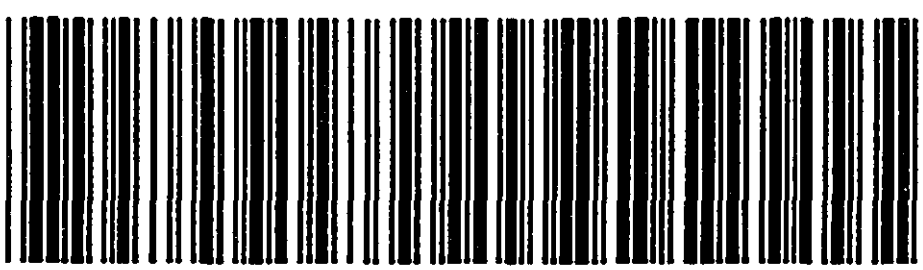
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Unit HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Month and Year May 1942.

Commanding Officer Major- General A.J.Boase Comd AIF (CEYLON).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MATUGAMA	1		Location Statement of AIF(CEYLON) and troops under Command as at 2359 hrs 29 Apr was issued to units today.	Appx 1. S/G/752
			AIF (CEYLON) Operation Instruction No 1 (to be read in conjunction with HQ CEYLON Army Defence Plan) was issued today.	Appx 2.
			AIF Intelligence Summary No 2, including items of news from ITALY, FRANCE, M ADAGASCAR, FRENCH INDO-CHINA,M ALTA, TURKEY, BURMA, AUSTRALIA,NE W GUINEA, and NEW ZEALAND, together with enemy broadcasts from TOKYO and BERLIN. Information and Security and road reconnaissance reports, was issued to units today.	Appx 3. S/G/672
			Notice of the date and times laid down for a further test of the BEETLE R/T Organisation was sent to formations and div troops today.	Appx 4. S/G/766
			Code name for 2/1 Aust Fd Coy w as promulgated to those concerned.	Appx 5. S/G/745
			Notes of a conference between CECEYLON COMD and CRE(Lt.-Col. W.D.M cdonald) are attached.	Appx 6.
			Major-General A.J.Boase visited GOC(CEYLON)---Lieut.-General Sir Henry Pownall, KBE CB DSO M C --- and later called on BRA CEYLON COMMAND--Brig.W.Swinton.Notes of these visits are attached.	Appx 7.
	2		Brig. J.E.L loyd(Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde) called and discussed with GSO 1(Lt.- Col. R.G.Pollard) and AA&QMG (Lt.-Col. C.Bowser)	Capt.

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MATUGAMA	2		the proposed move to KURUNEGALA.	S/G/777
			Minutes of Staff Conference held this morning are attached.	Appx 8.
			It is understood that a civilian sedan car, No 2 721, fitted with wireless, is concerned in fifth- column activities and was last seen in the BELIATA-HAKAMA area on Apr 28. A search for the vehicle has been made by Bdes.	
			Recipients of CEYLON COMMAND Operation Instructions were instructed to destroy their copies of Nos 3,4,9,11 and 12, which are cancelled by CEYLON ARMY COMMAND DEFENCE PLAN.	S/G/801 Appx 9.
			M.T.D.S.JAYAWARDENE, ALUTGAMA ROAD, MATUGAMA , was today listed as an approved photographer.	G/396 Appx 10.
	4		As it was apparent that some kind of illumination was necessary for night defence of beaches and aerodromes, Lieut. E.V.Haywood LO 111, visited FIREWORKS PALACE, COLOMBO and obtained two samples of parachute rockets. These contained 2.5 ozs of flare composition and were expected to burn from 40 seconds to 1 minute. It is expected that a trial will take place on 6 or 7 May.	
			At 1800 hrs, a message was received from KENT BTY stating that a new type of heavy cruiser had been sighted on a bearing of 180 degrees, range 20,000 yds, bearing of advance 100 degrees.It was possibly a modified "COUNTY" class. This message was passed on to HQ CEYLON COMMAND.	Capt.

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Commanding Officer Major-General A.J.Boase
Comd AIF (CEYLON).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MATUGAMA	5		Brig. T.H.Angus(BGS HQ CEYLON COMMAND) visited 17 Aust Inf Bde Group area. He lunched with Brig. M.J. Moten and during the day inspected the KOGGALA LAKE area, the proposed new 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ site at AKURESSA, the aerodrome at KALUTARA and 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.	
			Notes on a conference between CE(Brig. H.F.G.Greenwood) and CRE (Lt.-Col.W.D.McDonald) are attached.	Appx 12.
	6		Amendments to the lists of Coast Watching Posts were forwarded to units.	S/G/914 Appx 12.
			Notes on the visit of Lieut.-General Sir Henry Pownall to Major-General A.J.Boase are attached.	Appx 13.
			Major-General A.J.Boase and Lt.-Col. R.G.Pollard attended demonstration by Engineers 6 Aust Div north of COLOMBO at 1430 hrs.	Appx 14.
			A trial of parachute flares, attended by Major-General A.J.Boase Lt.-Col. R.G.Pollard and Major J.G.S.Moffatt, was carried out at KATUKURUNDA BEACH at 1945 hrs. Two rockets were fired.	

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Unit HQ AIF (CEYLON)
MAJOR-GENERAL A.J. BOASE
Commanding Officer COMD AIF (CEYLON)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MATUGAMA	6		Conclusions reached were as follow:- (a) Rocket must be fired at an angle of approximately 45 degrees pointed in the direction of area to be illuminated. (b) Propellent charge must be increased to give greater range and height, especially as prevailing wind on beaches tends to cause flare to drift towards own positions. (c) Time between initiation and bursting of rocket must be reduced as trial rockets burst after velocity had ceased and rockets were dropping to the sea. Time of burst should be at culminating point. Flares were otherwise satisfactory.	
	7		Date of commencement and estimated date of completion of each of the principal Engineer works in progress were submitted by CRE.	Appx "16"
			In anticipation of the introduction of the call sign procedure on or about 11 May, code names were issued to units together with an order to burn previous lists 24 hrs after the new code names come into operation.	S/G/933 Appx 17
			LO 1 s. aw SC, HQ CEYLON Comd, who told him that as yet no further information was available about the motor launches for KOGGALA LAKE.	
			LO 111 left written instructions at Fireworks Palace for six more rocket flares to be produced. These are to incorporate the following changes found necessary at the trial on 6 May:- (a) Rocket to burst and initiate flare immediately propellent powder is exhausted.	Cont.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MATUGAMA	8		(b) Propellant charge to be increased to give a range 1½ times as great as that of trial rockets. (c) Flare composition to be varied as follows:- 2 rockets containing 2½ to 3 ozs 2 " " 3 to 3½ " 2 " " 3½ to 4 "	
			Agenda for Staff Conference on 9 May was sent to G, AQ, OC Sigs 6 Aust Div and CRE 6 Aust Div.	S/G/964 Appx 18.
			In the event of operations the armd train will be handed over by 16 Aust Inf Bde to personnel of CEYLON Planters' Rifle Corps. To prevent fifth columnists from taking it over, the crew has been issued with identity passes similar to those used by AIF officers.	
	9		Information was promulgated to all units that all previous copies of code names, together with annexures, are to be destroyed immediately. Current code name lists are to be retained for 24 hrs after today's list comes into operation and then destroyed by fire.	S/G/969 Appx 19.
			A General Directive on Landing Ground Reconnaissance received from No 222 Gp RAF(CEYLON) is attached.	Appx 20.
			LO 111 again visited Fireworks Palace and altered previous day's instructions as under:- Flare composition content to remain constant---3 ozs. Time between initiation of rocket and burst to be varied---3 different intervals.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MATU-GAMA	9		Each rocket to be labelled according to interval. The manufacturer, K.V.E. SARENE PALA, to be prepared to give complete specifications of any particular rocket if selected. LO informed manufacturer that no patent right would be respected but fullf reimbursement would be made for time spent and materials used.	
			In AIF (CEYLON) Routine Orders a message of appreciation of the services of the AIF Dock Operating Detachment is recorded as follows:- "The Comd AIF (CEYLON) desires to thank all personnel who volunteered their services when the AIF Dock Operating Detachment was improvised and to place on record his warm appreciation of the valuable services rendered by all ranks of the Detachment. "It is primarily due to their energy, skill and personal persistence that all ships containing AIF MT, equipment and stores, have been unloaded in the last three weeks. "The work of the undermentioned personnel in organising and supervising arrangements for unloading is particularly commended:- Capt C.T.G.Smith — 1Aust Ord Fd Pk Capt E.T.Beruldsen — 1Aust Ord Fd Pk WO 1 Dickens S.C.H. — 2/2/Aust A Fd Workshop WO 11 Seeley E.W. — 2/2 Aust A Fd Workshop Sgt Kitson J. — 2/2/Aust A Fd Workshop	
	10		Notes on the visit of C-in-C(CEYLON) to AIF area, together with detailed itinerary are attached. On returning from his visit the C-in-C (CEYLON) sent a message to Comd AIF (CEYLON), This and Major-General A.J.Boase's reply are also attached.	Appx 21.

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Commanding Officer Major-General A.J.Boase,Comd AIF (CEYLON)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MATUGAMA	10		Location Statement of AIF(CEYLON) and troops under command as at 2359 hrs 9 May was issued to units today.	S/G/1004 Appx. 22.
			Chemical Warfare Instruction No 3, instructing ALL personnel to wear Respirators AG for at least ½ hour weekly and stressing the necessity for continued AG training , was issued to all units today.	G/437 Appx. 23.
	12		Minutes of Staff Conference 9 May are attached.	S/G/989 Appx. 24.
	13		It is noted in AIF(ME) Orders 2 May that Lt.-Col. R.G.Pollard, GSO 1 AIF(CEYLON) is among those listed as having been Mentioned in Despatches in recognition of distinguished services in the Middle East during the period Feb--July 1941.	
	14		AIF instructions on Signal Security in connection with the call sign procedure were issued to all units today.	S/G/1095 Appx. 25.
			Notes of a interview of ADMS and DADMS with Comd AIF(CEYLON) are attached.	Appx. 26.
			A letter was written to HQ CEYLON COMD asking for 1000 naval flares to be made available for use in beach defence.	
			Report No 2 by Comd AIF (CEYLON) for the period ending 7 May was forwarded to the Secretary, Department of the Army, MELBOURNE.	S/G/1069 Appx. 27.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MATUGAMA	15		Agenda for Staff Conference on 16 May was sent to G, AQ, CO Sigs 6 Aust Div, CRE 6 Aust Div and ADMS.	S/G/1133 Appx 28.
			Plans of standard pill box for use in AIF (CEYLON) sector were issued today to AIF Bde Gps, HQ CEYLON COMD and COLOMBO Base Area.	S/G/1119 Appx. 29.
	16		Minutes of Staff Conference held at 0900 hrs are attached.	S/G/1211 Appx. 30
			AIF (CEYLON) Training Instruction No 1, incorporating notes on the necessity for adopting an offensive spirit and methods of moving through the jungle, was issued to all units.	Appx. 31.
			AIF Intelligence Summary No 3, dealing with (1)News from ITALY, FRANCE, MADAGASCAR, RUSSIA, MEDITERRANEAN, MALTA, LIBYA, EGYPT, SYRIA, PALESTINE, TURKEY, YUGO SLAVIA, GERMANY, ANDAMANS, BURMA, AUSTRALIA, and DODECANESE ISLANDS, (11) Enemy broadcasts from SHANGHAI, SAIGON, TOKYO, THAILAND, and ASAD HIND, (111) Security (photography) and information about JAPANESE troops , was issued to units today.	S/G/1150 Appx. 32.
			Further trials of parachute flares were carried out at KATUKURUNDA beach from 2030 hrs to 2130 hrs. Conclusions were that :- There was need for greater range. Rocket s_ticks were too long.	

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Major-General A J BOASE
Commanding Officer Comd AIF (CEYLON)

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
MATUGAMA	16		If cardboard fins similar to those on mortar bombs were used instead of these sticks (which, if made of heavier wood to avoid bending, would be far too heavy) weight could be greatly reduced. Parachute should be slightly bigger. Cords holding flare should be "fire-proof".	
			Notes on the visit of Major D.J.H Lovell, LO (I) to Brigadier T.H. Angus, (B.G.S. HQ CEYLON COMD) in connection with aerodrome defence are attached.	Appx 33
	17		Comd AIF (CEYLON)(Major-General A.J. Boase) GSO(I)(Lt-Col. R.G. Pollard) C.O. Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps (Col. Sutherland) O.C. Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps Reserve (Major Hayward), Officers and CRs from 16 Aust Inf Bde Group attended shoot at KALUTARA SOUTH of 12 pr and MMGs mounted on armoured train.	
	18		HQ AIF (CEYLON) Code name lists for the period 0001 hrs 20 May to 2400 hrs 30 May, 42 were issued to all units today.	S/G/1214 Appx 34.
	19		Capt A.J.S. Cotter GSO(III)(O) visited HQ Ceylon Comd in connection with anti-gas measures. He was informed by GII(SD) that a Staff Officer for chemical warfare was to come from INDIA. SCRA informed Capt Cotter that there are no 25 pr . BE gas shells in CEYLON but that there may be some in INDIA. He would ask the BRA his opinion as to the advisability of getting some if procurable. GSO(III)(O) also requested DADMS, CEYLON COMD to provide BLD masks to Australian General Hospitals and to consider the advisability of issuing respirators with long	

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Commanding Officer COMD AIF (CEYLON)

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
KATUGAMA	19		connecting tubes to operating personnel of Fd Ambs etc.	
			Major-General A.J. Boase interviewed Lt-Gen Sir Henry Pownall at 1600 hours . In the evening he dined with Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton.	
	20		Major-General A.J. Boase visited BUSSA in the morning and inspected Drivers and Maintenance Course run by 17 Aust Inf Bde at the Racecourse, BUSSA, to improve the standard within the Bde. In the afternoon, COMD attended a demonstration by Engrs, 6 Aust Div. at BENTOTA.	Appx 34 A
	21		Major F.H. Wood(2/2 Aust Fd Regt) reported to HQ AIF (CEYLON) today to take up duties as Staff Officer Artillery.	
	22/23		See annexure Folio 12 of this Diary.	Appx 34 B
	24		AIF (CEYLON) Code name lists for the period 0001 hrs 31 May 42 to 2400 hours 6 Jun 42 were issued to units today.	Appx 35 SG/1655
	25		A copy of orders and instructions in connection with Tactical Exercise No 1 by 17 Aust Inf Bde to be carried out 25 - 27 May was received by this HQ. The object is to practise tps of both sides in operating in the jungle, the enemy being 99 Ind Inf Bde (less 1 bn and Wk Coy.)	
	26		Notes on the visit of Brig. F [illegible] are attached.	Appx 36
			Programme of inter-bn exercise for the purpose of testing the defence of KATUGAMA aerodrome, the employment of attacking tps in pressing an attack and practising tps in moving quickly to objective and encircling posn is attached.	

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Commanding Officer Major-General A.F. Lord AIF (CEYLON).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
KATUGAMA	26		Com and GOC attended this exercise. Notes of the visit are appended.	Appx 37.
	27		Instructions to AIF(CEYLON) units supplying umpires for Ex exercise HAWK to be held by 34 Ind Div in the DARLEY AREA- JAFFNA area from 2 Jun to 4 Jun 42 were issued today.	G/3/1360 Appx 37A
			AIF(CEYLON) Signal Security Instructions dealing with Originators' numbers to be used by HQ AIF (CEYLON) from 0001 hrs 29 May to 2359 hrs 5 Jun 42 withheld.	G/3/1377 Appx 38.
	29		Mr A.S. Blandish of the Sydney Morning Herald staff called. He has been in India for some time and stated that until a few days before arriving in Ceylon he had been aware of the presence of AIF troops in Ceylon. After interviewing GOC 11, GOC 1 and Staff Officers it was decided that he visit Base Ops, write an account of the AIF on the Island and submit it to this HQ for approval.	
	30		Lt-Col Whitelaw left for Delhi by the first AIF(CEYLON) air course to attend at Armed Reconnaissance Wing. Five officers were sent from 34 Ind Div; HQ, 1 Aust Div, 3 Aust Div, and 6/2 Aust A.F. Bde.	G/3/1377 Appx. 38.
			AIF (CEYLON) Intelligence Summary No 4, dealing with (a) Type of Units, Strength, Location (b) Enemy Broadcasts from ZQ1MC, ZHP3C and Thailand (c) Security and Information was issued to units today.	G/3/1361. Appx 4C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
KANDY	20		Notes of conference attended by GOC CEYLON COMD, BGC, Brig I/C Adm, GSO 1 31 Ind Div, Comd AIF (CEYLON) and GSO 1 AIF (G) Comd and Comd HQ at 2100 hrs are attached.	Appx. 4
	21		Mr P.T. Hudson, ADC KANDY, and Mr Dealy, LO between civilian authorities and the army called on Comd AIF (CEYLON) and were introduced to members of the staff.	
			CEYLON COMD LOCATION STATEMENT (correct to 27 May) was received this morning. Copy is attached.	Appx. 12. [signature] Capt. G.III
	22/23		COMD AIF (CEYLON) and G (I) visit KOGGALA LAKE and AMBEPUSSA on a tour of inspection of 1st Aust Inf Bde Group	Appx 3[illegible] [signature] Capt. G. III

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF AIF (CEYLON) AND IPS UNDER COMD

as at 2359 hrs 29 Apr 42

Ref Map CEYLON - 4 miles to 1 inch

UNIT	PLACE NAME	MAP REF	REMARKS
1 HQ			
HQ AIF (CEYLON)	MATUGAMA	096119	Tel : MATUGAMA 04
2 ARTY			
1 Aust A Tk Regt (less three-btys)	Military Hospital Thurston Road,CBO		)Under Comd HQ)Ceylon Command)Tel:CBO 9335,9597
H Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	"		
49 Aust LAD	"		
1 Bty (less two tps)	HOROWALA	C98113	Under comd HQ AIF (CEYLON)
2 Bty	Richmond Castle KLA SOUTH		Under comd HQ Ceylon Command
4 Bty	TRN	233366	" "
3 ENG			
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	MATUGAMA	096119	Tel : MATUGAMA 04
2/1 Aust Fd Coy		092142	
2/8 Aust Fd Coy		139067	
22 Aust Fd Pk Coy		090117	
80 Aust LAD		090117	
4 SIGS			
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	MATUGAMA	096119	Tel : MATUGAMA 04
HQ Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	"	096119	
1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	"	096119	
HQ 2 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	"	096119	
42 Aust LAD	"	096119	
5 MED			
4 Aust Gen Hosp	St. Peter's College,CBO		Tel : CBO 8281
12 Aust Gen Hosp	RAGAMA	072179	Tel : RAGAMA 801
2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit	TRN	233366	Under comd HQ Ceylon Command
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	BUSSA	102064	
6 ORD			
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop (less three rec secs)		092114	
4 Rec Sec	Victoria Park CBO		
5 Rec Sec		091142	Att 16 Aust Inf Bde
6 Rec Sec		139068	Att 17 Aust Inf Bde
F Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk		092114	
7 HQSC			
6 Aust Div Pro Coy (less three dets)	Musaeus College, Barnes Place,CBO		
one det	MATUGAMA	096119	Tel : MATUGAMA 04
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	"	096119	
No.3 Aust Base P.O.	Musaeus College Barnes Place,CBO		Tel : CBO 9583
Det AIF Kit Store	"		" " "
Det AIF Finance and Audit Sec	"		" " "
Adv 2 Ech AIF	"		" " "
Aust Military Liaison Offr	"		" " "
AACS (Maj.E.F.Hayward)	"		" " "

UNIT	PLACE NAME	MAP REF	REMARKS
16 AUST INF BDE GP			
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	HORANA	091142	Tel : HORANA 2
J Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	"	091142	
45 Aust LAD	"	091142	
7 Pl Aust HQ Cd Bn	"	091142	
HQ 2/1 Aust Inf Bn		080123	Tel : KTR 11
A Coy		080122	
B Coy		179121	
C Coy		080123	
(Beach Posn)		078122	
D Coy		080123	
(Beach Posn)		078121	
HQ Coy		080123	
HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn		092141	
A Coy		092142	
B Coy		077126	
C Coy		081106	
D Coy		092132	
HQ Coy		092142	
HQ 2/3 Aust Inf Bn		092141	
(less two coys)			
A Coy		145131	
C Coy		129140	
2/1 Aust Fd Regt		092143	
(less two btys)			
E Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div		092143	
43 Aust LAD		092143	
2 Bty		134135	
51 Bty		082123	
D Tp 1 Aust A Tk Bty		080123	
2/1 Aust Fd Amb		093143	
(less one coy)			
A Coy		081125	ADS
1 Coy AASC		092144	
5 Rec Sec 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop		091142	Att
B Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk		091142	Att
6 Aust Dental Unit		092141	
4 Aust Gen Hosp Dental Unit		092141	
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy		092143	
Under Comd			
148/43 Lt AA Regt RA		079122	
17 AUST INF BDE GP			
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde		108058	
K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div		108058	
46 Aust LAD		139068	
5 Pl Aust HQ Cd Bn		139068	
HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn		112058	
A Coy		112057	
B Coy		108058	
C Coy		112056	
D Coy		110059	
HQ Coy		111058	

UNIT	PLACE NAME	MAP REF	REMARKS
HQ 2/6 Aust Inf Bn		125056	
A Coy		120058	
B Coy		124056	
C Coy		124052	
D Coy		123055	
HQ Coy		125054	
HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn		139065	
A Coy		139065	
B Coy		140065	
C Coy		123053	
D Coy		136051	
HQ Coy		140065	
17 Aust Inf Bde Tng Bn		[illegible]	
2/2 Aust Fd Regt (less three btys)		139067	
F Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div		139067	
40 Aust LAD		139067	
3 Bty		112058	
4 Bty		124052	
52 Bty		139065	
A Tp 1 Aust A Tk Bty		120054	
2 Coy AASC		102064	
2/2 Aust Fd Amb (less two secs)		102064	
One Sec		120054	ADS
One Sec		112058	
6 Rec Sec 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop		139068	Att
E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk		139068	Att
2 Aust Dental Unit		108058	
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy		108058	
Field Cash Office		108058	

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16 Aust Inf Bde	1	1
17 Aust Inf Bde	1	2
CRE	1	3
Sigs	1	4
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	1	5
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HQ AIF (CEYLON)

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 1

(To be read in conjunction with HQ CEYLON ARMY COMMAND DEFENCE PLAN)

Ref Map: CEYLON , 4 miles to an Inch.

1. GENERAL

(a) See paras 1-4 HQ CEYLON Army Command Defence Plan of 20 Apr 42.

(b) Until the SW monsoon breaks it is possible for enemy to land on practically any part of the coast of CEYLON.
Particular care must be taken in the vicinity of KOGGALA 121054, GALLE 109059, BERUWALA 081113 and KATUKURUNDA 079123.

(c) The only two way rd in the SW fit for military traffic is the main coast rd COLOMBO -GALLE-AMBALANTOTA 205069. Most of this rd is in full view from the sea. There are no other lateral rds fit for regular military traffic as all others are either liable to flooding or interrupted by rivers with or without ferry crossings.
The alternative line of supply to southern part of SW Sector rd COLOMBO-RATNAPURA 132138-PELMADULLA 149130-MADAMBE 154119-AKURESSA 139067 to the coast, is only a one way route and will require thousands of man-hours work before it will be suitable for all military traffic.

(d) The enemy will probably endeavour to secure air landing grounds from which to operate in support of and to cover the landing of his land forces. It is, therefore, imperative that all existing aerodromes and possible landing grounds be denied to the enemy.

(e) As it is impossible to man the whole coast line, our strategy must be to garrison only vital pts with the minimum tps necessary, and to maintain the balance as a mob res for offensive action against the enemy wherever he may attempt a landing.

2. ADDITIONAL TPS

Following non-AIF units have been placed under comd AIF (CEYLON) for operations only:-

Kent Bty RM	GALLE 109059
147/43 Lt A.A. Regt RA	KOGGALA Aerodrome 121054
148/43 Lt A.A. Regt RA	KATUKURUNDA Aerodrome 079123
Armd Train	RATMALANA Ry Workshop 067154

3. ROLE

The role of AIF (CEYLON) is to defend the SW Sector of CEYLON and to repel any enemy landing in that sector.

4. BDE GP AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

AIF sector will be divided into two bde gp areas under comds as shown:-

(a) Northern Area - Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde

(b) Southern Area - Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

5. BOUNDARIES

(a) AIF:

All incl from sea to MORATUWA 0614 - line of MAHA OYA - PALAINNORUWA 084147 - KOTIGALA 100151 - KURUWITA 127148 - THALAMURUWATTA 145143 - UDAGAMA 165142 - AJUTHUWARA 173138 - KALTOTA 189135 - line of WALAWE GANGA 1909 - AMBALANTOTA 205069 to the sea.

(b) Inter-bde gp

All incl from sea to BENTOTA 083107 - line of BENTOTA GANGA - UHANOWITA 112098 - HABARAKADA 122098 - DENIYAYA 150097 - SIYAMBALAGODA 196083 - WALAWE GANGA - AMBALANTOTA 205069 to the sea.

6. METHOD OF DEFENCE

The principle on which that role is based is that after allotting the minimum force for static defence of aerodromes and beaches , the remainder will be held in mob res, in readiness to move with the utmost despatch to attack the enemy before he can establish a beach head.

7. GROUPINGS

(a) 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
J Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div
45 Aust LAD
7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2/1 Aust Fd Regt
2/1 Aust Fd Coy (operationally only)
E Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div
43 Aust LAD
D Tp 1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt
2/1 Aust Fd Amb
1 Coy AASC
6 Aust Dental Unit
4 AGH Dental Unit (temporarily)
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy
16 Aust Inf Bde Gp Trng Unit

with under comd for operations:-

148/43 Lt A A Regt RA

(b) 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div
46 Aust LAD
5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Fd Regt
2/3 Aust Fd Coy (operationally only)
F Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div
47 Aust LAD
A Tp 1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt
2 Coy AASC
2/2 Aust Fd Amb
2 Aust Dental Unit

7. GROUPINGS (contd)

(b) 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy
17 Aust Inf Bde Gp Tng Unit

with under comd for operations;-

Kent Bty RM
147/43 Lt A A Regt RA

(c) HQ AIF (CEYLON)

(i) Operational

HQ AIF (CEYLON)
1 Bty-(less two tps) 1 Aust A Tk Regt
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div
2/1 Aust Fd Coy (for operations under comd 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp)
2/8 Aust Fd Coy (for operations under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp)
22 Aust Fd Pk Coy
80 Aust LAD
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div
1 Coy Sigs
HQ 2 Coy Sigs
42 Aust LAD
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop
D Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
E " " " " " " "
F " " " " " " "
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
6 Aust Div Pro Coy (less dets)
6 Aust Div Postal Unit
Armd Train

(ii) Base Tps (under comd Comd COLOMBO BASE AREA for operational purposes)

4 Aust Gen Hosp
12 Aust Gen Hosp
2 Aust Anti-Malarial Control Unit (temporarily under comd HQ CEYLON COMD)
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy
No 3 Aust Army Base Post Office
Det AIF Finance and Audit Sec
Adv 2 Echelon AIF

(iii) Miscellaneous (under comd Comd COLOMBO BASE AREA for operational purposes)

Australian Military Liaison Officer) Major F.J.Perry
OC AIF Details)
AIF Staging Camp
Det AIF Kit Store
AACS (Major E.W.Hayward)
Australian Comforts Fund
Salvation Army
YMCA
Australian Red Cross

8. ROLES OF BDE GPS AND TPS UNDER COMMAND OPERATIONALLY

(a) 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(i) Defence of KATUKURUNDA Aerodrome

(ii) Coastal defence North of BENTOTA

(iii) Defence of HQ AIF (CEYLON) at KATUGAHA 097118

(iv) Mob Res

(b) 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(i) Defence of KOGGALA Aerodrome

(ii) Defence of GALLE (Coast Arty defences)

(iii) Coastal defence South of BENTOTA

(iv) Mob Res

(c) Kent Bty RM

Fixed coast defence GALLE

(d) 147/43 Lt A A Regt RA

A A defence KOGGALA Aerodrome

(e) 148/43 Lt A A Regt RA

A A defence KATUKURUNDA Aerodrome.

9. DISPOSITIONS WITHIN BDE GP AREAS

To perform roles allotted, respective Bde Gps will be disposed as follows:-

(a) 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(i) Defence of KTR Aerodrome
One Aust Inf Bn
One bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
One tp 1 Aust A Tk Regt
Det 2/1 Aust Fd Amb (ADS)
with under comd -
148/43 Lt A A Regt RA

(ii) Coastal defence North of BENTOTA

As ordered by Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Particular attention to be given to BERUWALA 081113

(iii) Mob Res (HORANA Area 0914

Two bns and remainder 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp NOT allotted tasks above.

(b) 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(i) Defence of KOGGALA Aerodrome
One Aust Inf Bn
One bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
One tp 1 Aust A Tk Regt
Det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb (ADS)
with under comd -
147/43 Lt A A Regt RA

9. DISPOSITIONS WITHIN BDE GP AREAS (contd)

(a) 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(ii) Defence of GALLE

One Aust Inf Bn
One bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
Det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb
with under comd -
Kent Bty RM

Bn (less det protecting Kent Bty RM) will be prepared to operate in a mob role under orders Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

(iii) Coastal defence South of BENTOTA - 083107

As ordered by Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

(iv) Mob res (AKURESSA Area 139067)

One bn and remainder 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp NOT allotted tasks above.

10. ROLES OF RES

Probable roles of res incl:-

(a) 16 Aust Inf Bde Res

(i) To hold any enemy adv from their East or SE by occupying a defensive posn in area BALANGODA 167134 - GODAKEWELA 161117 - RAKWANA 157112 - RATNAPURA 132138.

(ii) To oppose and attack any enemy landing on the West coast of AIF Sector.

(iii) To attack SW from HORANA in relief of KATUKURUNDA aerodrome.

(iv) To move South or SE to reinforce 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

(b) 17 Aust Inf Bde Res

(i) To oppose and attack any enemy landing in their area.

(ii) To move to relief of KOGGALA aerodrome or GALLE.

(iii) To deny rd MADAMPE 155119 - AKURESSA 139067 to the enemy by occupying posns in any of the following areas according to line of adv or enemy:-

area AKURESSA - 139067

" KOTAPOLA - 148091

" DULUTOTA PASS - 158112

(c) Moves to any area outside AIF Sector will NOT be carried out without orders from HQ AIF (CEYLON) or in emergency direct from HQ CEYLON COMD.

12. R & E

(a) General

(i) Engineer labour and equipment in CEYLON is strictly limited and as there are a number of large scale engineer tasks to be done it is essential that all units be prepared to undertake fd engineering tasks within the scope of their capabilities, e.g. rd blocks, A tk mine laying, bn etc shelters.

12. R[illegible] E (contd)

(d) General

(ii) Demands for engineer assistance, when fd coys are under comd of bdes, will be made through bde HQ.

Where there are no engineers under comd of bde, demands will be made through CRE.

(iii) Demands for controlled engineer stores will be made to HQ AIF (CEYLON).

Normal engineer stores will be indented for through the nearest engineer unit.

Units will NOT indent for stores through any other channels.

(b) Pending completion of major engineer tasks within AIF Sector or operations commencing, all RAE units will be under comd CRE, 6 Aust Div.

(c) CRE will arrange for RAE advisors to be made available to bde gps as required.

(d) In the event of hostilities fd coys will be placed under comds as follows :-

2/1 Aust Fd Coy - 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp

2/2 " " " - 17 " " " "

13. DEMOLITIONS

(a) Responsibility

(i) HQ AIF (CEYLON) is responsible for the demolition plan within AIF Sector.

(ii) HQ Bde Gps will make recommendations regarding proposed demolitions within their respective areas but will NOT commence work on any demolition unless ordered by this HQ.

(iii) The implementing of div and bde demolition plans is an engineer responsibility. CRE will be responsible for the necessary recce, calculation and preparation of demolition chambers and the holding of charges and stores.

(b) Charges

(i) Charges will be made up, fuses cut to length and all the necessary explosive materials and stores for each br or other demolition will be held in res by the engineer unit charged with the duty of firing the charge.

(ii) Charges will NOT be placed in posn without orders from GOC AIF (CEYLON). Charges when placed will be fired only on the orders of an offr detailed by name from this HQ (see Appx"A")

(c) Demolition Plan

Demolitions to be prepared and offrs responsible for giving executive order to blow are att at Appx "A".

(d) Additional Demolitions

The following will be reconnoitred by RAE with a view to recommendations for inclusion in the Demolition Plan:-

(i) DALANGODA 166134 - [illegible] 156129 -
KAHAWATTA 152126 - SINNADALGODA 196082.

13. DEMOLITIONS (contd)

(c) Additional Demolitions

(ii) Line WALASHULLA 166073 - BELIATTA 172061 - TANGALLA 179058

(iii) Line of NILWALA GANGA (mouth at MATARA 148048)

(iv) WAKWELLAMULLA 124068 - GALLE 108059

(v) Line of GIN GANGA (mouth at GINTOTA 103063)

(vi) Line of BENTOTA GANGA (mouth at BENTOTA 082107)

14. MINEFIELDS

(a) A tk mines

(i) A tk mines whether laid as adjuncts to rd blocks or in minefields will be accurately plotted in relation to some local feature and recorded with full details of number, type, bearings and length of boundaries and distance, and bearing of corners of boundaries from selected datum.

This information will be presented clearly enough for tps with no first hand knowledge of the area to be able to locate each individual mine.

(ii) All information relative to minefields, own or enemy, will be forwarded to this HQ for recording by G111(i) and CRE. Two large scale plans (the larger the better) will be prepared for each minefield laid; one copy will be retained by HQ Bde Gp (to be handed over in event of relief) and the other copy will be forwarded to HQ AIF (CEYLON)

(b) Sea mines

(i) Sufficient sea mines for a total distance of about 10 miles are to be made available by the Navy. They are suitable for use in the sea, on the beaches, or for protection of fixed defences. They will probably be effective up to 200 yds which must be considered when recce being made for suitable sites. Mines should be spaced not less than 50 yds apart.

(ii) HQ Bde Gps will submit recommendations showing proposed sites, object and number of mines desired.

(c) Safety precautions

ALL minefields will be clearly marked and adequate safety precautions taken for the protection of both civilians and our tps.

15. COMMS

(a) River Crossings

(i) Flying brs will be erected under direction of CRE over KALU GANGA at ANGURUWATOTA 093133 .

(ii) Br will be erected over the BENTOTA GANGA vicinity UDAGAMA 100099.

15. COMMS - (contd)

(b) Rds

CRE will recce and carry out necessary improvements to:-

(i) BULUTOTA PASS 158112

(ii) Rd HAYES 162099 - BULUTOTA PASS

(iii) Rd turnings at NEDODA 093127

CRE will also ensure that there are adequate passing bays on rds as necessary.

(c) Ferries

Recces with a view to estimating carrying capacity and suitability of all ferries in the AIF area will be made by CRE.

16. RD BLOCKS AND PILL BOXES

CRE will prepare plans of standard rd blocks and pill boxes for erection in the AIF Sector.

17. ARTY

2/1 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty), under comd 16 Aust Inf Bde.

One bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt, defence KATUKURUNDA Aerodrome.

2/2 Aust Fd Regt (less two btys), under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde.

One bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt, under comd Aust Inf Bn responsible for GALLE area.

One bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt, defence of KOGGALA Aerodrome.

18. A TK

1 Aust A Tk Bty (less two tps) - AIF res - HORAWALA 098113.

One tp 1 Aust A Tk Bty - defence of KOGGALA Aerodrome.

One tp 1 Aust A Tk Bty - defence of KATUKURUNDA Aerodrome.

19. VULNERABLE POINTS

(a) It will not be possible with the forces available to guard all vulnerable pts within Bde areas.

(b) The principle to be adopted will be to guard the minimum number of vulnerable pts consistent with the maintenance of effective comms so that mobility of bdes will not be impaired.

(c) Guards on approved vulnerable pts will only be mounted on threat of invasion or operations commencing.

20. AERODROMES

(a) Traces showing fire plan for defence of aerodromes will be submitted by Bdes to HQ AIF (CEYLON)

20. AERODROMES (contd)

(b) Bdes will recce their areas with the object of locating any possible areas (600 yds or more) which could be used as landing grounds by either our own or enemy planes.

Reports will be forwarded to HQ AIF (CEYLON) as soon as possible. This matter will be treated as urgent.

21. ARMD TRAIN

(a) Role

To oppose any enemy landing within range of the ry line COLOMBO - ILAVARA 142048

(b) Crew and Armament

(i) Crew

2 offrs and 32 O/Rs, CPRC Res.

(ii) Armament will consist of :-

1 12-pr naval gun
8 MGs (2 for AA) (5 only on hand)
2 Bren guns
2 2.75 (NOT yet available)

(c) Comd

(i) For Operations

Under comd HQ AIF (CEYLON)

(ii) For Administration

Under comd COLOMBO Base Area

(d) Comms

Sigs 6 Aust Div will arrange for comm between carriages, and wireless comm between armd train and this HQ.

(e) Identity Passes

To enable members of the crew to proceed to the train without traffic delays, identity passes suitably endorsed will be issued by this HQ.

22. FD WORKS

A tk and Anti-boat scaffolding.

(a) Blue prints, samples and general description have been issued.

Approx 1800 yds are being made available to this Formation immediately.

One mile of this equipment weighs 240 tons and it is very cumbersome.

Equipment is suitable for use:-

(i) In inland waterways
(ii) As an A tk obstacle
(iii) For general defence of a fixed defence or a tactically important area
(iv) For beach defence

22. FD WORKS (contd)

A tk and Anti-boat scaffolding

(b) HQ Bde Gps will forward their recommendations and state actual sites for delivery of equipment in order to avoid double-handling.

23. CAMOUFLAGE

Colours to be used in CEYLON for camouflage are light green ground with a very dark green disruptive pattern.

All vehicles will be camouflaged in accordance with the latest designs for disruptive painting of vehicles issued separately.

Indents should be submitted for camouflage nets to complete all WD vehicles.

24. AIR CO-OPERATION

(a) At present no direct co-operation can be arranged.

(b) Pending arrangements three broadcast receiving sets are being made available for the receipt of information from RAF.

These will be located as follows:-

HQ AIF (CEYLON)
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

25. INTER-COMN

(a) HQ AIF (CEYLON) - MATUGAMA 097118

(b) Diagram of existing sig comn is att at Appx "B"

(c) Diagram of proposed sig conns is att at Appx "C"

(d) "BEETLE" Organisation is att at Appx "D"

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16 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 3	25 - 27
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2/1 Aust Fd Amb	5	29
17 Aust Inf Bde	6 - 8	30 - 32
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	9	33
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	10	34
1 Qty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	11	35
CRE	12	36
Sigs	13	37
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	14	38
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DEMOLITION PLAN — SECRET

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1. Delegating authorities (for demolitions) will be responsible for finding covering parties for the engineer demolition parties where necessary.

