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2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQN

AUGUST 1944

During the month of Aug 44 the Sqn was camped at 312084, WONDECLA Camp Area. Sqn under command 2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT Comd by E.C.HENNESSEY MC.

Parade States:

1 Aug 44 13:180 31Aug 44 16:175

Parades:

Reveille Adm Pde Ereakfast Troop Pde Sqn Pde Morning Break Midday meal Break Afternoon Break Stand Down Mounting of Guard Evening Meal Lights Out

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1 Aug 44

Weather: Fine

Location: Sqn Open Warfare trg area, Sqn HQ 234067 HERBERTON 1 Inch

Son in trg in Open Warfare Exercise area WEST of WILD RIVER. Main point brought out in the trg exercise was supply dropping. SasxAppxx2a.See Appx 2a

Pars doing an engineering school with 2/2 Fd Coy. See Appx 2a, Pnr Sec Trg for Aug 44.

2 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Location: Same Sqn in Open warfare Trg Area.During the day"Boomerang" planes carried out Tac/R over "Enemy" posns and dropped results of TAC R by streamers to our own posns. These TAC R's proved to be accurate.

3 Aug 44 Weather: Fine Location: Same Sq n still on exercise, main point of trg being Air Co-Operation. Pars doing school with 2/2 Fd Coy.

4 Aug 44 Weather: Fine Location: WONDECLA Camp Area During the morning, the Sqn returned from the Trg Area. Personal During the mining; one out for rest of morning. During the afternoon, Brig Lloyd, former cond 16 Aust Inf Bde, gave a lecture on his recent visit to INDIA and the BURMA Front.

Lecture was given in the 16 Bde Cinema, the entire Regt attended.

5 Aug 44

Weather: Fine

CO carried out inspection of the Sqn lines, satisfied with degree

standard of cleanliness and neatness attained. Wood party (lt Carr and 30 Ok's) returned. This party had been out since the previous Monday outbing wood for the various Kitchen fires.

ExAMEXA4. Weather: Fine

Rest day for the Sqn. Communion service at 0730, General Service at 0900. Sport during morning and afternoon. Now that the weather is warm, the swimming pool at 285045 on FLAGGY CREEK (HERBERTON 1 Inch) is proving popular with the Sqn on Stand Down day.

7 Aug 44

Weather: Fine

Pers of the Sqn marched out to Min Rifle Range for all day shoot, 336096, HERBERTON 1 Inch

One week'S catre commenced for Offrs andSits of the Son-capt WELSH, former Troop lar "C" Troop, and lately sold to 6 Aust Div HQ, returned for the night with a case of Fosters Lager for his old Troop. As many of the Troop are at present on AEL, the remainder voted the Smoko an excellent affair.

8 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Son marched out to the Min Range for an all day shoot.

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9 Aug 44

Weather: Fine

All troops in Camp. During the morning the Padre gave a lecture on Church Post War Reconstruction.

Pay Parade during the morning and afternoon. After Pay the Sqn went on a Route march, returned at 1615.

10 Aug 44 Weather: Fine, heavy rain during night 9-10 Aug Sqn marched out to rifle range for an all day shoot (286079) During the mothing Sig pers carried out a practice CCPB 8 from

2/9 Sqn pde ground, operating to a "Boomerang". See appx 2a. Tobacco issue late in afternoon.

11 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Sqn out to rifle range (286079) for a morning shoot. Afternoon devoted to Adm and personal hygiene.

12 Aug 44

Weather: Fine CO's inspection of lines during the morning. Sqn on route march, return -ned at 1145. Sport during the afternoon.

13 Aug 44

Weather: Fine in morning, dull and overcast in afternoon Stand down day. Communion service at 0730, general service 0900. Sport in morning and afternoon. Sqn to Supply Guard for week.

14 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Duty Sqn. Int Sec moved out of camp with intention of conducting Long Range patrol to BARTLE FRERE area / See Appx 2a. Cadre for Offrs conducted by capt WOODHOUSE. Work commenced on new sports ground.

15 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Duty Sqn. Cadre for Offrs on Arty, conducted by offrs from 2/3 Fd Regt. Mounted Guard 1700.

16 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Duty Sqn. Offrs cadre continued, conducted by capt WOODHOUSE. Mounted Guard 1700.

17 Aug 44 Weather: Fine cadre Duty Sqn. Offrs cadre continued. Tobacco issued during afternoon. Wet canteen opened at 1900 hrd, 54 pt gallons consumed.

18 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Duty Sqn. Last day of offrs cadre. Mounted Guard at 1700 hrs. Maj WRAY retd from LHQ Engineering School at NARANG.

19 Aug 44

Weather: Dull and overcast Duty Sqn. Sqn voted on REFERENDUM between 1100 and 1200 hrs. Afternoon devoted to sport. Int sec retd from Long Range Patrol.

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20 Aug 44

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Weather : Fine Stand Down day. Communion Service 0730, Ceneral service at 0900 hrs. Sport was played during morning and afternoon. Sqn relieved from Regtl duties by 2/9 Sqn.

