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8 Infantry Battalion
January - February 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit 8. AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From JANUARY 1943. To _____

Place	Date 1943	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42 MILE" Ref. Map DARWIN Sheet 6. 157652.	1	JAN	0900	Weather, fine, clear, hot.	Appx 9.
			0940	23 Bde PAD instr. re N.T.F. sports carnival recd.	
			0945	250 personnel leave for N.T. Force Sports carnival held at NOONAMAH. Military events competition won by 19 Bde, athletic competitions won by 23 Bde.	
			1010	I.O. made recce of BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP.	
		1600	Bn HQ. issued Op. Ins No 18 re move of unit to BERRY SPRINGS REST camp. Unit Standing orders during period at BERRY SPRINGS and Standing Orders BERRY SPRINGS MILITARY REST CAMP attached	Appx 10.	
		1640	"E" tp 14 A/Tk Bty moved 1330 hrs preparatory to moving SOUTH. relieved by D tp 41 Bty 103 A/TK Bty Regt.		
	2	JAN	0800	Weather fine, visibility fair. I.O. and 4 I sec personnel moved to BERRY SPRINGS.	Appx 10.
0840			Bn started move to BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP as per OI No 18.		
0900			Lieut Symons and 4 ORs marched in from 23 Bde M.T. harbour.		
1200			Bn arrived at BERRY SPRINGS. Bn HQ established, personnel allotted bivouac areas and settled in. Camp already established, showers, latrines, mess huts, kitshens, recreation huts, sports grounds, picture theatre, swimming pool etc. canteen.		
		2030	Pictures shown at camp theatre.		
	3	JAN	0900	Weather fine, visibility good.	Appx. 5.
				Routine as set down in standing orders. Troops rested or made use of recreational facilities as desired.	
				Intelligence syllabus for week commencing 4 JAN prepared. No Bn syllabus prepared, weeks rest for troops.	
			1430	A.D.U. and M.T. Harbour personnel moved out to BERRY SPRINGS.	
		1800	C.O. visited 42 Mile camp site.		
		2030	Picture theatre.		
	4	JAN	0900	Weather fine, warm, cloudy. Vis fair. Bn H.Q. issued screed "Action to be taken in case of Air Attck" while unit at BERRY SPRINGS	Appx. 1/



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(adapted,)

H. 100M 2/42

Unit 8 AUT INF BN

Date and Time.—From JANUARY 1943. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA N.T. "42 MILE" Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6 157652	JAN 4	0900	Memo issued by NORFORCE amendment to ORDER OF BATTLE N.T. FORCE received	Operation file .
		1130	Heavy rain with thunderstorm. During course of storm lightning struck sig lines and blew fuzes also switchboard.	
		1330	Switchboard borrowed from 23 Bde.	
	5	2030	Pictures shown at picture theatre.	
		0900	Weather fine, warm. Vis good. Party left to attempt to live on the land for 4 days. Bn H.Q. issued Op. Instn No.19 re action in case of operational emergency.	Appx 12
		1300	Heavy rain. Rain continued most of afternoon. Received 23 Bde Int Summary No.118	" 16
	6	0900	Weather fine, hot, Vis good.	
		0930	23 Bde report on roads and tracks as at 1700 hrs 4 Jan received Brig. BEERWORTH and Col STEPHENS visited Rest Camp.	Recce Report file .
		1900	Severe rain and electrical storm.	
		2045	Pictures shown at theatre.	
	7	0900	Weather fine, vis. good. Brig. Comd 23 Bde visited rest camp.	
		1400	Duty Officer inspected all tents in 42 mile camp area.	
		1940	Heavy rain.	
		2045	Pictures shown at theatre.	
	8	0900	Weather fine, vis. good.	
		1230	C.O. visited unit area.	
		1400	Swimming carnival and competitions held at pool.	
		1800	Party returned from living on country and reported almost impossible to do so.	
		2030	Concert held at theatre. Field strength return 8 Bn Op. Instn No. 19 A issued concerning movement of unit back to 42 mile	Appx 1 " 13
	9	0900	Weather fine, hot, visibility good.	
		1000	All personnel clear of camp lines, moved to dispersal areas awaiting transport.	
		1200	Bn Moved out to 42 mile.	



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Unit 8 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From JANUARY 1943. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA N.T. "42 MILE"	Jan 9	1330	Bn returned from BERRY SPRINGS rest camp - Bn H.Q. established 42 mile bivouac area. Part 1 Officer and 50 O.R.'s moved to	
Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6 157652		1500	BERRY SPRINGS for one week. (Security Party) 23 Bde report on Roads and tracks as at 1700 hrs 7 Jan 43 received and noted.	Recce file.
			Bn H.Q. issued syllabus of trg and exercises and lectures for week commencing 11 Jan. I.O. issued syllabus for 10 day intelligence school commencing 11 Jan. Personnel to consist of existing I Sec. and 2 men from each coy. Syllabus of 6 day Snipers Course issues C/I Lieut. BRYANT. Syllabus 10 Day CADRE course Officers and N.C.O.'s issued.	Appx 6
			Coy. Comds. conference.	" 6
	10	1600		
		0900	Weather dull and cloudy, visibility fair.	
		0930	Church parades. Day of rest for unit.	
		1100	Notes on JAP parachute troops received from Bde. Copies distributed to Coys for study.	JAP file.
	11	0900	Weather fine and not visibility good.	
		0930	Bn. parade.	
		1000	Trg. as per syllabus.	
	12	0900	Weather fine and not. Visibility clouded, fair.	
		1000	Sgt. FERGUSON and 1 I. O.R. made recce of area NORTH of MANTON GAP DAM and laid out compass march in that area.	
		2000	Bn. Pde. Maj. DESNOY read screed on JAP tactics at night to parade. Trg. by night commenced as per syllabus.	
	13	0900	Weather fine, hot, vis. good.	
		0930	Troops resting - schools etc. continued as per syllabus.	
		1200	23 Bde. Int. Summary No.119 received from Bde H.Q.	Appx 17
		1230	23 Bde screed S.465/2/11 24 Dec re "GENERAL AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION PROCEDURE" received	Operational file
			23 Bde screed S.383/8/16 30 NOV "Air moves and emplaning" recd.	Trg. file.
			I.O. visited Bde. H.Q.	
		1400	I.O. visited BATCHELOR aerodrome to gain further information of plane loading etc.	Operational file.



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Army Form C. 2143
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Unit 8 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From JANUARY 1943. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA N.T. "42 MILE"	Jan. 13	1700	Coy. Comds. conference.	
		2000	Trg. as per syllabus.	
Ref. map DARWIN Sheet 6. 157652.	14	0730	C.O. and I.O. made recce of McMINN'S - KOOLPINYAH track and areas, and OBSERVATION HILL area.	
		0800	Weather fine and hot. Vis good.	
		0930	Troops resting. Schools and cadre continue.	
		2000	Training as per syllabus.	
	15	0830	Weather cloudy and fine, vis. good.	
		0930	Trg. cadres and schools continue.	
		1400	Filed strength return received	
		1530	Heavy rain falling. Heavy thunderstorm.	Appx 2.
	16	2000	Training as per syllabus.	
		0830	Weather fine and hot. Vis good.	
		0930	Schools and training cadre continue.	
		1300	Party returned from BERRY SPRINGS rest camp - small party left for BERRY SPRINGS camp.	
		2000	Night training as per syllabus.	
	17	2400	Training ceased.	
		0800	Weather fine, vis. good. Day of rest for unit.	
		1000	3 Officers 154 O.R's moved out to NOONAMAH for working party 23 O.R's moved to rear H.Q.	
		1030	17 Spitfires flew overhead, first time this type of plane obsd. in this area.	
		1800	Rain falling.	
	18	1830	Syllabus of trg, for week ending commencing 18 JAN issued B.H.Q.	Appx 7
		0830	Weather fine and hot. Vis good.	
		0930	Trg. as per syllabus.	
		1000	C.O. and I.O. left on recce with Bde "R" gp. of HOWARD SPRINGS KOOLPINYAH area.	
		1200	A.I.L.O. (BATCHELOR) visited B.H.Q. leaving table of information re plane loading etc.	
		1700	C.O. and I.O. returned from recce.	



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Date and Time.—From JANUARY 1943 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA N.T. "42 MILE"	JAN 18	1930	Bn. H.Q. issued 8 Bn Standing Op. Order "A" for sudden move and copies 4, 15, 16 received.	Appx 14.
Ref map DARWIN Sheet 6. 157652	19	2000	C.O. left for rear H.Q.	
		0900	Weather fine, hot, vis. good. Trg. as per syllabus.	
	20	2030	Pictures in Bn. area.	
		0800	Weather fine, warm, vis. good.	
	21	0930	Training as per syllabus.	
		1200	Received Int. Summary No.120 from 23 Bde.	Appx 18.
		0830	Weather fine, hot, vis. good.	
		0930	Training as per syllabus.	
		1000	58 personnel proceeded to ADELAIDE RIVER for examination prior to enlistment in A. I. F. Rd. recce as per O.I. 15 carried out.	
	22	2230	Air raid "RED" warning received. A/A fire and tracer fire observed NORTH in direction of DARWIN - some explosions heard.	
		0830	Weather fine, cloudy, vis fair.	
		0800	C.O. went to NORFORCE.	
		0930	Trg. as per syllabus. N.C.O's carde No.2 commenced.	
	23	1500	C.O. proceeded to BATCHELOR to emplane for NEW GUINEA for a period of observation etc. Maj. DESNOT Adm. Comd.	
		0830	Weather fine, cloudy, vis good.	
		0930	Field firing practice MORTARS as per syllabus.	
		1030	I. Sgt and 3 O.R's reced route for compass march area hill WEST MANTON DAM.	
		1200	Bde. Int Summary No.121 received.	Appx 19
	24	2030	Syllabus of trg. week commencing 25 JAN received.	" 8
		0945	Bn Church pde. Day of rest for unit.	
	25	0945	A/C.O. and I.O. reced bn and bde area KNUCKEY'S LAGOON	
		2000	A. B. C. Coys returned from working parties 23 mile.	
		2030	Coy. Comds. conference.	
	26	0900	Coy. Comds, I.O., I. Sgt reced bn area KNUCKEYS LAGOON and patrol areas.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA N.T. "42 MILE" Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6. 157652	JAN 26	1000	C.O.'s conference at Bde.	
		2030	Pictures shown in Bn area.	
	27	1615	I. Sec and 1 R.P. reced area HOWARD PENINSULA, SHOAL BAY, FOOTCLIFFS and KNUCKEYS LAGOON.	
		1030	Weather raining cool, vis. poor.	
		1300	Capt. PICOT left to report to BATCHELOR 1500 hrs to attend R.A.A.F. school army co-operation at GANBERRA. A. C. T.	
		1500	A/C.O. Adj. I.O. reced area for Bn. exercise.	See trg. syllabus.
		1530	Bde I.O. visited Bn.	
		1830	Advice of arty Co-operation No.2 Coy Comds course Bde recce report on roads received.	Recce file
	28	0900	Weather fine, hot, vis. good. Lieut BRUCE made road recce and report on same as per 23 Bde O.I. 15	Rd. Patrol file
	29	2030	Bn. Concert held in Bn. area.	
		0900	Weather fine and hot, vis fair. Showers during day.	
		0930	Bn. trg. programme altered - trg. as set down for 30 Jan carried out.	
		1200	Field strength return received	Appx 4. " FEB.
		1800	Bn. H.Q. issued trg. syllabus for week commencing 1 FEB 43	
	30	0900	Weather fine and hot, vis. good.	
		0930	Training as per syllabus.	
		1000	Applications for trade recovery interviewed by Manpower officer	
		1600	Working party returned from rear H.Q.	
		1630	Maj. EDWARDS rejoined unit and took over Adm. Comd.	
	31	0930	Weather fine and hot with occasional showers.	
		0945	Bn. Church pdes. Day of rest for unit.	
		1400	2 O.R.s reported Bn. H.Q. for No.9 Stretcher Bearers Course at WINNELLIE.	

8th AUSTRALIAN INF BATT
DARWIN, N.T.
ADJUTANTS

*Reviewed by
for day camp bond*

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 1

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
1 JAN 43

1. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 1 JAN 43 .

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. T.R. Bruce
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Winckle N.E.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Grylls R.W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Jolly J.
Guards	1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

2. ROUTINE The following times will be observed on 2 JAN 43 :-

Reveille	0615 hrs
Breakfast	0700 hrs

C.W. Thompson
 C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut
 Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 2

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
2 JAN 43

DUTY COY "D" COY

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

3. CHURCH PARADES

R.C. Church Pde will be held in No.19 Mess Hut at 1030 hrs 3 JAN 43 .

Holy Communion service will be held in YMCA Hut at 0830 hrs 3 JAN 43 .

A general church service will be held in No.6 Mess Hut at 2000 hrs 3 JAN 43 .

4. TRACK DISCIPLINE

All drivers when driving vehicles in camp area must adhere strictly to track discipline, and not drive between tents or buildings .

5. GAMBLING

Attention is drawn to A.M.R. & O. 322 on Gambling, which states:- "Gambling in a camp or other military premises, or on any ship carrying troops, is forbidden".

C.W. Thompson
C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut .
Adj. 8 AUST INF BN .

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION (C of E)

A class of instruction for Confirmation will be held during the week. The first meeting will be held on Monday 4 JAN at 1030 hrs in No.6 Hut .

ENTERTAINMENT

A picture show will be screened on Camp Picture Area at 2030 hrs tonight .

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.3

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
3 JAN 43

Duty Coy will supply the following duties daily :-

- (i) 6 ORs report to Camp Comd at 1000 hrs
- (ii) Orderly Corporal & Runner report BHQ 1900 hrs
- (iii) 2 ORs report to Sgt Wellard at Bn HQs 0930 hrs

DUTY COY

"A" COY

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

C.W. Thompson

C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut
Adj. 8 AUST INF BN

NOTICES

Canteen Hours

Sundays :- 1400 - 1600
1800 - 2000
Week Days: 1100 - 1200
1400 - 1600
1800 - 2000

Pictures

Pictures will be screened on the Camp Picture Area at 2030 hrs
4 JAN 43 . Programme:- "There's Always a Woman" and Shorts .

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.4

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
4 JAN 43

DUTY COY

"B" COY

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

7. TRANSPORT

- (i) All transport will be requisitioned for before 1800 hrs the day before it is required .
- (ii) The practice of taking vehicles through Officers Tent Lines will cease forthwith .

C.W. Thompson

C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut.
Adj. 8 AUST INF BN .

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Г.Н.С.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.5

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
5 JAN 43

DUTY COY "C" COY

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NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

8. UNAUTHORISED INTERFERENCE WITH EQUIPMENT (GRO.707)

(1) Several cases have occurred recently where minor defects in technical equipments have been converted into major defects by unskilled attempts at repair by unauthorised pers. In particular, clocks and watches which should have been repairable have had to be condemned as unserviceable because unskilled tampering has aggravated the original damage or caused further breakage of sound parts .

(ii) As spare parts for certain instruments, particularly watches and clocks, are almost unobtainable, such tampering results in loss of equipment .

(iii) Previous orders forbidding the repair of technical equipment of all kinds by unauthorised personnel will be strictly enforced .

C.W. Thompson
C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut
Adjt 8 AUST INF BN

NOTICES

A Training Film Programme will be screened at picture area, commencing 2045 hrs 5 JAN 43 .

Swimming Competitions 1430 hrs Friday 8 JAN 43

- Events:-
- 33 yds Freestyle , 66 yds Freestyle ,
 - 33 yds Breast stroke, 66 yds Breast stroke ,
 - 66 yds Back stroke.
 - Pillow fight (Post entries)
 - 100 yds Freestyle
 - Diving Competition (from lower platform)
 - 2 men relay - 66 yds Freestyle (each man swims 33 yds)

For the competition, groups will consist of:-

HQ Coy, A & D Coys, B & C Coys, Arty, Bde & 7 Bn . One entry will be received for each event from each group.

Points will be allotted 5,3,2,1 for firsts four places .

Entries to be submitted to Bn HQ by 1200 hrs Thursday 7 JAN 43.

Cricket Competition (Each team will supply one umpire)

A & D))		
v)	Wed. 1015-1300 hrs)		
H))	--Thur. 1430-1730 hrs)
B)))
v)	Wed. 1430-1730 hrs))
Arty)))
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C)))
v)	Thur. 1015-1300 hrs)	- Bye)
Bde & 7 Bn)))

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.6

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,

6 JAN 43

DUTY COY

"D" COY

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

C.W. Thompson

C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut
Adjt 8 AUST INF BN

NOTICES

ENTERTAINMENT

Pictures will be screened on Camp Picture Area at 2030 hrs tonight. Programme:- "Prison Break" and Shorts.

RESULTS 1st ROUND CRICKET

A & D Coy	47	defeated HQ Coy	32
B Coy	57	defeated Arty	declared 3 for 54

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.7

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
7 JAN 43

DUTY COY

"A" COY

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

C. W. Thompson
C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut
Adj. 8 AUST INF BN.

NOTICES

Cricket Competition (Results)

A & D Coys 75 defeated B Coy 25

Bde & 7 Bn 47 lost to C Coy 5 for 61

Final will be played tomorrow A & D Coy v C Coy .

LOST

1 wristlet watch ("Bickart Special") in leather case. Lost between
Swimming pool & tpt lines, or at showers in vicinity of tpt lines.
Finder please return to Bn HQ .

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G.H.S.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.8

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
8 JAN 43

DUTY COY "B" COY

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

C.W. Thompson
C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

Cricket Competition (Results)

A & D Coy 95 defeated C Coy 67

Swimming Competition (Results)

1st HQ Coy 18 pts
2nd 42 Bty 15 pts
3rd Bde & 7 Bn 14 pts

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.9

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery, Comd 8 AUST INF BN,
9 JAN 439. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 9 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. E.S. Worrall
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. O'Callaghan W.M.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Phillips W.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. O'neil E.
Guards	1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

10. CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0945 hrs 10 JAN 43. Markers will report as usual.

C of E Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0815 hrs 10 JAN 43. A General Service will also be held in the Bn Chapel at 2000 hrs.

The Methodist Chaplain will hold a Methodist Service at 1100 hrs in the Bn Chapel 10 JAN 43.

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs 10 JAN 43.

Dress : Drill Order, Felt Haps.

11. SICK PARADES (Extract DGMS Tech Instn No.12 para 5)

"After examination of patients on Sick Parade the RMO will complete and sign the sick report stating (a) diagnosis, and (b) disposal of case.

The following terms are used :-

- (a) Medicine and duty (M & D) - i.e. for trivial cases - treatment and return to duty.
- (b) Attend A, B, C - i.e. attend for treatment at the RAP with such duties as may be recommended according to the nature of the case.

Attend A - Attend for treatment and perform all duties. (The man after receiving advice or treatment is fit to perform all duties).

Attend B - Attend, patient to perform light duties only - nature of such light duties to be specified. (The man is capable of doing only light duty).

Attend C - Attend and excused all duties.

(c) Detained. (The member is kept in the RAP under observation)

(d) Hospital - i.e. admitted to hospital. (The member requires treatment which cannot be carried out in RAP)

(e) Duty - i.e. reported sick unnecessarily. (The member may have reported sick without cause, and may be subject to disciplinary action)."

12. BLOOD GROUP

Coys will prepare list of personnel whose blood group is not known, and submit to RMO 1800 hrs 11 JAN 43.

P.T.O.

13. POWERS OF SENTRIES AND GUARDS

(1) Regulation 8A of the National Security (General) Regulations (Statutory Rules 1942, No. 374) provides that, without derogating from or restricting the existing powers or rights of sentries and guards, a military sentry or guard stationed or posted at, on, in, or in the neighbourhood or vicinity of, any prohibited place, protected area, controlled area, or any premises used by the Commonwealth, or used for defence purposes or for essential services, or any vehicle, vessel or aircraft used by the Commonwealth, or any enclosed wharf or picking-up place, or any merchant vessel lying in port, or any road, pathway or waterway, specified in an order by the Minister, which passes through or near a prohibited place or work of defence, may be armed, and may -

(i) use his weapons against, or otherwise attack, any person who, in disregard of a warning given by a sentry or guard, approaches, enters, leaves, or passes over or in the vicinity or neighbourhood of, or attempts to approach, enter, leave or pass over or in the vicinity or neighbourhood of, that place, area, premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, wharf, picking-up place, road, pathway, or waterway, or who, after being arrested for so doing, escapes: and

(ii) use his weapons against, or otherwise attack, any person attacking him or who is reasonably suspected of being about to attack him .

(2) There are, however, certain principles which must guide all sentries and guards in the execution of their duty as such, and in the exercise of the right to resort to arms.

(3) These principles are:-

(a) Sentries and guards will be ordered to take any action required to ensure the safety of their posts or to defeat the activities of enemy or suspected enemy agents.

(b) If necessary, they will fire upon or otherwise attack any persons threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.

(c) Before firing upon any person, the sentry or guard will, except in an urgent case of self-defence, challenge that person to "Halt". If that person does not halt, the sentry should challenge him again with "Halt or I fire". If he does not halt, and no other means are available for stopping him - as for example, by calling on the rest of the guard - it is the duty of the sentry to shoot.

(d) The sentry will use his intelligence and sense of responsibility in choosing whether he will shoot or not, and he must be careful not to allow any suspected person to approach so close that he can be rushed and over-powered.

(e) Guards of enemy prisoners of war. A enemy prisoner of war attempting to escape may be fired upon, but a previous summons to surrender will be given if possible .

(f) Guards of members of the forces in custody. The use of weapons to prevent the escape of a prisoner (other than an enemy and except as provided in para. 1(i) is unlawful unless -

(i) the prisoner has committed a felony and cannot otherwise be re-arrested: or

(ii) it is necessary for self defence, and no more force is used than is reasonable in the circumstances.

The offences which constitute a felony are indicated on pages 146-151 of the M.M.L. (Australian Edition)

(g) If a prisoner resorts to violence, force may be met by force to the extent reasonably necessary, and the escort may call for help from passers-by.

(4) Orders for guards and sentries will be framed in conformity with the above and guards and sentries will be suitably instructed as to their powers and duties .

C. W. Thompson
C.W. THOMPSON, Lieut.
Adj. 8 AUST INF BN.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.10

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
10 JAN 43

14. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 10 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.H.J.M.Bowman
Orderly Serjeant	Serjeant. Coward F.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Lano R.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Warrick F.
Guards	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

15. COURT OF INQUIRY

The following Officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry to inquire into and report on injury sustained by V64539 Pte LUTZE N.W. on 10 JAN 43 :-

Maj.C.J.Hutchings	President
Capt.W.K.Picot	Member
Capt.J.J.Meggs	Member

Report to be submitted to this HQs by 1200 hrs
11 JAN 43 .

C.W. Thompson

C.W.THOMPSON, Lieut.
Adj. 8 AUST INF BN

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.11

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
11 JAN 4316. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 11 JAN 43 .

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. A.A. Ross
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Webbe J.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Allen G.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte Kennedy R.J.
Guards	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

17. DAILY ROUTINEFor Night Training Week, commencing 1500 hrs 12 JAN 43
the following routine will be observed :-

Rise	1530 hrs	(equivalent to Reveille)
Canteen	1630-1730 hrs	
Adm Pde	1730-1815 hrs	
Meal	1830-hrs	
Pde	2000-2359 hrs	
Meal	0015 hrs	
Pde	0130-0530 hrs	
Meal	0630 hrs	
Quiet	0730 hrs	(equivalent to Lights Out)

Coy Comds will impress on all ranks the absolute necessity for personnel to sleep during the time set aside . To ensure that personnel take full advantage of time set aside for sleeping one NCO from each Pl will police pl areas between 0730 hrs and 1530 hrs daily . This policing to commence Wednesday 13 JAN 43 .

C. W. Thompson
C.W. THOMPSON Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.12

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
12 JAN 4318. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 12 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.N.V.Symons
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Chinnock F.N.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Neil R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Shipham W.
Guards	1 NCO , 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

19. BURNING OF RUBBISH

Attention is drawn to RO.197 of 5 NOV 42 regarding the burning of rubbish and the detailing of personnel to examine such rubbish before burning.

Through neglect in this direction a man was slightly wounded, on Sun 10 JAN 43 . This may have been serious. Coy Comds will ensure that above mentioned instruction is rigidly adhered to .


C.W. THOMPSON Lieut.
Adj. 8 Aust Inf BnAppendix "A" to RO.12 dated 12 JAN 43STRENGTH DECREASE (Posted to "X" List)

V50685 Pte SCHWAB O.G. Evac to Hospital 8.1.43

STRENGTH INCREASE (Remove from "X" List)

V112717	Pte EDGCUMBE	C.M.	M/I	12.1.43
V240043	Pte LAMB	N.S.	"	"
V64956	Pte ROGERS	H.	"	"
VX103396	Pte FOWLER	W.	"	"
V65335	Pte BERG	W.C.	"	"
VX115771	Pte TREACY	J.J.	"	"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.13

by . . .

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
13 JAN 4320. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 13 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.E.S.Worrall
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Honey R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Ellis H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Robinson W.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

21. PROHIBITED AREA The area enclosed by a square with sides ten miles long, the western side being the main North Australia road from Adelaide River to a point ten miles south, is placed out of bounds to all ranks .

22. MANTON DAM WATER SUPPLY Units using the water supply from Manton Dam will make every effort to conserve supply and to prevent loss and wastage . Strict water discipline will be instituted immediately and excessive use, under any heading, must be prevented .

23. SWIMMING IN ADELAIDE RIVER (i) Adm Instn Instn No.23 para 5 is cancelled .
(ii) No person will enter the water in any portion of Adelaide River west of the Camp occupied by 7 M.A.C.
(iii) No person will enter the water in any portion of Coomalie Creek west of North Australia Road .

24. USE OF DECKED RLY BRIDGES BY M.T. Owing to the danger of collision with trains, M.T. will use the decked railway bridges over the Elizabeth, Adelaide, Fergusson, Katherine and King Rivers only at such times as the low-level road bridges are closed .

25. FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE, ETC. GRO A.652 is repeated for the information of all ranks . A recent Statutor Rule has amended AMR & O by inserting a new AMR 203A, the full text of which will be published shortly and which provides in effect that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connection with any application that:- (a) any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or (b) any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another; shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by AMR.215 .

The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prime facie evidence of such falsity and intent .

P.T.O.

26. SERVICE OVERSEAS - RECORD OF VOLUNTEERS OF PERMANENT MILITARY FORCES

The attention of all is directed to GRO. A.670
The names of members of P.M.F. who wish their names to be recorded
will be forwarded to this HQ .

27. ROADS - CONSERVATION OF IN WET SEASON (a) The onset of the wet
season has made it difficult to maintain the roads in this area,
in good condition. To avoid unnecessary damage to the roadway, it
is essential that stricter control be exercised with regard to
vehicle traffic and no more vehicles should be allowed on this rd
than is absolutely necessary. In particular, more careful planning
is required in the drawing of canteen supplies, to avoid sending
vehicles several times per week when one weekly trip would suffice
(b) Instructions will be given
to drivers to drive carefully over damaged parts of the road and
to avoid breaking the edges of the roadway.

28. PAYMENTS OF CASH TO PAYMASTERS No amount in excess of £5 will be
accepted by Paymasters for remittance or credit to paybooks unless
the approval in writing of HQ NT Force is first obtained .

29. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT WAR LOANS
Applications by Members of Services Facilities are provided
through Comd Pay Office to enable personnel to invest in Common-
wealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds .
Full details will be advised
upon application to Comd Pay Office through Pay Sergeants .

