of the above unable to play please notify Bn. H.Q. The team will assemble for transport at 1330 hrs. at Bn. H.Q.

*J. J. Davidson*  
Adj. 71 Bn. Lt.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

..... 71 Bw ..... (Unit). ..... Aug 31 ..... 19 40 ..... (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	<del>1</del> 3		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5	1	
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	<del>23</del> 24	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			1
Corporals	48		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	475		23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>557</b>	* <b>2</b>	* <b>24</b>

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>Pay Sgt</u>	<u>AAPC</u>		
<u>Butcher</u>	<u>25 Bde.</u>		

**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).
<u>QX1232</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>HUTCHINSON, RC</u>	<u>A.I.F</u>	<u>R.T.D</u>
<u>VX12643</u>	<u>a/cpl</u>	<u>CALDER, L. J.</u>	<u>A.I.F</u>	<u>WESTBURY COND. HOSPITAL</u>

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

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DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"    "    (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..																				
Shoe Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers ... ..									1										3	3
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
<i>Bugler</i>																1				1
General duty personnel ... ..																				20 20
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).				1		1				2					1				3	24

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Unit.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 31 Aug 40

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

7100 (Unit.) For Week Ending 31 Aug 40

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains ... ..	2		
	Lieutenants ... ..	20		
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	24		

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Lawson JJC	AIF	24/8/40	from left Personnel Bulford
"	Forwood KB	"	"	"
"	Healof NJ	"	28/8/40	"

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Brinkley P	AIF	24/8/40	to 25 Myd Bde. Lines official

## 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).

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Lt Col		Sparkes A.S.C.	A.I.F.	Yes.	26.6.40	
2	"	Major		Daddy R.J.	"	"	27.6.40	
3	S	Capt.		Sharp D.P.	"	"	12.7.40	
4	"	"		Petrid A.D.	"	"	8.7.40	
5	"	Lieut		Bennett A.M.	"	"	27.6.40	
6	M	"		Davidson J.J.	"	"	24.8.40	
7	S	"		Dixon G.E.	"	"	27.6.40	
8	M	"		Spargott W.G.	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Escoff D.	"	"	"	
10	S	"		Rankine H.H.	"	"	"	
11	S	"		Jacoby P.R.	"	"	"	
12	M	"		Hickford H.	"	"	"	
13	S	"		Cahill N.M.	"	"	"	
14	S	"		Brownrigg C.	"	"	"	
15	M	"		Fahy J.P.	"	"	7.7.40	
16	S	"		Bruton E.V.	"	"	27.6.40	
17	S	"		Davies H.G.	"	"	"	
18	M	"		Cartwright R.E.	"	"	"	
19	S	"		Smith N.S.	"	"	"	
20	S	"		O'Mara M.J.	"	"	"	
21	S	"		Morrish J.	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Lancaster G.G.	"	"	"	
23	M	"		Forwood K.B.	"	"	24.8.40	
24	S	"		Heslop N.J.	"	"	28.8.40	
25								
26								
27								
28								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		Campbell W.A.	A.I.F.	6.8.40	R.M.O.
Chaplain		Seasie R.	"	1.7.40	

71 Bn

(Unit.)

31 Aug 40

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Handwritten Signature]*

(Signature of Commander.)

25 mph Bde Tidworth

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



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WAR DIARY PRECIS.

71st. Battalion September 1940.

Classification  
of Subject.

Training

Practice at Rifle Range.  
Bde. Manoevre. Upavon.  
Exercise to defend against  
air-borne Troops.

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20.9.40

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BATTALION

No. 66

1 Sep. 40.

212. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Forwood	K.B.
Next for Duty	Lt. Bennett	A. G.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Colless	O.W?
Next for Duty	Sgt. Clark	D.E.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Langford	W.H.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Ure	F.J.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"A" Company	
Next for Duty	"B" Company	

213. MOTOR CYCLE PLATOON

Applications are invited for vacancies in the Motor Cycle Platoon. They will be allotted as follows:-

"A" Company	3
"B" "	3
"C" "	8
"H.Q." "	6

214. CORRIGENDUM

Reference R.Os. Part I No. 62 of 28 Aug. 40. Para 198.

METHOD OF STOPPING VEHICLES

By Night The red light that is provided will be waved from side to side.

.....*J. Davidson*..... Lt.  
 Adj. 71 Battalion.

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No. 67

2 Sep. 40.

215. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Bennett	A.M.
Next for Duty	Lt. O'Mara	M.J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Clark	D.E.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Cleland	R.N.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Jrc	J.J.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Rail	A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	
Duty Company	B Company	
Next for Duty	C Company	

*J.J. Davidson*  
.....Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

LOST

1 Steel helmet and Respirator left at N.A.A.F.I on Sat. 30 Aug 40.  
NX 6292 marked on outside of respirator haversack.

1 respirator lost at N.A.A.F.I. on Sat. 31 Aug. 40.  
Name on haversack MURCHISON

Anybody finding or knowing whereabouts of the above articles  
please report to Bn. H.Q.

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3 Sep. 40.

216. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. O'Mara	M.J.
Next for Duty	Lt. Stargatt	W.G.
Bn. Orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Cleland	R.W.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Branagan	E.W.J.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Rail	A.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Payne	R.A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"O" Company	
Next for Duty	"A" Company	

217. PARADE OF ALL N.C.Os.

In future all N.C.Os. will report to the R.S.M. at Bn. H.Q. at 1830 Hrs., in Battle Order. Those on duty need not report but must furnish a statement to the R.S.M. not later than 1700 Hrs. and signed by their Coy. Commander.

*M. Davidson*  
.....Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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No. 69

4 Sep. 40.

218. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Stargatt	W.G.
Next for Duty	Lt. Macott	D.F.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Branagan	E.W.J.
Next for Duty	Sgt. McLean	D.H.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Payne	R.A.
Next for Duty	Cpl. McKenzie	J.A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"A" Company	
Next for Duty	"B" Company	

219. BUGLER

Applications are called for a Bn. Bugler

220. HOSPITALITY

Members of the Force visiting Bristol on leave are advised that the undermentioned Club rooms are open to visiting soldiers

The Australian and New Zealand Club of Bristol,  
Royal Empire Society,  
Whiteladies Road,  
Clifton.

The Y.M.C.A.,  
Colston Street,  
Bristol.

221. SPORTING

The Sports Officer requests that all sporting gear held by Coys. be returned to the R.Q.M.S. immediately.

Applications for a Hockey team to play against the 25 Ind. Bde. are wanted at Bn. H.Q. by 1800 Hrs. Thursday 5 Sep. 40. Intending players for a Rugby Union team are also requested to submit names to Bn. H.Q. before 1800 hrs. 5 Sep. 40.

*A.J. Davidson*  
.....Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

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LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 70

5 Sep. 40.

222. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Eacott	D.F.
Next for Duty	Lt. Morrish	J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. McLean	D.N.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Trotter	H.C.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. McKenzie	J.A.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Cullam	K.E.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

223. BAKER

Applications are invited for a unit baker. Recommendations from Coys. will be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. by Monday 9 Sep. 40.

*J. Davidson*.....Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 Bn.

No. 71

5 Sep. 40.

224. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Morrish	J.D.F.
Next for Duty	Lt. Lancaster	C.G.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Trotter	H.C.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Caldecott	L.K.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Cullam	K.E.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Douglas	J.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	
Duty Company	"C" Company	
Next for Duty	"A" Company	

225. INNOCULATIONS Coys. will arrange for personnel still requiring T.A.B. and T.F. inoculations to report R.A.P. 0930 hrs. 7 Sep. 40.