21 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Sqn in Camp on duties. Capt WELSH returned from 6 Aust Div to "C" Tp.

22 Aug 44

Weather: Fine, heavy rain during night 21-22 Aug San in camp on duties. Pars erecting a fence round Regtl car park. Sjt HARRISON, Sqn Hygiene Sjt, moved to CCS.

23 Aug 44 Weather: Fine Son in camp on duties. Purs working in car park. Pay Pde during the morning. Commencement of the Cricket season, match on Golf Course, POSSIBLES V PROBABLES, aimed at forming a Regtl team. 2 Div Concert party at X Roads.

24 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Sqn in camp on duties. Tobacco issue during afternoon, ration cut down to 2 Ozs tobacco and 26 cigaréttes. Australian rules match, "A" tp V San HQ in afternoom. Wet Canteen opened at 1900 hrs.

25 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Sqn in camp on duties. Lecture by AES personnel at 0900 hrs.

26 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Adm. 2 IC carried out inspection of Sqn lines. Sport during afternoon, see Appx 3e.

27 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Stand Down day. Communion service 07390eneral service 0900 hrs. Sport during morning and afterhoon. Leave party of eight to LAKE BCHAM for the day. Sqn duty Sqn for next week. Henceforth the Guard changes to Jungle Greens during the day

28 Aug 44 Weather: Fine San riflemen to min range for all day shoot. Owen gars remained in camp on duties.

29 Aug 44 Weather: Fine Duty Sqn. Int Sec moved out of camp to carry out a week's practical trg. San out to classification range for day. Mounted guard 1700 hrs. Leave for 2 pers to CAIRNS for three days. IN SEC. SEE APPX 20

30 Aug 44

Weather: Fine Son to Grenade range for morning. Sport in afternoon. 2 offrs and 4 ORS returned from ARL. Wet canteen opened 1900 hrs, 81 gallons consumed.

31 Aug 44 Weather: Fine Son to min Range for day. Tobacco issue during afternoon, 2 Ozs and 25 cigarettes. 8 ORS returned from ARL.



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AIR CO-OFERATION

- La SUPPLY DROPPING.
 - Four containers were dropped at 020930K and four (8) containers at 021030K.
 - (b) 100% recovery from all 8 containers.
 - Rations dropped consisted of fresh bread, lettuce, (c) butter, potatoes, flour, tea, sugar, tinned beans, bully beef, cheese and dried fruit.
 - (d) The first 6 containers dropped landed within 50 yards of the strips laid out, whilst the last two containers landed on the strips themselves.
 - (e) All troops saw the dropping and now have complete confidence in supplies being dropped to them from the sir.
- 2.
- GROUND TO AIR RT WIRELESS COMMUNICATION. (a) No trouble was experienced in establishing ground to air RT communication.
 - The maximum time from when aircraft was first seen until communication was established was less than three minutes.
 - (c) Signals were so loud that the volume control had to be turned right down in order that the speech was not distorted.
 - Signal personnel now have confidence in establishing (5) communication with aircraft.
- TAC R.
- 4 sorties were flown over the text three days. One at Ollo30K, one at O21030K and the other two at O31030K and 031400K.
- The first three sorties results were dropped on stationery HQs, whilst the last result was dropped to. a Sqn HQ whilst on the move and no pin point reference could be given except the route the Sqn was taking. The pilot had no difficulty in locating the HQ.
- All messages dropped landed within 10 yards of the strips laid out.
- Information from the Tac R was checked by the troops (d) and in all cases found to be most accurate and thus greatly impressed them, also they were amazed at how much could be seen from the air.
- Troops are gaining mote confidence in Air Co-Operation (e) and with more practice will be quite confident of the use of Air for gaining information.

REPORT ON CCBP 8 PRACTICE

1.	Unit 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.
	Squadron 5 Tac R Squadron
	Place Ref Map HERBERTON 1 inch to 1 mile Ref 312083
4.	Date 10 Aug 44
5	Time Aircraft due. 1030 hrs
6	RT Frequency 6965 KCs
	RT Code Name LOCUST
	Time Aircraft arrived, 1045 hrs
9	Time Aircraft left. 1125 hrs.

APPX 2a REPORT ON COBP 8 PRACTICE (Cont) Y 10. No of complete messages passed. 37 Total No of displays. 38 Name of pilot. Type of aircraft. Height of aircraft. Size of ground strips. F/O Pascoe,W Height of aircraft. Size of ground strips. Field Size of ground strips. Bigs of ground strips. Fight sumlight - Visibility good. Comments. RT signals R5. Work of the field stripped within 30 yards of the displays. Source of the stripped Boomerang 14. 15. 16. huturhich Capt Officer IC practice.

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Pioneer Sec Training Report Aug 44

Sec commenced two weeks training sibh 2/2 Fd Coy,R.A.E. on 31 Jul 44. Training consisted of the following:-Won, Tues, Wed; Demolitions, preparing and calculating charges, (cutting, Bore hole and Mine chargering and calculating charges, The Sec did quite a lot of work in entries, which both bore hole and cutting charges. On Wed 28 Nown trees with both demolished a wooden bridge Blass, 4 in the trg area of the 2/2 Fd Coy.