30. PETROL IN 4 GALL DRUMS - HANDLING & STORAGE BY UNITS Careless handling
and storage of drums has been the cause of water and dirt getting
into the drums with resultant petrol troubles. Drums should be
stacked under cover wherever possible. When cover is not available
the full drums should be stored on end with one layer of empty
drums on the heads of the full drums. Empty drums, when not under
cover, should be stored on the baége .

31. TENTS - SLACKENING OF GUYS Recent inspections have disclosed that
many tents are pitched in such a manner that it is impossible to
slacken guy ropes quickly because they have been secured to tress
and saplings . This difficulty can be overcome and a consequent
saving in tentage effected by the adoption of the following plan:-
Wooden blocks, approx 6 inches in diameter to be placed under
poles upright in each tent. During rain storms these can be
removed promptly thus automatically slackening guy ropes .
Coy Comds will personally ensure that this procedure is adopted
wherever necessary .

32. CAMOUFLAGE NETS FOR HELMETS STEEL Camouflage nets for steel helmets
are available for immediate issue and fitting to steel helmets. A
certificate stating that all pers have been issued with, and above
mentioned nets have been fitted to steel
helmets will be submitted by Coy Comds
to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 17 JAN 43.

Appendix "A" to RO.13 dated 13 JAN 43

B. W. Thompson - Adjutant
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

V57925 (AIF)	Cpl HOPPER J.J.	Prom A/Sjt as from 12.1.43
VX103384	Pte GILLICK C.G.	Prom A/Cpl as from 12.1.43
VX51262	A/Cpl HARRIS F.E.	Apptd L/Sjt as from 12.1.43
VX115780	Pte TATT B.E.	Apptd L/Cpl as from 12.1.43
V65318	Pte McHUGH G.J.	Apptd L/Cpl as from 14.1.43

STRENGTH INCREASE

VX103400	Pte TUFFNELL	M/I	13.1.43	
V250212	Pte DOWLING G	"	"	
V52918	Pte ALLEN P.W.	"	"	
V50685	Pte SCHWAB O.	"	"	/NFL

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 14

by . . .

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
14 JAN 4333. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 14 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G.L. Delves
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Smith T.F.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Marney R.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Court R.J.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

34. CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENTS, EQUIPMENT ETC .Captured Documents, Office Records, Maps, Equipment, etc.

1. Coy Comds will impress upon all ranks the value and importance of captured documents, office records and equipment, provided that these are speedily made available for examination by the appropriate authorities. From a tactical viewpoint, expert examination may reveal information from which the enemy's intentions may be deduced. Such a deduction is, however, valueless unless it is made in time. Speed, therefore, is essential. Technical examination will facilitate the incorporation of any important inventions in our own arms and armaments and also research on any technical innovations by the enemy. Obviously, the chances of obtaining valuable information will be in proportion to the number of exhibits made available for examination. To accord with these principles, which should be understood by all troops, the procedure set out in the following paragraphs will be closely observed .
2. Whenever prisoners are taken they will be immediately searched and great care will be exercised in preventing their destroying any papers in their possession. All captured documents, whether taken from the person of prisoners or discovered in vehicles or positions vacated by the enemy, must be sent back immediately, through intelligence channels, for examination. Similarly, whenever enemy material is captured, it will be handed or reported to unit intelligence pers.
3. Immediately an article obviously of intelligence value is captured, a guard will be mounted over it if, in the circumstances, such a course is necessary and practicable .
4. One example of each item of equipment captured will be forwarded by units through intelligence channels to G.S.I. Div.
5. All ranks should also be advised that disciplinary action will be taken in any case of theft (souveneing), tampering with, failing to report possession of, or being in unauthorised possession of, captured enemy material. The term "enemy material" includes every store and article of equipment, maps, diaries, documents and food known to have been in possession of the enemy at any time. It thus includes recaptured material of British or Allied Forces .
6. The responsibilities of Bn and Bde Int personnel include the collection of enemy documents and examples of enemy equipment and material of all kinds, and such material should be turned over to them wherever possible for disposal. Field Security personnel and Provost personnel will assist .
7. Captured war material, other than documents, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, etc, will be divided into two categories :-
 - (a) Original examples .
 - (b) Duplicates .

P.T.O.

34. (Cont)

Original Examples

8. Div I.Os will be in a position to identify "original examples" in their area. If an "original example" is too bulky or heavy to be returned quickly to Adv LHQ for examination, the Div I.O. will arrange for immediate examination and report by a technical expert. This report, with photographs if possible, will be forwarded by fastest route to Adv LHQ .

9. Dumps of enemy equipment, ammunition etc, including our own salvage dumps, will be carefully examined for "original examples".

10. All "original examples" will be given priority of transmission to G.S.I. Adv LHQ .

11. G.S.I. Adv LHQ will provide special labels for attachment to "original examples". After quick preliminary examination at Adv LHQ, "original examples" will be forwarded through D.D.O.S. to M.G.O. at LHQ, in accordance with instructions already issued . M.G.O. will thereupon arrange for cataloguing and issue on loan to the service concerned for examination. The service concerned will arrange for a report, in duplicate, to be furnished as quickly as possible to the Secretary Army New Munitions Committee, who will pass one copy of the report to D.D.M.I. for inclusion in LHQ Technical Summary .

Duplicate Examples -

12. G.S.I. Adv LHQ will circulate lists of material of which examples or additional examples are needed . Such lists will contain, when necessary, a description of the article and the number of examples required .

13. G.S.I. at Div will arrange for Salvage Sections to take over duplicate examples of all material not required for furthering the campaign. As soon as operations have passed, the Salvage Section will arrange for the collection and removal to port (where practicable) and shipment to dumps to be established in the vicinity of ports in Qld, NSW and Vic .

14. On arrival at dumps, the material will be catalogued and copies forwarded to QMG, with copies to M.G.O., D.S.D. and D.D.M.I., LHQ (for information) .

15. All demands for captured enemy material will be supplied from the dumps. Demands will be made through D.S.D. or Q.M.G. . Q.M.G. will issue standing orders for the storage and disposal of the material contained in the dumps .

C. W. Thompson

C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut.
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

R.C. Padre may be interviewed at Bn Chapel 1630 hrs 15 JAN 43 .

COTTON SHORTAGE

Owing to the acute shortage of cotton, Regtl tailor is having difficulty in carrying out repairs and alterations. Personnel who have cotton in excess of their own personal requirements are requested to hand same to the Regtl tailor to enable him to carry out these necessary repairs and alterations .

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.15

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
15 JAN 4335. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 15 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. R.G. Newhill
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Hicks L.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Ryan T.P.P.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Hooper V.R.
Guards	1 NCO , 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

36. NATIONAL SECURITY (WAR SERVICE MORATORIUM) REGULATIONS

M.B.I. A92/1941 (as amended by M.B.I. A.54/1942) is amended:-

(a) by inserting at the end of sub-paragraph(a) of paragraph 1 the following words:- "or under contracts for the sale of land entered into after the member became engaged on war service, in pursuance of an option to purchase land granted before the member became engaged on war service."

(b) by inserting after sub-paragraph(k) of paragraph 1 the following sub-paragraph:- "(l) The compulsory acquisition of land, without the consent of the Attorney-General, for any purpose other than a purpose in connexion with the Defence of the Commonwealth or the efficient prosecution of the war."

(c) by inserting at the end of paragraph 3 the following sub-para:-

"(d) the preservation during war service and a maximum period of six months after the termination of the war of rights to commence legal proceedings, or enforce any legal right or remedy."

(d) by repealing paragraph 5 and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:-

"5. Any member of the Military Forces who may be affected by these regulations should seek legal advice which may usually be obtained free of charge in the camp from visiting lawyers or from one of the institutions set out hereunder:-

Queensland L of C Area. Queensland Law Society, National Mutual Life Buildings, 293 Queen Street, Brisbane.

NSW L of C Area Incorporated Law Institute of NSW, 3 Castlereagh Street, Sydney; Australian Service Movement, 9 Bligh Street, Sydney.

Victoria L of C Area The Law Institute of Victoria, Corner McKillop and Little Collins Streets Melbourne; an officer of the Deputy Commonwealth Crown Solicitor's Office, 450 Law Courts Place, Melbourne, will also give advice to members of the forces or their dependants on any matter arising under the War Service Moratorium Regulations.

South Australia L of C Area The Law Society of South Australia, Exchange Buildings, Pirie Street, Adelaide.

Tasmania L of C Area The Overseas Service Advisory Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Hobart.

Western Australia L of C Area The Law Society of Western Australia, Warwick House, 20 Howard Street, Perth."

P.T.O.

37. PUBLICITY CONCERNING ESCAPED PRISONERS OF WAR

(1) Members of the A.M.F. will not, unless authorized by the Commander-in-Chief, publish in any form whatever, or communicate, either directly or indirectly, to the press or radio any account of the escape of any person whatsoever from enemy or enemy-occupied territory or of the experiences of such person prior to repatriation .

(2) Experience has shown that publicity of this character furnishes valuable information to the enemy and will jeopardize future escapes of Australian and Allied prisoners of war .

38. BROADCASTS OVER ENEMY WIRELESS BY AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

A member of the Military Forces who becomes a prisoner of war will not transmit messages over enemy wireless. The enemy's design, in arranging such broadcasts, is to enhance his own propaganda .

39. CASUALTIES AFFECTING PAY

No action will be taken to amend pay book rates consequent upon promotions, remissions of fines or remissions of forfeitures until receipt of the relevant Routine Part II Order from Records Office .

40. CARE OF HAND TOOLS

Demands for replacement of hand tools indicate that wastage is unduly high .

An acute shortage of these tools exists. Many types are not manufactured locally and have to be imported from overseas. It is essential, therefore, that all ranks be impressed with the necessity of ensuring that wastage is reduced to a minimum .

Care is to be taken that tools are used only for the purpose for which they are supplied .

Unit commanders and officers or other ranks in charge of workshops, etc, are to take all action necessary to ensure that these instructions are observed by personnel under their control, and that appropriate steps are taken to ensure the safe keeping of hand tools on issue .

C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut.
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.16

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
16 JAN 4341. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 16 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. J.T. Compton
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Smith T.F.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Rive R.V.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McQuinn D.H.
Guards	1 NCO , 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

42. CHURCH PDES Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 2000 hrs 17 JAN 43. Markers will report to RSM at 1945 hrs .
C of E Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1200 hrs 17 JAN 43 .

RC Mass will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0800 hrs 17 JAN 43 .

43. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SPEED OF VEHICLES (Extract GRO Q.30)1. Training

(a) The following are the maximum speeds permitted on any surface for the vehicles mentioned. These speeds are not to be exceeded unless absolutely necessary for the purpose of field training, or as ordered by a responsible commissioned officer. In such cases, the work ticket is to be endorsed accordingly.

TYPE OF VEHICLE	MAX. SPEED IN MPH
Cars, motor cycles and combinations	45
Trucks, 4 x 4, 5-cwt. (Jeep)	45
Ambulances (except in emergency)	35
Vans and trucks, 12 to 15-cwt	35
Vans, 1-ton, lorried and trucks up to 3-ton, except 6 wheeler	30
Lorries and trucks, stores, 3-ton loaded	25
Lorries 6-wheeler and semi-trailers	20
Lorries or trucks , S.B.G.	20
Lorries or trucks , F.B.E.	20
Tractors, wheeled and other vehicles towing -	
Pneumatic tyred trailers and other equipment	20 - 15
Steel tyred field equipment or trailers	8 - 6
A.A. travelling platform	15 - 12
Medium arty. equipment, with rubber padded wheels	12 - 10
Medium arty. equipment, with steel tyres	6 - 4
Tank transporters -	
Tractor unit only	15
With trailer, unloaded	12
With trailer, loaded	10
Tractors, tracked -	
Towing medium arty. equipment	3 - 1/2
Carriers (all types)	20
Tanks, light M3	25
Tanks, medium, Mk.II	8
Tanks, medium, M3	20

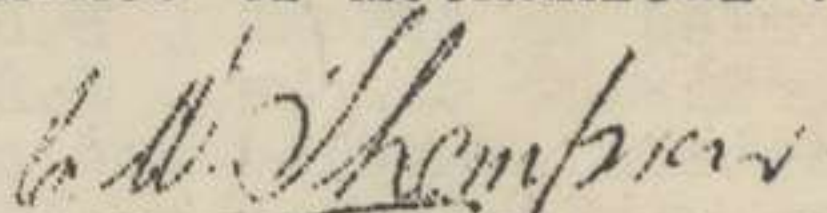
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TYPE OF VEHICLE	MAX. SPEED IN MPH
Tanks, cruiser (including A.C.)	20
Tanks, infantry, MkII	12
Tanks, Infantry, Mk.III	12
Tanks, combat (M.H.)	15
Tanks, light, Mk.VIA	20
Cars, scout	35
Cars, light, armoured	30
Lorries or trucks, water tank	25
Trailers -	
Workshop	15
Laundry	15
Cooker	15
Generating Set	15
Recovery	15
Water Tank	20
Two-wheeled, air compressor	20

Note In cases of emergency, the speed of motor ambulances will be at the discretion of the medical authorities .
Where a second figure is shown, it denotes the maximum permissible speed on bad surfaces .

(B) Army drivers are subject to the traffic regulations of the State authorities, and must observe all the rules of the road and obey orders and signals from traffic police and members of Provost Corps.

2. Operational- It is emphasised that the above speeds do not apply in operations against the enemy. When in or near contact with the enemy, vehicles will move at a speed dictated by the tactical situation .
3. Convoys - Particular attention is directed to the calculation of time tables when preparing operation orders. It must be remembered that the average road speed is necessarily below the maximum permissible. (Ref. FSR & MTP No.47)
4. General - Armies, Corps and HQ L of C Areas are responsible to ensure that traffic is properly policed in their areas and will instruct the Provost Corps to see that traffic laws, both Army and Civil, are observed . The necessity for prompt disciplinary action in the case of breaches of this instruction is stressed .
5. Cancellation - This order cancels -
 - (a) Standing Orders for the Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles (Australia) 1940 para 42 .
 - (b) M.B.I. 0.39/1941
 - (c) M.T. Circular No.88 of 28th October, 1940 .
 - (d) GRO Q.23/1942 .
 and is to be periodically brought to the attention of all ranks concerned in the operation and maintenance of mechanical vehs .


 C.W. THOMPSON, Lieut.
 Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.16 dated 16 JAN 43

STRENGTH DECREASE

V64539	Pte LUTZE N.W.	Transfer to "X" List	14.1.43
V69653	Pte BURNS J.	" " " "	14.1.43
V58181	Pte THOMAS H.R.	" " " "	14.1.43
V250236	Pte NOACK O.	" " " "	14.1.43
VX63926	Pte MALONEY R.	T. 12 Aust Div Salvage Unit	15.1.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.17

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
17 JAN 4344. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 17 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.H.J.M.Bowman
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Capuano R.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McCoy S.V.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Cossens R.A.
Guards	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

45. RECOVERY OF TRADESMEN It is desired to impress on all troops that the recovery of tradesmen and potential tradesmen is a matter of most urgent national importance. The manpower situation is so critical that for all practical purposes the Army must provide its future requirements in tradesmen from within its own resources.

It is imperative therefore that not one tradesman or potential tradesman required, is lost to the Army .

Many tradesmen are serving in capacities where their capabilities are not being fully utilised .

Many others are not aware that the Army has specific use for their skill and that higher pay can be earned by following their calling .

To overcome this a list of trade-groupings is published herewith. All ranks are requested to give their close attention to the list .

If they have any training in any of the occupations, they will hand in their names, giving particulars of trade, experience etc, to their orderly rooms for transmission to unit HQ and subsequent submission to the Tradesmen Recovery Officer when he visits the unit .

The Recovery Officer will consider whether a man would be more usefully employed at his trade or in his present posting. Suitable personnel will be sent for trade testing and successful candidates upgraded on being posted to an appropriate position .

Troops should realise that it is their duty to their country to disclose their capabilities if they have received complete or partial training in any of the trades required. In this connection NCOs need have no fear of losing pay by declaring their tradesmanship. Personnel unsuccessful at a trade test, potential and inexperienced tradesman may be sent to school if their services are likely to be required. The list of trade grouping is as follows:-

Trade Group I	Trade Group II	Trade Group III
Arm Examiners	Armourers	Battery Surveyors
Armament Artificers	Axoman	Butchers
Artificers Artillery	Bakers	Clerks
Artificers Engine	Battery Comd Assts.	Clerk, Supply
Blacksmiths	Boilermakers	Clerk, Tech
Bricklayers	Carpenters & Joiners	Coach Trimmers
Computers	Cooks	Concretors
Cooks, Hospital	Decorator	Dental Clerk Orderlies
Coppersmiths	Dental Mechanics	Despatch Riders
Dispensers	Dvr Mechanics, Eng & Med	Draughtsman Signals
Draughtsmen	Driver Operators	Drivers Horse Transport

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Trade Group I

Trade Group II

Trade Group III

Electricians	Drainers	Driver Mechanics
Electricians Fitters	Electricians(Eng Unit)	Drivers Tpt Plant
Fitters	Fitters, Drivers	Engine Hands i/c
Fitters, Ry Signal	Grinders	Equipment Repairers
Gas Fitters	Gun Operators	Farriers
Mechanics Instrument	Height Takers	Fitters Mates (Assts)
Mechanics Typewriter	Helio Operators	Gun Layers
Mechanic Wireless	Intelligence Duties	Gun posn Offrs Assts .
Millwrights	Instrument Operators	Hammermon
Operators Excavator	Joiners, Linemen	Leather stitchers
Pattern Makers	Linemen Signals	Orderlies Nursing
Pharmacists	Lithographers	Orderlies Mental Nursing
Photographers Wet Plate	Machinists	Plate-layers
Photowriters	Masons	Rangetakers
Plumbers	Masseurs	Rivetters
Saw doctors	Mechanics MT	Roughriders
Surveyors	Miners	Saddlers
Toolmakers	Moulders	Saddletree Makers
Turners	Nurses, Trained	Shoemaker
Watchmakers	Operating Room Assts	Stokers (Stationary Eng)
Welders	Operators Signals	Storeman Tech.
	Opticians	Tailors
	Painters	Textile Refitters
	Panel Beaters	Tinsmiths
	Photographers Dry Plate	Vulcanisers
	Printers	Waggon Erectors
	Radiographers	Whitesmiths
	Riggers	
	Sawyers	
	Signallers (Cav.Arty.Inf)	
	Signwriters	
	Well Borers	
	Wheelers	
	Wireman	
	Wood Turner	

C. W. Thompson
 C W THOMPSON, Lieut
 Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.17 dated 17 JAN 43

STRENGTH DECREASE (Posted to "X" List)

V64673	Pte HUTCHINSON	J.	10.1.43
V52801	Pte MARTIN	W.J.	11.1.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.18

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery, Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

18 Jan 43

46. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 18 Jan 43:-

Orderly Officer	Lieut Bayes B.T.S.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Gaskin C.H.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Evans L.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Pollard A.R.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"HQ" COY

L. W. Thompson
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

N O T I C E S

PICTURES

A picture show will be screened on the Bn picture area on 19 Jan 43. Programme, as shown in Circuit "C" in Army News 18 Jan 43 - "Man in Blue", "Wife, Husband, and Friend" and News from Home.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. No.18 dated 18 Jan 43

INTER-COY TRANSFER

VX62957 Pte. Nesbitt W.E. Trans from "B" Coy to HQ Coy 17 Jan 43

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 19.

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery, Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

19 Jan 43

47. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 19 Jan 43

Orderly Officer
Orderly Sergeant
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Guards

Lieut. B.T.S. Bayes
Sgt. Gaskin C.H.
Cpl. Evans L.E.
Pte. Pollard A.R.
1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

L. W. Thompson
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO 20

by

Lt.Col. K.H. Montgomery, Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

20 Jan 43

48. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 20 Jan 43

Orderly Officer	Lieut B.T.S. Bayes
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Gaskin C.H.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Evans L.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Pollard A.R.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 R.

NEXT FOR DUTY49. ESCAPES OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS

1. It is the duty of all soldiers if captured by the enemy to effect their escape at the earliest possible moment.
2. It is equally important that the soldier having completed his escape should not disclose the method by which he, or any companions he may have had, evaded the enemy and achieved freedom.
3. The disclosure of such information -
 - (a) prejudices the chances of other escapees;
 - (b) prevents other members of allied forces from using the same or similar methods of escape;
 - (c) endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape.
4. Therefore, escaped prisoners of war will NOT, without the permission of G.S.I. of a Corps or higher formation, disclose any details of their experiences in connection with their escape:-
 - (a) either verbally or in writing to their friends and relatives;
 - (b) either verbally or in writing to the press or broadcast stations.
5. Full details, however, will be given by escaped prisoners of war at the earliest opportunity to the nearest Allied Military Headquarters, from whence it will be transmitted to G.S.I. at L.H.Q. or Advanced L.H.Q. direct.
6. This order shall be read in conjunction with G.R.O. A.443/1942 regarding the giving parole by officer and other ranks.

G. W. Thompson
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

LOST: Hat, khaki fur, near film projector on 19 Jan 43. Finder please, return to Bn HQ

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 20 DATED 20 JAN 43.TAKEN ON STRENGTH (Hospital Discharges)

V240106	Pte Bray R.O.	M/I from hospital	18/1/43
V58181	Pte. Thomas H.R.	" " "	19/1/43

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.21

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery, Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

21 Jan 43

50. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 21 Jan 43

Orderly Officer	
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Evans L.E.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Gaskin C.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Pollard A.R.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

51. MISUSE OF ARMY TPT - THEFT OF PETROL

1. Whenever it appears that an Officer or soldier has used both a Government motor vehicle and Government petrol for an unauthorised purpose he will be charged with the unauthorised use of both the vehicle and the petrol.
2. The charge of unauthorised use of the vehicle will normally be laid under Section II of the Army Act with an alternative charge under Section 40 of that Act. If, however, it appears from the evidence that the member charged used the vehicle with the intention of stealing it, the charge will be laid under section 18(4) of the Army Act as one of stealing public property with an alternative charge under section 40 of that act.
3. The charge of unauthorised use of the petrol (consumed by the unauthorised use of the vehicle) will be laid under section 18(4) of the Army Act as stealing public property and an alternative charge under section 40 of the Army Act will always be laid.
4. The charges laid concerning the one incident should all be on the one charge sheet and may be heard together.

L. H. Chamberlain
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.22

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
22 JAN 43

52. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 22 JAN 43

Orderly Officer	Lieut.G.L.Delves
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Gaskin C.H.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl.,Evans L.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Pollard A.R.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

53. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE (GRO. A.46)

(1) Attention is directed to the fact that the seriousness of the offence of absence without leave is not properly appreciated and that the commission of this offence has become very prevalent .

(2) All officers will ensure that the members under their command are instructed in the reasons for the offence being regarded seriously and will bring to particular notice the facts that absence without leave reflects adversely on the offender's unit, that it throws a heavier burden on his comrades and disrupts leave rosters and that it is not a sign of "toughness" on the offenders part but a betrayal of the national cause by its resulting wastage of transport, manpower and money and impairment of the efficiency and fighting strength of the offender's unit .

(3) If it appears to a commanding officer investigating a charge of absence without leave that the accused has been absent without leave for a period in excess of 28 days, he should direct a summary of evidence to be taken and should apply to superior authority for a court-martial. The superior authority should convene a court-martial for the trial of the accused unless it appears to him that special extenuating circumstances exist, in which event he may direct the commanding officer to deal summarily with the charge .

(4) The attention of all officers appointed as presidents or members of courts-martial is directed to AMR & O. 558 (3) .

(5) A commanding officer will follow the procedure prescribed in AMR & O. 461 in every case of illegal absence from his unit, whether or not the illegal absentee is suspected of desertion, and he will ensure that the descriptive report of the illegal absentee is rendered, whenever possible, within twenty-four hours from the time the illegal absence is discovered. The efficient working of the Provost Staff in this regard is largely dependent upon the promptness with which commanding officers notify cases of illegal absence. There is, however, a corresponding duty to notify the Provost Staff promptly when absentees return direct to their units .

(6) When-ever possible, a court of inquiry under AMR & O.445 will be held on an illegal absentee on the twenty-second day of his absence. If a member is declared by such court to be absent without leave or other sufficient cause, a notification of the court's declarations will be sent forthwith to the nearest District Finance Officer .

(7) MBI A.169/1941 is cancelled .

C. W. Thompson
C W THOMPSON , Lieut.
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.23

by

Maj.A.J.C.Desnoy , Adm Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
23 JAN 4354. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 23 JAN 43

Orderly Officer	Lieut.R.G.Newhill
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. Gaskin C.H.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Evans L.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Pollard A.R.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY55. CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0945 hrs 24 JAN 43. Markers will report as usual .

C of E Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0815 hrs 24 JAN 43 .

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs 24 JAN 43 .

C.W. Thompson
C.W.THOMPSON, Lieut.
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.23 dated 23 JAN 43STRENGTH INCREASE (Remove from "X" List)

VX103459	Sjt	COX	W.E.C. rejoined unit	23.1.43
V57784	Pte	WATMUFF	I.B. " "	23.1.43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

V58206	Pte	EASTMAN	E.E. apptd	L/Cpl as from	23.1.43
V58446	Pte	HILL	F.E. "	Group II Sig. as from	15.1.43
V240066	Pte	MILES	O.A. "	Group II Cook as from	15.1.43
V250226	Pte	DEVLIN	C.H. "	Group II Cook as from	15.1.43
V52976	Pte	HARBOUR	E.G. "	Group II Cook as from	15.1.43

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.24

by

Maj.A.J.C.Desnoy , Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn ,
24 JAN 43

56. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 24 JAN 43

Orderly Officer	Lieut.H.J.M.Bowman
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Gavegan R.C.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Kennedy R.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McAlpine C.A.J.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" Coy

H.J. Bowman Lieut for.
C.W.THOMPSON , Lieut.
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.24 dated 24 JAN 43

STRENGTH INCREASE (Remove from "X" List)

V112809 Pte CECINI G. rejoined Unit

24.1.43

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Australian Military Forces—7th Military District

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.25

BY

Maj. A.J.C. Desnoy, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

25 Jan 43

57. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 25 Jan 43:-

<u>DUTY COY</u>	<u>"B" COY</u>
Orderly Officer	Lieut. R.G. Hall
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Gaskin C.H.
Orderly Corporal	
Battalion Runner	Pte. Mutch H.A.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

W. Thompson
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

PICTURE SHOW

A picture show will be screened on the Bn Picture Area at 0830 hrs 26 Jan 43. Programme - "Libelled Lady", "Three Loves has Nancy" and News from Home.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 25 Dated 25 Jan 43

STRENGTH INCREASE (HOSPITAL DISCHARGES)

VX66660	L/Cpl Williams J.H.	Remove from "X" List	25 Jan 43
VX60020	Pte Burns B.J.	" " " "	"
V58589	Pte Mann J.	" " " "	"
V59903	Pte Lakey T.J.	" " " "	"
V112786	Pte Nicholson T.T.	" " " "	"
V62248	Pte Gray W.H.	" " " "	"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.26

by . .