2. Arrangements must be made by delegating authorities for the rapid and certain transmission of orders to demolition parties and firing parties.

3. On receipt of code word as shown charges will be placed and firing and covering parties will remain in position. This code word delegates authority to the offr responsible for ordering firing of demolitions as necessary.

Gp	Nature of Demolition	Map Ref	Map Sheet	Place Name	Unit Responsible	Code Word	Delegating Authority	Offr to whom delegated
A	Ry Br	652614	1 mile to 1 inch				Comd COLOMBO BASE AREA	@
	Rd Br	655615	"	St Peters College	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	DITCH		
	Rd Br	665620	"	nr Town Park				
	Rd Br	666620	"	" " "				
	Rd Br	676625	"	nr Ramsay Garden				
	Rd Br	678626	"	" " "				
	Rd Br	688620	"					
	Rd Br	714643	"	nr Pirivena Cemetry				
	Rd Br	708648	"					
	Rd Br	708653	"					
	Footbridge	705655	"					
B	Rd Br	080138	CEYLON 4 miles to 1 inch	North of NAMUNUKULA				
	Rd Br	078140	"	West of WEWITA	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	GALE		
	Rd Br	073137	"	East of TALPITIYA				
	Rd Br	072137	"	TALPITIYA				
	Ry Br	072137	"	TALPITIYA				

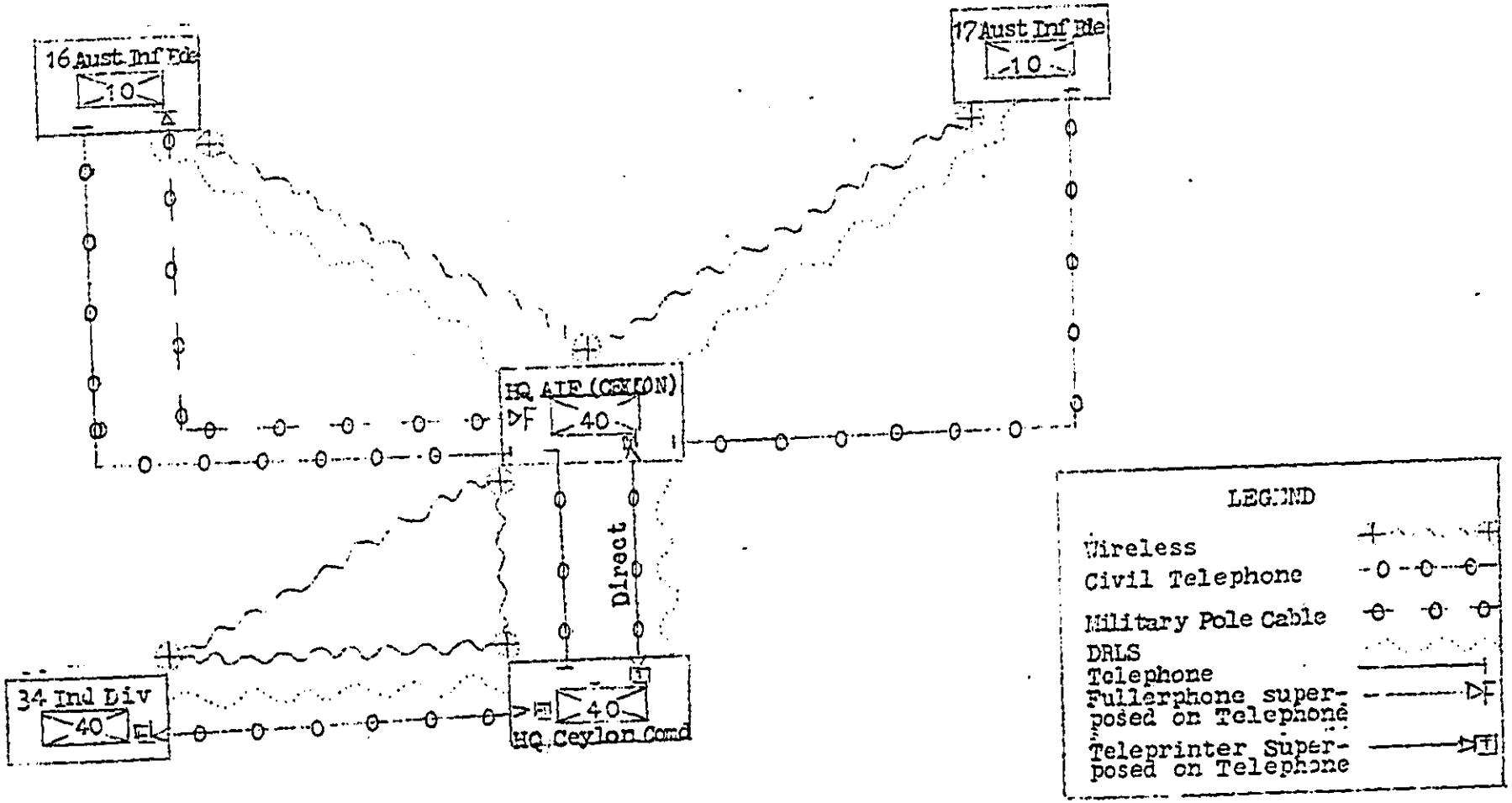
Group	Nature of Demolition	Map Ref	Map Sheet	Place Name	Unit Responsible	Code Word	Delegating Authority	Offr to whom delegated
C	Rd Br	083132	CEYLON 4 miles to 1 inch	East of AIYAGAMA	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	WIND	Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp	@
	Rd Br	083131	"	East of AIYAGAMA				
	Rd Br	077126	"	KALUTARA				
	Ry Br	077126	"	KALUTARA				
D	To be reconnoitred							
E	To be reconnoitred							
F	Installations and plant GALLE Harbour	108059	CEYLON 4 miles to 1 inch	GALLE	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	Ø		
G	To be reconnoitred							
H	To be reconnoitred							
I	To be reconnoitred							
J	Rd Br	196082	Ceylon 4 miles to 1 inch	SIYANDALAGODA	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	Ø	Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp	
	Rd Br	206069	"	AMBALANTOTA				

NOTE: Ø - Code word will be issued later.

@ - To be nominated by "Delegating Authority".

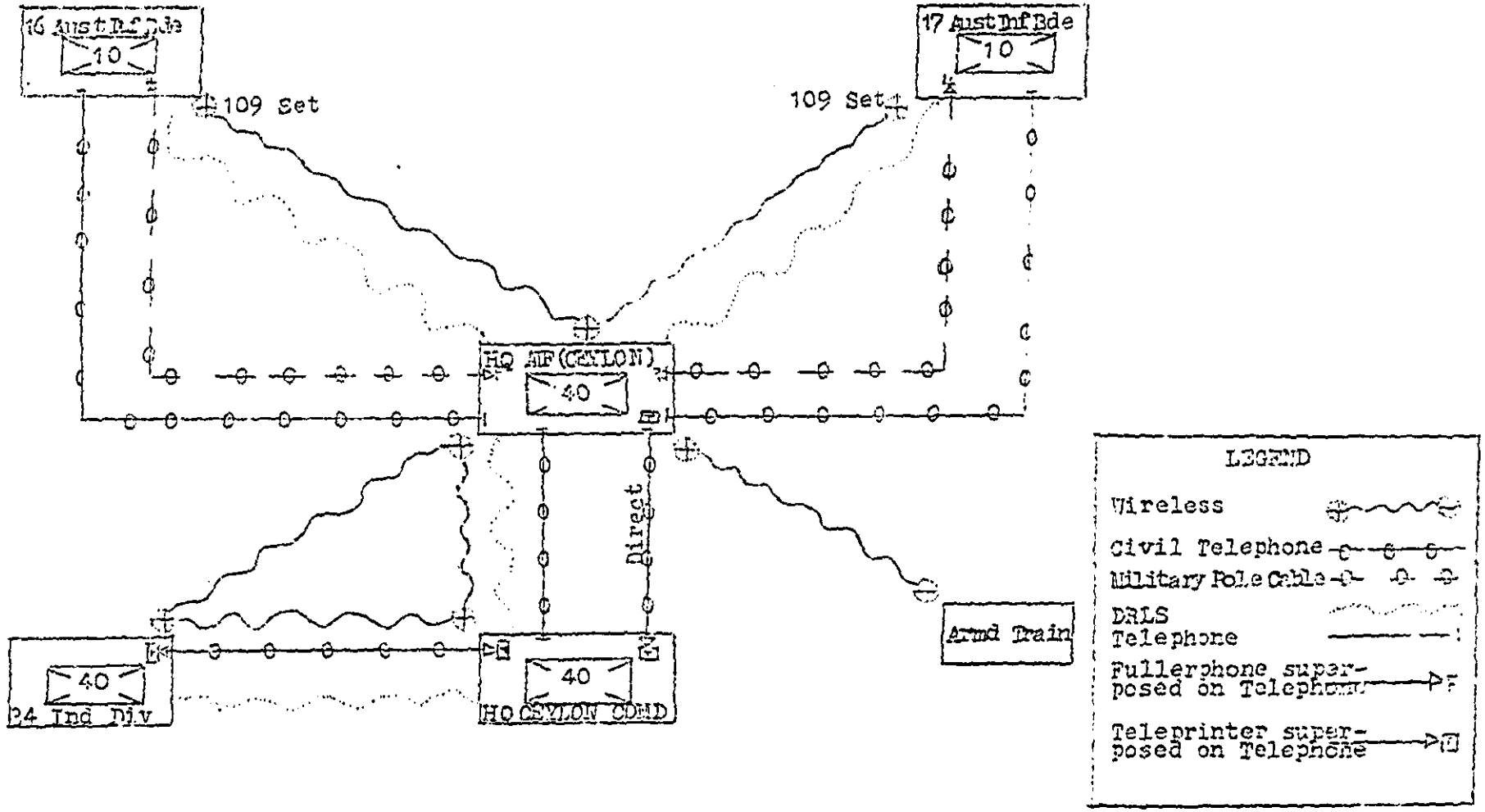
APPENDIX "3"

DIAGRAM OF EXISTING SIG COMNS



APPENDIX "C"

DIAGRAM OF PROPOSED SIG COMMS



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APPX "D"

BEETLE ORGANISATION

(a) OBJECT

The object of this organisation is to ensure that all service authorities are able to continue to render and receive reports and that the lowest formation and remote outlying stas are kept in touch with the situation in the event of failue of normal line comms.

(b) ORGANISATION

The organisation will comprise:-

(i) A W/T network linking up the senior offrs and HQs of the three services and the main Base Areas at CBO and TRN. Control Station will be at Area Combined HQ.

(ii) A R/T Broadcast organisation whereby the lower formation HQ and remote outlying stas are supplied with commer- Broadcast receivers which will enable them to receive messages broadcast by R/T transmitter.

(c) The following will comprise the R/T organisation:-

The broadcast will be made from the Broadcasting Station, CBO on the existing Long Wave Transmitter and at the same time on a Short Wave Transmitter to give complete coverage over the whole island.

(d) WATCH TO BE KEPT

(i) On the order "STAND BY BEETLE" constant watch willbe maintained at all stas comprising the W/T organisationas at para b (i) above. All R/T stas will keep watch forthwith for the first five minutes of every hr.

(ii) On the order "LAY ON BEETLE" all R/T stas will keep constant watch.

(iii) On the order "LAY OFF"BEETLE" all W/T and R/T will cease.

NOTE:- Should line comms fail before the issue of any of the above orders W/T and/or R/T watch as for "LAY ON BEETLE" should be set without further orders.

BEETLE ORGANISATION (cont)

(e) AIF units will be equipped with wireless receiving sets as follows:-

Serial No	UNIT		
1.	HQ Sigs AIF (CEYLON)	1.	Responsible for information to all units HQ AIF (CEYLON)
2.	HQ Sigs _ Aust Div	1.	At Sig Office
3.	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde "J" Sec Sigs	1.	
4.	HQ 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	1.	
5.	HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	1.	
6.	HQ 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	2.	
7.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde "K" Sec Sigs	1.	
8.	HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	2.	One to det force (GALLE Fort)
9.	HQ 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	2.	For HQ Bn and Coys around LAKE KOGGALA
10.	HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1.	
11.	2 Coy AASC	1.	
12.	1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	1.	
			Total 15

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Subject: INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.2

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

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1 May 43

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PART 1.-NEWS.

ITALY.

A report dated 6 Apr states three new Italian infantry divisions appear to have been formed making an identified total of 70 Italian Divisions. There are also unconfirmed reports of a new armoured div forming near ROME. New infantry regiments for a further eight div exist in embryo.

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FRANCE.

A report from London dated 4 Apr stated that the U.S.A. government had received reports that Laval was to be reinstated in return for the release of some French prisoners.

On 30 Mar the U.S. Ambassador at Vichy informed Marshal Petain that if he yielded a serious view would be taken of the matter, with a probable breach of Franco-U.S.A. diplomatic relations. Petain's reply was non-committal.

MADAGASCAR.

At the moment interest centres in this island.

Madagascar is reported to have a comparatively small garrison and lies athwart vital Allied sea-communications.

The following information has been obtained from a Vichy Naval Officer from DIEGO SUAREZ - A large amount of war equipment at SABA (North Madagascar). Included were A.A. guns, aeroplanes and lorry spare parts.

Intensive production of synthetic petrol is in operation.

Many Vichy warships have had their mainmasts removed to facilitate A/A fire.

(G.H.Q. India Summary No.23)

Some weeks ago the Governor General of MADAGASCAR stated the island would be defended against any aggression. He also denied that any Jap. or German infiltration had taken place.

It is known that over 100 landing grounds exist on the island and would make the island an excellent air base for raiding aircraft along our sea-lines.

Japanese interest in the island has been most apparent of late and in view of the all out "collaboration" favoured by Laval, must be considered seriously.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

It is known that 50,000 ton of ocean going shipping has been handed over to the Japanese. A large amount of smaller craft are also located in ports of INDO-CHINA and are probably being used by the Japs. -This tonnage amounts to over 30,000 tons.

AFRICA-MEDITTERRANEAN.

On 1 Apr an 8 inch cruiser was sunk near STROMBOLI, by one of H.M.Submarines.

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PART 1 - NEWS (Continued)

MALTA.

After a short respite, Axis air activity, has been resumed; The intensity of these raids has increased further the average scale being about 200 a/c for 24 hrs. Enemy a/c in Sicily are now estimated at 500.

LAND OPERATIONS AFRICA.

Reports show patrol activity continues. There is no evidence to show the recce in force carried out by the Germans a fortnight ago as the prelude to an offensive or merely being what has been an abnormally wide "No Man's Land". Both sides have had a chance to recoup their losses from previous offensive; -Rommel under cover of air operations on MALTA, whilst Gen. Auchinleck has doubtless lost portion of his reinforcements in men and materials to harder pressed fronts.

TURKEY.

A report states the Germans have, of late, been organising a campaign to improve their Trade with TURKEY.

TURKISH Govt. have decreed Agricultural Mobilisation to increase food production in the Spring. All fertilisers are believed to have been siezed by the Agricultural Bank for distribution to farmers who need them most.

BURMA.

With the exception of the successful Chinese counter-attack on the oilfields at YENANG YAONG, our forces continue to withdraw. Allied air activity has increased during the past week and caused a corresponding slowing up of the Japanese rate of advance.

Fighting continues in the area of PINY RIVER where Japanese reinforcements have arrived following the successful Chinese attack on YENANG YAUNG.

On the other front in BURMA Chinese forces withdrew from LOIKAW re-establishing contact with the main forces further [illegible].

AUSTRALASIA

NEW GUINEA

Activity in NEW GUINEA is confined to air raids. Officers with an extensive knowledge of the country consider the movement of troops from the north to the south to be a task of great magnitude and likely to take considerable time.

AUSTRALIA

Chief members of the Staff of South West Pacific Command have been announced.

Chief of Staff	Maj Gen SUTHERLAND
Deputy Chief of Staff	Brig Gen MARSHALL
Asst Chief of Staff (personnel)	Col Stevens
Intelligence Officer	Col Willoughby

These four served with Gen. MacArthur in the Phillipines.

Operation & Training Asst Staff Chief - Brig.Gen. Chamberlain.

Supply -	Col. Whitlock
Adjutant General	Col. Fitch

Two members of Aust Imperial Forces are also on the staff-Col. H.F.H. Durant & Lt.Col J.D.Rogers.

Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey Commander in Chief land forces in Aust.
Maj.Gen Brett Air Commander in Chief
Admiral Leary Naval Commander in Chief.

PART 1 - NEWS (Continued)

NEW ZEALAND.

A new command separate from Gen. MacArthur's has been announced .It will embrace/ New Zealand, Fiji and other islands, for whose defence N.Z. is responsible. It will officially designated as South Pacific Area Naval Command.

IRAN.

The Jap. Minister in Tehoran and the Jap Legation Staff left for PALLEVI Baku, Kuibyshev, Tokyo on the morning of 23 Apr 42.

ENEMY BROADCASTS TOKYO in ENGLISH 17/4/42 PART TWO

1. HIGH DUTCH OFFICERS INTERNED.

46 High ranking officials, including the former Governor General of the N.E.I. and Commander in Chief of the East Indies, have been interned on their arrival in BATAVIA from BANDOENG.

2. AMERICAN WAR CORRESPONDENT ADVISES AGAINST ANGLO-AMERICAN MEDDLING

Mr N.O.Owens, now a prisoner of war, told Jap. reporters that the time has come for Anglo-Americans to leave Asia. Asia will be better, he said, under the leadership of Japan, because, geographically, economically and politically, she is closer to Asia than U.S.A. and Great Britian.

3. TIP TO INDIA

The only way the people of INDIA can save themselves from the horrors of war is by with-holding support to BRITAIN and being indifferent to the defence of INDIA.

4. TOKYO 23/4/42

Dum-dum bullets were carried by your members of the crew of the British destroyer "Jupiter" when they were picked up recently by a Jap destroyer in undisclosed waters. The four British Sailors said they had been authorised by their higher officers to use this type of cartridge.

5. INDIAN NATIONALS IN JAPAN TREATED AS FRIENDLY

Indian nationals in Japan will enjoy the same freedom as friendly nationals to communicate with relations and friends in occupied Territories of Japan and MANCHUKUO, JAVA, FRENCH - INDO - CHINA and THAILAND.

6. WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION ON SINGAPORE AREA

Albert and Victoria Docks in SINGAPORE are rapidly being restored to their former efficiency by Japnese. March 23rd the first Japanese ship sailed in for repairs.

The workers are concentrating mainly on reconstruction work of the docks damaged by the British. The work will receive a fresh impetus when iron and coal from MALAYA and teak from BURMA come in.

7. BERLIN 23/4/42

"Okay" in the News Commentry waxes sarcastic. Speaks of the loquacity of the British over Laval's speech and makes much of the war communiques which habitually state their "main forces have been able to withdraw still further according to plan".

He disposes as sheer bluff the long trail of guarantees given to various peoples- not the least of them being Wavell's pledge of victory to the Indian people.

PART III. INFORMATION & SECURITY

INFORMATION.

The following is a precis of an account by an officer who was evacuated from SINGAPORE on 13 Feb 42:—

" Ten Jap. prisoners under guard were embarked on H.M.S.GRASSHOPPER. They were handled roughly and some annoyance was expressed by Ship's Officers that they should be evacuated. A threat to throw them overboard was made and averted only by "I" officers arguing their "I" value, propaganda value and the large number of BRITISH prisoners. "I" Officers gave them cigarettes and chocolate during the voyage and a further link was the ability of one of their number to speak CHINESE.

The Ship was bombed intermittently for four hours, during which their behaviour was stoical and disciplined. The guard abandoned 2 rifles within their reach while seeking cover, which were collected by an I.O. who then mounted guard with a revolver. Proved unnecessary.

The prisoners were aft and the after magazine was hit - still no panic or attempt to escape, although some B.O.Rs deserted ship. Prisoners gathered forward and awaited orders to abandon ship. After the order 2 prisoners sought out an I.O. and asked to swim ashore with him for his own protection, as they were good swimmers. Ashore, prisoners were calm and dressed wounds of casualties. A striking contrast to the incompetence of others. On the beach the party was machine gunned from the air, but prisoners remained unperturbed. When volunteers for managing the whaler were requested to pick up casualties from the burning ship Jap. prisoners of war went. Their manderly behaviour under fire was exemplary and their helpfulness beyond praise".

SECURITY: FIFTH COLUMN.

The potential fifth column here is large. One resident of 10 years' standing declares that 60% are passive, but potentially anti-British, 30% are actively anti-British, whilst 10% are intensely loyal. In addition peddlars (Chinese), hawkers and Buddhist priests are likely fifth columnists.

In CEYLON there have been, at various times, BURMAN Buddhist priests, one of whom had pronounced pro-Jap tendencies. He is now under arrest.

In order to understand the potential menace of the yellow robe, it must be made quite clear that there is no centralised control of Buddhist priests and anybody can become an "apprentice" priest by convincing a priest of his belief in Buddhism. Furthermore the robes may be quite easily obtained and so the possibility of bogus priests cannot be neglected.

Finally, with regard to the local civil population, there is bound to be a certain percentage who, through fear or desire of possible gain, would actively assist the enemy if the opportunity occurs.

CARELESS TALK

There are still many cases of troops discussing military matters, with and/or in the hearing of strangers. It is essential to gain the co-operation of all to suppress this practice.

GREEN ENVELOPES

Repeated abuse of the green envelope has been noticed during the past month.

These envelopes are a privilege and are liable to withdrawal.

JAPANESE AIR TACTICS

PART III INFORMATION AND SECURITY(Continued)

INFORMATION.(Jap. air Tactics continued).

(1) 4 engined flying-boats are slow, easy targets and do not avoid R.D.F. by low flying. Twin-engined high-level bombers employ a long straight run in close formation, persisting until shot, regardless of fighter or gun op position. Loss of the leader seriously reduces effectiveness of attack Damaged enemy aircraft attempt to crash land on carrier deck. Bombing runs are carried out at 11000 feet, preceded by climb or glide of several thousand feet, and speed upward of 160 knots. Bombers are equipped with cannon and ta il turrets. Engines are vulnerable and catch fire easily.

(2) Notes on Jap. Air Tactics compiled from experience joined in Malaya, Burma and Philippine s.

Japanese aircraft are somewhat inferior to our latest types. Fighters are, however, e xtremely manoeuvrable, so that with the aid of detachable auxiliary petrol tanks, bombers are provided with excellent escort over long d istances. At present, none of the Jap. aircraft, bombers or fighters, appears to have any protective armour; but it is possible that it may be installed in their latest types.

BOMBER TACTICS.

Formations usually fly in "V" formation of 3 to 9 aircraft in two or more waves. A wave 15 - 30 aircraft, with the leading "V" flying 50-100 feet lower than the wings.

APPROACH.

When opposition is likely bombers fly in at heights between 15000-21000 feet. If opposition is negligible, they fly in at considerably lower altitudes. Gliding approaches are occasionally used.

BOMB RELEASE.

Night bombing is usually carried out from between 15000 - 20000 feet. Night bombing appears to be carried out only on moonlight nights. By day bomb release is according to approach.

TYPE OF BOMBING AND METHOD

Bombs dropped in one run usually - Pattern Bombing . If Japs. have complete air superiority practice runs are occasionally made. In all other cases one run and aircraft make straight off. Bombs are dropped by signal from leader's aircraft which is usually made by a short burst of machine gun fire.

FIGHTER TACTICS - GROUND STRAFING TACTICS

(a) Fighters approach, peel off at 6000 feet, dive steeply, pull out very low (30-40 feet), then climb steeply. The first attack is followd by another of no definite type.
(b). One flight comes in low and machine guns the area, while one or more flights stay above at 15000 -13000 feet, diving on opposing fighters endeavouring to take off.
(c) A typical formation used in ground strafing is 3 aircraft in front with 2 ech pairs at same level slightly to port and starboard and astern of forward echelon. One aircraft is left above as high cover.
(d) As bomber escort, the fighters draw off intercepting fighters and after bombing attack, ground strafe from some 1000 feet above and 1500 feet behind the bomber formation.

TACTICS IN COMBAT

Bombers very tight formations and as aircraft are shot down, close up, fly away fast and attack only weakens if leader is shot down.

FIGHTERS

Loose formation, often circles at varying heights. When out numbered, they show a marked disinclination to accept combat.

GUNNERY

Bombers not always accurate. Fire is opened at long range.
Fighters' Gunnery good.

INFORMATION AND SECURITY (Continued)

INFORMATION JAPANESE AIR TACTICS (Continued)

REACTION TO A.A.

Has the effect of driving bombers higher, but does not break their formation.

Fighters often dive straight on to A.A. position when ground strafing.

RECONNAISSANCE

Considerable importance is attached to recce. Usually a raid is preceded by several high-flying aircraft for some days ahead. One fighter is often left behind to photograph or observe the damage done.

Japanese pilots make a point of shooting up descending parachutists.

CENSORSHIP

Consorship, of late, has shown unit censors too lax in many cases. One example may be quoted:-

A parcel containing tea was wrapped in a local daily newspaper. Also the cash value of these parcels should NOT be stated in rupees.

for Lt.Col Major
General Staff

Distribution:

16 Aust Inf Bde	8
17 Aust Inf Bde	8
CRE	1
1 Aust A Tk Regt	2
Sigs	1
ADMS	1
AQ	2
War Diary	2
File	1
HQ CEYLON Command	1
34 Ind Div	1

PART IV. ROAD RECCE REPORTS

NOTE. When submitting road reports units are asked to use the form as set out below.

CLASS	CO - ORDS	Distance in MILES	BRIDGES	SURFACE	REMARKS Ref HORANA -RAKWANA 1" - 1 mile
A 1	712410 to 777259	9½	3 - 7293 78 Double Span 775265 & 775263 Iron Girder 600'	Bitumen good	
A 1	711413 to 0374 49	20	4 - 788403 943432 959437(2)	Bitumen good	Narrow bridges same width as road. Easy turning points plentiful.
B 2 to 8080160 & B 3	828405 to 802380	2½	Culvert at 828405 Narrow	Broken earth req repair	T C P 818405 Turning points at branch roads. Proposed rd block 820391 Dispersion Areas 2
A 1	811415 to 802380	7¾	8	Bitumen metal bound	Bridges single traffic Good rd blocks plentful
A 1	866429 to 685504	13	4 838478 " " " 709512	Bitumen	Bridge at 709512 4 span iron girder proposed demolition. Proposed rd block at 853458 Route subject to flood
A 1	685504 to 709423	5½	1 686484	Bitumen	Bridge 7 span iron girder 650' x 30'
B 2	777259 to 867263	8¾	4 809296 (857284) (857279) (863269) Bad Decking	Bitumen in places remainder gravel	T C P 777259 T P in branch rds only
A 1	868258 to 892267	14½	4 902296 " " "	Bitumen metal bound	T C P 927265 T P 887260 888262 893269 895276 928327 938322 906267
B to 850259 C2 to 863253	780250 to 863252	6½	4 786252 815255 828263 836266	very patchy	Route liable to flood except at 851258 863253

PART IV. ROAD RECCE REPORTS (Continued)

Map Refs HORANA - RAKWANA 1" - 1 mile

CLASS	CO-ORDS	Distance in MILES	BRIDGES	SURFACE	REMARKS
A 1	766285 to 912353	10½	6	Bitumen metal bed	Proposed rd blocks 3. Route liable to flood
B 1	922326 to 842423	7½	5	Bitumen earth and metal	Bridges one way traffic 5 ton load
B 1	710423 to 891488	8	-	Gravel	Route liable to flood. 760449 small ferry capacity 1 vehicle width 100 yds.
C	92135 to 744406	3	8 921320 914306 906304 891309 860322	dirt with one stretch good asphalt	Ferry at 808362 capable of 15 cwt MT. Bridges one way traffic. Possible road-blocks 860322 827363 culvert bad decking 806361 bad culvert no detour.
C	865478 to 871429	3¾	1 873439	Dirt and gravel	
B 2	826420 to 855454	3	1 838442	Dirt and gravel	
B	831244 to 829264	1½		gravel	at 831263 light iron gate (locked) across road. Key at 833264
B	811239 to 808255	1¼	1 811239	gravel	Bridge capacity 5 ton one way traffic
B	791242 to 808255	1¼		gravel	
A1	780249 to 802229	2		bitumen	
B2	818419 to 813410	1¾		hard earth	Road junctions at 817401 necessary to widen for MT. 2 men 2 hrs work
B2	832420 to 830396	1¾	1	hard earth	Road corner impossible for MT at 828404

All Map Refs GALLE Centralised Sheet - 9 1" = 1 mile SECRET

SERIAL No	CLASS-IFICATION	MAP REF	Distance in YARDS	BRIDGES	SURFACE	REMARKS
Not Indexed	C 1	233609 to DAGAMA 229609		6 Single Span 1 Double Span	Tarred	Good all weather road
" "	C 3	220320-240830		Nil	Gravel	Very bad surface, road used by private cars only, rd terminates
6	C 1	186643-12377	8000	3 bridges class	Gravel	Good all weather rd.
22	C 2	195875-203557	1900	Nil	Gravel	Only narrow for 1½ miles road would bec[illegible] impassable to M.T.
32	C 2	230574-239543	3000	Nil	Grassy	Many narrow culverts and would be impassable from 239572 to M.T.
34	C 2	240942-244434	6600	Nil	Gravel	Would be dangerous to M.T. in wet weather.
40	C 2	250522-254534	1200	Nil	Earth	Road not recently used by M.T. very loose surface. Unfit for Transport.
39	C 4	249833-247840	1500	Nil	Earth	Unfit for Traffic
30	C 4	246533-241540	800	Nil	Earth	Too narrow for any M.T.
28	C 3	235527-246534	1400	Nil	Earth	Impassable for M.T. at 242533 owing to [illegible]
27	C 3	232529-234540	1000	Nil	Earth	Road impassable to M.T.
26	C 2	230541-231547	600	Nil	Earth	Suitable for light M.T. only
25	C 2	213535-221540	600	Nil	Earth	M.T. would encounter difficulty at narrow points
24	C 2	215536-207540	2200	Nil	Earth	Rd passes thro high RAF area and is restricted for their use only from 213540 to 21554
23	C 2	204541-201542	1300	Nil	Gravel & earth	Rd has very narrow points at 500 yds from June, would probably be impassable to M.T. there
20	C 1	196534-190534	1200	Nil	Gravel & metal	Good all weather rd.
19	C 3	190541-184543	1700	Nil	Earth	[illegible]
5	C 1	231571-262577	7500	2 bridges class 5	Gravel & metal	Good all weather rd.

SERIAL No of rd	CLASSIFICATION	MAP REF	Distance in YARDS	BRIDGES	SURFACE	REMARKS
145	C 2	975687-974700	1500	Nil	Fine gravel loose stones	Would deteriorate wet weather
144	C 2	974694-977694	300	Nil	Fine gravel	Good dry weather rd, but subject to deterioration
143	B 1	975635-980700	2000	Nil	Bitumen	Good all weather rd.
134	B 2	030630-033672	4500 ,	2 bridges: stone culvert	Fine gravel	Rd cuts badly with heavy M.T.
141	B 2	994632-008638	1600	1 Stone culvert	Fine gravel loose stones	Good all weather rd.
139	B 2 & C 2	013700-010614	5800	Nil	Fine gravel	Good all weather rd. Change of classification at rd junc 0099666 rd still good but narrow
142	C 2	995664-996700	4800	Nil	Fine gravel	This rd is classed a reason 3
137	C 3	023643-021669	900	1 br unsafe to any M.T.	Sand & loose stone	Fair rd in dry weather but impassable when wet, from 019640 cart track only
136	C 3	017645-025645	880	Nil	Loose sand	Cart track only
130	C 3	037687-042692	1000	Foot bridge	Loose sand	Cart track only
131	C 3	040630-045632	880	Nil	Loose sand	Very narrow track impassable in wet weather
138	C 3	053670-000664	3500	Nil	Fine gravel	Impassable to M.T. owing to badly cut surface
135	A 1 & C 2	022637-028656	2900	Nil	Bitumen earth and stone	First 400 yards rd resumes good all weather rd then deteriorates to cart track only
13	C 2	165570-164593	3000	Nil	Red earth	Very windy and narrow
12	C 2	164547-158568	2500	1 bridge class 5	Earth & gravel	With attention could easily be improved.
17	B 2	174694-171587	3000	1 bridge class 5	Gravel & Metal	Good surface and could be improved to class 1

NOTE:- All Map refs GALLIS Centralised Sheet 1" = 1 mile

17 AUST INF BDE GP Ref Map CEYLON 1"=1 mile Notes on roads S.W. CEYLON reports based on recces by units of Bde Gp

Serial No of rd	Classification	Map Ref.	Distance in YARDS	Bridges	Surface	Remarks
97	B 1	089611-091603	1200	Concrete culvert class 9	Bitumen	Good all weather road
31	B 1	205484-254571	5000	Nil	Red earth & gravel	Road may deteriorate slightly when wet but should not become impassable.
18	B 1	195544- 205593	4000	2 bridges class 5	Gravel	Good dry weather rd but subject to severe deterioration after heavy rain.
29	B 1 C 1	254571-243524	5000	2 bridges class 5	Red earth & gravel	Rd has varying classifications and can be recommended as dry weather rd only
104	B 1	080658-087631	1200	Nil	Bitumen	All weather road
110	B 2	105636-105641	600	Nil	Fine gravel R	Good gravel rd, not easily effected by rain
108	C 2	093641-095632	1500	Nil	Fine gravel	Good dry weather rd but probably impassable when heavy rain falls
122	B 2	081638-064644	2200	Nil	Fine gravel	Not subjected to deterioration
103	B 1	097638-050613	6000	Nil	Bitumen	Good all weather road
2	B 1	295593-125596	20000	4 br class 9	Bitumen	Good all weather rd numerous culverts
109	B1,2, C 3	106636-087637	4200	Nil	Bitumen and fine gravel	From 108636 is B 1 to 105642 where it changes to C3 to point 105635 where it improves to B2
21	C 2	175560-194553	2000	Nil	Red earth and gravel	Very narrow rd becoming impassable to M.T. in wet weather
20	C 2	171572-197548	4000	1 br class 5	Red earth and gravel	Suitable for H.T.only in wet weather
19	C 2	174588-197575	2000	1 br class 5		H.T. only can be used on this road in wet weather
33	C 2	239591-258582	2000	Nil	Gravel & earth	Subject to washaways and then becoming passable to M.T. only

Ref Map GALLE Centralised Sheet 1" - 1 mile

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SERIAL No of Rd	CLASSIFICATION	MAP REF	Distance in YARDS	BRIDGES	SURFACE	REMARKS
31 (Cont)	B 1	254570-215568	7000	1 br class 5	Gravel and Red earth	Rd may deteriorate slightly when wet but should never become impassable
35	C 3	266593-255575	3000	Nil	Red earth	Unsuitable for M.T.
35 (Cont)	B 1	281571-300584	3000	Nil	Gravel & Metal	Good all weather road
45	B 2	327512-308542	3500	Nil	Red earth	Rd has bad patches and would deteriorate very much in bad weather
46		327517-323528	1500	Nil	Earth	Rd impassable to M.T.
44	B 1	297507-308542	3500	Nil	Red earth & gravel	Good rd continuously carrying 3 ton traffic
38	C 2	249552-235557	2000	Nil	Red earth	Rd has many narrow points where even light M.T. needs cautious driving
Not Indexed	B 2	404641-509637	14520	1 class 5 & 1 class 18	Earth, gravel & poor bitumen	Rd subject to flooding but good in dry weather.
" "	B 2	509647-587615	8820	1 class 18 2 class 24	Earth, gravel & parts of bitumen	Rd runs through paddy fields and is subjected to flooding
" "	B 1	587616-608679	9240	2 class 24 1 class 9	Bitumen	Rd would flood near river DONDERA but would not seriously effect rd.
" "	B 2	608679-530744	12880	1 class 5 1 class 18	Earth, gravel & worn bitumen	Rd would deteriorate slightly when flooded
" "	B 1	530744-509647	15840	2 class 24	Bitumen	Rd follows river course, subsequently may flood if heavy rain fall
43	B 1	285557-327541	5000	Nil	Red earth and gravel	Points areas 304547, 322545 would deteriorate in wet weather
47	C 1	35515-338528	1200	Nil	Gravel & Sand	Good surface but very narrow rd.

SERIAL No of Rd.	CLASSIF-ICATION	MAP REF	Distance in YARDS	BRIDGES	SURFACE	REMARKS
3 (Cont)	B 1 & C 1	338528-324559		Nil	Gravel & Sand	Good all weather rd to map ref326541 from there becomes very narrow and subject to washaways
48	C 3	325559-315569		Nil	Earth	M.T. could not negotiate after heavy rain
129	B 1	043617-042618	400	Nil	Bitumen	Good all weather rd.
140	C 2	002654-011656	1000	Nil	Gravel & earth	Probably impassable in very wet weather.
128	B 1 & C 2	050608 to 042643	4500	1 class 9	Bitumen and fine gravel	Bitumen to 046618 good all weather rd, secnd part would wear and may be impassable when very wet.
126	C 2 & B 2	063638- 066620	2500	2 class 5 1 class 9	Fine gravel	First part to 057629 would deteriorate when wet but remainder good weather rd
102	B 1	074615-069622	900	Nil	Bitumen	In good condition
102(contd)	B 2	069622-056666	5200	Culverts	Fine gravel	rd engs at river 056666 foot bridge only
125	C 2	060646 to end of track 063655	1000	Nil	Sandy soil	Cart track only

Wm Beetle
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SECRET

Subject : BEETLE

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : MATUGAMA 04

1 May 42

File No : S/G/766

Ref CRCAC No. 425/G dated 31 Mar 42 Appendix II and this HQ memo S/G/592 of 22 Apr 42.

1. CBO is now broadcasting all its programmes on 57.6 metres (5200 K/Cs), as well as on the medium wave of 700 K/Cs (428.6 metres).

2. A further test of the BEETLE R/T organisation will be carried out over a period of two days commencing 0700 hrs 3 May 42, between the following hours:-

0700 to 0730 hrs
1130 to 1415 hrs
1630 to 2215 hrs

3. The transmissions will be the normal broadcast programme from CBO, as before.

4. Reports will be submitted in the same form as prescribed in this HQ S/G/592 of 22 Apr 42 and will cover reception on both frequencies.

R.G. Holland Lt.Col.
General Staff

DISTRIBUTION

HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	1
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	2
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	1
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1
2 Coy AASC	1
1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	1
Sigs 6 Aust Div	1
No.1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	1
File	1
War Diary	2
Spare	2

War Diary

MOST SECRET

Subject : CODE NAMES

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : MATUGAMA 04

1 May 42

File No : S/G/745

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The following correction is made in AIF Alphabetical Code List, S/G/700 28 Apr 42:-

Code Name		
NOPO	-	2/1 Aust Fd Coy

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DISTRIBUTION

16 Aust Inf Bde	15
17 Aust Inf Bde	20
1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	4
CRE	4
Sigs	10
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	1
AG	20
File	2
War Diary	2

NOTES ON CONFERENCE --- C.E. and C.R.E. 29 Apr 1942.