5 Aug, 4 Aug and 5 Aug were taken up with mines and booby traps. On 4 Aug we saw a demonstration by a pl of 2/2 rd cor of a new drill they had worked out for lifting mines on jungle trails and in semi open country.

7 Aug 44 - Commenced work on a lawyer cane foot bridge to span a 60 ff sap. 8 Aug 44 Completed foot bridge. 9 Aug 44 commenced work construction bridge to carry 4 ton across a 40 ff gap. Bridge was constructed with all bush timber and a coll of wire. 10 Aug completed treat with all bush timber and a coll of wire. 11 Aug 44 the morning was dage and tested it with a 3 ton truck. afternoon to the construction of to tool maintenance and the afternoon to the construction of the set and food out of bamboo and ground sheets. 12 Aug - tested boats and food out of bamboo constructed with 4 ground sheets would carry 3 man with equipiment. Tested jeep trailer and found it would carry 750 lbs with 6 inches appx 2a

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2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQN

INT STC

TRG INSTR No 1

Ref Maps: HERBERTON 1 Inch BARTLE FRERE 1 Inch

1. GENERAL:

During the period 14 - 20 Aug 44, 2/10 Sqn Int Sec will conduct a long range patrol to MT BARTLY FREEE area.

2. OBJECTS:

The principle objects of the exercise will be:

- a. Direction finding b. Night navigation

- c. Recce patrols d. Track Going Maps e. Briefing of patrols f. Map reading in geheral

3. PERS:

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ŭ	RICHARDSON	ų

4. SPECIAL NOMENCLATURE:

For the purpose of the exercise the Int Sec will be organised as a fighting sec and will be termed INTSEC.

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT: Jungle green, hats fur, packs, one blanket. Arms will be carried.

6. RATIONS:

Hard rations will be carried on the man. L cpl ODLUM will be responsible for the drawing, breaking down and issuing of rations. Tpr HARRIS in charge of Supplementary Rations.

7. MED:

It BOW will carry first aid satchel.

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 <u>INTTHOUNN AND SIG ARCANCENTIS:</u> Two No 108 sets will be carried, L opl HOLBHOOK being responsible for comm within the patrol and to rear.

9. WATER:

All water will be sterilized. Tpr WOODHOUSE will be personally responsible to see that this is carried out.

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10. SECURITY:

Tpr TELFER will be left in charge of Sqn Int Office

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Ref Maps; HERBERTON 1 Inch BARTLE FRERE 1 Inch

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1. INTERY: JAP 81 DIV which landed INNISFALL area 7 Aug 44 are now holding all country EAST of NORTH COAST MLY LINE from BELLINDEN KER STA TO GARRADUNGA STA.

2. Likely Enemy Action: It is considered likely that JAP will attempt to move WESTWARD through the BABINDA CREEK VALLEY and RUSSELL RIVER VALLEY.

3. <u>OWN TROOPS</u>: 21 AUST INF DIV are moving EAST to

INTENTION

4. INTSEC will observe mov of JAP force along likely L Of C.

METHOD

5. INTSEC will establish OF on BROKIN NOSE 380077 by 161600K.

6. HOUTE

From present posn along CRATER TRACK to main ATHERTON ROAD thence along JAGGAN TRACK to JAGGAN 536115. Thence along GLEN ALLYN ROAD to LAMONDS HILL 662134. Thence SE along track to ASTRONOMER MINE 701086. Thence on bearing 115 degs to TRACK and RUSSELL RIVER JUNC 740075. Thence along jungle track to 838056. Thence NW along jungle track to 800093. Thence SOUTH to BROKEN NOSE 280077.

7. START

LINE: GUARD TENT 312083.

8. START TIME: H HOUR

9. RATE OF ADV: GOVERNED 10 1Wd secs 10.ACTION NG CAPTURE OF OBJECTIVE: Establish firm base and prepare for intensive patrolling.

11. FRO TTO TION: INTERC is at all times responsible for its 12.<u>H HOUR</u>: Not before 140800K.

Hard rations will be carried by each man in accordance with ADM INSTRS issued separately. 14.MED:

WWCP will be established at BOONJEE 691103. 15. PW:

Collecting pt at BOONJEE 691103.

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16. <u>HQ</u> :	HQ INTSEC will move patrol	in centre of
17. <u>SIGS</u> :	One 108 set as Base BOONJEE 691103. One	
18. <u>ACK</u> :	remain with patrol.	

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Sqn.

Report on INTSEC Long Range Patrol 14-20 Aug 44.