226. REGIMENTAL GUARDS In future guards will wear felt hats and carry their steel helmets strapped to their pack. When on sentry duty the steel helmet will be worn on the right shoulder.

227. CHURCH SERVICE  
R.C. Service will be held at 0915 Hrs. in M.A.A.F.I. Entertainment Marquee.

C. of E. Service will be held at 1000 hrs. Markers will report to the R.S.M. at 0940 hrs. Battalion Parade at 0945 hrs.

*J.J. Davidson* Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

Notes Black-out Times 2004 until 0553 hours.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES - HARVEST ITCH.

Following the morning and evening showers, legs and thighs to be thoroughly soaped. Resultant lather to be wiped off on towel without any further application of water. Ointment is available for those already affected.

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by

LT. COL. A.S.C. SERRICKS COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 72

7 Sep. 40.

228. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Lancaster	C.G.
Next for Duty	Lt. Heslop	H.J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Caldecott	J.K.
Next for Duty	Sgt. McLean	D.H.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Douglas	J.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Wormald	G.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"A" Company	
Next for Duty	"B" Company	

229. DRESS Recently troops have been seen on leave without belts, jackets undone, hats off etc. It is the responsibility of all Officers to ensure that troops are properly dressed and do not disgrace the A.I.F.

230. LOSS OF ARMS The loss of .38 Webley Pistol No. J.5426 has been reported. Units will check for this and if located advise H.Q. Australian Force.

231. PREMISES PLACED OUT OF BOUNDS. The following Hotels and Restaurants are placed out of bounds to troops as shown:-

<u>Winchester</u>	"The Northgate Club". To Officers only.
<u>Salisbury</u>	The "Old Mill" Restaurant. To all ranks after 2000 hrs.
<u>Bath</u>	"The Hole in the Wall" Restaurant. to all ranks.

232. ENTERTAINMENTS Wednesday 11 Sep. 40. Cinema 1900 hrs.

*R. Hartwright*  
.....Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

71 Bw

(Unit.) For Week Ending 7 Sept 40

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains ... ..	2		
	Lieutenants ... ..	20		
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	<b>TOTALS ... ..</b>	<b>24</b>		

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Lt Col.		Sparks ASC	AIF	Yes	26.6.40	
2	"	Major		Luddy RJ	"	"	27.6.40	
3	S	Capt		Sharpe D.B.	"	"	12.7.40	
4	"	"		Petrie A.D.	"	"	9.7.40	
5	"	Lieut		Bennett AM	"	"	21.6.40	
6	M	"		Davidson J.T.	"	"	24.8.40	
7	S	"		Lyon G.E.	"	"	21.6.40	
8	M	"		Stewart W.G.	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Evatt D.	"	"	"	
10	"	"		Rankine H.H.	"	"	"	
11	"	"		Jacoby P.R.	"	"	"	
12	M	"		Jainfield H.	"	"	"	
13	S	"		Calder N.M.	"	"	"	
14	"	"		Brownrigg C.	"	"	"	
15	M	"		Foley J.P.	"	"	7.7.40	
16	S	"		Braithwaite E.V.	"	"	27.6.40	
17	"	"		Davis H.G.	"	"	"	
18	M	"		Cartwright R.E.	"	"	"	
19	S	"		Smith N.S.	"	"	"	
20	"	"		O'Donoghue M.J.	"	"	"	
21	"	"		Winnick J.	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Lumley C.G.	"	"	"	
23	M	"		Forrest K.B.	"	"	24.8.40	
24	S	"		Healy N.J.	"	"	29.8.40	
25								
26								
27								
28								
29								
30								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Campbell W.A.	AIF	6.8.40	RMO
Platoon		Scobie R.	"	1.7.40	

71 Bn  
(Unit.)

7 Sept 40  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
71 Bn A.I.F.  
(Signature of Commander.)

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





32nd Bn

WAR DIARY

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or  
**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**  
(Erase heading not required).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pennings Camp 5 Tidworth	1-9-40		<u>71 Bn. 25 Mxd Bde. A.I.F.</u>  C.O. Lt. Col. A.S.C. Sparks 2 i/c Maj. R.J. Daldy Adj. Lt. J.J. Davidson  Maj. D.P. Sharp Capt. A.D. Petrie Lieut. A.M. Bennett " G.E. Dixon " W.G. Stargatt " D. Eacott " H.H. Rankine " P.R. Jacoby " H. Huitfeldt " N.M. Cahill " C. Brownrigg  <u>Attached.</u>  Capt. W.A. Campbell  Lieut. J.P. Fahey " E.V. Bruton " H.G. Davies " R.E. Cartwright " N.S. Smith " M.J. O'Mara " J. Morrish " G.G. Lancaster " K.B. Forward " N.J. Heslop  Chaplain R. Scarfe	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tidworth Pennings 5	1-9-40		Weather fine. Sky clear. Compulsory Bn. and church parades. C.O. today provided with Humber auto-mobile.	Routine Orders No.1.
Tidworth Pennings 5	2-9-40		First morning fog, later in the day good weather, clear sky. Men who did not qualify previously, are on the rifle range today for further practice.	Routine Orders No.2
Tidworth Pennings 5	3-9-40		Good weather, clear sky. Message from Brigade:- "All 6 day's special leave cancelled until further notice.	Routine Orders No.3
Tidworth Pennings 5	4-9-40		Clear sky, warm day. Brigadier Bridgeford visits camp area. Plans are being made today for a Bde. manoeuvre towards Upavon Aerodrome.	Routine Orders No.4
Tidworth Pennings 5	5-9-40		Warm day, clear sky. All outpost reports are negative, except for the usual activity in the air, of search lights playing on high flying German planes.	Routine Orders No.5

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tidworth Pennings 5	6-9-40		Warm day, clear sky. T.E.W.T. near Upavon aerodrome. (Officers only). In afternoon guard practice with amplified music.	Routine Orders No.6
Tidworth Pennings 5	7-9-40	2215	Fair weather, clear sky. Later at night overcast. Order came through to Stand To. Bombs could be heard exploding in distance, and A.A. shells bursting.	Routine Orders No.7 W3008 -No.8 W3009 -No.9
Tidworth Pennings 5	8-9-40	0129 0130 0300 1000	Still Standing To. Men are allowed to rest until further orders. Cocoa ordered for all ranks by C.O. All units of Austral Force are now placed at 3 hours notice. Stand Down. Weather good, sky overcast.	Routine Orders No.10
Tidworth Pennings 5	9-9-40		Clear sky. Coldest morning experienced yet by 71 Bn. in England. Very little air activity during past night, except in far distance, N.E. from here.	Routine Orders No.11
Tidworth Pennings 5	10-9-40		Clear sky, weather cool. Austral Force now reverts from three to six hours notice, and local leave, not exceeding three hours, will be granted.	Routine Orders No.12

