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Unit Gp HQ, 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 45 To 17 Jun

Place.	Date:	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAL	1/3 Jun		Embarkation of regt aslt gps	
	4 Juh		Assembling of convoy and commencement of voyage	
AT SEA	5/9 Jun		Aboard Ship	
BRUNEI BAY	10 Jun		Arrived BRUNEI BAY - Div Res not called upon	
	11 Jun		Aboard Ship	
LABUAN	12 Jun		Bisembarked - vehs remained aboard - pers from LCI 713 moved to B Sqn area, remainder to staging area	
REF 834827.	13 Jun		Staging; Co and 2 i/c visited B Sqn to ascertain results of B Sqn ops. Gp HQ pers at B Sqn moved to RHQ area	
	14 Jun		Planning commenced WESTON op. SX15568 Lt G S DOW wounded by accidental discharge of OSMG	
		1600	Lt FOTHERINGHAM (B Sqn tp leader) appointed to vide Lt DOW.	
		2100	the and 2 to the moved to area ref 632626. Air raid alert - one bomb dropped and enemy plane destroyed by	
	15 Jun		CO, IO to Div Conference. Planning for WESTN op. RHQ Tp les	s
		1600	Rear link est to A and B Sqns by Regt Sigs; Briefing of pers for WESTON op by CO & TO.	
		PM	RHQ Tp withdrawn from WESTON op.	
	16 Jun	0900	CO & IO to Div Conference. Regt 00 No 2 Issued 2 Tp and FT Tp embarked i/c Lt FROMM (B Sqn). Amn expenditure	Appx H.
			return period 10/16 Jun	Appx R.
	17 Jun	0900	Lt Quirk, OC Sig Tp acting LO marched out to A Sqn, BRUNEI CO, IO, Adjt to Div Conference. ROs Issued	Appx S.

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Unit Gp HQ, 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Date and Time. From 18 Jun 45 To 27 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LABUAN 832627	18 Jun	0900	Div Conference - Advised of MEMPAKUL op and requirements - RHG To less 1 to allotted to sp 2/43 Bm. Lt WHEK returned	
0.700			Instrs re Sig traffic issued from BRUNEI	Appx Q
	19 Jun	0900	Div Conference, CO, IO, 8 pers from B Sqn marched in for 24 Regt Int Summary No 1 Issued. hrs rest.	Appx N.
	20_Jun		FT To returned from WESTON for CRATER op. Day Conference - Further 8 pers marched in from B.Sqn - Prev- ious 8 returned to Sqn. Regt Sttrep No 1 Issue d CO, 10 to B Sqn to discuss Crater op. During night 20/21 Jun,	Appx O
	21 Jun		Japs infiltrated into BMA approx 1000W of Regt area. CO. 10 to Div. Maj Rundb & Capt Pischer (Wksp) m/o to BRUNEI Due to previous nights infiltration extra precausions taken in RHQ area for protection at night. Piquets doubled and weapo pits dug. ROs issued	
	22 Jun		Div Conference, CO, IO, Adjt. ROs issued. Locstat as at 2400 Mai Rundle and Capt Fischer returned from BRUNKI.	
	23 Jun		Div Conference CO. ROO or Fear Link to C Son TARAKAN est dist- ance 102 miles. Rear Fi 170 pt - B Son reverted Regt Co Ann expenditure report period 17/25 Jun	and Appendices K
	24 Jun		Div Conference - Church parade 2/4 Pnr Area. Op Report -	Appx
	25 Jun		Div Conference. Wo issued for BEAUFORT op. Padre JONES march in from A Sqn, BRUNET.	ed Appx J
		PM	Air raid alert - Notice received for present area to be evac. RHQ Staff worked during night preparing WE tables etc for BEAU	FORT force.
	26 Jun	0130	Div advised the sp for BEAUFORT op NOT required. Div Conference Regt 00 No 3 Issued	Appx J.
			2 1/c record for new area tentative posn selected ppposite B Sqn.	
	27 Jun	0830	RHQ Tp embarked: 0900, Div onference Follow-up pers disembarked and moved to ame a selected previous	day

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Unit Gp HQ 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Date and Time.—From 28 Jun