Monday 14 Aug 44 : Left WONDECLA Camp Area at 0820 hrs and arrived at NORTH JOHNSTONE RIVER, 595120, at 1700 hrs Four days rations were carried, also two 108 sets

Left NORTH JOHNSTONE RIVER, 595120, at 0800 hrs

and arrived at HOUSE, follow, at the additional and arrived at HOUSE, follow, at 100 hrs. On arriving in the BARTLE FREE area it was decided to astalian an OP on BARTLE FREE ANGINE FORME, 75128, in lieu

One 108 set was left at HOUSE (Base) and was manned by LCpl HOLBROOK, Tprs RICHARDSON AND ELPHICK. Tpr McLEAN of INTSEC also stayed at base.

INTSEC with three sigs, Tprs CLINTON, BAKSR & WALSH and the remaining 108 set pushed on at 1230 hrs on a bearing of 90° with intention of reaching RUSSLE RIVER and from there elimbing

The terrain covered in this stage was extremely difficult. Precipitous gorges made progress slow, laborious and dangerous, one member of the patrolhaving his hat knocked off by a rock weighing approx one Gwt dislodged some thirty feet above him. For Wagning approx one can be distributed adde three table inter-Marching on a compass bearing was impracticable owing to the rugged nature of the country and at 1700 hrs a halt was called, the sec bedded down for the night in a small elearing. Whilst the sec was bedding down, it BOW and Tpr DUNWCODIE carried out a recen with a Bedding down, it how and the plumbulus carried out a recor with a view to determining a route for the following day. A network of timber tracks were found but none of them lad in the desired direction. From a vantage point NORTH PEAK was observed through the tree tops, this was the first glimpse of the objective since leaving

Contact was established by wimeless to base at 1800 hrs. Bivouac area for night was 719125. Wednesday 16 Aug 44 :

The sec broke camp at 0200 hrs and moved out on a bearing of 90°. Once more extremely difficult country was encountered a nd after two hours marching, track running NORTH and

which is the in our hear way notes matching, brick framing (this and was too large and was carrying too big a load to continue the cutting of spurs, a conference was called and it was decided to follow the track out to the clearing at 70160 with a view to making a fresh start. The edge of the clearing 714149 was reached at 1280 hrs. Wireless communicipation was catabilished to bases at 1280 hrs. Tor BAKER (Sigs) and Tor WOODHOUSE (Int)

Remainder of party left clearing edge 715155 at 1345 hrs and followed an old timber track in a general easterly direction to FALLS at 752162 which was reached at 1430 hrs. Recces were carried out along various recently made tracks with a view to finding an approach to a suitable spur. This occupied the Include an approach to a subsole spor. This occupied the remainder of the day. Early bedded down for the night in a deep gorge beside a suirt flowing stream at 755160. It BOW and Tpr DUMNOOIL carried out a record and located a spur at 757166 which they considered would be suitable

for the following day. Distance covered during day: 15 miles.

Thursday 17 Aug 44 : Party broke camp at 0730 and moved to spur 757166 blazing a track as they followed the spur.

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Report on INTSEC Long Range Patrol 14-20 Aug 44.

Thursday 17 Aug 44 (Cont):

After much hard climbing, a fair amount of reached at 1200 hrs.

Thes officies in carrying the 100 set by main remarked for the LEIS hrs, and passing what was probably the first message transmitted from the top of EANTER TREE.

The return journey to HOUSE base was commenced at 1330. Light rain commenced to fall at 1800 hrs. Base was eventually reached at 2130 hrs.

Mail, tobacco and rations delivered to base by jeep during the day were greatly appreciated. Troops bedded down and spent miserable

night in rain. Distance covered during day: 20 Miles. Friday 18 Aug 44:

Files to act with the patrol broke camp at 1000 hrs and reached bridge 565118 at 1316. Remainder of the day was spant in personal bygiene, drying of blankets etc. Weather had now cleared. This rest, the first since leaving camp was greatly

appreciated by the troops. Distance covered during day: 9 Miles.

Saturday 19 Aug 44:

Broke camp 0800 hrs and returned to camp by same Distance covered during days 21 Hies

Approx distance covered by patrol: 100 Miles. Average weight on pack per man: 40 Lbs.

From a trg point of view the patrol was highly successful. Members of the sec gained valuable experience in: Navigation in difficult country Night navigation. Map reading in General

Throughout the exercise physical fitness was of a high standard, since returning to camp no member of the patrol has required RAP treatment.

Tpr HARRIS handled the supplimantary rations extremely well, fresh milk and eggs being at all times available.

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Int Trg Cadre

Prg lastr 2

REF MARS : MURBERTON 1 inch Mt CARNET 1 inch

1. CANDRAL Syllebus of trg for Int pers from 29 Aug 44 to 8 Sept 44 in fiv Trg Area.

 <u>OBJECT</u> To train int pars in int work associated with all types of patrols and incorporating:-

(a) Wavigation

(b) Kap Reading

c) Briefing of patients

d) Patrol reports

[] Manning of special OPa

a) Practical application of range card

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6. MRRS Jungle green, hats fur, pack, one blanket, arms.

7. <u>RATIONS</u> Mard rations, 2 days to be carried on man. (pecial druct to earry remainder of rations to 200000 (Me Garaat) at 3110000. The Marris in charge of supplementary rations.

