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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. R.A.A.

Date and Time.—From 0001hrs 1/7/42 To 2359 hrs. 31/7/42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
At Sea	1/7/42		14 Aust. Fd. Regt (less 2 Officers & 10 men travelling on accompanying vessels), on board H.M.T. "Anhui". Weather hot & fine. Health of the troops, good; conditions reasonably good and comparatively little sickness. Some of the sickness was undoubtedly due to the nauseating effect of the cyanide fumes prevalent in lower mess deck. Though not strong enough to be INJURIOUS to health, these fumes should have been driven out, prior to embarkation, by the aid of fans or blowers.	
At Sea	2/7/42	0700	H.M.T. "Anhui" arrived in TOWNSVILLE Harbour. Personnel remained on board. Weather hot and fine.	
		1800	H.M.T. "Anhui" proceeded on its way with naval escort. Leave was to be granted during the few hours while the ship was at TOWNSVILLE, but owing to the wharf being rather overloaded with shipping, H.M.T. "Anhui" remained out in the bay for the period	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			at TOWNSVILLE.	
At Sea	3/7/42 )		The weather was excellent, sea calm, though towards end of 4	
	4/7/42 )		July, sea became choppy. Many interesting glimpses of the	
			coastline were obtained. As much instruction as possible was	
			given to the Troops in the nature of lectures & P.T.	
At Sea	5/7/42		Weather hot & fine, sea rather rough. Troops preparing for disembarkation.	
Port Moresby		1830	Arrived at PORT MORESBY. Weather was good with a rising moon.	
			The disembarkation quickly commenced, but not as quickly as one	
			might expect. Reason for this being the amount of spectators	
			on the wharf, tending to cause minor disturbances. After leaving	
			H.M.T. "Anhui", Regiment formed up in sub-units on wharf, pending	
			arrangements being made for their conveyance to Bivouac Areas.	
			55 Bty. was the first sub-unit to move off. Bty. went to	
			Bivouac area at Map Ref. 163 105 (PORT MORESBY 2" to 1 mile.)	

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			55 Bty. was followed by 54 Bty. - the latter moved to a biv-	
			ouac area at 093 031. 53 Bty. moved next and went to a biv-	
			ouac area at Map Ref. 095 082. R.H.Q., together with "F" Sec.	
			Sigs. & 217 L.A.D. moved to bivouac area at 115 055. Transport	
			for the Regiment from PORT MORESBY to the various Bty. bivouac	
			areas, was supplied by the 30 Inf. Bde, 14 Inf. Bde. & the	
			American Transport Co. The unloading of stores, vehicles, guns	
			etc. was in the hands of the shore staff & transport was prov-	
			ided by the American Transport & the 30 Bde. The handling was	
			very rough, much damage was done to goods, stores & vehicles	
			and in spite of guards provided by the Regt., pilfering was	
			very rife, the dumping of goods appeared to be carried out	
			without any system, the drivers of vehicles not knowing to	
			which dumps the goods had to be delivered, and our guards	

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			through lack of knowledge of the area, were unable to assist .	
			Therefore a large proportion of goods & stores were wrongly	
			delivered, resulting in a lot of valuable time being lost &	
			much unnecessary running of vehicles caused looking for lost	
			property. 53 & 54 Btys. lost several cases containing essential	
			equipment, such as gun stores, tools & signal stores	
Port Moresby Area.	6/7/42		Weather hot & fine. Regt. in the unloading and sorting of stores.	
		1000	Regt. experienced its first Air Raid. 20 bombers & escort of	
			10 Zeros flew across 7 MILE DROME from E. to W. 54 Bty. was	
			the nearest Bty. to the target at the time.	
Port Moresby Area.	7/7/42	0900	Visit to RHQ by A/CRA. Regt. still engaged in unloading of equipment.	
			55 Bty. came into support of 14 Inf. Bde., Bty. to cover BOOTLESS	
			BAY inlet. Recce. of Bty. Area in 12 MILE VALLEY carried out	
			by Capt. GARLAND (B.C. 55 Bty.). Weather throughout day & night was hot & fine.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Area	8/7/42		Btys preparing to move from bivouac area into their defensive positions. Unloading of guns & vehicles still continuing at wharf under supervision of Capt. JACOBS, MTO. No change in weather conditions.	
Port Moresby Area	9/7/42		53 Bty moved into position Map Ref. 060 075 (P.M. 2" to 1 mile) 54 Bty to Map Ref. 115 049. 55 Bty to Map Ref. 126 027. Digging of gun pits etc. commenced at once. Major BLACK, and Capt. ELPHICK made a recce for new site of RHQ. Position chosen but later changed. No change of weather conditions.	
Port Moresby Area	10/7/42		Btys. engaged in organisation of new positions. Recce of O.P. in each area carried out by B.C.s. New site for RHQ selected at Map Ref. 118 078.	
		1030	Air Raid on Port Moresby by 21 bombers. Target was shipping in & around PORT MORESBY Harbour. Sky was overcast in morning but later in day the clouds disappeared & weather conditions became normal again.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Area	11/7/42		Copy of W.3008 & W.3009.	Appendix 1
			RHQ & attached personnel moved to new site at Map Ref 118 088	
			& established new position of RHQ. Weather hot & fine.	
			55 Bty. engaged in burning off of their gun positions, etc.	
			Pivot guns of "E" Tp. & "F" Tp. surveyed in by RSO of 13 Fd.	
			Regt. Lt. GAPP. "E" Tp. P.G. 17614.8 - 02729.4, Ht. 162.8'.	
			"F" Tp. P.G. 17518.3 - 03159.4. Ht. 194'. Zero Line 180°.	
			54 Bty. 1096 rds & cartridges (25 pdr.) carted to position from	
			D.A.D.O.S. together with 7600 rds. S.A.A.	
			53 Bty. engaged in organisation of troop positions etc.	
Port Moresby Area	12/7/42		Weather conditions hot & fine. RHQ engaged in erection of tents etc.	
		1000	53 Bty.: Capt EWEN with Troop Commanders & GPO's left for a	
			recce of new Bty. area. Position they were in at that time was	
			too far back, making several targets in the F & O. Zone out of range of the guns.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Area	12/7/42	1100	ACPO left on Liaison duties.	
		1400	Visit to Bty. position by R.O.O. Communication to O.P. by line established.	
			54 Bty.: Digging continued. Troops in action & Zero Lines recorded. Survey commenced.	
			55 Bty.: Engaged in digging & moving of stores etc. OPs occupied.	
	13/7/42.		Weather conditions normal. RHQ engaged in organisation of area.	
			53 Bty.: Continuing with camouflage etc.	
			54 Bty.: O.P. recce. Survey completed by RSO. Lt. HORAN.	
			"C" Tp. P.G.1011129.82 204744.68. Ht. 132.13'	
			"D" Tp. P.G.1011555.24 204465.6 Ht. 227'. Zero line 140	
			later changed to 1700.	
			55 Bty.: All personnel moved into new Bty. area. O.P. lines	
			commenced. Link lines. Command Post lines & line to BHQ laid.	
	14/7/42		Weather conditions normal, morning overcast. R.H.Q. and Btys.	
			engaged in organisation of their respective positions.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Area	15/7/42		Weather fine & hot. Capt. ELPHICK & Lt. SEFTON obtained several	
			bags of fresh fruit from the mountains, supply restricted only	
			to RHQ. Digging of Operations Room greatly assisted by the	
			pneumatic drill, borrowed from 14 Fd. Coy.	
			Btys. still engaged in digging of gun pits etc.	
Port Moresby Area	16/7/42		Burning off of RHQ area commenced. Portion of 1 tent & certain	
			personnel's clothing burnt owing to the changeable wind.	
		0630	53 Bty.: Three trucks left for 4 MILE dump for ammunition duties.	
			(10 trucks ordered from Regt., 3 from each Bty. & 1 from RHQ.)	
		0815	"B" Tp. & C.P. personnel left for preparation of permanent position.	
		1000	Orders through from B.C. Capt. EWEN, per Lt. DAY, for clearance	
			of temporary position by 1200 hrs. 22/7/42.	
		1800	Parties returned from permanent position.	
			54 Bty.: Continued construction of gun emplacements & C.P.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Area	16/7/42		55 Bty.: Carried on with usual duties. Weather conditions hot & fine.	
	17/7/42	0830	C.O. left to attend shoot held by 3 Fd. Regt.	
		0915	Issue of code names to Btys. RHQ engaged in normal duties.	Appendix 2.
			Visit expected by G.O.C. & Maj.-Gen. VASSEY.	
			53 Bty.: Parties from "A" & "B" Tps. engaged in preparation of new position.	
		0930	Order received from RHQ that code names will come into operation at 1200 hrs. 18/7/42.	<del>Appendix 3.</del>
			54 Bty.: Normal duties.	
		2000	Display by A/A. (Bofors). 55 Bty. Normal duties.	
			Weather conditions normal.	
	18/7/42.		Copy of W.3008 and W.3009.	Appendix 4. 3
			Weather fine & hot, sky overcast towards evening.	
		0830	53 Bty.: "A" Tp. moved to new position.	
		1000	Traverse from Martins Bearing Picket to "A" Tp. position	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Dians, &c.
Port Moresby Area <del>18/7/42</del>	18/7/42		carried out By Bty. Staff under supervision of C.P.O.	
			54 Bty.: Portion of area burnt off. Conditions otherwise normal.	
			55 Bty.: Unchanged.	
	19/7/42	0730	53 Bty.: B.C. and 1 Officer from each Tp. left for recce of KOTUKI area.	
		1600	"F" Sec. Sigs reported line laid from RHQ to new position.	
			54 Bty.: Unchanged.	
			55 Bty.: Copy of Administrative Instruction No.1 of 55 Bty.	Appendix <u>1. 4</u>
	20/7/42		RHQ engaged in normal duties.	
		1130	Air Raid on SEVEN MILE DROME by 25 Bombers.	
		1000	53 Bty.: C.P. personnel moved to new position.	
		1500	Visit by CRA, Lt.Col. FOX, to new position.	
			54 & 55 Btys.: Normal.; Weather conditions hot and fine.	
	21/7/42		Operational Order No.1 issued by RHQ to Btys. Copy.	Appendix <u>1. 5</u>
		1000	53 Bty.: B.C. & Tp. Cdrs. started a recce of Bty. Zone.	



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M. 100M 2/42

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Area	21/7/42		Weather conditions , fine & hot.	
	22/7/42		R.H.Q. engaged in normal duties. Btys. likewise. No important information . Weather hot & fine.	
	23/7/42.		R.H.Q.: Normal duties.	
		2000	53 Bty.: C.P. informed by B.C. that RSO (Lt. HORAN) had arrived at co-ordinates of P.G.s of "A" and "B" Troops.	
			"A" Tp.: 1006100.6 - 204516.6 Ht. 150.3'	
			"B" Tp.: 1005702.0 205276.9 " 222'	
			"A" Tp. Alternate. 1005070 204690 Ht. 160'.	
			54 Bty.: Major TOOMEY , B.C. marched out to A.D.S.	
		0500	Air Alert. No planes seen in area.	
			55 Bty.: Normal routine. Weather hot and fine.	
	24/7/42		R.H.Q.: Normal routine.	
		1700	53 Bty.: Assistant Bty. Capt. departed to man X O.P.	