QUESTION	BY WHOM	ANSWER.
Is it proposed to establish a Comd Dump for RE Stores for the 6 Aust Div.	C.R.E.	No. 22 Aust Fd Pk will draw stores direct from COLOMBO. -- Thus avoiding double handling
It is considered that the scale of hutting and the design of huts is not in accordance with AIF requirements or suitable for CEYLON conditions. Will you discuss amended plans if same are submitted?.	C.R.E.	Yes. I am prepared to consider any alteration in scale, or design, and will be prepared to supply materials for same if approved.
The 22 Aust Fd Pk are prepared to mass produce huts from sawn timber and Cadjans and can assist in erection by using direct labour. Do you approve?.	C.R.E.	Yes,-provided the Coys work in collaboration with the D.C.R.E. and the G.Rs,I will approve of the assisting in the hutting erection.
Are Padda boats available for the BENTOTA and KALU crossings? I require 12 boats for the semi-permanent improvised bridge at UDAGAMA to relieve the Div F.R.E. and 6 for conversion to ferries. Can I obtain them?.	C.R.E.	Not yet. I have requisitioned for 12 but am having great difficulty in obtaining their release. It will be difficult, but you have my approval to purchase or let contracts for Padda boat construction.
What is the progress on the KALU River crossing?.	C.E.	Two flying bridges will be erected -- one will be completed by 1 May and should result in a 50% saving of time for the round trip.
Can provision of adequate Hamilton Bridging for the High Level site be anticipated?.	C.R.E.	Yes,- 280 ft are being sent from India.
Can you proceed with preparatory work?.	C.E.	Yes,- preparation of approaches will be put in hand at once.
How is progress on BULOTOTA PASS and the HAYES - LAUDERDALE Road?.	C.E.	Work is progressing on 9 of the bends at BULOTOTA and additional labour is working on the HAYES-LAUDERDALE Sections.
When will the road be available for traffic?.	C.E.	Weather conditions permitting-(i.e. except during heavy rain) in about 3 weeks' time.

W D McDonald Lt Col.
C.R.E. A.I.F.(CEYLON).

Note. Approval by C.E was later obtained for amended design of huts and 22 Fd. Pk are now assisting in hutting.

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NOTES ON THE VISIT OF COMD AIF (CEYLON) to HQ, CEYLON COMD

1 MAY, '42

Major-General A J BOASE arrived at CEYLON Command at 1550 hrs. He informed Lieut-General POWNALL that:-

(a) The move of HQ AIF (CEYLON) to MATUGAMA was effected on 28/29 Apr, 42.
(b) Unloading of ships had been completed on 28 Apr 42 and working parties had returned to their Units.
(c) ACF Rest Bungalow had been opened in COLOMBO. Representatives of a Ladies' Committee, YMCA, BSSI were invited to the opening ceremony.
(d) An incident had occurred in a COLOMBO Cafe - -- provocation of an Australian soldier by two natives.
(e) There had been suspected stowaways - soldiers under sentence - from the Middle East.

The following matters were discussed :

(a) Fracas between the Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps and Dock Operating Det. GOC (CEYLON) suspected an Officer of the CEYLON PRC of inciting his men to attack AIF, but this had not been confirmed.
(b) With regard to the visit of the C-in-C to 12 ACH on 26 Apr, the GOC (CEYLON) stated that Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton had told him of his intended visit. Apparently Lieut-General Pownall was not clear that 12 ACH was essentially an AIF Institution.
(c) It was suggested by Comd AIF (CEYLON) that drinking hours at COH should be restricted for ORs to the luncheon hour and from 1630 hrs onward. GOC (CEYLON) said that there would be no trouble in arranging this matter.
(d) GOC (CEYLON) stated that no reply had been received from INDIA as to how long AIF would be in CEYLON or whether any steps had been taken to provide for their relief. He also said that General Sir A P Wavell, when here, had not heard of any arrangements having been made to provide for such relief.
(e) Lieut-Colonel SYDENHAM, G1, CEYLON COMD was asked about the situation concerning the recovery of secret documents left in CALCUTTA by Major-General A S ALLEN, Comd 7 Aust Div, last February. He said that signals had been sent to Embarkation, CALCUTTA, but, so far, no reply had been received. General Pownall instructed G1, Comd, to keep him informed of the situation and to let him know if and when his own personal intervention became desirable.
(f) GOC asked that units be circularised and instructed not to permit any bathing in the nude as the sight of nude bodies was highly offensive to the susceptibilities of the Sinhalese.
(g) The necessity for frequent night operations during training was emphasised by the GOC CEYLON. They are to be included in the syllabus if this has not already been done.
(h) No objection was raised to the suggestion that representatives of 16 Aust Inf Bde carry out reconnaissance of KURUNEGALLA area, and contact the Indian Bde at present there. It was mentioned that there need be no secrecy with the Indian Bde as to the possibility of relief.

Comd AIF (CEYLON) then visited the BRA and drew his attention to the number of communications being sent direct from his office to Aust. Fd Regts. A folder belonging to 2/1 Aust Fd Regt containing a number of examples of such communications was left with the BRA so that he could deal with the individuals responsible. A request that he return the folder direct to 2/1 Aust Fd Regt when this had been done was made by the COMD AIF (CEYLON).

PRINCIPAL ENGINEER WORKS IN PROGRESS ---- 2 MAY 1942.

16

Job No.	DESCRIPTION.	Map Ref.	Working Party. RAF	Inf	NAT.	Date of Commencement.	% Comp.	Estimated Date of Completion.	REMARKS.
1.	16 Bde. Supervision of construction of Rifle Range.	-	-	-	-	------	----	----------	- - - -
2.	Road Blocks HORANA Area.	HOR 795227	5	-	-	28 Apr	95%	1 May	No 13 Block yet to be fimished.
3.	Hutments.	HOR 820230.	34	22	-	24 Apr	100%	5 May.	
4.	Pill Box KATUKURUNDA.	HOR 795223.	6	-	-	28 Apr.	90%	7 May.	
6.	Flyimg Bridge ANGURUWATOTA.	HOR 925323.	12	-	-	23 Apr	100%	1 May.	
7.	Road Deviation NEBODA.	HOR 928265.	36	-	54	20 Apr	100%	6 May.	P.W.D. yet to provide bitumen surface.
15.	A/Tk obstacle on creek bank.	HOR 794210.	2	15	-	20 Apr	70%	12 May.	
16.	Flying Bridge NARAGALA.	HOR 947384.	6	-	-	6 May.	15%	12 May.	
17.	Flying Bridge ANGURUWATOTA. (300 Yds of 925323)	HOR 926326.	2	-	50	6 May.	5%	30 May.	Work on approaches can be done only at low water level.
18.	Road blocks & mine holes in A.A.S.C. Area.	HOR 922446.	12	-	-	3 May	100%	6 May.	
19.	Preparation for Bdge Demo.	----------	8	-	-	6 May	5%	12 May.	
8.	Erection of tower.	GAL 117578	13	-	-	26 Apr	30%	14 May.	If material to hand.
9.	Pier for RAF.	MAT 225538	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sappers witdrawn 6 May 42.
10/	Quarrying for RAF.	GAL 209541.	4	-	-	-	30%	-	Work according to demands.
11.	Pill Boxes for 2/6 Bn	MAT 230530	7.	-	-	-	65%	10 May.	
12.	Erection of Bldgs.	MAT225538.	8	-	-	26 Apr	7%	-	Sappers withdrawn 6 May 42.
20.	Bund LAKE KOGGALA.	MAT 235538.	28	-	-	1 May	30%	14 May.	
13.	Dredging LAKE KOGGALA.	MAT 236538.	3	-	-	-	-	-	Work discontinued.

J No.	DESCRIPTION.	Map Ref.	Working Party RAE	Inf	Nat.	Date of Commencement.	% Comp.	Estimated Date of Completion.	REMARKS.
14.	BULUTOTA PASS.								
	HAYES - LAUDERDALE Road								
	Section 1. 88th - 98th Mile.	RAK 585115 RAK 587053	19	-	117	22 Apr	40%	20 May	Rock very hard on this section.
	Section No 2. 99th - 102nd Mile	RAK 587053 RAK 621028	-	-	62 Pathas. 218.	23 Apr	20%	28 May	
	Section 3. 103rd - 107th Mile	RAK 621028 RAK 623994	37	-	110	23 Apr	16%	28 May.	
	22 Aust Fd Pk Coy R.A.E.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Engaged on producing traffic signs (anticipated date of completion 18th May). Alterations to Div lighting set wiring. Battle boards and miscellaneous jobs for HQ AIF. Timber being obtained from local mills. Delivery of FBE TO BENTOTA river held up awaiting improvement to road.

W.L. McDonald Lt Col.
C.R.E. A.I.F.(CEYLON).

SECRET.

Subject; MINUTES OF STAFF CONFERENCE)- 2 May 42.

S/G/777

1
In the event of 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp moving to KURU, 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp will become responsible for the whole of the AIF area. The Northern Boundary of the AIF AREA will then become Rd RATNAPURA-PANADURA.

Q. AQ; Could action be taken on the 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp move?

A. G1; Yes. It would be as well to check arrangements that are being made by Comd.

Q. ADOS(E); Will secs at present att to 16 Aust Inf Bde accompany them on the move ? It is considered desirable for them to remain under comd of unit in order that they maintain their present efficiency.

A. G 1 : They will accompany 16 Aust Inf Bde but will remain under Comd ADOS(E) until operations commence. 16 Aust Inf Bde should be instructed as to best methods of maintaining the efficiency of these det secs.

Q. CRE: Does Fd Coy remain under 16 Aust Inf Bde Comd after their move?

A. G1 : Only operationally.

Q. Lo 111: May move be mentioned at Bdes?
A. G1 : Yes. To Bde Comdrs only.

11
SECURITY.

(a) Memo issued on security must be read and strictly observed by all offrs.
Local natives are masters at thieving and all material incl compasses, binoculars and pistols must be kept under lock and key.

(b) All rumours must be checked to their sources and suppressed. In particular criticisms of AIF must be followed and action taken on them.

111
CORRESPONDENCE AND NON ESSENTIAL MATTERS.

If possible all business should be dealt with in the day time. Only those needing urgent attention will be attended to by the duty or other offrs concerned at night.

IV
DISCIPLINE.

A big improvement is needed in the general discipline of personnel of the AIF .All offrs and NCOs must set about assisting in this matter. It must be realised that Div HQ must set an example to the remainder of the pther troops on the island. No breaches of regs no matter how small will be overlooked.

V
INSTRUCTION.

The Operation Instruction now ~~inx~~ produced gives a series of demolitions along certain lines. The purpose ~~of~~ of these demolitions must not be overlooked. They are purely of a nuisance value to the enemy and their intention is NOT to cover withdrawal, but to cover fixed defences.

VI
SIGS.

(a) Policing of Telephone Calls.

A system of policing telephone calls is being introduced. This is with the sole idea of increasing the efficiency of sig comm

(b) Armd Train.

A "w arming system" for crew of Armd Train has been arranged under BEETLE Or ganisation. OC Sigs 6Aust Div will also arrange for some means of warning order to be passed on to guards and dvr of train.

(c) Cipher Personnel.

Cipher personnel under present British Organisation come under Comd Sigs.

Requested that views on this subject be submitted to G1 in or that it may be decided where cipher can operate to maximum advantage.

CRE.

1 REPORT ON WORK.

(a) Flying br at ANGURUWATOTA has been completed and was handed over to SINHALESE operation ~~this morning~~ 1 May 42. This crossing under all conditions of the river is faster than the old ferry system. Larger ferries are being obtained for br and it is being duplicated 200 yds further upstream.

HORA NA: One telephone line
1 W/T set
1 Fullerphone.

(b) Flying br over BENTOTA at~~MAKA~~ UDAGAMA should be completed within a week.

GALLE: One telephone line

(c) BULUTOTA PASS RD. Work on widening curves and improving rd ~~to~~ be completed in 2½ weeks.

2 ~~companies~~ HAYES-LAUDERDALE RD. Coolies(400) have been employed on this rd and it should be ready for use under any conditions in 3 weeks.

(d) HUTTING. Approval has been given by CE for sawn timber huts to ~~be provided~~ possible requires should be sent in on sig form. In case of teleprinter ~~for~~ ~~areas~~ areas. Contracts have been let in GALLE area, HORANA and MATUGAMA areas, will be done under supervision of DCRE and 22 Fd Pk Coy.

(e) DEMONSTRATIONS. Demonstrations of FOUGASSE, DEMIGASSE and improvised BANGALORE TORPEDOES will take place shortly about 7 miles N of COLOMBO.

(f) REPORTS FROM GALLE AREA.

(a) 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp do not know want anyA Tk or Anti Boat scaffolding.

(b) Demolition plan of GALLE Harbour installations is now available and will be submitted.

(g) DRAWING OF ENGINEER STORES. Arrangements have been made in C~~E~~ that stores shall be drawn only by persons with authority to do so. All stores may be drawn through FD PK COY.

OC SIGS 6 AUST DIV.

1 COMMS

(a) Main exchange is now at MATUGAMA and not COLOMBO. Main means of comm are now:-

CBO: Two telephone lines
1 W/T set
1Teleprinter.

HORA NA: One telephone line
1W/T set
1 Fullerphone.

GALLE: One telephone line
1 W/T set.

2 USE OF TELEPHONES.

All telephone lines are overworked. Wherever possible messages should be sent in on sig form. In case of teleprinter to COLOMBO this is more often quicker than telephone.

AQ AIF (CEYLON)

1 All unloading has been completed and units have been asked to submit reports of shortages and equipment held.

2 AMENITIES. (a) Rest room at CBO has been opened and is being much used by tps on leave in CBO.

(b) Permission is being given to visit CBO overnigh in organised parties l/c an offr. These men are billeted at ELSCOURT HOUSE by arrangement with AACS. Leave is being granted on the same % basis for offrs as for OR's. At present the privilege is being granted only to 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp. Arrangements are also being made for R CCE parties to visit areas in th KANDY neighbourhood.

3 DISCIPLINE. In addition to those brought out by @1 the following pts have arisen:-

(a) Discipline on leave is good on the whole [illegible] for isolated cases of disturbance caused by the pickets.

(b) There have been reports of injuries to civilians.

(c) All this trouble can be lessened to a great extent by offrs and NCO's taking action immediately in the event of any disturbances being detected.

4 KIT STORE. Steps are being taken to provide air drying and circulation plants for the AIF kit store in order to prevent mildewing of clothes deposited there.

5 FD PUNISHMENT CENTRE. It is hoped that a Fd Punishment Centre and also Detention Barracks will be established near KTT within the next few days.

ADOS(E).

1. Report on work and conditions for Vehicle Maintenance on the Island.

2/2 AUST A FD WORKSHOP and LADs on the island are better than they have been for a long time. There is a slight shortage of spare parts but they have been amply equipped to keep all Maintenance of Vehicles in 1st class order. All 1st and 2nd line repairs will be done in Bde areas but No 4 Rec Sec will carry out rd patrols and deal with carry s orvicing and further repairs that may be needed.

2 ARMD TRAIN. MG mountings are now completed and fitted on tr.

3 Carriers and Armoured Cars. Anti Grenade Covers are being m[illegible] for carriers and the design has been inspected and approved and seems eminently suitable for the task for which it is required. Armd Cars have been serviced and fitted with anti grenade covers. They will be ready on 4 May 1942.

4 CAMOUFLAGE OF VEHICLES. All vehicles were inspected before leaving VEP and the priorities for camouflaging were listed and as soon as paint is available it will be issued in accordance with this list. 2000 gals are required but at present there are only 300 gals available

5 LIGHTING VEHICLES. Vehicle lights were also tested and listed at VEP and arrangements made for the supply of WD pattern screens for lights. There is an ADMN INSTR being prepared showing details of the WD pattern screen.

.....Lt.Col.

General Staff.

War Diary.

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Subject : CEYLON DEFENCE PLAN

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel: MATUGAMA 04

3 May 42

File No: S/G/801

CEYLON Army Command Defence Plan, issued together with AIF Operation Instruction No 1 of 1 May 42, supercedes the following CEYLON Command Operation Instructions:

No 3	of 18 Mar 42
No 4 (incl Appendix"A" Amdts 1 to 4 incl	of 19 Mar 42
No 9	of 30 Mar 42
No 11	of 6 Apr 42
No 12	of 13 Apr 42

2. All copies of the above CEYLON Command Operation Instructions will be destroyed by fire and a certificate of destruction submitted to this HQ not later than 6 May 42.

R.G.Pollard, Lt Col
General Staff

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16 Aust Inf Bde	3
2/1 Aust Fd Regt	1
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17 Aust Inf Bde	3
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2/2 Aust Fd Amb	1
1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	1
CRE	1
Sigs	1
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	1
Ceylon Command	1
CBO Base Area	1
Comd	1
G	1
AQ	1
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War Diary.

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Subject: CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY - SECURITY INSTRUCTION NO 2

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel: MATUGAMA 04

5 May 42

File No: G/396

ADDITION TO LIST OF APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS

The undermentioned photographer at Alutgama Road, MATUGAMA, is now included in list of approved photographers for the AIF.

M T D S Jayawardene.

for Lt.Col Major
General Staff

Distribution

16 Aust Inf Bde	7
17 Aust Inf Bde	7
1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	1
CRE	1
Sigs 6 Aust Div	1
AQ for distribution as List "A" Serial Nos 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.	
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File	2

War Diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

NOTES ON CONFERENCE BETWEEN CE AND CRE. ~~[illegible]~~ 5 MAY 42.

QUESTION. C.R.E.	ANSWEER C.E.
Have additional compressors arrived for BULUTOTA Rd?	None are yet available.
What is the availability re R.E. reserve stores (30 days) for GALLE, KOGGALA and KTR?	It will be necessary for 6 AUST DIV to take the matter of reserve stores up with Command. At present, it is Not possible to release R.E stores for reserves S of BENTOTA River (I believe the C.E. himself is in favour of releasing these stores for 30 days).
Are the P.W.D. expected or able to maintain the existing roads? I refer to tarred roads in 6 Div area which are showing signs of wear.	They are expected to do so, ~~and~~ but it looks as if they will fall down. I will take the matter up again and endeavour to get a direction. It may be necessary to recruit labour that arrives for road maintenance, under P.W.D or Army supervision
C.E. Are you placing extra flying bridges on the KALU GANGA?	C.R.E. Additional flying brdiges over the KALU and KADU are being constructed.
CRE It should be possible to purchase padda boats if the ready cash is available. Can it be obtained?	CE Yes. I will provide the necessary funds.
Are any motor boats available yet? They are urgent.	I will make urgent representations again.
Primacord or cordtext (20 x 500' reels) is urgently required for demolitions. Can it be obtained?	I will signal INDIA immediately for it.
Heavy timbers are unavilable. What is the position?	I am endeavouring to get release from INDIA, for some that is here. If it is any u[illegible] you can have all the decking fo[illegible] the large box girder bridge, as it is incomplete.
C.E. Is a crossing over the GIN GANGA N of NAGODA of use?	C.R.E. It will be recced.
Have you any special requirements for the HAYES-LAUDERDALE rd?	I am having a general specification of HAYES----LAUDERDALE Rd prepared.

[signature] Lt.Col.
C.R.E. AI.I.F. (CEYLON).

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Subject : COAST WATCHING STATIONS

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : MATUGAMA 04

6 May 42

File No : S/G/914

Ref Appendix A and maps issued with Ceylon Command C.R.C.A.C. 425/G of 31 May 42.

1. The following additional amendments are fwded:-

Coast Watching Posts will be amended as follows:-

STATION 28

Delete post at KATUVANKENI and MAHATTUWARAM.

STATION 29

Add post at HARDY THOTAM 714830 and delete one at ELEPHANT POINT.

STATION 1

Delete post at KANDAKADAMUNAI and substitute KANDAKULAI 053325.

STATION 3

Delete post MUSALPITTI and substitute PUNAPUTTI 057272.

Lt.Col.
General Staff

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16 Aust Inf Bde	5
17 Aust Inf Bde	10
CRE	1
Sigs	1
1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	1
War Diary	2
File	2

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13

POINTS RAISED BY GOC (AIF) DURING VISIT OF GOC -in-C (CEYLON) TO HQ AIF (CEYLON) ON 6 MAY 42.

1. Res, Amn, Sup, POL, Explosive Stores.

GOC (AIF) stated that the following res etc would be required:-

30 days for 'fixed' defensive posns.
14 days for mob forces to be held in bde areas.

Scales of requirements are being worked out.

GOC -in-C replied that he would re-consider the matter, and that AIF should put the proposition in writing.

2. M.T. (a) Number of Vehicles available

GOC (AIF) informed the GOC -in-C that the posn regarding number of vehicles available was not as good as was at first thought, owing mainly to the arrival of the 1 Aust A Tk Regt - without tpt - and requirements of other new units.

This information was noted by the GOC -in-C.

(b) Lighting (Car Head Lights)

GOC (AIF) stated that the present method of lighting was quite inadequate for night driving along narrow country rds, and must inevitably lead to excessive vehicle casualties and may cause rd blocks at critical times.

GOC -in-C agreed and stated that a revision of Lighting Instructions was now in hand.

3. Engineer Work

(a) Demolitions - Blue Line

GOC (AIF) stated that

(i) demolitions were only being prepared on main crossings, NOT on minor, but these should also be incl, and
(ii) the present arrangements for blowing of brs was considered ineffective. Our responsibilities will be made effective by 10 May.

GOC (AIF) suggested the desirability of a check of the remainder of the "blue line" demolitions by a competent engineer offr.

GOC -in-C replied that he would take up the matter with the CE.

(b) Armd Train

GOC (AIF) informed the GOC -in-C that the armd train was now fitted with demolition charges held ready for use if and when required.

(c) Floating Br - UDAGAMA

GOC -in-C was informed by GOC (AIF) that

(i) rain has made approach along bitumen rd in valley impassable - even to 15 cwt lorries. Work thereon

was now suspended but GOC thought that we may be able to resume after a period of dry weather.

(ii) in the meantime the possibility of an alternative route at PITIGALA using rd via MORUGALA and MIGAHATENA for approach was being investigated.

(d) Fuze for Demolitions

F.I.D. (lead covered) at present in use is unreliable. C.E. agreed to provide 10000 yds "Primacord" or "Cordtex" and has placed the order in INDIA. The supply was considered urgent if demolitions were to be guaranteed successful. GOC -in-C was asked if the new order could be sent by air from INDIA.

GOC -in-C replied that he would take the matter up with the C.E.

(e) GOC -in-C was informed that the NEBODA deviation was now through.

4. Discipline

(a) Murder Case

Attorney-General CEYLON now asking for trial to be carried out by Civil Authorities, contrary to all precedent in AIF. Inspector General of Police was in favour of a court martial but the Attorney General was stubborn.

The GOC -in-C asked GOC (AIF) if he preferred a court martial. GOC (AIF) replied in the affirmative and stated that there was precedent in the AIF and that convictions of two year sentences are returned to Australia.

(b) Hicks Report (Setting out numerous occasions when AIF wrongly accused of causing disturbances) Shown to GOC -in-C who noted and stated that in future, the Pro offr should demand and record all particulars of people calling for their assistance, and the circumstances of the call.

5. Training

GOC -in-C was informed of the following:-

(a) Armd Train
It was intended to have a trial run and firing practice during week-end 16/17 May.

(b) Rocket Flare
It was proposed to use a flare made from contents of RAF parachute flare for beach defence if experiment successful. Trials in progress.

(c) Tng Cadre
17 Aust Inf Bde had commenced a tng cadre for Jungle warfare.

6. Amenities

GOC -in-C was informed by GOC (AIF) that :

(a) TEBUWANA CLUB
Planters were extending hospitality to 50 soldiers for three days each week by making the club available. Tea and light refreshments were also being provided.

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(b) Hostel for AIF

Hostel for AIF personnel had been opened in Colombo during the week ended 6 May, and two batches of tps had already stayed there on overnight leave.

(c) Regimental Brothels

The incidence of VD was too high and severe. What was the possibility of regimental brothels?

The GOC -in-C replied that as brothels were illegal in Ceylon he did not consider that this would be approved. Further the Bishop would, most probably, oppose the move.

7. C - in-C's Visit - Sunday 10 May

GOC -in-C informed GOC (AIF) that the C -in-C had approved of Itinerary "B" for the proposed visit to AIF units.

8. PW Cages and Cemetry Areas

GOC -in-C stated that the sites only should be selected and necessary materials stored ready for construction if required. Comd HQ to be informed.

9. Amendment No.1 to CEYLON COMMAND Op Instn No.10, placing all personnel both Army and RAF allotted for Static Defence on an Aerodrome under operational comd of the RAF Sta Comd, was queried by GOC (AIF).

GOC -in-C replied that he was of opinion that it was the latest ruling, but would ask the War Office for direction.

10. Aerodromes

GOC -in-C stated that the runway at KOGGALA was not being proceeded with and wondered whether this would alter the disposns of tps allotted the defence of KOGGALA. As this is still a seaplane base GOC decided disposns would remain as before.

11. KATUKURUNDA

GOC (CEYLON) stated that posn of res coy was NOT dictated by him.

12. Felling of Trees

(a) GOC -in-C stated that it would be necessary to see the Govt Agent of the particular district regarding the cutting of trees for rd blocks.

(b) If clearing of trees was necessary for operational purposes etc it would be necessary to conform with the Defence Regulations otherwise trees (required for rd blocks or other constructional work) would be requisitioned through the G.A.

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14

VISIT OF GOC AND G1 TO DEMONSTRATION BY 6 AUST DIV ENGRS NEAR CBO - 7 MAY, '42.

1 ROUTE: MATUGAMA - KATUKURUNDA - CBO - quarry map reference 1" Map 758794 - CBO - MATUGAMA.

2 OBJECT: Attend demonstration by 6 Aust Div Engrs.
The demonstration was staged at the request of COMD HQ for the benefit of non-AIF units in CEYLON.

3 SUMMARY: Party left MATUGAMA 1100 hrs 7 May and arrived in CBO 1230 hrs.

Lunched at CBO and then proceeded to quarry.

The demonstration was attended by C-in-C and his Staff, representatives from HQ and Ceylon Engrs in 21 East African Bde.

The demonstration commenced at 1430 hrs and finished at 1700 hours.

It comprised the following:-
Booby traps, flame fougasse, flame demigasse, coconut bombs, bamboo bangalore torpedoes, sausage bangalore torpedoes; limpet mines, and depth charges.

The results and reports of various demonstrations are shown in attached appendix.

MOST SECRET 17

Subject: CODE NAMES

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel: MATUGALA 04

7 May 42

File No. G/G/933

It is anticipated that the call sign procedure will be introduced throughout CEYLON Command on or about 11 May 42.

2. Herewith list of code names for use of units, and sub-units forward of battalion or equivalent unit, who have not been allotted call signs.

3. The code names will be used forward of, but not in rear of a call sign station.

4. Current code name lists will be retained for 24 hrs after this list is brought into use and then destroyed by fire. Certificates of destruction will be forwarded to this HQ within three days of the introduction of the new system.

Lt.Col
General Staff

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16 Aust Inf Bde	15
17 Aust Inf Bde	20
1 Aust A Tk Regt	4
1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	4
CRE	5
Sigs	6
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	4
HQ	20
Ceylon Comd	1
34 Ind Div	1
File	2
War Diary	2

MOST SECRET

AIF CODE LIST

BUBA 5 Rec Sec 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop
DAZA No 2 Det AASC
DEFO 6 Aust Div Pro Coy
DIVU 1 Aust A Tk Regt
DIXO Finance & Audit Det AIF (CEYLON)
DOBO 2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
DOKO 45 Aust LAD
DOXA 147/43 HB AA Regt
FAXA C Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
FAZU 6 Aust Div Postal Unit
FIDO C Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
FITO C Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
FOBO 1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt
FODA 3 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt
GARA Kit Store AIF (CEYLON)
GAVA 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp Tng Unit
GEMA 6 Rec Sec 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop
GEPO B Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
GOKO 2/6 Aust Inf Bn HQ
HIRA F Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
JILO 4 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt
JINO
JITO 2/2 Aust Inf Bn HQ
JUGU B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
JUSU 5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
LEXO D Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
LIMA HQ Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
LOBO 46 Aust LAD
LOSO
LOVU D Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
LUFA
LUGU
LUJA 1 Coy AASC
LUSO Camp BUSSA
LUVA A Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
MAGA 2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit
MAPA B Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
MARO HQ Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
MATU A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
MEFA A Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
MEGA D Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
MIFO 2 Coy AASC
MIGO A Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
MILU
MIMA
MINA 2/3 Aust Inf Bn HQ
MIVO AIF Base Details
MOPA D Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
NATA 2 Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Coy
NEGA No 1 det AASC
NELO HQ 2/8 Aust Fd Coy
NEMO 6 Aust Div Cam Eng Unit
NEPA 43 Aust LAD
NEPO 1 Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Coy
NIGO 80 Aust LAD
NITA 2/5 Aust Inf Bn HQ
NOSA 6 Aust Div Dental Unit
NOTA 7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
NOXA RAF KOGGALA
NUBA
NUFU D Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
NUDA HQ Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
NUGA C Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
NUGO
PASA B Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
PIDU B Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
PIRA 2 Aust Dental Unit
PUGO
RAVO B Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
RAXO Det 6 Aust Div Cash Office
RAZO 2 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt
REGO 7 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy
RETO AMLO
RIGO RHQ 1 Coast Regt RA
RILU 2/7 Aust Inf Bn HQ
RIMO 3 Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Coy
RIMU HQ Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
ROPO Kent Bty
RUDA
RUDO
RUFO 9 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy
SEGA
SISA 42 Aust LAD
SOBA 2/1 Aust Inf Bn HQ
SODO C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
SORA D Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
SOXO D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
SUPA 8 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy
TANO Det 4 Aust Gen Hosp
TAPA
TIDA E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
TIFO 2/1 Aust Fd Coy HQ
TIHO HQ Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
TOFO C Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
VABA
VAGU Adv 2 Ech AIF(CEYLON)
VEDA A Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
VENA A Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
VOPO HQ Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
VUDO

SECURITY

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Subject : AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE 9 MAY 42.

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

8 May 42

File No : S/G/964

Following is the Agenda for conference on 9 May 42:-

G1 AIF (CEYLON)

Visit of C-in-C.

CRE 6 Aust Div

Resume of week's work.

OC Sigs 6 Aust Div

Message Procedure.

AQ AIF (CEYLON)

ADOS.
Resume of Ordnance
In Ceylon.

And any other matters
raised by Heads of Services.

Major
General Staff

DISTRIBUTION

G	3
AQ	8
OC Sigs	1
CRE	1
File	1

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Subject : CODE NAMES

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : MATUGAMA 04

9 May 42

File No : S/G/969

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This HQ S/G/933 of 7 May 42 is cancelled and all copies, together with annexures, will be destroyed immediately.

2. Code names will only be issued for sub-units of units allotted call signs, such as inf bns and fd regts. These code names will be used fwd of, but not in rear of a call sign sua.

3. Originators, whether allotted a call sign or not, will enter the "Addresses to and from" of all messages in clear. Sigs will be responsible for entering the call sign and will also ensure the delivery of the message in a "safe" manner.

4. It is anticipated that the call sign procedure will be introduced throughout CEYLON Command on or about 11 May 42.

5. Current code name lists will be retained for 24 hrs after this list is brought into use and then destroyed by fire. Certificates of destruction will be forwarded to this HQ within three days of the introduction of the new system.

Lt.Col.
General Staff

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War Diary	2
File	2
GHQ India (GSI(S))	3
Southern Command, India	3
C.-in-C, Ceylon	3
C.-in-C, East Indies	1
Ceylon Army Command	42
CSO Ceylon Army Comd	2
GSI(S) Ceylon Army Comd	2
Adv 2 Echn Ceylon Army Comd	2
COO CDO	1
COO TRN	1
34 Ind Div	10
16 Inf Bde	4
21 E.A. Bde	4
99 Inf Bde	4
100 Inf Bde	4
Fortress TRN	4
CDO Base Area	15
A.A. Comd	15

AIF CODE LIST

FAKA	C Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
FIDO	C Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
FITO	C Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
GEPO	B Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
GOKO	2/6 Aust Inf Bn HQ
JINO	1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
JITO	2/2 Aust Inf Bn HQ
JUGU	B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
LEXO	D Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
LIMA	HQ Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
LOSO	3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
LOVU	D Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
LUFA	2 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
LUGU	
LUVA	A Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
MAPA	B Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
MARO	HQ Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
MATU	A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
MEFA	A Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
MIGO	A Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
MIKU	51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
MIMA	
MINA	2/3 Aust Inf Bn HQ
MOPA	D Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
NITA	2/5 Aust Inf Bn HQ
NUBA	4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
NUSU	D Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
NUTA	HQ Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
NUGA	C Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
NUSO	
PASA	B Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
PIDU	B Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
PUGO	52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
RAVO	B Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
RAZO	2 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt
RILU	2/7 Aust Inf Bn HQ
RITU	HQ Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
RUDA	
RUNO	
SEGA	
SOBA	2/1 Aust Inf Bn HQ
SODO	C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
SORA	D Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
SOTO	D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
TAFA	
TITO	HQ Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
TOPO	C Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
VABA	
VEDA	A Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
VIKA	A Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
VOPO	HQ Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
VUDO	

SECRET. 20

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GENERAL DIRECTIVE

ON

LANDING GROUND

RECONNAISSANCE.

1. OBJECT OF THE RECONNAISSANCE.

In general terms, the reconnaissance has as its object the locating in a prescribed area of a site or sites suitable in dimensions, surface, air approaches and accessibility to use as a landing ground. The R.A.F. directive will normally lay down the number of landing grounds required, the region in which they are to be sited, the type of aircraft expected to use them and the minimum dimensions necessary.

2. REPORTING THE RECONNAISSANCE.

A suitable site having been found, a Report should be drawn up, accompanied by a sketch plan and, if possible, a panorama showing the limits of the area and any outstanding features on or near the site. If contours cannot be shewn on the sketch plan, the general slopes should be indicated. The report should cover the following factors, dealt with in detail in paras. 3 - 13:-

LOCATION AND ALTITUDE.
DESCRIPTION
SIZE
SOIL AND DRAINAGE
OBSTRUCTIONS TO AIR APPROACHES
COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES AVAILABLE
CONSTRUCTION DATA
CAMPING, DISPERSAL AND CAMOUFLAGE
METEOROLOGICAL
GENERAL REMARKS.

3. LOCATION AND ALTITUDE.

The grid reference or the latitude and longitude of the site; its distance from the nearest (named) town or village, and from the nearest milestone (if such exist) on a neighbouring road. Height above sea-level.

4. DESCRIPTION.

A general picture of the Landing Ground area and immediate neighbourhood, preferably accompanied by a panorama.

5. SIZE.

This is best indicated by giving the lengths and directions of 200 yards wide strips obtainable, or, if the R.A.F. directive for this particular reconnaissance gives the dimensions of the strips required, by giving the number and directions of strips of the specified dimensions. In default of special guidance a length of 1200 yards is to be accepted as the minimum for the runways, but 2000 yards is desired.

It should be borne in mind that the first task in the preparation of a landing ground is the making of a strip 200 yards wide in the direction of the prevailing wind, i.e. N-E, S-W. If a landing ground is to be used for a considerable period during which winds of varying direction and velocity can be expected, it is possible that more than one strip may be required.

It should be noted that Landing Grounds at a considerable height above sea level, especially in hot countrfes, will have to be larger than those used for similar aircraft near sea level.

6. SOIL AND DRAINAGE.

The landing speed of modern aircraft is usually from 80 to 110 m.p.h. and it will readily be realised that unevenness of the landing ground surface may be a source of danger to pilots and damage to aircraft. The surface may be considered sufficiently even if a car can be driven over it at 50 m.p.h. without undue jarring or bumping. To obtain such a surface, scraping and rolling are usually necessary, and sometimes cut and fill, but a site otherwise suitable may have to be rejected because of the work entailed in surfacing.

The surface of a Landing Ground must be firm and compact. If it be too loose, the wheels of the aircraft will sink in, and the machine will either fail to take off, or pitch forward on its nose. The tyre pressure of the wheels of an aircraft is usually between 35 and 70 lbs. per sq.in. A fair idea of surface suitability may be obtained by running a car backwards and forwards half a dozen times in the same tracks over a short distance. If the depth of the tracks is half an inch or thereabouts, and if no further deepening results from additional running, the surface may be considered satisfactory. A single run by a loaded 3 ton lorry will serve the same purpose. Loose stones and stones not firmly imbedded in the surface are apt to be thrown up by an aircraft running along the ground at speed. Stones larger than about 2½" diameter, and liable to cause damage, will have to be removed. Sand or gravel normally afford good surfaces; paddy ground is useless.

The general maximum slope of a Landing Ground should be:-

Lengthwise	...	...	...	1 in 80.
Crosswise	...	...	...	1 in 40.

These figures apply also to small undulations in the surface. Slopes are very difficult to judge, and are especially deceptive in a plain surrounded by hilly or rolling country. In doubtful cases, a level should be used - a clinometer is not sufficiently accurate - or attention should be drawn in the Report to the possibility of the slopes being too great.

Notes should be made of the probable or actual condition of the surface in wet or fine weather, and attention should be given to the existence or non-existence of streams, ditches, gullies, or other carry-offs for drains along the drainage line of the site. An estimate should be given of the length of time over which (if all-weather operation of the landing ground is intended) it may be serviceable.

7. OBSTRUCTIONS TO AIR APPROACHES.

These should be fully detailed and should be considered with regard to both day and night flying.

An aircraft can make use of the whole length of a landing strip or runway only if the air approaches at each end are satisfactory. A row of telephone poles or even a ditch or hedge will cause pilots, especially those unfamiliar with the landing ground, to touch down well inside the area. Similar difficulties are caused by obstacles lying ahead in a take-off.

An approach may be considered satisfactory when from each end of the runway no obstacle exists above a slope in elevation of 1 in 50 and inside a splay in plan of 15° from each edge. The slope of 1 in 50 may be increased to 1 in 30 in the case of Fighter landing grounds.

Flying obstructions may be permanent (hills, woods, built up areas, etc.), or removable (telephone lines, sparse trees, isolated buildings, boulders, etc.). The latter can often be removed without much trouble, but they should be referred to in the Report. Obstacles, even at considerable distance, should be noted, as they may prove dangerous for night flying. Particular attention should be paid to the location and dimensions of temples and religious buildings, a dagoba concealed behind a fringe of green may have an important bearing on the suitability of a site.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

It is essential that a Landing Ground be accessible by road for the supply of fuel, stores, etc., and roadmaking should be avoided if possible. Railway, river or canal communications may influence the final choice of site. Telephone and telegraph communication is also desirable, but can usually be provided without difficulty.