Maj.A.J.C.Desnoy , Adm Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
26 JAN 4358. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 26 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.T.R.Bruce
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. May R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Hard A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Ellis H.C.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

C. W. Thompson
C.W.THOMPSON , Lieut.
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.26 dated 26 JAN 43STRENGTH DECREASE

VX103437	A/Cpl	MEADOWS L. T.	to Amenities Services NT. F	22.1.43
V112783	A/Cpl	SINNOTT A.J	" " " " "	" "

TAKEN ON STRENGTH

V64620	Pte	HOWE C.R.	rejoined Unit remove "X" List	25.1.43
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REJOINED UNIT

VX103415	Pte	CLARKE A.G.	rejoined Unit from NT Force School	25.1.43
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REVERSION TO RANKS

NX160134	A/Cpl	GAVEGAN R.C.	reverted to rank of Pte	25.1.43
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CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS

N238451	Pte	FAVELLE S.J.	A.A. Sec 40 Fined 10/-	25.1.43
V250212	Pte	DOWLING G.T.	A.A. Sec 9(2) Fined £2	25.1.43
N228094	Pte	McGEE R.A.	A.A. Sec 40 Severe reprimand	25.1.43
NX160136	Pte	TRIM J.R.	A.A. Sec 40 Fined £1	25.1.43
NX160134	A/Cpl	GAVEGAN R.C.	A.A. Sec 9(2) reduced to rank of Pte	25.1.43

NOTICESPICTURES

The following programme will be screened tonight in place of one previously promulgated :- "Dust Be My Destiny" , "Ride on Vaqueros" and News from Home .

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO 27

by

Maj. A.J.C. Desnoy, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn.

27 Jan 43

59. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 27 Jan 43:-

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut J.T. Compton
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Newton J.S.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McCoy S.V.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Tulley J.W.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

60. MANTON DAM WATER SUPPLY

Advice has been received that although water drawings from MANTON DAM have been reduced of late, the drawings are still excessive.

Steps are to be taken to further limit the use of water in order to reduce the strain on this supply.

61. LOSS OF HAVERSACK & CONTENTS

The loss of haversack and contents at BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp on 9 Jan 43 has been reported by V225065 Pte Rostoo T.C. - 7 Aust Inf Bn. The haversack contained the soldier's pay book, coupon book, eating utensils, 2 blade razors, 1 safety razor, 1 strop, 1 razor hone, writing gear, 2 boot brushes, nugget and mirror.

Enquiries will be made within Coys in an endeavour to locate the missing gear and this HQ advised of the result by 1800 hrs 30 Jan 43. NIL return to be submitted where applicable. 29

C. W. Thompson Lieut.
Adj't 8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICESENTERTAINMENT

A concert will be given by the "Merrymakers Concert Party" on the Bn Picture Area 2030 hrs 28 JAN 43. An excellent night's entertainment is assured.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.28

by .

Maj.A.J.C.Desnoy , Adm Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
28 JAN 43

62. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 28 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.R.G.Newhill
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Cockayne R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Foster W.O.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Keane F.R.
Guards	1 NCO & 9 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

63. REMITTANCES OF CASH THROUGH PAY-BOOK

It is brought to the notice of all ranks that cash can only be remitted once during a pay period. The amount of this remittance cannot exceed £5, any amount above £5 must have the approval in writing from HQs NT Force .

C.W. Thompson
C.W.THOMPSON , Lieut.
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

N O T I C E S

A Table Tennis and Billiard Tournament will be held in the Recreational Hut on Sunday afternoon 31 JAN 43. All entries will be handed in to Capt MacIntyre before 2000 hrs 30 JAN 43 .

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 29

by

Major A.J.C. Desnoy, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

29 Jan 43

64. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 29 Jan 43:-

DUTY COY	"B" COY.
Orderly Officer	Lieut R.B. Bryant
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Ayres D.G.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Peoples J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Graham D.
Guard	1 NCO and 9 OR

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

L. W. Thompson Lieut
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" to R.O. 29 dated 29 Jan 43TAKEN ON STRENGTH (Remove from "X" List)

VX103444	Cpl. Roberts	V.A.A.	Rejoined	Unit	EX	Hospital	28/1/43
V112677	Pte. Russell	E.	"	"	"	"	"
V240286	Pte. Ford	K.C.	"	"	"	"	"
V112797	Pte. Dixon	W.E.	"	"	"	Seasonal	"
V112780	Pte. Driscoll	W.	"	"	"	Leave	29/1/43

TRANSFERS OUT

V112814	Pte. Cook	T.	Trans to AENE	29/1/43
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ATTACHED FOR DUTY 8 AUST INF BN

V112814	Pte. Cook	T.	Att for duty - 8 AUST INF BN	29/1/43
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PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX103438	Pte. Linke	H.J.	Apptd Unit Gun Fitter Trade Gp(I)	29 Jan 43
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INTER COY TRANSFERS

VX63292	Dvr. Bamford	C.H.	Trans from "B" Coy to HQ Coy	29 Jan 43
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 30

by

Major A.J.C. Desnoy, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

30 Jan 43

65. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 30 Jan 43:-

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. E.S. Worrall
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Coward J.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Grylls R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Anderson R.J.
Guards	1 NCO, 9 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

66. CHURCH PDES

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde ground at 0945 hrs 31 Jan 43. Markers will report as usual.

C of E Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0815 hrs 31 Jan 43. In addition a Prayer Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 2030 hrs 31 Jan 43.

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs 31 Jan 43.

R.C. Padre will be in attendance at Bn Chapel at 2000 hrs 30 Jan 43.

67. DRESS

All personnel moving from the immediate vicinity of their tents after 1800 hrs, to other areas such as Rec Hut, canteen, Pictures, etc., will be correctly dressed. Trousers KWD and shirts will be worn. This instruction will be rigidly adhered to otherwise severe disciplinary action will be taken.

67. COMPILATION OF A.46

Attention of Coys is drawn to the necessity of putting Coy and date on A.46, in addition to other details. Where a pro forma is used in lieu of A.46 sufficient space will be left on right hand side for RMO's report.

B.W. Thompson
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

N O T I C E SMETHODIST COMMUNION SERVICE

A Methodist Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1100 hrs 31 Jan 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.31

by

Maj. J.J. Edwards , Adm Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,
31 JAN 4369. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 31 JAN 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.J.M. Bowman
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Lewis E.P.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Beattie K.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Main J.
Guards	1 NCO & 9 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY


C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn
-----Appendix "A" to RO.31 dated 31 JAN 43PROMOTIONS

V27708 Cpl DYER A.H. AAPC Promoted A/Sgt 29.1.43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES

N39695 Pte MOORE A.G. rejoined unit ex hosp. 31.1.43

SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

V58127 Cpl PENNA R.W. No.1 Chiropodist's Course 18/28 JAN 43
 V64683 Pte NICHOLLS O. No.8 Stretcher Bearer's Course 18/28 JAN 43
 SX3925 Sgt BILLS K.R. OTS BONEGILLA : Course No.27, 12 OCT 42 -
 2 JAN 43

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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8 Am Ly Co (Unit)

46 4/19/22/12/3
34 : 858
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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	3		7
Lieutenants	21		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	28	1	7

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	DeVries G	8 Am Ly Co	6/23	Rejoin Unit on Hospital

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

7th Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

WA 11/1942/10/1
34 and 252
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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1st Lt	VX44121	Montgomery KH	CO	YES	
2nd Lt	VX44122	Edwards JF	2nd Lt		
	VX44123	Mulligan ST	2nd Lt		
	VX44124	Deane AT	2nd Lt		
Capt	VX44125	Muggill JF	2nd Lt		
	VX44126	McDonald A H	2nd Lt		
	VX44127	P. O. W. K.	2nd Lt		
1st Lt	VX44128	Thompson C W	2nd Lt		
	VX44129	Robertson F W	2nd Lt		
	VX44130	Larkins T R	14 pl		
	VX44131	Neville W H	2nd Lt		
	VX44132	Symons N V	2nd Lt		
	VX44133	Kess A A	10 pl		
	VX44134	Bayes E T S	12 pl		
	VX44135	Ridd S T	2nd Lt		
	VX44136	Randy R C	5 M		
	VX44137	Worrall E S	11 pl		
	VX44138	Trevina J L	3 pl		
	VX44139	Farrar C L	7 pl		
	VX44140	Hall R G	12 pl		
	VX44141	Rowman H T	11 pl		
	VX44142	Bruce T R	12 pl		
	VX44143	Gibbins D S	4 pl		
	VX44144	Bryant R B	11 pl		
	VX44145	McKillop R G	1 pl		
	VX44146	Compton J T	14 pl		
	VX44147	Nash R A			Det 23rd Inf Bde
	VX44148	Delves G L	19 pl		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX44232	Smith W S	2nd Lt	2-1-42	M O
Chaplain	VX44233	Pidd A T		2-2-42	Chaplain

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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



AIF 26 and 282

WE 11/1942/12/3

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AMENDED PART A

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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Detail	War Establish- ment	Strength excl att'd & "X" List	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
W.O. Cl 1	1	1	-	0	
W.O. Cl 2	7	6	-	1	
C.Q.M.S.	5	4	-	1	
S/Sgts	-	1	1	-	
Sgts	36	41	5		Incl 1 Int Sgt, 1 Sig Sgt, 5 Sgt Cooks supernumerary
Cpls	76	68	-	8	
Spec Gp 1	2	3	1	-	
Gp 2	56	37	1	20	
Gp 3	39	20	-	19	
Ptes etc.	636	518	-	118	
TOTAL	858	699	8	167	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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8th Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

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34 + 252
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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	3		7
Lieutenants	21	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	28	1	7

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
U.S.I.	NX 1111	M. J. ...	...	
Major	VX 1111	E. ...	...	
	VX 1112	H. ...	...	
	VX 1113	J. ...	...	
Capt	VX 1114	M. ...	...	
	NX 1115	S. ...	...	
	VX 1116	P. ...	...	
Lieut	NX 1117	Thompson	...		
	VX 1118	R. ...	...	
	VX 1119	G. ...	...	
	VX 1120	N. ...	...	
	VX 1121	S. ...	...	
	VX 1122	N. ...	...	
	VX 1123	R. ...	...	
	VX 1124	K. ...	...	
	VX 1125	W. ...	...	
	VX 1126	T. ...	...	
	VX 1127	F. ...	...	
	VX 1128	H. ...	...	
	VX 1129	B. ...	...	
	VX 1130	R. ...	...	
	VX 1131	C. ...	...	
	VX 1132	T. ...	...	
	VX 1133	N. ...	...	
	VX 1134	S. ...	...	
	VX 1135	R. ...	...	
	VX 1136	G. ...	...	
	VX 1137	T. ...	...	
	VX 1138	R. ...	...	
	VX 1139	N. ...	...	
	VX 1140	S. ...	...	
	VX 1141	R. ...	...	
	VX 1142	N. ...	...	
	VX 1143	S. ...	...	
	VX 1144	R. ...	...	
	VX 1145	N. ...	...	
	VX 1146	S. ...	...	
	VX 1147	R. ...	...	
	VX 1148	N. ...	...	
	VX 1149	S. ...	...	
	VX 1150	R. ...	...	
	VX 1151	N. ...	...	
	VX 1152	S. ...	...	
	VX 1153	R. ...	...	
	VX 1154	N. ...	...	
	VX 1155	S. ...	...	
	VX 1156	R. ...	...	
	VX 1157	N. ...	...	
	VX 1158	S. ...	...	
	VX 1159	R. ...	...	
	VX 1160	N. ...	...	
	VX 1161	S. ...	...	
	VX 1162	R. ...	...	
	VX 1163	N. ...	...	
	VX 1164	S. ...	...	
	VX 1165	R. ...	...	
	VX 1166	N. ...	...	
	VX 1167	S. ...	...	
	VX 1168	R. ...	...	
	VX 1169	N. ...	...	
	VX 1170	S. ...	...	
	VX 1171	R. ...	...	
	VX 1172	N. ...	...	
	VX 1173	S. ...	...	
	VX 1174	R. ...	...	
	VX 1175	N. ...	...	
	VX 1176	S. ...	...	
	VX 1177	R. ...	...	
	VX 1178	N. ...	...	
	VX 1179	S. ...	...	
	VX 1180	R. ...	...	
	VX 1181	N. ...	...	
	VX 1182	S. ...	...	
	VX 1183	R. ...	...	
	VX 1184	N. ...	...	
	VX 1185	S. ...	...	
	VX 1186	R. ...	...	
	VX 1187	N. ...	...	
	VX 1188	S. ...	...	
	VX 1189	R. ...	...	
	VX 1190	N. ...	...	
	VX 1191	S. ...	...	
	VX 1192	R. ...	...	
	VX 1193	N. ...	...	
	VX 1194	S. ...	...	
	VX 1195	R. ...	...	
	VX 1196	N. ...	...	
	VX 1197	S. ...	...	
	VX 1198	R. ...	...	
	VX 1199	N. ...	...	
	VX 1200	S. ...	...	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 11202	Smith W.S.	...	...	...
Chaplain	VX 11203	Bidd A.T.
	NX 11907	Bidd A.T.

8 Aust Inf B
22 Jan 43
(Date of Despatch.)

(Unit.)
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(Signature of Commander.)
[Signature]

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)
8th BATTALION
HEADQUARTERS

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

WE 11/1942/12/13
34 + 868
1 + 14

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	<i>1</i>		
Majors	<i>3</i>		
Captains	<i>3</i>		<i>1</i>
Lieutenants	<i>21</i>	<i>1</i>	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	<i>28</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Captain</i>	<i>Pidd - A. P.</i>	<i>9 Aust Inf Bn</i>	<i>22/11/42</i>	<i>Trans 2/2 AGH</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

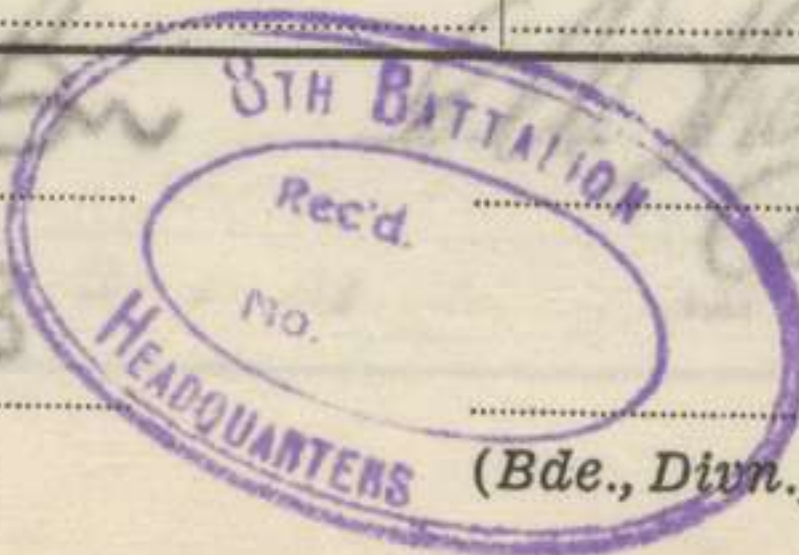
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX74	Montgomery R H	2nd Unit 2/8	Yes	
Major	VX11413	Hutchings E S	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX11414	Deary A J	2nd Unit 2/8		
Capt	VX11415	Murray S S	2nd Unit 2/8		
	NX12016	Shelton A H	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX11417	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
Lieut	NX12018	Thompson C W	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12019	Robertson E A	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX11420	Starkins J R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12021	McLure W H	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12022	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12023	Ross A H	2nd Unit 2/8		
	TX11424	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12025	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12026	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12027	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12028	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12029	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12030	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12031	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12032	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12033	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12034	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12035	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12036	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12037	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12038	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12039	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12040	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12041	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12042	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12043	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12044	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12045	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12046	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12047	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12048	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12049	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12050	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12051	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12052	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12053	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12054	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12055	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12056	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12057	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12058	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12059	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		
	VX12060	Wright W R	2nd Unit 2/8		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX114212	Smith W S	2nd Unit 2/8	23.1.43	M.O.
Chaplain	NX137070	Dillon R F		1.2.43	Chaplain

8th Unit 2/8 Bde
 29 Jan 43 (Date of Despatch.)
 (Unit.)
 (Signature of Commander.)
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



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Appendix 5

8 AUST INF BN.
31 DEC 42.

8 Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Section Syllabus
Week commencing 4 JAN 43.

4 JAN to 8 JAN.	Berry Springs Rest Camp.
9 JAN	Preparation for Intelligence Course commencing 11 JAN 43. General knowledge test for Intelligence Course personnel.

[Signature] Lieut.
I.O. 8 Aust Inf Bn.

*No on Syllabus. for week commencing
4 JAN 43
unit at BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP*

8 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS WEEK COMMENCING 11 JAN 43

<u>Day 1</u>	0930	Bn Pde		
	1000-1100	Squad Drill	MED 10-14	Length of pace & time in marching. Posn in marching. Marching in quick & slow time. Changing step. Marching in double time. Elementary handling.
	1100-1200	Bren	SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L.11-12	Elementary Handling.
	1200-1300	Bayonet	SAT Vol 1 Pam 12	Recapitulation
	1300-1330	Saluting with & without arms.	MED 68 & 73 - 75	
	1500-1600	Rifle Exercises	MED 52-58	Inspection of arms. Examine arms. Trail from order, order from trail, trail from slope slope from trail.
	1600-1700	Rifle	SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L.13	Lying Posn
	1700-1800	Coy Comd	Discretion	.
<u>Day 2</u>	2000-2100	Bayonet	SAT Vol 1 Pam 12	Recapitulation
	2100-2200	Bren	SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 5-7	Stripping & Assembling
	2200-2230	A/Tk Rifle	SAT Vol Pam 5 L 1 & 2	Stripping & Assembling
	2230-2359	Demonstration:	(i) Movement by night (ii) Fire	Right & wrong.
	0130-0230	TSMG	SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 L.1-2	Stripping & Assembling
	0230-0330	General	Patience Training	
	0330-0430	Bren	SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L.13-14	I.A. & Stoppages
	0430-0530	Coy Comd	Discretion	
<u>Day 3</u>		Pl	Night Attack Exercises	
<u>Day 4</u>		Coy	Night Attack Exercises	
<u>Day 5</u>			Cross country march.	
<u>Day 6</u>			Cross country march, to incl occupation and organisation of coy def posns, patrolling (enemy to be used for harassing purposes)	

Commencing Monday 11 JAN 43 the following courses will be carried out within the unit :-

Offrs & NCOs Cadre	10 days
Intelligence Course	10 days
Snipers Course	6 days
Orderlies Course	6 days

2. ALLOTMENT OF TRAINING

	<u>JAN 11</u>	<u>JAN 12</u>	<u>JAN 13</u>	<u>JAN 14</u>	<u>JAN 15</u>	<u>JAN 16</u>
H	1	as	specialist		syllabi	
A	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	1	3	4	5	6	2
C	1	4	5	6	2	3
D	1	5	6	2	3	4

3. Coy Comd will prepare and submit 2 pl and 2 coy night attack exercises to reach BHQ by 2000 hrs Monday 11 JAN 43. Areas for exercise HUMPTY DOO TK, Bn Transport Humpty Doo Tk, BRODRIBBS HIGHWAY, MANTON SWIMMING POOL Area, area leading to 300 x Rifle Range.
4. I/O will prepare and submit route for march on Day 5, as arranged with Adjnt.
5. Coys will complete zeroing on Monday 11 JAN 43. RSM will be notified of number of rifles to be zeroed in each coy and will allot ranges and amm accordingly.

P.T.O.

6. Weekly Kit, Arms, & Medical Inspection Reports will be completed and submitted to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 10 JAN 43 .
7. Respirators will be worn for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs on Day 5 and 2 hrs on Day 6
8. Subjects for Coy Comds Discretion Periods will be submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 10 JAN 43 .

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Appendix 6

8 Aust Inf Bn.

Lecturettes to Troops.

To commence 1st week in JANUARY 43.

1. JAPANESE PEOPLE.
2. JAPANESE SOLDIER.
3. JAPANESE ARMY ORGANIZATION.
4. JAPANESE WEAPONS.
5. JAPANESE TACTICS.
6. JAPANESE ESPIONAGE.

Lectures and Discussions with Offrs and NCO's.

1. ROAD RECCE/ Cloth Model. 2000-2200 hrs 29 DEC 42.
2. OBJECT & RESPONSIBILITY OF INTELLIGENCE
2000-2100 hrs 4 JAN 43.
3. JAPANESE LANGUAGE/ Series of lessons.
To commence 2000-2100 hrs
6 JAN 43 then each Alternate
night.

W. J. Stevens
Lieut.
 I.O. 8 Aust Inf Bn.

Appendix 6

10 DAY CADRE COURSE

DAY 1.

- 1. Opening Address Squad Allotment
- 2. Leadership Training Instruction
- 3. Instruction Demonstration
- 4. Squad Drill MED Sec 4-8 Forming a squad with intervals. Attention. Stand-at-ease. Stand Easy. Dressing a squad with intervals.
- 5. Rifle Exercises MED Sec 42-45 General Rules. Falling in with rifles at the order. To stand-at-ease and stand easy. Attention from stand-at-ease.
- 6. Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 1-2 Mechanism and trigger pressing. Cleaning materials and daily cleaning.
- 7. SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 1-2 The military vocabulary. Method of searching ground.

DAY 2.

- 1. Squad Drill MED Sec 9-11 Turning by numbers. Length of pace and time in marching. Postn in marching.
- 2. Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 3-5 Loading and unloading. Cleaning before and after firing. Examination of the rifle.
- 3. TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 L 1. Loading and unloading. Sight setting and aiming.
- 4. Rifle Exercises MED Sec 46-49 The Slope from the Order, the Order from the Slope. Present from the Slope. The Slope from the Present.
- 5. Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 13-14 Lying position
- 6. Application of Fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 3-4 Locating Service Targets. Study of ground.
- 7. Fieldcraft Introduction Ground cover from fire. ATM Part 3 Para 11 IMT Chap 1X

DAY 3.

- 1. Squad Drill MED 12-14 Marching in quick and slow time. Changing step. Marching in double time
- 2. TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 Holding, Stripping and Cleaning
- 3. Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 6 & 7 Accuracy of Aim. Aiming at targets at Service.
- 4. Use of Ground ATM No 8 Distances Part 3 Para 11 Chap 1X Sec 39
- 5. Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 L 1 On Guard, High Port, and controlled charge
- 6. Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 L 1-2 Description and mechanism. Points before firing and throwing.
- 7. Rifle Drill MED 52-54 Inspection of Arms. Instructions for inspecting arms. Examine Arms.

DAY 4.

- 1. Squad Drill MED Sec 15-17 & 74 The Side Step. Turning when on the March. Saluting without arms

DAY 4 (cont'd)

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| 2. | Application of Fire SAT
Vol 1 Pam 2 L 5-8 | Recognition of easy & difficult
targets Degree measurement
Combination of reference points
Vertical clock-ray |
| 3. | Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3
L 8-9 | Aiming at ground Aiming off for
wind (elementary) |
| 4. | Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12
L 2 | The Point |
| 5. | TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 | Appx A Description of Gun and
Components |
| 6. | Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 21
L 3-4 | The discharger. Firing positions. |
| 7. | Rifle Exercises MED 55-58 | The trail from the order, the order
from the trail. The trail from the
slope, the slope from the trail. |

DAY 5.

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| 1. | Squad Drill MED 18-22 | Formation of Squads in single rank
Dressing in single rank. Numbering
a squad and proving. Opening and
closing a squad. Marching in single
rank |
| 2. | TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 | Appx B Action of mechanism |
| 3. | Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3
L 10-12 | Elevation and aiming up and down
Aiming off for wind at Service
Targets. Aiming off for movement
(ground). |
| 4. | Use of Ground IMP Chap 1X
Sec 41-43 | Concealment, Camouflage, Cover from
Fire. |
| 5. | Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12
L 4 | Training Stick |
| 6. | Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13
L 6-7 | Smoke and signal Grenades.
Employment of smoke grenades. |
| 7. | Rifle Exercises MED
Sec 59-62 | To change arms when at the slope.
To change arms when at the trail.
The short trail to sling arms. |

DAY 6.

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| 1. | Squad Drill MED Sec 23-27 | Changing pace to double and vice
versa. The diagonal march.
Changing direction. Marching in
single file, dismissing without arms |
| 2. | Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 3
L 1-3 8-10 | Introduction and magazine filling.
Loading, unloading, and sight setting
Holding & Aiming. Care and cleaning
and mechanism. |
| 3. | Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3
L 15-15 | Kneeling, Standing & Sitting posns |
| 4. | Fieldcraft MTP 26 | Camouflage & Concealment |
| 5. | Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12
L 5 | Self Defence |
| 6. | Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13
L 8-9 | Standing and Lying Posns |
| 7. | Rifle Exercises MED | The On Guard from Slope & Vice-versa
" " " Order " "
The High Port from ON Guard "
To ground & take up arms from Order |

DAY 7.

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| 1. | Squad Drill MTP 18 Sec 7 | Platoon Drill without arms |
| 2. | Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4
L 5-7 | Stripping and cleaning.
Piston, Barrel, Butt & Body and
Bined Groups |

DAY 8 (cont'd)

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| 3. | Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3
L 17-22 | Snap shooting - Rapid Fire - Firing
behind cover - Lying, Kneeling, Standing |
| 4. | Fieldcraft MTP 26 | Demo Appx I |
| 5. | A/Tk Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 5
L 1-3 | Stripping & Cleaning. Loading, un-
loading, Sight setting, Aiming, Holding |
| 6. | Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 5 | TOET |
| 7. | Rifle Exercises MTP 18
Amend No 1 | Piling and unpling arms. MED Sec
68-75. Saluting with arms. |

DAY 8.

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| 1. | Squad Drill & Rifle Ex | Recapitulation |
| 2. | Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 11-12 | Elementary Handling |
| 3. | Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3
IMT Sec 61-62 | Aiming instruction - Recapitulation |
| 4. | Messages IMT Sec | Verbal - Written |
| 5. | A/Tk Rifle | Handling and TOET |
| 6. | Application of Fire
SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 12 | Range Cards |
| 7. | Application of Fire
SAT VOL 1 Pam 2 L 13-14 | Fire Control - FCO Concentration |

DAY 9.

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| 1. | M.I. Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises | |
| 2. | Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 13-14 | I. A. & Stoppages |
| 3. | Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L23 | Individual Fire Discipline Tng |
| 4. | Application of Fire
SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 9-11 | J.D. Tests - Units of measurement
The appearance method & aids. |
| 5. | Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L21-22 | Advanced Handling |
| 6. | Application of Fire SAT
Vol 1 Pam 2 L 15-15 FCO | Distribution, Brief anticipation &
snapshooting. Fire Orders |
| 7. | Application of Fire | Judging Distances |

Day 10.

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| 1. | Close Order Drill
MTP Sec 7-8 ^r | Pl and Coy Drill |
| 2. | Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 17-18 | Tripod |
| 3. | Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 19-20 | Tripod |
| 4. | Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 | Section Handling |
| 5.) | | |
| 6.) | EXAM | |
| 7.) | | |

8 AUST INF BN : SNIPER'S 6 DAY COURSE

Appendix 6

Day 1

0930-1030 Lecture : Sniping
1030-1130 Care of Rifle & method of zeroing.
1130-1230 Lecture: & practice. Advanced Marksman-
1230-1330 ship, correct holding, aiming & posns
for firing .
1500-1800 Range: Zeroing 100 x TS Grouping 100 x TS

Day 2

0930-1330 Range: App 200 x Battle Sight. App 200x
TS. Snap 200x TS
1500-1600 Lecture: Scouting & Stalking
1600-1700 Individual stalk. Attention to be paid
1700-1800 use of ground, silent movement, patience.

Day 3

0930-1330 Range: App 300x TS. Snap 300x TS.
Moving Target 300x TS .
1500-1600 Lecture: Observation and making out
reports.
1600-1700 Observation training: concealed objects
1700-1800 and men, up to 200x

Day 4

0930-1030 Lecture: Camouflage
1030-1130 Camouflage training
1130-1230 " "
1230-1330 Lecture & Practical; Use of Compass.
1500-1800 Range: Snap (Target appears at either
100x or 200x) TS. App 200x TS.
app 400x TS.