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tidworth Pennings 5	11-9-40		71 Bn. exercise today in Everleigh area towards Upavon aerodrome. Bn. H.Q. were in Cow Down, Everleigh Ashes. After the exercise, 1330 hrs. lunch was served amongst the Grant Firs. Weather was good.	Routine Orders No.13
Tidworth Pennings 5	12-9-40		The weather was fair, but became boisterous towards evening. Training continued.	Routine Orders No.14
Tidworth Pennings 5	13-9-40		Rain and wind all day. No air activity during night, which is an exception to the usual. Lists are made today of all ranks eligible to vote next Monday 16th Sep. '40. (Federal Elections)	Routine Orders No.15 "The Newt" No.16
Tidworth Pennings 5	14-9-40		Clear sky - cool weather.	Routine Orders No.17 W3008-No.18 W3009-No.19
Tidworth Pennings 5	15-9-40		Clear sky - cool weather. A battalion parade, followed by compulsory church parade.	Routine Orders No.20



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tidworth Pennings 5	16-9-40		South west breeze. Rain all day. From today guards will mount in great coats. Federal elections held today.	Routine Orders No.21
Tidworth Pennings 5	17-9-40		Westerly breeze. Cool weather	Routine Orders No.22
Tidworth Pennings 5	18-9-40		Westerly breeze. Clear sky. Cool. Preparations are being made for an exercise at Great Bedwin and surrounding area.	Routine Orders No.23
Tidworth Pennings 5	19-9-40		Raining. Cool weather.	Routine Orders No.24
Tidworth Pennings 5	20-9-40		Rain in morning, clearing up towards noon. Exercise today in area Wilton - Great Bedwin, S.E. of Kennett Avon canal. Bn. defended the area against airborne troops. B Coy. right flank, C Coy. on left flank A Coy in reserve. All three B.H.Q. officers attended; men were transported by bus.	Routine Orders No.25

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tidworth Pennings 5	21-9-40	1100	A morning fog early, clearing up to good weather later. Outpost 6 reports dud or live bullets striking the trees near post. Presumably from rifle range.	Routine Orders No. 26 W3008-No. 27 W3009-No. 28 "The Newt" No. 29
Tidworth Pennings 5	22-9-40	1250	Weather boisterous, with showers from the West. Stand To ordered by Brigade. Troops ordered to prepare for Marching orders. Besides standing to, Bn. now placed again at 3 hours notice.	Routine Orders No. 30
Tidworth Pennings 5	23-9-40		Cool, cloudy, clearing up towards evening.	Routine Orders No. 31
Tidworth Pennings 5	24-9-40	1415) 1445)	Very cold until noon, when sky cleared. Gas practice, respirators worn by all ranks.	Routine Orders No. 32
Tidworth Pennings 5	25-9-40		Clear sky, very cold. Slight westerly breeze.	Routine Orders No. 33

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tidworth Pennings 5	26-9-40		Clear sky - cool, Slight westerly breeze. All ranks issued one extra blanket today.	Routine Orders No.34
Tidworth Pennings 5	27-9-40		Clear sky - fine day.	Routine Orders No.35
Tidworth Pennings 5	28-9-40		Clear sky. West wind. Very cold.	Routine Orders No.36 W3008-No.37 W3009-No.38
Tidworth Pennings 5	29-9-40		Cool weather, slight breeze, hazy.	Routine Orders No.39
Tidworth Pennings 5	30-9-40	1125 1200	Cool weather, hazy. Air-raid warning red. All clear	Routine Orders No.40

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT. COL. A.S.G. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 73

8 Sep. 40.

233. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Heslop	H.J.
Next for Duty	Lt. O'Hara	M.J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. McLean	D.F.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Trotter	H.C.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Wormald	G.
Next for Duty	CPL. McDonough	C.A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

*J. Davidson* ..... LT.  
 ADJT. 71 BN.

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MONTHLY ORDER BOOK I

by

LT. COL. H.S.C. SPENCER, COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 74

9 Sep. 40.

234. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. O'Hara	E. J.
Next for Duty	Lt. Brownrigg	C.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Trotter	H.C.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Colless	O.W.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. McDonough	C.A.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Scott	G.A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	
Duty Company	"C" Company	
Next for Duty	"A" Company	

235. AIR RAID WARNINGS

As from 8 Sep 40. Air Raid Warning "Red" will be sounded on the siren at TIDORTH GARRISON both by day and night. On this warning no action is required other than alertness - local Commanders will be responsible for giving the order to take cover when they consider necessary.

236. REGT. COLOUR PATCHES

Personnel will not wear miniature colour patches of their old units.

237. LEAVE

All leave has been cancelled.

*J. J. Davidson* Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTING ORDERS PART I

by

LT. COL. ...S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BR.

No. 75

10 Sep 40.

238. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Brownrigg	C.
Next for Duty	Lt. Rankine	H.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Colless	O.W.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Clark	D.E.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Scott	G...
Next for Duty	Cpl. Brodie	R.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	
Duty Company	"A" Company	
Next for Duty	"B" Company	

239. MAIL In re-addressing mail to personnel in hospital etc Coys. will carry out following instructions.  
 Address and date - written in ink - in top left hand corner.

240. BLACKOUT R.A.F. report that camps are not being properly blacked out at night. Coys. will police this and ensure that no lights are shown in their camp after the hour for Blackout.

*H. Thara*

..... Lt.

*for* Lt. 71 Br.

NOTES Blackout Times 1955 to 0600 hrs.

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UNITED STATES ARMY

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPURRIS COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 76

11 Sep 40.

241. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Rankine	H.
Next for Duty	Lt. Jacoby	P.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Clark	D.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Scott	L.G.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Brodie	R.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Vassallo	P.L.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

242. REPORT OF A.W.Ls.

In future all Coys. will furnish a daily report of all A.W.Ls. which must reach Bn. H.Q. not later than 1030 hrs. each morning. On this report will appear all available particulars regarding the missing man but such particulars furnished once need not be repeated daily.

*C. Browning* Lt.

for Adj. 71 Bn.

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Blackout Time 1953 to 0601 hours.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 77

12 Sep 40.

243. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Jacoby	F.
Next for Duty	Lt. Forwood	K.
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sgt. Scott	L.G.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Branagan	E.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Vassallo	P.L.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Dalziel	G.A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company.	
Duty Company	"C" Company	
Next for Duty	"A" Company	

244. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS Battalion H.Q. tent is out of bounds except to those stationed there on duties or those who must go there on official duties. Orderly duties stationed at Bn. H.Q. must at no time enter the various offices except when told to do so.

245. LEAVE PASSES Leave may only be granted in normal cases to within 20 miles radius of the camp. For this reason it is important that persons making out leave passes, specify just where the bearer will be going. Butts must also be filled in showing these particulars also. At no time must a pass be issued not showing the time covering the period for which leave is granted.

246. BUGLER Attention is again drawn to Routine Orders No. 69 of 4 Sep. 40. calling for buglers. Four buglers will be required and those applying should have had some experience either with a bugle or a cornet. Further instruction will be given to those needing it.

247. SPORTING MATERIAL The Sports Officer requires that all sporting material be returned to the R.Q.H.S. immediately. Until this is complied with no further material will be issued to Coys.

  
 .....Lt.  
 Adj. 71 Bn.



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by

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPRECKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 78

13 Sep 40.

248. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Forwood	K.
Next for Duty	Lt. Heslop	N.J.
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Branagan	E.
Next for Duty	Sjt. Rodgers	C.S.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Dalziel	G.A.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Armstrong	E.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"A" Company	
Next for Duty	"B" Company	

249. INOCULATIONS AND VACCINATIONS.

Personnel still requiring inoculations and vaccinations report R.A.P. 0930 hrs. 14 Sep 40. Also those whose books have not been signed present at this time for entry.