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HYGIENE REPORT FOR AUG 44

Hygiene within the camp area and on exercises has improved considerably and leaves little to be desired.

IMPROVEMENTS. All tents in the Sqn were sprayed with creasol, kerosene and hot scapy water to combat an outbreak of fleas in the area. This measure met with considerable success.

A new shower has been erected as one shower was found insufficient to cope with the number of men in the Sqn. In addition the old set of showers had new hesian placed around it.

Because of the ground around the ablution benches becoming soggy and foul the area was cemented.

New type trough urinals have been erected.

Besides the improvements mentioned a fire stand has been erected outside the Sqn Q Store, stumps were cleared out of the tent lines and a bridge across the drain near the incinerator was erected.

Owing to the absence of Sit Harrison, the Hygiene sit attached to the Son, the work has been done by Tpr Burke and he is responsible for the above improvements.

IMPROVEMENTS DESIRED DURING MONTH OF SEPT. Kitchen area be fenced off. In this manner the cooks will have a definite area and a much neater appearance should be obvious.



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Sqn Sporting Results for the Month

Australian Rules

Sun	6	Regtl Team	Defeated	2/8 Inf Bn.
Sun	13	2/10	Defeated by	2/9 Sqn 11:12 - 12:15 .
Fri	25	A Tp	Defeated by	Sig Tp.
Sun	27	2/10	Defeated	2/9 Sqn by 5 points.
Wed	30	Sweaters	Ħ	Skins 5:4 - 3:5

HOCKEY

Sun 5 Sat 12 Sun 13 Wed 30	Regtl team Regtl team 2/10 Sqn	defeated drew with defeated defeated by	2/8 Bn 3-2 12 Tk A Bty 1-1 2/7 Fd Amb 7-0 2/9 Son 6-4
Wed 30	Øfficers Skins	defeated by defeated	2/9 Sqn 6-4 Singlets. 3-2

Rugby league

Sun Wed		Regtl 2/10		defeated defeated	2/6 2/9	A.G.H. Sqn	24		
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Cricket

Sat		Regtl team	
Wed			
Sat			defeated by 6 Div HQ 30 runs
Wed	21	Possibles	defeated Probables 12 runs
Wed	30	Probables	defeated Possibles 30 runs

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Signal Offrs Report for Aug 44

In the first week of the month we were able to iron out most of the difficulties encountered in link procedure in R/π , W/5, with a that stege all signallers knew the new procedure but needed constant practice to make the use of it second nature.

However the last three weeks were spent doing camp duties and no training was done.

The first few days of the next training period will have to be spent in recapitulation, then we need quite a lot of signal schemes in co-operation with the Int Sec before we can attain a satisfactory standard of signal communications.

We have received 5 reconditioned 208 wireless sets, which whi we have not had a chance to try out yet.

Cpl Elsum is attending a signal school at Wongabel and should be able to supply much of the practical knowledge which we lack in all departments on his return about the middle of Sept.

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2/6 AUST CAV COMMANDO REGT SIGNAL TROOP

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MONTH OF AUGUST 1944

As at let Aug Sig Tp was located at a standing camp approximately 4 miles SOUTH OF HERERICH, township in CUERCLAND, Map Ref SIG063.

To under commend of Lt.J. Garrick attached to 2/6 Aust Cav Commendo Regt.

During month 3 personnel proceeded to various home states on Accumulated Recreational Leave under instruction from H $_{\rm G}$ 5 Aust Div.

Internal and external communications manned by Sig Tp per sonnel.

Battery charging of Regt's and 2/II Bn's batteries carried out by electricians, initial charging of W/T set No 32 batteries commenced.

All personnel engaged in sport on days allotted, 0 6 nominated Cricket sports officer, Sit nominated H Q's representative.

Sig To personnel instructed Son Sig personnel in practical hendling of W/T set No 22,7th to 25th.

On Regt exercise personnel manned 22 set working to No II sets situated Son R (a. Communications CSA 5. Double Transposition Cipher used and results yeary satisfactory.

Meintenance carried out on Regt's W/T sets and report on same furnished to R.H.Q.

Lectures on Link Proceedure were given by Sig TP N C O's to 2/9 Sgn Officers and O R's.

Cpl I M and one sig per Son A maintenanced D3 cable under supervision of "M" Sect, Sigs,6 Aust Div.

Trencode Cipher replaced D T Cipher on S4th

As at 31st Aug Sig To located as above.

Jami' (J. J. Garrick)

0 C 2/6 Aust Cay Commando Sig To

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THO INSTR NO 1

Ref Maps: HTRBTRTON 1 Inch BARTE FREET 1 Inch

1. OTHERAL:

During the period 14 - 20 aug 64, 2/10 Son Int Nec will conduct a long range patrol to MY BART - FRYRE area.

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2. 08/ 1028:

The principle objects of the exercise will be: a. Direction finding b. Night navigation o. Redoe patrols d. Track Going Maps e. Briefing of patrols f. Map reading in general

S. PTRS:

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	BRYANT	
	MCLEAN	
	WOODBOUSE G	
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1. TRIMY

JAF 61 DIV which landed INNISFALL area 7 Au are now holding all country EAST of NORTH COAST RAY LINE from BELLINDEN KER STA TO GARRADUNGA STA.