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H. 100M 2142

Unit 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. RAA

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. 1/7/42 to 2359 hrs. 31/7/42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Area	24/7/42	0830	<u>54 Bty.:</u> Capt. ELPHICK arrived to take over duties of B.C.	
			Location of O.P. altered to better positions.	
			<u>55 Bty.:</u> Unchanged. Weather hot & fine. Overcast in afternoon.	
		1400	18 Bombers & escort of 16 Zeros flew over area of R.H.Q. from	
			E to W. Several bombs dropped to R.H.Q. area.	
	25/7/42		<u>R.H.Q.:</u> Normal. Copy of W.3008 and W.3009	Appendix 7.6
		0600	<u>53 Bty.:</u> "B" Tp. reported troop in action, at new position.	
		1200	Gun programmes despatched to "A" and "B" Troops.	
			<u>54 Bty.:</u> Preparation of O.P.s continued.	
			<u>55 Bty.:</u> Unchanged. Weather hot and fine.	
	26/7/42		<u>R.H.Q.:</u> Normal duties.	
		1400	C.O., R.S.O., and O.O. to Fire Plan Conference at HQ, 14 Inf. Bde.	
		1000	<u>53 Bty.:</u> Message received from RHQ, cancelling Radio silence	
			as from 1000 hrs. 27/7/42.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Area	26/7/42	1100	<u>53 Bty.:</u> C.P.O., Lt. MC.CLELLAND departed to report to C.R.A. for permanent duty.	
		1600	"A" Tp. reported troop in action in new position. Lt. TREVOR took over duties of C.P.O.	
	27/7/42	1420	<u>54 Bty.:</u> 4 Zeros passed over. Digging of O.P.etc. continued.	
			<u>55 Bty.:</u> Unchanged. Weather hot & fine, sky overcast, cool night.	
	28/7/42		<u>R.H.Q.:</u> Normal duties.	
		1130	<u>53 Bty.:</u> Meteor arrived and appropriate action taken.	
			<u>54 Bty.:</u> B.C., Capt. ELPHICK visited O.P.s which are still being prepared. Recce of HATTONS GAP area carried out.	
			<u>55 Bty.:</u> Normal duties.	

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H. 100W 2/43

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1/7/42 To 2359 hrs. 31/7/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Area	29/7/42		<u>R.H.Q.:</u> Normal duties. Weather hot & fine. Light wind. Sky overcast.	
		1130	<u>53 Bty:</u> Meteor arrived & appropriate action taken. Normal routine for bty.	
			<u>54 Bty:</u> Preparation of position continuing. C.O. visited Bty.,	
			was taken to C.O., O.P. <u>55 Bty.:</u> Normal duties.	
	30/7/42.		<u>R.H.Q.:</u> Normal routine. Weather hot & fine. Sky overcast at night.	
			<u>53 Bty.:</u> Normal routine. <u>54 Bty.:</u> Revised outline fire plan arrived.	
		1900	Three bombers flew over & dropped bombs in vicinity of Shell Hill.	
			<u>55 Bty.:</u> Normal routine.	
	31/7/42		<u>R.H.Q.:</u> Normal duties. Weather hot & fine. Sky overcast in afternoon.	
			<u>53 Bty.:</u> Normal duties.	
			<u>54 Bty.:</u> Three bombers made three runs over the area. A.A. engaged (3.7).	
			<u>55 Bty.:</u> Normal routine.	



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G.O.,  
14 Fd Regt.

UNIT CODE NAMES - SERIES "G".

1. Blocks of new Series "G" Code Names are attached.
2. These will replace the present Series "F" and will be brought into force at any time prior to 1200K/22 Jul 42.
3. Two copies of every allocation will be forwarded to H.Q., R.A.A. at least 48 hrs before coming into force.

SERIES "G" - BLOCK LIST NO. 11.

YOKA	14 Fd. Regt.
SATO	C.O. 14 Fd. Regt.
GUXA	F. Sec. Sigs.
NUFI	217 L.A.D.
MEGA	53 Fd. Bty.
TURO	A. Inf.
RASI	B. Inf.
REWA	54. Fd. Bty.
KIMO	C. Inf.
NUDA	D. Inf.
ZIDO	55 Fd. Bty.
LUBA	E. Inf.
BAKO	F. Inf.
MISA	} Reserve
MEDA	
DEFO	
SUJI	
YAVO	

..... Lt. Col.,  
A/ C.R.A.,  
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Administrative Instruction No 1

55<sup>th</sup> Fld Bty

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Memorandum (4)

Routine

Reveille - 0445  
Stand To - 0500 Complete manning of Battery  
Gun Drill - 0515  
Stand Down - 0600  
Breakfast - 0700  
Parade - 0800 Inspection of guns, Rets etc. By B.C.  
Specialists In - 0830 hrs To 11-30 hrs  
Sick Parade - 0830  
Lunch - 1200  
Parade - 1400 Examinations of Equip. care and maintenance  
Bathing Parade - 1500 - 1630 hrs Half of Bty.  
Stand To - 1700 hrs - 1730  
Evening meal - 1800  
Bathing Parade - 1815 Half of Bty. books etc.

2. Sick Parade.

(a) A 3 ton lorry to be detailed by Bty H.Q. will call at each troop & Bty. Command Post at 0830 hrs each morning to pick up the walking sick & wounded.  
(b) Urgent cases will be sent to 3 Fld Amb at once by any means available.

3. Guard.

(a) Each Troop will detail two (2) sentries S.O.S. and two (2) sentries on own's guns each night.

4. Command Post.

The Command Post of Troops & Bty. will always be manned by an Officer & signaller.

5. O.P.

The Troop O.P.s will always be manned by an Officer & signaller.

6. Guns

The guns will always be manned by 1 N.C.O & 2 gunners except during stand to when the gun detachment will stand to. Sufficient water is now available for all troops to do their washing each day.

7. Washing.

8. Saluting

So that the high standard of training & discipline will be maintained. All Officers & N.C.O. will enforce the practice of saluting & the paying of compliments to their Seniors.

9. Troop Discipline.

Troop Commanders will ensure that Troop Discipline is strictly adhered to.

10. Church Parades. Church Parade will be held at 3 Bn. H.Q. on Sunday's at 0700 hrs. A. 3 stores being detailed by Bty H.Q. will report to each troop at 0630 hrs to take personnel to church parade.

11. Vehicles. All vehicles will be regimented & will be under the supervision of the Bty Capt. for works & maintenance - All drivers will be fed at B.H.Q.

12. Code names.

14 <sup>th</sup> Fld Regt.	YOKA.
S.O.	SATO
217. I.A.D.	NUPI
53 FDBty.	NECA.
A TRP	TURI
B TRP	RAST.
54 FDBTY	REWA
C TRP	KIMO
D TRP	NUDA
55 FDBTY	ZIDO
E TRP	LUBA.
F TRP	BAKO

<u>Unit Battery Code</u>	
B.C.	Bolo 1
Bty. C/Pat	" 2
" E Troop Q.P.	" 3
" F " C.P.	" 4
" F " Q.P.	" 5
" F " C.P.	" 6
Bty OFFICE	" 7
" Capt.	" 8.

*Alfonso call.*  
10 Pz Bty. R.A.A.

21 Jul. '42

14 AUST. FD. REGT. OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.

Ref. Maps. PORT MORESBY. 1" to 1 mile  
PORT MORESBY. 1/ 31630.

INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY. No change from Intelligence Reports.
2. OWN TROOPS. 30 Inf. Bde. West Sector, 14 Inf. Bde. East Sector. Inter-Bde. boundary: HARRISON'S PROMONTORY 117978 - TUFTITOP 090042 - LALUPI HILL 056074 - PEAR HILL 046086, all excluding 30 Inf. Bde.

See Appendix "A" re disposition of own troops.

INTENTION.

3. 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. R.A.A. (at present divisional troops) will support the 30 and 14 Inf. Bdes. in defence of PORT MORESBY area.

METHOD.

4. For this purpose the following areas have been allotted, which are subject to alteration and/or addition :-

53 Fd. Bty. (on right)

- (1) Bty. area - sqs. 0406, 0407, 0506, 0507.
- (2) Zones O and F - for beach areas and penetration from NATIVE HOSPITAL 001997 - PARI 083956.
- (3) Defensive task areas.
  - (a) In water -
    - (i) WALTER BAY - GABUTU MOTU MOTU.
    - (ii) JOYCE BAY - PARI
  - (b) On foreshore -
    - (i) ELA BEACH
    - (ii) GABUTU MOTU MOTU INLET.
    - (iii) Mangroves fringing JOYCE BAY.
    - (iv) PARI VILLAGE
  - (c) Penetration task areas.
    - (i) MORESBY - ROUNA RD. from 027003 to PINEAPPLE RIDGE 046007.
    - (ii) PARI - KILA RD. from JOHNSON'S HILL 081959 - RD. JUNC. 048992.
    - (iii) SMITHS SADDLE from RD. BEHND 055990 - TK. JUNC. 064006.
    - (iv) 3 MILE VALLEY within effective range.
- (4) Suggested O.P.s.
  - (i) KILA KILA HILL 045990
  - (ii) "D" Tp. - RIDGE 035016
  - (iii) STOKES RANGE sq. 0798

54 Fd. Bty. (centre)

- (1) Bty. area - sqs. 1004, 1104, 1005, 1105.
- (2) Zones O and F - POST "C" 045992 - IDUMAVA 053964 (both incl.)
- (3) Defensive task areas.
  - (a) In water -
    - (i) OYSTER BAY
    - (ii) BOOTLESS INLET
  - (b) On foreshore -
    - (i) WESTERN foreshore of BOOTLESS incl. OYSTER BAY.
    - (ii) DOKUNA area.
    - (iii) EASTERN foreshore of IDUMAVA
  - (c) Penetration task areas.
    - (i) HATTONS GAP re - entrant. Sqr. 1096, 1196, 1195, 1194.
    - (ii) LINK RD. between 7 MILE and 3 MILE VALLEYS.
    - (iii) Junc. 6 MILE VALLEY and LINK RD. at 105989.
    - (iv) RD. JUNC. 7 MILE RD., MC. KELLS AVE. 113005.
    - (v) MC. KELLS AVE. as far as and flat sq. 1499.
    - (vi) 8 1/2 MILE VALLEY.

## 54 Fd. Bty. (contd.)

(4) Suggested OPs.

- (1) Forward - on IDUMAVA .  
(11) Rear - on SKULL HILL sqr. 1102.  
(111) Rear - TUFTITOP HILL sqr. 0901

(5) Flank protection.

Approaches via HACS FARM 0714, HORSESHOE RANGE 0513, RAIN HILL 0312, TABLE TOP 0109.

55 Pz. Bty. (on left) will be in support of 14 Inf. Bde.

- (1) Area. - sqr. 1603, 1703, 1604, 1704.  
(2) Zones O and F. - SURFERS PARADISE sqr. 1094 to SDA MISSION VALLEY - sqr. 2096, 2196.

(3) Defensive task areas.

- (a) In water -  
(i) BOOTLESS INLET  
(ii) TUPUSELEI VILLAGE sq. 2091.

- (b) Foreshore -  
(1) PYRAMID POINT 116929 - HEADLAND 128964  
(11) DOGORO INLET - TUPUSELEI .

(Note) This Bty. may also be called upon to fire on DOKUNA -  
IDUNAVA area.

(4) Penetration task areas.

- (i) SDA MISSION VALLEY and valley to EAST thereof ( flank protection ).
- (ii) RDS. approaching SDA MISSION in sq. 2096.
- (iii) SHERMERS RD. at tk. junc. approx. 180975;
- (iv) 12 MILE VALLEY
- (v) MC.KEELS AVE. from 15 N.S. Grid Line to tk. junct. 177998

(5) Suggested OPs.

- (1) Forward - high ground WEST of SDA MISSION .
- (11) Forward - IDUMAVA .
- (111) Forward - MANAGERS HOUSE RIDGE sgr. 1798.
- (1v) Rear - high ground vicinity MT. SEADOWN sgr. 1904.

(6) Flank protection.