Day 5

0930-1330 Range: App 300x TS, Snap 300x (From
cover) TS. Snap 300x (Camo net and emerge
from cover) TS.
1500-1600 Individual stalk, using camo nets to
1600-1700 stalk posns, & observation from camo
1700-1800 posn.

Day 6

0930-1030 Scouting, stalking & observation trg
1030-1130 also trg in the making out of reports
1130-1230 & the use of camo & natural cover.
1230-1330
1500-1800 Range: Snap & moving targets, standing
& kneeling posns, under camo net.



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Appendix B

8 AUST INF BN : INTELLIGENCE COURSE

PERIOD	SUBJECT	REFERENCES	INSTRUCTOR
<u>Day 1</u>			
0930	Parade and Adm		
1000-1040	Test of knowledge		
1045-1200	Definition & object of Intelligence (2)	FSR Vol II MMI Pam I Sec I	
1210-1320	Map Reading - preliminary	MMR	
1500-1600	Terms - Indication & Recognition of Objects	MMR Ch II ISL Sec 39	
1605-1700	Conventional Signs (Survey) Object and nature .	MMR Ch IV	
1705-1800	Memory Training- Kims Game		
2000-2100	Message Writing	FSR Vol II	
<u>Day 2</u>			
0930	Parade		
0945-1100	Map References : Lecture	MMR Ch III	
1105-1200	Judging of distance: Lecture and demo.	ISL Sec 40	
1205-1320	Judging of distance: Exercise		
1500-1600	Conventional Signs: Military		
1605-1700	Fd Instruments (a) Protractor (b) Compass Prismatic, Description & use of both	MMR Ch X	
1700-1800	Organization of Intelligence Div, Bde & Bn	MMI Pam 2 Sec 24	
2000-2130	Organization of an Inf Bn		
<u>Day 3</u>			
0930	Parade		
0945-1030	Use of Compass Prismatic by day (2)	MMR Ch X	
1030-1115	Use of Compass Prismatic by day practise .		
1125-1220	North Points, True, Magnetic & Grid (2)	MMR Ch VI	
1220-1320	Conversion of Bearings	MMR Ch VI Sec 41	
1500-1600	Scales (Lecture)	MMR Ch III	
1605-1700	Preparation of Scales. Practise		
1705-1800	Relief & its representation	MMR Ch V	
<u>Day 4</u>			
0930	Parade		
0945-1030	Intervisibility problems	MMR Ch V	
<u>Day 5</u>			
1030-1130	Marching on Compass by day (Ex)		
1140-1230	Map References. Use of Romers or Ref Cards	MMR Ch VIII	
1230-1320	Intelligence in Bn (2)		
1500-1700	Tracing of Map- Lecture and practice	MMR Ch IX	
1705-1800	Marching by Compass by night	MMR Ch X	
2000-2200	Night Compass March		
<u>Day 5</u>			
0930	Parade		
0945-1100	Observer Gp Handling Fd Craft	MTP 33 I.T. Sec 45	
1110-1215	Triangulation (Lecture)	MMR Ch VIII	
1220-1320	Triangulation (Exercise)		
1500-1630	Road Recce (Lecture)		
1630-1800	(Classification of Roads) Road Recce (Cloth Model Exercise)		

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PERIOD	SUBJECT	REFERENCES	INSTRUCTOR
<u>Day 6</u>			
0930	Parade		
0945-1100	Map Enlargements (Lecture)	MMR Ch IX	
1100-1320	Map Enlargements (Practise)	"	
1500-1800	Road Recce (Exercise)		
2000-2200	(Cont) Writing up of Recce Report		
<u>Day 7</u>			
0930	Parade		
0945-1100	Recce reports; General (Lecture)	FSR Vol II Sec 33	
1110-1200	Searching of ground by day and night.	SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 MTP 33 Sec 16	
1200-1320	Observation of ground. memory test (ex)	MTP 33	
1500-1630	Lecture : Road Traverse	MMR Sec 142	
1630-1800	Exercise Road Traverse Booking		
<u>Day 8</u>			
0930	Parade		
0945-1100	Lecture : Fd Sketching	MMR Ch XI	
1105-1300	Exercise: Fd Sketching		
1500-1700	Exercise: Fd Sketching (Cont)		
1745-2300	Exercise: Observer Gps. Observation & transmission of information, relief of groups .		
<u>Day 9</u>			
0930	Parade		
0945-1045	Recording, grouping, distributing of information.	MMI Pam 2 Sec 24	
1110-1320	Lecture: Air Photos & uses	MMR Ch XVIII	
1500-1600	Message writing & Signal Security		
1600-1800	Mapping from air photographs		
<u>Day 10</u>			
0930	Parade		
0945-1045	Recording of information on maps	MMI	
1100-1215	Types of information required by Arms (Lecture)		
1220-1320	Tracing of map (Test)		
1500-1630	Recce of Ry Stn (Lecture)		
1630-1800	Enlargement of map (Test)		
2000-2200	Test Paper		

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3 Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Section Syllabus
Week commencing 11 JAN 45.

Intelligence Course.

1. Personnel to attend. 2 selected personnel per Coy (inc H Coy)
and personnel of existing Intelligence Section.

2.	12 JAN 45	Day 1	as per Intelligence Course Syllabus.
	13 "	" 2	
	13 "	" 3	
	14 "	" 4	
	15 "	" 5	
	16 "	" 6	

[Signature]
Lieut
I.C. 3 Aust Inf Bn.

Appendix B

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST 11 JAN 43.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the conventional sign for (a) Bridge (b) House (c) Embankment (d) River (e) Waterhole (f) Wind pump.
2. Write the following message:- To B Company from 8 Battalion The originators number is J.621. Send 100 men to Darwin by 1600 hrs 23 January 1943 to carry out fatigue duties. Transport will report to your Headquarters at 1300 hrs. Acknowledge. Time of origin 1200 hrs.
3. Name 5 parts of a compass prismatic $\frac{1}{2}$
4. What is the magnetic variation in this area?
5. What are the Cardinal points of the compass?
6. How many marching paces would you take to cover 100 yds?
7. Give a definition of True North.
8. Can a watch be used to find direction in this area? If so how?
9. What is a map?
10. Name four aids to judging distance.

Leave out
for reference

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8 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRAINING
FOR WEEK COMMENCING 18 JAN 43

1. DAY 1 Rifle Range Table A Part II
- DAY 2 Pl Field Firing Exercises - to include a River Crossing .
- DAY 3 Coy Field Firing Exercises - to include a River Crossing .
- DAY 4 Pl Competition
Make and Mend
- DAY 5 Pl River Crossing Exercises
- DAY 6 Coy River Crossing Exercises .

2. ALLOTMENT OF TRAINING

H	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	2	3	1	4	5	6
B	4	2	5	6	3	1
C	1	5	2	3	6	4
D	5	1	6	4	2	3

3. Pl Competition to be as follows:-
 Tests of Elementary Training Rifle 1,2,8,9
 Judging Distance Test .
 Grenade Throwing. Standing as TOET No.5
 Elementary Handling Bren
 Squad Drill & Rifle Exercises. Fall in, open order, fix bayonets, slope arms, present arms, order arms, unfix, for inspection port, examine, march off, change direction (wheel), change front, form, form squad, dismiss .
 Pl Competition will be carried out on the morning of DAY 4 and Coy results will be submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs ~~17~~ JAN 43. Bn competition to decide champion pl will be run at a later date.

4.

EXERCISE	No. TO BE PREPARED	AREA	BY WHOM	TO BE SUBMITTED BY
Pl Fd Firing & River Crossings	2	MANTON POOL	OC "B" Coy	2000 hrs 17 JAN 43
Coy Fd Firing & River Crossings	2	MANTON POOL	OC "D" Coy	1200 hrs 18 JAN 43
Pl River Crossing	2	SOUTHPORT POOL	OC "C" Coy	2000 hrs 17 JAN 43
Coy River Crossings	2	MANTON POOL	OC "A" Coy	1200 hrs 18 JAN 43

Coy Fd Firing Exercise will include Mortars (2 detach. per coy)

5. Coys will submit a return stating the number of rifles still to be zeroed, to reach BHQ by 1200 hrs 17 JAN 43 .
6. Respirators will be worn for 1½ hrs on each of days 2,3, & 5 .
7. Weekly Kit, Arms, and Medical Reports will be completed and submitted to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 17 JAN 43 .

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8 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK COMMENCING 25 JAN 43

1.

DAY 1.
 0930-1030 Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Recap
 1030-1130 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 21-22
 1130-1230 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Less 13-16 Recap
 1230-1330 General Patience Trg
 1500-1600 Squad drill & rifle exercises - Recap
 1600-1700 Coy Comd's Discretion
 1700-1800 Section Stalk MTP 33. Sec 27

DAY 2. Pl Exercises

DAY 3. Coy Exercises

DAY 4. Bn Exercise

DAY 5.
Morning TOETs 1. Rifle 2. Bren 3. Grenade 4. J.D. Tests
Afternoon Make and mend

DAY 6. Rifle Range. Table B Part 1 Practices 1 - 5.

2. Subjects of Coy Comd's Discretion Period will be submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 24 Jan 43.
3. A return showing the result of TOETs will be submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 30 Jan 43. All unfinished TOETs will be completed on D. 5.
4. Coys will submit a return stating the number of rifles still to be zeroed, to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 24 Jan 43.
5. Respirators will be worn for a period of from 1 to 2 hrs on days 3, 4 and 5.
6. Weekly Kit, Arms, and Medical Reports will be completed and submitted to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 24 Jan 43.
7. Rifle Range Day 6. 143661 - Angle of fire 212°.

8. ALLOTMENT OF TRAINING

COY	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan
H	6	Special syllabi submitted also			4	5
A	1	2	6	3	4	5
B	1	2	3	6	4	5
C	1	6	5	2	4	3
D	2	3	5	1	4	6

9. Exercises will be prepared and submitted as under:-

EXERCISE	NO. TO BE PREPARED	AREA	BY WHOM	TIME DUE
Pl	1	HUMPTY DOO TRACK	OC D Coy	2000hrs 24 Jan
Pl	1	Bn Tpt Track	OC A Coy	2000 hrs 24 Jan
Coy	1	BROADRIBB HIGHWAY	OC B Coy	2000 hrs 24 Jan
Coy	1	BROADRIBB HIGHWAY	OC A Coy	2000 hrs 24 Jan

These Exercises will be prepared as attacks on established enemy positions. (Situation to be such as to provide for movement to assembly area and employment of battle procedure)

8 AUST INF BN - SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK 25-30 JAN 43

INTELLIGENCE SECTION SYLLABUS

DAY 1.

0930	Parade & Adm	
0945-1100	Operational employment of "I" Sec	LHQ "I" School
		Notes
1110-1210	Japanese Army - Military History	"
1210-1315	Collection of information	"
1500-1600.	Duties of Int pers as Unit guides by day and by night	"
1600-1700	Special duties in night attack (1882-1925)	"
1700-1800	Expansion (1882-1925) & re-organisation of Jap Army (1939-41)	"

DAY 2.

0930	Pde and Adm	
0945-1100	Jap Army system (recruit system)	"
1100-1315	Ausplay Cipher	
1500-1600	Organisation of Jap Army	"
1600-1800	Abbreviations & Message Writing	

DAY 3.

0930	Pde and Adm	
0945-1100	Artillery and Artillery tacks	"
1110-1315	Amending of current maps	
1500-1600	Artillery Intelligence	
1600-1800	Ausplay Cipher	

DAY 4.

0930	Pde and Adm	
0945-1100	Recce reports	"
1110-1210	Inf recce patrol at night (lecture)	"
1210-1315	Interrogation of prisoners	"
1500-1600	Ausplay Cipher	
1600-1800	Japanese phrases	

DAY 5.

Bn Exercise

DAY 6.

Rifle range practices

war diary

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PAD INSTRUCTION FOR NT FORCE SPORTS CARNIVAL

1 JAN 43

- 1 wing to several factors listed hereunder, Comds & sub-comds must be sure that ins given herein are clearly understood by offrs responsible for the actual control of tps
- 2 FACTORS
 - (a) NOONAMAH oval is closely adjacent to op air fds and AA defences.
 - (b) Dispersion of pers and veh is possible in some directions only NOT all directions.
 - (c) Should EA occur while sports are in progress, or if an order for dispersal of personnel is given, a definite system as well as control will be necessary.
- 3 DETAIL
 - (a) All vehs will be parked- dispersed in areas allotted. Plan of area and detail is issued separately.
 - (b) Areas around sports oval as shown as enclosures were to be allotted to Bde Gps etc. As far as practicable, pers will view the sports from their area.
 - (c) Dispersal of pers from those areas will if necessary be carried out under the direction of offrs as follows -:
 - (A) Gps situated between N/S Rd and Oval will turn about and move straight across the rd approx W to depth of 600 yds.
 - (B) Gps situated N end of Oval will turn about and move to depth of approx 600 yds N in main camp area.
 - (C) Gps situated on E side of Oval will turn about and move in approx NE direction depth of 600 yds avoiding RAAF camp lines on SE side
 - (D) Competitors will move from S enclosure and join units as in (C)
- 4 LIASON Services & Gps are resp that a representative makes a recce of dispersal areas at least 24 hrs before Sports. Recce offrs should report to Capt SARGENT GSO III at HQ 14 L of C Sub - Area for ins prior to recce.

Dispersal area for 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp pers will be as in para 3 (B)

signed
H BROWN Capt
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde AIF

8 AUST INF BN OPERATION INSTN NO. 18

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1 JAN 43

INTENTION 1. 8 AUST INF BN will move to BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP for a period of one week from 2 - 8 JAN 43 .

METHOD

2. 8 AUST INF BN will be tptd to BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP by 2/8 Coy AASC 1 JAN 43 .
3. Allotment of Tpt as Appx "A"
4. S.P. 154661 NORTH of where pipe line joins NA RD .
5. S.T. 0840 hrs 2 JAN 43
6. Order of Move "A" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy, "D" Coy, BHQ and ADU , HQ Coy. 54 min intervals between coy gps.
7. Route MAIN NA RD - BYNOE BAY RD - BERRY SPRINGS .
8. T.C.P. 090828 Junc MAIN RD & BYNOE BAY RD
034845 " MIDDLE ARM RD - BYNOE BAY RD
996802 Dispersal area BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP.
9. D.R. 1 C.O. remainder with convoy .
10. M.I.H. 20 M.I.H. to Junc BYNOE BAY RD - MIDDLE ARM RD thence 12 M.I.H. to BERRY SPRINGS .
11. V.T.M. 10
12. Security of Lines Coy Comds will be responsible for security of own coy lines, A,B,C,D, leaving 1 NCO and 6 ORs in coy area. HQ Coy 18 ORs , BHQ 4 ORs . Lieut B.T.S. BAYES will be OC Security Guard and will be responsible for Camp Security .

ADM

13. Standing Orders Appx "B"
14. Sporting Gear RSM will liaise with Capt MacIntyre and Lieut. Bowman 1 JAN 43 , and will collect and take all available sporting gear to REST CAMP.
15. Postal Postal Orderly will function at REST CAMP. Mail will be delivered with rations by AASC .
16. Lighting All available hurricane lamps will be taken .
17. Allotment of Areas and Tentage Rest Camp area is divided into 4 quadrants, areas are allotted as under:-

SOUTH QUADRANT	HQ Coy	54 Tents			
WEST	" " "A"	" 20	" "B"	Coy 21 tents	
EAST	" " "C"	" 21	" "D"	" 20	" BHQ 11 tents
18. Canteen AUST DEF CANTEEN SERVICES Canteen in camp area. Hrs will be posted later.
19. Recreation 2 Recreation Huts, Recreation Ground, Swimming Pools, Pictures screened four times weekly .
20. Beds Bush beds have been constructed. Personnel will take bedding only .
21. Amn Coy amn reserves will not be taken to rest camp. AASC are establishing dump of 75,000 rds .303 at Camp .
22. Messing QM 8 AUST INF BN will co-ordinate messing arrangements for all units in REST CAMP .
23. Kitchens Each Kitchen in camp is provided with two ranges but it is essential that Fowler and Soyer stoves be taken .

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8 AUST INF BN OP INSTN No.18 (Cont)

- INTERCOM 24. At Camp, as arranged .
 25. On Move, by DR .

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ALLOTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Appx "A"

Coy	Vehicle	Unit	Time of Reporting	Place of Reporting	Loading
"A" Gp 1	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	"A" Coy HQ	Officer Gear Coy Office: Personnel
	5 - 3 ton	AASC	0820	" " "	Personnel
	2 - 3 ton	8 Bn	0730	RQM Store	Cooking Gear etc
	2 - 3 ton	AASC	0730	RQM Store	" "
"B" Gp 2	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	"B" Coy HQ	Offrs Gear & Coy Office
	4 - 3 ton	AASC	0820	" " "	Personnel
	1 - 3 ton	8 Bn	0730	Offrs Mess	Mess Gear
	1 -30 cwt	8 Bn	0730	Sgts Mess	" "
HQ Gp 3	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	Coy HQ	OC Coy & Office Gear
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	Sig Office	Sig Gear
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	A/A Pl	A/A Stores
	9 - 3 ton	AASC	0820	Coy Pde Ground	Personnel
	1 -30 cwt	8 Bn	0800	Transport Office	Res. Petrol
BHQ Gp 4	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0730	Bn Office	Office Gear
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	RAP	RAP Stores
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	I/O	"I" Stores
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	Pay Office	Pay & Post
	2 - 3 ton	AASC	0820	BHQ	Personnel
"C" Gp 5	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	Coy HQ	OC Coy & Coy HQs
	3 - 3 ton	AASC	0820	" "	Personnel
"D" Gp 6	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	Coy HQ	Pl & Coy HQ
	4 - 3 ton	AASC	0820	" "	Personnel
Surplus	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0800	T/O	

8 AUST INF BN STANDING ORDER FOR PERIOD
OF OCCUPATION OF BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP

Appx "B"

1. ROUTINE

Reveille	0800 hrs
Breakfast	0900 hrs
Adm Pde	0930 - 1000 hrs
Midday Meal	1330 hrs
Evening Meal	1830 hrs
Lights Out	2359 hrs

2. DUTIES ADM PDE (i) All arms will be checked to ensure that they are being cleaned and cared for.
(ii) Inspect personnel. Shaving will be carried out daily.
(iii) Areas allotted will be cleaned.

3. DUTIES An Orderly Officer and Orderly Sergeant will be detailed daily in case of emergency.

4. SWIMMING All ranks will wear ear plugs of cotton wool when entering the water owing to the prevalence of Singapore Ear.

5. DRESS To combat sand-fly and mosquito pests, all ranks will change to trousers K.W.D. and shirts with sleeves rolled down by 1800 hrs daily. Trousers will be tucked into socks at the ankles.

6. MEAL PARADES Shirts will be worn to all meal parades. Troops will be marched to all meal parades by the Orderly Sergeant of the day.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



MILITARY REST CAMP : BERRY SPRINGS

CAMP STANDING ORDERS

1. GENERAL

The camp site will be deemed to include the area within one mile of cross-roads in centre of camp. These Orders provide rules for the preservation of the camp and area. All Comds in occupation will impress upon their men that to preserve the camp, the pool and the natural surroundings, is to preserve their own opportunities for rest and recreation.

2. ADMINISTRATION

The camp is administered by HQ 14 L of C Sub Area to whom Camp Staff and all Comds of tps in occupation are responsible for all matters relating to the camp. A permanent Camp Comdt is provided to ensure continuity of local administration.

3. PROCEDURE ON MARCHING IN AND OUT

Prior to a unit occupying the camp, the Comd or his representative will inspect the Camp, accommodation, facilities and stores to be taken over by him. Both Comd and Camp Comdt will sign an inventory of such stores setting out damages or deficiencies.

On marching out, the unit Comd and Camp Comdt will again take an inventory of stores returned from the charge of the unit Comd to the charge of the Camp Comdt. A list of major deficiencies or damages occurring during the period of occupation will then be forwarded to HQ 14 L of C Sub Area.

The unit Comd will be responsible for ensuring that the camp is left absolutely clean for the incoming unit. An inspection of the camp will be made by the unit Comd and Camp Comdt prior to the unit marching out, and Camp Comdt will issue a certificate as to the cleanliness of camp, etc, or drawing attention to any unsatisfactory features.

4. RATIONING

Comd AASC 12 Aust Div will be responsible for rationing units at BERRY SPRINGS. All rations and supplies will be drawn from D.I.D. NOONAMAH. BAASCO, in conjunction with DADST 14 L of C Sub Area, will be responsible for co-ordinating indents of all units in the camp, including camp Staff. Rations will be delivered in bulk to camp and breaking down will take place under supervision of Camp Comdt and any QM or QM's nominated by unit Comds in occupation.

5. SECURITY

PAD and security are the responsibility of the units in occupation.

6. AMMUNITION

Comd AASC 12 Aust Div will arrange for a dump of 75,000 rds SAA to remain in BERRY SPRINGS Camp under control of Camp Comdt.

7. CAMP RULES

The following rules will be strictly observed:-

(a) Bounds. The swimming pool and camp area are placed out of bounds to all tps of NT Force, excepting those of the units in occupation of the camp.

(b) In exceptional circumstances permission to use the pool may be granted to organized parties upon application to Camp Comdt.

(c) The following are out of bounds to all ranks at all times

- (i) The river upstream of the foot bridge
- (ii) The pump power plants, water mains, tanks and stand.
- (iii) Projection room and screen frame.

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8. TRAFFIC

- (a) All traffic and parking signs will be obeyed .
- (b) Traffic will not leave roads designated as such on plan displayed at Camp HQ. Track discipline will be observed .
- (c) Camp speed limit is 10 mph for all vehs .
- (d) Vehs will be dispersed in allotted tpt areas, and will NOT be parked in tent areas .

9. HYGIENE AND SANITATION

- (a) Policy of disposal of refuse will be indicated by Camp Comdt to unit Comds. The procedure will be burning, removal from area and dumping in Tidal estuary of river during ebb tide (1 hour from high tide onwards to 1 hour before flow).
- (b) On request from camp staff, units in occupation will provide fatigue parties to clean recreation huts, sports ground, picture theatre and precincts of pool.
- (c) The maintenance of a high standard of camp personal hygiene is essential .

10. MEDICAL

RMO's of units in occupation will direct and stress the policy regarding precaution to be taken for prevention of local infection such as Otitis Externa (Singapore Ear), sand-fly bite, nose and throat infection. Efforts will be made to minimise the possibility of dirt and sweat being carried into the pool. For these reasons:-

- (a) No bathing will be allowed after 1800 hrs .
- (b) Long trousers and long sleeves will be worn after 1800 hours, and at all times when tps are near mangroves or thick undergrowth.
- (c) Pl Comds will carry out inspection of the skin and ears of their men daily.
- (d) All men will have a shower immediately before entering the pool .
- (e) A plug of cotton wool smeared with vaseline or paraffin should be inserted in the outer ear before entering the pool, and be removed afterwards and disposed of hygienically .
- (f) Men will be told to dry ears and clear noses after swimming .

11. FIRE ORDERS

At least two fire buckets will be kept filled in each building and projection room. All dry grass will be cleared from camp area and to a line at least 200 yds outwards. Each tent will be provided with butt tins.

Camp HQ will maintain a supply of fire beaters and will arrange to have chemical fire extinguishers placed at suitable points .

12. Unit Comds will co-operate with the Camp Comdt in making the atmosphere of the camp as cheerful as possible. It is not contemplated nor is it desired, that there will be many duties, but some are essential, and these, if punctually and willingly supplied, will add to the smooth running of the camp .

13. The following items will NOT be handed over to units in occupation:-

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>PERSONNEL TO REMAIN RESPONSIBLE</u>
(a) Power electric light plants, Water supply including tanks, mains and pumps .	Camp Comdt
(b) Projection room, plant and screen frame.	Camp Comdt
(c) Canteen buildings, fittings	Aust Def Canteen Services
(d) Recreation huts (2) and contents .	YMCA and Salvation Army Rep.

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COMD. 14 L of C Sub-

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8 AUST INF BN
BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN CASE OF AIR ATTACK

1. This instruction will apply while 8 AUST INF BN is in occupation BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP .
2. The form in which notification of Air Raids will be sent when possible and the action to be taken when air attack is imminent, is as follows:

WARNING	MEANING	ACTION
Yellow	Un-identified & enemy aircraft are approaching .	All tps will carry on as usual .
Red	Enemy aircraft are here	Tps in areas being attacked or about to be attacked will take orders from senr offr present. Tps in other areas will continue as usual .
Green	All Clear	All tps back to normal.

Note Air Raid White will only be used by the RAAF and its meaning in the future is "Message to Pass" .

3. The use of foghorns, sirens etc is forbidden .
4. Slit trenches will not be dug .
5. If tps are in sleeping areas when warning or attack is indicated they will lie face downwards on ground. Every person standing or running in the vicinity of a bomb burst is a certain casualty .
6. If warning occurs at meal times tps will be marched to own lines where they will adopt normal Air Raid precautions .
7. If warning occurs while pictures are being shown action to be taken will be as Appx "A", action only being taken on command of senior offr present .
8. For warnings occurring at any other times tps will move to normal dispersal areas. If surprise raids occur at any other time, action taken will be as para 5 above .
9. The term ALARM will NOT be used in connection with Air Raids .
10. At night on Air Raid RED being sent, the following precautions will be observed :-(i) All lights except those required for operational purposes will be extinguished .
(ii) All lights on vehicles will be extinguished, vehs should be halted, but may move where necessary on near side of road at NOT more than 5 M.p.h. to their destination.
11. At night Air Raid YELLOW will not be given .
12. Ack.