<u>Likely Thesy Actions</u> It is considered likely that JAP will attem to move TWSTWARD through the BABIHDA GAWK VALLEY and RUSSEL RIVER VALLEY.

3. OWN TROOPS: 21 AUST INF DIV are moving MAST to YOUNGABURRA area.

4. INTERC will observe moy of JAP force along likely LOI C.

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5. INFEEC will establish OF on BROKTN MOSE 380077 by 161600K.

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- 7. START LINE: GUARD TENT 312063.
- 8. START TIME: H HOUN
- 9. HAT OF ADV: Governed by fwa sees
- 10.ACTION ON CAPITURY OF ONS PORTY?: Estublich firm base and prepare for intensive patrolling.

- 11.7HO TOTOM: INTERO is at all times responsible for its
- 12.H HOURS

Not before 140800K.

12.RATIONS: Hard rations will be carried by each man in Hard rations will be carried by each man in accordance with ADM INSTRS issued separately. 14.MMD: WWGF will be established at BOONJEE 691103.

15.PW:

Collecting pt at BOONJWE 691105.

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Page 2. SECRET IN7580 00 1 Copy Bo D 11 Aug 44 ENTERIOS L'IN 16. 50: Eq 1825E0 will move in centre of putrol 17. 5105: One 108 set us Base stationed at BOOMJED S91102. One 108 set to remain with patrol. 18. AGE: . Cond Directo

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/	Aust. Commando Sqn. Training SECRET
-10	Operation Order No. 1
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Ref	Maps 1" - 1 mile HERBERTON, <u>Copy No</u> . 2. BARTEE FRERE, PALMERSTON.
	11 Aug. 44
Inf	ormation , but it personnel
	1. (a) 2/9 Aust. Commando Sqn. is remaining in present location for normal training and duties.
	 (a) 2/9 AUBC. Obmando Squ. 10 Femaning in present location for normal regining and dutas. (b) 2/A0-Aust. Commando Squ. Int. personnel are carrying out int. trg. in area BARTES FRIGS.
Int	ention - to carry out training.
10 Sector	2. (2/9 Aust. Commando Sqn. Int. personnel will move to sq. 6001 ref. mag Bartle Frere to carry out Int. trg. (from 14 Aug. to 18 Aug. 44)
	14 Aug. to 18 Aug. 44) hethed := (3) or addition hethed !=
Meth	od to t (4) Persid.
4.0.14	E Route & See overley attached.
	store and move out to CCC camp. (see overlay)
-	 5.4. : Soli: (: Solie) 7. Dismonited Move: From OCO Camp to Biv. area 8. Order of March : Lie, Marshall, Havigstor, At. Parsonnel, Sign. foing Map Representative, At. M. Orderly.
•	Sigs. Going Map Representative, A.M.C. Orderly.
	10. Movement:Non-tactical.
	11. Adv Party: Cpl STALLARD, Tpr Rage, will move with jeep and trailer to biv area at 140900K by
	own route.
Adm.	18. Transport:As requisitioned.
	 Dreas Horman Jungle equipment Arms will be carried. Spare boots will be annotated dumped with spare blankets beside sqn ²⁰ store by 140745K. Medicalization op 5f Care will travel with party and
	14. Medical:AMC rep Sit Cole will travel with party and remain during exercise.
	 remain during exercise. 15. Int stores: Tracing paper, Maps, Compasses, Protracteds, map case: be collected at int office and allotted to int pers
	be collected at Int office and allotted to Int pers
	on SUNDAY by Cpl STALLARD. 16. Tobacco and Mail: will be collected and delivered MC orderly
•	on THURSDAY 17 Aug under direction of Tpr SADD.
	17. SQMS will provide rations, tools and equipment as requisitioned.
	18. Cook : ip. Page will accompany party during the week and report to Opl STALLARD at 140830K with gear and cooking
	19. Adv Party: Cpl STALLARD i/c party will supervise the loading of all stores at sqn "Q" store. On arrival at biv area
	he will organise kitchen, latrines etc.
	20. Hygiene:As instructed. 21. Water Point: As indicated by Cpl STALLARD.
	22. Security Guard: Tpr SADD will remain in son area as Security guard
	on 17 Aug. to send to biy area per MC.
	23. Sigs will provide 1 No 11 set 1 No108 set and 4 batteries to be taken by adv party.
Intered	04 By 3 size and one Noll set and one No 108 set. Contacter will be
	maintained with H Q at prearranged times on prearranged freqs. 25. Also act as "Anchor Set" to 2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQN Int sec and
	25. Also act as "Anchor Set" to 2/10 AUST COMMANDO SON Int Set and Regt.
	26. Sitreps daily. 27. Position of Int HQ biv area ref 604016 ref map B/FRERE 1:63360.
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	Signed
	IO 2/9 Aust Commando Sqn.