In event of flank protection for ROUNA RD. near 17 MILE area,  
55 Bty. will prepare alt. rear posn. about sgr. 1809, 1909, 1910.

ADM. B.H.

5. Attention is directed to R.A.A. Operational and Adm. Instruction No. 1, which will be promulgated to all officers and key personnel, and which will be put fully into effect.
6. AMM. 500 rds. per gun will be dumped. APs will be advised later.
7. R.A.P. at R.H.Q.
8. SUPPLY. 8 day's reserve ration will be held by Btys.

INTERCOMM.

9. Sig. centre at R.H.Q.  
Wireless silence will be enforced until further notice.

R.H.Q. at map. ref. 118077.

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Time of Signature 2100

**Distribution.**

C.O.	Copy	No.	1.
53 Bty.	"	"	2
54 "	"	"	3
55 "	"	"	4
File	"	"	5
War Diary	"	"	6
CRA	"	"	7

*G. W. Twogood* Lieut.  
(G.W. Twogood) (yr 2)  
A/Adjt. 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. R.A.A.



APPENDIX "A".

Issued in conjunction with

14 AUG. FD. REGT. OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.

## ( DISPOSITION OF OWN TROOPS )

1. Tps. stationed in PORT MORESBY town, have been organised as an Inf. Coy. (Z coy.) for ground defence. Personnel of units concerned will come under comd. 30 Inf. Bde. while carrying out Z Coy. role.
2. ROLES - 30 Inf. Bde. : Beach defence in sector and prevention of penetration via :-
  - (a) RD. HAPPA HAPPA - FAIRFAX HARBOUR.
  - (b) TANUBADA - HANUBADA.
  - (c) RD. MORESBY - ROUNA.
  - (d) 3, 4 and 6 MILE valleys.
  - (e) Right flank protection.

- 14 Inf. Bde. :

  - (a) Beach defence in sector.
  - (b) Prevention of penetration from BOOTLESS and TUPUSELNI area via 7, 8, 9, and 12 MILE valleys.
  - (c) Left flank protection.

Z Coy. : Defence of PORT MORESBY town area.
3. (a) EDLS 30 Inf. Bde. from incl. FARRELLS FEAT at 022053 to incl. ~~TANUBADA~~ 004034, thence to incl. 092950 along the general line of coast, thence NORTH to OYSTER BAY. The following features are to be included :- HANUBADA VILLAGE, PAGA POINT, KOKI, KILA KILA HILL, JOHNSONS HILL, POST "C".
- (b) ESSENTIAL GROUND.  
MT. PULLEN - BURNS PEAK features, MORESBY TOWN AREA, STOKES RANGE.
- (c) END. UNITS.  
53 Bn. with Z Coy. under comd., vide para. 1., right; 49 Bn. with 1 Coy. 39 Bn. under comd., left.
- (d) BOUNDARIES.  
Between 53 Bn. and 49 Bn.  
Line from TRAVERS HILL 035997 incl. to 49 Bn. to ROUNA RD. at 046006, thence along ROUNA RD. incl. to 49 Bn. to junc. with 3 MILE VALLEY RD.  
Between 49 Bn. and 39 Bn. : 3 MILE VALLEY RD. incl. to 49 Bn.
- (e) ROLES : 53 Bn. Primary Role : beach defence.  
Secondary Role : prevent Enemy penetration from the WEST in the area NORTH of FAIRFAX HARBOUR.  
49 Bn. Primary Role : defence to the last degree of resistance of essential ground STOKES RANGE, SMITHS SADDLE.  
Secondary Role : beach defence.
- (f) END. PATROLS.  
(1) 49 Bn. will establish standing patrols in PYRAMID area.  
ROLES. (a) Local protection of 18 pdr. Beach Guns at CUNLEYE CREST 118944 and HILL 134952.  
(b) Destruction of Enemy by beach defence where possible.  
Time and Routes for withdrawal to be laid down by 49 Bn.  
(2) Patrolling generally will be planned carefully, to prevent infiltrating between posts and standing patrols.
- (g) EDLS . 14 Inf. Bde. from 117980 - DOKUNA - IDUMAVA (incl.) - 190953 NORTH to MT. SEADOWN .



## APPENDIX "A" (contind.)

4. "B" Tp. 13 Aust. Fd. Regt. in support 14 Inf. Bde.  
 5. 13 Aust. Fd. Regt., less "B" Tp., in support 30 Inf. Bde.

6.	GRIDS	POSSNS.	R.	ARCS.	L.
	C 1	011028	315	Grid.	201 Grid
	C 2	012025	315	"	200 "
	C 3	023001	260	"	107 "
	C 4	036992	330	"	167 "
	A 1	048974	315	"	116 "
	A 2	077961	320	"	192 "
	A 3	<del>122942</del>	260	"	250 }
	V	<del>120743</del>	205 }	"	110 }
	A.4	134953	340	"	190 "
	B 1	168965	335	"	215 "
	B 2	172962	283	"	215 "
	B 3	179953	300	"	195 "
	B 4	182949	299	"	90 "

Primary role - beach defence.

Secondary role - in the event of Enemy penetration, "A" and "C" Tps. will be in support 39 Inf. Bn. "A" and "C" Tps. will recon. posns. in depth.

"B" Tp. 048029.

Zones. (a) Fire - NORTH - SOUTH grid line 05 to PAGO POINT. 996996. (both incl.)

(b) Gds. - from 990050 to TUAGURA HILL. 014008.

Tasks. (a) By observed fire from 990050 to 012018 - targets on sea or on land.

(b) By predicted fire on MORESBY wharf and town area.

(c) By predicted fire in sgr. 0408, 0208, 0008, 0006.

7. Beach Gun units will engage approaching enemy craft at their own discretion. Fire will be withheld until craft are within effective range. They will NOT wait for CDF signals.

8. BLs are allotted one to each Beach Gun; they will NOT be used as searchlights but co-ordinated with the fire of guns to which they are allotted.

9. C.D.F. Signals are as follows:-

Sector	Map Ref.	Signal
HARBOUR	002028 - 996996	RED GREEN RED
WALTER BAY	998995 - 037993	green red green
KILA	037993 - 070975	RED WHITE RED
PARI	070975 - 092950	WHITE RED WHITE
PYRAMID	092950 - 107983	RED GREEN RED

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00. SECRET.

CO-ORDINATES PIVOT GUNS.

*not 22/7/42*

<u>53 Fd. Bty.</u>		Z.L.	180°	
"A" Tp.	1006	100.6	204 516.6	150.3'
"B" Tp.	1005	702.0	205 276.9	222'
"A" Tp.	1005	070	204 690	160'
Alt. Posn.				

<u>54 Fd. Bty.</u>		Z.L.	170°	
"C" Tp.	1011	129.82	204 744.68	132.13'
"D" Tp.	1011	555.24	204 465.6	227'

<u>55 Fd. Bty.</u>		Z.L.	180°	
"E" Tp.	1017	614.8	202 729.4	162.8'
"F" Tp.	1017	518.3	203 159.4	194'

(Sgd) T.J. Horan 3 Lieut.  
R.S.O. 14 Aust. Fd. Regt.

**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS****14 Aust. Fld. Regt.**

(Unit)

(Initial Return)

**& 1st. Reinforcements****PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
Majors ...	2	-	2
Captains ...	86	-	5
Lieutenants ...	38 33	7 38	-
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1	-	-
TOTALS ...	43	7	7

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



PART D.-NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major T/Lt. Col	N 50038	BORNE, H.B.	14 Fd. Regt	Yes	C.O.
Capt. T/Major	N 94422	BLACK, R.J.	"	"	2 1/c/
Major	N 58725	TOOMEY, D.J.	"	"	B.C. 54 Bty.
T/Capt.	N 9972	GARLAND, W.A.L.	"	"	B.C. 55 Bty.
T/Capt.	N 8412	EWEN, J.C.	"	"	B.C. 53 Bty.
T/Capt.	N 49711	SPILERS, K.M.	"	"	Troop Commander 55
T/Capt.	N 50046	THIRD, H.L.	"	"	Battery Captain
T/Capt.	N 50314	ELPHICK, A.H.	"	"	Q.M.
T/Capt.	N 50131	JACOBS, F.A.	"	"	M.T.O.
T/Capt.	N 49707	ANTHONY, C.G.	"	"	Battery Captain
Lieut.	N 49930	TWOGOOD, G.M.	"	"	Adjutant
Lieut.	N 49875	JACK, G.J.	"	"	Troop Com and- 54
Lieut.	N 58776	NORAN, T.J.	"	"	Survey Officer
Lieut.	N 59425	KIRKBY, A.W.	"	"	Liaison Officer
Lieut.	N 27589	SOUTER, F.Y.	"	"	"
Lieut.	N 23362	MCMASTER, H.	"	"	Orderly Officer
Lieut.	N 53875	DAY, G.R.	"	"	Battery Captain
Lieut.	N 10784	MCLELLAND, D.	"	"	C.F.O.
Lieut.	N 50825	CULLEN, J.P.	"	"	Troop Commander 53
Lieut.	V 51505	SCHOFFEL, K.	"	"	"
Lieut.	N 56539	DAVIDSON, J.P.	"	"	G.P.O.
Lieut.	N 10855	LEWIS, A.W.	"	"	"
Lieut.	N 49782	TREVOR, E.D.	"	"	C.F.O., Ass.
Lieut.	N 14049	FRACOCK, H.D.	"	"	Troop Leader
Lieut.	N 11149	OSBORNE, D.R.	"	"	G.P.O.
Lieut.	N 11641	EDGAR, K.L.	"	"	G.P.O.
Lieut.	N 17489	FIELD, D.E.	"	"	G.P.O., Ass.
Lieut.	N 65296	PAGAN, D.P.	"	"	Troop Leader
Lieut.	N 50179	HOOD, L.D.	"	"	G.P.O.
Lieut.	N 50173	GRIFFITHS, T.A.C.	"	"	Troop Leader
Lieut.	N 50144	ROBINSON, D.J.	"	"	Boxing Trp. Cnder.
Lieut.	N 49858	ROBERTSON, E.B.	"	"	G.P.O.
Lieut.	N 49802	CORNELL, F.E.	"	"	G.P.O.
Lieut.	N 50166	FORBES, H.A.	"	"	C.F.O. Ass.
Lieut.	N 50100	GARDINER, D.B.T.	"	"	G.P.O.
Lieut.	N 52210	WARDELL, J.D.	"	"	"
Lieut.	N 59276	CASSIDY, W.G.B.	"	"	Troop Leader
Lieut.	N 65538	MILLER, S.	"	"	"
Lieut.	N 49851	JURD, A.R.	"	"	"
Lieut.	N 94411	HARVEY, G.R.	"	"	Troop Commander
Lieut.	N 50174	HALL, P.H.	"	"	Reinforcement
Lieut.	N 41692	JOHNSTON, T.A.	"	"	"
Lieut.	N 69467				"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Captain		RYAN, J.P.	A.A.M.C.		Med. Officer

14 Aust. Fd. Regt.

(Unit.)

(H. Richard Byrne)

(Signature of Commanding Officer.)

10.7.42

(Date of Despatch.)

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

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3009

(page 1)

(Adapted)

### FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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

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

1	2	3	4
Detail. <i>WE</i>	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	-	-
W.Os. Class II. <i>11</i>	<i>8</i>	-	<i>3</i>
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	-	<i>1</i>
Staff Serjeants <i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	-	<i>1</i>
Serjeants <i>38</i>	<i>29</i>	-	<i>9</i>
Corporals <i>88</i>	<i>69</i>	-	<i>19</i>
Troopers, Privates, &c. <i>532</i>	<i>566</i>	<i>34</i>	-
<i>675</i> TOTALS	<i>676</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>33</i>

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

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

[illegible]

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

[illegible]



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(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.