9. FACILITIES.

Careful enquiry should be made as to water, electricity, and transport services; names of suppliers, if any, should be ascertained and noted. Report should also be made upon the probable availability of local labour and of local accommodation suitable for stores or the accommodation of personnel, both European and Asiatic.

10. CONSTRUCTION DATA.

A rough estimate of labour, plant and time required to prepare:-

(a) the main strip,
(b) a second strip (if such be possible).

11. CAMPING, DISPERSAL AND CAMOUFLAGE.

State whether camp buildings can be concealed in timber or plantations or must be erected on an open site. State distance of suitable sites from Landing Ground and facilities for inter-communication between dispersed points.

Consider opportunities for camouflage by:-

(a) simulation of original appearance of site.
(b) other means.

12. METEOROLOGICAL.

Before starting out on a reconnaissance, as much information as possible should be obtained from meteorological records. This information will normally refer to either isolated points or to a wider district. Its value may be slight as applied to any particular prospective Landing Ground, particularly in a region of irregular topography, where the meteorological conditions may vary considerably at places quite near one another. This is especially true of wind direction and velocity, and often of rainfall.

Information more directly related to any proposed site can be obtained locally from the inhabitants, but this again must be weighed very carefully. Several separate opinions should be obtained and should be checked by repeating the questions in slightly different forms.

Reliable conclusions concerning rainfall and prevailing wind may often be obtained from the site itself. Water erosion and gullies indicate intensity and direction of rain; the positions of valleys, and lie of drifts, evidence of wind erosion, the deformation of inclination of trees and shrubs, all afford evidence of the direction of prevailing winds.

13. GENERAL REMARKS.

Any other matters deserving comment, including the attitude, friendly or otherwise, of local inhabitants.

Headquarters No.222 Group,
Royal Air Force,
Ceylon.

30th April, 1942.

222G/S/265/OPS.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CEYLON TO 16 AUST INF BDE GP AREA - SUN 10 MAY 42

0830	Leaves COLOMBO
0915	Arrives HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde and inspects guard - 7 Fl Aust HQ Cd Bn, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn Band.
0920	Meets Bde Comd and Staff.
0925	Moves to 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.
0935	Reviews demonstration of one Sec Carriers moving through rubber trees and inspects grenades protective cover on carrier
0945	Moves to 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
0955	Cycle Pl rides down rd Demonstration of wire crushing Dannert and DAF.
1010	Morning Tea at Bde HQ
1025	Moves to 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
1028	March past of one Bty
1040	Moves to 2/1 Aust Fd Amb. Also meets OC and 2 i/c 1 Coy, AASC, OC 5 Rec Sec, 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop and Fd Pk Sec.
1045	Demonstration-erection of (mobile) Dressing Station
1100	Moves to ANGURUWATOTA Ferry.
1115	Demonstration at ANGURUWATOTA Ferry (3" HE & Smoke - 2" HE Mor and 68 Grenades by 2/2 Bn personnel
1135	Leaves for HENEGAMA
1210	Arrives HENEGAMA Inspects 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop
1240	Leaves for HQ AIF
1250	Arrives HQ AIF - meets senior Offs
1300 -1345	Lunch
~~1300~~ -1345	Leave for PEMBROKE ESTATE
1400	Arrives PEMBROKE ESTATE. Met by OC 2/1 Aust Inf Bn and OC 51 Bty Inspects 51 Bty
1415	Leaves for 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
1430	Arrives 2/1 Aust Inf Bn - inspects Guard
1435	Demonstration unarmed combat by C(R) personnel (2/1 Aust Inf Bn)
1445	Leaves for COLOMBO
1530	Arrives COLOMBO

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VISIT OF C -in-C CEYLON, GOC AIF (CEYLON) and G1 to 16 AUST INF BDE GP AREA --- 10 MAY 42

ROUTE HORANA - ANGURUWATOTA - HENEGAMA - MATUGAMA - KATUKURUNDA.

OBJECT Tour of inspection.

SUMMARY C-in-C left CBO at 0830 hrs with escort provided by 6 Aust Div Pro Coy.

Arrived 16 Aust Inf Bde HQ where he was met by GOC and G1 who had motored up from MATUGAMA.

A detailed programme of the visit is attached.

C-in-C was impressed with (mobile) dressing station viewed at 2/1 Aust Fd Amb and the amount of equipment possessed by 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop.

At demonstration of 3" and 2" Mortars GOC mentioned that experiments were being carried out with beach flares consisting of a sky rocket plus material used in RAF flares.

C-in-C stated that Navy had similar flares for lighting up portion of a convoy, leaving remainder in darkness.

If Gen. Pownell was diffident about asking for Naval Stores he(C-inC) would be prepared to cable England for supplies of same.

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TO GOC 6TH DIV AIF

RPT GOC CEYLON COMMAND

FROM C IN C CEYLON

— 10 —

I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND ALL YOUR OFFICERS MY GRATEFUL THANKS FOR THE CARE AND FORETHOUGHT SHOWN IN THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR MY VISIT TODAY . I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THIS AND WAS MOST DEEPLY IMPRESSED IN ALL I SAW BY THE EFFECIENCY AND HIGH MORALE OF YOUR DIVISION

THI 1800

REPTH 1 67 10 1800+

RHG BARRETT

R 3 1847 REVW VA+

Army Form C2123

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups: GR

Office Date Stamp

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO: C in C CEYLON

FROM: GOC AIF (CEYLON)

Originator's Number: 92

Date: 11

In Reply to Number:

your	visit	and	message	greatly	appreciated
by	myself	officers	and	men	(.)
I	trust	you	will	be	able
to	visit	the	remainder	of	the
AIF	area	at	an	early	date.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN: 1755

SIGNED

T.H.I.

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.O.R.

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SECURITY

Subject: HQ AIF (CEYLON) CHEMICAL WARFARE

INSTRUCTION No1

HQ AIF (CEYLON)
Tel:KATUGAMA 04
12 May 42
File: G/437

1. Wearing of Respirators Anti-Gas

(a) Face-pieces of respirators, anti-gas, will be worn by ALL personnel for a minimum period of ½ hr each week.

(b) Face-pieces will NOT be worn in public, i.e. in CBO, towns and along main highways.

(c) Bdes and div tps will lay down period when respirators will be worn and will ensure that drs, cooks, clerks etc are NOT exempt.

(d) Attention is directed to the necessity for wiping out the face-piece and anti-dimming the eye-pieces after use. Face-pieces should NOT be replaced in the haversack whilst still wet.

2. Use of Gas by the enemy

(a) Previous Intelligence Reports and recent press statements indicate that the Germans have had poison gases in fwd areas in the Russian campaign. It cannot be too strongly stressed that it is the intention of the British Government to use gas once the ban has been lifted by PRIOR USE BY THE ENEMY. Gas then becomes a normal weapon and will most probably be used by ALL participants for the duration of the war.
Periodic practices in the wearing of the respirator, therefore, are NOT sufficient. Anti-gas training will also be carried out each week and a definite period allotted in each training syllabus.

(b) Particular attention must be paid to the examination of personal equipment e.g. great difficulty is frequently experienced in removing the lids of pots of ointment anti-gas, or the ointment, itself has become quite dry and therefore, ineffective.

(c) The more highly trained the tps are in anti-gas measures the fewer will be the casualties when it is used against us. The FIRST time gas is employed is the occasion against which we must guard.

3. Anti-gas Instructors.

This HQ will be informed if any unit is deficient of a qualified anti-gas instructor. Instructors should have qualified at either an Army Gas School or a unit cadre of NOT less than 5 days.

R. G. Folland Lt.Col
General Staff

Distribution:-

For Information					
		16 Aust Inf Bde Gp	10	2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	2
		17 Aust Inf Bde Gp	10	AQ	10
1 Aust A Tk Regt. (less 1 Bty)	1	1 Aust A Tk Bty	1	War Diary	2
HQ Ceylon Command	1	CRE 6 Aust Div	4	File	1
		Sigs 6 Aust Div	3	Spare	4

SECRET 24

Subject : MINUTES OF CONFERENCE 10 MAY 42 - AMENDMENT

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : MATUGAMA 04

11 May 42

File No : S/G/1038

Amend :-

CRE 6 AUST DIV
Para 4 to read:- All demolitions are now being prepared to be blown in 12 hrs.

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CRE	1
Sigs	1
AQ	3
War Diary	2
File	1

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SECRET

Subject: MINUTES OF CONFERENCE 9 MAY 42 (CEYLON)

Tel: MATUGAMA 04

10 May 42

File No. S/G/989

01 AIF (CEYLON)

1. Itinery of C - C's visit to AIF (CEYLON) area will be as follows:

0830 Leave CBO
0915 Arrive HORANA and carry out inspection of work in 16 Aust Inf Bde Area.
1100 Leave HORANA and visit 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop.
1200 Arrive "G" office and meet heads of Services.
1230 Lunch at GOC's Mess.
1300 Visits 51 Bty and 2/1 Aust Inf Bn at KTR.
1430 Leaves for CBO.

2. In future conferences will be held at 0900 hrs on Saturdays.

CRE 6 Aust Div

1. Hutting
The arrangements for hutting are proceeding apace. 22 Aust Fd Pk Coy are erecting huts at a rate of 60 huts 20' x 12' per week. This is in addition to contract work which is going on.

2. Bridges
Work on all brs is progressing satisfactorily and it is hoped that FB equipment will soon be released in view of the fact that it is hoped to instal Flying Brs and to improve and utilize permanent brs where possible.

3. Rds
(i) All rd work is proceeding to plan and good progress has been made. 500 Native labourers are now working on BULUTOTA PASS Rd and many of the difficult corners have now been completely removed.
(ii) Rd to UTAGAMA Ferry has proved unsafe for My traffic in wet weather and at the best can only be classed as class 3rd.

4. Demolitions
(i) All demolitions are now prepared and can be blown in 12 hrs.

5. Demonstration
Demonstration held in CBO on Thur 7 May 42 was on the whole very successful and those difficulties which did present themselves have now been overcome. Particularly successful were the coconut mines and Limpet mines. These latter being invaluable for tank stalking. 200 of them are now available.

OC Sigs 6 Aust Div

1. Message writing
The following points must be noted concerning the writing of messages.
(a) Messages must always be given an Originators Number.
(b) Messages must always be dated in correct manner.
(c) If message is in reply to another sig, the reply No. must must be quoted in the space allotted.
(d) Text of message should always be brief and to the point - only authorised abbreviations will be used.

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

1. Leave

(a) Behaviour in CBO has distinctly improved.
(b) Elsecourt House is functioning as a Leave Hostel and it is hoped to have 150 men staying there during the next week.
(c) "Recce" parties for KANDY area will commence in the near future.

2. Discipline

Pro in CBO will be augmented by Bn NCOs for periods of one month. This should help with control of leave parties.

3. Lighting of Vehicles

Instructions are being issued with ref to this. At present full restrictions would duly appear to apply to CBO and TRN

4. Amenities

TEBUANA Sporting Club has made sporting facilities available to 16 Aust Inf Bde. It is hoped in the near future that these facilities will also be available to tps in MATUGAMA area.

Question by G1

Is there any news of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde move to AKURESSA?

Answer by AQ

NO.

ADOS

1. The bad supply situation on the Island has been greatly improved but due to the fact that most supp have to come from INDIA there is quite often a delay of anything from 14 days to 2 months.

2. The air raid on CBO caused a slowing up of local production which is however being overcome to a certain extent.

3. Bicycles

Issues are now complete.

4. Printing and Stationery

Owing to the difficulties in obtaining requirements depts were asked to submit lists of requirements to Camp periodically. Camp to consolidate and fwd to ADOS.

Major.
General Staff

SECRET 25

Subject: SIGNAL SECURITY

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel: MATUGAMA 04

14 May 42

File No: S/G/1095

Ref GHQ INDIA circular 47418/8/GSI (s) of 25 Jan 42 para "G" and Ceylon Command memo of 17 Jan 42 on the above subject.

1. With the call sign procedure now in operation, a standard system of numbering messages will be introduced. Letter prefixes to originators' numbers will no longer be used.

2. In place of the letter a block of numbers will be issued for originators normally using letter prefixes.

3. (a) Blocks of numbers as under will be taken into use by HQ AIF (CEYLON) at 0001 hrs 14 May 42:-

O	1 - 200	1 - 200	O
I	701 - 800	201 - 300	Pay
A	551 - 650	301 - 400	Ord
Q	851 - 950	401 - 500	Pro
Medical	501 - 550	501 - 550	Medical
Ord	301 - 400	551 - 650	A
Legal	651 - 700	651 - 700	Legal
Pay	201 - 300	701 - 800	I
Postal	201 - 850	201 - 850	Postal
Pro	401 - 500	951 - 950	Q
RAF	951 - 1100	951 - 1100	RAF
Sigs	1101 - 1300	1101 - 1300	Sigs

(b) Aust Inf Bde Gps, HQ, will at the same time take OVER the following "blocks" into use:-

"O"	-	1 - 200
"I"	-	701 - 800
"A"	-	551 - 600
"Q"	-	851 - 950

(c) Regts, bns etc will use OVER the following "blocks" which will commence at 0001 hrs 14 May 42:-

"O"	-	1 - 200
"I"	-	701 - 800
"Q"	-	851 - 950

4. Numbers within those blocks will be changed daily at 0001 hrs or whenever the Call Sign is changed, and will NOT be carried on until the block has been used.

Example

(a) BM 16 Aust Inf Bde issues 32 messages on 13 May. His last message on 13 May will be numbered 32. His first message on 14 May will be numbered 1.

(b) If the Call Sign is changed at 1200 hrs, the first message thereafter will be numbered "1" and subsequent messages numbered consecutively until the next change of Call Sign takes place.

[signature] Lt.Col Maj

General Staff

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF AIF (CEYLON) AND TNS UNDER COM AS AT 2359 HRS 2 MAY 42

UNIT	MAP REFERENCES CEYLON 1"	SHEET NAME	CEYLON 4" PAGE	PLACE NAME	TEL No.	REMARKS
1 HQ						
Adv HQ AIF (CEYLON)	059182	KLUTGALA	096119	MATUGAMA	MATUGAMA 04	
2 ARTY						
HQ 1 Aust A Tk Regt		COLOMBO		"AQUINAS HALL" Havelock Road. CBO	CBO 8340	Under comd HQ CEYLON Command
H Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div		"				
49 Aust LAD		"				
1 Bty (less two tps)	934130	KLUTGALA	093113	HORAWALA	MATUGAMA 04	D Tp under comd 16 Aust Inf Bde A Tp under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde
2 Bty						Under comd HQ CEYLON Command
3 Bty						
4 Bty						
UNDER COMD						
Amd Train	662546	COLOMBO	066155	RATMALANA		For operations only
3 ENG						
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	967170	ATUGALA	097118	MATUGAMA	MATUGAMA 04	Under comd 16 Aust Inf Bde for operations
HQ 2/1 Aust Fd Coy (less two secs)	920423	HORANA	092142	HORANA	HORANA 2	
1 Sec	805232	"	079123	KALUTARA		
3 Sec	905320	"	090132			
HQ 2/8 Aust Fd Coy (less three secs)	395696	GALLE(Cent'd)	139068	ARMERSSA 75 Church St. GALLE		Under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde for operations
7 Sec (less det)	087582	"	109056			
8 Sec (plus det 7 Sec)	233529	"	124073	Road KOGGALA - WELIGAMA near dispensary		
9 Sec	641018	RATNAPURA	164020			

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UNIT	MAP REFERENCES CEYLON 1"	SHEET PAGE	CEYLON 4 MILES	PLACE NAME	TEL No.	REMARKS
3 ENG (contd)						
HQ 22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	992194	ALUTGAMA	090117	SILVERDALE	KATUGAMA 04	
80 Aust LAD	997194	"	090117	"	"	
4 SIGS						
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	996184	"	096119	KATUGAMA	KATUGAMA 04	
HQ Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	992193	"	096119	"	"	
1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	997184	"	096119	"	"	
HQ 2 & 3 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	997184	"	096119	"	"	
42 Aust LAD	997184	"	096119	"	"	
5 ORD						
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop (less two rec secs)	092114	ALUTGAMA	935115	KATUGAHAHENA	KATUGAMA 04	
5 Rec Sec	920443	HORANA	092144	HORANA		Adv 16 Aust Inf Bde
6 Rec Sec	388755	HORAWALA	139076	Rd & track junc HULANDAWA		Adv 17 Aust Inf Bde
D Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	920443	HORANA	092144	HORANA		Adv 16 Aust Inf Bde
E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	388755	HORAWALA	139076	Rd & track junc HULANDAWA		Adv 17 Aust Inf Bde
F Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	092114	ALUTGAMA	935115	KATUGAHAHENA	KATUGAMA 04	
6 MEDICAL						
4 Aust Gen Hosp	656615	COLOMBO	067166	St. Peter's College, CBO	CBO 8303	
12 Aust Gen Hosp		"	072179	RAGAMA	RAGAMA 801	
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	025640	GALLE(Contd)	102065	BUSSA Camp TRI		
2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit						Under comd HQ CEYLON COMLAND temporarily

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UNIT	GRID REFERENCES CEYLON 1"	SHEET NAME	CEYLON 4" "ATLAS"	PLACE NAME	TEL No.	REMARKS
7 MISC						
Aust Military LO	666656	COLOMBO	066165	Museum College, Barnes Place, CBO	CBO 9583	Also OC AIF Base Details
6 Aust Div Pro Coy (less dets)	666656	"	066165	"	" "	
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy	959182	ALUTGAMA	084119	MATUGAMA	MATUGAMA 04	
No 3 Aust Army Base Post Office	666656	COLOMBO	066165	Museum College, Barnes Place, CBO	CBO 9583	
6 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	959182	ALUTGAMA	084119	MATUGAMA	MATUGAMA 04	
Det AIF Finance and Audit Sec	666656	COLOMBO	066165	Museum College, Barnes Place, CBO	CBO 9583	
Adv 2 Echelon AIF	666656	"	066165	"	" "	
Det AIF Kit Store	666656	"	066165	"	" "	
ANCS (Maj M.T. HAYWARD)	666656	"	066165	"	CBO 2556	
Australian Comforts Fund	666656	"	066165	"	CBO 8420	
AIF Reception Camp CBO	666656	"	066165	"	CBO 9583	
8 16 AUST INF BDE GP						
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	919423	HORANA	092142	HORANA	HORANA 2	
J Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	919423	"	092142	"	"	
45 Aust LAD	919423	"	092142	"	"	
7 Fl Aust HQ Gd Bn	919423	"	092142	"	"	
HQ 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	922434	"	092143	"	"	
E-Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	922434	"	092143	"	"	
43 Aust LAD	922434	"	092143	"	"	
1 Bty (less two tps)	922433	"	092143	"	"	A Tp 793561 RHP 1" B Tp 173465 AVISSAWELLA 1"
2 Bty	299368	"	130137	"		
51 Bty	828236	"	083124	Pamgrono Estate Area "C"	KTR 11	
D Tp 1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	809232	"	CS1123	KTR Area "B"		
2/1 Aust Fd Coy (less two secs)	930423	"	092142	HORANA	HORANA 2	For operations only HORANA 1" 1 Sec 808232 3 Sec 905320

UNIT	MAP REFERENCE GRID ZONE 1"	SERIES NAME	GRID ZONE 2" "CCC"	PLACE NAME	TEL No.	REMARKS
8 16 AUST INF BDE GP (contd)						
HQ 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	808237	HORAMA	081123	KTR, Hospital Area "D"	KTR 11	8 Bch HORAMA 1" 828236
HQ Coy	809230	"	081123	KTR, Area "D"		
A Coy	801228	"	080123	Aerodrome KTR Area "A"	KTR 11	
B Coy	798213	ALUTGAMA	080121	"	"	
C Coy	812237	HORAMA	081124	KTR, Area "B"	"	
D Coy	809231	"	081123	"	"	
HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	921415	"	092141	BITAMBA	HORAMA 2	
HQ Coy	921415	"	092141	"	"	
A Coy (less one sec)	921415	"	092141	"	"	Sec 900424 HORAMA 1"
B Coy	949167	ALUTGAMA	095113	ALUTGAMA		
C Coy (less one pl)	690464	PALALUGRA	069146			15 Pl 001995 ALUTGAMA 1"
D Coy	921415	HORAMA	092141	BITAMBA	HORAMA 2	
HQ 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	925413	"	092141	BITAMBA Estate	"	
HQ Coy	925413	"	092141	"	"	
A Coy	923412	"	092134	HORAMA	"	
B Coy	925412	"	092134	"	"	
C Coy (less det)	925413	"	092141	BITAMBA Estate	"	Det 662549 CEO & Dist. 1"
D Coy	923412	"	092141	HORAMA	"	
1 Coy AASC (less dets)	923444	HORAMA	092144	"	"	
No.1 DID	904416	"	090142	"		
No.2 DID	784247	"	078125	MAHAMBIMIM College		
Det No.1 Coy	654647	CEO & Dist.	065165	YAIMA		

UNIT	MAP REFERENCES CEYLON 1"	SHEET NAME	CEYLON ½" "AIR"	PLACE NAME	TEL No.	REMARKS
8 16 AUST INF BDE GP (contd)						
5 Rec Coy	920443	HORANA	092144	HORANA		att
D Div Sec 1 Aust Corps Fd Pk	920443	"	092144	"		att
2/1 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy)	926434	"	093143	"	HORANA 2	CRS
- B Coy	812255	"	081125	Sand Colony, KLA		
6 Aust Dental Unit	809231	"	081123			
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy	923430	"	092143			
UNDER COND						
148743 Lt AA Regt RA	795220	AMBALANA	079122			Under cond for operations only
9 17 AUST INF BDE GP						
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	085586	GALLE(Cont'd)	108059	) NW corner of	GALLE-64	)"B" Ech 397683
K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	085586	"	108059	)FORT GALLE, GALLE		)GALLE(Cont'd) 1"
46 Aust LAD	397683	"	139068	AMURESSA		
5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	085586	"	108059	NW corner of FORT GALLE, GALLE		
HQ 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	393675	"	139067	Rd & track junc		
F Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	393675	"	139067	"		
40 Aust LAD	393675	"	139067	"		
3 Bty	119584	"	112059	Pt GALLE-KOGGALA		
4 Bty	245525	"	124053	East of Rd - by crossing		
52 Bty (less one tp)	393658	"	140065	Near Rd junc.		F Tp 393477 GALLE(Cont'd)1"
A Tp 1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	208540	"	121055	Near 81 mile post GALLE-AMURESSA Rd		
2/8 Aust Fd Coy (less three secs)	394677	"	139068			)Under cond for
7 Sec	088579	GALLE(Cont'd)	109056			)operations only.
8 Sec	532529	MATARA	153053			)
9 Sec (less det)	635999	RAKWANA	165100			))Det 639017
						))RAKWANA 1"

UNIT	MAP REFERENCES CEYLON 1"	SHEET NAME	CEYLON ½" "AIR"	PLACE NAME	TEL No.	REMARKS
9 17 AUST INF BDE GP (contd)						
HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	117579	GALLE(Cent'd)	112058	Near Orphanage		
HQ Coy	117587	"	112059			
A Coy	123574	"	112057	Near Rd June		
B Coy	028584	"	109059	39-41 Light House St., GALLE		
C Coy	125563	"	113056	Rd GALLE-KOGGALA		
D Coy	108589	"	111059	76 mile post Promontory		
HQ 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	253567	"	125057	GALLE Harbour Termination of track		
HQ Coy	252567	"	125057	"		
A Coy	204547	"	120055			
B Coy	248566	"	124056			
C Coy	239527	"	124053	School		
D Coy	235557	"	123056	Termination of Rd		
HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	391653	"	139065	Near 22 mile peg GALLE-AKURESSA Rd.		"B" Ech 401669 GALLE(Cent'd) 1"
HQ Coy	406654	"	141065	North 12 mile post Rd MATARA-AKURESSA		
A Coy	397658	"	139066	AKURESSA, near Police Sta.		
B Coy	408651	"	141065	South 12 mile post AKURESSA-WELIGAMA Rd		
C Coy	233537	"	123054	KOGGALA LAKE Area		
D Coy	397658	"	140066	Near 91 mile post Rd WELIGAMA-MATARA		
17 Aust Inf Bde Gp Trng Unit	395779	"	139078	HOLANDAWA		
2 Coy AASC (less dets)	404722	"	140072	Near 27 mile post Rd AKURESSA-HULANDAWA		Det 025640 GALLE (Cent'd) 1" BOSS. Camp. Det 654647 CSO 1"
6 Rec Sec	383755	"	139076	Rd & track junc.		att
E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	388755	"	139076	"		att

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UNIT	MAP REFERENCES CEYLON 1" SHEET NAME	CEYLON ¼" "AIR"	PLACE NAME	TEL No.	REMARKS
9 17 AUST INF BDE GP (contd)					
2/2 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy and one det)	025640 GALLE(Cont'd)	102065	BUSSA Camp		CRS
Det	388742 "	138075	Near DEDDALA		MDS
B Coy (less det)	205545 "	121055	KOGGALA Area		ADS
Det	118561 "	112058	GALLE		Mobile Sec
2 Aust Dental Unit	086584 "	109058	39 Lighthouse St., GALLE		
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy	086584 "	109058	62 Lighthouse St., GALLE		
Det 6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	086584 "	109058	"		
Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	397683 "	139068	PORAMBA		
UNDER COND					
HQ 1 Coast Regt RA	037530 "	109059	75 Lighthouse St., GALLE	GALLE 125	For operations only
Kort Bty	089582 "	109059	Eglington House, GALLE	GALLE 83	
147/43 Lt AA Regt RA	097596 "	109060	Rd GALLE-KOGGALA 73 Mile post	GALLE 118	

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Major
for Lt.Col.
General Staff

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HQ 1	
DIV (Rear) Details Camp	
[illegible] Details Camp 1	

Interview of ADMS and DADMS with GOC - 14 May 42

1. GOC suggested that they have an AMC promotion or selection committee comprising reps from each hospital and fd ambulance:-

ADMS - chairman, DADMS - secretary, to deal with all promotions of MOs throughout AIF (CEYLON) on a corps basis.

2. ADMS was asked to take up with CO 12 Aust Gen Hosp the following questions:-

(a) Leave for AANS and VADs.

(b) Censorship of letters written by AANS which it is understood, is being carried out at present by padres attached to hospital.

3. ADMS was requested to ensure that records of all Red Cross Stores issued to medical units are maintained.

4. The health of RAE units is giving some concern - 9% of 2/1 Aust Fd Coy are in hospital and 22 Aust Fd Pk Coy are even worse. ADMS was asked to look into the cause.

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HEADQUARTERS (CEYLON)

Quote: S/G/1069

12 May 42

Secretary,
Department of the Army,
Melbourne.

REPORT (No.2) BY G.O.C. AIF (CEYLON)
Period ending 7 May 42

1. I have the honour to submit for the information of the Minister for the Army, my second monthly report on matters concerning the AIF in CEYLON.

2. Unloading of MT ships containing AIF vehicles, equipment and stores was completed on 28 Apr. From incl 6 Apr AIF personnel were employed on unloading ships in COLOMBO Harbour, and it was mainly due to their energy, persistence and determination that the work was completed as soon as it was. The matter is dealt with more fully in Appx "A". On completion of the work letters of appreciation of the services of the AIF personnel were received from the Commander-in-Chief, CEYLON, and the Brigadier i/c Administration. The Air Officer Commanding also verbally expressed his appreciation on several occasions, for the assistance given by the AIF in unloading RAF stores and ammunition, as well as in other directions at the air stations in the AIF area of responsibility.

3.(a) On 29 Apr HQ AIF moved to its operational HQ at KATUGANA, leaving a rear echelon consisting of ADMS, AMLO, Pay Office, 2nd Echelon, Postal and Provost Detachment in COLOMBO for administrative and liaison purposes.

(b) 1 Aust A Tk Regt (less proportion of guns, MT and equipment) disembarked on 12 Apr. One bty only was accompanied by its guns, MT and equipment. This bty has taken up its war stations in the AIF area of responsibili 1 Aust A Tk Regt (less one bty) came under command of HQ CEYLON Command, as from date of disembarkation and the personnel are being used to man 6 pr and 2 pr A tk guns for which no other personnel were available.
It has been made quite clear to HQ CEYLON Command, that when AIF CEYLON are withdrawn, personnel of 1 Aust A Tk Regt under command will be withdrawn also.
HQ CEYLON Command is accordingly making provision to r[illegible] and train the necessary replacements.

(c) 1 Aust Anti-malarial Unit was made available to CEYLON Command on 25 Apr, for duty at TRINCOMALEE, subject to the proviso that this HQ may withdraw the unit for duty in the AIF area of responsibility, if and when conditions in the latter area render it desirable to do so.

4. Preparations for the defence of the AIF area of responsibility have been pushed on energetically during the period under review.

5. Every effort is being made to improve as far as resources permit, the unsatisfactory communications in the AIF area.

(a) A flying bridge over the KALU GANGA has already been constructed by the RAE at ANDURUWATOTA, and is at present being duplicated.
These bridges replace the ferry previously operated by native crew using poles. The time of crossing has been reduced by approximately 8 minutes for each crossing. Two MT vehicles can be accommodated on each punt. These punts will be replaced by ones capable of carrying four vehicles at a time as soon as material is available.

(b) Approaches in the same locality are being prepared for construction of a high level "Hamilton" truss girder bridge, materials for which are reported to be on the way from INDIA. This is designed to cross the 120 yds wide river at a height of at least 2 ft above the highest previously recorded flood level.

(c) Two other flying bridges are being erected further upstream. One across the KALU GANGA and the other over the KADU GANGA (tributary of KALU GANGA) to replace the ferry North of MARAGAMA.
When these are completed they will provide an alternative inland route between MORAMA AIF Reserve Area (16 Aust Inf Bde Gp) and MATUGAMA (AIF HQ Area).

(d) Owing to rain undermining the surface of the road along the valley of the BENTOTA GANGA to UDAGAMA, thus making it unsafe for MT, it has not been possible to put a bridge across the BENTOTA GANGA at that place.
Reconnaissance of the approaches to PITIGALA (East of UDAGAMA) are being carried out with a view to putting a floating bridge over at that place. Initially the PBE from the Fd Park Coy will be used, but it will be replaced as soon as practicable by a bridge carried on "pedi" boats as soon as these can be purchased locally.

All the above bridges are designed to facilitate the use of alternative inland routes in case the coastal road should be interrupted.

6. Work is in hand to improve existing routes which may be required for movement of reserves or for maintenance purposes should the coastal route be denied to us.
RAE and an Indian Pioneer Coy working under RAE supervision are working on the worst section of the road PELMADULLA - MADAMPE - AKURESSA - between RAKWANA and LAUDERDALE, to provide an alternative route (one way) to the Southern brigade area should other routes be cut.
Passing places are being made at frequent intervals on the narrow roads which are hardly wide enough for two-way military traffic, but which it may be necessary to use in the event of operations. More and more passing places will be constructed so that eventually the roads will be made into two-way traffic routes.
Shortage of labour and power tools is, however, proving a handicap.

7. Alternative defensive lines have been reconnoitred and road-blocks prepared in suitable localities with a view to restricting enemy movement pending the development of counter-measures to deal with possible successful hostile landings in the various sectors.
Static defensive positions have been prepared for the defence of aerodromes at KATUKURUNDA and KOGGALA and for the defence of GALLE Harbour.

8. (a) Periscopes have been improvised and issued on the scale of 1 per section to ensure that troops in defensive positions will be able to maintain observation even when under intense air or ground bombardment.

(b) Experiments are being carried out to provide substitutes for weapons etc which are unavailable or available in inadequate quantities. e.g.:

(i) Bombs made from cocoa-nuts filled with ammonal and fitted with percussion striker and detonator. Tests show that these can be used either for booby traps or as substitutes for anti-tank mines provided that they can be made sufficiently waterproof to stand up to weather conditions. This is being tested.

(ii) "Bangalore" torpedoes using bamboo instead of metal piping. Although the bamboo container has practically no "cutting" effect on the wire, tests showed that the substitute was efficient as it was capable of blowing a passage through wire. (Metal piping is practically unobtainable in CEYLON at present).

(iii) Depth charges are considered an effective, rapid and convenient method of "blowing" girder and similar type bridges, when time and resources do not permit of preparation of demolition chambers and charges on orthodox lines.

(iv) Consideration is being given to the use of sea mines as substitutes for land-mine fields and for use in rivers etc.

(v) The "limpet" mine (magnetic) as a substitute for the S.T. anti-tank grenade in close country should prove extremely effective. Description attached as Appx "B".

(vi) A beach defence illuminating flare constructed from materials used in RAF parachute flares, but operated on a rocket principle, is being experimented with at present and gives promise of success if a sufficiently strong propellant can be evolved. In this connection I am informed by the C-in-C that the Navy have a flare of this type which is used for lighting up portions of convoys while leaving the remainder in darkness.
Efforts are being made to have some sent out from ENGLAND, if they are available.

9. Action is being taken to have all carriers and armd cars on charge to AIF units here, fitted with overhead covers consisting of expended metal on steel frame, to protect crews against grenades thrown from close quarters in wooded country. A design evolved by S/2 Asst A Fd Wkshop has been approved and drawings will be forwarded separately.
The expended metal frame does not make the carriers unduly conspicuous working in wooded country as the effect is similar to that of camouflage when suitable garnishing is used.

10. Now that the more urgent preparations for defence have been well advanced, increased training is being carried out by all units. Movement through jungle country is being extensively practiced and units are being hardened by exercises extending over several days with limited rations.

Weapon training is receiving attention and facilities for practice with live ammunition are being extended. Anti-tank units have already been exercised with live ammunition and further schools are being arranged. Field artillery units are being sent in turn to the practice camp in the near future.
An armoured train manned by Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps Reserve personnel, which was placed under the operational control of this HQ, is now ready for practical training. Arrangements have been made for an exercise on 16/17 May to test the train, readiness of the crew, and to exercise the latter in the use of their weapons with live ammunition.

11. Amenities

(a) ACF Tea and Rest Bungalow was opened on 27 Apr in COLOMBO for the use of all members of the AIF in CEYLON. The building which is very conveniently placed to the business centre is almost ideal for the purpose for which it is intended.
Separate changing rooms and showers are available for AANS and VADS and soldiers respectively. Two tennis courts (shoes, rackets and tennis balls are provided) and the usual indoor games are available. The bungalow has been very well patronised by the troops since its opening.

(b) On 1 May a hostel for accommodating AIF other ranks visiting COLOMBO on over-night leave was opened. It caters for a maximum of 150 and compared with ruling rates in COLOMBO the charges are very reasonable.

(c) Arrangements have also been made at KANDY to accommodate in a camp, small parties (about 30) of soldiers visiting KANDY

(d) A mobile cinema, privately owned and catering for 500 each session, is at present operating in AIF area. Representations have been made to the Combined Services Welfare Committee to take over this cinema and to obtain additional ones so that the service may be extended and charges reduced.

(e) Considerable hospitality has been extended to the troops in country areas by the local planters and most cordial relations have been established between them and members of the AIF in all areas visited. As an example, the TEBUWANA Sports Club has issued a standing invitation for parties of 60 members of the AIF to make use of the club on 3 days per week, and it is understood that a further extension of this invitation is contemplated. Hospitality has also been extended to the troops by certain Ceylonese gentlemen and reports from all sources indicate that very good relations exist between the AIF and local inhabitants throughout the whole AIF area. The C-in-C mentioned recently that this had been confirmed by the Security Police and also by one of the Ceylonese Ministers.

(f) At the request of the C-in-C CEYLON, Major E.W.HAYWARD AGS, was nominated as a member of the Combined Services Welfare Committee.

(g) NAAFI, on which the AIF units are dependent for canteen supplies, is very short of a number of items - particularly beer and tobacco. Purchase of beer and spirits is "rationed" for all ranks and since the arrival of AIF troops in CEYLON the "ration" of beer has been somewhat less than one bottle per man per week.

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12. Health continues to be generally good although the high incidence of VD is causing some concern. Minor skin affections and tinea are prevalent but have not assumed serious proportions.

Major General
Comd AIF (CEYLON)

MOST SECRET

Unloading of AIF MT Ships - COLOMBO APPX "A"

1. When AIF arrived in COLOMBO towards the end of March 42, the harbour was congested with shipping of all natures; sheds and wharves were likewise congested with stores; large numbers of loaded lighters were lying at wharves awaiting unloading; arrangements for guarding stores at wharves and for preventing the movement of unauthorised persons and launches about the wharves and harbour appeared to be inadequate for the following reasons:-

(a) Harbour police and other native police at the wharves could not be depended on to arrest Europeans - particularly service personnel - seen in the act of committing offences, nor were they permitted to fire upon service personnel looting or pilfering stores.

(b) Military guards mainly from Indian and Ceylonese units apparently confined their attentions to the landward side, being mainly at dockyard gates, and failed to watch the waterfront effectively.

(c) It was stated that no naval ratings were available for guarding the docks, and, if any naval launches were provided to patrol the harbour at night, they appeared inadequate to control the unauthorised movement of civilian boats and launches in the harbour at night.

(d) Native wharf labourers were not provided with passes or identification cards; consequently no real check could be kept on the comings and goings of natives. Furthermore native lighter-men were permitted to sleep on board loaded and partially loaded lighters.

(e) In most cases, owing to the absence of manifests and tally cards, there was no system of checking cargo etc from ship to lighter and from lighter to wharf.

2. Conditions therefore gave great opportunity for pilfering by anybody who was so inclined. This is mentioned because at a later stage when AIF parties took over the unloading of the ships, many charges of "looting" - frequently unsubstantiated and almost always grossly exaggerated - were levelled at members of the AIF, although it was common knowledge that pilfering was rife, even before the AIF arrived, and it was not until an AIF guard and the Provost Coy took up duty at the wharves, worked by our troops, that any arrests were made. As the AIF were responsible for guarding only the piers at which AIF working parties were operating, the record of arrests does not give a true index of the real situation.

3. Of the personnel arrested for pilfering whilst the AIF were working the ships, 26* were AIF, 2 Navy, 2 RAF, 1 British soldier, 1 Ceylonese policeman and 24 Ceylonese labourers. All service personnel charged are being dealt with by court-martial, and of the number already dealt with, 3 AIF were acquitted and it is possible that some of the remainder also will be acquitted, as it has been definitely proved that natives were hawking beer around the wharves.

4. Of 10 MT Ships carrying vehicles or stores, which arrived in COLOMBO about the last week in March, only one had been cleared and one partially unloaded by 5 Apr, when the Japanese air raid on COLOMBO took place. As a result of this raid work with native labour in the harbour was brought to a standstill.

* All charged with the theft of bottles of beer or Cartons of cigarettes.