250. COURT OF INQUIRY. The following will constitute a Court of Inquiry to inquire into the absence without leave of :-

<del>NR 11633</del>	<del>Pte. Humphries</del>	<del>S.R.</del>	<del>Bn. H.</del>
QX 4956	Pte. Maroney	T.	H.Q. Coy.

President	Capt. D Petrie
Member	Lt. K. Forwood
Member	Lt. J. Fahey

251. COURTS OF INQUIRY The attention of all officers is directed to the Regulations covering Courts of Inquiry etc. In future such courts will be conducted on the lines laid down by A.M.R & Os. 445 (R276) - 447 (R277)

.....*J.J. Davidson*.....Lt.  
 Adj. 71 Bn.

" THE ISNT "

71 BATTALION NEWS SHEET

No 8.

13 Sep 40.

I am writing this in the office truck as we amble along the country by-ways. And my word, isn't there a nip in the air. The wrong type of "nip" sad to say.

SAVING THE SALVATION ARMY BUILDING AT SALISBURY.

From good authority, this is an excellent example of an Aussie soldier's initiative.

During an air raid, an incendiary bomb landed on the roof of the building, and was due to "fizz" any second.

The Australian soldier scampered up a pipe by the side of the building, tucked the bomb under his arm, and jumped from the roof to the road, thereby saving what looked like certain destruction of the Salvation Army Home.

Acclaimed a hero, he was presented with a ten pound note by the Salvation Army Padre. Nice Work.

FALLING IN AT STAND TO.

Coming in from leave on the night of the "stand to" Pte.----- struggled on two very wobbly legs up to his C.O. (Capt. Petrie), and with a shaky salute asked, "What is to be done, Sir?". "Get your gear on and return in ten minutes." was the edict. Away dashed our hero - and was not seen again until next morning, peacefully asleep in a trench, into which he had fallen when on his way to gather his gear the night before.

GLEANINGS FROM AFAR

" HONEST JOHN "

"Honest John" was up before the C.O.

"And didn't you hold the girl's hand ?" "No, Sir".

"Why were you delayed. Come now, we all know what it is - didn't you take the young lady to a quiet spot, and dally there for a while ?"

"Indeed no, Sir".

After further questioning, even his C.O. was convinced that "Honest John" was after all - "Honest John".

A " CUTTING " VICTORY AGAINST THE C.O.

In the attack on Upavon Aerodrome, the C.O. most surreptitiously cut the communication lines leading to Bn. H.Q., he dashed up to the exchange to 'phone through - and what a shock he received when the sweet voice of the 2 I/C answered hello. One for the Sigs.

WEIGHT LIFTERS

The stretcher bearers did a valient job, bringing in casualties of all shapes and sizes and weights - but when a 17 stone pachyderm was listed (Cpl. McTague, I believe) they called a halt. Yes, they informed the victim he had internal haemorrhage, and therefore must be dead, so no cartee.

WHO WAS IT

Midnight, with the cemetery at its "bewitchiest", the caretaker was having his usual snooze, when slight scuffles and whispered "BOES" could be heard floating from the direction of the air raid shelter. A wide awake caretaker grabbed his shotgun and made a recce. towards the danger zone.

Suddenly, a somewhat dishevelled Aussie and his lady friend came to light, seemingly from the bowels of the earth, and with mumbled apologies, vanished into the darkness.

A much relieved caretaker went back to his interrupted spell. Of course, I'd hate to mention names.

*Intelligence*

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT. COL. A.S.C. STARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 79

14 Sep 40.

252. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Heslop	N.J.
Next for Duty	Lt. O'Mara	K.J.
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Rodgers	C.S.
Next for Duty	Sjt. Cleland	R.N.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Armstrong	E.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Leeson	H.T.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Baty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

53. COURT OF INQUIRY The following will constitute a Court of Inquiry to assemble and inquire into the death of Pte. Schislo E.R. VX 4704.

President	Major Sharp	D.P.
Member	Capt. Petrie	A.D.
Member	Lt. <del>Morrish</del>	J.

*morrish*

54. HOSPITALITY Members of the Force visiting Exeter on leave are advised that the Womens Voluntary Services for Civil Defence, 48 Paul Street, Exeter, has offered to show them round the city if they call at the address given.

A New Zealand Club has been opened at 4 Charing Cross Road London. (just off Trafalgar Square). The New Zealand War Services Association extends an invitation to all ranks of British, Canadian and Australian units who would like to avail themselves of the hospitality of the Club, which is open daily including Sundays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and provides inexpensive meals and beer within licence hours. There are billiard tables, a writing room and a reception room, and shower baths are available. An Inquiry Bureau to assist members of the Forces is run. There is no subscription.

5. ENTERTAINMENTS The band of the Royal Berkshire Regiment will be playing in the camp area between 1800 and 2000 Hrs. on Thursday 19 Sep

*J. J. Davidson*  
.....Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

NOTES LOST

A Moroccan Wallet with silver plate inscription inside cover Book of addresses and military discharge papers enclosed Also odds and ends.

Church Services R.C. - Service will be held at 0915 Hrs. in N.A.A.F.I. Entertainment Marquee.  
C.of E. Service will be held at 1000 hrs. Markers will report to the R.S.M. at 0940 hrs. Battalion Parade at 0945 hrs.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

71 Bw (Unit.) For Week Ending 14 Sept 40

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

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains ... ..	2		
	Lieutenants ... ..	20		
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	<b>TOTALS ... ..</b>	<b>24</b>		

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Sub. Lt.		Shankes A.S.C.	AIF	Yes	21.6.40	
2	"	Major		Dalby R.J.	"	"	"	
3	S	Capt		Shankes D.P.	"	"	13.7.40	
4	"	Capt		Petrie A.D.	"	"	8.7.40	
5	"	Leut		Bennett A.M.	"	"	31.6.40	
6	M	"		Davidson J.J.G.	"	"	24.8.40	
7	S	"		Lynn G.E.	"	"	31.6.40	
8	M	"		Stewart W.G.	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Excell D.	"	"	"	
10	"	"		Parhiz H.H.	"	"	"	
11	"	"		Jacobs P.R.	"	"	"	
12	M	"		Leitch H.	"	"	"	
13	S	"		Collie N.M.	"	"	"	
14	"	"		Conway C.	"	"	"	
15	M	"		Foley J.P.	"	"	7.7.40	
16	S	"		Brown E.V.	"	"	"	
17	"	"		Davies H.D.	"	"	"	
18	M	"		Cartwright P.E.	"	"	"	
19	S	"		Smith N.S.	"	"	"	
20	"	"		O'Malley M.J.	"	"	"	
21	"	"		Morrish J.	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Leicester C.G.	"	"	"	
23	M	"		Forwood K.B.	"	"	24.8.40	
24	S	"		Hobbs N.J.	"	"	28.8.40	
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Campbell W.H.	AIF	6.8.40	RMO
Chaplain		Scobie R.	"	1.7.40	Padre

71 Bn

(Unit.)

14 Sept 40

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*

(Signature of Commander.)

25 Mya Bde 2idunit

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

(CO absent on duty)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

71 Bw

(Unit).