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I From Monday 10 Aug 44 to Friday 18 Aug 44 the san int personnel rad e ring out outdoor exercises in area m.E. subley Milden (see order and overlay). 2 The following re wirements have been approved by U.C.for the exercise. 3 ransport (a monosy 140800s to 141030s 1 three ton truck at son orderly room. (b) sonday 14083 k to 1413 OK one jeep and trailer at Jon & store. (c) Friday 1808304to 181304 one jeep and trailer, at map ref 604016 ref mon BorThe Reas I" -- 1 11. (d) 171000, to 171800% one m.C. at Son Int office to collect mail and tobacco for delivery to map ref 6040.6. 4 <u>Pations</u> pard rations for 14 meals for 1 offr and 16 o/R's. One meal carried on the man to be drawn Sunday. Remainder to be collected by Opl Tallal on monday morning. reportion of fre h rations if available. 5 Equipment and tools. " hurricene lasos , spicks, schovels, Scandbass, grolls toilet paper 2 buckets, 2 becontamination outfits, 1 age, 1 tomahowk and merosene. 6 Cook. It possible it is requested that Tor Page be made available to accompany the party as cook. 7 Compasses and Disco ulars. 5 compasses and five pair binoculars are required for the exercise if at all possible. 8 Tobucco. Tobacco allowance for personnel on nominal roll attached to be drawn by Son and its delivery arranged by Tpr SABD at 171000K.

Nominal Roll of Personnel on Arereise.

Lt Marshall	I.U.
Tur Wood	Batman
Gpl Stallard	Int pers.
L/Cpl Chapman	41 (1
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Tpr Cole	12
Tor Franklin	0
Tpr Robinson	. 19
Tpr Potter	
Tor Brown	
Tpr White	
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Tpr. Page	Cook
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Appendix 3(c).....Hygiene Inspector's Report

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HYGIENE REPORT

GENERAL HYGIENE:

uring the month of August, constructional work, improvements and general maintenance covering all branched of camp hygiene have been carried out.

Mess huts have been gravelled both inside and outside. Seating accomodations has been greatly improved and an additional mess hut provided for 2/7 Squadron.

Showers were re-heshioned and the area around each gravelled to reduce mud and fouled ground.

All latrines underwent thorough maintenance, including the gravelling of floors and ground around the structure.

Drainage system has been greatly improved and further extensions made to the drum-drain on which work started two months ago.

STANDARD OF HYGITNE:

Good generally and showing signs of improvement.

As an added incentive towards perional hysics, improvements in the own pres have been affective. Furthermore, any iendecory to-wards untidiness has been promptly checked and all ranks have taken pains to maintain the standard of hysics.

EQUIPHENT OBTAINED: During the month two sprays were obtained with which to initiate a campaign against fleas, a minor plague of which had commenced.

Timber for showers, old iron and U/S showere buckets were obtained from the Salvage unit and, after repair put into operation.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED. Although not essential the following would facilitate work done around the camp area: -

spirit levels, chisels wood, rules 2 ft.

2. <u>LATER</u>: (a) <u>Supply and Storage</u> Supply has been adequately maintained and emple storage facilities are installed throughout the comp. (b) <u>Dispeds of Culley tears</u>: natural was benches is strained through traps and then couveyed by open drain to but rears of 2/7 ago lines where it is turned off down the road. Sullage water under the new drainage system is not mixed with water flowing from grease traps from main kitchen drain.

(c) Drum Drain: This has been extended another 40 feet and further extensions will be made as additional supplies of drums become available.

 <u>KITCHTNS:</u>

 (a) <u>Disposal of Garbage</u>: Satisfactory results have been achieved by the use of 44 gallon drum incinerators situated at each

 kitchen.

(b) <u>Disposal of Sullage water</u>: From the grease traps, a separate drain now conveys this water away and after being filtered it is run into evaporation pits. Sludge is dried and dealt with as laid down. This method has been quite satisfactory.

100 yards of concrete drainage piping has been laid from the Serjeants' kitchen to avoid having an open drain right through the centre of the camp.

4. LINES:

(a) Dry Garbage: All dry refuse from lines is conveyed to drum incinerators and burned. However, there has not been sufficient car exercised in the destruction of letters, envelopes and official documents of a security nature which are still being found both in Squadron dumps and in the main dump. Hygiene duty men have been instructed not to remo remove any unburned papers and the presence of same is immediately notified to the Squadron concerned.





Lines: (Continued)

 (b) <u>Personal Hygiene</u>: Standard was good throughout the Regiment but there is room for improvement.

(c) Facilities for "isposal of Hefuse From Lines:

Drum incinerators have been in operation at the road end of Squadron lines and, when the rubbish is burned, hygiene dutymen collect the remains from these incinerators. Hygiene duty truck chllects rubbish and empties incinerators twice daily. Further instruction is necessary to ensure destruction of envelopes and office documents by fire.