To 30 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LABUAN632827	28 Jun	0900	Div Conference CO TO and Addit	A second
LABUAN 814874	29 Jun	0645	CO and RMO marched out to BRUNEI. Div Conference, 2 1/c and IO. Provaring new area. Advice received rd fronting area to be "kidned. Area them available insufficient. 2 1/c record "kidned. Area them available insufficient.	
	30 Jun		Div Conference 2 1/e and 10. New area selected and of sufficient size to accommodate MHG, HG, Sun and B-Sun. Plans prepared and initial arrangements made for move. Regt Int 2 6/c to Div. Instruction of the summary No.2 Fasued 16/c to Div. Instruction of the summary No.2 Fasued 16/c to Div. Instruction of the summary No.2 Fasued 16/c to Div. Jul. (Tocation Statement No.2 as at 302406 HG & B Sqns advised and arrangements made for 24 jeeps and trailers and 60 pers to move per LOM.	ADDX N.

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Unit H Q Sqn , 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Dale and Time-From 1 Jun 45 To 18 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	1945 1 Jun		Tpr TREGENZA, E, marched in from hosp.	
MONO 141	2 Jun		"C" Sqn LOBS to Div. Mollross marched in from "C"Sqn.	*
	3 Jun		Tpr Crane marched out to "B" Sqn	
	4 Jun		Tpr Davis, M R, to 2/5 AGH	
	5 Jun		Moved to Recce Sqn area	
	6 Jun		Sgt Waters and Tpr Smith marched in from Leave and Hosp	
	7 Jun		Lecture on Japan	
	8 Jun		Tpr M Wood, "A" Sqn, marched in from hosp	
	10 Jun		Tpr L E R Northey marched in from hosp. L/Cpl Heairfield	
	11 Jun		Hy storm and rain marched out 2/9 AGH	
	13 Jun		Maint of all vehs	
	14 Jun		Packing stores, cleaning area ready for mov	
	15 Jun		2XX XXXX XXXX HER NAMEN XXX 2XXXX 1 Aust Armd Regt arrived	
	16 Jun		Walking pers to Staging Area. Vehs to LST	
	17 Jun		L/Cpl Heairfield marched in from hosp. Loading LST	
	18 Jun		Toading	

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Unit H Q Sqn, 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Date and Time. From 19 Jun 45 To 30 Jun 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAT	19 Jun		Embarked for LABUAN - LST 591	
AT SEA	20 Jun)		Voyage - Very good meals and acen; calm sea all way;	
	25 Jun }		Convoy of 40 craft	
LABUAN IS	26 Jun		Disembarks d, Moved to Tac HQ area	
2	7/29 Jun		Gen cleaning up of area and settling in	
	30 Jun		Preparing for mov to MEMPAKUL	

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- 1. Jun opened with the sqn remaining in the same area at MOROTAI, whilst the remainder of the Regt were en route to BRUNEI BAY. In order to settle 1 Aust Armd Regt in our Regt area the Sqn moved a block Northward on to the sea front alongside 2/1 Aust Armd Bede Recce Sqn. In that area we remained until 11 Jun when the Sqn loaded as the Follow-up to BORNEO. On the date mentioned our vehs and walking pers, about 80 all told, moved to the Embarkation Assembly Area where tents half-shelter were used for the night and all were embarked on LST 501 by 121001.
- 2. After embarkation and loading LST lay in FITCE BAY until 1416007, when we sailed in a convoy of 40 ships, LSTs and LOMs, one Liberty Ship and 4 Destroyers as escorts. The trip was everything that could be desired. Most of the Sqn was quartered in the ship's sleeping quarters and the remainder between vels on the weather deck, where ample room was afforded. Capt MUHLHAN was OC Tps, and Lt g L McD Bain worked excellently as Ship's Adjt. Messing was cafeteria style from the galley and the meals were of the best. A calm sea favoured the trip and the monotony proved the voyage a most successful one.
- 3. Arriving at LABUAN 271000I the LST pulled into shore at 271600I and trucks from the Regt transported the sqn to near where B Sqn were bivouced at the end of the airstrip.
- 4. The Sqn settled into the area besides "B" Sqn for a few days and prepared for the move to MEMPAKUL on the KLIAS FENINSULA.