14 Sept

1940

(Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	3		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5	1	
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	20	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	1		2
Corporals	49 (inc. 2 P/Syts)		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	467 (inc 6 P/Qs)		28
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay Sgt	A.A.P.C		
Batman (to Cadre)	25 Myd Bde		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
Vx12643	a/cpl	CALDER, L.J.	A.I.F.	R.T.D



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by

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 80

15 Sep 40.

256. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. O'Mara	M.J.
Next for Duty	Lt. Stargatt	W.H.
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Cleland	R.N.
Next for Duty	Sjt. Colless	C.W.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Leeson	H.T.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Donaldson	R.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"C" Company	
Next for Duty	"A" Company	

257. CORRIGENDUM

Reference R.Os. Part I No. 79 of 14 Sep 40.

Para. 255 ENTERTAINMENTS

The Royal Berkshire Regt. Band will play in the camp area between 1500 and 1600 hrs. on Thursday 19 Sep 40.

258. FEDERAL ELECTIONS

Lieuts. N.M. Cahill and K. Forwood are the officers before whom members of the 71 Bn. will record their votes in this election.

*J.J. Davidson* ..... Lt.  
Adj. 71 Battalion.

NOTES

Lost One pack branded 2795 containing clothes.  
One steel helmet and respirator marked WX 2141  
Left in Bn. H.Q.

Anybody finding or knowing the whereabouts of the above articles please report to Bn. H.Q.



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No. 81

15 Sep 40.

259. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. Stargatt Lt. Scott	W.H. D.F.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sjt. Collins Sjt. Rodgers	O.W. C.S.
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. Donaldson Cpl. Potter	R. P.G.C.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company Next for Duty	"A" Company "B" Company	

260. FEDERAL ELECTIONS R.O. No. 80 of 15 Sep 40. Para 258 is cancelled. Major R.J. Dady, Capt. A.D. Petrie, Lieuts. J.P. Mackay, E.V. Bruter and P.R. Jacoby are the officers before whom members of 71 Bn. will record their votes at Pennings 5 Camp, between 0800 and 1800 hrs. on 16 Sep 40.

261. GUARDS Infature Guards will mount in Greatcoats.

262. IDENTIFICATION A number of personnel have been proceeding on leave without their paybooks or any other means of identification. The Bde. Picquet has been instructed to apprehend any A.I.F. Troops found without means of identification.

263. TPT Disciplinary action will be taken against any person attempting to travel on a bus or train without paying his fare.

264. ENTERTAINMENTS Concert - Saturday 21 Sep 40. at 1930 hrs. MAAF.I.

On Sunday Evening 22 Sep 40. the band of the Royal Berkshire Regt. will treat the Retreat at the Gaiety Ground, EILDONHILL commencing at 1900 hrs. NO ADMISSION CHARGE. A concert by the band and supporting artists will commence at 2000 hours in the GARRISON THEATRE, EILDONHILL. Admission will be ordinary Garrison Theatre prices.

265.

*J.J. Davidson*  
.....Lt.  
Sjt. 71 Bn.

NOTICES

Lost

Respirator marked WX 1955 taken from Dry Station Store. Finder please return to Bn. H.Q.

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by

LT. COL. R.S.C. SPENCER COMMANDING 71 BATTALION

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No. 82

17 Sep 40.

265 DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	LT. Macott	D.F.
Next for Duty	Lt. Jacoby	P.
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Rodgers	C.S.
Next for Duty	Sjt. Trotter	H.C.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Potter	P.G.C.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Mulcahy	R.S.C.C.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

266. ENEMY TROOPS

It is likely that at the time of invasion Germans will be landed in British battle dress mainly by air but possibly also by sea. They may possess AB 64 and other identity certificates. They will attempt to enter vital areas or pass through blocks which they will then attack in rear. Cases are known in Holland where such parties fell in in rear of marching Dutch columns. Leaders of enemy parties and some others are likely to speak perfect English. All Headquarters and units will therefore ensure that methods of identification are at all times strictly enforced and that sentries challenge on the assumption that the individual or party approaching their post is hostile until proved otherwise.

267. MEDICAL - KRAYS.

Kray of chest - All Coms. will submit list of men still requiring Kray also those men who have been Krayed but have not had same entered into pay-book.

*J. Davidson* ..... Lt.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES, COMMANDING 71 Bn.

No. 83

18. Dec. 40.

268. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Jacoby P.  
Next for Duty Lt. Spurrigg C.

Bn. Orderly Sergeant Sjt. Naylor F.M.  
Next for Duty Sjt. Naylor F.M.

Bn. Opl. Cpl. Mulcahy A.  
Next for Duty Cpl. Scott G.A.

Bn. Runners 1 from each Company.

Duty Company "C" Company  
Next for Duty "B" Company

269. OUT OF BOUNDS.

The area enclosed in timber is out of bounds to all troops. Clothing must not be hung on the wiring.

*A. J. Davidson* Lt.

Adj. 71 Bn.

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Lt. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 84

19 Sep 40.

270. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. Lancaster Lt. Bennett	C.G. A.L.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sjt. Branagan Sjt. Naylor	E. F.W.
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. Scott Cpl. Kirwan	G.A. E.
Bn. Runners	3 from each Company	
Duty Company Next for Duty	"A" Company "B" Company	

271. METHOD OF HALTING MOTORISTS

All Gds will be instructed in the correct procedure for halting vehicles, which is as follows.  
By Day:- The sentry will use the ordinary police signals and on no account will he come to the "On Gd."  
By Night:- The sentry will wave a red lamp.  
 In either case there should be a man 20 yds behind the sentry stopping traffic, who is ready to fire if the car refuses to halt.  
 Sentries will NOT stop cars belonging to the G.O.C. Maj. General H.D. WINTER C.M.G. D.S.O. - Bde. Comd. Brig. W Bridgeford M.C. When an official inspection is being made all sentries will be warned so that the escort will not be held up.

272. PHOTOGRAPHS

A short time ago a list of names of those whose photograph were not in their pay-books, was sent to Bn. H.Q. At 1000 hrs. on Saturday 21 Sep 40 Coys. will parade these men to Bn. H.Q. The guard will arrange to let Mr. Fletcher, photographer, into Camp on the production of an ordinary pass. He will be directed to Bn. H.Q.

273. CHARGE SHEETS

In future, in all cases dealt with by Coy. Commanders the charge sheet will be forwarded to the C.O. for his decision.

*Lt. Lancaster*  
 .....Lt.  
 Adj. 71 Bn.

**1081**

Revolver No. 687717 with 21 rounds of .38 ammunition.  
 All units will check and if located will advise this Bn. H.Q.

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LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 85

20 Sep 40.

274. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lt. Bennett	A.I.C.
Next for Duty	Lt. Morrish	J.
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Redgans	C.S.
Next for Duty	Sjt. Scott	L.G.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Kirwan	E.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Rail	A.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

*J. Davidson*  
 ..... Lt.  
 Adj. 71 Bn.

Note

Blackout Time

1932 to 0616 hrs.

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No. 86

21 Sep 40.

275. DUTIES

Bn Orderly Officer	Lt. Morrish	J.
Next for Duty	Lt. Brownrigg	C.
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Cleland	R.
Next for Duty	Sjt. Caldecott	L.K.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Rail	A.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Richards	E.J.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"C2 Company	
Next for Duty	"A" Company	

276. CHURCH SERVICES

R.C. - Service will be held at 0915 hrs. in N.A.A.F.I. Entertainment Marquee.