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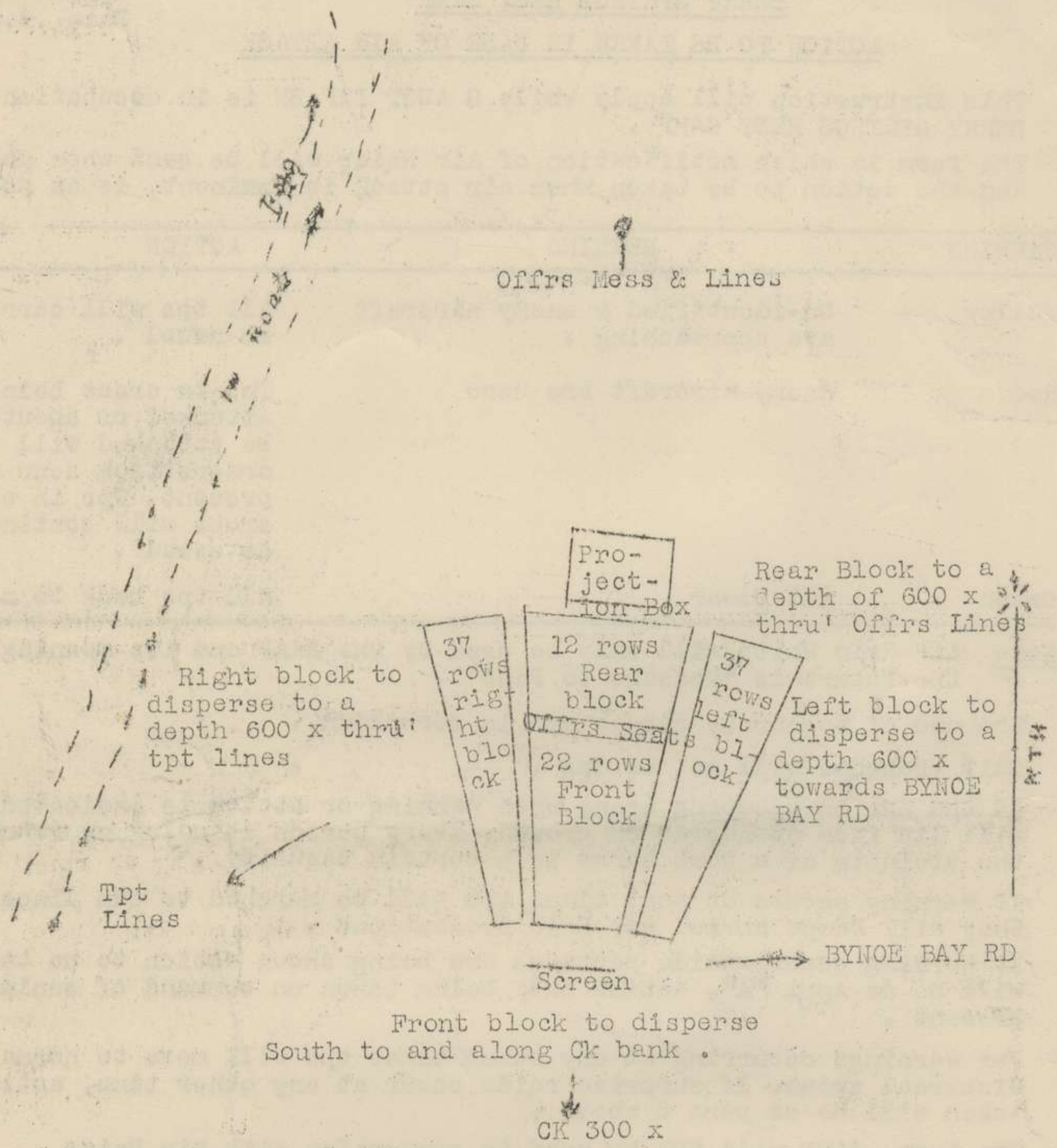
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A	5	'	7 Bn "	15
B	6	'	42 Bty "	16
C	7	'	RAAF	17
D	8	'	Camp Comd	18 (For Information)
I/O	9	'	War Diary	19-20
RSM	10	'	File	21

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DISPERSAL AREAS

Appx "A"



Scale 1" = 20 x

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Appendix 12

INTENTION

1. In the event of an operational or other emergency 8 AUST INF BN will move to 42 Mile Bivouac Area.

METHOD

2. 8 AUST INF BN will be tptd to 42 Mile Bivouac Area by 2/8 AASC Coy.
3. Unit tpt will be allotted as per Appx "A" .
4. S.P. Out Gate BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP
5. S.T. will be advised .
6. Route BERRY SPRINGS - BYNOE BAY RD - NA RD
7. Order of Move HQ Coy, BHQ & ADU , D, C, B & A, with 5 minute intervals between groups .
8. T.C.P. 034845 Junc MIDDLE ARM RD - BYNOE BAY RD
090828 Junc MAIN RD - BYNOE BAY RD
9. D.R. 1 CO, remainder as T.O. arranges.
10. M.I.H. 12 BERRY SPRINGS to MIDDLE ARM RD, 20 MIDDLE ARM RD to 42 Mile Bivouac Area .
11. V.T.M. 10
12. Immediately on receipt of warning instructions, coys will advise BHQ number of personnel to be lifted and Adjnt will requisition for tpt from 2/8 AASC Coy. T/O will arrange to allot AASC tpt on its arrival at area .

ADM

13. On receipt of instructions to prepare to move senior offr in each Quadrant will ensure that all pers are warned, and that the camp area is thoroughly cleaned.
14. Immediately on receipt of warning, all Coy Comd, QM & I/O will report to BHQ .
15. RSM will move on first vehicle to leave area and on arrival at 42 Mile ENSURE that all amn is readily accessible and in good order .

INTERCOM

16. By D/R on move :

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Adjnt 8 AUST INF BN.

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DISTRIBUTION :- CO, 2 i/c, Adjnt, H, A, B, C, D, I/O, T/O, RSM, RMO, War Diary(2), File.

ALLOTMENT OF TRANSPORT (Unit) Appx "A"

Coy	Vehicle	Unit	Place of Reporting	Loading
HQ Gp 1	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	Coy HQ	OC Coy & Office Gear
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	Sig Office	Sig Gear
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	A/A Pl	A/A Stores
	1 - 30 cwt	8 Bn	Transport Office	Res. Petrol
BHQ Gp 2	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	Bn Office	Office Gear
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	RAP	RAP Stores
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	I/O	"I" Stores
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	Postal Office	Pay & Post
D Gp 3	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	Coy HQ	Pl & Coy HQ
C Gp 4	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	Coy HQ	OC Coy & Coy HQ
B Gp 5	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	Coy HQ	Offrs Gear & Coy Off.
	1 - 3 ton	8 Bn	Offrs Mess	Mess Gear
	1 - 30 cwt	8 Bn	Sgts Mess	Mess Gear
A Gp 6	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	Coy HQ	Offrs Gear & Coy Off.
	2 - 3 ton	8 Bn	RQM Store	Cooking Gear etc.

8 AUST INF BN OPERATION INSTN No. 19 A

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8 JAN 43

Ref Map :- DARWIN & ENVIRONS Sheet 5 1" to 1 Mile

- INTENTION 1. 8 AUST INF BN will move from BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP to 42 MILE BIVOUAC AREA on 9 JAN 43 .
- METHOD 2. 8 AUST INF BN will be tpt to 42 MILE by 2/8 Coy AASC .
3. Allotment of tpt as Appx "A"
4. S.P. EAST end of A Coys dispersal area, 800 yds EAST of REST CAMP Out Gate .
5. S.T. 1200 hrs 9 JAN 43
6. Order of Move D,C,BHQ & ADU,H,B,A .
7. Route BYNOE BAY RD - NA RD to 42 MILE .
8. TCP 034845 Junc MIDDLE ARM RD - BYNOE BAY RD
090828 Junc MAIN RD - BYNOE BAY RD
9. D.R. 1 CO , remainder with convoy as arranged by T/O .
10. M.I.H. 12 to MIDDLE ARM RD , 20 to 42 Mile
11. V.T.M. 10
12. "Q" vehicles will move as arranged .
- ADM 13. Sporting Gear RSM will collect and be responsible for return of all sporting gear .
14. Routine for 9 JAN 43 Reveille 0730
Breakfast 0830
- All tps will be clear of tent lines and at dispersal areas as per Appx "B" by 1000 hrs 9 JAN 43. I/O will arrange for guides at dispersal areas .
15. QM will arrange with QM of 19 MG Bn for quartering of party of cooks to remain with 19 MG Bn for week 9-16 JAN 43.
16. QM will ensure that all kitchens and mess huts are ready to hand over to incoming units by 0930 hrs and will prepare to hand camp over to Camp Comd 0945 hrs .
17. No tpt other than Q vehicles and essential vehicles will move EAST beyond camp gate prior to S.T. without permission of CO, 2 i/c, Adjt, or Camp Comdt .
- INTERCOM 18. By D/R on move.
BHQ will open at 42 Mile at 1400 hrs 9 JAN 43 .

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ALLOTMENT OF TRANSPORT

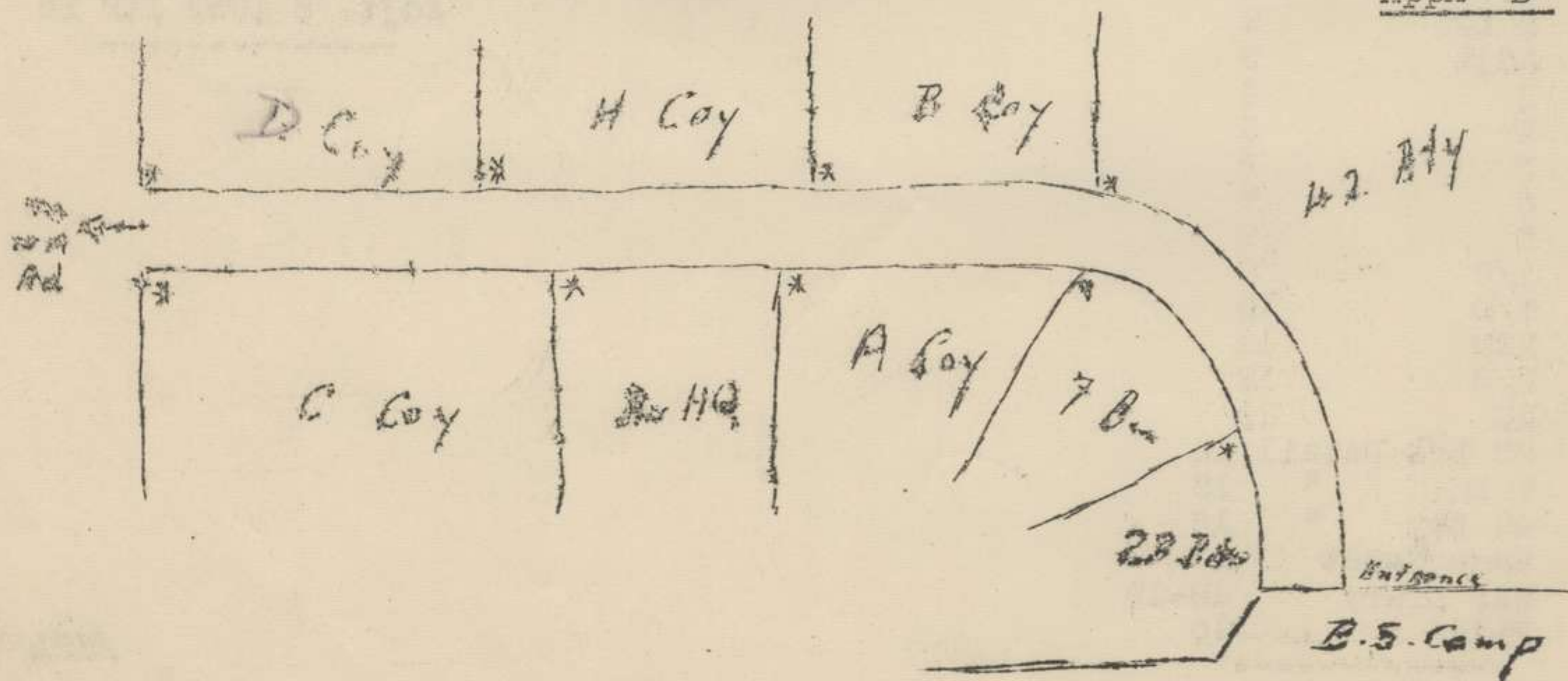
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8 AUST INF BN move to 42 Mile 9 JAN 43

COY	Vehicle	Unit	Time of Reporting	Place of Reporting	Loading
Gp 1	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	D Coy HQ	OC Coy, Coy HQ
D	4 - 3 ton	AASC	1200 hrs	" " Embus. Area	Personnel
Gp 2	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	C Coy HQ	OC Coy, Coy HQ
C	4 - 3 ton	AASC	1210 hrs	" " Embus. Area	Personnel
Gp 3	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	Bn Office	Office Gear
BHQ	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	R.A.P.	RAP & M.O.
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	I/O	"I" Office
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	Pay Office	Post & Pay
	1 - 3 ton	AASC	1215 hrs	BHQ Embus. Area	Personnel
	1 - 3 ton	AASC	1215 hrs	" " "	Band Instruments
Gp 4	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	HQ Coy Office	CSM & Coy HQ
HQ	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	Sig Office	Sig Stores
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	A/A Pl	A/A Stores
	1 - 3 ton	AASC	1200 hrs	Transport Office	Petrol etc
	9 - 3 ton	AASC	1220 hrs	HQ Coy Embus. Area	Personnel
Gp 5	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	B Coy HQ	OC & Coy HQ
B	4 - 3 ton	AASC	1225 hrs	" " Embus. Area	Personnel
Gp 6	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	A Coy HQ	OC & Coy HQ
A	5 - 3 ton	AASC	1230 hrs	" " Embus. Area	Personnel
Gp 7	42 Bty	-	-	42 Bty	Personnel
42 Bty	vehicles			App. S.T. 1235 hrs	
Gp 8	7 Bn	(3)AASC		7 Bn	Personnel
7 Bn	vehicles			App. S.T. 1240 hrs	
Gp 9	3 - 3 ton	AASC		23 Bde Embus. Area	Personnel
23 Bde	Bde Vehs	23 Bde		App. S.T. 1245 hrs	
Indep- endant Gp	4 - 3 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	RQM	Rations etc
	2 - 30 cwt	8 Bn	0900 hrs	Offrs Mess	Mess Gear
	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn	0900 hrs	Sgts Mess	Mess Gear
Surp- lus veh.	1 - 1 ton	8 Bn			

Independant Group will move with not less than 10 min between vehs. S.T. of first veh. 1000 hrs.

Appx "B"



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8 AUST INF BN STANDING O.O. "A"
FOR SUDDEN MOVE

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1. Although no land action has yet developed in NT, all Coys must be prepared to turn out at a moments notice so that action could be joined without delay .
2. On receipt of the word the following procedure will be carried out:-
 - (a) All Coys will fall in in their respective Sec&Pls and move to Coy Pde ground to await further orders.
C.S.M. will take charge of Pde in conjunction with Pl Sgts .
 - (b) Dress Battle Order, with haversacks, picks and shovels .
 - (c) Rations 5 days and emergency during ops, carried as follows:-
 1. On the man - 2 dys reserve and one day emergency.
 2. On A Ech Vehs - 1 dy
 3. On B Ech - 2 dys
 - (d) Water Water bottles filled, minimum of 6 gals per veh on all vehicles, in addition to water carts .
 - (e) P.O.L. 50 miles reserve each vehicle, on all vehicles .
 - (f) Arm First Line. On commencement of operations riflemen will carry 100 rds S.A.A. plus proportion of mags L.M.G.
 - (g) Order of Move Coys will move out in the following order:-
A - B - BHQ - HQ - C - D
 - (h) Routes A Coy from A Coy Pde Ground via Bn Rd to "Out Gate"
B Coy from B Coy Pde Ground via Bn Rd to "Out Gate" in rear of A Coy .
BHQ on road to "In Gate" .
HQ Coy from Coy area to "In Gate" in rear of BHQ .
C Coy from Coy area along track through A/Tk area to Main NA RD .
D Coy will follow in rear of C Coy .
Coy^s will remain with the head of their Coys just off Main NA RD ready to move to S.L.
 - (i) Med. RMO will detail det. of Stretcher Bearers to report to each Coy immediately on receipt of code word .
 - (j) Allotment of Tpt:- A Ech

SUB UNIT	VEH	Nos	LOADING
C.O.	Car DS	1	Rations 1 Day (3 pers), Water 4 gals. Petrol 4 gals. SMG. SMG Arm 200 rds
BHQ	1 ton	1	Use of BHQ and I Sec personnel . Rations 1 day all personnel. I Sec Box. BHQ Stationary Box. Typewriter. A/Tk Rifle 1 . A/Tk 240 rds. Arm SAA 1000 rds. Grenades 3 boxes. Wire 1 Concertina <u>Tools</u> Picks 8 Petrol 4 gals Shovels 8 Water 6 gals Axe 1
RAP	1 ton	1	Use of RMO & Medical Sec. <u>Tools:</u> Rations 1 dy all pers. Stretchers 3 Picks 2 RAP Kit Shovels 1 Petrol 4 gals Axe 1 Water 10-40 gals

PTO

(j) Allotment of tpt (Cont) - 2 -

SUB UNIT	VEH	NOs	LOADING
SIGS	1 ton	1	Use of Regtl Sigs. Rations 1 dy all personnel . Sig Gear (phones, cable, switch-board Batteries, Lucas Lamp etc) / Wire 1 Concertina, Petrol 4 gals . Water 4 gals. A/Tk rifle. A/Tk 240 rds, Amn SAA 2000 rds. <u>Tools:-</u> Picks 5 , Shovels 3 , Axe 1 , Mattocks 2
HQ Coy	1 ton	1	Use of Coy HQ, 2 & 5 pls. Rations 1 dy all personnel . Pnr Tools & Explosives Box . Crowbars 2 . 4 A/A LMG Mountings . Amn SAA 7500 rds. SMG 1000 rds Wire 1 Concertina. <u>Tools:</u> Picks 9 Petrol 4 gals Shovels 9 Water 6 gals Axes 3
RIFLE Coys	1 ton	4	Each Coy one veh for use Coy HQ and 3 pls. Rations 1 dy all personnel . A/Tk Rifle 1 . Amn SAA 12000 rds . SMG 3000 rds. A/Tk 240 rds . Grenades 7 Sec 3 boxes. Sig Cart 120 . Molotov Cocktails 12 . <u>Tools</u> Picks 11 Wire 1 Concertina Shovels 11 Petrol 4 gals Machettes 3 Water 16 gals Axes 3
RES AMN	3 ton	2	Each carries a mixed load of amn including Mortar and A/Tk amn . (a)

(a) -- One of these vehicles to be detached to Bde HQ as part of Bde SAA reserve when situation requires. Not more than two of these vehicles to be with 'A' Echelon at any one time .

'B' Echelon Transport

1	Van 1 ton	1	QM -- reserve clothing and boots, tools, fitters .
2	Van 1 ton	1	Ration collection .
3	Van 1 ton	1	2 i/c and res amn .
4	Van 1 ton	1	MT spares and armourer .
5	Lorry 30 cwt	3	Water Carts
6	Trucks 3 ton	1	Petrol for 50 miles -- carriers .
7	Trucks 3 ton	5	Coy kitchens, rations, packs , blankets and respirators .

On loading all tpt will immediately report back to T/O for assembly and order of move . Tpt will travel at rear of Bn with M.G. and Mortar Carriers .

(1) Intercom Signal Officer will allot one 108 Wireless Set to each coy . 1 DR to each coy , 2 DRs to C.O. Comm on move will be by DR and runner . Wireless silence will be observed until contact with enemy .

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SUPPLEMENT TO 8 AUST INF BN STANDING O.O.

ADVANCE PARTY

Immediately on receipt of warning order one R.P. also one guide from each Coy will report to I/O; Dress - battle order. T/O will arrange for one 1-ton van to report also.

Above party will report to Bde HQ as soon as possible and act as Bn recce party.

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(m) Security Coy Comd will be responsible to see that complete destruction of documents and text books is carried out within coys .

I/O is responsible for destruction of all secret and security documents, also Bn library of text books .

Adjt is responsible for destruction of all files, screeds and orders W.E., maintaining only Casualty Returns and Nominal Rolls .

QM is responsible for destruction of all documents in "Q" Store, maintaining only necessary Q record books .

No document or text book will be destroyed by any person unless ordered to do so by C.O.

(n) Amn RSM will have Bn reserve of amn loaded on to vehs allotted, and will be ready to move as soon as possible .

(o) Stores All kit bags and surplus stores will be concentrated into Coy Buildings .

Q Store clothing and surplus rations will be concentrated into Q Huts .

Kit bags and surplus stores BHQ personnel will be dumped at BHQ Hut .

Preparations for destruction of all surplus kit bags and stores will be carried out, but NO action will be taken to destroy them unless ordered to do so .

3. In the event of MT move, Code word will be followed by the word "With" which will indicate that the Bn will be moving by tpt to some operational area in order to intercept the enemy. The following action will be taken :-

(a) A guide from each coy will be sent to report to T/O with the exact number of personnel requiring to be lifted by MF other than unit tpt .

(b) Guide will take transport to coy areas where coy will load and move to same posn on tracks as indicated in para 2 (h).

(c) Coy 2/Comds will be responsible to see that tpt is correctly loaded .

(d) RP will report to T/O for control of convoy move.

4. On receipt of warning R & O Gps will report to CO at Bn HQ to receive necessary orders and instructions .

5. T/O will be responsible for the assembling of MT Convoy if an MF Move; or A and B Ech for marching move, in the correct order of movement .

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Note

The allotment of tpt is subject to alteration, according to tpt available on unit lines .

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8. Aust. Inf. Bn
January 1943

War Diary

Part 5

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Appendix 15
 h/s Dec 42

Compiled from information received between 2400 hrs 20 Dec and 1800 hrs 27 Dec 42.

NOTE: Information contained herein will be passed to all ranks.

I. DARWIN AREA.

(a) Enemy Air Activity

There were indications of the approach of two formations of A/C on 23 Dec. The A/C were WSW of CAPE FOURCROY on a SOUTHERLY course towards ANSON BAY.

The approaching A/C appeared to turn back when off Point BLAZE. P40s were airborne, but no interception was made.

(b) Own Air Activity

(i) 22 Dec - Beaufighter A/C flying at 500 ft carried out a strafing attack on the aerodrome at FUILORO (TIMOR).

(ii) 23 Dec - Hudson A/C on recce of ARU Islands sighted an EA which made off when Hudsons adopted offensive tactics. The Hudsons then proceeded to DOBO and unloaded their bombs in the town area.

An enemy seaplane was sighted to the EAST of DUBO and one Hudson attacked. The seaplane made off emitting smoke and flames, and is considered to have been destroyed.

FUILORO was again singled out for attack by Beaufighters on 23 Dec. On arrival over target area, one EA was just airborne, one about to take off and another stationary on the drome. Bursts were fired at A/C about to take off, but results not observed. Interception was made by 2 NATES and in resulting clash, one NATE was probably destroyed.

One of the Beaufighters engaged to take part in the above task before reaching the target area, signalled that it had engine trouble and was returning to base. This A/C has failed to return and must be presumed lost.

(iii) FUILORO drome was again the target for the Beaufighters on 24 Dec. Two EA about to take off were strafed, one set on fire and the other damaged. A crashed EA was noticed 200 yds off strip and is presumed to have been the NATE claimed as shot down the previous day.

Hudson A/C attacked shipping landing stores at LAVAI. 1 hit 5 near misses were registered. AA was encountered and one Hudson failed to return from this operation.

(iv) 25 Dec - Bad weather interfered with operations of Beaufighters and only one A/C succeeded in locating target area at LAVAI. No SHIPPING was sighted, but stores and personnel were strafed.

(v) 26 Dec - LAGA was singled out for an attack by 6 Hudsons. All bombs dropped in target area and fires started.

Beaufighters succeeded in strafing targets at LAGA and LAVAI.

(vi) 27 Dec - 6 Hudsons attacked LAVAI. Bombs were dropped in approx target area. Interception was made by 3 ZEKES. One Hudson and one ZEKE were shot down.

4 Beaufighters attacked the area just after Hudsons had departed. Stores and dumps were strafed and from one, flames and columns of black smoke were observed to come.

Beaufighter A/C strafed planes and personnel observed on drome. Two latter Beaufighters just before reaching drome were attacked from behind by 2 ZEKES. Evasive tactics were carried out and ZEKES shaken off.

NEW GUINEA

(a) Allied pressure is still being maintained and the enemy is gradually being forced to lose ground. Allied A/C continue to maintain air supremacy although aerial activity on both sides appears to be on a reduced scale. The Japanese have evidently found that their attempts to land reinforcements by sea have been disastrous and no further attempts have been reported during the period under review. It now appears that the enemy troops in Buna Area will have to rely on supplies and stores being dropped by air, but this will be very difficult owing to allied aerial supremacy.

(b) Enemy Air Activity

- (i) Jackson field was raided by one enemy A/C. 10 bombs, incl incendiaries, were dropped and a small grass fire started. Otherwise no damage or casualties.
- (ii) On 26 Dec EA raided PROT MORESBY but no details are as yet available.

(c) Own Air Activity

- (i) 19 Dec - BUNA GOVT STA was bombed and strafed.
- (ii) Enemy installations at GIROPA Point were bombed at 0200KL/20, and at 1228KL, a strafing attack over the same area was carried out.
- (iii) Fires were started at BUNA GOVT STA following on a raid on 21 Dec. An enemy destroyer was sighted 25 Mls NORTH of CAPE WARD on NW course. 4 of the bombs dropped straddled the stern of this vessel.
- (iv) 22 Dec - Allie A/C bombed and strafed MAMBA Mission. All bombs fell in target area.
- (v) 23 Dec - BEAK Island and SANANANDA Area were strafed by our A/C.
- (vi) Only 2 out of 20 Japanese in canoes at KELKEL, (5Mls SOUTH of SALAMAU,) reached the shore following a strafing from Allied A/C. The village of KELKEL was also strafed. Whilst strafing area mouth of AMBOGA River, Allied A/C reported observing ground to air signals 2 Mls NW of mouth of river.
- During morning of 24 Dec, Allied A/C made 3 attacks and dropped bombs on LAE drome runway and in JACOBSON'S Plantation.
- (vii) On 25 Dec, Allied A/C dropped bombs in vicinity of JACOBSEN'S Plantation, but results were not observed. However, much enemy activity was noticed at NORTH end of LAE aerodrome.

(d) Land Operations,

- (i) On 18 Dec at BUNA, difficulty was being experienced by our tps in clearing enemy from log emplacements are connected with underground tunnels. Allied tps are attacking along front which runs NORTH to SOUTH and extends along line 600 yds WEST of Cape ENDAIADERE to EAST end of new strip. 13 enemy gun emplacements with steel tops are strongly resisting Allied tanks in this vicinity.
- Allied tps now defending ENTRANCE Creek island, whilst rd junc at end of ENTRANCE Creek is defended by the enemy with 7 fortified bunkers. 20 enemy trucks were observed on track and 5 destroyed by our Arty.
- (ii) Allied patrols were active on 19 Dec and one patrol located an enemy dump 800 yds WEST SIWORI Creek and killed 4 Japs, whilst another surprised and caused Japanese casualties in vicinity mouth of GIRA River. It was reported that 250 Japs were concentrated at mouth of MAMBARE River.
- Allied Cav supported by arty attacked along SOPUTA-SANANANDA rd and by fighting was in progress SOUTH of track junc.
- (iii) On 20 Dec, Allied tps succeeded in obtaining control of the whole of the new strip area and occupy all area EAST of a line running from coast approx 2000 yds WEST Cape ENDAIADERE SOUTH to SINEMI Creek, thence along SINEMI Creek facing SW, thence along line of rd to br between 2 strips, thence SW to jungle.
- GOVT STA AREA - Allied sandpit NORTH of ENTRANCE Creek Island through EAST side of BUNA Village, thence SOUTH approx 400 yds to track Junc; other tps attacking to WEST clearing out strong enemy emplacements still resisting at apex of 2 tracks approx 700 yds SSW SIWORI Village.
- Allied tps engaged in clearing enemy pockets vicinity track 1900 yds SW of rd block SOPUTA SANANANDA rd. Until this is complete no further advance of fwd elements in vicinity of rd block will be attempted. Patrols reported area between KUMUSI and MAMBARE Rivers clear of enemy.
- During night 20/21 Dec, cav patrols after fierce clashes near fwd rd block, captured 2 lorries loaded with amm.
- Our tps preparing attack strong pockets still resisting SOUTH rd junc 1900 yds SW rd block.

(iv) On 21 Dec, Allied tps were attacking along line running from coast approx 2500 yds WEST of Cape ENDAIADERE SOUTH to SINEMI Creek, thence along Creek to EAST end of old strip, thence SE to br, then SW along edge of timber to a pt approx 550 yds SOUTH of EAST end of old strip. All enemy bunkers vicinity of br now in Allied hands. Enemy AA guns SOUTH of old strip were destroyed by arty fire. Over 100 enemy dead were found in an area 200 yds square in vicinity of Cape ENDAIADERE.

(v) In the BUNA STRIPS Area on 21 Dec, an Allied det crossed SINEMI Creek approx 200 yds NORTH of br between strips. Patrols were engaged on mopping up enemy in vicinity Cape ENDAIADERE. It was estimated that there are 350 Japs left in area vicinity GIROPA Point. Allied tps made a slight adv along whole front in SOPUTA-SANANANDA rd area.