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"A" Squadron. Unit 2/9 Aust Armd Regt. Date and Time. From 10 June To 10/6/5

Remarks and references to Place: Date. Hour. Summary of Rvents and Information. Appendices, Diaries, &c. 28 May to IO June was spent on board invasion craft. The convoy sailed from MORATAI 4 June. See appendix "A" BROOKETON AREA Recce Offr and Int Thrlanded on GREEN BRACH & H nlug N W BORNEO. 3 mins and I Tp under command of Lt E A Farley. at The tanks landed in 4 ft of water traversed a ditch ft deep and moved to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn H Q area. I Tp ordered to support A Coy in the advance down the BROOKETON -- BRUNEI rd. To reported to A Coy at 591545 (Ref map PELONG ROCK S W I / 50000) Remained within Bn perimeter for the Remainder of the Sqn landed at RED BEACH on MUARA Su appendix A. ISLAND. They landed from 574 and 922. LST 574 was

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BROOKETON AREA	IO June	1615 t'd)	delayed 4 hours due to snohor jamming and eventually	<u> </u>
	(002	1715	Record party of 2 1/c SSM and Int Cpl moved by LSM, to	
			YELLOW BEACH to rece harbour are in BMA. Thee tanks followed the next day on LSM.	See appendix " 12"
		1900	Loaded the tanks on LSM for move to YELLOW BEACH.	
	II June		I Tp moved along the BROOKETON - BRINKI rd in support of 2/I7 Inf Bn but were held up at 570517 because of bridges not marked on the maps.	
		\$860	Vehicles and tanks began arriving at YELLOW BEACH by	
			at622552. During the landing the RAP jeep driven by	
			TPT SPENCER K W was drowned but later recovered by tractor.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BROOKETON AREA	IIJune	1500	3 Tp Under command of Lt SCHOFIELD R J went fwd to	
			relieve I TP.Both Tps were ordered to remain at	
			570517 as the Engrs had made little progress in	
			strengthening and repairing bridges. H Q 20 Aust Inf	
			Bde sent a signal to H Q 9 Aust Inf Div requesting	1
			COVERNANTER bridge laying tank.	
		1700	All echelons in the harbour area moved into close	
			leauger for night protection	
			Three sentry posts were manned during the night	
I2 June	I2 June		Sqn echelogs in harbour area at 622552. I and 3 Tps	
			still unable to advance because of the condition of	2
			the roads.	
		2000	A working party of 35 men moved fwd to help the Engre	
			strengthen bridges. Work continued throughout the	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BROOKETON AREA.	I2 June		night. Engra estimate that the job will be completed	
	I3 June	1100	Fwd tank's crossed repaired bridges but were again	A
			delayed at a stretch of swamp several miles further on	
			toward BRUNEI	
		1830	2 tanks of 3 Tp moved fwd to the AIR STRIP sq	
			46434744 and harboured at 473443. Remainder of the	
			tanks crossed the swamp with the aid of the WKSHPS	
			and Engrs and moved fwd to harbour area at the STIP.	
			BRUNEI was entered by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn at 1445 while	
			the tanks were still helpless and about 2 hrs behind	
			th em.	
	I4 June.		As from 1200 No.3 Tp attached to 2/17 Inf Dn for move	
			WEST along TUTONG rd. One 6 by 6 to be temporarily	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BROOKETON AREA.	I4 June	(contid)	attached tp 3 Tp and will carry approx 12 sheets of	
			The sheats of steel for soft going and the logs for creek crossings	
		I	p harbouring NORTH and of the strip. STp rd junction 469418 (Ref Map BRUNEI S B I/25000)	
	I5 June	1600 1300e	A Tp and FR@ on 6 LCM left BROOKETON for BRUNEI.	
			of the roads and bridges.	
			4 and FMQ Tps landed on the WEST bank of the BRUNEI river from the LCM.	
		1640	Patrol from I and 3 Tps led by the natives, killed one Jap. Sgt B NORTHEY, the victor, cut a notch in	
			his rifle.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1400		
BROOKETON AREA	I5 June	(cont'd	Sqn O C left BROOKETON to visit the fwd Tps in THE	
			BRUNET AREA.	
		1600	4 Tp position 472399 (Ref Map BRUNEI S B 1/25000)	
			THE To advancing along the BRUNEL**TUTONG rdin sup-	
			pot 2/17 Inf Bn. Rear link contacted RHQ on LABUAN	
			ISLAND for the first time since "Z" Day. First news	
			was report that LT A K WILSON of 5 Tp attached_Sage	
		***************************************	"B" Squadron is now on the Dangerously Ill list hav-	
			ing been wounded.	
			Due to the extended L of C an advanced replenishment	
		1	page under the command of the SQMS S/Sjt RETD has been	
			established in I and 3 Tp area. Supplies are now to be	
			drawn from BRUNEI for fwd Tps.	
	I6 June	1000	BI Echelon moved from BROOKETON TO BRUNEI	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BROOKETON AREA	I6 June	1300	2 Tanks of 4 Tp were shipped by barge from 472398	
			to 485385 and attached 2/I5 Inf Bn to move down to	
			LIMBANG.	
			and 3 Tps moved from 469418 to 473442 for defence	
			of the AIR STRIP.	
			One tank of 4.Tp remained with FMC Tp may embark for	
			485385 on 17 June. This was ordered by the Tp recce	
			Offr because of the terrain difficulties.	
			BE Echelon remains BROOK FTON AREA pending craft	
			errangements.	
		1200	L O (Lt QUIRK) and Div Sig Offr abrived from	
			LABUAN.	
RUNET TOWN	I7 June	0 800	O C attended Brigadier's conference at 20 Bde H Q.	
BRUNEI		T400	I. O and Div Sig Offr returned to Div N G	