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

*Appendix I*



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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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Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists Not Included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided

Unit

Signature of Commander \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Despatch.

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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

## Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements reported

1	2	3	4
Platoon strength (including reinforcements)	Platoon strength (including reinforcements)	Platoon strength (including reinforcements)	Platoon strength (including reinforcements)
W.O. Class I	W.O. Class I	W.O. Class I	W.O. Class I
W.O. Class II	W.O. Class II	W.O. Class II	W.O. Class II
Platoon or Company	Platoon or Company	Platoon or Company	Platoon or Company
Quartermaster-Sergeant	Quartermaster-Sergeant	Quartermaster-Sergeant	Quartermaster-Sergeant
Signal Sergeant	Signal Sergeant	Signal Sergeant	Signal Sergeant
Battalion	Battalion	Battalion	Battalion
Company	Company	Company	Company
Platoon, Private, etc.	Platoon, Private, etc.	Platoon, Private, etc.	Platoon, Private, etc.
TOTALS	TOTALS	TOTALS	TOTALS

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

1	2	3	4
Platoon strength (including reinforcements)	Platoon strength (including reinforcements)	Platoon strength (including reinforcements)	Platoon strength (including reinforcements)
W.O. Class I	W.O. Class I	W.O. Class I	W.O. Class I
W.O. Class II	W.O. Class II	W.O. Class II	W.O. Class II
Platoon or Company	Platoon or Company	Platoon or Company	Platoon or Company
Quartermaster-Sergeant	Quartermaster-Sergeant	Quartermaster-Sergeant	Quartermaster-Sergeant
Signal Sergeant	Signal Sergeant	Signal Sergeant	Signal Sergeant
Battalion	Battalion	Battalion	Battalion
Company	Company	Company	Company
Platoon, Private, etc.	Platoon, Private, etc.	Platoon, Private, etc.	Platoon, Private, etc.

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

1	2	3	4
Platoon strength (including reinforcements)	Platoon strength (including reinforcements)	Platoon strength (including reinforcements)	Platoon strength (including reinforcements)
W.O. Class I	W.O. Class I	W.O. Class I	W.O. Class I
W.O. Class II	W.O. Class II	W.O. Class II	W.O. Class II
Platoon or Company	Platoon or Company	Platoon or Company	Platoon or Company
Quartermaster-Sergeant	Quartermaster-Sergeant	Quartermaster-Sergeant	Quartermaster-Sergeant
Signal Sergeant	Signal Sergeant	Signal Sergeant	Signal Sergeant
Battalion	Battalion	Battalion	Battalion
Company	Company	Company	Company
Platoon, Private, etc.	Platoon, Private, etc.	Platoon, Private, etc.	Platoon, Private, etc.

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**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

(Unit)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
WE			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	-
Majors	2	-	2
Captains	5	-	6
Lieutenants	33	7	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1	-	-
Totals	42	7	8

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
1/CAPT	THYRD N L	14th Aust Fd Bde	14-7-42	HOSPITAL X LIST

**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).
1/CAPT	THYRD N L	14th Aust Fd Bde	HOSPITAL



**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS***W.C. H/pt**14 Aust. Inf. Regt.*

(Unit)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>W.C.</i>			
Lieut.-Colonels	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
Majors	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains	<i>11</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>
Lieutenants	<i>26</i>	<i>6</i>	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
Totals	<i>43</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>W.C. H/pt</i>				
<i>W.C. H/pt</i>				

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>27/52</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>
<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>27/52</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>
<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>	<i>W.C. H/pt</i>

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

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

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## (ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

[illegible]

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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



PART A—STRENGTH, STIFFNESS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.

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

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## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

16 SEP 1942

Army Form C 18  
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

H. 100M 5142

Unit 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. RAA

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1/8/42 To 2359 hrs. 31/8/42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	1. 8.42	0230-0300	Air raid on Port Moresby. Bombs dropped on 7-Mile Drome.	
			R.H.Q. normal duties. Weather fine, hot & cloudy.	
		1200	Visit by CRA, Lt.Col. FOX to C.O., Lt.Col. BYRNE.	
			Copy of W.3008 and W.3009.	Appendix 1
	2. 8.42	1130	RH.Q. normal duties. Air Alert, but no planes arrived.	
		1500	Maj. BLACK to HQ, 14 Inf. Bde, re tasks 55 Bty.	
		2330	Air Alert once again. Nothing eventuated. Weather hot, fine and cloudy. Night very clear, half moon rose about 2359 hrs.	
	3. 8.42		Weather hot, fine & cloudy. R.H.Q. normal duties. Rifles issued in afternoon.	
		1100	Maj. BLACK to RAA. Col. BYRNE to 55 Bty. Task tables completed.	Appendix 2
	4. 8.42		Weather hot, fine & clear. S.E. wind after lunch. RHQ normal duties.	
		1100	Task Tables & Traces sent out to CRA, 14 Inf Bde, 30 Inf. Bde.	
			& Btys. 2 copies war diary, see appendix 2 (3 Aug.).	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	5. 8.42		Weather hot & fine, slightly cloudy, S.E.wind. RHQ normal duties.	
		1600	Visit by I.O. RAA, Lt. MC.CLELLAND . Maj.BLACK to 55 Bty re Shoot.	
	6. 8.42		Weather hot, fine, cloudy. S.E.wind, cool night,RHQ normal tng duties.	
		0800	Church Parade held at A.A. position(about mile from present site).	
			Shoot by 55 Bty. Col.BYRNE, Maj.BLACK, RSO, & OO attended.	
			Lt.KIRKBY, Safety Officer for Bty.(further report in 55 Bty. Diary).	
	7. 8.42		Weather hot & fine in morning. Sky overcast in afternoon, few drops of rain. RHQ normal duties. Maj.BLACK, Lts. TWOGOOD and KIRKBY to KOITAKI.	
	8. 8.42		Weather hot & fine. S.E. wind in afternoon. RHQ normal duties. Maj. BLACK to 54 Bty. inspecting gun positions, amn. & OPs.	
			Copy of W 3008 and W.3009.	Appendix 3.
	9. 8.42		Weather hot & cloudy, slight rain in late afternoon, clear & cool night. S.E.wind. R.H.Q. normal duties.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	9. 8.42	0900	Conference between C.O., Capt. EWEN, & Capt. ELPHICK re tasks	
			& targets to shoot on for the shoot to be held on the 10 Aug.	
		1200	Maj. BLACK to 54 Bty. Col. BYRNE to 53 Bty.	
	10. 8.42		Weather fine & hot, S.E. wind, sky overcast in late afternoon,	
			few drops of rain in early evening, very unseasonable. R.H.Q.	
			normal duties. Route march at night to Seven Mile 'Drome & back.	
			Maj. BLACK & Lt. SEFTON to APM's office; PORT MORESBY re building material.	
			Copy of Amendm. to Task Tables. Copy of Tasks for shooting 53 Bty. Appendices 4, 5.	
	11. 8.42		Weather hot, fine & overcast. RHQ normal duties. C.O., 2 i/c,	
			Adj., RSO, & L.O.s 1 & 2 to shoot of 54 Bty. Safety Officer	
			for 54 Bty, Mr. KIRKBY - Safety Officer for 53 Bty, Mr. SOUTER.	
			Shooting by 54 Bty rather weak considering amount of training done.	
			Fire Discipline very bad in most cases. The usual fault of	
			nibbling in switches and Ranges occurred. Guns fired well.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	12. 8.42		Weather hot & fine. S.E. wind blowing slight rain in late afternoon. RHQ normal training. Lt.Col.BYRNE to 53 Bty. for recce of targets etc. Three P.O.s left for School of Arty. at HOLDSWORTHY, Sgts. GRIFFITHS, SMITH & WAILES, one from each Bty. Reinforcement Officer, Mr. SEFTON to PORT MORESBY for building material. Construction of Rifle Range for RHQ & attached personal commenced.	
	13. 8.42		Fine, hot & cloudy in morning. Rain in early evening lasted several hours. RHQ normal duties. Recapitulation on Gas training commenced. Maj.BLACK & A/QM to NGF Ordnance Dump.	
	14. 8.42		Weather hot & fine, S.E. wind blowing. RHQ normal duties. Route march in evening. Lt.Col. BYRNE to N.G.F.	
	15. 8.42		Weather hot & fine, sky overcast in late afternoon. Clear night. RHQ normal duties. Mr. KIRKBY took over job of Adj. Learner Mr.TWOGOOD to Arty School in VICTORIA in near future.	

Copy of W.3008 &amp; W.3009

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diances, &c.
Port Moresby	16. 8.42		Weather hot & Fine, strong SE wind in afternoon. RHQ normal duties. Inf. Tng. for RHQ being organised for Maj. BLACK.	
			Lt Col. BYRNE & Capt. BLPHICK to KOITAKI. Maj. BLACK to N.G.F.	
	17. 8.42		Weather hot & fine. S.E. wind blowing, clear night.	
		1000	24 type 97 bombers flew over. Bombs dropped on Seven Mile 'Drome.	
			RHQ Inf. tng. commenced. RHQ divided into 2 Inf. Plats., one	
			under Capt. JACOBS & one under Lt. HORAN. Lt. Col. BYRNE and Maj.	
			BLACK to 53 Bty.	
	18. 8.42		Weather hot, SE wind, sky slightly overcast.	
		0930	Air Raid Alert, nothing eventuated. RHQ normal duties. Inf. tng. continued.	
		1100	Visit by C.C.R.A. <del>Gen.</del> Brig. BARKER.	
	19. 8.42		<del>Weather</del> Weather hot & fine. SE wind blowing. RHQ normal duties.	
		0900	Maj. BLACK to 55 Bty.	
		1500	C0, 2ic, Adj. & B.C.s to conference with CCRA at 7 Aust. Div.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	20. 8.42		Weather hot & fine. SE wind blowing. RHQ normal duties. Major	
			BLACK to Ordnance & 55 Bty. Arrival of Capt. LEWIS from 2/4	
			Regt. Recce liaison for his Regt.	
	21. 8.42		Weather hot & fine. SE wind blowing, several drops of rain in	
			afternoon. RHQ normal duties. Maj. BLACK to 7 Div. Revised	
			Task Tables sent out.	Appendix 7.
	22. 8.42		Fine, hot. SE wind in afternoon. Rain in early evening. RHQ	
			normal duties. Lt.Col. BYRNE and Maj. BLACK to PORT MORESBY.	
			Copy of W.3008 and W.3009 .	Appendix 8.
			Serial Nos. of OP sent out as per <del>taxi</del> attached.	Appendix 9.
	23. 8.42		Weather hot & fine. SE wind blowing, rain in early evening.	
			RHQ normal training. Lt.Col. BYRNE to 53 & 54 Btys. Capt. LEWIS	
			to 53 Bty. Lieut. SEFTON to Base Hospital for malaria treatment.	
			Amendments to Task Tables.	Appendix 10.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	24. 8.42		Weather hot & sultry, cool night. RHQ normal duties. Lt.Col. BYRNE to 53 & 54 Btys. Maj. BLACK to R.A.A.	
		2230	Air Alert, nothing eventuated.	
	25. 8.42		Weather hot & fine. SE wind blowing, slight rain in morning. RHQ normal duties. Maj. BLACK to RAA.	
		1000	Visit by Staff Capt. RAA 7 Aust. Div. (Capt. HUME).	
	26.8.42		Weather hot & fine. SE wind, clear night. RHQ normal duties. All OP's manned by 1200 hrs. in 54 Bty. "A" Tp. moved present position. Copies of Examination papers for OPAs, GPOAs, & CPOAs of each Bty. Appendix 11.	
	27. 8.42	0200	Air Alert, no planes came over. Weather hot & fine. SE wind. RHQ normal duties. LMG training commenced. Maj. BLACK & Lt. TWOGOOD on a recce via 54 Bty., AUSTIN'S CROSSING, TUPUSELEI village & trig point on Headland SE of TUPUSELEI. The object. general recce of TUPUSELEI area. Maj. BLACK took notes relating	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	(contin) 27. 8.42		to the village & times to cover same. On return journey,	
			"B" Tp. 13 Fd. Regt. was visited & Liaison made with Capt.	
			BUTTERWORTH, O.C. ref. their coming under our command.	
			Inform as to disposition of their Tp.. Transport available in	
			Tp. Tp. ammo. held at position. Map Spots : No. 1 , 168 965,	
			No.2, 177 962, No.3 , 179 953 , No.4, 182 953. Ammu. 300 rds.	
			& 52 rds. of Shrap. for each gun site.	
			Copy of Operational Order No. 2 issued by Regt.	Appendix 12.
	28. 8.42		Weather hot & fine. Rain in afternoon. RHQ normal duties.	
			Operational Admin. Instrn. in conjunction with O.O. 2.	Appendix 13.
	29. 8.42		Weather hot & fine. Rain about midday. RHQ normal duties.	
			RSO & OO on recce of BOOTLESS BAY, obtained experience of wet	
			road in this type of country. 4 & 6 wheel drives seen to be	
			the answer for when the wet season arrives.	
			Copy of W.3008 & W.3009	Appendix 14.