5. On the afternoon of 5 Apr an offer was made to HQ CEYLON Command, to provide experienced stevedores from the AIF to carry on the unloading. This was accepted and a party of 100 AIF, drawn mainly from 2/2 Aust A Fd Wksshp, commenced work on 6 Apr as requested.
Subsequently an additional 200 AIF drawn from other units joined the improvised AIF Dock Operating Detachment on 11 Apr.

6. The work of these volunteers, who were directed by Capt C.F.J.SMITH, 2/1 Aust A Fd Wksshp, was carried out in a most praiseworthy fashion, although in the face of many difficulties brought about by lack of proper co-ordination by the authorities responsible for the provision of tugs and lighters, by means of which the bulk of the unloading was of necessity carried out.
(There is only one wharf at which a ship can discharge, and this cannot be used when ships are entering or leaving the adjacent graving dock which is in constant demand for the overhaul of naval vessels).

7. The AD&D (Movement) under whose direction the shore unloading parties worked stated in a written report that " there is no doubt that the AIF ranks when working on off-loading lighters produced from two to three times the amount of work as compared with Indian and Ceylonese ranks".

8. The last MT ship containing AIF vehicles etc was cleared on 28 Apr and the AIF Dock Operating personnel rejoined their respective units on the following day.

MARK II LIMPET MAGNETIC MINE - APPENDIX 'B'

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Limpet is a small self-contained mine with a magnetic base which enables it to be fixed instantly to the steel plate comprising the hull of the ship. Designed to hold a charge of between 4½ lb and 5 lb of HE such as blasting gelatine or plastic, and to be fitted under water, it is equipped with a simple delay device which ensures that the explosion will not take place until a predetermined period passed.

Although when fully loaded the Limpet weighs 9½ lb, its dead weight when in the water is only 5 lb. Adhesion is such that, if the device is placed on a reasonably level surface not badly fouled, it will remain in position on a vessel moving at speeds up to 5 knots.

To decrease the risk of failure, the delay device is duplicated.

METHOD OF ISSUE

Limpets are packed each in a wooden box measuring 10¾ ins. by 10½ ins by 5¾ ins, total weight 13 lb. The box contains one Limpet (unfilled) fitted with a carrying plate having webbing straps. Each Limpet has two ports fitted with adaptors to take standard "L" Delays. If the adaptors are removed, the old type soluble delays issued with the Mark I Limpets can be used.

A cover plate is held in position with eight screws. On removing this plate there will be found inside the Limpet:-

i. An envelope containing
   (a) One large rubber ring for making the joint between the cover plate and casing watertight.
   (b) Two small rubber rings for making joints between the adaptors and the bosses of the ports.
   (c) Two smaller rubber rings for the glands of the adaptors. (These rings are sometimes left inside the adaptors.)
   (d) Two rubber covers for waterproofing the "L" Delays.

ii. One wooden former plug to make a nest for the burster units when the casing has been filled with explosive.

Bursters (aluminium tubes 5 ins. long by ¾ in. dia.) are issued separately in metal boxes of 100. Each box measures 8¾ ins. long by 5¾ ins wide by 3½ ins deep and weighs 3½ lb. Two bursters are required for each Limpet.

The standard "L" Delays used are issued in cartons of 10, and in timings of :- 1 hour, 6 hours, 12 hours, 24 hours, 3 days, 7 days, 14 days and 28 days.

Cartons containing an assortment are also available and these are usually issued with Limpets. Each carton contains :- two 1 hour, two 6 hour, two 12 hour, 24 hour and two 3 day models.

PREPARING FOR ACTION

To prepare the Mark II Limpet for action, after removing the cover plate and accessories, pack the cavity with eight to ten 8 oz. sticks of blasting gelatine or plastic. Then lay the seali rubber ring in its groove and fix the disc cover in position with its eight screws evenly tightened up.

Next, remove the adaptors from the ports, fit the outer rubber rings to them, and screw firmly home again. Unscrew the glan nuts, discard the cardboard discs which will be found beneath them, and force the long end of the wooden former plug into each adaptor in turn, pushing it well home. A burster tube can now be inserted into each adaptor. Follow it with a rubber ring and then a brass ring. Screw the gland nut loosely into position.

Now select two suitable "L" Delays for the operation, bearing in mind the fact that the delay period varies according to the temperature of the water. In a warm climate the temperature of the water is likely to be in the neighbourhood of 65° F., which is the temperature to which all "L" Delays are calibrated. The indication on the tab will therefore be correct. In a cold climate, the temperature of the water may drop to say, 55° F., in which case the correct delay for the required timing period can be found by consulting the temperature correction table which will be found inside the lid of the "L" Delay carton.

Remember that two igniter units are supplied merely as a precaution, in case one fails to function. The chances against such a failure are at least 10 to 1, so if delays of different timings have to be used the short timing is the only one that really need be given consideration.

Having selected suitable "L" Delays, crimp on to them No.33 detonators, and push these gently into the burster tubes as far as they will go. The gland nuts should then be tightened, so that the delays are firmly gripped.

Finally, take the rubber covers supplied, slip them over the ends of the delays, and work the necks into place over the knurled flanges of the adaptors. The delay units are now completely waterproof. If the target to be attacked is not under water, there is, of course, no need to use the rubber covers.

When a nitro-glycerine explosive is used as the filling, it is inadvisable to keep a loaded Limpet longer than one month - or three weeks if the bursters are in position. After this period, the explosive is liable to deteriorate.

ATTACHING THE LIMPET

The Limpet should be attached, if possible, four or five feet below the water-line of the vessel, and preferably amidships. It is best to avoid placing it over the bows or stern, where it is liable to meet severe wash should the vessel proceed at any speed. Actual tests have indicated that, even in these unfavourable positions, given a reasonably good surface, it will remain in place at speeds up to 8 knots. But if it can be fitted amidships, it stands a chance of holding at considerably higher speeds.

If a boat cannot be used to approach the target, a strong swimmer can quite easily carry a Limpet round his waist. The keeper plate with webbing straps is supplied for this purpose, It should be tied firmly round the swimmer's waist, and the Limpet attached to it.

When the target is reached, the Limpet can be slipped off the keeper plate and easily placed in position. Slide it off the plate; do not attempt to pull it off direct.

Before the delays can be put into action, the safety clips must be removed from the starting-pins, and the starting-pins themselves must be removed. When rubber covers are fitted, it is best to remove these safety clips before attempting to attach the Limpet to its target, for, although this operation can be carried out through the rubber cover, it requires a certain amount of care.

Apart from its use as a weapon for attacking ships or barges, the Limpet is, of course, effective against A.F.Vs, boilers or any other target having ferrous plating not exceeding 2 ins. in thickness.

17 AUST INF BDE JUNGLE WARFARE SCHOOL

SENIOR COURSE

PROGRAMME

DAY	WORK
1	General lectures and discussions
2	Lecture - T.E.W.T. - Company in advance and attack
3	do do - Bn in advance
4	do do - Coy in defence
5	do do - Bn in defence
6	do do - Beach Defence - Night Operations
7 to 12	Exercise with 7 Bn and 52 Bty

PARADE HOURS :- Lecture 0800 - 0900 hours

T.E.W.T. 0900 - 1700 hours

LECTURE 1

LT. COL. W.E.CREMOR.

PRINCIPLES OF WAR

Objective - Selection and Maintenance of

Concentration of Effort

Economy of Force

Offensive Action

Surprise

Mobility

Security

LECTURE — CAPT. C.BENNETT.

THE USE OF CARRIERS IN JUNGLE WARFARE

1. **CHARACTERISTICS OF CARRIERS:**

Confined to roads, tracks? bullet-proof from ground level; watch "up". Mobile pillbox. Vulnerable when gun dismounted. Weapon of opportunity - dash - quick seizing of chances in action; scout appreciation - rapid aggressive action. Powers and limitations. Armament - composition of section.

2. **CARRIERS IN ATTACK:**

Constant appreciation. Countering centres of resistance. Pre-arranged fire plan, carriers in reserve. Take advantage of confusion - moral effect of appearance - the short, aggresive pounce - mutual support. Carriers are not tanks. Picquoting roads leading into area of attack. Guard against ambushes - tank hunters. Section discipline. Covering force to consolidation.

3. **CARRIERS IN DEFENCE:**

Offensive defence - use of outposts - making ambushes - camouflage - holding of fire - exits - counter attacks, carriage of section of infantry - stop gaps. Guard against flanking movements by patrolling roads. Keep road open between Coys spread in depth. Bringing up stores. Restoring communications. Harbour at night.

4. **REARGUARDS - WITHDRAWALS.**

Mobile - holding enemy up at rivers and by ambushes. Holding places for rear elements to pass through. Clean break. Cover to deceive enemy.

5. **THE M/C SECTION:**

Solo machines. Flying squad - extreme mobility. Armament. Knowledge of country - dash - aggresive action. Must fill gaps. Must be restored to mobility as soon as possible.

6. **MAINTENANCE:**

High standard set. Climate. Spare parts. Own mechanics. Loading carrier - cut down present gear. Anticipate requirement of petrol, oil, water, ammunition. Cover carrier when fixing small breakdowns. System of recovery for wrecked vehicles.

LECTURE

Major BROCK.

TACTICS TAUGHT AT JUNIOR WING

1. Group Tactics

2. Infiltration

3. Encirclement

4. "Filletting" or deep penetration.

5. Immediate counter attack

6. Reserves. Employment and mobility

7. Toughness and training

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LECTURE

LT. COL. W.E. CREMOR

ARTILLERY IN JUNGLE WARFARE

What can Arty do

- difficulties (trees, lack of positions, communications)

- barrages - concentrations - a.t. secondary role - X night fire

How it does it

- F.O.O. - information vital

Map spot shooting -

Rd blocks

Protection - dead gunners can't shoot.

Position in column

Night

Beach defence - Direct fire if possible

Blind at night

Risk of predicted fire

Defence of dromes - Direct fire

Away from perimeter

Inf plan to conform

SUMMARISED

- Very effective when can be used - cannot be depended on as in desert, etc warfare - closest contact between infantry and artillery officers necessary.

MAINTENANCE OF 17 AUST INF BDE OF NON OPERATIONAL & OPERATIONAL

CAPT A.P. CHAPMAN.

Present L. of C.

Reserves

Alternative L. of C.

Medical

LECTURE — LT. COL. W.E.CREMOR.

JAPANESE TACTICS

Fix in front. Then encircle and infiltrate - or penetrate.

On contact, reserve coys of forward bn round to depth of 1000 yds - reserve bn wide up to 2 miles and 5 deep.

Stalker snipers guide encirclement. Up trees in rear.

Gain control of road

Speed - on foot - bicycles - water-craft - m.t. - i.e. everything available.

Constant in principle but many variants.

Constant retain contact and rapidly encircle, etc .

Variants - various types of noise, e.g. crackers, fire, etc c.f.silent approach. Wait patiently for us c.f. quick movement. Expose some troops to find out our position.

5 Col and sabotage - use of lights, rockets, flares, leaves (salt plants, rice, paper) on road, scare-crows pointing to positions, trodden grass or paddy fields, natives.

Night operations

OUR ANSWER

T R A I N in jungle

F I G H T

[redacted] CAPT [redacted].

COMPANY IN ATTACK

APPROACH MARCH

LONG DISTANCE

Protection

Deployment

Mobolity

SHORT DISTANCE

Protection

Van guard on cycles

Advance Guard consists of all arms

Flank guards

Deployment

Comds of supporting arms and sub. comds

Mortars

Artillery

Carriers

ACTION ON CONTACT

Firing

Encirclement

ATTACK ("FILLETTING")

"Fix" with engaged platoon

Encirclement with one reserve platoon

Attack down line of road with other reserve platoon

Artillery

Mortars

Carriers

A/Tk guns

Maintenance of impetus

LECTURE — MAJOR BROCK.

BN IN ATTACK

1. JAPANESE METHODS:

Dispose small force to "fix" and envelop localities from flank and rear.

Cut off supplies - force withdrawal.

Speed of move indicates deployment in anticipation.

Set formations - Diversions

Infiltration - small parties with S.M.G's - snipers in trees.

2. PATROLS:

Active patrolling must be employed at all times to anticipate enemy action.

3. ENCIRCLING:

Holding attack in front.

All movement is based on roads.

We encircle to cut road and mop up trapped enemy forces.
Covering forces to deal with enemy flank patrols.
Encircling force outside the covering force.

4. "FILLETTING".

Deep penetration to disrupt control. Requires heavy support.

5. IMPETUS.

Maintain momentum of attack.

Hang on and harrass.

6. RESERVES.

Maintain reserves with maximum mobility and suitably placed to do these tasks.

7. SUPPORTING FIRE:

Artillery.

A/Tk.

Mortars.

Carriers.

[redacted] CAPT NELSON.

COMPANY IN DEFENCE

1. Minimum number in static defence.

2. Large mobile reserve.

3. Sighted in depth.

4. Localities to be self supporting.

5. Localities to be mutually supporting.

6. Artillery.

7. Mortars.

8. Carriers.

9. A/Tk guns.

10. Standing Patrols.

11. Tiger patrols.

12. Withdrawal at night.

LECTURE [redacted]

[redacted]

"[redacted]"

1. AAA control must centre on radio.

2. Depth of position held in counter to encircling or infiltration.
No gaps. Active patrolling.
This is ONLY practicable static defence.

3. Watch rivers and valley exit - ensure flanks.

4. Reserves provide the means for defeating the enemy.
Must be mobile.
Must be strong in fire power.
Deploy in anticipation.
Attack enemy reserves before they encircle.

5. Enemy reinforcement testing.
Art to depth of approx 1000 yds.
Mr to depth of approx 4 miles.

6. Immediate C.A. :- Act aggressively. Pillboxing tactics.

7. SUPPORTING FIRE:
Artillery - Japanese 6lelbs 75-pr guns.
Mortars.
Carriers.
A.C.'s.
A/Tk guns.

8. Reception.

9. Equipment.

10. M.T. - Mixing.

11. Obstacles.
Road blocks.
Minefields.

LECTURE AND DISCUSSION — LT. COL. W.E.CREMOR.

GENERAL HINTS FOR JUNGLE WARFARE

Use of bicycles

Ambushes

Our G.R. role - sniping, night harrassing, road blocks,

Reducing clothing and equipment

Reducing transport

Self-contained posts - habitable - water - food - ammunition - cooking (N.B. Smoke and planes) -

Communications

Passage of information

Wounded

Exercise - live on country for 2 days

LECTURE

MAJOR BROOK.

NIGHT OPERATIONS

1. JAPANESE MEASURES:

   Surprise by outflanking

   Silence

   Approach crawl

   Weapons: Knife, etc.
   Little firing

   Shooting at sound of voices

2. Formations closer than by day. Alternative positions. Move forward.

3. Cross country moves slow and noisy. Devices for silence in movement.

4. Night attacks most difficult to control

5. Night move to dawn attack

6. Patrols

7. Withdrawal

LECTURE — BRIGADIER M.J.MOTEN.

B E A C H D E F E N C E

A battle on beaches rather than inland offers us greatest advantage.

JAPANESE PROBLEM

Command of the Sea.
Surprise. He may select time and place of landing.
Importance of air superiority.
Possibilities of feints darkness and smoke.
Suitable beaches.
Effect of South West Monsoon.

METHOD OF LANDING.

Covering force - sub-divided into a number of flights and floating reserve. Main Body.
Flights approach on wide front, find weak spot in which to push floating reserve.
Penetration deep enough to deny us observation of beach.
Divide into three phases (i) a pproach (ii) dis-embarkation (iii) landing.

DEFENCE OF BEACHES.

Any force in transports or landing craft is harmless until deployed ashore. Prevent it landing or catch it in the act.
Thorough recce of areas.
Intensive preparation defensive works in likely areas.
Training - rehearsal.
Local warning.
Impossible to defend all likely landing places.
General principles of defence.

(a) Wide recce
(b) Hold certain fortified areas - local mobile reserves
(c) Mobile striking force ready to move to any threatened point.

Zone to be covered.
Depth in Beach defence must be sacrificed for strength in fwd area.
Penetration tasks.
Dispersion unavoidable but not for sub-units. Mobility.
Concealment.

SITING AND USE OF OUR WEAPONS.

Field guns
M.M.G's
Mortars
Bren guns
A/Tk Guns and Rifles

OBSTACLES.

To stop boats
To stop men
Underwater obstacles
Wiring A Tk and A personnel minefields
Obstacles are valueless unless covered by fire

BEACH LIGHTING.

CONCLUSION

MOST SECRET

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15 May 42

Secretary,
Department of the Army,
Melbourne.

Report (No.2) by GOC AIF (CEYLON)
for period ending 7 May 42

With further reference to para 10 of my second monthly report numbered S/G/1069 and dated 12 May 42, enclosed herewith for information, is print showing details of the Armd Train.

Major General
Comd AIF (CEYLON)

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SECURITY

Subject : AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE 16 MAY 42

HQ AIF (CEYLON)
Tel : MATUGAMA 04
15 May 42
File No : S/G/1133

G1 AIF (CEYLON)

1. Moves
2. Experiments
   (a) Flares
   (b) Rockets
   (c) Convoys
   (d) Mortars
   (e) Silencers
   (f) Removable covers-carriers
   (g) Smoke
   (h) Fougasses, etc.
3. Armd Train
4. Brevity - Messages - Exercises
5. Loyalty

CRE 6 Aust Div

6. Resume of weeks work
7. Comms

OC Sigs 6 Aust Div

8. Telephones - their use and abuse

AQ AIF (CEYLON)

9. ADM Layout
   (a) Sups
   (b) POL
   (c) Amn
10. Medical
    Prevention of evacuation for minor disabilities.

And any other matters raised by Heads of Services.

Major
General Staff

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Subject : AIF (CEYLON) OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.1

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : MATUGAMA 04

15 May 42

File No : S/G/111

Ref para 16 of AIF (CEYLON) Operation Instruction No.1 of 1 May 42, fwded herewith are plans of standard pill box for use in AIF Sector.

2. Plans are marked Appendix "E" and will be attached to copies of AIF Operation Instruction No.1 numbered as shown in Distribution List below.

3. ACK.

Lt.Col.
General Staff

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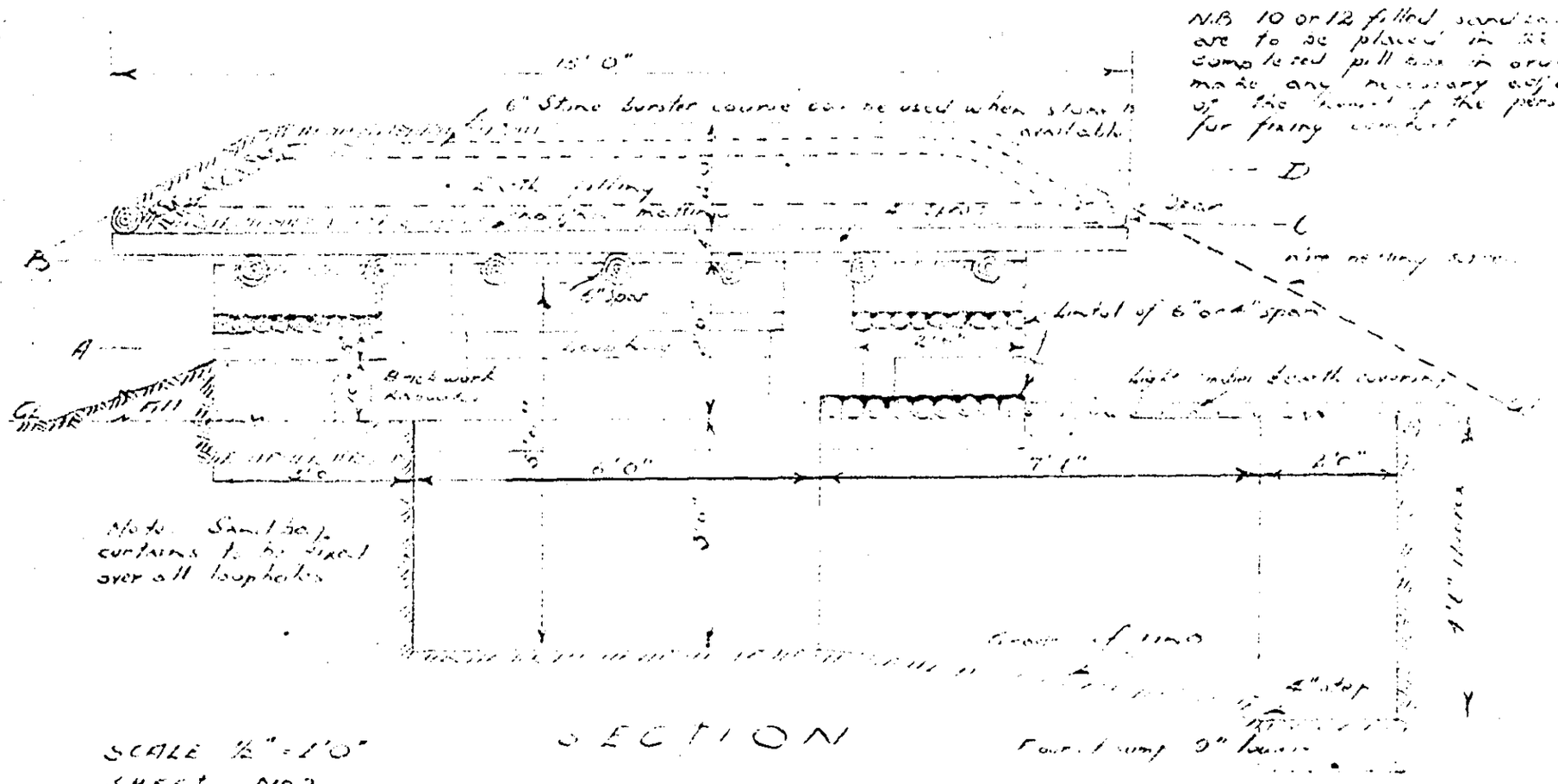
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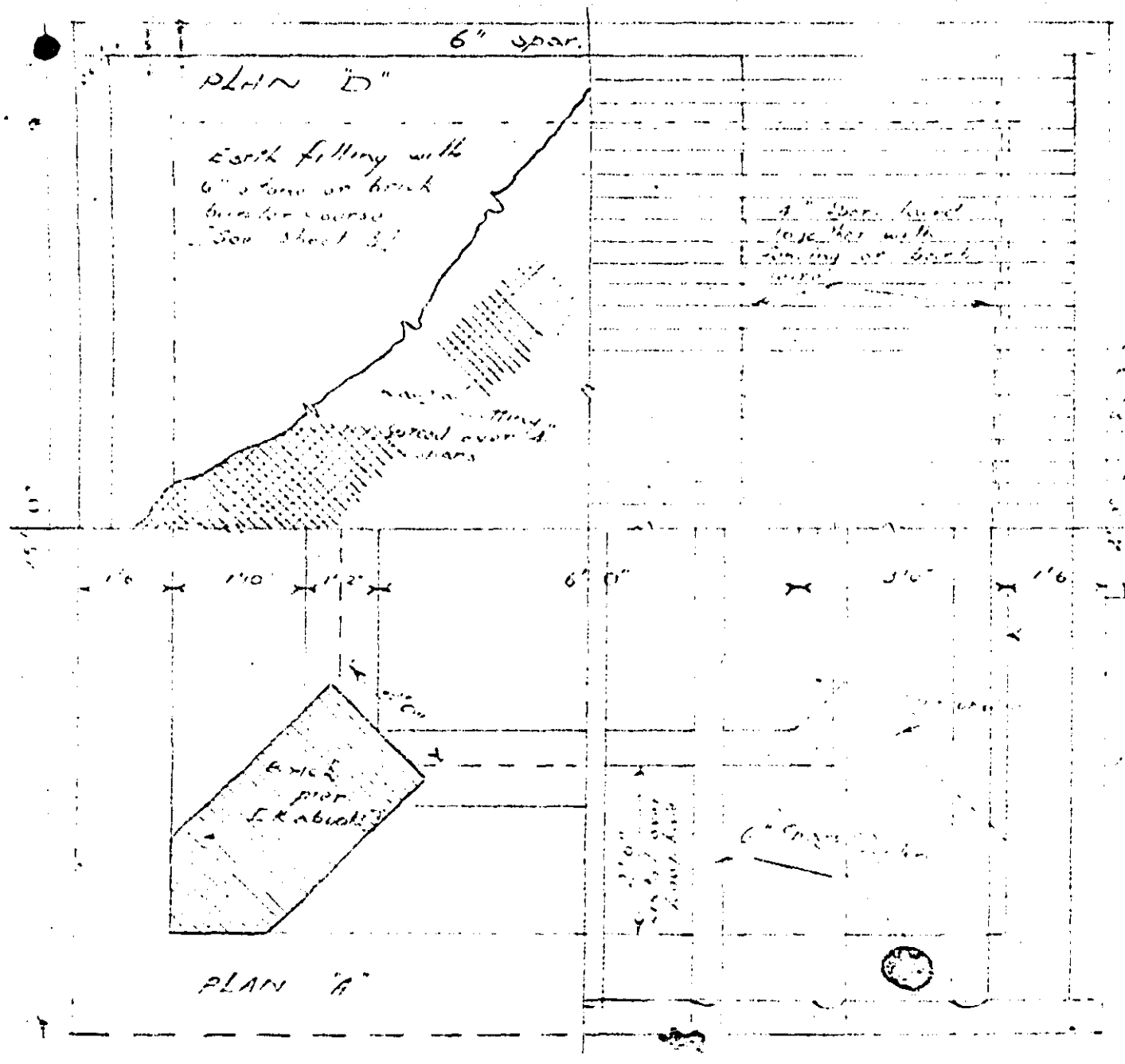
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USING LOCAL MATERIALS



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For details of lintel construction see Sheet 3

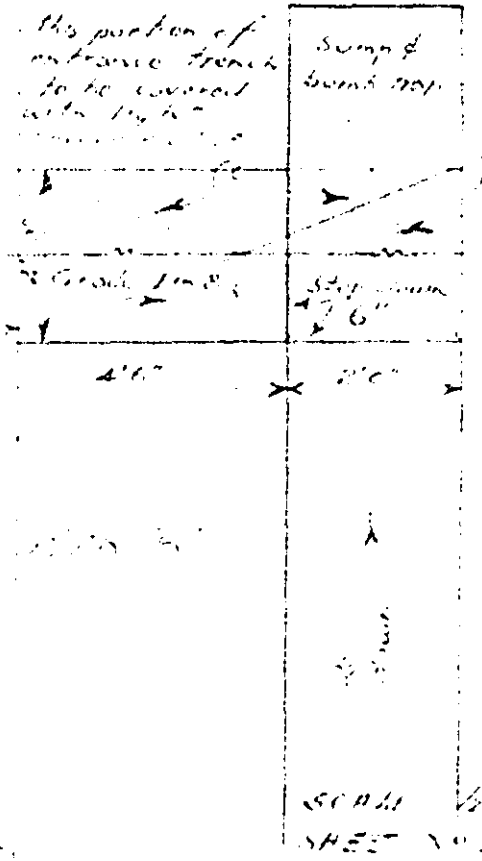


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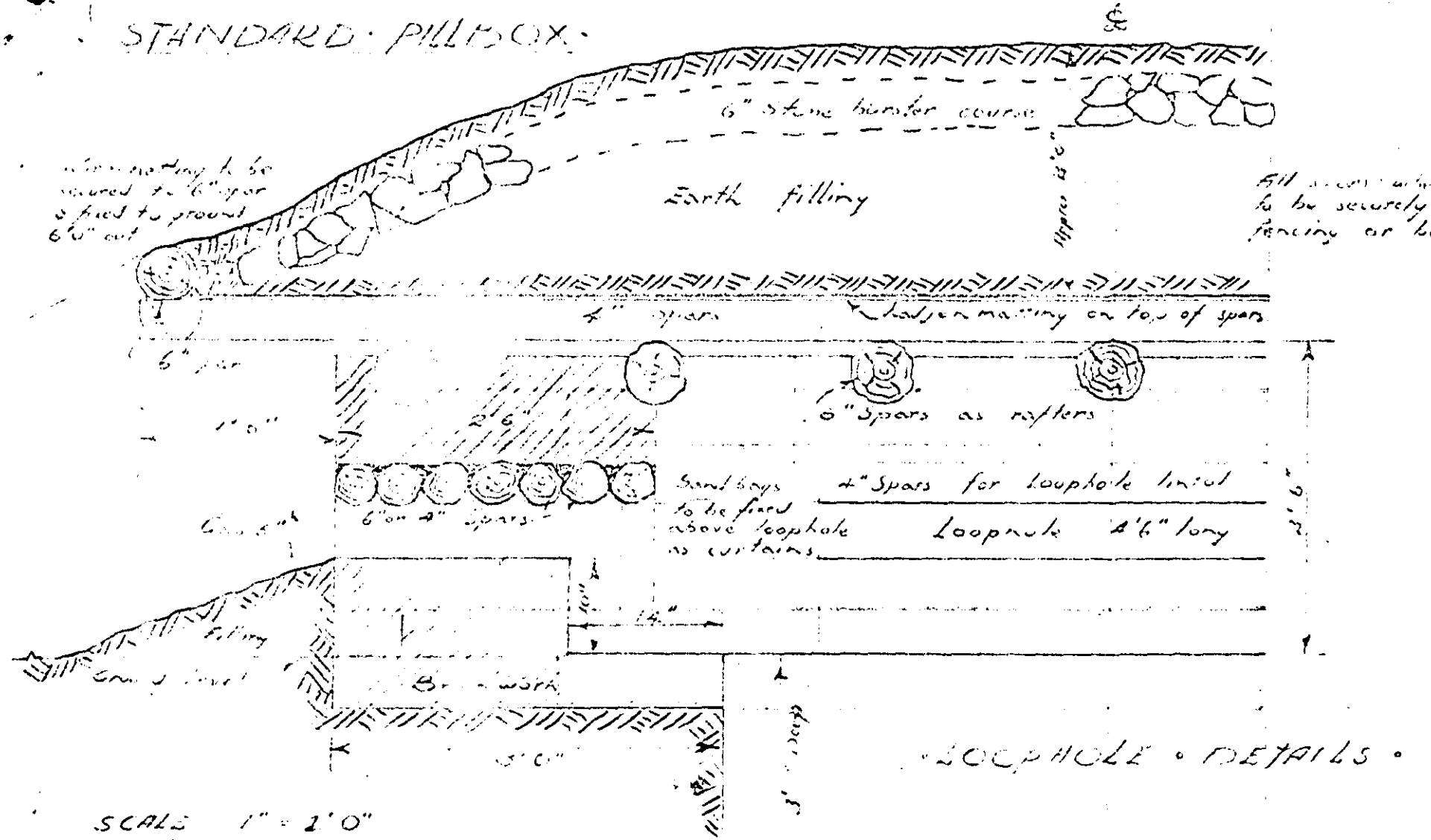
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PLAN "C"

Note. Nine pillboxes to be found to this design all round Pevensey Bay. Height of walls to be governed by local conditions. Roof structure to be constructed in brick where no concrete was available.



STANDARD PILLBOX



LOOPHOLE DETAILS

SCALE 1" = 1'0"
SHEET No 3
DATE 20 April 1942

Bar Beaty

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HQ AIF (CEYLON)

16 May 42

File No : S/G/1211

Subject : MINUTES OF STAFF CONFERENCE

G1 AIF (CEYLON)

Moves

1. As yet there is no definite date for the proposed 16 Aust Inf Bde move to KURUNEGALA but recces of the new area will take place within the next 2 or 3 days. It is anticipated that the move will take place when it becomes certain that the monsoons will lessen the possibility of landings on the Southern coast of CEYLON.

KURUNEGALA

Experiments

2. The following experiments are proceeding and reports on them are being received from time to time

(a) Flares

(i) Experiments with rocket flares are being carried out weekly and results obtained are on the whole successful. RAF have made another 50 parachute flares available at TRN and these will be invaluable.

(ii) The C-in-C has agreed to obtain parachute flares from the Navy. These flares are of a special type used generally in convoy work.

(b) RAF

Have been conducting experiments with mortars for throwing oil, Fougasses and booby traps. Some of these have been tried and found to be very successful. The results of the other experiments are not yet to hand.

(c) Carriers

(i) 16 Aust Inf Bde have fitted carriers with silencers and smoke generators. These are only partially successful and are being investigated by 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop.

(ii) It has not been decided yet whether to make covers for carriers removable or not. The decision now rests with GOC.

(d) Armd Train

The Armd Train will have its first outing and test at KTR on Sunday 17 May 42.

Brevity

3. In order that time may not be wasted in the presentation of reports and in sending messages and using telephone facts must always be marshalled before they are presented.

Exercises

4. Tng Team is coming from India to set and conduct exercises for AIF. This team should arrive at any time and should stay for a period of about 3 weeks. The fullest advantage must be taken of their visit.

Loyalty

5. This is an essential in every SO. It is necessary for the harmonious working of the Staff that loyalty both to Comd and to fellow SOs is displayed on all occasions.

Aerodrome Defence

6. At present Comd are advocating that static defence at aerodromes come under the comd of senior RAF offr of the 'drome. It is hoped that they can be persuaded to revise this decision.

Question from OC Sigs:- In the event of 16 Aust Inf Bde move under whose comd will they come?
Answer G1 AIF (CEYLON):- Operationally under comd Ceylon Comd. They will probably remain under comd of AIF(CEYLON) for Adm.

Question from OC Sigs:- Will the move of 16 Aust Inf Bde involve a move of 17 Aust Inf Bde.
Answer G1 AIF (CEYLON):-Yes. In all probability it will mean a move of 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ and 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to HORANA Area.

CRE 6 AUST DIV

Experiments
7. Experiments as detailed by G1 are in progress. In particular Fougasses have been very successful.

Weeks Work
8. (a) Brs
Second flying br over ANGURUWATOTA has been completed and also a third over its tributary the KUDA.

(b) Comns
(i) Rd HORANA - AKURESSA has been reced giving complete circuit North and South which is only duplicated in two or three places. PWD have put men to work on this road which should be in first class condition in 8 - 10 weeks. This rd crosses BENTOTA on high level brs and the GIN GANGA by flying brs.
(ii) The Ceylon Govt has made £60000 available for maintenance of rds on the Island.
(iii) The HAYES - LAUDERDALE Rd will be completed by 3 Jun 42.

Hutting
9. This is progressing very satisfactorily in 17 Aust Inf Bde area. 3 weeks should see hutting completed throughout whole AIF area.

OC SIGS 6 AUST DIV

Telephones
10. Too much time is being wasted in telephone calls. The following points should be noted in order to speed up and improve the service.

(a) Trunk line calls
(i) Before booking call ensure that information required is not already in the office.
(ii) Do not book calls and go away without notifying sigs to cancel call.
(iii) Always cancel call if it is not required.
(iv) Always call subscriber by name and avoid delay when call gets through.
(v) Shorten conversation by making notes before making call.
(vi) Figures are not reliable over telephone - avoid giving states.
(vii) Before booking a call see if anyone else has one booked.

(b) Local calls
In general the same applies as above. Make all calls to the point.

AG AIF (CEYLON)

Sups, POL and Ammn

11. (a) Sups
All static defences have now 30 days ret of sups. 14 days' reserves are held for remainder of tps at HORANA and HOLANDUWALLA.

(b) POL
Pet supplies in all areas are adequate and these will be maintained and increased.

(c) Ammn
Ammn supplies have been brought up to scales requested from cond.

Rd Accidents

12. These have increased. They are mainly caused by veh travelling at excessive speeds and all offrs are asked to cooperate by reporting veh seen exceeding speed limits.

Medical

13. At the present moment there are 100 tps in 12 Aust Gen Hosp who should not be in hospital. They require treatment for minor ailments but this could be given at RAP. As discipline falls off in hospital and tps become soft it is suggested that some arrangements be made for treating these people without evacuating them.

Major
General Staff

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HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel: MATUGAMA 04

19 May 42

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AQ AIF (CEYLON)

Delete the whole of para 11 and insert :-

11. The following is the state of Sups POL and Amn:

MATUGAMA and KATUKURUNDA
Sups 10 days with units
14 days with D.I.D. (KALUTARA)

P.O.L. Shell Coy pumps at KALUTARA and MATUGAMA.
Two pumps to be installed in MATUGAMA area.

Petrol 1100 gls with 2/2 A.F.Wkshop
Reserve 1600 gls with 2/1 Bn.
" to be increased to 5600 gls.

Oils 248 gls at D.I.D.
Oils Reserves - 520 gls
Grease " - 336 lbs

Amn 1st line with units)
2nd " " No 1 Coy AASC)
3rd " " AAD HORANA

Only shortages in 1st and 2nd line are 17 Bde units in .303 AP.
The items in which further supplies will be different are: .455 pistol, .55 A tk .38 pistol, .303 AP, 73 grenades.

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16 Aust Inf Bde Gp less KATUKURUNDA units

Sup 10 days with units
14 days with D.I.D. (HORANA)

P.O.L. Three petrol pumps at HORANA
Shell Coy Sta, 16 Bde HQ and AASC lines.
Reserve at D.I.D. 5300 gls is in progress of being built to 28000 gls.

Oils Approx 3000 gls

Grease 235 lbs

Amn 1st line with units
2nd line " No 1 Coy AASC
3rd line " AAD HORANA

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17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Sup 14 days with units except 4 days Mobile Bn AKURESSA
14 " FSD BOOSA (to be transferred to AKURESSA)

P.O.L. Four petrol pumps holding 5000 gls at BOOSA, GALLE, AHANGAMA (for KOGGALA) AKURESSA (AASC)
Reserve petrol 4200 gls at D.I.D.

Oils 1300 gls

Grease 444 lbs
With units oil 1400 gals
grease 100 lbs
Reserve petrol to be built up to 33000 gls.

Amn 1st line with units
2nd line with No 2 Coy AASC
3rd line with AAD HULANDAWA

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 1

GENERAL

1. Although the following have been stressed verbally from time to time, and been issued in "Lessons" from MALAYA, it has been decided to repeat them as a Training Instruction, in order that all Comds will realise the necessity for adopting the offensive spirit, and for thorough training in movement and control through jungle.

OFFENSIVE SPIRIT

2. In order that we may be successful against the Japs, the offensive spirit must be maintained in ALL our operations. We must attack the enemy where we can find him, keep him guessing, and hamper his activities by forcing him to remain on the defensive. To do this we must not be content to wait for opportunities to present themselves, but must be prepared to create them for ourselves; to move over long distances in order to strike, and to exploit to the full the element of surprise.

MOVEMENT THROUGH JUNGLE

3. The heavily wooded country of CEYLON is ideal for the successful exploitation of these tactics, but it must be remembered that our tps are not really accustomed to moving over country of this nature. A considerable amount of training on these lines will be necessary before they reach that degree of efficiency which will enable them to operate successfully against an enemy as experienced in this type of warfare as the Jap. Every offr and man must be given hardening exercises to accustom him to the unusual climatic conditions.