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Unit2/8 Aust Armd Rogt. Date and Time. From 17 June To 19 June

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
支票的工作的企业支票的	I7 June	1400	First Canteen supplies arrived.	
BRUNEI AREA			Recce Offr recce'd road to TUTONG then to the FERRY	
			ref ICO266 and found road suitable for the movement	
			of tanks and pontoon would take 1 3 tonner at a time	
			LCM could beach there.	
		0900	Padre WINSTON JONES held a Service and then visited	
			the fwd Tps	
	IS June	1600	B2 Echelon moved into new area at BRUNET ref	
			478407	
		68 06	C attended Brigadier's conference at 20 Ede H Q.	
		0900	A party from Sqn HQ burnt the remains of 3 Japs	
			approx 400 yds from Sqn MQ.	
	19 June	0800	O:C attended Brigadier's conference.	
		0930	Tit WILLIAMS J C left here and picked a party from	

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Unit 2/9 Aust Armd Regt. Date and Time. From 19 June To 20 June

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Disries, &c.
BRUNEI AREA.	I9 June	6900	patrol from I and 3 Tps led by the natives went out	
			to get 4 Japs seen by the natives.	
		0930	FHQ sent out a patrol in their area. Both patrols	
			reported no enemy seen.	
		1200	Maj CRIPPS O G Fd Pk arrived from RHQ by craft.	
	20 June	0800	♦C attended conference at 20,Bde H Q	
		0930	Lt WILLIAMS J C left here and picked up a party from	
			I and 3 Tps and 2 natives we took them to a village	
			vic 475535 where the natives had captured a Jap	
			at 2130 hrs It WILLIAMS returned to Sqn HQ with the	
			Jap who after being viewed from all angles by all	
			present was taken to 20 Rde H Q .	
			One section from 2/17 Inf Bn attached to 4 Tp to	
			assist in the batrolling of the LIMBANG rd area.	

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Unit 2/9 Aust Armd Regt. Date and Time. From 20 June To 3/ June

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRUNEI AREA	20 June	2339	Lt WILLIAMS returned to I and 3 Tps.	
			Received our first pay in the STRAITS SETTLEMENT	
	-		currency.	
	21 June	0600	Lt WILLIAMS and LT FARLEY with 9 or's and native	
			guide left I and 3 Tp area for vic ref 47I488 to	
			capture 5 maps reported by the natives to be in	-
			tha5 area. Lt FARLEY killed one and possibly another.	
			The remainder escaped.	
		1300	Maj RUNDLE and Capt FISHER arrived from RHQ.	
		1800	Sjt NORTHRY led a patrol of 6 or's guided by	
			natives and shot one Jap (2 notches for NORTHEY)	
			One tank FHQ was brought across the river by barge	
			from CLIFFORD br and went to E2 area.	
		0815	O C attended conference at 20 Bde H Q.	