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Unit <sup>53 Fd. Bty.</sup>  
14 Aust. Fd. Regt, RAA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	1. 8.42	1000	Call signs to end July, destroyed. <del>1400</del>	
		1400	Sig. procedure notice received and promulgated.	
		1700	Mr. MILLER replace Mr. HALE at "X" OP. Strength 206, Present 200.	
	2. 8.42	1100	New list of call signs received & promulgated, old list destroyed.	
			Strength 205, Present 199. 1 O/R off strength.	
	3. 8.42	1700	Mr. DAVIDSON replaced Mr. MILLER at "X" OP. Strength 205, Present 199.	
	4. 8.42	1130	Task Table (dated 3.8.42) received - gun programmes completed	
			and despatched to troops. Strength 205, Present 199. 1 O/R	
			rejoined from MDS. 1 O/R transferred to Independent A/T Tp.	
	5. 8.42	1700	Sgt. NUGENT replaced Mr. DAVIDSON at "X" OP. Strgh 205, Present 198.	
	6. 8.42		Strength 204, Present 197. 1 O/R transferred to 13 Fd. Bakery.	
	7. 8.42	1700	Mr. LEWIS replaced Sgt. NUGENT at "X" OP. Strgh. 206, Present 199.	
			2 O/Rs returned from School (AUST.)	
	8. 8.42		Strgth. 204, Present 197. 2 O/Rs to MURRAY BARRACKS.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	9. 8.42	1800	Mr. CULLEN occupied "B" OP.	
		2140	Instructions re shooting of Bty received for "B" Tp. Strength unchanged.	
	10. 8.42	1300	Amended co-ords of Tasks 1,2,3 received & gun programmes corrected.	
		1700	Re-check of parallelism of tps. completed.	
		1810	Co-ords of shooting tasks received. Strght 203, Present 192.	
			1 O/R transferred to 113 Workshops.	
	11. 8.42	1000	Communications through to "B" OP by V/T, L/T and W/T.	
		1400	Bty observation shoot. Tgts. recorded. Amn expended. 52 rds HE 117 Ch.III.	
		1700	Sgt. HALL replaced Mr. CULLEN at "B" OP. Strgth 204. Pres. 8. 1 O/R from hospital.	
	12. 8.42	0800	BC & party of Officers left to observe fall of shot.	
		1500	Z.Ls of Bty. rechecked under supervision of Lt.HORAN (RSO).	
			Strgth 204, Present 196. 1 O/R returned from hosp. 1 O/R left for HOLDSWORTHY.	
	13. 8.42	0830	ACPO inspected all sig lines.	
		1700	Mr.MILLER replaced Sgt.HALL at "B" OP. Strgth 200 Present. 193.	
			1 O/R to MDS, 2 O/Rs to MURRAY BARRACKS.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	continued. 13. 8.42	1900	Order from RHQ to return Memos. of Exam.	
	14. 8.42	1130	Memos. of Examination (completed) returned to R.H.Q.	
		0900	BC left for conference at RHQ. Strght 198 Present 191, 190/Rg to ADS, 1 O/R to MDS.	
	15. 8.42	1700	Mr. PEACOCK replaced Mr. MILLER at "B" OP. Strgth 197, Present 190, 1 O/R to ADS.	
	16. 8.42	0900	ACPO inspected lines & maintenance thereof. Strght 195 Present 187. 2 O/Rs to MDS.	
	17. 8.42	1445	Visit and inspection by C.O. and 2 i/c.	
		1700	Mr. TREVOR replaced Mr. PEACOCK at "B" OP. Strength unchanged.	
	18. 8.42		Strength 194, Present 187. 2 O/Rs to and 1 O/R from ADS.	
	19. 8.42	1200	Mr. MC.CLELLAND returned from CRA to duties at 53 Bty.	
		1700	Mr. LEWIS replaced Mr. PEACOCK at "B" OP.	
		2200	Mr. TREVOR handed over duties as CPO to Mr. HALE. Sgt. HALL took over duties as A/ACPO from MR. HALE.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	contin. 19. 8.42		Mr. MC.CLELLAND to "A" tp. Mr. TREVOR to "B" Tp. Strength 193	
			Present 188. 2 O/Rs to ADS. Mr. MC.CLELLAND & 1 O/R from CRA.	
			1 O/R from hospital.	
	20. 8.42		Strength 192, Present 187. 1 O/R to ADS.	
	21. 8.42	1145	Instructions re targets & OPs (Admin. Instruction No.3) received.	
		1400	Information re targets & OPs as required in above despatched to RHQ.	
		1700	Mr. TREVOR replaced Mr. LEWIS at "B" OP. Strength 192, Present 187.	
	22. 8.42	1400	BC on recce of Bty. area. Strgth 187, Present 182. 1 O/R to ADS.	
	23. 8.42	1400	Visit and inspection by CRA.	
		1530	BC continued recce. of area.	
		1700	WOII HOPKINS replaced Mr. TREVOR at "B" OP. Strgth. 186, Present 181. 1 O/R to ADS.	
	24. 8.42	1900	"B" OP line reported out of order.	
		2100	"B" OP line in order. Strength 182, present 174. Mr.MC.CLELLAND	
			& 3 O/Rs to hospital. 3 O/Rs to Sig. School.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	25. 8.42	1700	Mr. PEACOCK replaced W.O. HOPKINS at "B" OP. Strength 187, Present 174. 7 O/Rs to RHQ working party. 2 O/Rs from hospital. 5 O/Rs from Sig. School.	
	26. 8.42	0900	Staff specialist examination began.	
		1400	BC and Mr. SCHOEFFEL to RHQ for orders. Recce. of new "A" Tp. position.	
		2000	Work begun on new "A" Tp. position.	
		2030	"B" Tp. ordered to stand-to from 0445 to 0600 hrs until further notice. Strength 183, Present 171, 4 O/Rs to hospital.	
	27. 8.42	0700	CPO to new "A" Tp. posn. to fix P.G.	
		1215	"A" Tp. reported ready to move into new position.	
		1745	"A" Tp. began move to new position.	
		1800	"A" OP manned by Mr. SCHOEFFEL. "B" OP closed down.	
		1845	"A" Tp. reported in action in new posn. Strength 185, Present 173. 2 O/Rs. ex hospital.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	28/ 8.42	0045	Operation Order re arty. dispositions received.	
		0800	53 Bty came under command 13 Aust. Fd. Regt.	
		1600	ACPO checked zero line at "A" Tp. new posn. Strength 188, Present 175. 1 O/R to Working Party. 3 O/Rs ex hospital.	
	29. 8.42	1000	Visit by CO, 13 Fd. Regt. Strength 190, Present 178. 10 O/R ex school. 2 O/Rs ex hospital.	
	30. 8.42	1000	"A" Tp. surveyed in by RSO (13 Fd Regt). Strength 187, Present 172. 1 O/R to ADS, 1 O/R to school, 4 O/Rs to detached M.T.Pool.	
	31. 8.42	1130	N.G.F. R/T code received and promulgated.	
		1800	"B" OP re manned by Mr. TREVOR.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	1. 8.42	1930 & 2005	Verey pistol shots observed NE from Command Post. Patrol sent out. No result.	
		2. 8.42 1000	Lt. EDGAR & Sgt GOGGIN reconnoitre above area 2250. Air alert, no raid.	
	4. 8.42	1200	Task table received.	
	5. 8.42	0910	Air alert, no raid.	
	6. 8.42	2015	Verey lights seen in all directions. Reported to I.O. Brigade	
			advised that lights were battalion practice.	
	9. 8.42	1200	Tasks for shoot received.	
	10. 8.42	1830	Range sentries posted.	
	11. 8.42	0730	"D" Tp. range practice (39 rds) 1030 "C" Tp. (26 rds).	
	12. 8.42	1100	Lt. EDGAR evacuated to Base Hospital. Amended tasks sent to tps.	
	13. 8.42	1100	Lt. HORAN checked orientation of troop ZL's. 1700x. RMO inspected kitchens.	
	17. 8.42	0930	Air alert. Bombs dropped on 7 Mile Drome.	
	18. 8.42	0910	Air alert, no raid.	
	20. 8.42	1110	Air alert, no raid.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	21. 8.42	0900	B.C. chose alternate OP's and additional targets.	
	22. 8.42	1700	Revised list of tasks received.	
	23. 8.42	1400	CCRA inspected positions.	
	24. 8.42	2215	Air alert, no raid.	
	26. 8.42	1100	Order received for continual manning of OP's.	
	27. 8.42	0115 & 0315	Air alert, no raid: 1200. "C" Tp. moved to new position.	
		0445	Stand to. 0545 Stand down. 0815. Air <del>raid</del> alert, no raid.	
	28. 8.42	0030	Operational order received. 0445 Stand to. 0545 Stand down.	
			1200. "C" Tp. Z.L's recorded.	
	29. 8.42	0445	Stand to. 0515 Air alert, no raid. 0545 Stand down.	
	30. 8.42	0445	Stand to. 0545 Stand down.	
	31. 8.42	0445	Stand to. 0545 Stand down.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	5. 8.42	1110	Particulars of C.D.F. and alternative tasks received from RHQ.	Table of Tasks issued
			Gun programmes for guns of both troops supplied at 2300 hrs to	in conjunction with
			guns.	Operational Order No.1
	6. 8.42	0800	Registration of certain targets of each troop carried out by	
			shooting. Ammunition expended, "E" Tp. 20 rds. "F" Tp. 24 rds.	
	9. 8.42	not known	2 O/Rs evacuated to AUSTRALIA; one, result of injury, one under age.	
	12. 8.42	1645	W.D.-3 ton No. 46419, overturned and badly smashed. Sent to Base W'shops.	
	20. 8.42	2200	Instructions received from RHQ in reference to supplying tgt. records.	
	21. 8.42	1630	All tgt records complete and furnished to RHQ.	
	26. 8.42	1700	Information received that instructions issued by RHQ to "F" Tp.	
			to move position forward.	
	27. 8.42	0630	Construction of new "F" Tp. gun-pits, quarters etc. commenced.	
		0800	Fixation & orientation carried to new "F" Tp. posn. by R.S.O.	
			Co-ords. P.G. 18112.6 , 01615.2, 101.6'	



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METEOROLOGICAL NOTES : Up to and including 27th August, the weather has been hot, humid days and cool nights. From thereon the days have been ~~hot~~ hot & humid, with light showers in the evening. During this latter period, the sky has been mostly overcast by day. The evening of 31/8/42 was, however, clear.