C of E. - Service will be held at 1000 hrs. Markers will report to the H.S.M. at 0940 hrs. Battalion Parade at 0945 hrs.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 .....Lt.  
 for. Adj. 71 Bn.

Lost

On 20 Sep 40. Money Belt believed lost while on manoeuvres containing Four Pounds in notes and three shillings in silver Belt was of light kid with one buckle. The name L.B. Casey OX 7393 was marked on belt. Finder please communicate with Bn. H.Q.



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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Lt Col.		Starkes A.S.C.	AIF	Yes	27.6.40	
2	"	Major		Rady RT	"	"	"	
3	S	"		Stamp D.P.	"	"	12.7.40	
4	MS	Capt		Patric A.D.	"	"	8.7.40	
5	"	Link		Bennett AM	"	"	27.6.40	
6	M	"		Carolan J.G.	"	"	24.8.40	
7	S	"		Ryton G.E.	"	"	27.6.40	
8	M	"		Stewart W.G.	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Evans D.	"	"	"	
10	"	"		Purkiss H.H.	"	"	"	
11	"	"		Grady P.K.	"	"	"	
12	M	"		Woolfe H.	"	"	"	
13	S	"		Collins N.M.	"	"	"	
14	"	"		Downing C.	"	"	"	
15	M	"		Hayes J.P.	"	"	7.7.40	
16	S	"		Burton F.V.	"	"	27.6.40	
17	"	"		Dunlop H.D.	"	"	"	
18	M	"		Cartwright P.E.	"	"	"	
19	S	"		Smith N.S.	"	"	"	
20	M	"		O'Hara M.J.	"	"	"	
21	S	"		Thornick J.	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Purvis C.G.	"	"	"	
23	M	"		Harold K.B.	"	"	24.8.40	
24	S	"		Steele N.	"	"	28.8.40	
25								
26								
27								
28								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Campbell W.H.	AIF	6.8.40	RMD
Chaplain		Scarfe R.	"	1.7.40	Parade

71 Bn

(Unit.)

21 Sep 40

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)

25 Ind Bde

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



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

71 Coy

(Unit).

21 Sep

19 40

(Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	3		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	27	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			2
Corporals	44 (includes 3 L/Sgts)		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	475		23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>1</b>	

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay Sgt	AAPC		
Quartermaster	25 Trench Bde		
2 Drivers	AASC		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 12643	a/cpl.	Caldwell L.J.	AIF	Left for Personnel, Bulford Hospital
VX 414	PTE	Hobbs R.T.	"	

71 Bw.

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
,, (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																		20		
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
tary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers ... ..						1												3		
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
General duty personnel ... ..																		2		Buglers.
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																		25	25	

71 Bw

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

21 Sept 40

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

25 Mtd Bde

Lidworth

PAY NIGHT AT THE N.A.A.F.I.

In bobs your head, and 'tis nearly knocked off by the din of the heads and tails merchants.

Another "quid" in the "guts" - 'alf a casser 'e misses - a deller 'e does 'em - get your bets on the side - let 'em go, spinner. And so on, and so on.

Stan Bugge and a mate with a dozen of the best slaved up in front of them, Six e' one, and half a dozen of t'other.

Some of the boys singing (?) to their hearts content, to the accompaniment (lume, that's a beaut) of music rattled from the wheezy "pianner" by a machine gunner. Lanky Redda has what could be termed a strong voice. Consistent wetting of the vocal chords helped considerably.

Sol. in trouble. Did the lot.

Len. Crowther passing round hid cigars. Wonder what was wrong with them ?.

Arthur Balkin speculating a "sack" at banker. Better watch yourself Art. Bambling can become a vice you know.

The man himself, Clements, having a crack at tails. A "tail" of wee. The darts champ., Pte. Bell, won his usual couple; George Sadler missing out again.

The supper department patronised by the usual gourmante, a "tray" for a sausage of "sample" size. The less said the better.

Several shouts for the N.A.A.F.I. boys by the ring - and then, "Time, gents., please.

CAUGHT OUT.

Cpl. Crowther was spending his usual enjoyable evening at the Crown Hotel, when in walked two officers.

"Good evening, Col., is this how you spend your evenings ?"

"Oh, no sir. Just an odd night here and there."

Then in walks the said Col's. "heart's desire."

Lennie dear, you're not looking too bright to-night; come & have a game of darts.

Lennie dear passes out.

Later. Much squaring off to the officers' by the lady friend. And did they enjoy it.

LUBED LANGUAGE IN THE MESS TENT.

"That's right, you clumsy big eef, spill salt in my b----- tea, you (in walks the C.O.) b-b-bagger.

MAKE YOUR BEDS.

The R.S.M. issued minute orders on the making of beds. Jim the Hangman is still in doubt. Does he put his blankets inside or outside his palliase.

OUR DON JUAN

Tim Buckley was having a gurgle or two in the cheerful environments of the local, when, in the semi-darkness, he spied the answer to a soldier's prayer - the neatest glad eye you could wish to see.

Down went his drink in one enormous swallow, and with his hat at a most acute angle, he dashed in for the kill.

Too bad, the catch was knee high to a grasshopper, and must have been fully ten years old. Cradle snatching.

A FEW MORE "NIC NATS".

Dynamite Dan - Fairy - Blossom Time - Daed meat - Belly - Blues - cradle-snatcher - Lanky - Ever heard of Two Ton Suzy.

I See  
29.

No. GENERAL SPOFFSKI

The sots, are having a grand time with General Spoffski.  
'Tis a new game. Start off with you most hated rival. A drink is ordered - He takes one gulp, then taps one finger of each hand on top and underneath the table. Stamps each footnoses, alternatively. Wipes his imaginary moustache with one finger. If no mistakes at this stage, the ritual goes on with two fingers, etc., finishing with three. The - finale - turn your glass upside down and say:- "Here's to General Spoffski.  
Of course when the victim errs, he starts again with another full glass. - shouts on the company.  
Sgt. Branagan holds the record I believe, getting through Half a dozen bottles in the procedure.  
Sgt. Patten & W.O. Smith were sad cases. Their toasting finished with a trip out in the darkness - General-spill-tea-all over the place-ski.

SEEN IN LONDON

The front of a barber's premises were blown away by a nasty little bomb.

Showed his sense of publicity by hanging up this sign:-

Business as usual - Close shaves.

SPORT

Little to record this week.

"A" Coy. are the cock-a-woop cricket combination of the Bn. Proud of it too. Any challenges?

The R.A.P. and I section indulged in a game of soccer - that's what they had the temerity to call it.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

There must be something about the girls in this country. Two more have joined the "Benedicts". To wit:- Lieut. O'Mara and Pete. Ellens. Who said Ned Kelly was dead.

Nature and date of casualties:-

The honourable "Leot"	18 Sep.
The Privy	5 Sep.

DID YOU KNOW

There are 4,503,599,627,370,495 different combinations in a pack of cards. I wonder who worked that out?

A man was born with two left hands.

There is a pineapple 64 ft. high. 24 ft. around. Weight 36 tons. in Honolulu.

A married couple. Husband 13 ins. tall Wife 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. 'Sfact.

A quarter of a half is exactly the same as a half of a quarter.

That the Newt is now finished for this week.

Here's to you soldier.

D. Ahern  
The Editor.

*Insectin*

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by

LT. COL. S.G. SPARKS COMMANDING 71 BN.