(vi) GOVT STA AREA - By fighting continued on 22 Dec and 250 Japs were killed and wounded NORTH of track junc SOUTH end of ENTRANCE Creek.

Allied tps established a bridgehead area between 100 and 500 yds SOUTH of mouth of Creek.

WEST of BUNA village Allied patrols moving to establish bridgehead WEST of SINEMI Creek.

In the Strips Area, our attacks resulted in further ground being gained EAST of SINEMI Creek and between coast. Tps who crossed creek on 21 Dec advanced 1000 yds along old strip with fwd elements along line running NORTH to Creek. Allied arty succeeded in destroying enemy coastal guns at NW end of main strip.

A Tap/R of the SOPUTA-SANANANDA rd area located enemy branch marks along edge of timber belt approx 350 yds EAST of rd junc SOUTH of rd block.

Our patrols remain active in AMBOGA Area.

(vii) After a report that a large craft left the mouth of MAMBARE River during night of 22/23 Dec, 9 Japs only were observed in DUVIRA Camp (North MAMBARE River).

Tps fwd and rear of rd block on SOPUTA-SANANANDA rd made further slight progress on 23 Dec.

In the BUNA Strip Area, our tps, together with those protecting left flank (SOUTH of old strip) adv a further 400 yds. Despite enemy activity, right flank is secure on SINEMI Creek. The enemy is still strongly resisting at WEST of old strip.

GOVT STA AREA - Allied tps supported by arty fire adv from SW of GOVT Garden to the NE of Garden. They are now on frontage from just SOUTH of mouth ENTRANCE Creek to track at pt approx half way between creek and junc of tracks. Enemy posts in the Garden area being mopped up.

(viii) AMBOGA AREA - On 24 Dec it was reported that small enemy parties were at FUPODA (6 Mls SOUTH of mouth KUMUSI River), SENAMI (3 Mls SOUTH KUMUSI) and DAKAWATE (8 Mls SOUTH KUMUSI Isthmus).

BUNA STRIPS AREA - Allied tps continued their advance of 21 Dec. The new front is now from coast at mouth of SINEMI Creek, SSE to a pt 500 yds SW of EAST end of old strip. Strong enemy resistance is being encountered from strong posns in depth vicinity of dispersal bays and coconut grove WEST end of old strip.

Adv made through Govt Sta Garden continues and bridgehead EAST of ENTRANCE Creek enlarged.

In the area WEST of BUNA Village, Allied patrols report strong enemy patrol 500 yds SE PARARENA.

SOPUTA-SANANANDA ROAD - Allied patrols which continue to remain active reported enemy constructing earthworks NORTH of our fwd posns. Enemy planes have been over this area during 5 of last 6 nights and although some bombs were dropped, it is presumed more likely that they were dropping super. Swampland and large bodies enemy in strong defensive posns EAST of track make our progress difficult.

In the AMBOGA Area, 20 to 30 enemy in poor condition with 2 Yankons were observed at DUVIRA and appeared to be preparing to evacuate.

(ix) It is reported that 450 Japs have been landed at RAUKENAU (SW Coast of DUTCH NEW GUINEA) and to have occupied 5 places within a radius of 10 Mls.

3. NEW BRITAIN

- (i) Much activity was observed at LAKUNAI and VUNAKANAU aerodromes where new dispersal bays have been repaired.
- (ii) On 22 Dec. one Allied recon A/C was intercepted by 3 ZEKES and in the resulting clash, 1 ZEKE was shot down and the other two were damaged. Allied A/C attacked and set on fire a 1000 ton vessel in ARAWA Harbour on 22 Dec.
- (iii) On 23 Dec, two bombing attacks were made on drome at Cape GLOUCESTER. Bombs were dropped in dispersal area but results not observed. As the result of a direct bomb hit, an enemy tpt in ARAWA Harbour exploded and sank within two minutes.
- (iv) Two attacks made on GASMATA Drome during morning of 24 Dec. Results were not observed owing to interception by EA, 3, possibly 4, out of a total of 12 intercepting ZEKES were shot down. At 1625KL, a enemy 5000 ton tpt was left sinking as a result of bombing by Allied A/C.

4. TIMOR

Reports indicate skirmishes between our tps and hostile natives in TURISCAI AREA. It is also reported that Japanese and hostile natives are in BETANG-KELAN River Area. No activity elsewhere apart from landing of sups by Japs at LAVAL previously referred to.

5. ENEMY EQPT

Jap Cardboard Bomb

Reports to hand state that the Japanese are using a HE bomb with a cardboard outer casing. The purpose of this bomb could be to introduce fright, also for its blast effect against light structures.

Unconfirmed infm about the bomb states that :--

- (i) Such bombs are freely used and range from 12" to 3' 6" long and up to 8" in diameter.
- (ii) The bombs are initiated with standard Jap impact type fuzs.
- (iii) A piece of glass tubing was found near one of these bombs. This may possibly be the housing for a standard type gauge. Any additional infm, or confirmation of the use of this bomb, should be forwarded immediately to this HQ.

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Compiled from information received between 1800 hrs 27 Dec 42 and 1100 hrs
 4 Jan 43

NOTE: Information contained herein will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity.

During the period under review, EA only visited DARWIN Area on one occasion, that being on 28 Dec, when one ZEKU accompanied by either a DINAH or LILY, was over BACHELOR, HUGHES and DARWIN TOWN.

Enemy float planes, however, attacked an Allied convoy in the vicinity of WESSEL Island.

(b) Own Air Activity

Attacks by Allied A/C on targets in TIMOR have continued during the period under review. Further raids were carried out on FUJIORO, and as yet, this drome does not appear to be completed as pers were recently observed working on the runway. Our A/C also paid visits to the various islands NE of TIMOR.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

Enemy A/C were more active but Allied A/C still maintain mastery of the air.

On 27 Dec, 30 enemy Fs and 8 dive-Bs whilst over BUNA, were intercepted by our Fs. 9 Fs and 2 dive-Bs were definitely shot down and on 26 Dec BOBADURA, 4 more Fs were destroyed with 3 probables.

(b) Own Air Activity

Our A/C have been particularly active, and besides intercepting enemy A/C, have carried out many successful bombing and strafing attacks on enemy shipping, dromes, dumps, installations and posns.

(c) Land Operations.

Pressure had been maintained by Allied Forces, but no marked change has taken place in the SOPUPA-SANANANDA Area, where our forces have received considerable opposition. Although fwd elements of our tps are past the rd block 5000 yds from SANANANDA Point, the main body of our forces has only made slight adv.

Our forces have been more successful in the Strips Area, despite fierce resistance from enemy located in concrete shelters and behind barricades. Practically the whole of the old strip area is in our possession.

The mopping up of the Japanese in Cape ENDAIADERE continues.

At the GOVT STA Area, Allied tps greatly assisted by tks, have crossed from ENTRANCE Creek through to the Beach. Our tps hold the whole of the area from the old strip NORTH to GIROPA Point, incl GOVT STA Area.

3. DUTCH NEW GUINEA

The Japanese have shown increased interest in this Territory. In Int Summary No 117, it was reported the Japanese had landed at KAUKENAU. On 30 Dec, 22 EA raided the town of MERAUKE, and on the following day, 18 hy Bs attacked the same place. Damage was caused to the town area, but only slight casualties were reported.

4. NEW BRITAIN

Enemy shipping concentrated at RABAU has received severe hammering from our A/C. Many direct hits have been registered and a number of ships sunk. GASHATA drome was also raided many times during the period under review.

5. SOLOMONS

It is reported that the Japanese strength in REKATA Bay Area, SANTA YSABEL Island, has increased to 4000. At QUADALCANAL, the Americans are still engaged on mopping up.

MUNDA in NEW GEORGIA has received a great deal of attention from Allied A/C.

6. TIMOR

In the CENTRAL Area, hostile natives led by Japs have been active mainly in the TURISCAI, MOABISSE, AINARO, SAME Area. This activity has been confined to scouring these areas for the purpose of burning native huts and destroying any sources of food supply that may be available to our forces.

No increased activity has been reported from the WESTERN area.

Enemy activity along the NORTH coast and in the EASTERN end of TIMOR Is has been reported.

7. ENEMY EQPT

(a) Fragmentation of Jap Bombs /Shells etc: The following information has been recently received from NG :--

(i) Type 97 Hand Grenade: Explodes with great noise, but is not effective owing to poor fragmentation. In one specific case 58 grenades (fired from a discharger) caused only one slight casualty.

(ii) 81 mm Mortar Bombs Fragmentation most effective.

(iii) Arty: Fragmentation of 70 mm (mortar gun) and 75 mm (mountain gun) shells was excellent.

(b) Jap Bangalore Torpedo: Details of the above, captured at MILNE BAY, have received from HQ NG Force.

The BANGALORE torpedo consists of six, 3 ft strips of bamboo, lashed together to form a cylindrical tube approx 4" in diameter.

Five individual explosive charges are spaced evenly within the cylinder, through which runs a primer cord. A detonator and short length of igniter fuze is att to the end of the primer cord. The detonator causes the charges to explode almost instantaneously.

(c) 37 mm Tk Guns: A preliminary examination of the two 37 mm guns, removed from Jap tks landed at MILNE BAY, reveals the following info:--

Type	Model 94
Length of Barrel (incl breach)	53 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins
Breach	Semi-automatic. Loading handle on right of breach.
Mounting	Gun barrel is mounted in a metal block pivoted within an outer frame. This allows considerable lateral movement independent of turret traverse. Outer frame is pivoted on a trunion projecting from either side of turret embrasure thus allowing elevation and depression.
Sights	A bracket on the left side of gun carries a telescopic sight. A small sighting hole is drilled through the block mounting.
Firing Mechanism	A pistol grip and trigger is fitted to sight bracket (immediately below telescope)
Recoil system	Supplied by strong spring housed in a block immediately beneath gun.

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Compiled from information received between 1100 hrs 4 Jan 43 and
1100 hrs 11 Jan 43.

NOTE Information contained herein will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

NIL.

(b) Own Air Activity

Targets in TIMOR were attacked by our A/C during the period under review with satisfactory results.

On 6 Jan, an enemy destroyer was sighted and attacked. Direct hits set it on fire. When last seen, the destroyer was being towed away down at the stern and on fire.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

Enemy A/C activity was still on a reduced scale.

(b) Own Air Activity

Allied A/C were particularly active during the period under review. LAE drome appeared to have been singled out for attention.

On 6 Jan 43, an enemy convoy consisting of 2 lt cruisers, a destroyer and 4 tpts was sighted SOUTH of GASMATA. This convoy was solidly attacked by our A/C during the convoys journey to LAE. Despite very severe air battles, our Bs succeeded in destroying 3 enemy vessels, whilst 3 others were badly damaged. At least 90 enemy A/C were destroyed in this and other operations, whilst 50 were badly damaged.

Considering the magnitude of the operation, our A/C losses were slight. Enemy reinforcements succeeded in landing at LAE, but the number as yet is not known.

(c) Land Operations

Following on the successful attacks reported last week, our forces have continued their adv and the whole of the BUNA Area with the exception of a few isolated enemy posts is in our hands. These posts are being cleared up.

The scene of activity has now changed to SANANANDA. Allied tps, after meeting some opposition at TARAKENA, succeeded in routing the enemy, and are advancing on strongly entrenched enemy fortifications in the SANANANDA Area. In addition, Allied tps are coming down the coast from GUNA. The enemy appear to be encircled by our tps on 3 sides with the beach at their backs.

Owing to the nature of the country, our tps are finding difficulty in advancing along the SOPUTA-SANANANDA track. Our forces have to advance through swampy country whilst the enemy is situated on high ground.

3. DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

NERADKE was again raided by EA on 9 Jan.

4. NEW BRITAIN

Shipping at RABOUL was bombed on a number of occasions with good results. During one attack, 5, possibly 6, of 12 intercepting ZEPES were shot down.

The airdrome at GASMATA was the object of raids by Allied A/C. Enemy installations at the drome were damaged.

5. SOLOMONS

Allied tps on GUADALCANAL are still endeavouring to clear the Japs out of their strongholds at MT AUSTEN and MATANIKAU. High ground in the vicinity of the former place was taken, and when the enemy attempted to counter attack, it was successfully repulsed.

Allied A/C continued carrying out attacks on aerodromes at MUNDA and BUIN.

6. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

(a) Armour piercing Magnetized Bomb

A specimen of a Jap Armour Piercing Magnetized Bomb, captured recently at IORIBAIWA, has been received by LHQ.

While this bomb is as yet unidentified in regard to model, number, etc it is possible that it is similar to the type 1 mentioned in "Japanese Army -- Notes on Inf Weapons, March '42".

Although some difference in shape exists in comparison of this bomb with the type 1, it is possible that this is due to inaccurate info supplied by POW (interrogated during MALAYAN BURMA Campaign,) who furnished the particulars of the type 1 bomb.

A description of this bomb has been forwarded to units in this HQ memo 37/4/1 of Jan 5. Additional information is as under:-

FUZE

Delayed action percussion type 5 1/2" long over all and is secured to the bomb by a threaded brass collar.

The protruding end of the fuze consists of an aluminium plunger, prevented from being depressed by a safety (split) pin to which is att a length of string for withdrawing purposes.

(b) Interchangeability of SAA

Tests have been made to ascertain whether British 9 mm and .303 in Mk VII SAA can be used in Jap MGs.

The results of the tests, to date, are as follows :--

- (i) 9 mm SAA as used in the British Sten SMG and the Aust AUSTEN SMG is NOT suitable for use in Jap Med MGs.
- (ii) .303 in Mk VII SAA is NOT suitable for use with the 7.7 mm "JUNK" type '92' MG owing to chamber difference

Tests are still being made on a MG of approx .303 in calibre and also a MG which may take our .5 A Tr Rifle SAA.

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Information received between 2100 hrs 11 Jan 49
and 2100 hrs 12 Jan 49.

Information contained herein will be passed to all ranks.

(a) Air Activity

Enemy aircraft activity in general is very low has not been seen in
the area.

(b) Land Operations

Operations were again active over TILDA and islands in the BANDA Sea
with satisfactory results.

(c) Summary

(a) Air Activity

Enemy aircraft activity continues to be on a reduced scale. Evidently the
enemy, after the severe hammering of last week, is still licking its
wounds.

(b) Land Operations

In this, as in other sectors of the SPPA, the initiative has been
maintained during the period under review.
Bombing and strafing attacks have been made on enemy areas of
concentration, installations, shipping, etc.
Landing operations were raised on a number of occasions with good results.
Landed units assisted greatly in the break-through of the rd block on
the SOPUTA - BANAWANDA track.
Elements of the enemy convoy that reached LAE (referred to in "I"
Summary No 135) was attacked on journey to GASHATA.

(c) Land Operations

After being held up by the rd block on SOPUTA - BANAWANDA track, our
land forces supported by the, throughout night 13/14 Jan, maintained
pressure from SOUTH, EAST and WEST on enemy posns, and by afternoon
of 14 Jan, had the whole of the area under their control, and are
now engaged in seeking out the estimated total of 200 Japs endeavour-
ing to escape towards GAMA - BANAWANDA track. Our main force continued
adv along track without opposition and on 15 Jan, was at a point
3700 yds SW KILBERTON. Adv parties 1000 - 2000 yds ahead of main
party report whole area free of opposition except for small pocket
of resistance NORTHWEST track junction, which is being engaged.

In the coastal belt, our troops are steadily adv on caps KILBERTON and
have reached plantation 1300 yds N of June. The Japs are still
holding out at BINWA and our force is held up 400 yds NW from
TAKANA.

It is reported that a large force of Japs is concentrating NW of the
KARAWA River Mouth. The enemy is busy consolidating his posns at
TUBO and LABU. Barges containing troops and stores have been noticed
plying between LABU and LABU.

(d) BUSH NEW GUINEA

Operations were raised for the seventh occasion on 12 Jan.

4. NEW BRITAIN

A number of Allied attacks have been launched against enemy shipping in vicinity of GASMATA. 1 vessel was probably sunk and hits were scored on other vessels.

The aerodrome at GASMATA was also bombed, but results were not observed.

Visual observations indicate a slight decrease in merchant vessels concentrated in RABAUL.

5. SOLOMONS

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There is little significance reported in the period under review. The movement of small sea craft towards MUNDA indicates reinfts and sups are being sent to the drome.

Enemy shipping in the SOLOMON Islands area has been attacked from time to time with satisfactory results. Buildings and wharf at SCRAKEN, 8 Mls SSE BUKA Passage, were destroyed by Allied Bs on 10 Jan

No further infm is to hand on fighting at GUADALCANAL.

7. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION

Further to Appendix "A" to NT Force Int Summary No 136, additional infm on A/C identification is set out as appendix "C".

(a) SINGLE ENGINED OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT

It is not intended to give a full description of the A/C but rather to mention one or two salient pts in their appearance as a basis from which one can be distinguished from another.

It is suggested that silhouettes of the A/C mentioned be examined in conjunction with the following notes.

FIGHTER AIRCRAFT Our own Fs have in-line engines and consequently fairly long pointed noses. The Japs all have radial engines and short blunt noses. It is true that the ME 109s are thought to be in use by the Japs, but they have rarely been seen and it is doubtful if they will operate over this area due to their short range.

The Spitfire, the P40 and the ME 109 from a side view are very similar, only the cooling radiator which juts out below the nose of the P40 is noticeable. From head on they are again much like one another with the exception of the Spitfire, which has the distinctive of the radiator beneath the starboard wing. Their wing outlines fortunately are very different.

The Spitfire has elliptical wings. On the P40, they are straight in front and tapered along the trailing edge, in fact at a height they look very much as if they jutted forward.

The ME 109 has evenly tapered wings with rather square tips.

Both the Messerschmidt and the Spitfire have long fuselages aft of the wing. The P40 is shorter here but has a much longer nose.

Our own radial engined A/C in this area, the Wirraway, Vultee Vengeance the Buffalo and the Lancer are fairly easy to distinguish from one another.

The Wirraway with the sweep back on the leading edge of the wing and the trailing edge straight. The Vengeance, a much larger A/C with a high narrow rudder and an odd shaped wing, which in front starts swept back and then continues straight, where as on the trailing edge, it starts straight near the wing root and then tapers towards the tip.

The Buffalo is very small, has a barrel like fuselage, with mid wing which has no dihedral. The wing is straight along the leading edge with a slightly tapered trailing edge. The wing tips are round with most of the curve at the back.

The Lancer of 1943 is similar in wing shape to the Buffalo but with more taper on the trailing edge.

It is a low wing monoplane with a longer nose and fuselage than the Buffalo.

Enemy single radial engine A/C which may be seen are :-

"ABDUL"	T 97 Mitsubishi Navy F
"NATE"	T 97 ARMY and NAVY F
"ZEKE"	Zero navy F
"HAP"	A F similar to a ZERO
"VAL"	T 99 Dive B

ABDUL has elliptical wings, a short stubby fuselage and a bulbous type of nose. The back of the cockpit pares down to the rudder. beyond which the fuselage protrudes.

NATE The most noticeable is the fixed undercarriage with spatted wheels. The nose tapers into the fuselage which does not protrude beyond the rudder. The wings are slightly tapered with rather more on the trailing than on the leading edge.

ZEKE Has a longer nose and fuselage than either NATE or ABDUL, an evenly tapered wing, a streamlined cockpit cover, and a large straight-sided rudder which extends beyond the elevators. Both ABDUL and NATE have the after end of the rudder curved. The fuselage also does not taper so finely as the others.

VAL Elliptical wings, a fixed undercarriage with spats, a fairly high triangular straight-sided rudder comparatively long nose for a radial engine A/C, as well as a long cockpit cover, are distinguishing points of this A/C.

(b) MULTI - ENGINED OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT

The two small twin-engined A/C in this area, the Beaufighter and the Lockheed Lightning, are easy to distinguish. The Beaufighter from its very short nose which does not protrude beyond the engine nacelles. The radial engines and single tail.

The Lightning by the twin booms from the incline engines back to the twin rudders. The wing is sharply tapered.

The Fed Bs, the Hudson, the B25 and the B26 have the following differences:- The Hudson, a very fat fuselage, twin egg-shaped rudders, sharply tapered wings with the flap guides protruding from the trailing edge, and a circular turret on top of the fuselage, just forward of the tail.

The B25 from below has a very narrow fuselage and a very angular tail assembly with the twin rudders.

The B26 has a single rudder, a streamlined fuselage and very short tapered wings. It is a high wing monoplane, the Hudson and B25 being mid-wing.

The Lt Bs with 4 engines are the Fortress or B17 and the Liberator or B24.

The Fortress has a long narrow fuselage with a large single rudder fixed into the fuselage. The wings are very broad at the roots and a ball-shaped turret is set to the belly of the plane. The tail is triangular in shape.

The Liberator, in comparison, has a very fat fuselage, twin oval-shaped rudders and a straight tail plane. The wings also appear narrower than those of the B17 and are set further back along the body of the plane.

JAPANESE MEDIUM BOMBERS

" NELL "	T96	Mitsubishi	Navy B
" SALLY "	T97	"	Army B
" BETTY "	T 1	"	Navy B

Their wings are similar, all fairly sharply tapered, but the "NELL" has the Junkers double wing, and a slit is noticeable right along the trailing edge.

The fuselage of "NELL" and "SALLY" taper to a pt at the tail whereas in the "BETTY" the fuselage is more cigar-shaped and circular turrets from both ends.

"NELL" has twin angular-shaped rudders. "SALLY" has one, which is vertical at the back and sloping in front.

"BETTY" has one rudder, sloping at back and front, beyond which the fuselage protrudes.

They are all midwing with 2 radial engines.

Of the Japanese Lt Bs "LUCKY" and "DINAH" there is a lack of info.

Both are smaller than the three just mentioned, have two radial engine and fairly sharply tapered wings.

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23 AUSTRALIAN BOEING INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 121

(Compiled from information received between 1100 hrs 18 Jan 43 and 1100 hrs 22 Jan 43.)

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DAERWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

On 19 Jan. our unidentified twin-engined, low wing monoplane was sighted over WYNDAM, whilst another was detected approaching DAEWIN from the direction of Cape FOURCROY. P40s attempting interception reported sighting EA in vicinity of VERNON Island.

The enemy aircraft considered to be type BETTY dropped approx 5 bombs in vicinity McMILLANS during night 20/21 Jan. Two P40s intercepted and one burst from one P40's guns was seen to enter a B without apparent result.

During night 21/22 Jan. 2 EA type BETTY were again over the area. Bombs were dropped in the vicinity of DRIPSTONE and FRANCIS BAY and swamp without any damaging results. Allied P A/C attempted interception

(b) Own Air Activity

Allied A/C have been active during the period under review. Long range patrols were carried out by Liberator A/C.

A number of vessels were observed in HALONG Harbour, but details were not obtained owing to interception by 2 ZEKES, one of which was shot down.

Patrols carried out over islands to the NE TIMOR and also on LAUTEM and MILORO.

On two occasions, EA were intercepted and it is considered that one intercepting float plane was shot down at DOBO.

Bombfighters also made attacks on targets in TIMOR.

On 21 Jan. 3 Liberators attacked shipping at AMSON.

The attack was made from a med altitude on the cruiser and MV. One direct hit and three near misses were scored on the cruiser and one direct hit and three near misses on one 4000 ton MV.

Interception was made by 15-20 ZEKES and in the resultant clash, 2 ZEKES were shot down, 1 probably, and 2 damaged.

NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

EA made two attacks on Allied dromes in the MILNE Bay Area. No damage as a result of these raids has been reported. A further attack was made by 32 enemy A/C on Allied posns in the vicinity of SIMEMI Creek and the old BUNA Strip, also without damage.

2. NEW GUINEA

(b) Own Air Activity

Allied air effort has been successfully directed against the aerodrome and enemy installations at LAE.

MADANG and FIHSCHEMAYEN have also been successfully bombed on a number of occasions.

(c) Land Operations.

As a result of the pressure being maintained by Allied forces enemy resistance in the remaining areas shows signs of weakening.

For some time past the position in the SOPUTA + SANANANDA track and the coastal area from BUNA GOVT STA to WYE POINT has been somewhat confused.

Allied patrols have been active in the MUBO area.

3. NEW BRITAIN

Allied A/C are consistently bombing enemy shipping at RABOUL. Direct hits were obtained on 2 MV whilst near misses on many other vessels within the harbour.

CAPE CLOUCESTER and GASMATA aerodromes were also raided.

4. SOLOMONS

Information has now been received that Allied troops have launched a strong attack against the Japanese remaining on the Island of GUADALCANAL. From reports received it appears to have been very successful.

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Unit 8 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From FEBRUARY To 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42 MILE" Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6 157652.	1 FEB	0800	Weather fine, hot, visibility good.	
		0930	Bn pde.	
		1000	Month of individual weapon trg commenced. All personnel who could be spared from essential duties taking part.	
			Coy comds attended arty co-op school at 42 Bty (37 42 MILE) as per scrud BnHQ, all coys and personnel maintain state of preparedness to AT ALL TIMES to move at short notice for tactical exercises or operations.	Appx. 5.
	2 FEB	Weather fine		
		0900	Weather fine and hot, visibility good.	
		0930	Weapon trg as per syllabus.	
		0930	I.O.?T.O., Sgt Ferguson and guides from each coy joined Bde recce parties in recce of COOMALIE CK area.	
		1000	23 Bde "I" Summary No 122 received.	All informed.
		1600	14 Coy AASC vehicles visited Bn area to acquaint their personnel with area.	Appx. 14.
	3 FEB	0530	Warning order for EXERCISE in KNUCKEYS LAGOON area received	
		0700	Bn moved out per M.T. on exercise as per 8 Bn Standing O.I. for Sudden Move.	Appx W.D. JAN. JAN 43.
		0915	Bn HQ established vicinity KNUCKEYS LAGOON	
		0950	Bn completely in position.	
		1113	N.T.FORCE concluded.	
		1130	Bn commenced move back to "42 MILE".	
		1435	Bn arrived "42" MILE". Remainder of day "Make and Mend".	
		2000	Coys on night compass marches.	
	4 FEB	Weather fine		
		0800	Weather fine, overcast, some showers. Visibility fair, variable.	