ORDERS, INSTRUCTIONS ETC? RECEIVED.®

- 2/8/42. Admin. Instrn. No.2.- Order re air raids from H.Q., N.G.F.
- 4/8/42. Driving drill.- Task table.
- 7/8/42. Routine Orders Pt. 1, No.55/42.
- 13/8/42. Use of code names. G.28 procedure.
- 14/8/42. Instructions re air-raid alerts. - Order of the Day by Lt.Gen. S.F. ROWELL C.B.E.
- 18/8/42. Routine Orders Part 1 No. 56/42.
- 19/8/42. Wireless procedure.
- 20/8/42. Admin. Instrn. No. 3.
- 22/8/42. Serial Nos. of OPs
- 25/8/42. Training Instrn. No. 1.
- 26/8/42. A Field Bty. RAA(Corps), War Establishment.
- 27/8/42. Routine Orders Part 1 No. 57/42.  
Instructions on notes made by CCRA on inspection of Gun areas.
- 28/8/42. Operational Order.
- 26/8/42. Divisional Order re Air Raids.
- 29/8/42. Training Instruction No. 2 Signals.  
Order re allotment of Officers.
- 30/8/42. 7 Aust. Div. Adm. Circ. No. Q.15.
- 31/8/42. "Some Vital Thoughts" - R/T code - Amendments to Range Tables.

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT :

- 28/8/42 : Bty. received on to strength, 2 carriers universal and  
3 G.S. Vans.

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Unit 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. RAA

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1/9/42 To 2359 hrs. 30/9/42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diances, &c.
Port Moresby	1. 9.42		Lieuts. TWOGOOD & HARVEY left Regt. to attend School at SEYMOUR.	
			RHQ normal duties. Weather fine, S.E. wind.	
	2. 9.42		RHQ normal. Fine SE wind. Operational Instn. No. 2 issued.	Appendix 1.
	3. 9.42		Maj: BLACK to RAA. RHQ normal duties. SE wind, slight rain in evening.	
	4. 9.42		RHQ normal duties. Fine SE wind. Admin. Instn No.5 issued to Btys.	Appendix 2.
	5. 9.42		SE wind, slight shower at night. Copy of W.3009 and W.3008	" 3.
	6. 9.42		Weather hot & fine. Shower of rain in afternoon. RHQ normal duties.	
	7. 9.42		Weather hot & fine. Clear day.	
		1230	Air Raid 26 bombers. 1 plane reported crashed east of IDUMAVA,	
			at bearing of 110° by No.13 O.P. "C" Tp. RHQ normal duties.	
			Maj. BLACK to RAA in late afternoon.	
	8. 9.42		Weather hot & fine. SE wind in late afternoon. Col. BYRNE to	
			RAA. Lt. KIRKBY to Port Moresby re transport and accommodation	
			of our tps working down at PORT MORESBY wharf.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1/9/42 To 2359 hrs. 30/9/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Dianses, &c.
Port Moresby	9. 9.42		Weather hot & fine, sky overcast in afternoon. Col. BYRNE and Capt. RYAN to PORT MORESBY to inspect quarters of our troops. R.H.Q. normal duties.	
	10. 9.42		Weather <del>hot</del> and fine , S.E. wind blowing.	
		1145 & 1340	Air Alert (no planes). R.H.Q. normal duties.	
	11. 9.42		Weather overcast but fine. SE wind, cool night. RHQ normal duties.	
	12. 9.42		Hot & Fine. RHQ normal duties. Copy of W.3008 and W.3009	Appendix 4.
	13. 9.42		Hot & fine. R.H.Q. normal duties.	
	14. 9.42		Hot & fine , clear night. R.H.Q. normal duties.	
	15. 9.42		Overcast but fine. S.E. wind. R.H.Q. normal duties.	
	16. 9.42		Fine. SE wind. RHQ normal duties. CO & Adj. left for KOITAKI area.	
	17. 9.42		RHQ moved to Base Area, KOITAKI. RHQ sited in Kit Store.	
	18. 9.42		Weather, morning fine & hot, rain in afternoon. Clear night. BC's conference at RHQ. RHQ engaged in organisation of new position.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Dians, &c.
Koitaki Area. <del>Pert-Mersby</del>	19. 9.42		Fine, hot & sultry. RHQ normal duties. Maj. BLACK to 55 Bty.	
			Copy of W.3008 and W.3009.	Appendix 5
	20. 9.42		Weather fine & sultry. Rain in afternoon. RHQ normal duties.	
	21. 9.42		Weather fine. Rain at night. R.H.Q. normal duties.	
	22. 9.42		Weather hot & sultry. RHQ normal duties.	
	23. 9.42		Weather hot & sultry. Rain in afternoon. RHQ normal duties.	
			Op. & Admin Instn. No. 6 issued to Btys.	Appendix 6.
	24. 9.42		Fine & hot. R.H.Q. normal duties.	
	25. 9.42		Fine & hot. R.H.Q. normal duties.	
	26. 9.42		Fine in morning. Rain in late afternoon. RHQ normal duties.	
			Copy of W.3008 and W.3009.	Appendix 7.
	27. 9.42		Hot & sultry. RHQ normal duties. Op. Order No. 4 issued to Btys	" 8.
	28. 9.42		Lt.Col. BYRNE to 7 Div. 16 Bde. thence to SUBITANA to meet Brig. LLOYD.	
			Maj. BLACK to Ordnance. Daylight saving commenced. RHQ normal duties. Fine.	

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Unit 53 Fd.Bty. 14 Aust.Fd.Regt. Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs.1/9/42 To 2359 hrs. 30/9/42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	2. 9.42	0900	Wireless commn. with 13 RHQ through H Sec. Officers conference.	
			Op. orders & instns promulgated. OP visibility diagrams to RHQ.	
	3. 9.42		Lt. S.MILLER took over as CP0. Lt.P.HALE as Sig.Off. Lt.CULLEN	
			left on recce of pass and KOITAKI areas.	
	4. 9.42	1400	Visual signalling to 13 RHQ.	
	5. 9.42		Lt. CULLEN back from recce.	
	6. 9.42		B.C. on recce of OP's.	
	7. 9.42		Lt.CULLEN on recce of KOITAKI and IL0LO areas.Sgt HALL to become T.L.A.	
	8. 9.42		BC on recce of N of FAIRFAX HARBOUR. Visit by C.C.R.A.	
	10. 9.42		Lt. CULLEN returned from recce.	
	12. 9.42		Calibration nos. painted on guns-CCRA's orders. Bty. notified	
			ready to move 12 hrs. Trailers sent to R.H.Q.	
	14. 9.42		Party traversing to P.G's of selected posns, KOITAKI area.	
	15. 9.42		Selection of Director positions for above troop positions.	

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Unit 53 Fd. Bty. 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. 1/9/42 To 2359 hrs. 30/9/42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	16. 9.42		Maj. THOMAS became B.C. Orders to move KOITAKI, positions 3 & A.	
Koitaki Area	17. 9.42		Inspection of OP's and Tp. positions by B.C.	
	18. 9.42		"B" Tp. left sect. moved to vicinity OWERS CORNER.	
			"B" Tp. right " " " " BASE AREA.	
	19. 9.42		Bty Capt & Sig Off. recce of OP vicinity of ARMSTRONGS.	
			BC inspection of B left section.	
	20. 9.42		BC returned from inspection of OP's.	
	21. 9.42		"B" OP changed posn. to 315.102 (KOITAKI Provisional).	
	22. 9.42		BC inspection of tp posns. Lt. MC.CLELLAND testing W/T commn. in carrier.	
	23. 9.42		CPO traversed to "B" OP.	
	24. 9. 42		B.C. on inspection of OP.	
	27. 9.42		Right section "B" Tp. to OWERS CORNER. One gun to Post 66.	
			Bty Capt & Sig Off. moved to forward area with gun.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	1. 9.42	0445	Stand to. 0545 Stand down.	
		0900	Large vessel seen approaching Pt.Moresby bg of 145°30' from 14/17 OP.	
			Also lakatoi in BOOTLESS INLET bg. 147° 30' 1138K Lakatoi landed near IDUMAVA. 1530. Lt.GRIFFITH marched out to wharf detail.	
	2. 9.42	0445	Stand to,0545, Stand down. 0900 CP0 carried out svy of fwd areas.	
	3. 9.42	0445	Same as for 2/9/42.	
	4. 9.42	0445	Stand to. 0545 Stand down.	
	5. 9.42	0445	Stand to. - 0545 Stand down. Intense activity of own bombers.	
	6. 9.42	0445	Stand to. - 0545 Stand down. Heavy rain in early evening.	
	7. 9.42	0445	Stand to. - 0545 Stand down. 1300: 27 bombers bombed 7 Mile Drome.	
	8. 9.42	0445	Stand to. - 0545 Stand down. 0900: BC & CP0 recced posns in 6 Mile Valley.	
	9. 9.42	0445	Stand to.- 0545 Stand down. 0900: CP0 surveyed in new posn in 6 Mile Valley.	
	10. 9.42	0445	Stand to. 0545 Stand down. CP0,BC,2 1/c,CO reviewed 7 Mile Valley for posn.	
	11. 9.42	0445	Stand to. 0545 Stand down. 0900- CP0 & GP0 "D" Tp. recced 7 Mile Valley and decided on P.G. "D" Tp.	

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Unit 55 Fd. Bty., 14 Aust Fd Regt. RAB Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. 1/9/42 To 2359 hrs. 30/9/42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	1. 9.42		Bty. still in posn. on BOOTLESS RD.	
	2nd, 5th & 6th Sep.	1115, 1245 & 1230	Air Alerts.	
	8. 9.42	1145	C.C.R.A. visited posn.	
	10. 9.42	1145 & 1340	Air Alerts.	
	11. 9.42	1030	2 i/c, Maj. BLACK visited position.	
	15. 9.42	1600	Order received, "Prepare to move to sq. 10.04 (P.M. Map 2" to 1 mile)."	
		1630	Bty. commenced to move, prepare new posns. in sqs. 1004.	
	16. 9.42	1815	B.C.P. sited & Tp. posn. ready.— 2000 Guns commenced to arrive into new posn.	
	17. 9.42	0200	Orders from BC to prepare to move to KOITAKI area at 0800 hrs.	
KOITAKI AREA.		0815	BC and CPO Rv at Base Area junct. with CO. Recce then made of area.	
		1600	Guns arrive up in harbourage. Guns brought up Pass without trouble.	
	18. 9.42	0830	BC's conference at R.H.Q.	
		0930	Tp. posn. selected at SW corner of Sq. 7050 (KOITAKI Prov.)	
		1130	Guns in posn., Zero lines recorded.	