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22 Sep 40.

**277. DUTIES**

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lt. Brownrigg Lt. Rankine	C. H.H.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sjt. Caldecott Sjt. Rodgers	L.K. C.
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. Richards Cpl. Seymour	H.J. C.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company Next for Duty	"A" Company "B" Company	

**278. NEWS OF KIN**

Any alteration of next of kin or address of next of kin must be advised to Bn. H.Q. immediately

**279. COURT OF INQUIRY**

The following will constitute a Court of Inquiry to report on the accident on 21 Sep 40, when a collision occurred between 71 Bn. carrier and Training Regt. car.

Major R.J.	Dady
Capt. A.D.	Patric
Lieut. P.R.	Jacoby

*J.F. Davidson* Lt.  
 ..... Lt.  
 Adj. 71 Bn.

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LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

No. 88

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280. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Lt. Rankine, E.H.  
Next for Duty Lt. O'Hara, L.J.

Bn. Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Rodgers, C.S.  
Next for Duty Sgt. Scott, L.

Bn. Orderly Corporal Cpl. Seymour, L.  
Next for Duty Cpl. Stillman, L.J.

Bn. Runners 1 from each Coy.

Duty Company "B" Company  
Next for Duty "C" Company

281. LEAVE

Leave is now restricted; 25% of personnel may be granted local leave up to 3 hrs outside parade hours..

*J. J. Davidson*  
.....Lieut.  
71 Bn. Adjt.

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by

LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKS      COMMANDING 71 Bn.

No. 89

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282. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Text for Duty	Lieut. O'Hara, L.J. Lieut. Forwood, K.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Text for Duty	Sgt. Scott, L. Sgt. Colless, O.
Bn. Orderly Corporal Text for Duty	Cpl. Stillman, L.J. Cpl. Daniels, G.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Coy.
Duty Company Text for Duty	"C" Company "A" Company

283. TRANSFERS BETWEEN COYS.

Any transfers between coys. or alterations ( temporary or permanent ) to strength, must be submitted to the C.O. and must come through B.H.Q.

284. LEAVE

Leave will be granted on the following basis:-

Week Nights - 25% of personnel each night from 1630 hrs till 2200 hrs within a radius of 3 miles of camp site.

Week Ends - 25% of personnel each day from 1100 hrs till 2350 hrs within a 20 miles radius of TID ORTH.

No overnight leave will be granted.

285. DRESS

Collars and ties will NOT be worn by Officers or C.R.'s when in Battle Dress.

286. ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, 25 Sep. 40 - Cinema - 1830 hrs.

*A. Macdonald*.....Lieut.  
in Adj. 71 Bn.

NOTICES

LOST All Coys. will check for Rifle No. 4330. If located advise B.H.Q.

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287. DUTIES

- |                      |                     |      |
|----------------------|---------------------|------|
| Bn. Orderly Officer  | Lieut. Forwood      | K.   |
| Next for Duty        | Lieut. Heslop       | H.   |
| Bn. Orderly Sergeant | Sgt. Branagan       | B.   |
| Next for Duty        | Sgt. Rodgers        | C.S. |
| Bn. Orderly Corporal | Cpl. Dalziel        | G.   |
| Next for Duty        | Cpl. Armstrong      | L.   |
| Bn. Runners          | 1 from each Company |      |
| Duty Company         | "A" Company         |      |
| Next for Duty        | "B" Company         |      |

288. USE OF WD VEHICLES

Attention is drawn to Administrative Instructions No. 35 and documents to be carried by drivers mentioned therein.  
 An Officer will always be accompanied by a driver.  
 Female passengers will only be carried if they are on the equivalent of military duty.  
 Requisitions for transport can only be signed by C.O., 2 I/C, Adjt., and O.C. H.Q. Coy.  
 Vehicles can only be used for Military duty.

*J.J. Davidson*  
 ..... Lt.  
 Adjt. 71 Bn.

LOST

Lost a respirator (complete) marked BX 8032 Pte. R. Thyme.  
 Finder or anyone knowing whereabouts report to En. H. ...



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LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARKES COMMANDING 71 BN.

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289. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut. Heslop, N. Lieut. P. R. Jacoby
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sjt. C.S. Rodgers Sjt. L. Dover
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. E. Armstrong Cpl. A. Rail
Bn. Runners	1 from each Coy.
Duty Company Next for Duty	"B" Company "C" Company

290. CERTIFICATES RE AMN. WHEN BLANK USED ON EXERCISES

The following certificates will be obtained by Unit HQ. from Coys when blank amn. is used during tactical exercises.

1. Before leaving camp - A certificate that all men (rifles and equipment) have been inspected and that there is no ball amn. in their possession.

A certificate that all ball amn. being carried in case of emergency is carefully labelled and carried separately.

2. On return to camp - A certificate that all unexpended blank amn. has been withdrawn from personnel.

NOTE Whenever troops are acting as "Enemy" action will be taken in accordance with para 1.

291. MUSKETRY RECORDS

Coys and BHQ will collect all records held of Range Practices and from them commence a Musketry Records Register showing the following:-

1. Collective:-
- Number of Marksmen in Coy.
  - Number of 1st class shots
  - Number qualified
  - Number not qualified
  - Number who have not fired
  - Summary of ability or weakness of Coy.
2. Individual
- Whether fired or not
  - Class of qualification, or not qualified.
  - Date qualified or last fired.
  - Standard of grouping
  - Remarks concerning weakness or ability in various practices and steps taken to overcome.

293. ROAD DISCIPLINE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

At all times columns of troops and V.D. M.F. vehicles must observe traffic signals the same as other road users. This must be done even when it entails the splitting of a column and the gap will be closed later by an alteration of pace both in front and rear.

Speed limits must at all times be observed by military vehicles. No officer, soldier or civilian of the V.D. can give or be given authority to disregard the above legal restrictions. The C.O. is the only officer in the unit who has power to issue an order to exceed the speed limit in cases of emergency.

*J. J. Davidson*.....Lieut.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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294. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut. P.R. Jacoby Lieut. W.G. Stargatt
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sjt. L. Dover Sjt. O. Colless
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Spl. A. Rail Cpl. W. Langford.
Duty Company Next for Duty	"C" Company "A" Company
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company

295. DETENTION IN CAMP AREA

Cases have come to notice of men being placed under close arrest and being handed into custody of the Guard or Regimental Police without a charge sheet or written explanation.

In future any men placed under close arrest or returning from a period of AWL will immediately be paraded to their Coy. Orderly Room where a charge sheet will be made out and a copy of it handed to the Sjt. of the Guard or Regimental Police when the man is placed in custody.

In the event of it not being possible to furnish a charge sheet immediately than a written explanation from the person ordering him into custody must accompany the prisoner.

296. PAY BOOKS OF PERSONNEL GOING TO HOSPITAL

Attention is drawn to para. 121 of Bn. R.O. 29 of 26 July 40. These instructions are not being adhered to and must be attended to more closely Coys.

In the event of any soldier going to hospital without his Coy. being aware of it then as it becomes known to his Coy the sick man's Pay Book must be forwarded to the Pay Sjt. as soon as possible.

297. CHURCH PARADES

R.C. Service will be held at 0915 hrs in N.A.A.F.I. Entertainment Marquee

C of E. Service will be held at 1000 hrs. Markers will report to the RSM at 0940 hrs. Bn. parade at 0945 hrs.