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Unit 2/9 Aust Armd Regt. Date and Time. From 22 June To 23 June

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRUNEI AREA	22 June	0900	one tank FHQ one tank 4 To were brought over by barge	
			from CLIFFORD br and moved to B2 area.	
		1400	Maj RUNDLE and Capt FISCHER returned to RHQ.	
			Lt OSMOND W E left for B Sqn (LABUAN) to take over	
			5 Tp during therabsence of Lt WILSON.	
		0700	WkShps sent out a patrol. Returned NMS	
		0815	0 C attended conference at 20 Bdo H &	
		1000	I and 3 Tps sent out a patrol consisting of IO OR's	
			but sighted nothing.	
200		1400	Padre WINSTON JONES, Capt BAINES went to TUTONGand	
			met the Headman. very freindly.	
		6930	Gpl BACK J (FHQ) led a patrol in the CLIFFORD Br	
			area. Returned NMS.	
	23 June	0815	O C attended conforence at 20 Rde Ho	

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Unit 2/9 Aust Arml Regt. Date and Time. From 23 June To 24 June

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRUNEI AREA	23 June	1030	Lt WILLIAMS and Lt SKINN R WENT to SERTA and	
			returned at I200 hrs with 2 Japs they had picked up to	
			at from the natives. At SERIA they salvaged a great	
			deal of Jap Wk Shp equipment.	
		1500	4 Tp sent out a patrod under Lt Patton(Tp Ldr).	
			Lt Paton shot one Jap.	
			FHQ sent out a patrol. Returned NMS	
		0930	Capt BAINES and IS ORs (Wk Shps) patrolled village	
			vic ref 4754I5. Returned no Mov Seen.	
	24 June	0830	O C attended conference at 20 Ede HQ	
		0900	Church Service held in a house in the town.	
		0930	party cleaning up area at B2 ready for the move	
			of Sqn HQ to that area	
		1430	At a C of E Service for the Christening of 8	

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Unit 2/9 Aust Armd Regt. Date and Time. From 24 June. To 26 June

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.		Remarks and references t Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRUNEI AREA	24 June	1430	CHINESE babies. Capt BAINES (WkShps) was made a		
		(cont'd)	God-Father to one or the many bables.		
	25 June	0815	O C attended conference at 20 Ede HQ		
		0930	Admin Tp moved to B2 area 477408		
		1000	Lt WILLIAMS and party went by barge to LIMBANG		
			TO recoe rds		
		1700	Rear link advised Lt WILSON AK now off the		
			D I list		
			Gens BLANKY MORESHEAD and WOOTTEN passed through		
			the Sqn area.		
	26 June	1000	BI Echelon moved to 477408 and set up Sqn HQ in		
			the WIRELESS STATION		
			Cpl DOW ran a one day Int School for Tp Int Rep-	-	
			resentatives. Main subjects were breifing of patrols		

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Unit2/9 Aust Armt Regt. Date and Time.—From 26 June To 29 June.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRUNEI AREA	26 June	1000	sending in details of projected patrols and sending	4
		(contid)	in of patrol reports. Also Gem Int work to be done	
			in the Tp	
		IIOO	4 Tp 2 tanks were brought over by barge and moved	
			to BI area. Tank crews remained to carry out	
			dismounted patrols.	
		1800	Lt WILLIAMS returned from LIMBANG and reported	
			roads NOT smitable for tanks	
	27 June	1000	It WILLIAMS plus operator, batman and driver left	
			for KUALA-BELAIT where he will be attached to 20	
			Bde HQ as L O	
			20 Bde Adv Hq moved to KUALA-BELAIT.	
	28 June	1400	O G held a Tp ldrs conference.	
	29 June	TTOO	Lt WILLTAMS returned from BELAIT.	

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