SCOPE OF TRAINING

4. Naturally, the training must start with the individual soldier being taught to move quickly and quietly through the jungle, to use his eyes and avoid traps, and to find his way merely by relying on his powers of observation. It will be rare to find any distinctive features of terrain, so that, at the best, a soldier's aids will be limited to a compass, small local landmarks, and his familiarity with the jungle and bushcraft.

5. While the need for thorough individual training is realised, it is even more important for controlled bodies of men to be able to move wherever ordered and, at the same time, to maintain contact with other tps who may be moving on their flanks. In order to achieve this object, training must progress as quickly as possible from individual to sec, pl, coy, and eventually to the movement of complete units. When the latter has been achieved, schemes will be prepared for moving more than one unit at a time.

6. During all phases of the training, tps must be practised in movement through the jungle both by day and night. They must also move selfcontained, and be practiced in living on a reduced scale of rations by supplementing that with food obtainable locally.

NOTE: One unit, after practical experience, reports that, "A daily ration of 1 lb of rice, 2 ozs of salt, and 4 ozs of sugar is sufficient, generally, for men on heavy work. This ration must by supplemented by one or two pieces of fruit, or severe constipation will result".

REPORTS

7. HQs Bde Gps will submit reports forthwith, showing what units of their respective Gps have been exercised in the foregoing, and also the standard reached.

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PART I - NEWS

ITALY

A report from London dated 11 Apr states that an agreement has been reached for a Chinese representative at the Vatican on the same basis as the Japanese.

The meeting between Hitler and Mussolini excited wide comment in the press, widely divergent reports being circulated by various papers. Most are, however, agreed that Italian forces will reinforce the Russian front, and that larger scale operations will develop in the near future.

This may perhaps, be coupled with an intensive war of nerves which is proceeding by medium of wireless at present - for the most part conducted by Japan. (GHQ India No.23)

Army

The defence of Italy has been carried forward to an advanced state of completion. In addition the garrisons of Sicily; Sardinia and South Italy!

The reinforcing and reforming of the severely depleted divisions in Greece and Albania, has been proceeded with. Garrison armies in the Balkans are also reported to be reasonably well equipped.

Increased attention is being paid to the Italian expeditionary force in Russia. It is anticipated that a larger force will be sent - possibly a corps.

FRANCE

The U.S. Embassy at Vichy informed Washington that strong Japanese pressure was being brought to bear on Vichy to compel the sale of French merchant shipping in Indo-China ports. In the event of a refusal Japan threatened to seize them.

Small numbers of French volunteers are fighting with the Axis forces on the Russian front.

A closer form of collaboration will take place with Germany now that Laval is in the saddle. It is probable Laval's first step will be to tighten his grip on the administrative machinery, develop French production and direct French labour to the benifit of Germany.

The change of government has caused some nervousness in French Morrocco.

MADAGASCAR

British Naval and Army Forces including Commandos attacked Madagascar on 5 May 42.

The primary objective of the attack was to gain control of the Diego Suarez Naval Base.

A British ultimatum to surrender was refused and British Forces landed, gaining almost immediate control of the Isthmus of Saint Andra Naka linking the Naval Base with Madagascar.

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A French submarine, the "Bevezers" and auxiliary cruiser "Bougainville" were sunk during operations.

On the third day, resistance at Diego Suarez ended but isolated pockets of resistance are expected to be met in other parts of the Island.

British Forces included light tanks, whilst planes operated from carriers. It is thought that possibly more than half the French military strength was concentrated in the north.

RUSSIA

Heavy air attacks are reported, Murmansk incendiaries being used for the first time on Apr 4. No appreciable damage was done and German losses were by no means small.

Reports from all Russian fronts indicate all operations to be of a local nature, major conflict being impossible exceptionally severe thaw which has now set in.

Russian attacks are constant, in the effort to prevent German troops disengaging to rest and re-equip.

Preparations for the "Spring Offensive", are on a large scale on both sides .

Evacuation of Poles

Up to 3 Apr nearly 30,000 Poles had landed at Pahlevi en route to Teheran. These are all destined for the military forces, are in good physical condition and in good spirits.

MEDITERRANEAN

28 April 4 heavily laden supply ships have been sunk by British submarines in the Mediterranean.

MALTA

Heavy air attacks continue but Malta has fought back strongly, having an adverse effect on General Rommel's effort in Libya.

With the damage being done to German aircraft in their attacks on the Island a steady drain on German air resources has resulted, thus weakening the effort in Russia.

Considerable damage has been done to installations in the harbour. The dockyard has been severely handled, whilst a British destroyer and Greek submarine have been sunk. A cruiser, two destroyers and a minesweeper have been damaged.

Comparative Air Losses in Libya and Mediterranean for the week ending 9 Apr are as follows:-

Allied	10 bombers	27 fighters	2 others
Enemy	59 destroyed	28 probables	69 damaged

Week ending 16 Apr:-

Allied	22 bombers	22 fighters	2 others
Enemy	44 destroyed	5 probables	34 damaged

Week ending 23 Apr:-

Allied	9 bombers	24 fighters	2 others
Enemy	47 destroyed	16 probables	48 damaged

Despite the heavy raids on Malta, Axis shipping arriving in Italian North African ports is still very low. 38,000 tons

of enemy shipping was sunk in the Mediterranean during the month of March. (GHQ India No.23)

LIBYA

During the past week some enemy movement has been observed. more particularly in the south. The enemy has withdrawn when engaged by our mobile columns. The only other operations have been limited to minor brushes between patrols.

The general line of forward enemy positions is Temrad - Segnali with armoured formations holding positions from the coast to Sidi Breghisc (6 miles South of Temrad). Italian formations are on the Segnali area.

EGYPT

Enemy aircraft raided Suez Canal area on 24/25 Apr, one raider being destroyed.

The internal situation in Egypt is steadily improving, the arrest of Ali Mahar being likely to have a very good effect.

Nahas Pasha and the Wafd Government are becoming increasingly co-operative.

SYRIA

In marked contrast with enemy broadcasts, our relations with the Free French remain good although a certian deterioration in the situation has occurred due to dissatisfaction with the puppet government set up by the Free French.

Our popularity has suffered as economic assistance has been affected by rising prices.

An early announcement will be made by the President of Syria that elections will be held in Syria and the Lebanon before the end of 1942 and that steps will be taken to improve economic conditions.

Free French administration will be converted to a purely advisory role. (GHQ India No.23)

PALESTINE

3000 Poles from Russian Turkestan have arrived in Gaza area and are continuing to arrive at the rate of 500 daily.

The Carpathian Brigade is now believed complete.

TURKEY

Turkey does not intend to deviate from a policy of neutrality of her own accord - This is the theme followed by Ankara broadcasts of late.

Hopes are also expressed that future storms would pass over Turkey's head.

YUGO SLAV FORCES

A majority of Yugo-Slav officers mostly belonging to the Air Force have refused to serve under the new commander appointed by the Yugo-Slav Government and are being interned at their own request.

GERMANY

On April 26 Hitler addressed the Reichstag. Having recounted all the blessings and victories, due to his personal guidance in the past, he spoke of the difficulties being encountered on the Russian Front. Significantly, he promised better equipment for the next Russian winter. Resultant on his demands "unqualified power" has been vested in Hitler.

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ARMY
It is believed another Armoured Division has been formed. In addition new light divisions (possibly three) have been formed out of existing infantry divisions.

Air Force
Losses in Libya, Russia, Malta and France are taking a steady toll of personnel as well as material. The extremely successful raid on the Heinkel Works at Rostock will, no doubt, be felt in the near future as Heinkel bomber planes are the mainstay of German squadrons operating on the Western Front.

Internal Situation
The delegation of "unlimited powers" to the Fuehrer is the climax of a series of decrees strengthening the party at the expense of business, civil services and leaders of the Army.

The shortage in the labour market is most marked and is only partially offset by use of foreign workers and PsW.

Food has been further rationed - bread, flour, meat, fats and coffee substitute.

ANDAMANS
Raids on the Andamans by RAF Hudsons are being successfully pressed home. The chief target in this area is enemy seaplanes.

RANGOON
Rangoon is bombed regularly by American Flying Fortresses under General Brereton. On one raid 42 bombs each of 200 lbs were dropped, three planes taking part in the raid.

BURMA
Heavy fighting continues in the province of Yunnan, where Japanese troops are pressing on from Burma.

An enemy drivy up the Irrawaddy has been held up north of Mandalay, but Allied forces here are liable to be encircled if the Japanese penetrate far enough up the Chindwin.

Indian refugees continue to move west to India from enemy occupied territory.

Burmese Traitor Army
The organisation consists of battalions of 500 men, each battalion commanded by a Japanese officer with Burmese under officers.

Training of this army was limited to firing a few shots from a .303 rifle or Bren (captured material).

Burmese are used to gain knowledge of the rear, this being particularly applicable during the attacks on Lashio and Mandalay.

DODECANESE ISLANDS
Large scale attacks were carried out by Wellington bombers on Leros, an Axis submarine base, during the week 22 - 29 Apr.

AUSTRALIA
Operations in the air have been on a fairly large scale during the past week.

A communique from Melbourne May 2 states two unidentified planes flew over Townsville. This is the first time enemy planes have flown over the more thickly populated east coast.

Following on this from Allied Headquarters May 7 it was announced that one Jap aircraft carrier, one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser, two destroyers and four gunboats have been

sunk. One other aircraft carrier and one heavy cruiser have been badly damaged, while a light cruiser, a seaplane tender, a cargo boat and a transport were damaged. In addition six Jap planes were destroyed.

The latest communique states the Jap losses to be 18 ships including 2 aircraft carriers and 4 ships damaged. The action has temporarily ceased.

The action took place in the Coral Sea between the Australian and New Guinea Coast and the Solomon Islands.

PART II - ENEMY PROPAGANDA

SHANGHAI (5 May 42)

New Zealand's War Budget. The Prime Minister of New Zealand declared that the war would cost them £133,000,000 in the course of this year alone, which is more than the total expenditure from 1914 - 18.

SAIGON

Among the residents of Singapore who were honoured on the Japanese Emperor's Birthday is Mr. Lin Yuang, editorial writer of the "Singapore Daily News" who had on several occasions been sent to prison by the British because of close association with the National Government of China. This also revealed that a Chinese resident, U. Chin Shu, has contributed more than 200,000 dollars to the Jap authorities since the fall of Singapore.

TOKYO

(6 May 42) Strategic Air Base At Akyab Occupied. An announcement from the Imperial Headquarters states that the airfield at Akyab located near the border of Burma and India has fallen in Japanese hands on May 4. On the outskirts of the city there is an international airfield and after the outbreak of the present war Britain built two more aerodromes for large type planes. The Japanese occupation of Akyab puts Calcutta under the direct flying range of Japanese Army planes. Significance is also attached to the present Japanese success because it has cut off the military sea route supply to British forces in Burma.

Neutrals take umbrage at rape of Madagascar.

The illegal occupation of the Island of Madagascar by British forces is causing much criticism among neutral observers in Lisbon. The Anglo American assertion that they had to occupy the Island because it was in danger of falling into the hands of the Japanese is nothing but a made up story to justify their selfish ambition. They point out that similar tactics were used in Timor, Syria, Iran and other places.

NEWS COMMENTARY - THAILAND (6 May 42)

Italians attach little value to Madagascar coup. The British occupation of Madagascar is of doubtful military value since the Jap Navy is practically controlling the Indian Ocean.

The lasest action of the Allies is to make the world believe that they are now determined to establish a second front. The occupation of Madagascar is a direct attack on France and cannot be compared with the occupation of New Caledonia, since the latter was controlled by de Gaullists.

ASAD HIND - FREE INDIA STATION (6 May 42)

Senile Ramblings of British Propaganda. The British have suddenly discovered the fact that the ruler and the ruled belong ~~belong~~ to the same race. India has more in common, it is said, with England than with Japan because India and England belong to the same race.

PART III - SECURITY

PHOTOGRAPHY

Investigation has shown lack of fore-thought by a large number of troops.

It has been laid down as to what constitutes a military, naval or an air force subject, but prohibited subjects continue to be found in unauthorised photographic establishments.

INFORMATION

JAPANESE TANK UNITS

Total is believed to be 15 regiments 6 of which are estimated to be in the SW Pacific area as follows:-

Burma	-	1 Regt
Thailand	-	2 Regts
Malaya	-	1 Regt
N.E.I.	-	1 Regt
Phillipines	-	1 Regt

TANK TRANSPORTATION

It is not known whether special ships with landing facilities carry tanks, but as a special artillery carrying ship is known to have been used, it is possible that tank carrying ships exist.

TANK REGIMENT

Standard tank unit of Jap Army - probable strength

147 tanks (94 medium, 53 light)

In addition there may be some tankettes for reconnaissance.

TANK TYPES

(a) Heavy. Existence established but probably only in Manchuria.

(b) Medium. Cruiser

(c) Light. Standard equipment of tank regts and div recce units.

(d) Tankette. 2 men Carden Lloyd with turret.

JAPANESE ORDER OF BATTLE - BURMA

15th Army

GOC Lt.-Gen. Shojiro IIDA (HQ Rangoon)

33 Div - Irrawaddy Front

GOC Lt.-Gen. Seigo SAKURAI
GOC Div Inf Lt.-Gen. Masatsugi ARAKI
214 Inf Regt
215 Inf Regt
33 Mountain Arty Regt
33 Engineer Regt
33 Tpt Regt

55 Div - Salween (Sittang Front)

GOC Lt.-Gen. Gatoka TAKEUCHI
112 Inf Regt
143 Inf Regt
144 Inf Regt
55 Recce Regt
55 Mountain Arty Regt
55 Engineer Regt
55 Tpt Regt

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18 Div - Probably Salween Front

GOC Lt.-Gen. Renya MUTAGUCHI
23 Inf Bde Maj.-Gen. Hiroshi TAKOMI
55 Inf Regt
56 Inf Regt
35 Inf Bde
114 Inf Regt
124 Inf Regt
22 Cav Regt
12 Fd Arty Regt
12 Engineer Regt
12 Tpt Regt

Possibly two further divisions in reserve
17 Div
118 Div

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To G1 from LO1

Comd of Tps Allotted Static Defence of Aerodrome

(Report on interview with BGS CEYLON Comd - 15 May)

LO. GOC -in-C was asked by General Boase to clear up posn with regard to comd of tps allotted static defence of aerodrome. GOC -in-C was to refer to War Office for decision.

BGS. Matter has not been referred to War Office. GOC -in-C discussed it with me, and it is perfectly clear. Tps in a defensive posn around an aerodrome are distinct from mob res, for, if drome was attacked Bde Comd may consider it advisable to move res to say the beach, and not drome. Accordingly tps on drome must be under comd of a permanent offr e.g. the Sta Comd.

LO. Primary role of the whole bn in this case is the defence of the drome, and a plan has been drawn up. Our objection is to placing our tps under comd of an offr from another service, who is most unlikely to have sufficient knowledge of fire power and use of infantry to exercise proper comd.

BGS. Perhaps, but senior coy comd on the drome would act as military adviser to sta comd.

LO. Yes, but there is no obligation on the part of latter to accept and act upon any advice given, and we suggest it is not a satisfactory posn to rest upon such understandings during operations.

BGS. Have you any particular personalities in mind?

LO. Definitely no. Our relations with the RAF are extremely good.

BGS. In some cases, the coy allotted defence of aerodrome may be comd by a comparatively inexperienced youngster, and you could not expect the comd of the local defence plan to be in his hands.

LO. I can assure you sir, that in our cases it is seen that a person given such a comd is capable of carrying out the task.

BGS. The control of the drome must remain in the hands of the RAF sta comd for, as representative of the AOC, he will require to say when it is necessary to remove planes and ground staff to another location.

LO. We do not wish nor expect to interfere with movement of aircraft etc., but it must be the military comd's responsibility to defend the area, and say when res are required.

BGS. It is contrary to the ruling in England. There it is laid down the RAF control units allotted for defence, though in the long run they come under comd of the senior military comd in the area.

LO. Yes. But these units are officered by men who have had army experience and if the defence unit is ultimately the responsibility of army comd of area then the immediate control should be in the hands of his local representative.

BGS. I do not agree, and I can assure you the ruling is as I have stated.

LO. Thank you, sir. I will convey your views to G1, but I feel we shall not be contented to let the posn remain at that.

Major

LO

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DIZA	C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
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TEMA	HQ Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
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FIFO	B Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
HOMA	D Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
NUJA	C Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
SIRA	A Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

GADA	2/6 Aust Inf Bn HQ
KADA	A Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
VOGA	B Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
MEMO	C Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
FOJO	D Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
BAGA	HQ Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
RIJO	2/7 Aust Inf Bn HQ
DIMO	C Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
KAMU	A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
BAZO	B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
ZOTU	HQ Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
FIDA	D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
HUGO	2/1 Aust Fd Regt
ZEPO	1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
SAVA	2 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
FOTO	51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
TERO	2/2 Aust Fd Regt
BAVU	3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
VOIU	4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
MAMO	52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt

VISIT OF COMD A I F (CEYLON) and G(I) to BUSSA-BENTOTA - 20 MAY 42.

OBJECT: (a) Visit 17 Aust Inf Bde Cadre Courses at BUSSA.
(b) Attend demonstration RAE, 6 Aust Div at BENTOTA.

The party left MATUGAMA at 0920 hrs. Arrived at BUSSA 1050 hrs.

Met Comd, 17 Aust Inf Bde and proceeded to Race Course where an inspection was made of 17 Aust Inf Bde Cadre Course, MT, and Weapon tng. Inspection concluded at 1200 hrs.

On being asked by COMD AIF (CEYLON) whether coy exercises were being done in tng of 17 Aust Inf Bde, Brig MOTEN stated that tng was held up at present because of an NCOs Course and by the construction of defences. He said that inter-coy exercises were commencing the week following.

Major-General BOASE instructed Brig MOTEN to start on coy exercises with at least one inter- bn exercise per week. He also commented on the number of obstacles being constructed on brs on the coast rd. These, he said, were an interference to traffic and actually not required since the brs already had been prepared for demolition if necessary.

After lunching at BENTOTA the party attended a demonstration by RAE 6 Aust Div, the results of which are att, and then returned to MATUGAMA arriving at 1630 hrs.

SUBJECT: VISIT COMD AIF (CEYLON) to KOGGALA LAKE-AKURESSA

22/23 MAY, 42.

ROUTE : MATUGAMA-BENTOTA-KOGGALA-LAKE-WELIGAMA-AKURESSA-HULANDAWA-RATNAPURA-HORANA-MATUGAMA.

OBJECT: Tour of Inspection 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

COMD AIF (CEYLON) and G (I) left by car from MATUGAMA at 0825 hrs 22 May and on arrival at KOGGALA LAKE at 1025 hrs were met by Brig MOTEN (Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde) and, later, on the rd to WELIGAMA by Lt-Col [illegible].

A demonstration exercise, conducted by students attending 17 Aust Inf Bde Senior Tactical Course with 2/6 Aust Inf Bn and 4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt, was then witnessed and, at its conclusion General BOASE and the G (I) lunched at WELIGAMA with Brig MOTEN and the C.O. 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

Proceeding to KOGGALA LAKE area at 1500 hrs the party met the C.O. 2/6 Aust Inf Bn who explained some of his dispositions to COMD AIF (CEYLON).

In commenting, Major-General BOASE stated that too much time was being spent in the construction of non-essential rd blocks which could not be held and it was essential to get pls on to the work of clearing lanes of fire in those areas which must be held.

An inspection next was made of "B" Coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb following which the party returned to WELIGAMA and remained there over-night.

At AKURESSA the next morning, with Brig MOTEN and the C.O. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn the time was spent in viewing a pl exercise involving defence of a rd block and the ferrying of eqpt across rivers by the use of bamboo rafts and ground sheets.

Brig MOTEN stated that 2/7 Aust Inf Bn was more advanced in tng than the other bns of his bde. All of its rifle pls had done pl exercises involving rd blocks in their area and, consequently, were familiar with the ground. up to the present the C.O. had concentrated on inter-sec and pl tng.

After lunch an inspection was made of 2 Coy AASC and 46 L.A.D.

At KULANDAWA, 17 Aust Inf Bde Tng Unit, the Lines were inspected. It was learned from the C.O. that the strength of this Unit hovered in the vicinity of the 200 mark.

The party returned to MATUGAMA on the evening of 23 May arriving at 2105 hrs.

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Subject : Visit of Brig. F. Moore.
26-27 May 42.

26 May 42.

Brig. F. Moore Comd 100 Ind Bde visited AIF (CEYLON) today and gave lectures on jungle warfare to officers of HQ AIF (CEYLON) and 16 Aust Inf Bde. Brig. Moore, who divided each lecture into two parts, dealt with the experiences of his battalion, and lessons learnt in MALAYA, both during and prior to the Japanese campaign. These lessons are being incorporated in the present programme of the 100 Ind Inf Bde.

Brig. Moore emphasised the following points in jungle warfare:-

(a) Attacker always wins.
(b) High standard of morale essential.
(c) There is no such thing as impenetrable jungle.

Brig. Moore invited discussion after the lectures.

After his lecture to officers of HQ AIF (CEYLON) he visited 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop.

27 May 42.

Brig Moore visited GALLE and gave a lecture on jungle warfare to officers of the 17 Aust Inf Bde.

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25 May 42

16 AUST INF BDE GP

INTER BN EXERCISE

26 - 27 MAY 42

BENTOTA to KTR

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Note :- General principles to umpires given verbally.

.....Major
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

Sheet 1

16 AUST INF BDE GP

INTER BN EXERCISE

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1. OBJECT :

(a) To test the defences of MTR aerodrome.

(b) To test endurance of attacking tps in pressing an attack.

(c) To practice tps in moving quickly to objective and encircling opposition.

2. LESSONS :

(a) DEFENCE

i. Defence of an aerodrome.

ii. Immediate counter attack.

iii. Ambushes and patrols.

iv. The necessity for all weapons to be ready at all times to engage enemy from any direction.

v. Use of reserve

(b) ATTACK

i. Encircling opposition.

ii. To move fast and accurately across country.

iii. Employment of carriers.

iv. Use of M/C D Rs and bicycles for communications.

(c) GENERAL

i. Method of embussing and debussing.

ii. To practice AASC in transportation of tps.

iii. Co-operation of arty with inf.

3. REFERENCES

Teachings from the following pamphlets and references will be used in connection with above lessons to be learned :-

i. Tactical Methods - Characteristics of Japanese Operations 1942.

ii. Lessons from Operations in MALAYA.

iii. Precis - Forest Warfare MTP No.9 (INDIA).

TACTICAL EXERCISE - 16 AUST INF BDE GP - 24 - 27 MAY 42

O P E N I N G S I T U A T I O N

Ref Map ALUTGAMA
HORANA
AMBALANGODA 1 inch to 1 mile.

24 May 42 : Information received at 1200 hrs that an enemy convoy had been sighted moving WEST approx 200 miles WEST of ANDAMAN Is. At 1500 hrs three enemy Recce planes flew over CBO.

25 May 42 : A further report received 1600 hrs advises that this enemy convoy consisting of approx 40 ships including two aircraft carriers was attacked by our Naval and Air Forces at 1100 hrs 470 miles WEST of ANDAMANS.
Result : 3 enemy Naval craft, 10 Transports sunk, 15 planes destroyed and convoy dispersed. Full details of action not to hand. Monsoonal conditions at sea made visibility very bad and our recce aircraft temporarily lost touch with enemy convoy.

26 May 42 : At 0700 hrs CBO and TNR were simultaneously heavily attacked by air and seven fighters machine-gunned KTR aerodrome. The enemy's losses exceeded ours by 15 planes.

M E S S A G E S

Message No.1 To : 2/1 Aust Fd Regt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2/1 Aust Fd Amb 1 Coy AASC

exercise only (.) sitrep (.) information received 1200 hrs enemy convoy sighted moving WEST approximately 200 miles WEST ANDAMAN Is (.) 1500 hrs three enemy recce planes over CBO exercise T00 1530

Message No.2 To : 2/1 Aust Fd Regt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2/1 Aust Fd Amb 1 Coy AASC rptd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

exercise only (.) sitrep (.) strat/R report 1000 hrs enemy convoy forty ships incl two aircraft carriers was attacked by our naval and air forces 1100 hrs today 470 miles WEST ANDAMANS (.) enemy losses three naval craft ten transports sunk fifteen planes destroyed convoy dispersed (.) full details NOT to hand (.) visibility bad our recce planes lost touch with enemy exercise T00 1700

Message No.3 To ; 2/1 Aust Fd Regt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2/1 Aust Fd Amb 1 Coy AASC rptd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

exercise only (.) PERTH ack all informed exercise T00 1800

Message No. 4 To : 2/1 Aust Fd Regt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2/1 Aust Fd Amb 1 Coy AASC
exercise only (.) sitrep (.) CBO TRN heavily bombed KTR aerodrome machine-gunned 0700 hrs (.) enemy losses at least fifteen planes (.) damage unknown EXERCISE T00 0900

Message No. 5 To : 2/1 Aust Fd Regt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2/1 Aust Fd Amb 1 Coy AASC
exercise only (.) SYDNEY (.) no demolition preparations ack all informed EXERCISE T00 1000

Ref 3

16 AUST INF BDE TACTICAL EXERCISE 26-27 MAY 42

FORECAST OF EVENTS

Ref Maps: HORANA, ALUTGAMA, AMBALANGODA. 1 inch to 1 mile.

24 MAY 42 1530 hrs. Opening situation for this day issued as Sitrep to units concerned. MESSAGE 1

25 MAY 42 1700 hrs (a) Opening situation for this day issued as Sitrep to units concerned. MESSAGE 2

1800 hrs (b) Code word. EXERCISE ONLY "PERTH" issued MESSAGE 3

26 MAY 42 0900 hrs (a) Opening situation for 26 May 42 issued as Sitrep to units concerned. MESSAGE 4.

1000 hrs (b) Code word EXERCISE ONLY "SYDNEY." issued MESSAGE 5

1100 hrs (c) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn orders one Coy to occupy defences at MAGGONA and BERUWALA. (Coy HQ at BERUWALA). Two 18 pr fd guns to be manned for beach defence.

Note: Move to be carried out by UNIT tpt

1400 hrs (d) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn with under comd
One Bty less one Tp 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
One Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
One Mob Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
leave HORANA for BANDARAWATTA -
(This force to represent enemy (Jap) force to land 27 May 42).

Note: AASC will supply necessary tp carrying tpt to move above infantry to BANDARAWATTA (40 mile stone) COAST Rd. Comd 2/2 Bn may retain up to (12) twelve of these vehicles for movement of Coy 2/3 Bn moving via MEEGAMA and for other purposes. Remainder of vehicles will return immediately to HORANA after debussing tps at BANDARAWATTA.

1500 hrs (e) One Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - with under Comd
One Sec Carriers
One Det Mortars
leave HORANA to occupy prepared defences on both sides of BENTOTA GANGA - astride COAST Rd vicinity Rd and Ry Brs.

1500 hrs (f) One Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - with under Comd
One Tp 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
One Sec Carriers
Two Dets Mortars
leave HORANA to be disposed as follows

MAGGONA defences — One Tp Fd Regt
One Pl Inf
One Det Mortars

BERUWALA prepared defences — Coy less one Pl
One Sec Carriers
One Det Mortars.

Note. This force as above (f) will relieve tps of the 2/1 Aust Inf Bn who will return to HTR on the tpt of relieving tps.

27 MAY 42 0545 hrs (a) Coast watcher reports enemy force approaching beach vicinity BANDARAWATTA and to SOUTH. Visibility at sea very bad - unable to communicate information by telephone as line was cut. He reports verbally to BENTOTA and KTR is informed by M.C. D.R. from Coy at that locality.

0645 hrs (b) Our recce planes from KTR report considerable enemy force - estimated at equivalent to two Inf Bdes and some AFV's and M.T. effecting unopposed landing, except for air attacks, SOUTH of BANDARAWATTA and that half appear to be preparing to move NORTH and half SOUTH. "Our" planes engaging enemy aircraft which have now appeared to support their tps.

0700 hrs (c) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn with att tps (representing part of Jap first flight) made successful landing just SOUTH of BANDARAWATTA.
Carrier patrol from BENTOTA defences report enemy fwd elements moving NORTH with head of column at 40 mile stone on COAST Rd. Patrol fired on them and caused some deployment - then withdrew under cover smoke screen to Southern side of BENTOTA GANGA. Comd of defensive tps on SOUTH side of river being informed of position - "stepped back" to NORTH of River and occupies defences.

0715 hrs (d) After losing some casualties "enemy" force passage over br under cover of arty and mortar support incl smoke. On Northern bank "our tps" on WEST side of brs, side slip to EAST of rd, to prevent being isolated, and reform to harass enemy's Northern adv. Brs were not demolished as Comd considered from air reports that enemy force which had landed did not warrant their destruction.

0730 hrs (e) Tac/R report no fresh ships sighted NORTH of BENTOTA indicating no further landing today. Coy and Tp at MAGGONA and BERUWALA moves NORTH by "stepping back" tactics to harass and resist enemy adv.

0930 hrs (f) Tac/R report indicated that enemy motorised force (represented by one coy 2/3 Bn) which moved EAST on NORTH side of BENTOTA GANGA had been seen at MEEGAMA 8808 moving NORTH ... C.O. 2/1 Bn orders one coy and one sec carriers to rd junc 848219 to resist attack from that direction.

1000 hrs (g) C.O. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn asks Bde for extra coy from HORANA as Bn reserve and arranges to supply tpt to pick up tps on SOUTH side of ANGURUWATOTA Ferry.

1030 hrs (h) 16 Aust Inf Bde orders one Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn to move at once by MT to ANGURUWATOTA Ferry (tpt returning). 2/1 Aust Inf Bn to arrange tpt on their side of river on to Bn HQ.

1130 hrs (i) Enemy force on Coast has reached PAIYAGALA South and met resistance from Coy astride rd and forced to by-pass coy there in order to continue adv NORTH to KTR aerodrome and finds opening between point 848219 on EAST and 812191 on WEST.

1230 hrs (j) Enemy bn approaching from MEEGAMA in SOUTH reaches 848219 and meets strong resistance from coy in defensive position there who held their fire until enemy presented good target. After suffering heavy casualties

enemy bn encircled "our" position and continued its adv SE towards KTR aerodrome.

1530 hrs (k) Enemy (Coy 2/3 Bn) attacks aerodrome from the EAST. Attack is repulsed by well defended positions.

1600 hrs (l) Enemy (2/2 Bn and att tps) launches attack on KTR aerodrome from SOUTH and SOUTH EAST and is partially successful.

1630 hrs (m) C.O. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn launches counter attack and drives enemy out of SE pl position which they occupied, and regains position after casualties on both sides.

Approx 1800 hrs Exercise ends on firing smoke candle near runway. HORANA tps then assemble on aerodrome clear of runway, preparatory to embussing on rd at NORTH end of aerodrome where tpt will be drawn up facing WEST.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO UNPIRES - "OWN TPS"

Serial No.	Location	Date May	Time	Situation	Remarks
1	MAGGONA BERUWALA	26	1100 hrs	C.O. 2/1 Bn orders one coy to MAGGONA - BERUWALA (coy hq) man two 18 pdr fd guns for beach defence	Move to be carried out by unit tpt
2	HORANA	26	1500 hrs	Leave-to occupy defences on both sides BENTOTA GANGA astride coast rd vicinity rl & ry brs.	One Coy) One sec carriers) 2/3 One det mortars) Bn
3	HORANA	26	1500 hrs	Leave-to be disposed as follows :- MAGGONA defences - one tp Fd Regt, one pl Inf, one det mortars. BERUWALA defences - Coy less one pl, One sec carriers, One det mortars	Note : This force relieves tps of 2/1 Bn who return to KTR on tpt of relieving tps. One tp Fd Regt, One Coy) One sec carriers) 2/3 Two dets mortars) Bn
4	BENTOTA	27	0700 hrs	Carreir patrol BENTOTA defences sees enemy fwd elements at 40 mile post at BANDARAWATTA, fires on them-inflicts a few casualties and withdraws under cover of smoke to Southern side of BENTOTA GANGA to cover withdrawal of Southern defences, who step back to Northern defences.	
5	BENTOTA defences	27	0715 hrs	When enemy force passage over BENTOTA br Western defences side slip to East thence withdraw back to harass "enemy" move North.	
6	MAGGONA BERUWALA defences	27	0730 hrs	Defences are withdrawn from Beach defence as Tac/R report no further landing likely. This coy is to adopt step back tactics delaying "enemy" adv North so that they reach PATYAGALA by 1130 hrs	
7	MEEGAMA Coy 2/3 Bn	27	0930 hrs	Tac/R reports enemy force which moved East wrs seen at MEEGAMA 8808. C.O. 2/1 Bn orders one Coy to rd junc 848219 to resist attack from that direction.	

Serial No.	Location	Date May	Time	Situation	Remarks
8		27	1000 hrs	C.O. 2/1 Bn asks Bde for one coy as Bn reserve. This coy to move to ANGURUWATOTA Ferry and be picked up by 2/1 Bn tpt there.	
9	HORANA	27	1030 hrs	Bde orders one coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn to move by MT to ANGURUWATOTA Ferry to be picked up by tpt on other side sent from 2/1 Bn.	Tpt from HORANA returns If River in flood may have to move via PANADURA.
10	PAIYAGALA	27	1130 hrs	Coy astride rd at PAIYAGALA opposes "enemy force" moving North and forces them to by pass to the East and thence to the North to KTR.	"Enemy should NOT be held too long as they have to press on to KTR.
11	Pt848219	27	1230 hrs	Coy patrols in defensive posn there sees enemy approaching up rd & waits in ambush then inflicts heavy casualties. However enemy encircle coy posn & move ~~South East~~ NORTH WEST and continue attack towards KTR aerodrome.	Coy should harass enemy as they continue advance to KTR X
12	KTR	27	1530 hrs	Coy in Eastern defences attacked by enemy coy but are successful in holding the attack and drive off enemy with heavy losses.	Enemy coy may get involved with 2/1 Bn [illegible] but shouldn't influence fight on KTR aerodrome
13	KTR	27	1600 hrs	Enemy attack on KTR from South and ~~South East~~ S.E partially successful and capture pl position on South East of drome	Enemy success due to smoke & overwhelming numbers of attack.
14	KTR	27	1630 hrs	C.O. 2/1 Bn launches counter attack and drives enemy out of positions which they occupied & regains positions after casualties to both sides.	
15	KTR	27	1800 hrs	Exercise ends by firing of smoke candle on KTR aerodrome.	

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES - ENEMY

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORECAST OF EVENTS

Serial No.	Unit or Sub Unit	Time	Date May	Place	Situation	Remarks
1	Complete	1400 hrs	26	HORANA	"Enemy" leaves HORANA, carriers on transporters	Gets into position at BANDARAWATTA
2	Complete	0645 - 0700 hrs	27	BANDARAWATTA	Enemy completes "landing" & turns NORTH - 2/3 carrier patrol from BENTOTA see fwd elements of 2/2 Bn at 40 mile stone inflicts a few casualties on fwd tps and gets away under cover of a smoke screen. No casualties to carriers	Should move off so that fwd elements are seen at 40 mile stone at 0700.
3	"Enemy" less one Coy 2/3	approx 0715	27	BENTOTA	"Enemy" less one coy 2/3 Bn cross BENTOTA br have a number of casualties in doing so but "own tps" side slip EAST into bush and allow Bn through after some delay (about 20 mins). Then harass 2/2 Bn adv NORTH	Complete Bn cannot get over br until "own tps" side slip, they do so under mortar & perhaps arty fire.
4	One Coy 2/3 Bn	0710 hrs to 1530 hrs	27	BENTOTA	One coy 2/3 Bn "enemy" representing one enemy bn turns EAST along NORTH side of BENTOTA GANGA. Its role is to move by rd to MEEGAMA 8808 and when in its vicinity at 0930 hrs was seen by our aircraft. Then move NORTH by rd arriving at rd junc 848219 at 1230 hrs. Only minor resistance by "our" carrier patrols until enemy gets to 848219 where it comes under fire from Coy in defensive posn & has heavy casualties. However balance of enemy Bn was successful in encircling "our" coy posn and harassed by "our" tps continued its adv towards KTR aerodrome and attacked aerodrome from Easterly direction at 1530 hrs.	Delay comd to conform to time tables as aircraft will probably be looking for them at 0930 hrs.

Serial No.	Unit or Sub Unit	Time	Date May	Place	Situation	Remarks
5	"Enemy" gp less 2/3 Coy	0710 hrs 1130 hrs	27	BENTOTA to PAIYAGALA	"Enemy" is resisted by one coy which was on beach defence at MAGGONA & BERUWALA and which has adopted a delaying action up main rd forcing "enemy" to do two encircling attacks only to find the coy had pulled back. Enemy was further "attacked" on its flank by coy which side slipped East at BENTOTA and harassed its flanks delaying its advance.	Delay enemy so that they dont reach PAIYAGALA rd junc until 1130 hrs. Use mortar fire & arty explosions.
6	"Enemy" gp less 2/3 Coy	1135 hrs	27	PAIYAGALA rd junc	"Enemy" finds itself up against resistance astride rd at PAIYAGALA South so by passes resistance and is for purpose of exercise, permitted to proceed North between points 848213 on the East and 812191 on West	"Enemy" should gp overland here & head for KTR aerodrome but progress will be slow as it has to cross Paddy fields & has lost a number of casualties so carrying will be difficult - should be prepared to launch attack on KTR aerodrome at 1600 hrs.
7	"Enemy" One Coy 2/3 Bn	1530 hrs	27	East of KTR Aerodrome	"Enemy" Bn from MEEGAMA launch attack on KTR aerodrome from North East. This will come ½ hour before main attack by 2/2 Bn from South and South East. Attack is repulsed by well defended positions.	
3	"Enemy" gp less 2/3 Bn Coy	1600 hrs	27	SOUTH of KTR Aerodrome	"Enemy" attack developes on KTR aerodrome at 1600 hrs attacking from South and South East and is partially successful securing South East Pl positions. C.O. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn counter attacks immediately with reserve and recaptures positions.	
		Approx 1600 hrs			Exercise ends on firing of smoke candle near aerodrome. HORANA tps assemble on aerodrome clear of runway preparatory to embussing on rd at Northern end of aerodrome where lorries will be drawn up.	

Encl 10.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,
16 Aust Inf Bde.

23 May 42.

GROUPINGS FOR [redacted] EXERCISE 26-27 MAY.

(a) **2/1 Aust Inf Bn**

2/1 Aust Inf Bn with under Comd

(i) Det Engrs

(ii) One Mob Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Amb

(i) & (ii) to report to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 0900 hrs 27 May.

(b) **2/2 Aust Inf Bn**

(i) 2/2 Bn-with under Comd

(ii) X One Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

(iii) [redacted] one Tp 2/1 Aust Fd Regt

(iv) Det Engrs

(v) 6 transporters [illegible]

(vi) AASC vehs as requisitioned for

(vii) One Mob Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Amb

(ii) to (vii) to report to 2/2 Bn lines at 1300 hrs on Tue 26 May.