298. CORRIGENDUM

Ref. para. 290 of R.O. 91 of 26 Sep. first two lines should read:- Coys will forward the following certificates to BHQ when blank amm. is used during tactical exercises.

*J.F. Davidson*  
.....Lieut.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

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LT. COL. A.S.C. SPARLES COM ANDING 71 BN.36.

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299. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer Next for Duty	Lieut. W.G. Stargatt Lieut. D. E cott
Bn. Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty	Sgt. O. Colless L/Sgt. A.F. Ure
Bn. Orderly Corporal Next for Duty	Cpl. W. Langford Cpl. E. K rwan
Duty Company Next for Duty	"A" Company "B" Company
Bn. Runners	1 from each C mpany.

300. COURT OF INQUIRY

The following officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry to investigate and report upon the absence without leave of:-

QX 7322 Pte. J.A. Colton  
QX 7354 Pte. J.E. McDonald

President:- Lieut. N.M. Cahill

Member:- Lieut. H.H. Rankine

Member:- Lieut. G.E.L. Dixon

301. PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

The possession of cars or motor-cycles by members of this unit is regarded with the greatest disapproval. Any member of the unit owning such a vehicle must keep it at least three miles outside the camp area.

302. REMOVAL OF SAND AND STONES FROM ROADSIDE

It has been reported that on several occasions Australian troops have used materials which have been stacked on the sides of roads by the local Council authorities, such as sand and stone. Except in time of national emergency no such material will be used in future unless permission has been first obtained.

303. PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL

Considerable inconvenience has been caused by patients being admitted to hospital without their steel helmets and respirators. Coys will ensure that these articles accompany all personnel so evacuated. Personal necessities will also be sent with patients

304. FIREARMS - UNAUTHORIZED USE

Cases have been reported of promiscuous shooting with service weapons, for example, shooting at rabbits and other game. Such actions constitute a definite misuse of government property and a waste of ammunition. In addition the discharge of a powerful firearm in a closely populated area is extremely dangerous. Already there have been several narrow escapes. Personnel are warned that the discharge of service weapons other than for operational reasons or during properly conducted range practices is strictly prohibited, and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

305. PREMISES OUT OF BOUNDS

The Old Mill Restaurant, Salisbury, is now out of bounds after 2200 hrs, and not 2000 hrs as previously notified.

*J. Davidson*  
.....Lieut.  
Adj. 71 Bn.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

718w (Unit.) For Week Ending 28 Sep 40

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	3		
	Captains ... ..	1		
	Lieutenants ... ..	20		
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	<b>TOTALS ... ..</b>	<b>24</b>		

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1	M	Pr Col		Stanley ASC	AIF	Yes	21.6.40	
2	"	Major		Daddy RJ	"	"	"	
3	S	"		Stanley DP	"	"	12.7.40	
4	"	Capt		Petrie A.D.	"	"	8.7.40	
5	"	Lieut		Bennett AM	"	"	21.6.40	
6	M	"		Davidson J.T.G.	"	"	21.6.40	
7	S	"		Smyth G.F.	"	"	27.6.40	
8	M	"		Stewart W.G.	"	"	"	
9	S	"		Evatt D.	"	"	"	
10	"	"		Parkins H.H.	"	"	"	
11	"	"		Jacobs P.R.	"	"	"	
12	M	"		Jacobs H.	"	"	"	
13	S	"		Chase N.M.	"	"	"	
14	"	"		Donovan C.	"	"	"	
15	M	"		Kelly J.P.	"	"	7.7.40	
16	S	"		Quinn E.V.	"	"	21.6.40	
17	"	"		Davis H.D.	"	"	"	
18	M	"		Cartwright R.E.	"	"	"	
19	S	"		Smith U.S.	"	"	"	
20	M	"		Stewart M.J.	"	"	"	
21	S	"		Murphy J.	"	"	"	
22	M	"		Pearson C.G.	"	"	"	
23	M	"		Johnson K.B.	"	"	21.6.40	
24	S	"		Keating N.	"	"	25.8.40	
25								
26								
27								
28								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Campbell W.H.	AIF	6.9.40	R.M.O.
Capt		Scoble R.	"	1.7.40	

7100

(Unit.)

25.8.40

(Date of Despatch.)

*Asespuke H.A.*  
(Signature of Commander.)

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

71 Bw (Unit). 28 Sep 1940 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	3		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	26	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			2
Corporals	47 (includes 3 S/Sgt)		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	467		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay Sgt	AAPC		
Batman	25 Bde		
2 Drivers	AASC		

**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).
VX414	Pte	Hobin RT	AIF	Hospital
NX 6380	L/Cpl.	Morris M.F	"	" "

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers ... ..																					
Butchers ... ..																					
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																					
Clerks ... ..																					
Cooks ... ..																					
Despatch Riders ... ..																					
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																					
„ (Wheeled) ... ..																					
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																					
Drivers-Operators ... ..																					
Electricians ... ..																					
Equipment Repairers... ..																					
Farriers ... ..																					
Fitters ... ..																					
Machine Gunners ... ..																					
Masons ... ..																					
Motor Mechanics ... ..																					
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																		24	24		
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																					
Range Takers ... ..																					
Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..																					
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																					
„ and Water Duties... ..																					
Signallers ... ..																			3	3	
Storemen technical ... ..																					
Tailors ... ..																					
Wheelers ... ..																					
General duty personnel ... ..																			2	2	Buglers
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				29	29

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*A. S. Sparks*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch... 28 Feb 40

25 Ind Bde Tidworth  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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306. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lieut. Eacott	D.
Next for Duty	Lieut. O'Mara	M.J.
Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Ure	A.F.
Next for Duty	Sjt. Cleland	R.H.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Zirwan	E.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Cullam	K.E.
Bn. Runners	1 from each Company	
Duty Company	"B" Company	
Next for Duty	"C" Company	

307. COURT OF INQUIRY

The following officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry to investigate and report upon the absence without leave of :-

SX 1040 Pte. Dolan H.L.

President :-	Lt. Huitfeldt	H.
Member :-	Lt. Stargatt	W.G.
Member :-	Lt. Davies	H.D.

308. ENTERTAINMENTS

3 Oct. 40. Cinema at 1830 hrs.

*J. Davidson*  
.....Lt.

Adj. 71 Bn.



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309. DUTIES

Bn. Orderly Officer	Lieut. O'Mara	M.J.
Next for Duty	Lieut. Brown 133	C.

Bn. Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Cleland	R.N.
Next for Duty	Sjt. Caldecott	L.K.

Bn. Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Gullam	K.E.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Calder	L.J.

Duty Company	"C" Company
Next for Duty	"A" Company

Bn. Runners	1 from each Company
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310. MEDICAL INSPECTION

All men joining, or rejoining, the unit whether from abroad, from another unit as recruits, or rejoining from furlough, must be immediately inspected. Such men will be listed on a separate sick report, and paraded with their pay-books to the R.A.P. at 0830 hrs the morning after their arrival.

311. SICK REPORTS

In the event of men being sent for medical inspection prior to detention, court martial etc., then a note to this effect must be made on the Sick Report.

*J. Davidson*  
 ..... Lieut.  
 Adj. 71 Bn.

**NOTICE** Lost at dance hall on Saturday, 28 Sep., steel helmet.  
**Marked.** NX 11498, Pte. F.J. Clark. Return to Bn. HQ.