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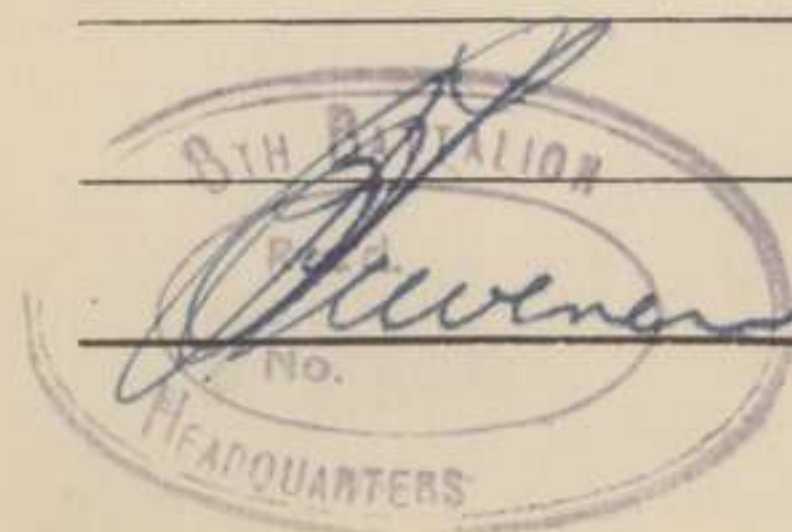
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN area. N.T. "42 MILE". Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6 157652.	4 FEB (cont-)	0930	Trg as per syllabus. IO, Sgt Ferguson and coy guides made further recce of COOMALIE CK area.	
		1500	Coy comds conference with CO, 2 i/c, TO, IO.	
	5 FEB	0800	Weather fine, visibility fair, overcast.	
		1500	Coy comds made recce of COOMALIE CK area with IO.	
		1900	Field Strength Returns W/3008/9 issued Bn HQ.	Appx. 1.
	6 FEB	0800	Weather fine, visibility fair, variable.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
		1100	IO visited 23 Bde.	
		1115	23 Bde Sitrep I987 received.	Contents noted. Appx. 18
		2000	23 Bde Sitrep I988 received.	Contents noted. Appx. 18
	7 FEB	0815	Weather fine, visibility fair.	
		0930	Church parades. Day of rest for unit.	
		1445	A/CO, CC HQ Coy, IO, TO, Sgt Ferguson and coy guides made recce QUARINTINE RD area.	
		1500	Bn syllabus of trg for week commencing 8 FEB issued Bnhq.	Appx. 6
	8 FEB	0830	Weather fine, cloudy, some showers, visibility poor.	
		0945	Bn pde.	
		1000	Coy comds, IO and I section and coy guides made further recce of CHARING CROSS area. Some personnel trade tested at ADELAIDE RIVER.	
		1500	A/CO, IO and Sgt GUY made recce CHARING CROSS area.	
	9 FEB	0800	Weather fine and hot, visibility good. Showers during day.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
		1000	A/CO, IO, Coy comds, Sgt Ferguson and coy guides made further recce of CHARING CROSS area.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42 MILES. Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6 157652.	9 FEB (cont)	1330	23 Bde Sitrep I 996 received	Appdx. 18.
		1930	All N.C.O.s attend lecture at 7 Bn. on Jap tactics and characteristics. The first of a series of lectures.	
		2000	Lecture on JAP tactics given to all Bde Officers in old Officers mess by Col. WOLFENDEN attended by G.C.C. Maj. Gen. Stevens and Brig. Potts	
		2030	Copies 4, 15, 16 8 Bn. Standing Op. Instn for immediate move received	
		2100	23 Bde. I Summary No. 123 received	Noted Appdx. 10. All informed Appdx. 15.
	10 Feb	0800	Weather fine visibility fair	
		0930	Trg. as per Syllabus	
		1600	8 Bn. Standing Order for sudden move amended. Par 3(a) F All copies previous Op. Int. for sudden move (Appdx. Jan.) withdrawn.	All copies amended. App Appdx. 10
		1930	All N.C.O.s attended lecture at Bde HQ on JAP tactics and characteristics given by Sgt.	
		2000	All Bde Officers attended further lecture in 8 Bn. old Officers mess given by G.C.C. Col. Wolfenden on Jap tactics etc.	
	11 Feb	0800	Weather fine visibility fair	
		0930	Training as per Syllabus	
		1000	G.C.C. D. Coy. I.O.I Cpl. made recce. of OBSERVATION HILL area part of journey on horses	
		1730	All N.C.O.s attended further lecture on JAP tactics etc. at Bde HQ.	
		2000	All Bde Officers attended lecture in 8 Bn old Officers Mess on Jap tactics etc. at Bde HQ given by Col. Wolfenden. Lecture attended by G.C.C. and Brig. Potts.	
	12 FEB	0800	Weather fine, visibility fair.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus	



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Unit 8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From FEBRUARY 1943. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA. N.T. " @ 12 MILES Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6 157652.	12 FEB (cont)	1030	Officers and NCOs moved to DARWIN to take part in demo of JAP tactics at EAST POINT.	
		1100	23 Bde Sitrep I6 received. Contents noted.	Appdx. 18.
		2000	Further lecture on JAP tactics given in old officers mess by Col. WOLFENDEN to all Bde officers.	
		2000	All NCOs attended lecture at Bde HQ on JAP tactics etc.	Appdx. 2.
		20000	Field Strength Returns W3008/9 issued.	
	13 FEB	0800	Weather overcast, showers and heavy rain during day.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
		0945	IO, OC A Coy, one I OR made recce OBSERVATION HILL area.	
		0945	Party of Coy comds Pl Sgts, section leaders and Sgt Ferguson made recce CHARING CROSS area.	Appdx. 13A.
		1000	Received 8 Bn Sig. Diagram for FEB. from Sig. Office.	
	14 FEB	0800	Weather fine, visibility fair, variable.	
		0930	Church parades.	
		1445	A/CO and IO made recce CHARING CROSS area.	
		1800	Syllabus of Trg received for week commencing 15 FEB.	Appdx. 7.
	15 FEB	0900	Weather fine, dull.	
		0930	Party including IO, some Pl comds, section leaders and I section made recce of CHARING CROSS area.	
		1030	Sgt WEBBE m/o BONEGILIA to Sig. Instructors Trg School. Sgt G UY m/o LHQ Intelligence School, BRISBANE. Sgt WRIGHT and Cpl HOLT m/o OCTU ADELAIDE.	
	16 FEB	1030	23 Bde Sitrep I 19 received. Contents noted.	Appdx. 18.
		0930	Weather, fine, hot, dull.	
		0845	A/CO, Adj, IO left to RV with Bde Comd at PIONEER CRK. Brig. Comd. issued orders re forthcoming Bde XXXXXX exercise to be held in that area.	
		2030	23 Bde Intelligence Summary No 124 received.	All informed. APPNDX. 16



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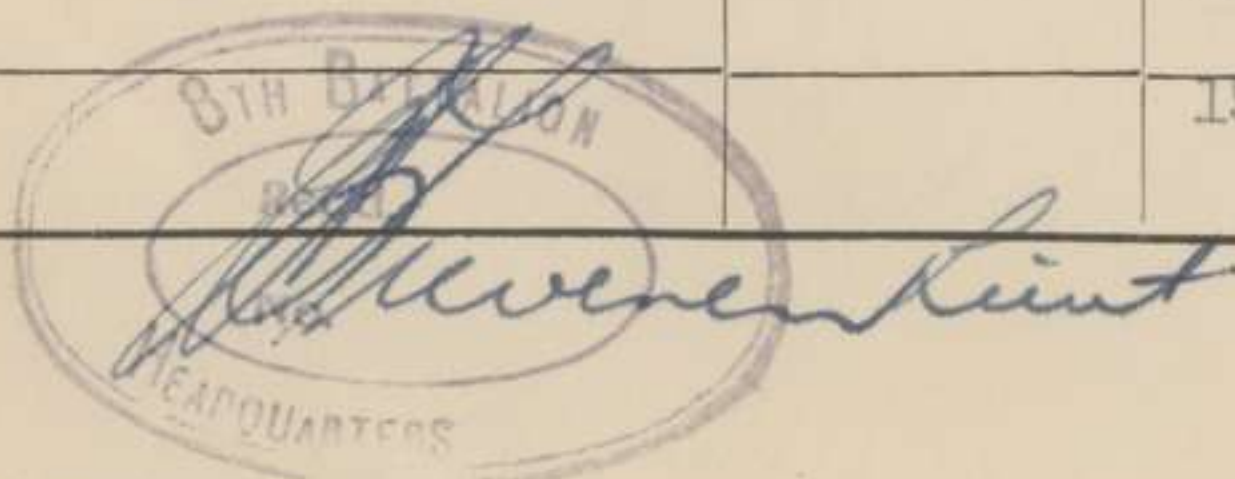
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Unit 8 AUST. INF .BN.

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DARWIN. N.T. "42 MILE" Ref Map Darwin Sheet 6 157652.	0800 17 FEB	0800	Clearing of grass around tents, offices etc completed.	Vide Standing
		0930	Weather fine, visibility good. Trg as per syllabus.	Order for fire. Appndx. 13
		0945	9 ORs m/o to transfer to RAAF aircrew, 12 personnel passed and NOT released by Bn.	accepted
	18 FEB	0030 0030	Lieut K.B.E. Raff m/i from 23Bde HQ, posted to C coy. 8 Bn O.O No 1 and 8 Bn Trg Instrn No 1 issued by Bnhq re forthcoming exercise.	appdx 11 appdx 12
		0740	Bn moved out on NT Force Exercise conducted in PIONEER CREEK-CHARLOTTE RIVER-OBSERVATION area.	
		1200	Weather dull with frequent heavy showers. Visibility variable. Bn arrived and debussed vicinity PIONEER CRK.	
		1230	Bn commenced march to OLD PIONEER CAMP SITE, CHARLOTTE RIVER.	
		2000	Bn completely in position at above location.	
	19 FEB		Bn on exercise. Patrols established. Communication with Bde HQ difficult. By runner only.	
		2200	Weather conditions similar to those obtaining on 18 FEB. Bn commenced "withdrawal" to PIONEER CREEK.	
	20 FEB		Weekly Field Strength Returns W 3003/9 issued. Weather dull, some showers during day. Visibility poor.	Appdx. 3
		1100	Bn arrived embussing point, 3 miles EAST of PIONEER CREEK.	
		1315	Bn arrived back at permanent site "42 MILE" on completion of exercise.	
		1500	Sitrep 131 received from 23 Bde.	
		1900 1900	Sgts MCCARTEN, BILLS, and HAWKER promoted to rank of A/Lieut.	
	21 FEB	0800	Weather fair showers during day visibility variable	
		0930	Church parades Day of rest for Unit	
		1500	Syllabus of training for week Comm 22 FEB with amendment issued	Appdx. 9



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DARWIN, N.T. "42 MILE" Ref Map Darwin Sheet 6 157652	21 FEB	1800	Coy. Comdts. conference with C.O. to discuss recent exercise	
	22 FEB	0800	Weather: fair cloudy during day, visibility fair	
		0930	Training and Range practice carried during day	
		1000	Adm. Comd. attended conference of C.O.s at Bde. HQ.	
			Lieut RAPP conducted road patrol as per 23 Bde OI 15 repo	Recce. file
	23 FEB	0800	Weather: fair, visibility dull variable	
		0930	Training as per syllabus and Range practices	
		1600	Sitrep I42 recd from Bde	Appdx. 18
	24 FEB	2030	Pictures held in Bn. area	
		0800	Weather: fair, visibility dull variable	
		0930	Trg. as per syllabus Range practices etc.	
		1100	Maj. Edwards and Capt. Thompson leave area to observe A/TK shoot by Bn. A/TK Pl. at LEE POINT	
		1700	Raining steadily	
		1700	23 Bde. I Summary No. 125 received	All informed
	25 FEB	1700	23 Bde. Road Recce. reports (O.I. 15) received	Appdx. 17
		0800	Weather: fine, visibility variable	
		0900	Working party strength 1 Pl. moved to PIONEER CREEK on road repairs	
		0930	Memo S 216/140/I re Code names received from 23 Bde	Code file
		0930	23 Bde memo S239/7/1 re NT Force Defence Scheme received,	Op. file.
		1000	received DF 16 (Divisional Field Code No 16) US and BRITISH ARMIES, for use in SWPA. Commenced practise between 8 Bn and Bde.	
		1700	23 Bde Sitrep received I52.	Appdx. 18
	26 FEB	0900	Weather, slight wind from NW, heavy rain 0900-0945.	
		1030	Practice shoot by mortar pl. 30 rounds fr ref map DARWIN sheet 6154660 and Bn area 153652.	

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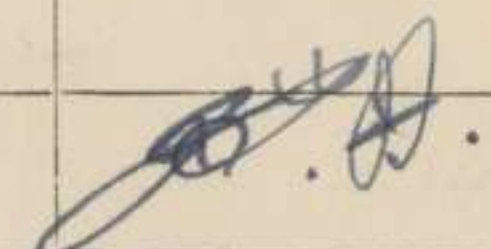
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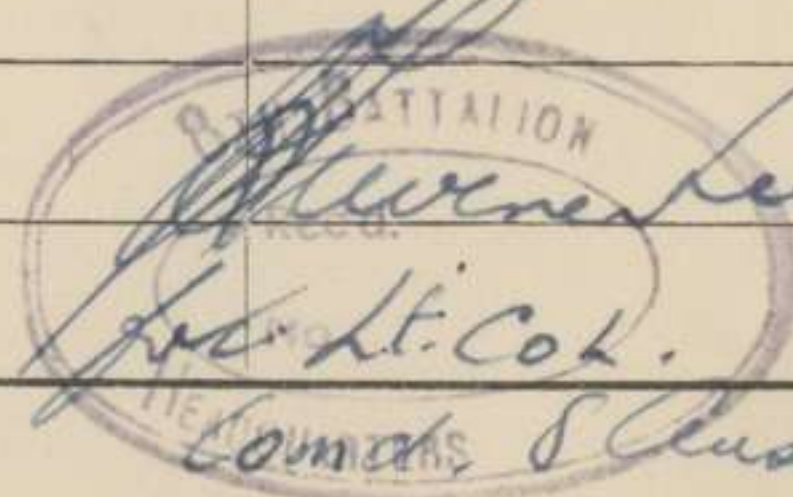
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	1943.			
DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42 MILE" Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6. 157652.	26 FEB (CONT)	1030 1900	Lieut. Raff conducted road recce (as per O.I. 15.23 Bde.) Lieut-Col MONTGOMERY returned to unit after period of special duty in NEW GUINEA.	Track Report File
	27 FEB	1930 2000 0900	23 Bde Sitrep 154 received. <i>7d Strength Returns W/3008/9 issued, dated 26 FEB.</i> Weather, heavy rain fell during greater part of day and night. Visibility poor.	Appndx. 18. Appendix 4.
		0930 1500	Trg as per syllabus. Sgt Boucher of N.T. Force Cipher section (att. 23 Bde) visited "I" office and withdrew Code DFC16.	
		1600	23 Bde Road Recce Report dated 26 FEB received.	Road Recce File.
	28 FEB	0830 0930 1000 1300	Visibility poor. Rain fell during greater part of day and night. Church parades. Day of rest for unit. Lieut. HAWKER and 30 ORs moved to Adv HQ. NT Force for one weeks guard duties. Sitrep 157 received from 23 Bde.	Appndx. 18.




W. J. Lewis
 Lt. Col.
 Command & Control by PW

PART 11.

UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

8TH BATTALION
HEADQUARTERS
Robert Smith

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No. 32

by

Major J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

1 FEB 43

70. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 1 FEB 43:-

DUTY COY	"A" COY.
Orderly Officer	Lieut R.G. Newhill
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. McHugh G.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Sanderson L.C.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Simpson A.W.
Guards	1 NCO & 9 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

L.A. Thompson
Lieut.
Adj 8 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 32 Dated 1 FEB 43HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

V57986	Pte. McWhirter	K.L.	Evac to 119 AGH	26/1/43
V112805	" Jackson	A.L.	" " " "	"

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V52875	Pte. Wright	H.A.	Rejoined Unit	31/1/43
VX65961	" Cleveland	C.J.	" "	1/2/43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.33

by.

Maj. J. J. Edwards *Adm Comd* 8 AUST INF BN ,
2 Feb 4371. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 2 Feb 43

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. B. T. S. Bayes
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Ayres D. G.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Hillgrove K.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Phillippi H.
Guards	1 NCO & 9 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

72. WEARING OF IDENTITY DISCS

The importance of wearing identity discs at all times should again be impressed upon all ranks, and attention drawn to 8 Aust Inf Bn RO.245 dated 27 Dec 42, para 2 sub-para 4 .

C. W. Thompson
C. W. THOMPSON, Lieut
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.33 dated 2 Feb 43HOSPITAL DISCHARGES

V52920	Pte	BRACKEN	D.	M/I from hospital	2 Feb 43
V52827	Pte	HARRISON	H.	" " "	2 Feb 43
V112796	Pte	VOIGHT	R.	" " "	2 Feb 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 34

by

Major. J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

3 FEB 43

73. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 3 FEB 43:-

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer
 Orderly Corporal
 Battalion Runner
 Battalion Runner
 Guards

"C" COY

Lieut T.R. Bruce
 L/Cpl Tatt B.E.N.
 Pte. Stewart A.G.
 Pte. Matthews S.T.
 1 NCO & 9 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY"D" COY74. EMERGENCY LANDINGS BY AIRCRAFT

On occasions it has been necessary for aircraft to land on NA RD. On these occasions serious accidents to vehicles using the road have been narrowly averted. Drivers will therefore be warned that if aircraft are observed flying at very low altitude over the road vehicles will immediately move to the side of the road to enable the aircraft to land.

75. DANGEROUS ENCLOSURES IN PARCELS FORWARDED BY POST

1. A fire aboard a ship carrying valuable supplies, including explosives, was caused recently by spontaneous combustion of wax matches included in mails for Army personnel.
2. All members of the Forces will be instructed to request their relatives and friends not to forward wax matches or charged petrol lighters to them through the post. The dangers as stated will be explained to troops.
3. Franking Officers will delete any request for wax matches or charged petrol lighters from letters.

T.R. Bruce
 FOR. Lieut.
 Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn.

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.35

by

Major . J.J. Edwards , Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

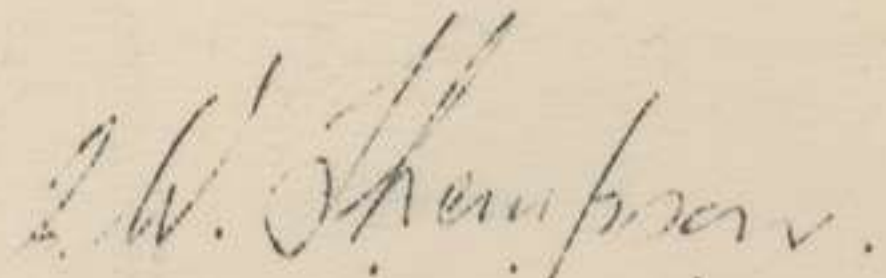
4 Feb 43

76. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 4 Feb 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G.L. Delves
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. New J.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Lowndes L.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Ford W.J.
Guards	1 NCO & 9 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY


C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut
Adj. 8 Aust Inf BnNOTICES

LOST Tropical Cape at debussing point on recent exercise.
V52840 PALMER W A marked inside collar . Finder please return
same to "C" Coy Office .

LOST At AASC Pictures . Tropical Cape on issue to V250281
Pte WATSON F W . Finder please return to "A" Coy Office .

APPENDIX "A" to RO.35 dated 4 Feb 43PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

V245701	Pte POLLARD A R	Apptd L/Cpl	3.2.43
V52846	Pte WHITING W.J.	Apptd L/Cpl	3.2.43

TRANSFERS OUT

V112809	Pte CECINI G.H.	T. 29 Aust Emp Coy	4.2.43
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STRENGTH INCREASE

V64539	Pte LUTZE N.W.	Rejoined Unit ex Hosp.	4.2.43
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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 36

by

Major, J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

5 FEB 43

77. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 5 FEB 43:-

DUTY COY	"A" COY.
Orderly Officer	Lieut R.G. Newhill
Orderly NCO	L/Sgt Hollioake F.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Poustie D.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Tuffnell E.R.
Guards	1 NCO & 9 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

78. CLEARANCE OF GRASS

All Coys will have an area of at least 10ft of grass cleared away from around each tent and Coy buildings. All tracks will be made at least 4ft to 5ft wide. As time permits Coys will clear away all grass in their area.

W. Thompson
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 36

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Post to "X" List)

V52863	Drv Greenbank	R.N.	Evac to Hospital	21/1/43
VX77005	Pte Nelson	N.O.	" " "	28/1/43
V64463	Pte Sullivan	J.M.D.	" " "	27/1/43
V112717	Pte Edgcumbe	C.M.	" " "	"
VX66989	Cpl O'Neil	P.F.	" " "	26/1/43
VX64850	Pte Woolrich	A.E.	" " "	15/1/43

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 37

BY

Major J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

6 FEB 43

79. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 6 FEB 43:-

<u>DUTY COY</u> Orderly Officer Orderly Sergeant Orderly Corporal Bn Runner Guards	<u>"B" COY</u> . Lieut R.B. Bryant Sgt. Hopper J.J. Cpl. Gaskin H.C. Pte. Mutch H.A. 1 NCO & 9 OR.
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NEXT FOR DUTY"C" COY80. CHURCH PDES

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0945 hrs 7 FEB 43. Markers will report as usual.

C of E Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0815 hrs 7 FEB 43.

General Services will be held in Bn Chapel at 1945 hrs and in the Rec Hut at 2050 hrs.

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs in the Bn Chapel on 7 FEB 43. R.C. Padre may be interviewed at Bn Chapel at 2000 hrs tonight, 6 FEB 43.

81. UNIT TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Balance c/f	£343: 2: 10	Expenditure to date:	
Advances		Purch of drums	£ 63: 3: 0
(Canteen		Balance as per	
Profits)	141: 9: 4	Unit Trust A/c	421: 9: 2
	£484: 12: 2		£484: 12: 2

A. H. Thompson
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 37HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V52927 Pte. Billings W.R. Rejoined Unit ex Hospital 5/2/43

REJOINED UNIT EX SEASONAL LEAVE

V245411 Pte Richards R.C. Remove from "X" List 5/2/43

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.38

by

Major J.J. Edwards , Adm Comd 8 AUST INF BN ,

7 Feb 43

82. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 7 Feb 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. E.S. Worrall
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Pollard A.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Carmody L.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Prater N.D.
Guards	1 NCO & 9 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

[Handwritten Signature]
 Lieut.
 Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 38

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX103484	Pte	Maas T.J.L.	Promoted to Gp III Clerk	7 FEB 43
VX63012	Pte	White J.L.	" " " " "	"
V65607	Pte	Stacey M.C.	" " " " "	"

REVERSIONS

V50634	L/Sgt	Hollioake F.	Reverts to rank Cpl	"
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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.39

by

Major J.J. Edwards , Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn ,

8 Feb 43

83. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs

8 Feb 43

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards

"D" COY

Lieut. J.T. Compton
Cpl. Martin F.J.
Pte. Crute L.M.
Pte. Button F.G.
1 NCO & 9 ORsNEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

L.W. Thompson
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.39 dated 8 Feb 43SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

VX103440 Sgt HILTON K.J. LHQ School of P & RT, Special P & RT Course
No.33 , 17 Nov - 11 Dec 42 .
VX103440 Sgt HILTON K.J. Unarmed Combat Course No.10 ,
15 Dec 42 - 8 Jan 43
VX36545 Sgt LILJEROS R. No.13 Map Reading Course 22 Jan 43 : 14 dys

DETACHED FOR DUTY

V50634 Cpl HOLLIOAKE F. Detached Rear HQ NT Force 8.2.43
VX103405 Cpl LAWSON H.D. " " " " " "
VX76582 Pte CHALLIS R.J. " " " " " "

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V112726 Pte IRVING I.H. Rejoined Unit ex Hospital 8.2.43
VX66989 Cpl O'NEILL P.F. " " " " " "
V64463 Pte SULLIVAN J.M. " " " " " "

TAKEN ON STRENGTH

VX77176 Pte HEDDELL W. Taken on Strength as from 9.2.43
VX73595 Pte TURNER E.A. " " " " " "

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

VX55050 Pte McLEOD D.W. 5.2.43
V225120 Pte SEIPOLT R.S. 5.2.43
VX132761 Pte BURNS J.S. 5.2.43

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by

Maj. J. J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn,

9 Feb 43

84. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 9 Feb 43

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer

Orderly Corporal

Battalion Runner

Battalion Runner

Guards

"A" COY

Lieut. A. A. Ross

L/Cpl. Cockayne R.C.

Pte. Kennedy R.J.

Pte. Simpson G.A.

1 NCO & 9 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

85. RECEIPT OF COMFORTS

Receipt is hereby acknowledged from A.C.F. of
Comforts for the month of February 43 .

C. W. Thompson

C. W. THOMPSON, Lieut
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No. 41

by

Major J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

10 FEB 43

86. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 10 FEB 43:-

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. Bayes B.T.S.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Marrett, N.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Gitsham A.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Neil R.H.
Guards	1 NCO & 9 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

L. W. Chapman
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 41PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX63328 L/Cpl. May R.A. Promoted to Rank A/Cpl 10 FEB 43

TAKEN ON STRENGTH

VX77176 Pte. Heddell W. M/I from 29 Aust Emp Coy 9 FEB 43
VX73595 Pte. Turner E. " " " " " " " " " " " "

STRENGTH DECREASE

V58119 Cpl. Callinan G.C. Trans Records Office Vic
L of C Area 27 JAN 43

SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

V58520	Sgt. Wellard J.V.	23 Bde Anti-Malaria Course	6/9 FEB 43
V225069	Pte. Winfield D.W.	" " " " " "	" "
VX103450	Pte. Work F.J.	" " " " " "	" "
VX60020	Pte. Burns G.J.	" " " " " "	" "
V235525	Pte. Wood P.	" " " " " "	" "
V240040	L/Cpl Williams W.	" " " " " "	" "
V175263	Pte. Field T.W.	" " " " " "	" "
VX69070	Pte. Ryan T.P.P.P.	" " " " " "	" "

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

V57428 Pte. Walsh T.G. Leave W/O Pay 25 Dec 42 to
4 Jan 43 (11 days)

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by

Major. J.J. Edwards , Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn ,

11 Feb 43

87. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 11 Feb 43

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards

"C" COY

Lieut. T.R. Bruce
L/Cpl. Whiting W.J.R.
Pte. Johnson A.H.
Pte. Williams S.J.
1 NCO & 9 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

C.W. THOMPSON , Lieut
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.42 dated 11 Feb 43

STRENGTH INCREASE

V52863	Pte GREENBANK R.N.	M/I remove from "X" List	11.2.43
V112717	Pte EDGE CUMBE C.M.	" " " " "	"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No. 43

by

Major J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

12 FEB 43

88. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 12 FEB 43:-

DUTY COY	"D" COY.
Orderly Officer	Lieut H.J.M. Bowman
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl Lewis E.P.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Court R.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Lenehan D.J.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

[Signature]
Lieut.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Post to "X" List)

V52994	Pte. Sharp J.	Evac to Hospital	2 FEB 43
V58073	Pte. Medwell A.K.	" " "	"
V52790	Pte. Carbury M.K.	" " "	"
VX103415	Pte Clark A.G.	" " "	"
V58375	Pte. Cpssens R.A.	" " "	"
V250008	Pte. Banko J.A.	" " "	"

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13 Feb 43

89. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 13 Feb 43:-

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut R.G. Newhill
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Baker C.L.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Speers P.T.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Clarke A.L.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

90. CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0945 hrs 14 Feb 43. Markers will report as usual.

C of E Service will be held in Bn Chapel at 0815 hrs 14 Feb 43.

General Service will be held in Bn Chapel at 1945 hrs and in the Rec Hut at 2050 hrs.

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs 14 Feb 43. R.C. Padre may be interviewed at Bn Chapel at 2000 hrs tonight, 13 Feb 43.

91. CLEARANCE OF GRASS

In furtherance to R.O. No. 36, para 78, the following orders are promulgated:-

1. All grass will be cleared:-

For a distance of 10 feet from tents, marquees etc., and vehicle harbours;

For a distance of 20 feet from incinerators kitchens, ration sheds, bush shelters, etc.,

For a distance of 40 feet from petrol and ammunition dumps.

This will be completed by 18 Feb 43.

2. Grass will be removed by hand and pulled out by the roots to prevent further growth. Care will be taken to protect the hands as the serrated edges of native grasses can cause severe lacerations. As a safeguard against possible injury the use of old rags or straps of sacking is recommended. This grass is particularly easy to remove after heavy rain and no difficulty should be experienced in clearing areas by the time stipulated.

Coy Comds will submit a report to the effect that the above instns have been carried out, to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 18 Feb 43.

J. W. Thompson
 Capt.
 Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. No. 44

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS.