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(a) **BLies**: Some increase has been observed in the number of flies throughout the camp,due to some extent to the change to warmer weather. Steps have been taken to put into operation all fly traps and to locate the breeding grounds which have been cleared up.

(b) Fleas: A minor plague of fleas has infested the area during the latter part of the month. As stated previously, sprays were obtained and all tent floors, mass hut floors and floors of all buildings were thoroughly sprayed with disinfectant. Although Spraying reduced the pest considerably, it is apparent that further counter measures will be necessary to eradicate the missince. (c) <u>loggittes</u>: No trouble has been experienced with these

pests. A few do exist but not in any number warranting comment.

66Horn Acting Regtl Hygiene Sjt. (C. E. HORNE)

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Appendix 3(e).....Sporting Activities

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SPORTING RESULTS

AUSTRALIAN RU	LES FOOTBALL			
6 Aug 44 13 Aug 44 24 Aug 44	2/9 San	V	2/8 Aust Inf Bn 2/10 Sgn 2/9 Sgn A Tp	2/9 12-15 toll-10
HOCKEY 12 Aug 44 13 Aug 44 13 Aug 44	Regt Regt Officers	4 4 4	12 Tk/à Bty 7 Aust Fd Amb 2/9 Sqn	Draw 1 - all Regt 7 - 0 2/9 5 - 4
CRICKET: 12 Aug 44 16 Aug 44 19 Aug 44 27 Aug 44 30 Aug 44	Regt	v	2/4 Aust inf Bn 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 125 Fd Wishps 2/4 Bn 2/9 Sqn	Regt by 3 runs 2/8 Bn by 1 run Hegt 127 to 81 2/4 Bn by innings and 54 runs. HQ
TENNIS 20 Aug 44	Regt	V	135 Fd Wkshps	Wkshps.

v Civilian team Regt. 27 Aug 44 Regt

DECK TENNIS							
31 Aug 44	Officers	V	Sjt	Draw-set	8 8	game	all

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ATHLETIC MEETING.

 19 Ede is holding a sports meeting on 9 50 44.
 As this unit is represented, it has been deoided to hold a Regimental Sports Meeting on Saturday 2 Sep or Monday 4 Sep 44.

3.

List of suggested events is as follows :-

loo yds Sprint Loo yds Sprint Loo yds Starnee SB yds Loo yds Officers race SD yds Blindfold Coo yds Relay (Team of 4) Modley RKME Relay 440 yds LSO yds Rurdles 1 Mile Sismese Race So yds Sack Race Boy, Stop & Jump Toesing the Caber Hicking Football (distance) Shot Futt Enrowing Facket Ball Broad Jump Enrowing Basketball

Entries are invited for the above events and will be submitted verbally or in writing to the undermentioned magnessmark address Sub Unit representatives by 1700 hers Monday 28 Aug 44.

2/7 2/9	Cpl	MONSEN
	Sgt	PALMER
2/10	Sgt	WAUGH
HQ.	Sgt	QUINN

Klass It.,

Regtl Sports Officer

(K.POWER).

SFORTS AFTERMOON - SWIMING.

2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt., 30 Aug 44.

 Arrangements have been made for a limited number of personnel from this unit who are NDT on duty or engaged in other sporting fixtures, to proceed to FL/GGY ORNX swimming hole on Medneaddy afternoon 30 Aug 44.

2. Sub unit allowents are as follows :-

HQ		2
2/7 Sqn		6
2/9 Son		9
2/9 Son 2/10 Son		7

3. Personnel will parade at Big at 1325 hrs 30 Aug, ready to move.

4. Dress: Normal day dress will be worn; bathing costumes or trunks will be taken and no worn.

5. Transport : T. . will arrange transport to report to this H0 at 1325 hrs on 30 Aug, to convey party to pool, and to return personnel to from pool at 1600 hrs.

 <u>Nominal Rolls</u> : Nominal Rolls are NOT required by this HQ, but sub units will ensure that personnel desirous of going are at RHQ at the prescribed time.

7. Any sub unit unable to fill its quota will advise this HQ by 1200 hrs 30 Aug 440

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APPENDIX WAR DIARY AUGUST 1944

2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT. 29 AUGUST 1944

REPORT OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHAPLAINS.

Name of haplain :	ROOK, W.N.
Unit :	2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT
Month :	AUGUST

1st SUNDAY

0900 hrs 0945 hrs	HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH PARADE CHURCH PARADE HOLY COMMUNION	7 32 43 3	2/6 AUST CAV " " " 16 Bde 16 Bde	(COMMANDO) REGT
2nd SUNDA				
0730 hrs	HOLY COMMUNION	7	2/6 AUST CAV	(COMMANDO) REGT
0900 hrs	CHURCH PARADE	36	nt nt nt	11
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4th SUNDA 0730 hrs 0900 hrs 1930 hrs	HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH PARADE			(COMMANDO) RTGT """ CHURCH? HERBERTON

General Remarks:

Visited Cav patients in 104005 ,2/2 and 2/6 AGH once each week. Delivered four addresses over the unit Public Address

System. Held Bible Study Group meetings twice during the month.