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Unit 55 Fd Bty. 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. Date and Time. — From 0001 hrs 1/9/42 To 2359 hrs. 30/9/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>Koitaki Area</u>	<u>18. 9.42</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>Maj. BLACK altered posn of "F" Tp. to cover Zone to the East.</u>	
		<u>1500</u>	<u>Map spots &amp; orientation of <del>troop</del> fired.</u>	
	<u>19. 9.42</u>	<u>1100</u>	<u>Survey infm. carried to Tps. on Caph Grid. "E" Tp. 7394 4856 2674#</u>	
			<u>"F" Tp. 7199 5108 2640'</u>	
	<u>20. 9.42</u>	<u>1100</u>	<u>Visit by B.C. Receipt of Operations Report.</u>	
	<u>21. 9.42</u>	<u>1345</u>	<u>Maj. BLACK visited position.</u>	
	<u>26. 9.42</u>	<u>1700</u>	<u>Receipt of D.F. Tasks. Preparation of Gun Prog. proceeded with.</u>	
	<u>27. 9.42</u>	<u>0815</u>	<u>BC visited BCP. — 1900 Time advanced 1 hr to agree with Aust. Summer Time.</u>	
	<u>28. 9.42</u>	<u>1400</u>	<u>Recce of new Bty. posn. — 2100 Orders from BC to select gun posns.</u>	
	<u>29. 9.42</u>	<u>0730</u>	<u>Party left to select &amp; survey new gun posns.</u>	
	<u>30. 9.42</u>	<u>0830</u>	<u>Move commenced to posn. forward and in the area of SUBITANA.</u>	
		<u>0900</u>	<u>"E" Tp. commenced to move to new posn. — 1000 BCP sited and organised.</u>	
		<u>2100</u>	<u>"F" Tp. guns commenced to arrive at new posn.</u>	

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Unit 54 Fd. Bty. 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. Date and Time. — From 0001 hrs. 1/9/42 To 2359 hrs. 30/9/52.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	11. 9.42	1230	2 air alerts , no raids.	
	12. 9.42	0445	Stand to. 0545 Stand down. 0900, "D" Tp. P.G. surveyed in.	
		1630	Beau-fighters arrived in area.	
		1930	3 verey lights seen N of CP. - 2145 Lights seen at IDUMAVA, LANDS END, reported to I.O.	
	13. 9.42	0445	Stand to.- 0545 Stand down.- 0900 BC & Lt. SEFTON reced new OP in BOMANA area.	
	14. 9.42)	0445	Stand to. - 0545 Stand down.	
	15. 9.42)			
	16. 9.42	0445	Stand to.-0545 Stand down.- 1930 Lights seen at IDUMAVA. Reported to I.O.	
	17. 9.42	0445	" " " " " - 0800 54 Bty. comes under comd. of 13 Fd.Regt.	
		0845	C0, 13 Fd.Regt. visited CP. - 1910, Lone planex dropped bombs NE 7 Mile Drome.	
	18. 9.42	0445	Stand to - 0545 Stand down.	
	19. 9.42	0445	Stand to - 0545 Stand down.- 0900 CP0 visited RHQ re target records.	
			1920, Air alert - 1945 , Lone plane dropped bombs vicinity 14 Mile.	
		1430	Carnel OP closed down under order of C.O.	
	20. 9.42	0445	Stand to. - 0545 Stand down.	



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Port Moresby	21..9.42	0445	Enemy plane bombed area HOMEROM BLUFF - UBERI.	
	22. 9.42	0445	Stand to - 0545 Stand down.	
	23. 9.42	0445	Stand to - 0545 Standdown . 1500 Wharf detail & coastal gun	
			working party returned to Bty.- 1930 Lone plane raided 7 Mile area.	
	24. 9.42	0445	Stand to - 0545 Stand down.	
	25. 9.42	0445	" " " " " - 0900 Capt O.S.HANSON took cmd of Bty.,	
			immediately commenced recce of area.	
	26. 9.42	0445	Stand to - 0545 Stand down - 0900 B.C. visited OP's.	
		2000 & 2030	Light reported from 14/13 OP to be shining on W edge of LORDS EDGE.	
	27. 9.42	0445	Stand to - 0545 Stand down - 1130 Movement warning received.	
		1200	Adj't. arrived with infm. re move - 1530 Outline plan for move given to Bty. Officers.	
		1915	White very light seen on WHALE IS. Reported to I.O.	
	28. 9.42	0445	Stand to - 0545 Stand down - 1000 Order received to proceed to Base Area.	
		2015	Signal lights seen at DOKUNA, LAND'S END, IDUMAVA, HATTONS GAP, Reported to I.O.	

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Unit 54 Bty., 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. RMA Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. 1/9/42 To 2359 hrs. 30/9/42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	29. 9.42	0445	Stand to - 0545 Stand down - 1000 Recce <del>x</del> party moved to Base Area.	
	30. 9.42	0445	" " " " " - 0700 Bty closed down in old posn.	
			and came under cmd. 14 Fd. Regt.- 0800 Bty. moved out from old	
			posn. - 2000 C.P. established at LORD's HOUSE - 1330 "C" Tp. Z.I's recorded.	
			<u>ORDERS ETC. RECEIVED DURING MONTH.</u>	
	2. 9.42		Operational instruction No. 2	
	7. 9.42		Location of Ammn. Dumps.	
	8. 9.42		Classification of CMF Units as AIF Units.	
	14. 9.42		OP Instn. No. 2.	
			Instns re protection of gun posns.	
	23. 9.42		14 Aust. Fd. Regt. OP and Admin. Instn. No. 6	
	25. 9.42		Posting of Officers ( 13 Fd. Regt.)	

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14 AUG. PD. REGT. OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

Issued in conjunction with O.C. No. 2 dated 27 Aug. '42.

REF: MAP. 1 FORT HERBERT - 2" to mile.

1. FIRE PLAN :

- (i) The fire plan to be put into operation against attempted landings is dependent upon the info. received regarding such attempted landings.
- (ii) Beach guns & tp. OP's will advise HQ concerning the beach, or beaches, on which landings are being attempted. During the hours of darkness tp. OP's will have to decide the beaches by the beach guns, and lights in action. It is imperative that everyone with info. passes it on.
- (iii) Beach guns will engage landing craft as sighted without waiting for order from higher authority. Fire will be opened at the most effective range but craft must be engaged before they reach close in shore.
- (iv) Beach Machine Guns will be mounted in positions throughout the hrs. of darkness. They will be laid on fixed lines covering belts of wire along the beaches. In the event of attempted landings they will fire on their fixed lines unless the light is sufficiently good to enable the guns to engage barges off shore. During daylight beach guns from elevated positions should engage landing craft with direct plunging fire.
- (v) Beach guns and machine guns should in the event of attempted landings at night use beach lights and white search lights to illuminate the targets.
- (vi) Btys. receiving info of attempted landings on any beach or beaches, will immediately engage (with all fd. arty) - less beach guns, if necessary and also advise HQ. All beaches involved will be covered by fire. Bty. will advise HQ of the tps allotted to each beach.
- (vii) HQ, REGT will arrange for guns of other regts. to be superimposed on the beaches concerned.
- (viii) In the event of penetration by the enemy, Btys will engage enemy as located as quickly as possible. Locations of enemy concentrations will be fed immediately to HQ so that extra fire may be brought to bear on the area.
- (ix) Serials 3, 4, 6, 8, 11 of Table of Tasks issued in conjunction with O.C. No. 1 are no longer C.D.F. tasks.

2 RATES OF FIRE : All beach guns will engage enemy landing craft within effective range at gun fire with HE. If plunging fire can be brought to bear on personnel in the craft or if a landing is effected on the beaches, beach gun crews may change to shrapnel at their discretion. During the hours of darkness when landing craft cannot be seen from OP's rate of fire for guns, other than beach guns, which are engaging by direct fire, will be :-

1 minute - Rate 5.  
4 minutes - Rate 3.

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14 AUG. FD. REG. AND. REG. NO. 2.

(Issued in conjunction with 14 Aust. Fd. Regt. Op. Instr. No. 2 of 2 Sep. '42).

REF. REF. : FOR DISSEM 2" - 1 mile.

1. **REF. REF. :** All sub units will hold the normal two days reserve position plus an additional ten days position as an op. pos.
2. **F.O.P. :** (a) Sub-units will continue to draw from FPs adjacent to DRG as at present.  
(b) Additional FPs, as may be required during ops, are to be established by formation when necessary and locations will be advised.  
(c) The following res. will be carried on vehs. by all sub-units.  

Cars	= one 4-gal. drums
Vans	= two 4-gal. "
Trucks	= three 4-gal. "

  
(d) Sub-units in addition to the above carried on vehs. will hold an additional three days F.O.P. as an op. pos. based on 50 miles per veh. per day.
3. **ARMY REF. :** (a) Full first line will be maintained by sub-units.  
(b) A.F.P., as may be required during ops, are to be established by formation as required and locations notified.  
Present A.F.P. are :-  

A.F.P.
C.A.P.

  
(c) In addition, sub-units will hold seven days arm. as an op. pos. in accordance with the following scale :-

WEAPON	TOTAL RES. per WEAPON.	REMARKS.
Pistols	50	
Rifles	300	
L. H. G. (A.L.)	10,000	33 1/3 % troops.
Machine Carbines	800	
25- Pwr.	900	10 % tanks.

(d) All res. dump will be dispersed, protected against pilfering, sabotage & weather and will be dug in and concealed.

4. **WEAPON :** (a) AMOS dump is located at Base Hq. 7 Aust. Div., 143000.  
(b) Sub-units will notify R.A.Q. of casualties in stores. R.A.Q. will arrange replacement.
5. **WEAPON :** U.F.P. are located as under :-

LOCATION.	REMARKS.
010016	Reticulated.
010012	
001001	
000029	
000028	
000023	
000027	
110009	
110102	
110103	
KILA AIRCRAFT	
216007	River.
Base 21 Aust. Inf. Div. KILA	River.



RULES OF FIRE (Contn).

During this period regts. will discover the extent of the landing and either will continue to fire or switch tps to other beaches where landings are being attempted.

Tpts will be engaged by observed fire during the hrs. of daylight, the rate of fire being decided by the CPO.

3. REGISTRATION OF BEACH GUNS : Beach guns will register beaches at pts. 50 yds outside high water mark so that fire can be brought to bear in the event of beach lights being put out of action during an attempted enemy night landing.
4. A TH. DEFENCE : The NW Inf. & Th. Tp. in div. pos. are reconnoitring all avenues of approach up the various valleys and select points from which effective A Th. fire could be brought down on enemy MV's. Fd. Bys. are responsible for the def. of their own points against attack by MV's.
5. ROADS : Many of the rds now used by units have gradients so steep that it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to get vehicles over them in the M.T. Sub-units will make a survey of rds used by them and advise by 3 Sep. location of all points where difficulties can be expected. Wherever possible the re-grading, gravelling and/or improvement of crossings should be effected by unit personnel.
6. RATIONS & WATER : 7 days res. of rations and water are to be maintained at tp. posns. This is in addition to the unexpended portion of the days ration and the day's emergency ration carried on the men.
7. SIGNALS : Light signals will be limited to the Hd's at DANUA who will fire two reds and a green to indicate that enemy landing craft have passed the entrance to BOWLING GREEN without being engaged by the beach guns and that they are approaching DANUA.

Acknowledge.

Signed at 1945 hrs.

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NOTE (Cont'd).

- (b) Additional WPs are being established at - 16107 } River.  
16109 }
- (c) Springs are located at - 01600, 01705, 02007.

6. **WATER CONTROL** : During ops in the BUREN area, WPs will be established at 4 of the following points :-

(1) PINE MOUNTAIN	005001	(vii) Rd. June.	091070
(11) Rd. June.	020013	(viii) Part St.	120026
(12) " "	025025	(ix) Burens	161107
(13) " "	070043	x Rd. June.	
(v) SE end of Burens	090074	(xi) EAST OF PINE	265006
(vi) Rd. June.	090063	(xii) WEST OF PINE	265009
		(xiii) Rd. June.	301071

7. **MERCURY** :

(a) ADCs are established at :-

- (1) 4 HNS VALLEY 020010 - Units 30 Aust Inf Bde Gp and BUREN PINE DISTANCE areas.
- (11) FROM Rd. 101001 - Units 7 HNS BUREN and 2 HNS (WINE) areas.