ENEMY

(c) **2/3 Aust Inf Bn**

(i) One Coy and one Sec Carriers
[illegible] - with under Comd
One Tp Arty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
MAGGONA - BERUWALA positions
Tp to report to 2/3 Bn at 1400 hrs 26 May.
Carriers to move on tracks

(ii) One Coy and one Sec Carriers BENTOTA position.

Note (a) three transporters will report 2/3 Bn lines at 1400 hrs Tue 26 May 42 [illegible]

(i) & (ii) above leave HORANA at 1500 hrs for BENTOTA, BERUWALA and MAGGONA.

X (iii) One Coy report to 2/2 Bn at 1300 hrs 26 May as enemy, dress Hats.

(iv) One Coy to leave HORANA at 1030 hrs 27 May in response to order from this HQ, for ANGURUWATOTA FERRY by tpt .
2/3 Bn to req. for necessary AASC tpt through this HQ.

.....Major.
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:
2/1 Aust Fd Regt
2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2/1 Aust Fd Coy
No 1 Coy, AASC
2/1 Aust Fd Amb.

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GENERAL INSTRUSTIONS TO UNITS ON BDE EXERCISE 26-27 MAY 42

ADMINISTRATION

1. Tpt : Units requiring tpt for movement of tps or other purposes will requisition through this HQ as early as possible before time required giving following information :-

   (a) Place to report. (If any doubt about location a guide will be sent by unit to AASC in time to lead tpt to location)

   (b) Number of tps or tons to be lifted.

   (c) Destination.

   (d) Route to be taken.

   (e) Duration for which tpt will be required.

2. Scale of unit tpt for 2/2 & 2/3 Aust Inf Bns will be :-

   (a) 15 cwts — 3 per Coy

   (b) 3 ton — 1 per Coy

   (c) Carriers
   - (i) 2/2 Bn — All Carriers
   - (ii) 2/3 Bn — Two secs (one ea for Coys at BENTOTA & MAGGONA - BERUWALA)

   (d) M Cs — as required

3. Respirators will be considered to be on unit tpt but for purpose of exercise will be left in camp to prevent damage.

4. Dress

   (a) "Own Tps" — Steel Helmets

   (b) "Enemy" — Felt Hats

   (c) Umpires — White arm band or white hat band.

5. Casualties — Casualty tickets to be carried by umpires & placed on "casualties".

6. POW — Units will make own arrangements for PsOW.

7. Q — Units will make own Q arrangements according to their role in exercise.

8. Hydra Burners — Units are reminded that these may be used for exercise.

9. Representation of Fire

   (a) Blank to be issued from this HQ

   (b) Fire Works

   (c) Rattles

   (d) Small explosions arranged between Umpire & sapper att ea Coy.

Hawson ..... Major
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

23 May 42

Subject: Visit of GOC-in-C and GOC (AIF) to KTR - 27 May 42

1. Object.

Attend 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp inter-bn exercise.

2. Summary.

GOC left MATUGAMA 1000 hrs proceeded to KTR, met Bde Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde ans awaited arrival of GOC-in-C who motored down from CBO.

GOC-in-C arrived 1045 hrs.

Party proceeded to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. CO was introduced to GOC-in-C and remainder of the day was spent viewing exercise in KTR aerodrome area. RAF co-operated in exercise making it realistic with dive bombing from low altitudes.

Details as to tps paticipating and nature of exercise are shown in attached appendix.

Party left KTR at 1740 hrs, GOC-in-C returning to CBO and GOC (AIF) to MATUGAMA.

Subject : TNG EXERCISE "HAWK" - 34 IND DIV

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : MATUGAMA 04

26 May 42

File No: S/G/1360

34 Ind Div are holding an exercise in the TRN - JAFFNA area from 0001 hrs 2 Jun 42 to 2400 hrs 4 Jun 42.

2. The exercise will be an inter-bde one between 99 Ind Bde and 21 EA Bde.

3. AIF (CEYLON) will provide offrs as umpires for the exercise as under

16 Aust Inf Bde	3 (all inf offrs and incls 1 Lt.Col.)
2/1 Aust Fd Regt	3
No.1 Coy AASC	Major COGSWELL
17 Aust Inf Bde	3 (all inf offrs)
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	4 (incl 1 major)
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	Lt.Col. SALTER
RAE	2 Fd Engineers
HQ AIF (CEYLON)	Lieut WHITE

4. Offrs selected may be of any rank except where otherwise stated.

5. Rank and names of offrs selected will be submitted to this HQ by signal forthwith.

6. All umpires will be required to live and move self contained. For this reason it is requested that they each be provided with a car or truck from their own unit, if this is practicable. Otherwise one vehicle between three offrs and their batmen should be sufficient. In any event batmen should accompany their offrs.

7. Umpires will be required to provide themsleves with two white armbands and each vehicle will carry a white pennant in front. For this latter, a white signalling flag will suffice. Any expense incurred will be claimed in the usual manner.

8. Offrs acting as umpires will report to the Chief Umpire, Brig. F.W. MOORE, for a conference at HQ 34 Ind Div, Hotel SUISSE, KANDY at 1000 hrs 30 May 42.

9. Umpires will return to their units direct at the conclusion of the exercise. It is anticipated that offrs should rejoin their units on the evening of 5 Jun 42.

Lt.Col.
General Staff

DISTRIBUTION

16 Aust Inf Bde	4 (incl 1 for each bn)
2/1 Aust Fd Regt	1
No.1 Coy AASC	1
17 Aust Inf Bde	4 (incl 1 for each bn)
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	1
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	1
RAE	2
AC	2
File	2

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SECRET
Copy No: 53

Subject: SIGNAL SECURITY

No. AIF (CANLOG)

Col: MACDONALD CH

27 May 42

File No: S/3/1377

Ref our S/3/1065 dated 14 May 42

1.

1. Originators numbers as under will be taken into use by HQ AIF (CANLOG) at 0001 hrs 28 May 42.

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2. Inf bdes and units will use these blocks as detailed in previous instructions.

[signature]
Lt.Col
General Staff

Distribution:-	No. Copies	Copy Nos.
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SECURITY

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Subject : G(R) TNG

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : MATUGAMA 04

30 May 42

File No: S/G/1417

RAE 6 Aust Div (4)
Sigs 6 Aust Div (1)
16 Aust Inf Bde (6)
17 Aust Inf Bde (6)
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop (1)

1. G(R) SCHOOL

(a) It has been decided to extend the tng of G(R) personnel within bns until each coy has at least one sec thoroughly proficient in this type of work. Personnel to be trained will be additional to those already trained or undergoing tng.

(b) In order to assist units, by producing sufficient instructors, the first AIF (CEYLON) G(R) Course will be held from 8 Jun to 21 Jun 42 at the Racecourse, BUSSA.

2. INSTRUCTORS

(a) Lieut G.H. NATHAN 2/1 Aust Inf Bn is appointed Chief Instructor of the School and the undernamed will be assistant instructors:-

Lieut L. McGuinn 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
Pte O'Sullivan P.F.2/1 Aust Inf Bn

(b) 17 Aust Inf Bde will provide an instructor in compass and map reading for appox 1½ hrs at 0830 hrs daily.

(c) Lieut NATHAN and assistants will report to F/O CRAN RAF, OC R/T Staging Camp, Racecourse BUSSA on 6 Jun and will assist in arrangements for the Course and will make necessary recces of tng areas.

(d) Batmen will accompany offrs to the Course.

3. ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES

(a) Vacancies at the School are allotted as under:-

RAE 6 Aust Div	3 ORs	
Sigs 6 Aust Div	1 OR	
16 Aust Inf Bde Gp	13 ORs	(1 for 2/1 Aust Fd Regt)
17 Aust Inf Bde Gp	13 ORs	(1 for 2/2 Aust Fd Regt)
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	1 OR	

(b) Students selected to attend the course must be :-

(i) Physically fit
(ii) Able to swim
(iii) Potential instructors.

(c) Nominal rolls of students selected to attend the Course will be fwded to this HQ NOT later than 5 Jun.

4. ADM

(a) The School will be attached to 17 Aust Inf Bde D & M School for rations.

/2.

(b) 17 Aust Inf Bde will provide :-

(i) Additional cooking utensils
(ii) Forms and tables
(iii) One 3-ton lorry and dr.

(c) 16 Aust Inf Bde will provide one M/C for Lieut NATHAN and will arrange tpt for instructors to BUSSA on 6 Jun.

5. MEDICAL

(a) A MO visits the D and M School at 1430 hrs daily and will give necessary attention to students attending G(R) Course.

(b) In the event of medical attention being required urgently the CI will communicate direct with VD Hospital BUSSA.

6. JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Assembly: Students will report to Lieut NATHAN at the Racecourse BUSSA by 1600 hrs on the day before commencement of the course - i.e. 7 Jun.

(b) Equipment: Students will take the following to the School:-

(i) Full equipment (incl steel helmets and respirators)
(ii) Blankets and ground sheet (bed frames may be provided at the School)
(iii) Rubber soled shoes
(iv) Note books (with stiff covers) and pencils.

(c) Bdes and div tps will ensure that each student takes to the course in addition to the above:-

(i) Oil Compass
(ii) Protractor
(iii) Revolver and amn

(d) Tpt will be provided by bdes to convey students to and from the school which will disperse at 1400 hrs 21 Jun 42.

7. PARADE STATES

A parade state will be submitted by the CI to P/O GRAY RAF each morning.

8. AMENITIES

(a) There is a canteen at the Staging Camp from which certain refreshments, cakes etc can be obtained. Owing to the limited supplies, cigarettes and beer can NOT be made available to NON-RAF personnel.

(b) All swimming parades will be supervised by an offr.

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PART I - NEWS

AFRICA

Mediterranean - Malta

Since 28 Apr there has been a marked decrease in enemy air activity over the island. Italian aircraft are now becoming more prominent in these operations. Much damage has been done to civil property, but public morale remains exceptionally high.

Air losses week ending 7 May:-

Own	2 bombers	8 fighters	
Enemy	14 destroyed	1,probable	20 damaged

FRENCH COLONIAL AFRICA.

Young officers are less anti British than the senior officers among whom a spirit of apathy prevails. All are powerless however, owing to the weakness of military equipment at their disposal. The German Armistice Commission continues propaganda and probably exercises extensive control in economic matters.

LIBYA

No major engagements have taken place, activity being limited to considerable patrol activity on both sides.

TURKEY

The annual spring recall of reservists is now in full swing. A great proportion of troops are moving into Thrace.

PART II - ENEMY BROADCASTS

ENEMY BROADCASTS

The general trend of Tokyo broadcasts during the past week, has been directed towards confusing the Indian question. Gandhi's statement, (which was in itself contradictory) has provided Tokyo with first class material to work on the theme of British expulsion from India. Coupled with this, careful "plant - ing" by Japanese papers has been aimed at lulling India into a sense of security. The "Times of Japan" gives it as the considered opinion of the government, that India will be untouched by war in the event of total expulsion of British interests from India. Britian is accused of adopting the same policy towards India as in the case of Belgium, France, Czecho-Slovakia, Greece etc - namely the intention to turn India into a battlefield.

Indians must push on to their real objective if their welfare is to be ensured during the course of this war.

SAIGON 18 May

Allied recce squadrons patrolling the waters North and N.E. of Australia gathered information that a new large Japanese Fleet is making for the north of the continent. (Comment - The first admission from Jap controlled interests that the Jap fleet had suffered losses in the Battle of the Coral Sea). It is of interest to note that most of the Allied activity in this battle was confined to the air.

THAILAND 18 May

Moslem dignitary from Jerusalem arrives in Berlin

The arrival in Berlin of Rashed Ali El Gari will be of special interest to Indian Moslems. A Foreign Office spokesman comments that the co-operation of the Axis in regard to the question of the freedom of the Arab was as great as ever.

Hopes on Marshal Monsoon

Gen. Wavell expressed his confidence in the future, basing it on the fact that the monsoon is to set in within a few days. This is a typical British mentality. However, both Germany and Japan have, in the past, secred victory after victory.

TOKYO 18 May

Spring comes to Kaech

24 German mechanised divisions supported by 2000 warplanes have started on their victorious career along a 200 mile front. It easy to understand the present Allied consternation over Kaech

PART III-SECURITY AND INFORMATION

SECURITY

The following are a few examples of poor security and the unthinking attitude adopted by a great many of our soldiers. Some of these examples are extracts from G.S.I. GHQ MEF

Febuary 1942

Two Australian officers in a bar in Cairo were openly heard discussing the fact that they had handed in all their transport preparatory to their departure to the Far East. Details of equipment held at ports pending the move were also discussed. Some citizians were also discussing the same matter when an English soldier helpfully remarked to them "They are probably going to Burma with the 7th Armoured Brigade.

Shortly after the introduction of new Signals procedure a Security pamphlet explaining the new procedure was lost by a Signals Sergeant in a brothel in Aleppo.

March 1942

Three unattended lighters were found in the Suez Canal area. Arab children were playing on the lighters and a native guard in the neighborhood appeared to be taking no interest. Included in the cargo were the following:-

300 one thousand pound HE bombs
60 depth charges.
60 pdr shells and a large amount of SAA

COLOMBO April 1942

Free discussion between troops (AIF) and locals as to the location of their various units, the number of reinforcements and the observation - "this bloody country will soon have us below strength again".

Galle Face Hotel

British Officers and local civilians - discussing the whereabouts of Aust. Divisions - information had obviously been passed on from Australians.

" Send a Plane" dances at Colombo Town Hall have been excellent soil for the reproduction of news straight from the press.

The ease with which secret documents may be removed was well illustrated a week ago - An officer walked into a unit office and swept the desk clear of documents, put them in his pocket and later presented a very harassed officer with his day's work. In Greece - A British CR parked a two pdr gun outside a cafe in Athens while he had a drink. Had the drink and lost the gun.

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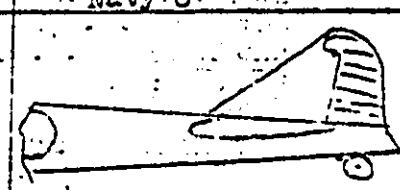
Some excellent examples of sinking ships, burning tankers, and other bomb damage, continue to appear in photographic estabts.

INFORMATION

DISTINCTION BETWEEN ARMY '97' AND NAVY 'O' TYPE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

The RAF are anxious to obtain accurate descriptions of Japanese single seater fighters seen in action in view of the fact that confusion has arisen between two tpes commonly encountered, viz. the Army '97' and Navy 'O'. This confusion has arisen mainly because the Army '97' is now produced in considerable numbers with retractable undercarriage instead of the former fixed undercarriage by which it could easily be distinguished from the Navy type.

Accordingly a comperative table has been prepared showing the fundamental differences. This mainly of a technical nature suitable for RAF use and it contains many details which would be undiscernible by the ground observer. Certain features are however distinguishable, and are given below. Army personnel should be aquainted with them in order that when reports of enemy aircraft activity are made information required by the RAF is supplied.

	Army '97'	Navy 'O'
Tail unit	 Metal covered with fabric control surfaces Notice (see diagram) that tailing edge of rudder(shaded) is nearly parallel to the leading edge and rudder extends from top of fin to bottom of fuselage. Tail plane extends well aft and its leading edge is in line with the root of fin. End of fuselage is rounded	 Metal covered with fabric control surfaces. Notice (see diagram) that tailing edge of rudder has pronounced slope fwd & rudder (shaded) extends from top of fin to top of fuselage only tailplane is set well fwd. Fuselage ends in a point.
Tail wheel	Set well fwd, just under tailplane (see diagram)	Set well aft behind tailplane.
Identification Marks.	Red discs on mainplanes. A/C found have white band & red chevron marking on fuselage, & NOT red discs.	Red discs on mainplanes A/C are reported to have red discs on fuselage.
Auxiliary Fuel Tanks (Jettison)	Can carry either one jettison tank under fuselage or two tanks under each mainplane	Presumed to carry only one jettison tank under fuselage.

THE RESULTS OF A DEMONSTRATION OF EXPLOSIVES BY R.E ARE LISTED BELOW

COCONUT BOMB

The coconut was emptied of milk and filled with gelignite - approx 2 lbs - and fired as an A Tk mine using an improvised percussion igniter.

Result: Very favourable - Bomb suitable for A Tk defence.
Bomb to be laid similarly to RE & GS A Tk mines (close spacing)

COCONUT ANTI PERSONNEL BOMBS

(a) Made up as above but using safety fuse percussion igniter.
Result: Blast effect shifted a 20' - 20 lb rail a distance of 2' Rail was 18" from the coconut.
Remarks: Should be a very effective booby trap.

(b) Made up as above with an improvised percussion igniter attached to a tree about 15' from the ground and released by trip wire.
Result: Blast dislodged part of the cliff face which was 5' from point of detonation.
Remarks: Should cause casualties.

BAMBOO ANTI PERSONNEL BOOBY TRAPS

A 2'6" length of bamboo was filled with ammonol well tamped attached to a tree and fired with a 3 sec fuze initiated by a safety percussion igniter. Slight movement of the bamboo was sufficient to remove the safety pin and detonate the charge.
Result: The tree, about 8" diameter was blown down.

BAMBOO BANGALORE TORPEDOES

An 8' length of bamboo was filled with ammonol with P.I.D. running throughout and placed under the centre of a standard D.A.F. 25 yds long. Detonated by a safety fuze, No 27 det and G.C. primer.
RESULT: The D.A.F. was entirely flattened but wire was not cut.
Remarks: Further experiments are being carried out with 12' length.

BAMBOO A TK MINE

Made up as above but fired with percussion lighter.
Result: A 10' x 2' x 1' crater was made.
Remarks: Very useful when buried either on rds or fixed lines.

LIMPET MINES

Generally used by raiding parties on enemy shipping.
Composition

The mine holds 5½ lbs of gelignite and will attach itself securely to a metal surface when placed thereon by means of a magnetic ring on it's base.
Result: A hole 2' in dia. was obtained in a 5/8" steel plate. The plate was loosely erected and it is considered that the effect would be greater when attached to a solidly supported surface.
Remarks: Ideal for tank hunting parties as they would destroy tank and crews.

SAUSAGE BANGALORES

Two 7' lengths of 1½" dia. hose were filled with ammonol and placed two feet apart over a perpendicular bank and fired.
Result: The bank was blown to a slope of approx 40 deg and a width of 6' sufficient to permit the passage of tanks and carriers.
Remarks: These bangalores are easily made up and carried. Could be of use when such obstacles are anticipated.

NAVAL DEPTH CHARGE.

300 lbs TNT and fired with 7 lbs of gelignite. Charge was laid on the ground.
Result: A crator 20' diam. and 8' deep.
Remarks: Most suitable for hasty br demolition.

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CRATER CHARGE USING OPEN TRENCH METHOD AND G.C.

A trench 12ft x 4ft x 2ft was excavated in fairly soft ground. A G.C. charge attached to a plank (8 lbs to the lineal ft) was laid on the bottom of the trench and fired with a safety fuze etc.

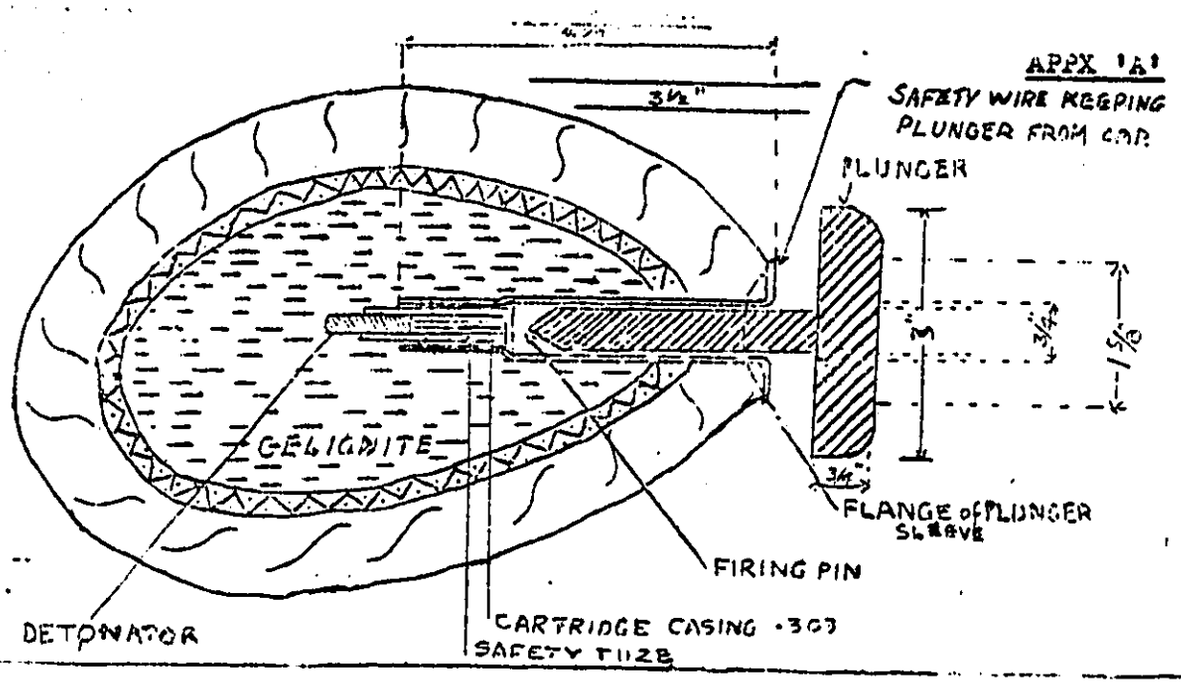
Result: A crater 25 ft diam and 10 ft deep.

Remarks: Excellent for cratering when camouflet equipment is not available, and should be quicker than camouflet in anything but hard ground.

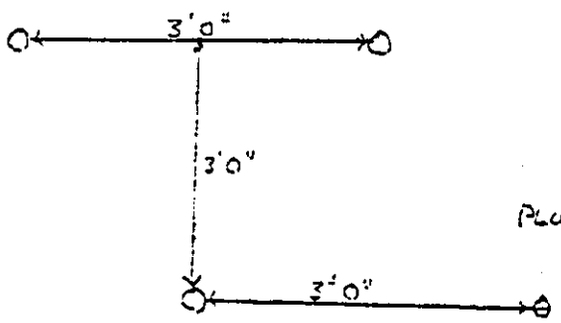
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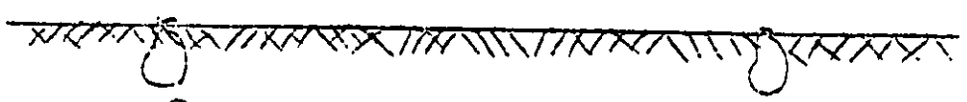
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PLAN SHOWING BOMB USED FOR A.Tk

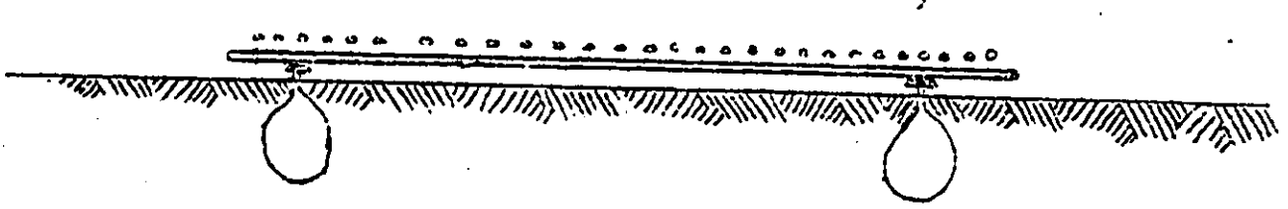


Bombs Buried with Plunger Head about ½" above the ground



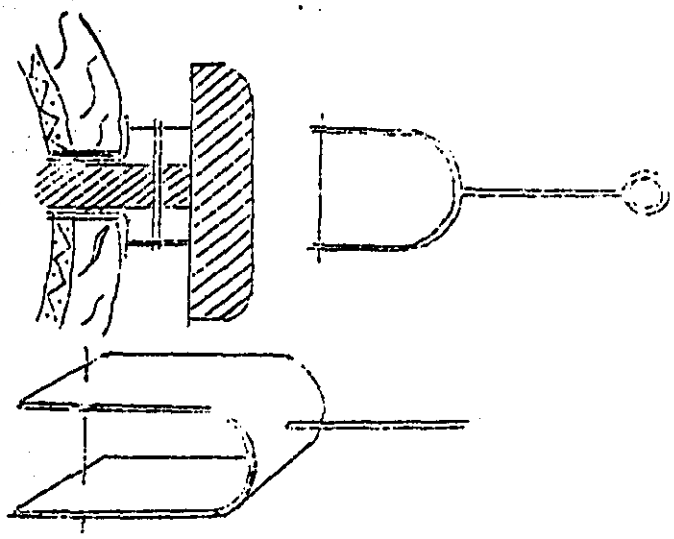
↑ Bomb in Position.

BOMB USED FOR ANTI-TANK (ALTERNATIVE)



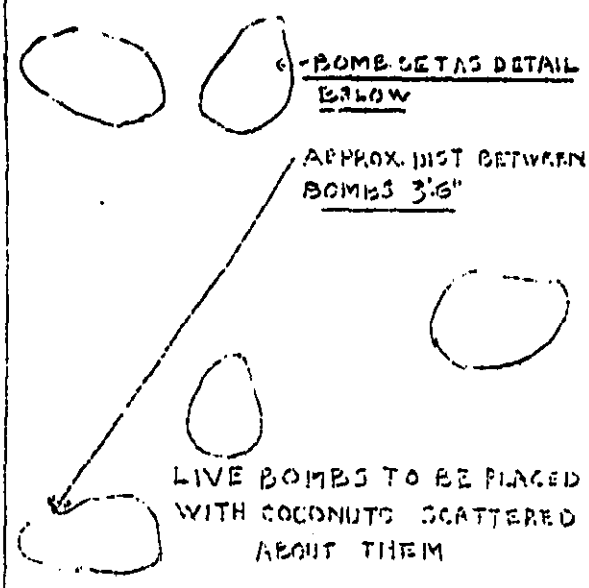
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SAFETY SLIP TO PLACE APPX 'A' BETWEEN FLANGE & PLUNGER HEAD



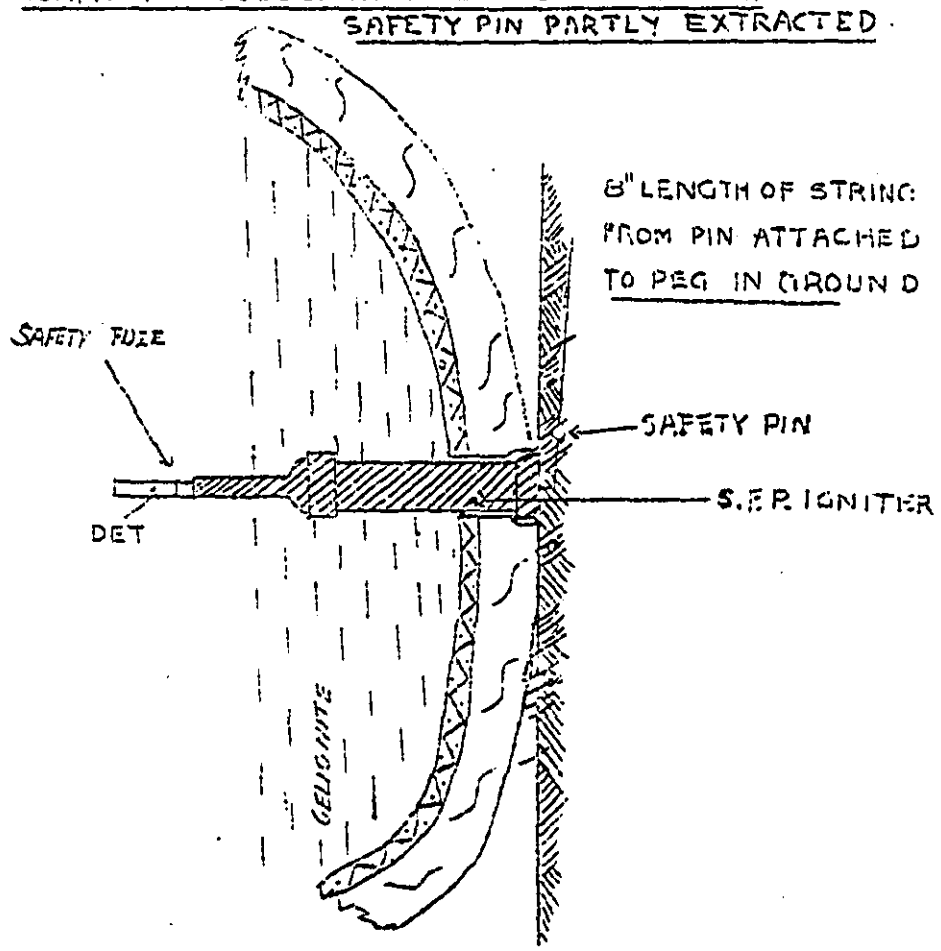
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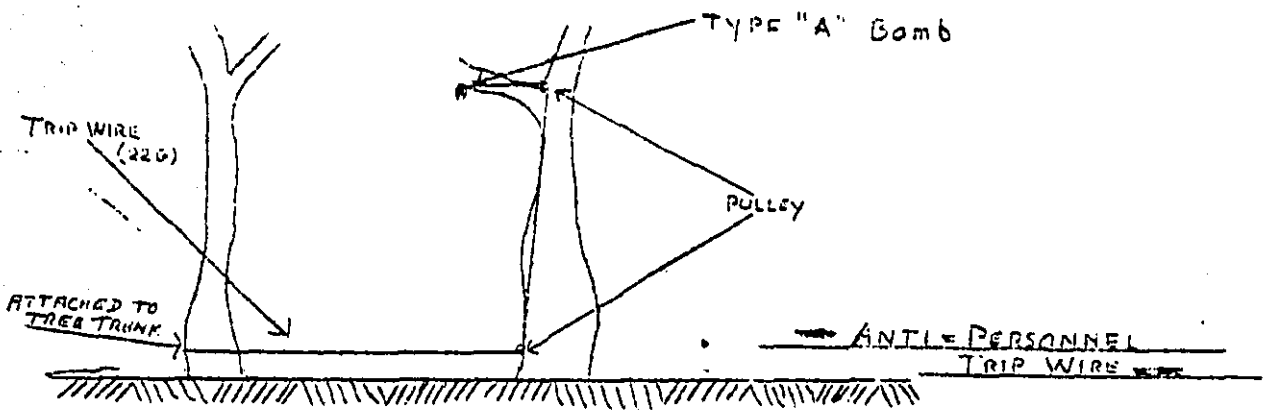
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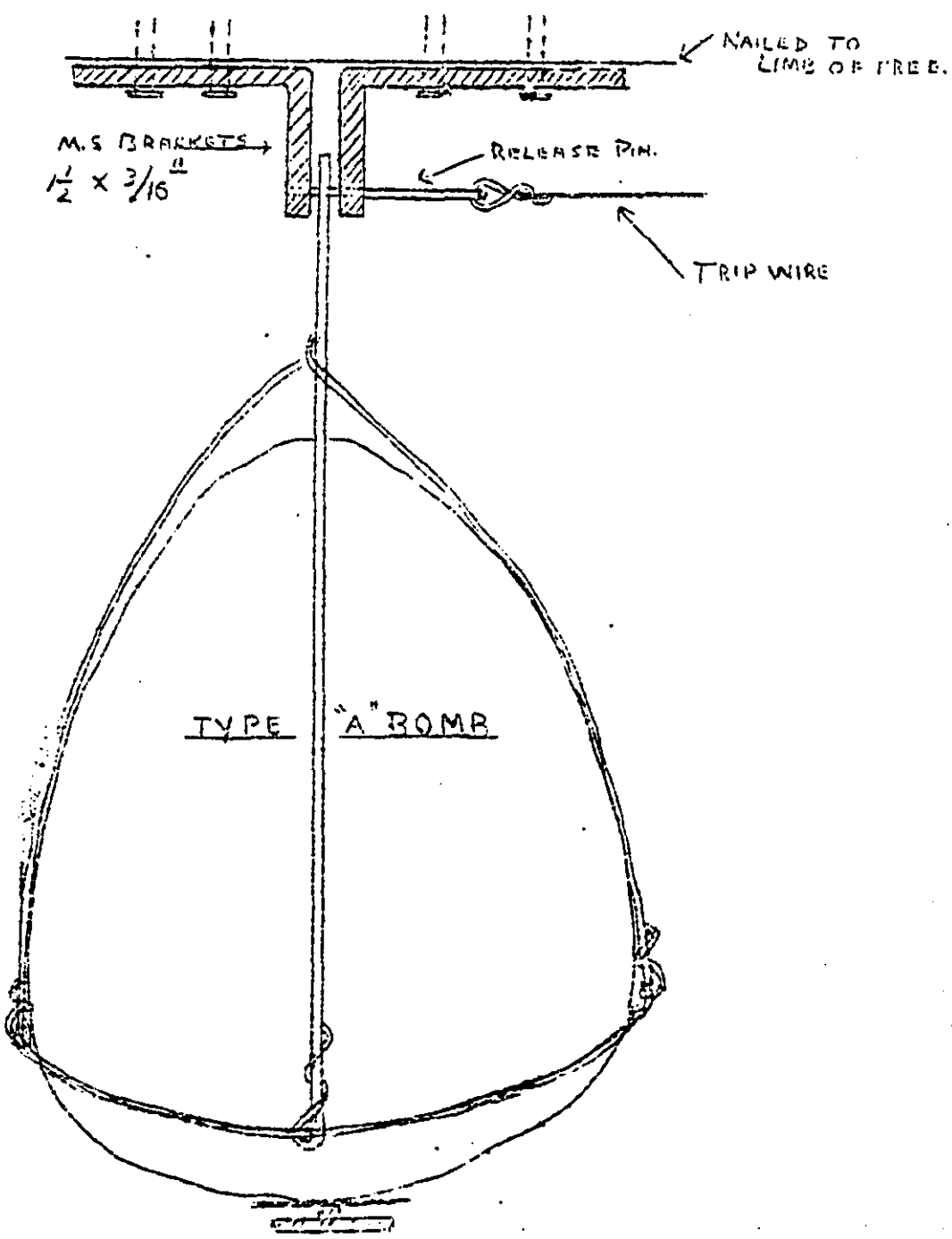
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COCONUT TO BE FILLED WITH GELIGNITE S.F. PERCUSSION IGNITER WEDGED IN SIDE OF COCONUT WITH SAFETY PIN PARTLY EXTRACTED.



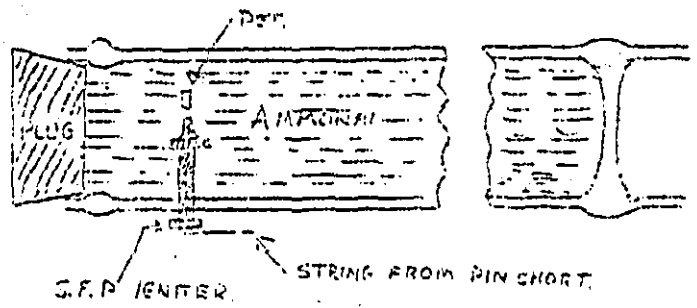


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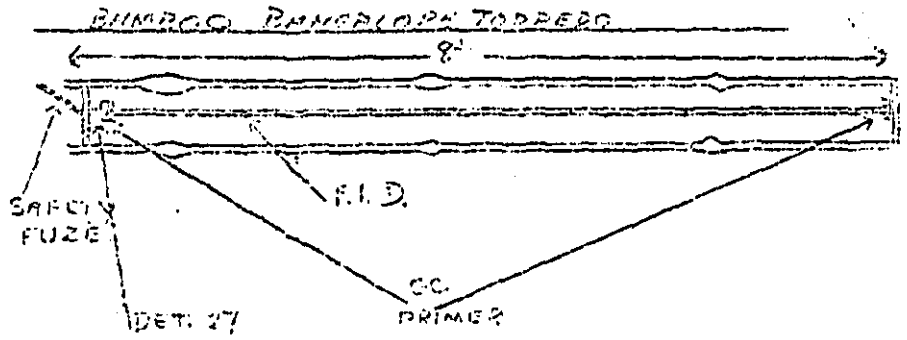


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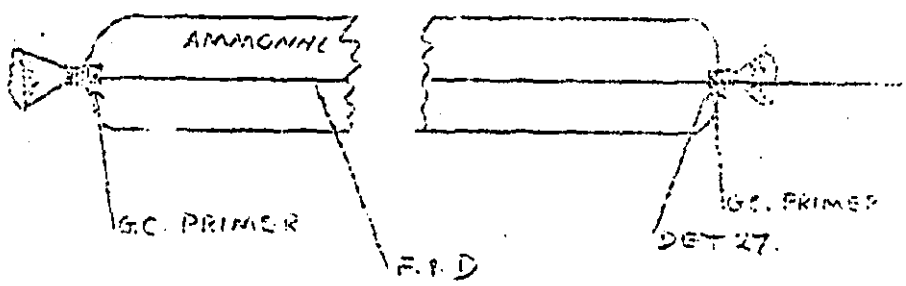
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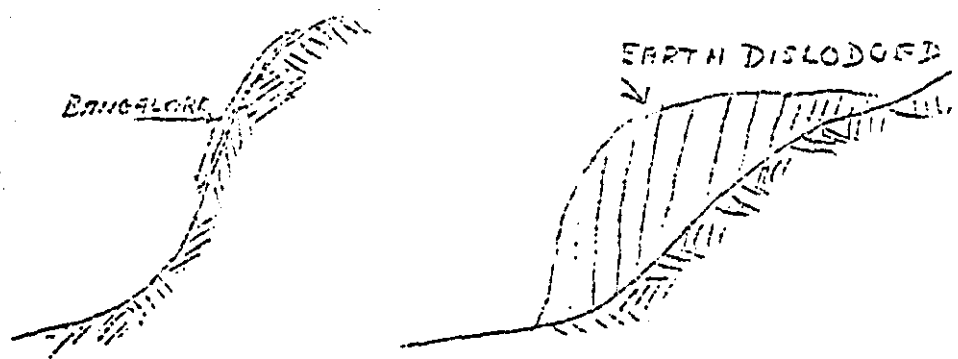
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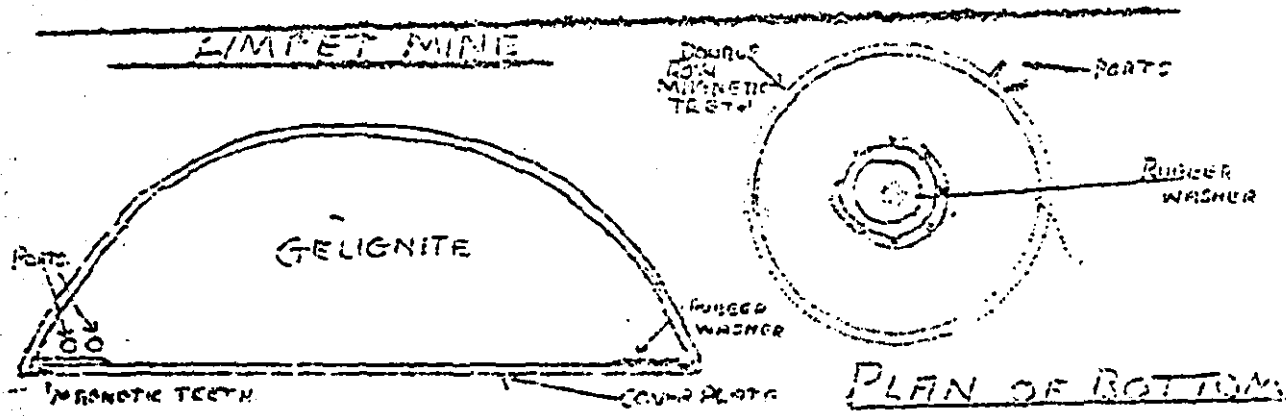
SAUSAGE BANGALORE TORPEDO



CANVAS HOSE 1½" x 7'0" (NYLON)



LIMPET MINE



MOST SECRET 4-1

Conference with GOC CEYLON 30 May 42 - 1100 hrs at Comd HQ

1. Present - GOC CEYLON Comd
BGS CEYLON Comd
Brig i/c Adm CEYLON Comd
Lt.Col S Greaves (GSO 1 34 Ind Div) representin his GOC who was sick.
GOC AIF (CEYLON)
GSO 1 AIF (CEYLON) (later)

2. GOC CEYLON discussed Jap situation. Stated he considered indications pointed towards next move being towards SE to consolidat present strong defensive position. He considered Japs would NOT try to expand further unless German victory in Europe.
His information from friend in W.O. indicated very optimistic outlook regarding possibilities of German crackup commencing by end of this year.

3. GOC CEYLON
(a) stated that weather conditions on SW coast had not become sufficiently unfavourable, therefore there was no intention to move 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp tp KURUNEGALA at the moment but all arrangements for providing necessary hutting (Stages 1 & 11) etc, were to be pushed on and 16 Aust Inf Bde should still be prepared to move at short notice - say a matter of days if weather conditions worsened on SW.

(b) Directed that early opportunity be taken to exercise 16 Aust Inf Bde in carrying out tactical move from present area to KURUNEGALA to check up on their mobility. Up one day and back the next, bivouacing if move cannot be completed in one day. Exercise to include necessary reliefs by 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp of 16 Aust. Inf Bde units in static positions.

4. For Comd Sig exercise it will be assumed that 16 Aust Inf Bde has in fact moved to KURUNEGALA area.

5. Opportunity should also be taken to practice HQ 6 Aust Div movement possibly in conjunction with move of 16 Aust Inf Bde.

6. In event of operations it is likely that HQ 6 Aust Div will be r required to move and assume cond of force comprising 16 Aust Inf Bde and possibly 21 EA Bde.
Probable role : Protection of left(north) flank of 34 Ind Div during latters operations against enemy force landing on EAST of Island.
Suggested HQ 6 Aust Div should select suitable locality for their operational HQ in this event. ANURADNAPURA suggested as comms were installed at time it was occupied by HQ 34 Ind Div. HQ EA Bde there at present.
CHOLERA epidemic at present in ANA.
GSO 1 34 Ind Div to send notes of ANA layout for Div HQ (as used by 34 Div) for use of GOC AIF.

6. Comd HQ Instns Nos 1 & 2 of 24 Apr to be re-read and action taken to implement instrs not already carried out.
GOC when visiting units will test them out on points mentioned: e.g., surprise moves etc, assault courses.

7. GOC pointed out danger in jungle warfare (or close country) of waiting too long to collect information before acting. Even when carrying out defensive role the aim must be always to attack to disorganise enemy's arrangements. Comds must make quick decisions and be prepared to gamble. Only three alternatives - (a) attack by night (b) by left (c) by both flanks while holding enemy in front. Impress on all COs.

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LOCATION STATEMENT - CEYLON COMMAND - (Corrected to 27 May 42).

All Map Refs to CEYLON 4 Miles to 1 inch (Except where a 6-figure reference is followed by an oblique stroke and a map sheet No. - this indicates a one inch to one mile reference)

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1.	H.Q., CEYLON COMD.	MUSEUM, COLOMBO.	0616	9335	
2.	H.Q., 34 Ind Div.	KANDY	1521	KANDY 214.	Mil. Ex. KND.
3.	H.Q., 34 Ind Div. R.A.	do.	do.	Ext. 17.	
4.	Z A/Tk. Bty. R.A.	Kalutara South	077135	KAL. 26.	To move into 34 Ind Div Area shortly.
5.	H.Q., 34 Ind Div. R.E.	KANDY	1521	Ext. 16.	
5a.	307 Fd. Park Coy. I.E.	HACHCHADUWA.	1432	NIL.	
6.	Div. Sigs.	KANDY.	1521	Ext. 21.	
7.	H.Q., Pro. Unit.	KANDY.	1521	KANDY 184.	
8.	34 Fd. Hyg. Sec.	TRINCOMALEE.	2536	286	Mil. Ex. TRN.
9.	34 Div. F.S.S. Sec.	KURUNEGALA	1223	-	
10.	550 F.S.S. Sec.	TRINCOMALEE.	2536	286	"
11.	"B" Sec. 34 Div. Rec. Sec.	TRINCOMALEE.	2536	286	"
12.	Det. C.P.R.C.	HAMBANTOTA.	-	-	-

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13.	H.Q. 16 Inf. Bde.	PERADINIYA.	1520	KND 214-216 Ext. 22	
13A.	16 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec.	do.	do.		
14.	51 Fd. Regt. R.A.(less two Bty)	PERADINIYA	do.		
14A.	One Bty. 51 Fd. Regt. R.A.	HABARANE.	1730		
15.	2 Fd. Coy. R.E. (less Dets & One Sec.)	PERADINIYA.	1520		
15A.	One Sec 2 Fd. Coy. R.E.	HABARANE.	1730		
15B.	Det. 2 Fd. Coy. R.E.	VALAICHCHENAI.	2628		
15C.	Det. 2 Fd. Coy. R.E.	HAMBANTOTA.	2107		
16.	2 Queen's	PERADINIYA.	1520		
17.	2 Leicesters	DAMBULLA.	1628		
18.	2 King's Own(less one pl.)	HABARANE.	1730		
18A.	Pl. 2 King's Own	VALAICHCHENAI.	2628		
19.	215 Fd. Amb.	KATUGASTOTA.	1521		
20.	L.I.D. Det. 61 Coy.(R.A.S.C.)	PERADINIYA.	1520		
21.	16 Inf. Bde. Ord. Fd. Park	KANDY.	1521		
22.	16 Inf. Bde. Wkshop/Sec.	do.	do.		
23.	16 Inf. Bde. F.P.O.	PERADINIYA.	1520		
24.	16 Inf. Bde. L.A.D.	do.	do.		
25.	29 Fd. Cash Office	COLOMBO.	0616		
25A.	1306 Inf. Aux. Pioneer Corps	PERADINIYA.	1520		

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26.	H.Q. 21 E.A. Inf. Bde.	ANURADHAPURA.	1333	46	Mil. Ex. ANA.
27.	Bde. Sig. Sec.	do.	do.	46	do.
28.	H.Q. 162 E.A. Fd. Regt.	VAVUNIYA.	1458	46	do.
28A.	53 E.A. Fd. Bty.	do.	1458		Mil. Ex. VAV.
28B.	54 E. Fd. Bty.	MANKALUI	1343		
29.	54 E.A. Fd. Coy.(less two Secs)	VAVUNIYA	1458		do.
29A.	One Sec. 54 E.A. Fd. Coy.	KILINOCHCHI	1346		Mil. Ex.
29B.	One Sec. 54 E.A. Fd. Coy.	HOROWUPOTANA	1856		Mil. Ex. Horowupotana.
30.	58 E.A. Fd. Coy.	COLOMBO	0616		Mil. Ex. CBO.
31.	1/2 K.A.R.(less 2 Coy & one Pl.)	VAVUNIYA	1458		Mil. Ex. VAV.
31A.	One Pl. 1/2 K.A.R.	MANNAR	0641		
31B.	One Coy.(less one Pl. 1/2 K.A.R.)	IDALIKKADU	1645		
31C.	One Pl. 1/2 K.A.R.	MULLAITEIVU	1844		
31D.	One Coy. 1/2 K.A.R.	PADDAMALAI	1643		
32.	1/4K.A.R. (less 3 Coys.)	KILINOCHCHI	1346		Mil. Ex. Kilinochchi.
32A.	One Coy. 1/4 K.A.R. (less one Pl.)	CHENKANI	950959/2		One pl. VADDUDDITTUR 055175/2
32B.	One Coy.(less one Pl) 1/4 K.A.R.	ELEPHANT PASS	1348		
32C.	One Coy. 1/4 K.A.R.	VAVUNIYA	1458		
32D.	One Pl. 1/4 K.A.R.	CHEMPIYANPATTU	1249		

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33.	1 M.R.R. (less one Coy.)	HORONUPOTANA.	1836		Mil. Ex. Horowupotan.
33A.	One Coy. (1st M.R.R.)	VAVUNIYA	1438		
34.	21 E.A. Inf. Bde. Gp. Coy.(less two Wkshop Sec)	ANURADHAPURA.	1333	46	
34A.	One Wkshop Sec. 21 E.A. Inf. Bde. Gp. Coy.	KILINOCHCHI	1346		Mil. Ex. Kilinochchi
34B.	One Wkshop Sec. 21 E.A. Inf. Bde. Gp. Coy.	VAVUNIYA	1438		Mil. Ex. VAV.
35.	No. 1 Ord. Lt. Repair Det.	VAVUNIYA	do.		do.
36.	2 (Z) Fd. Amb.(less two ADSs).	ANURADHAPURA	1333	46	Mil. Ex. ANA.
36A.	One A.D.S. 2(Z) Fd. Amb.	KILINOCHCHI	1346		Mil. Ex. Kilinochchi.
36B.	One A.D.S. 2(Z) Fd. Amb.	VAVUNIYA	1438		Mil. Ex. VAV.
37.	Reinforcement Camp	ANURADHAPURA.	1333	46	Mil. Ex. ANA.
37A.	A.P.O. 61	do.	do.		
37B.	E.A. 2nd Echelon (less Adv. 2nd Echelon)	POONA, INDIA.			
37C.	Adv. 2nd Echelon	COLOMBO	0616		
37D.	Det. E.A. Pay Corps	COLOMBO	0616		
37E.	E.A. Transit Camp	COLOMBO	0616		
38.	H.Q. 99 Ind Inf. Bde.	KURUNEGALLA	1323		Mil. Ex. KUR.
39.	Bde Sig. Sec.	do.	do.		do.
14B.	LY. Bty. 51 Fd. Regt. R.A.(less one Tp.)	do.	do.		do.
40.	6/15 Punjab	POLGAHAWELA	1121		
41.	9/8 Punjab (less one Coy.)	COLOMBO	0616		Mil. Ex. CBO.

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UNIT	PLACE	Map Ref.	Tel No.	Remarks
One Coy 9/8 Punjab	PUTTALAM	0630		
6/16 Punjab	WARIYAPOLA	1125		
99 Ind Inf Bde Tpt Coy.	KURUNEGALA	1223	Mil Ex. KUR	
42 Fd Amb (less One Coy)	do	do	do	
No 4 (Mob) Wkshop Coy. (less two Sec)	do	do	do	
Two Secs No 4 (Mob) Wkshop Coy.	COLOMBO	0616	Mil Ex CBO	
F.S.D.	KURUNEGALA	1223	Mil Ex KUR	
H.Q. 100 Ind Inf Bde.	Fort Frederick TRINCOMALEE	2336	TRN 286 Ex 29	1" MR 324667 /35A.
Sig Sec 100 Ind Inf Bde	do do	do	NIL	do
H.Q. 6 Coast Regt R.A.	Lower OSTENBURG	do	Ex 4	1" MR 311340 /35A.
15 Coast Bty R.A.	CHAPEL HILL	do	Ex 6	1" MR 327632
18 Coast Bty R.A. 6"	HOODS TOWER	do	do	1" MR 311622
do 6"	DIAMOND HILL	do	do	1" MR 283604
do 4"	GREAT SOBER ISLAND	do	do	1" MR 286625
'B' Tp HY Bty 51 Fd Regt R.A.	YARD COVE AREA	do	Ext. 3	1" MR 299677
31 Fortress Coy R.E.	GALADY JUNCTION	do	TRN Civil 268	1" MR 301671
67 Fd Coy S & M	East Of rd June.	do	NIL	1" MR 304637
9/12 F.F. Regt.	WELAVELI ESTATE	do	Ex 2	1" MR 273796
14/13 F.F. Rifs.	SMALL MAIDAN (RIFLE ESPLANADE)	do	do	1" MR 318653
9/14 Punjab	OLD RIFLE RANGE	do	do	1" MR 317613

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Serial No.	U N I T	P L A C E	Map Ref.	Tel No.	REMARKS.
224A.	Sec 20 A.W. Coy I.E.	THE HUT	2336	NIL	1" MR 294677/35A
223	5 Pnr Bn I.E. less 2 Coys	do	do	NIL	do
223C	Coy 23 Aux Pnr Bn. I.E.	do	do	NIL	do
55	1 C.L.I.	ESPLANADE		Ex 10	1" MR 319664/35A
56	3 C.L.I.	BUNGALOW HILL		do	1" MR 266637/35A
57	100 Bde Tpt Coy. R.I.A.S.C.	110 m.s. Road KND - TRN		Ex 2	1" MR 284676/35A
58	F.S.D. R.I.A.S.C.	CUSTOMS SHED		NIL	1" MR 313655/35A
59	'T' Ord Mobile Wkshop Coy I.A.O.C.	NORTH COAST ROAD.		NIL	1" MR 297694/35A
60	12 Ord Fd Depot I.A.O.C.	CONVENT		TRN Civil 283	1" MR 316662/35A
42A.	A Coy 42 Fd Amb.	EAST OF Rd Junc.		NIL	1" MR 304668/35A
61	46 Animal Tpt Coy R.I.A.S.C.	SANDY BAY		NIL	1" MR 325646/35A
62	Sec 3 Wkshop Coy C.A.S.C.	ORRS HILL		Ex 25	1" MR 299670/35A
70	H.Q. (A.I.F.) (CEYLON)	MATUGAMA	096119	MAT 04	1" MR 959182/80.
70A	H.Q. Pl. Aust Gd Bn.	do	do		
71	H.Q. 1 Aust A. Tk. Regt	AQUINAS HALL CBO.	0616	CBO 8340	Under Comd. H.Q. Ceylon Comd.
72	'H' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div.	do	do	do	
73	49 Aust L.A.D.	TAMARI VILLU	2336		Att. 4 Bty.
71A	1 Bty 1 Aust A.Tk. Regt (less two Tps)	HORANALA	098113	MAT 04.	1" MR 984130/80
71D	2 Bty				Under Comd H.Q. Ceylon Comd.

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71E	3 Bty.				Under Cond. H.Q. Ceylon Cond.
71F	4 Bty. less one tp.	TAMARI VILLU	2356		Under Cond O.C. Tps TRN.
71G	One Tp 4 Bty.	MAKKILUTTU	do		1" MR 265598/35A
74	H.Q. 6 Aust Div R.A.E.	MATUGAMA	097118	MAT 04	1" MR 967170/80
75	2/1 Aust Fd Coy less Two Secs	HORANA	092142	HOR 2	Under Cond. 16 Aust Inf Bde for operations.
75A	1 Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Coy	KATUKURUNDA	079123		do
75B	3 Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Coy	Nr. ANGURUWATOTA	090132		do
76	2/8 Aust Fd Coy less three Secs	AKURESSA	139068		1" MR 905320/74 1" MR 395676/92A
76A	7 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd. Coy.	GALLE	109058		— Under Cond 17 Aust Inf Bde for operations.
76B	8 Sec do.	ROAD KOGGALA - WELIGAMA	124053		1" MR 233529/92A
76C	9 Sec do.				1" MR 641018/81
77	22 Aust Fd Pk Coy.	SILVERDALE	090117	MAT 04	1" MR 907174/80
78	80 Aust L.A.D.	do	do	do	do
79	H.Q. Sigs 6 Aust Div.	MATUGAMA	096119	do	1" MR 956184/80
79A	H.Q. Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div.	do	do	do	do
79B	1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div.	do	do	do	do
79C	H.Q. 2 & 3 Coys Sigs 6 Aust Div.	do	do	do	do
80	42 Aust L.A.D.	do	do	do	do
81	2/2 Aust A. Fd. Wkshop (less two Rec. Secs.)	KATUGAHAHENA	092144	MAT 04	1" MR 935115/80
81A	5 Rec. Sec.	HORANA	092144		Att 16 Aust Inf Bde. 1" MR 920213/80

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81B.	6 Rec. Sec.	HULANDAWA.	139076		1" MR 583755/92
82.	D. Div. Sec. 1 Aust Ord. Fd Pk.	HORANA.	092144		17 Aust Inf Bde 16 Aust Inf Bde.
82A.	H. Div. Sec. do.	HULANDAWA.	139076		17 do.
82B.	T. Div. Sec. do.	KATUGANAHENA	092141	MAT. 04	
83.					
84.					
85.	2/3 Aust Fd. Hyg. Sec.	ALUTGAMA.	095112		1" MR 957119/80
86.	6 Aust Pro. Coy.(lessDet.)	Musaeus College CBO.	066165	CBO. 9585	1" MR 666656/67
86A.	Dets. 6 Aust. Pro. Coy.	MATUGAMA	096119	MAT. 04	1" MR 959182/80
87.	No.3 Aust Army Base P.O.	Musaeus College CBO.	066165	CBO. 9585	
88.	6 Aust Div Postal Unit(less Det.)	MATUGAMA	096119	MAT. 04	
89.	Det. A.I.F. Finance & Audit Sec.	Musaeus College CBO.	066165	CBO. 9583	
90.	Adv. 2 Echn. A.I.F.	do.	do.	do.	
91.	A.A.C.S.	do.	do.	do.	
92.	A.M.L.O.	do.	do.	do.	
93.	A.I.F. Reception Camp	do.	do.	do.	
94.	6 Aust Div. Postal Unit	MATUGAMA	096119	MAT. 04	
95.	2 Aust Anti-Malarial Control Unit	DUSSA Camp	102065		Under Comd. CEYLON COMMAND.
96.	2 Aust Dental Unit	39 Lighthouse St. GALLE	109058		

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100.	H.Q. 16 Aust Inf. Bde.	HORANA	092142	HOR. 2	1" MR 919423/74
101.	J Sec. Sigs. 6 Aust Div.	do.	do.	do.	do.
102.	45 Aust LAD	do.	do.	do.	do.
103.	7 Fl. Aust H.Q. Gd. Bn.	do.	do.	do.	do.
104.	2/1 Aust Fd. Regt.(less two Btrs.)	do.	do.	do.	do.
104A.	E. Sec.Sigs.	do.	do.	do.	A Tp 1 Bty 1" MR 793564/75
104B.	43 Aust L.A.D.	do.	do.	do.	B Tp 1 Bty 1" MR 173465/68
104C.	51 Bty. 2/1 Aust Fd. Regt.	RATHAPURA	130137		
104D.	2 Bty. do.	Pembroke Estate LOMBUWALA	083124	HOR. 11	
71B.	D Tp 1 Bty 1 Aust ATk Regt.	Nr. KATUKURUNDA	081123		1" MR 809232/74
105.	2/1 Aust Inf. Bn.	do.	do.	do.	1" MR 808231/74 Edn Area-812237-801230 808231-798213 Sheet 74 & 30.
106.	2/2 Aust Inf. Bn.(less two Coys)	DIKKUMA	092141	HOR. 2	
106A.	B Coy.	MATUGAMA	095119		1" MR 949187/80
106B.	C Coy.	Nr. HORATUMA	069146		1" MR 690464/73
107.	2/3 Aust Inf. Bn.	DIKKUMA Estate	092141	HOR. 2	1" MR 921415/74
108.	1 Coy. A.A.S.C. (less Dets.)	HORANA	092144		1" MR 923442/74
108A.	No. 1 D.L.D.	do.	090142		1" MR 904416/74
108B.	No. 2 D.L.D.	MINUWANGODA	078125		1" MR 784247/74
108C.	Det. 1 Coy. A.A.S.C.	YALTA	065165		1" MR 654647/67A

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109.	2/1 Aust Fd. Amb. (less one Coy)	HORANA	093143	HOR. 2	C.R.S.
109A.	B Coy.	Scout Colony KALUTARA	081125		1" MR 812255/7
110.	6 Aust Dental Unit	KALUTARA	081123		
86B.	Det. 6 Aust Div Pro. Coy.	HORANA	092143		
121.	H.Q. 17 Aust Inf Bde.	Nr. MODARAMAM	184096		
122.	K Sec. Sigs 6 Aust Div.	do.	do.	do.	do.
123.	46 Aust L.A.D.	PORAMBA	140068		1" MR 398682/92
124.	5 Pl. Aust H.Q. Gd. Bn.	do.	do.		do.
125.	2/2 Aust Fd. Regt. (less three Btys)		139067		1" MR 393675/92
126.	F Sec. Sigs 6 Aust Div.	do.	140068		1" 398682
127.	40 Aust L.A.D.	HEDEGAMA Factory	139061		1" MR 385614/92
125A.	3 Aust Fd. Bty.	Rd. GALLE- KOGGALA	112059		1" MR 118582/92
125B.	4 do.		124053		1" MR 245525/92
125C.	52 do. (less one Tp)	Rd. WELIGAMA- MATARA	139048		1" MR 393477/92
125D.	E Tp 52 Aust Fd. Bty.	do.	136152		1" MR 358516/92
71C.	A Tp 1 Bty. 1 Aust A.TK Regt.	Rd. GALLE- AKURESSA	121055		1" MR 208540/92
128.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn. (less two Coys)		112058		1" MR 117579/92 Bn Area-123574-131562. 086584-108589 1" Sheet No. 92A.
128A.	'A' Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.	GALLE	109059		1" MR 085536/92
128B.	'D' Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.	do.	113058		1" MR 127575/92

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129.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn.		125057		1" MR 253567/92. Bn Area- 204527 248566. 253558- 235557.
130.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn.(less one Coy)	Rd GALLE- AKURESSA	139065		1" MR 391653/92 Bn Area- 397658- 408651- 406654
130A.	C Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.	KCGGALA LAKE	140066		1" MR 397658/92.
131.	17 Aust Inf Bde.Gp. Trg. Unit	HULANDAWA	139078		1" MR 395779/92.
132.	2 Coy A.A.S.C.	Rd AKURESSA- HULANDAWA	140072		1" MR 404722/92.
133.	2/2 Aust Fd. Amb.(less two Coys)	PORAWA	138076		1" MR 398685/92.
133A.	A Coy 2/2 Aust Fd. Amb.	do.	139069		1" MR 398685/92.
133B.	B Coy do. (less Det.)	KOGGALA	121055		1" MR 203542/92.
133C.	A.D.S. (Det of B Coy)	do.	do.		
86C.	Det 6 Aust Dir Proc. Coy	62, Lighthouse St., GALLE	109058		1" MR 086584/92.
134.	R.H.Q. 1 Coast Regt. R.A.	62, Lighthouse St. GALLE	109059	GALLE 125	Under Comd. for operations only
134A.	Kent Pty. R.A.	Arlington House, GALLE	109059	GALLE 83	do.
160.	H.Q. CDO Base Area.	Slave Island CDO.	644671/67A	3291	
161.	1 Coast Regt. C.G.A.	GALLE DUCK COLOMBO	633684/67A	2818	
162.	12 Fd. Bty. C.G.A.	PEPILIYANA	689591/67A		
163.	1 Fortress Coy. C.E.				
164.	9/8 Punjab(less one Coy.)	KARANDUPITIA Rd. CDO.	677641/67A	9581	
164A.	One Coy. 9/8 Punjab	PUTTALAM	062301		
165.	Regt; H.Q. C.L.I.	Slave Island CDO.	644671/67A	3291 Ext. 9	

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166.	2 C.L.I. (less four Coys.)	Samudragiri MT. LAVINIA	662568/67A	250	
166A.	A & B Coys. 2 C.L.I.	RATMALANA Aerodrome	066156		
166B.	C & D Coys. 2 C.L.I.	Hutted Camp RATMALANA	066156		
167.	4 C.L.I.	KOTAHENA COLOMBO	660696/67A		
168.	H.Q. C.P.R.C.	Slave Island CDO	644671	3291	
169.	C.P.R.C. Rcs. Coy.	GALLE BUCK COLOMBO	633684/67A	5192	
170.	H.Q. Town Guard(COLOMBO)	Lake Rd Barracks CDO.	638671/67A	3404	
181.	H.Q. A.A. Command	31, Church Rd. CDO.	641665/67	3291 Ext. 5	
182.	H.Q. C.R.A. 2 A.A. Regt.	Muttiah Rd. COLOMBO	651660/67	3683	
183.	5 Bty 2 A.A. Regt.	KOLONNAWA COLOMBO	698679/67		
184.	6 Bty. do.	CLIPPENBURG COLOMBO	633679/67	3291 Ext. 16	
185.	7 Bty. do.	136, Skinners Rd. North COLOMBO	657697/67	3291	
186.	H.Q. 1 Hy. A.A. Regt. R.A.	Fort Frederick TRINCOMALEE	324667/35A	286	
187.	D Bty. 1 Hy. A.A. R.A.	Hindu School TRINCOMALEE	2336	286	
188.	C Bty. do.	26, Church Rd. CDO.	640655/67	4195 or 3291 Ext. 5	
189.	D Bty. do.	Inner Hbr. Rd. TRINCOMALEE	2336	286	
190.	H.Q. 65 Hy. A.A. Regt.	Bishop's College CDO.	649657/67	3884	
191.	181 Bty. 65 Hy. A.A.	WELLAWATTA Sewage Farm COLOMBO	655595/67	3307	
192.	183 Bty. do.	Parsons Rd. COLOMBO	643673/67		

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193.	196 Bty. 65 Hy. A.A.	Esplanade TRINCOMALEE	320664/35A	286	
194.	22 Lt. A.A. Bty. R.H. (less 1 Tp)	Nightingale Hill TRINCOMALEE	257625/35A	286	
195.	A Tp 22 Lt. A.A.	45, College St. COLOMBO	656705/67	4195 or 3291 Ext. 5	
196.	H.Q. Devon Lt. A.A. Bty.	25, Rheinland Place, CDO.	0616	4995	2 Tp at MT. LAVINIA-6656/67.
197.	H.Q. 43 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.	Buddhist Girls School MT. LAVINIA	661559/67A	255	
198.	147 Bty. 43 Lt. A.A.	Magello, GALLE	099595/92A	118	
199.	148 Bty. do.	215, Hotel Rd. MT. LAVINIA	663563/67A	270	
200.	264 Bty. do.	Methodist School TRINCOMALEE	318653/35A	286	
201.	H.Q. 55 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.	Stella Maris College NEGOMBO	642018	267	
202.	163 Bty. 55 Lt. A.A.	TRINCOMALEE (North)	303683/35A	286	
203.	164 Bty. do.	65, Ward Place, CDO.	667659/67A	9360	
204.	165 Bty. do.	246, Dambalapitiya Rd COLOMBO	654623/67A		
205.	52 Mobile Hy. A.A. Regt.	Havelock Park COLOMBO	670625/67A		Arrive 28 May and remain CDO. temporarily.
206.	76 Static Lt. A.A. Regt.	Rifle Green Camp CDO.	642672/67A		do.
207.	315 S/L Bty. R.A.	A.A. & S/L. Training College COLOMBO		8635	
208.	405 S/L Bty. R.A.	Esplanade TRINCOMALEE	320664/35A	286	
209.	H.Q. Bde A.A. Marine Naval Base Defence Organisation.	31, Church Rd. COLOMBO	640663/67A	3291 Ext. 5	
210.	3 Hy. A.A. Wkshop	Havelock Park COLOMBO	670625/67A		
211.	L.A.D. 76 Lt. A.A. Regt.	Rifle Green Camp CDO.	642672/67A		

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212.	L.A.D. 52 Hy. A.A. Regt.	Havelock Park COLOMBO	670625/67A		
215.	Fortress H.Q. TRINCOMALEE				
	See "H.Q. 100 Ind. Inf. Bde." Serials - 47 to 62.				O.C. Tps TRN: Comd. 100 Ind Inf Bde.
	COMMAND UNITS.				
220.	H.Q. Comd Tps Engineers	Dullers Rd. COLOMBO	675630/67A	9261	
221.	H.Q. Ceylon Engineers	do.	do.	8808 Ext. 2	
222.	3 Fd. Coy. C.E.	do.	do.		
221A.	Ceylon Engineers Depot	Phoenix Camp COLOMBO	0616	8808 Ext. 2	
223.	5 Pnr. Bn. I.E. (less two Coys)	TRINCOMALEE	2336		
223A.	D Coy 5 Pnr Bn. I.E.	RATMALANA	066156		
223B.	A Coy do.	RATMALANA	156112		
224.	20 A.T. Coy. I.E. (less one Sec)	KEKIRAWA	153305		
224A.	One Sec. 20 A.T. Coy. I.E.	TRINCOMALEE	2336		
225.	11 Sec. 331 Bomb Disposal Coy.R.E.	Victoria Golf Club COLOMBO	672642/67A	8353	
226.	2 Sig. Coy. C.E.	TRINCOMALEE	2336		
227.	C.R.E. Mtce SOUTH	Slave Island COLOMBO	644671/67A	5291 Ext. 33	
228.	C.R.E. Mtce NORTH	KANDY	1521		
229.	1 Fortress Coy. C.E.	North Camp HUTWAL COLOMBO	366706/67A		
230.	Aux. Pioneers(Ceylon)1 & 2 Bns	Anderson Golf Links	675628/67A	8265	
231.	Railway H.Q. C.E.	G.M.R. Office MARADANA COLOMBO	662673/67A		

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232.	20 Ry. Ops. Coy. C.E.	Div. Trans. Suptd's Office MARADANA	664673/67A		
233.	25 Ry. Const. Coy. C.E.	Engineer Way & Works Office COLOMBO	664673/67A		
234.	30 Ry. Wkshop Coy. C.E.	M.E.R. Office Ry. Wkshops RATMALANA	066156		
235.	21 Ry. Ops. Coy. C.E.	Div. Trans. Suptd's Office ANURADHAPURA.	131340		
236.	26 Ry. Const. Coy. C.E.	Dist. Engr's Office ANURADHAPURA	131340		
237.	22 Ry. Ops. Coy. C.E.	Div Trans Suptd's Office NAWALAPITIYA	147183		
238.	27 Ry. Const. Coy. C.E.	Dist. Engr's Office NANU OYA	172168		
239.	146 Ry. Const. Coy. C.E. (less one Det.)	Victoria Golf Club CBO.	672642/67A		
239A.	Det. 146 Ry. Const. Coy C.E.	TRINCOMALEE	2336		
240.	Engineer Stores Base Depot	Victoria Pk COLOMBO	655655/67A	5008	
	do.	KADAWATA Nr. REGAMA	073180	NIL	
241.	Adv. Engr. Stores Depot (Northern)	KURUNEGALA	126235	NIL	
242.	H.Q. Cond. Sigs.	Royal College COLOMBO	660645/67A	4966	
243.	Det. Cond. Sigs.	Secretariat COLOMBO	653678/67A		
244.	3 Coy. Sigs. C.E.	Royal College COLOMBO	660645/67A	4966	Att. Cond. Sigs.
245.	H.Q. 3 Coy 204 Air Formation Sigs.	283 KOLLUPITIYA Rd. COLOMBO	641652/67A		
246.	Ceylon Fortress Sig. Sec.	Slave Island COLOMBO	644671/67A		
247.	40 G.P. Coy. R.I.A.S.C.	Reid Avenue COLOMBO	660642/67A	9486	
248.	19 M.A.S. R.I.A.S.C.	Victoria Park COLOMBO	655655/67A	5894	
249.	24 M.A.S. R.I.A.S.C.	KANDY	1521		

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250.	20 R.H. Supply Det. R.I.A.S.C.	Chalmers Quay COLOMBO	348606/67A		
251.	26 R.H. do.	Ladies College COLOMBO	651650/67A		En route from Ind
252.	46 D.I.D. R.A. S.C.	Chevrolet House Park St. COLOMBO	651662/67A		
253.	Det. 68 D.A.D. R.I.A.S.C.	Selby Godowns Grandpass Rd. COLOMBO	676708/67A		
254.	216 Petrol Depot R.A.S.C.	D.P.D. Cattle line Rd. COLOMBO	0616		
255.	61 POL Sec. R.I.A.S.C.	Petrol Depot TRINCOMALEE	2336		
256.	86 POL Sec. R.I.A.S.C.	Victoria Park COLOMBO	655655/67A		
257.	87 POL. Sec. R.I.A.S.C.	do.	do.		
258.	37 Cattle Stock Sec R.I.A.S.C.	Goat Farm KURUNEGALA	126235		
259.	27 Cattle Conducting Sec. R.I.A.S.C.	do.	126235		
260.	H.Q. 6 Supply Personnel Coy. R.I.A.S.C.	Ladies College COLOMBO	651662/67A		
261.	111 Supply Personnel Sec R.I.A.S.C.	A.S.D. TRINCOMALEE	2336		
262.	150 do.	Lascoreen St. COLOMBO	0616		
263.	156 do.	Ladies College COLOMBO	651662/67A		
264.	157 do.	A.S.D. KURUNEGALA	126235		
265.	Composite Pl. 16(Br) Inf Bde Tpt Coy.	A.S.D. PERIDENIYA	154207		
266.	Composite Pl. 16 Aust Inf Bde Tpt Coy.	A.S.D. HORANA	092142		
267.	Composite Pl. 17 Aust Inf Bde Tpt Coy.	A.S.D. AKURESSA	139068		
268.	Det. R.A.S.C.	A.S.D. DIYATALAWA	198151		
269.	115 Fd. Butchery R.I.A.S.C.	A.S.D. ANURADHAPURA	131340		
270.	116 Fd. Butchery R.I.A.S.C.	A.S.D. TRINCOMALEE	2336		

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271.	120 Sub Sec Fd Butchery	A.S.D. TRINCOMALEE	2336		
272.	119 Sub Sec Fd Bakery R.I.A.S.C.	do.	2336		
273.	120 Sub Sec Fd Bakery R.I.A.S.C.	do.	2336		
274.	X Sub Sec Fd Butchery R.A.S.C.	PERIDENIYA	154207		
275.	3 Sub Sec 20 Fd Bakery R.A.S.C.	do.	154207		
276.	2 Sub Sec do.	Alston Place COLOMBO	651656/67A		
277.	R.A.S.C. Training School	NUGEGODA	068158	802	
278.	H.Q. C.A.S.C.	Slave Island COLOMBO	644671/67A	3291	
279.	No 1 M.T. Coy C.A.S.C.	COLOMBO	0616		
280.	No 2 M.T. Coy C.A.S.C.	TRINCOMALEE	2336		
281.	No 3 Wkshops Coy C.A.S.C.	Parsons Rd. COLOMBO	642673/67A		
282.	1 Supply Personnel Sec C.A.S.C.	Selby Godowns Grandpass Rd. COLOMBO	676708/67A		
283.	2 do.	A.S.D. ANURADHAPURA	131340		
284.	1 Supply Issue Sec C.A.S.C.	D.I.D. TRINCOMALEE	2336		
285.	2 do.	do.	2336		
286.	Base Ordnance Depot CEYLON	Training College COLOMBO	655643/67A		
287.	Stores Sub-Depot	Baur & Co. Grandpass COLOMBO	677712/67A		
288.	Transit Depot	Lukmanjee Square COLOMBO	671692/67A		
289.	Retail Issue Depot	Vauxhall Lane COLOMBO	652667/67A		
290.	R.S.D.	B.C.C. Hultsdorf	660682/67A		

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291.	M.T. Sub-Depot	Hyde Pk Corner COLOMBO	655660/67A		
292.	A.O.D. (Arm. & General Stores)	TRINCOMALEE	2336		
293.	A.O.D. (do.)	POLONARUWA	204290		
294.	A.O.D. (do.)	HORANA	092144		
295.	A.O.D. (Arm.)	HOLANDAWA	244158		
296.	A.O.D. (Arm.)	ANURADHAPURA	131340		Not yet opened.
297.	One Sec. No.4 Ord. Mobile Wkshop Coy.	CBO.	0616		
210A.	Det. A.A. Cond. Wkshop	TRINCOMALEE	2336		
299.	"A" Grp. R.O. Wkshops	Tuckers Garage, Union Place COLOMBO	657662/67A		
300.	Reserve Vehicle Pk.	PELEKARUWA Estate COLOMBO	0616		
301.	35 B.C.H.	Mount Lavivia	0615	227	
302.	54 C.C.H.	TRINCOMALEE	2336	236 Ext 20	
303.	55 C.H.H. (British Wing)	Holy Family Convent COLOMBO	650623/67A	3843	
304.	4 A.C.H.	St. Peter's College COLOMBO	660616/67A	3303	
305.	12 A.C.H.	Welisara, RAGAMA	0713	301	
306.	57 Ind. C.H.	KATUGASTOTA Nr. KANDY	159217	26	
307.	5 British Conv. Depot	DIYATALAWA	198151	809	
308.	5 Ind. Conv. Depot	KONDESALLE Estate Nr. KANDY	1521	Guridinya 61 Ext 2	
309.	Camp Hospital (V.D.)	BUSSA	102065	Gintota 64	
310.	Camp Hospital	DIYATALAWA	198151	809	

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312.	11 Depot Medical Stores	Boys School KOTTE COLOMBO	666652/67A	NIL	
313.	H.Q. C.D.E. & O.C. Tps DIYATALAWA	Diyatalawa	197153/76A	23	
314.	5 Adv't. Liaison Sec.	Secretariat, COLOMBO	633678/67A	5331 Ext 42	
315.	Armoured Train	St. Rita's Rd. RATMALANA	667552/67A		Under Cond. & Asst Div for Operations
316.	Fd. Account Unit No.8	Old Mil. Hosp. COLOMBO	637674/67A		
317.	5 Ind Fd. Censor Unit	Old Secretariat, Queen St. COLOMBO	639678/67A		
318.	74 F.P.O.	Central Tel. Office CBO.	640680/67A	Mil. 3291	
319.	9043 Fire Fighting Sec.	Havelock Park, COLOMBO	670625/67A		
320.	9064 do.	do.	do.		
321.	9065 do.	TRINCOMALEE	2336		
322.	Central Recruiting Office	399, Galle Rd., COLOMBO	643646/67A	4783	
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