(b) HNS are established at -

- (1) BUREN MOUNTAIN 134906 = 14 Aust. Fd. Amb.
- (11) BUREN RD. 163007 = 3 " " "

(c) Lt area and CPs will be established as required. A CP will be located at each Burens.

(d) Reserves :- 2/5 Aust Fd. Amb. Class (etc) BNS HNS.

(e) Evacuation :-

- (1) From ADCs to HNS BUREN MOUNTAIN.
- (11) From 14 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp /area to HNS BUREN RD.
- (12) From other Lt Area or CPs to nearest dressing sta.
- (13) From HNS to 5 Aust OCS 190007 by HNS.

(f) Hygiene :-

- (1) Deep trench latrines will be used wherever possible. Fly-proof latrine seats will be improvised by units.
- (11) All refuse both wet and dry, and tins, will be incinerated and then buried.
- (12) Every endeavour will be made by units to reduce the fly nuisance.

8. **ACCOMMODATION** .

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14 Aust Fd Regt Operation Order No. 4

Ref. Maps. Gapp Grid.

KOLAKI. (Provisional) 2" - 1 Mile.

**INFORMATION.**

1. Enemy: As per Sitrep No. 59  
Own Troops: 54 Fd Bty will come under command 14 Fd Regt. Time and date to be notified later.  
MESSAGE: 54 Fd Bty will come under command 14 Fd Regt. 28 Sep. 42.  
BEN. "A" Tp 53 Fd Bty will come under command 54 Fd Bty at 1200 Hrs 27 Sep. 42.  
53 Fd Bty less A Tp is placed in support of 25 Aust Inf. Bde.

**INTENTION.**

2. 53 Fd Bty less "A" Tp will support 25 Aust Inf Bde. in attack on KOLAKI and track leading North.  
14 Aust Fd Regt comprising "A" Troop 53 Fd Bty, 54 Fd Bty, 55 Fd Bty will support 16 Aust Inf Bde in KOLAKI - KILDA Area.

**MOVING.**

3. Battery Areas: 53 Fd Bty. "A" Tp will remain in present position  
"B" Tp less 1 LHM one gun to gun position near CHENS CORNER.  
and gun "B" Tp to occupy position near DUMP 66.

54 Fd Bty. One Tp to occupy position to be vacated by "B" Tp in sq 55 (GAPP GRID).  
One Tp area to be notified later.

55 Fd Bty. will remain in present position.

4.

C.F. Areas  
Bones  
Zero Lines.  
Registration.

54 Fd Bty as for 53 Fd Bty in C.F. No. 3

5. Time to be ready: 54 Fd Bty to be notified later.

**ADMIN.**

6. Medical: Refer Op. and Adm Inst. No. 6 para 6

7. Amn. A.A.S.C. are arranging delivery to gun positions of "B" Tp 53 Fd Bty.

8. Kit. Kit for personnel proceeding to fed area will be reduced to Marching Order.

**INTERCOM.**

Normal.

9. B.H.Q. at 2059 (GAPP GRID)
10. B.H.Q. 16 Aust Inf. Bde at 4671 (GAPP GRID)

11. 53 Bty will liaison with 25 Aust Inf. Bde.

12. 54 Fd Bty will liaison with 2/1 & 2/2 Aust Bns.

13. 55 Fd Bty will liaison with 2/1 & 2/2 Aust Bns.  
4/2 comd will be established between "B" Tp rear gun position and B.H.Q.

13. ACK.

Signed at 0930 JRS  
Issued by S.D.B.

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14 AUGUST 1942 HQ. 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

1. LOGS  
(a) O & P Logs will be kept by all O.P.s and copy is required at HQ by 2200 hrs each day up to 1800 hrs.

(b) Perimeters, in duplicate, will be prepared ~~immediately~~ for all O.P.s. One copy at O.P. and one copy Tp O.P.

2. TARGET RECORDING  
Full use will be made of all available survey data for target fixation.

All tracks and high features will be registered as targets. It is vitally important for control in battle that information re all such targets registered be notified immediately to HQ.

3. WEATHER DATA  
As no meteor data is available at present, orders will ensure that all officers are conversant with the datum point. Method as set out in A.F. Vol 2, chap. xvi para 128.

4. AIR BOMBING  
This may become the normal method and all key personnel will be drilled in the use of smoke screen.

5. RESERVE  
All vehicles will carry the following reserves:-  
(1) cars - one four gallon drum  
(2) vans - two " " "  
(3) lorries - three " " "

OPERATIONAL RESERVE

RAPEL

- (a) (1) seven days reserve rations will be held in op area by all units.  
(2) QWRs CIG dump also will maintain four days reserve for units in fuel area.

- (b) AMMUNITION  
Seven days reserve will be held in unit areas in accordance with the following scale:-

WEAPON	TOTAL RDS PER UNIT
1 IN 11L	8
1 IN SIG RED	4
1 IN SIG GREEN	4
25 pdr	300 rds per gun 10% smoke

- (c) WATER  
Seven days water in unit areas.

- (d) Sub-units will advise HQ locations of all reserve dumps immediately they are established.

- (e) All reserve dumps will be dispersed, protected against weather, pilfering and sabotage and camouflaged.

6. REPLACEMENT  
(a) Sub-units will immediately notify HQ of casualties in controlled stores by sig. Replacement will be made without indent. HQ will arrange delivery to bays.

- (b) Surplus and US stores and eqpt will be returned to HQ dump forthwith.

7. REPAIRS AND RECOVERY

(a) LAIR

- (1) 44 LAD - 175462 - 1st line for units fuel of KISHANABO  
(2) 217 LAD - 170412 - 1st line for all other units.

7 (cont'd) (b) Hq 2/7 Aust Div Ord Whshps)  
24 Aust Inf Bde Sec Ord Fd } - 2nd line for all units.  
Whshp 154410

(c) Evacuation from (b) to HCF 1 of C Whshps 233086.

# 8. MEDICAL

- (a) ADGs are established at  
(1) 2/6 Aust Fd Amb - 173456  
(2) 14 Aust Fd Amb - BASE AREA

(b) Car loading post at SUBUTIANA, IXXKI Rd head.

# (c) EVACUATION

- (1) Tps 1st of ELGOO by returning tpt to ADS 2/6 Aust Fd Amb
- (2) Other tps by returning tpt and not amb to ADS 14 Aust Fd Amb
- (3) CASE will ensure that sufficient tpt is available to transport wounded or sick from OWENS CRK staging post to ADS 2/6 Aust Fd Amb.
- (4) Evacuation from ADGs to Base Hosp or Deerby Hosp Kings Hollow

# (d) HYGIENE

- (1) Strict attention must be paid by all ranks to hygiene in areas.
- (2) Deep trench latrines must be established and promiscuous fouling of ground must cease.
- (3) All refuse, incl tins, will be incinerated and residue buried.
- (4) Specified water points will be used whenever possible. Stys will be responsible for carrying out chlorination as directed at water point. If the use of water point is NOT ~~possible~~ possible, two scoops of water sterilisation powder per 100 gals will be used. Patrols will use individual water sterilising outfits.

# (e) MALARIA

Nets, if available, must be used and preserved in satisfactory condition. Long sleeved shirts and slacks, gaiters or puttees, must be worn from sunset to sunrise. ~~SOFT~~ SOFTS cream must be used on exposed parts during the same period. quinine must be taken daily as directed.

# 10. TRAFFIC CONTROL

(a) TCPPs will be located at -

- (1) OWENS CRK
- (2) Rd HEAD - 217484
- (3) MCDONNELLS - 175471
- (4) Rd Junc - 175445
- (5) " " BASE AREA - 149411
- (6) " " MORTONS - 204426
- (7) " " IXXKI - ELGOO Rds
- (8) EASTERN AND WESTERN ends of the "Pass".

(b) TCPPs will ensure that -

- (1) Vchs do NOT attempt to traverse rds unsuitable for traffic
- (2) Vchs without chains will NOT be allowed past TCPP (3)
- (3) Excepting in operational necessity NO vchs will be allowed past TCPP (3) without authority of this Hq.

(a) Patrols will be maintained on all rds.

- (d) (1) Stragglers will be controlled by TCPPs.
- (2) Personnel without authority to move to rear will be sent back to units.
- (3) Personnel moving on authority will be directed to 7 Aust Div Reception Camp.

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14 Aust Fd Regt R.A.C.  
23 Sep 42.

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( To be placed in War Diary)

55 Fd. Bty.

REPORT.

2. 10. 42.

1. MOVE TO FORWARD POSITION : The move from Rear Posn. in square 7050 and 7040, GAPP GRID, to forward position near SUBITANA, was carried out under great difficulty for the following reasons :-
- (a) Shortage of Transport : On account of two (2) Marmons & three (3) three-ton vehicles being on loan to 54 Fd. Bty. for three (3) days and one (1) Marmon on loan to 53 Fd. Bty for two (2) weeks.
- (b) Shortage of men : Twenty (20) O/Rs being on loan to 53 Fd. Bty. as a road making party at UBERI. Twenty-one (21) under strength, five (5) on loan to 54 Fd. Bty as drivers. Six (6) in hospital, two (2) in schools, making a total of fifty-four (54) under strength.
- (c) Lack of chains on M.T. vehicles : No chains for any of the Bty. Staff Vans. Two (2) Marmons with rear chains only. The undermentioned chains are urgently required to equip our Bty. vehicles.:-
- |        |      |   |    |          |      |   |    |
|--------|------|---|----|----------|------|---|----|
| 7 sets | 900  | x | 18 | 11½ sets | 1050 | x | 20 |
| 6½ "   | 1050 | x | 18 | 11 "     | 750  | x | 17 |
- (d) Wet weather : The move of "F" Tp. was carried out in very wet weather. The time taken to move the guns from Rear Pos. to Fwd. Pos. was 10 hrs., on account of vehicles being bogged, blocking the road etc. The small bridge across the road near MORTON'S collapsed, turning a Marmon over into the ditch. I mended the bridge and got the guns across but later one of the 3-ton lorries went over the other side of the above bridge.
- (e) Guns in action : All guns were laid out on their Defence Task by 0400 hrs. on the morning of 1st Oct. '42.
- (f) Drivers : The work of the drivers was excellent. They showed great skill and judgment in driving over very ~~bad~~ bad roads all through the night.
- (g) Cooks : I wish to mention the good work of Gnr. OAKES, in providing hot tea to the tired & fatigued tps., at tp. posn. during the night.
- (h) Guns : When the guns arrived at the tp posn., they were quickly laid out onto their zero line and the camouflage nets were put up & everything made ready for action before being dismissed for the night.
- (i) Communications : The comms were established with the correct lay-out, 15 minutes after tps were in posn. 10 miles of line were laid in very difficult country to the OPs by Sgt. CARROLL and 10 of his men. Ten drum reels, Cable No.5, with 1 mile of cable on each, had to be carried by the personnel, as no transport could traverse the mule track. I think the laying of the above line & establishing comms. is one of the best features of this war, & Sgt. CARROLL is worthy of being mentioned for such wonderful devotion to duty.
- (j) OP's : Capt. SPIERS and Lt. ROBERTSON has established OPs at 2/1 Bn HQs at JAWARER.

(Sgd) A. GARLAND, Capt. BC 55 Bty.



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LOCATION STATE - 14 Aust. Fd. Regt.

R.H.Q.	369 039
53 Bty. : C.P.	313 085
"A" Tp. C.P.	336 119
"B" Tp. P.O.	298 007
"C" Tp. C.P.	DATA RIDGE
1 Gun	442 167
3 Guns	415 159
54 Bty. : C.P.	389 090
"C" Tp.	392 091
"D" Tp.	367 088
55 Bty. : C.P.	463 085
"E" Tp.	476 086
"F" Tp.	499 083

Correct at 1600 hrs. 2 Oct. '42.

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