VX103408	Pte. Speers P.T.	Promoted to rank	L/Cpl.	13 Feb 43
V65191	Pte. Rilon A.A.	"	"	"
VX67819	Pte. Sinclair D.J.	"	"	"
VX103406	Pte. Stonham F.S.	"	"	"
VX115753	Pte. Chincock I.J.	"	"	"

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.45

by

Major J.J. Edwards , Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn ,

14 Feb 43

92. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs

14 Feb 43

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer

Orderly Corporal

Battalion Runner

Battalion Runner

Guards

"B" COY

Lieut. R.B. Bryant

Cpl. Tompkins K.

Pte. Graham D.

Pte. Stewart P.

1 Cpl, 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

Handwritten note:
...
for

C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 46

by

Major, J.J. EDWARDS, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

15 FEB 43

93. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 15 Feb 43:-

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut E.S. Worrall
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. May. R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Devereaux A.D.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Matheson K.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

94. CHURCH PDES - DRESS Attention is drawn to R.O. 194 para 3, dated 31 Oct 42. This instruction will be strictly adhered to and disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel attending Church Pdes incorrectly dressed.

L. W. Thompson Capt.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 46.PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX103455	Pte. Elliott E.W.D.	Promoted A/Cpl				15 Feb 43
V240081	Pte. Edwards F.C.	Apptd T.G.	II	Sigs		"
V240110	Pte. Edmonstone H.M.	"	"	"		"
VX115769	Pte. Johnson E.A.	"	"	III Dr Mech		"
VX134563	Pte. Wiseman A.M.	"	"	"	"	"
V240056	Pte. Barnes F.H.	"	"	"	"	"
VX59346	Pte. Kelly V.	"	"	"	"	"
V240174	Pte. Murray G.	"	"	"	"	"
V57428	Pte. Milesi C.A.C.	"	"	"	"	"

TRANSFERS OUT

VX75989	Pte. Roberts W.H.	Trans to HQ NT Force Trg School	"
V220061	Pte. Krake N.L.	" " " " " " " "	"

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.47

by

Maj J.J. Edwards Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 16 Feb 43

95. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 16 Feb 43

DUTY COY
Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards

"D" COY
Lieut. G.L. Delves
Cpl. Newton J.S.
Pte. Davenport C.W.
Pte. Ross W.J.
1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

C.W. Thompson
C.W. THOMPSON , Capt
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.47 dated 16 Feb 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V52790	Pte CARBURY H.K.	rejoined Unit	ex Hospital	15.1.43
V57986	Pte McWHIRTER K.L.	"	" " " "	16.1.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 48

by

Major J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

17 FEB 43

96. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 17 FEB 43:-

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut K. Raff
Orderly Sergeant	Sjt. Baker C.L.
Orderly Corporal	
Battalion Runner	Pte. Skinner R.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Watson F.W.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

97. RUBBISH All tins after being put through the incinerator must be crushed before being taken to rubbish dump. Under no circumstances will any tin likely to hold water be placed in dump, as tins of this nature are breeding places for mosquitoes.

98. CONSERVATION OF WATER All personnel must be sure that taps and showers are turned off properly after use. Concrete shower floors which are not permitted to dry owing to water constantly dripping on them become sources of Tinea infection, and it is essential that they be dry for three to four hours each day in order to kill any germs.

L. H. Thompson
Capt.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 48 DATED 17 FEB 43PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX115752	Pte.	Cameron J.T.	Promoted A/Cpl	17/2/43
VX103466	L/Cpl	Lewis E.P.	" "	"
VX67313	Pte.	Sellars C.E.	" "	"
VX66678	Pte.	Main M.J.W.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
V64561	Pte.	Hudson E.W.G.	" "	"
V50738	Pte.	Button F.G.	" "	"
V220287	Pte.	Laing C.	" "	"

REVERSION TO RANKS

VX63904	A/Cpl	Thomas G.A.	Reverts to rank Pte	"
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INTER COY TRANSFERS

V220214	Pte.	Martin A.	From "D" Coy to BHQ	"
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TRANSFERS OUT (To Vic L of C Area for Release to RAAF)

V240126	Pte.	Manderson H.		"
V50628	Pte.	McKenzie J.W.		"
V65275	Pte.	Mener A.		"
V69525	Pte.	Flemming J.J.		"
V57784	Pte.	Watmuff I.B.		"
VX69755	Pte.	Gregg J.W.		"
VX65897	Pte.	Hennessy K.W.		"
VX103464	Pte.	Beattie K.		"
VX132759	Pte.	Court R.J.		"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 49

by

Major J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

20 FEB 43

99. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 20 Feb 43:-

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards,

"B" COY

Lieut B.T.S. Bayes
Cpl. Flowers L.
Pte. Clark W.G.
Pte. Taylor D.R.
1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

100 CHURCH PDE

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0945 hrs 21 Feb 43. Markers will report as usual.

C of E Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0815 hrs 21 Feb 43.

General Service will be held in Bn Chapel at 1945 hrs and in the Rec Hut at 2030 hrs 21 Feb 43.

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs 21 Feb 43. R.C. Padre will be in attendance at Bn Chapel at 2000 hrs 20 Feb 43.

W. Thompson
Capt.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

FOUND near Bn "In Gate", Brown Leather Tobacco Pouch, complete with tobacco & Papers. Owner may have same on application to BHQ.

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.50

by

Maj. J.J. Edwards , Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn ,

21 Feb 43

101. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs

21 Feb 43

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer

Orderly Corporal

Battalion Runner

Battalion Runner

Guards

"C" COY

Lieut. T.R. Bruce

L/Cpl. Tatt B.E.N.

Pte. Condon P.J.

Pte. Irving I.H.

1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

T.R. Bruce Lieut.
FOR

C.W. THOMPSON , Capt .
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to R0.50 dated 21 Feb 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES

V58375 Pte COSSENS R.A. rejoined unit, remove from "X" List 21.2.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.51

by

Maj. J.J. Edwards , Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn ,

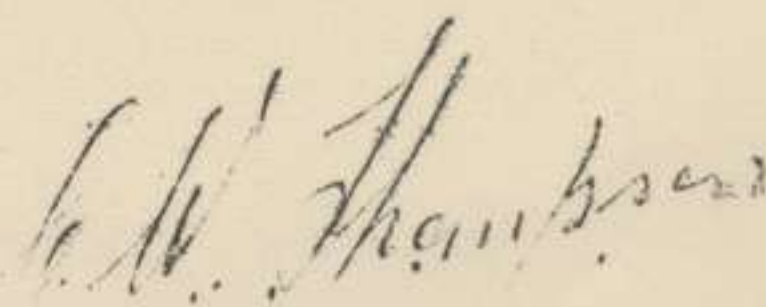
22 Feb 43

102. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 22 F 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. J.T. Compton
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Cameron J.T.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Voight R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McVoy S.V.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY



C.W. THOMPSON Japt
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICESREST CAMP PERIOD

Recent rumours and press notices stating that the period spent at rest camp BERRY SPRINGS would be deducted from accumulated leave are false. Any time so spent will NOT be deducted from accumulated leave.

Appendix "A" to RO.51 dated 22 Feb 43HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

V112708	Pte ANTHONY P.T.	Evacuated to Hospital	8.2.43
V64463	" TUCKER E.L.	" " "	" "

TAKEN ON STRENGTH

S60143	Pte WELK R.F.	Marched in TOS from NTFARD	20.2.43
VX42047	WO(ii) RAFF K.B.E.	" " " " 23 Bde	21.1.43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX42047	WO(ii) RAFF K.B.E.	Promoted A/Lieut	25.1.43
VX103475	A/Sgt McCARTIN M.J.	" " "	9.2.43
SX3925	A/Sgt BILLS K.R.	" " "	9.2.43
SX6430	A/Sgt HAWKER D.S.	" " "	9.2.43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX103398	Sgt SHALDERS K.G.	Rejoined Unit	22.2.43
V64673	Pte HUTCHINSON I.	" "	22.2.43
V64463	Pte TUCKER E.L.	" "	22.2.43

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.52

by

Maj. J.J. Edwards , Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 23 Feb 43

103. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 23 Feb 43

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. A.A. Ross
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Gercovitch A.W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Poustie D.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Cole T.J.
Guards	1 Cpl & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

C.W. Thompson
 C.W. THOMPSON , Capt
 Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.52 dated 23 Feb 43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX103381	Pte FLYNN E.J.	Apptd Group II Cook	23.2.43
VX132751	L/Cpl WATT A.	Promoted A/Cpl	23.2.43
V58206	L/Cpl EASTMAN E.E.	Promoted A/Cpl	23.2.43

N O T I C E S

MUSICAL PROGRAMME

A programme of classical recorded music will be presented by Sgt RUBY of the Army Educational Service tomorrow evening at 2000 hrs (24 Feb 43) in Lecture Hut.

ADDENDUM TO RO.52 dated 23 Feb 43

104. BOUNDS

The area bounded by NA ROAD from BHQ to Showers SOUTH of CO's Office and 100 yds WEST from the road is out of bounds to all troops except on duty .

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 53

by

Major J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

24 FEB 43

105. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 24 Feb 43:-

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut D.S. Hawker
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Chinnock F.N.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Phillipi A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Graham D.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" Coy

L.W. Thompson Capt
 Adjnt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. No. 53 dated 24 Feb 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V52994 Pte. Sharp J. Rejoined Unit ex-hospital 24 Feb 43

TRANSFERS OUT (Taken off, Strength)

V69657 Pte. McFaul1 H.A. Trans to 13 Ord Stores Coy
MATARANKA 24 Feb 43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

VX65247 Pte. Shand N. Evac to Hospital 24 Feb 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 54

by

Major J.J. Edwards Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

25 Feb 43

106. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 25 Feb 43:-

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut K.B.E. Raff
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl Ballard A.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Kelso T.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Harris L.A.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

K.B.E. Raff
C.W. THOMPSON, Capt
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.54 dated 25 Feb 43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

V245318	Pte BIRTHESEL S.V.	Evacuated to Hospital	5.2.43
VX63083	Pte McFADYEN D.H.	" " "	8.2.43
V250036	Pte RICE R.V.	" " "	8.2.43
V52918	Pte ALLEN P.W.	" " "	12.2.43
VX115766	Cpl STRACHAN L.G.	" " "	17.2.43
VX115779	Sgt GOON E.L.	" " "	19.2.43
VX103417	Pte BISSETT K.	" " "	20.2.43

DETACHMENTS (Posted to "X" List)

VX45629	Sgt SAMPSON F.L.J.	M/O I.O.T.S. Course No.28	BONEGILIA	2 Nov 42
VX103427	WO(11) ROBSON K.	" " " "	.29 BONEGILLA	14 Dec 42
VX103457	Sgt WEBBE J.	" Aust Sig Trg Unit	BONEGILIA	15 Feb 43
VX15151	Sgt WRIGHT F.D.	" OCTU No.1 Course	WOODSIDE S.A.	15 Feb 43
VX103460	Cpl HOLE C.G.	" " " "	" "	" "
VX132945	Sgt GUY W.C.	" No.8 Course LHQ School of Military Intelligence		15 Feb 43

SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

V245739 Pte FORDYCE G.W. No.2 Intelligence Course 8 Feb 43(14 dys)

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V225120 Pte SEIPOIT R.S. rejoined Unit 25.2.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 55

by

Major J.J. Edwards, Adm Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn

26 FEB 43

107. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 26 Feb 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY . . .
Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.J.M. Bowman
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Smith T.F.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Harvey V.O.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Banko J.A.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

108. BURNT TINS All burnt tins from coy incinerators must be crushed and holed before being taken to rubbish dump.

109. MAINTENANCE OF M.T.

1. Driver's routine maintenance of all mechanical vehicles, except tanks, will be carried out by the group system as set out in Mechanical Veh Training Pamphlet No. 1.
2. The special fighting and protective equipment of wheeled armoured fighting vehicles will be maintained in the manner prescribed by the relevant Australian Army instruction book or by instructions issued by LHQ from time to time.
3. The daily task system of routine maintenance will not be used in Australia. All publications and leaflets issued to Unit personnel or carried in vehs which relate to the daily task system will be withdrawn from use forthwith.
4. Mechanical Vehicle Training Pamphlet No. 1. will be carried in all wheeled vehs, carriers (Aust) and with all motor cycles, and will be accounted for on handing over or taking over vehs as if included in the Veh Outfit List.

110. DAMAGE TO TIMBER Members will not, except for operational purposes, cut or authorise or direct the cutting of timber growing on private or public property (including forestry reserves) without first obtaining the consent of a person having power to agree to such cutting.

Attention is directed to GROs A.232/1942 (as amended by A.266/1942) and G.600/1942

J.W. Thompson Capt.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 55 dated 26 Feb 43

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

V220214	Pte. Martin A.	Appointed Gp II Specialist	26 FEB 43
V225442	Pte. Fordyce G.W.	" " " "	" "

NOTICES

A Bn Concert will be held on the Bn Picture Theatre Area at 2030 hrs 27 Feb 43. All are invited to attend and a good programme is assured.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.56

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn ,

27 Feb 43

111. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 27 Feb 43

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. K.R. Bills
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Stonham F.S.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Bennett T.H.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Kennedy R.J.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

112. CYLINDERS, OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE

Attention is directed to GRO O.520/1942 regarding the necessity for early return of empty oxygen and acetylene cylinders. The quantities of empty cylinders returned by units is not satisfactory.

Owing to the continued serious shortage of cylinders, C.Os of all units concerned are to take personal action forthwith to ensure that empty cylinders are not permitted to accumulate but are immediately returned to the nearest Ordnance Depot whence they will be expeditiously forwarded to refilling establishments.

Care in handling will be exercised by all personnel concerned and if, as a result of neglect, cylinders become damaged, disciplinary action will be taken in every case.

113. CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0945 hrs 28 Feb 43. Markers will report as usual.

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0745 hrs 28 Feb 43.

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs 28 Feb 43.

O/D Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1100 hrs 28 Feb 43.

A General Service will be held in Bn Chapel at 1945 hrs and in the Rec Hut 2050 hrs 28 Feb 43.

C.W. Thompson
C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.56 dated 27 Feb 43TRANSFERS OUT

V52863 Pte GREENBANK R.N. Tran. 1 Aust Farm Coy AASC 27.2.43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V220446	Pte PUMPA S.R.	Rejoined Unit ex Hospital	26.2.43
V240116	Pte WISEMAN L.	" " " "	"
VX76656	Pte PENNIMENT A	" " " "	"
V52918	Pte ALLEN P.W.	" " " "	27.2.43
VX115779	Sgt GOON E.L.	" " " "	"
VX77005	Pte NELSON N.O.	" " " "	"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.57

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 28 Feb 43

114. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 28 Feb 43

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. R.B. Bryant
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Gaskin C.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Findlay M.D.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Rush J.L.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

C.W. Thompson
C.W. THOMPSON, Capt.
Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.57 dated 28 Feb 43SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

VX132896	S/Sgt	BEAUMONT W.H.	No.10 Cooking & Caterers Course	25 Jan 43 (28 days)
V50725	Pte	MILNE A.D.	No.10 Stretcher Bearers Course	15 Feb 43 (10 days)
V64790	Pte	SCHORBACK G.	" "	" "
V64793	Pte	ROBSON W.L.	" "	" "
VX103459	Sgt	COX W.E.C.	No.14 Map Reading Course	11 Feb 43 (14 days)
VX132946	Sgt	HOPPER J.J.	" " "	" "

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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•			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	3		7
Lieutenants	21	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	28	1	7

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

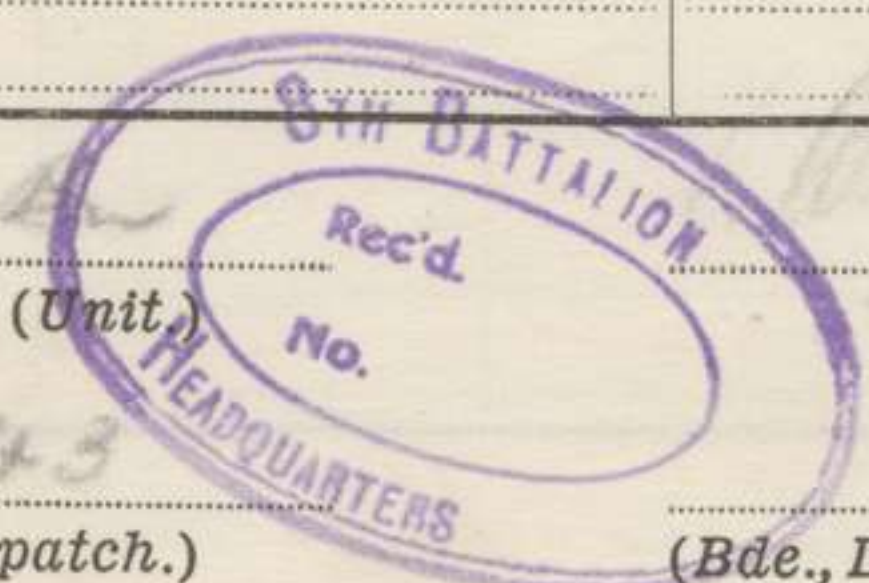
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col.	NX 74	Montgomery K H	5 Aust Inf B	Yes	
Major	TX 6111	Edwards J J	C.O.		
	VX 44 113	Hutchings C J	2/10		
	VX 44 114	Desnoy H J C	OC 3 Coy		
Capt	VX 44 115	ML 110	Adjt		
	NX 1266	Sherridan A H	OC 4 Coy		
	VX 44 118	Piccol W K	OC 11 Coy		
lieut	NX 76 141	Thompson C W	A/Adjt		
	VX 52831	Robertson J K	3/pt		
	VX 4947	Luskens J R	14/pt		
	V 7502	Neville W H	2/10		
	V 75129	Symons N V	2/10		
	VX 22241	Ross H H	10/pt		
	TX 1111	Byrnes B T S	13/pt		
	VX 2417	Reed S J	2/10		
	VX 51175	Kenny R J	Q.M.		
	VX 47172	Ward H E S	11/pt		
	VX 44 120	Trevelyan J L	7/10		
	VX 44 122	FARRAR G C	7/10		
	VX 44 123	H. H. R G	1/pt		
	VX 44 124	Bowman H J M	11/pt		
	VX 44 125	Davis S R	15/pt		
	VX 1203	Gillins D S	4/pt		
	DX 144	Salant R B	12/pt		
	VX 4037	Nobhill R C	7/pt		
	GX 1111	Compton J T	17/pt		
	VX 75107	Doides G L	14/pt		
	VX 56070	Nash R H	-		det 23 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 13949	Edwards R K	8 Aust Inf B	21.1.43	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NX 139070	Dillon R F		1.1.43	Chaplain

8 Aust 2/10
(Unit)
5 Feb. 43
(Date of Despatch.)




(Signature of Commander.)
23 Aust 2/10 Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

8 Aus Inf Bn Unit

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitter's Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		1
Carpenter and Joiner		1	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		3	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		10
Cooks		6	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		15	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units.			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Non Specialists		129						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	151			3			11

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

8 Aus Inf Bn Unit.  Signature of Commander.
Date of Despatch 12 July 41 Bde., Don., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

WE 11/1942/12/3

34 and 261
1 and 14

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	3		7
Lieutenants	21	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	28	1	7

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NA94	Montgomery KH	8 Aust Inf Bn	Yes	
Major	TX6121	Edwards JT	2/16		
	VX44113	Hutchings LT	25 B Coy		
	VX44114	Desney H TC	A 2/11		
Capt	VX44115	Mearns JT	25 B Coy		
	NX11111	Sheddigan AH	25 B Coy		
	VX44119	Picot WK	25 A Coy		
Major	NA21249	Thompson CW	2/11/11		
	VX52211	Robertson TK	3/11		
	VX44117	Larkins TR	14/11		
	VX7502	Neville WH	2/11		
	VX2111	Simmons NV	2/11		
	VX72241	Ross AA	15/11		
	TX1111	Ross AT	11/11		
	VX44121	Ross ST	2/11		
	VX52125	Kennedy RT	6 M		
	VX44122	Worrell ES	16/11		
	VX44120	Taxman TH	2/11		
	VX44122	Farrar CC	1/11		
	VX44123	Hall AG	1/11		
	VX44124	Bowman HT	1/12/11		
	VX44125	Bruce TA	15/11		
	SX2202	Gillins DS	4/11		
	DX144	Bryant AB	2/11/11		
	WX2017	Northill RG	2/11		
	DX2611	Compton TT	12/11		
	VX75107	DeVos CH	13/11		
	VX76070	Nash RA	1-		not present in file

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX12249	Edwards RK	2nd Inf	2/11/43	RMO
Chaplain	NA132020	Dillon RF		1/11/43	Chaplain

8 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

13 Feb 43
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

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



FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

8000 1st Div (Unit) 19 Jul 43 (Date)

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

WE 11/1942/12/3

28 and 861
1 and 14

AIF 26 and 350



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1. No.	2. War Establishment	3. Strength excl att'd & "X" List	4. Surplus	5. Deficiency	6. Remarks
W.C. Cl 1	1	1	-	-	
W.C. Cl 2	7	6	-	1	
C.Q.M.S.	5	4	-	1	
S/Sgts	-	1	1	-	
Sgts	36	39	3	-	
Cpls	77	70	-	7	
Spec GI 1	2	3	1	-	
GI 2	58	38	-	20	
GI 3	39	29	-	10	
Ptes etc.	636	498	-	138	
TOTAL	861	699	5	177	

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known)
		Deficiencies on Part D to be filled within Unit		

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

8 Am Coy (Unit) 19 Jul 43 (Date)

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

Reinforcements required.

2	3	4
with counting against establishment (including attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
See attached		
Privates, &c.		
TOTALS	*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

WE Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Other Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sg	ANMC	24 ORs	A/1K
1 Sg	ANPC	4 ORs	Despatch
1 Sg	Postal Corps	2 ORs	K Sec Sigs
1 Cpl	ANCC		
2 Pte	ANMC		
1 Pte Cpl	ANMB		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		Deficiencies on Part C to be filled within Unit		

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

WE 11/12/14
34 and 268
1 and 14

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	6		4
Lieutenants	17		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	28		6

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
11 Lt	NX111	McIntyre NH	CO	Yes	
Maj	TX111	Edwards JT	2nd Lt		
	VX11103	Hubbards CT	2nd Lt		
	VX11104	Deane ATC	2nd Lt		
Capt	VX11105	Murray JT	2nd Lt		
	NX11111	Sherridan AH	2nd Lt		
	VX11115	Pitt WK	2nd Lt		
	NX11124	Thompson CW	2nd Lt		
	VX11152	Neville WH	2nd Lt		
	VX11175	Kenyon RC	S.M.		
Lieut	VX11177	Robertson TK	3rd Lt		
	VX11107	Larkins JR	4th Lt		
	VX11117	Simmons HV	4th Lt		
	VX11141	Russ AH	5th Lt		
	TX111	Bates B TS	6th Lt		
	VX11177	Redd ST	6th Lt		
	VX11177	Winnah ES	6th Lt		
	VX11120	Townsend TH	7th Lt		
	VX11112	Turner GC	7th Lt		
	VX11123	Hall AG	7th Lt		
	VX11124	Bowman HTM	7th Lt		
	VX11125	Russ TA	7th Lt		
	VX11193	Gilkins DS	7th Lt		
	VX11194	Bayant RB	7th Lt		
	VX11197	Hutchell RG	7th Lt		
	VX11198	Yongman JT	7th Lt		
	VX11197	Delves GH	7th Lt		
	VX11170	Nash RA	7th Lt		1st 2nd Lt Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX11197	Edwards BK	8th BATTAL	19 Feb 43	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NX11120	Dillon RF	8th BATTAL	19 Feb 43	Chaplain

8 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)
19 Feb 43
(Date of Despatch.)

W. H. ...
(Signature of Commander.)
23 Aust
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

80 2/19 (Unit) 19 2/23 (Date).

Surplus furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Reinforcements required.

5.	4.	3	4
Privates, &c.	Surplus against establishment attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
<p>34 and 861 1 and 174 198 and 174</p> <p>II/19/12/13</p>			
TOTALS		*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
WE 1 Ser	ADPC	OK 24 CR	A/In
1 Ser	ADMC	4 CR	Detal
1 Ser	Postal	3 CR	B. S. Sgt
1 Cpl	ADCC		
1 Ser			
1 Pir	ADNE		
2 Priv	ADMC		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		Deposited on	Corps	"D" can be
		filed when	det	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WE 11/1942/12/3

8 HUST INF BN (Unit)

34 and 86/
1 and 14

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	6		4
Lieutenants	22	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	32	2	4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	R. H. K. E.	800th Inf Bn	25/1/43	Reinstated A/lieut
"	McLellan G. M. J.	"	9/2/43	"
"	B. H. K. R.	"	"	"
"	Hawker D. S.	"	"	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	MX 94	Montgomery K.H.	C.O	YES	
Major	TX 101	Edwards T.J.	2 1/2	"	
"	VX 11483	Hurshings C.T.	02 Coy	"	
"	VX 11484	Dixon A.J.C.	Adj.	"	
Capt	VX 11485	Morris T.J.	02 Coy	"	
"	MX 11486	Slavin J.A.H.	02 Coy	"	
"	VX 11487	Piper W.K.	02 Coy	"	
"	MX 11488	Thompson C.W.	Adj.	"	
"	VX 11489	Navis W.H.	24 Coy	"	
"	VX 11490	Kenny G.C.	Q.M.	"	
Lt Col	VX 11491	Richardson J.K.	3 PI	"	
"	VX 11492	Larkins T.R.	14 PI	"	
"	VX 11493	Symons M.V.	27 Coy	"	
"	VX 11494	Bell H.A.	10 PI	"	
"	TX 11495	Bryce G.F.S.	13 PI	"	
"	VX 11496	Reed S.T.	27 Coy	"	
"	VX 11497	Wright G.S.	11 PI	"	
"	VX 11498	Taylorson J.L.	T/O	"	
"	VX 11499	Fisher G.C.	T/O	"	
"	VX 11500	Hall R.E.	1 PI	"	
"	VX 11501	Brown H.T.M.	15 PI	"	
"	VX 11502	Bruce T.R.	15 PI	"	
"	SX 11503	Gillies D.S.	4 PI	"	
"	DA 11504	Bryant R.B.	12 PI	"	
"	WX 11505	Wright R.E.	5 PI	"	
"	DX 11506	Cummins J.T.	17 PI	"	
"	VX 11507	Davies G.L.	19 PI	"	
"	VX 11508	Nash A.H.	-	"	det 13th Inf Bde
"	VX 11509	Ross R.B.E.	15 PI	"	
"	VX 11510	M. Curran G.M.J.	4 PI	"	
"	SX 11511	Bell K.A.	7 PI	"	
"	SX 11512	Hawker D.S.	11 PI	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 13949	Edwards R.K.	8th Aust Inf Bn	31-1-43	R-M-D
Chaplain	MX 13950	Dillon R.F.	"	1-1-43	Chaplain

8 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

26 Feb 43
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
23 Aust Inf Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



W/D FEB 13
TUESDAY 5.

8 AUST INF BN - SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK
COMMENCING 1 FEB 43

29 JAN 43

DAY 1.

0930 Bn Parade
 1000-1030 Squad Drill MED Sec 4-5 Forming a squad with intervals. Attention.
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 1 Mechanism and Trigger pressing
 1130-1230 TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 L 1 General & loading and unloading
 1230-1330 Application of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 2-3 Searching ground. Locating targets
 1500-1600 Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 L 1&2. On guard. The point
 1600-1700 Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 L 1&3 Description & mechanism discharger
 1700-1800 Rifle Drill MED Sec 42-44 General falling-in, Stand at ease and stand easy

DAY 2.

0930-1030 Squad Drill MED 6-8 Stand at ease, easy. Dressing a squad with intervals
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 2 Cleaning materials and daily cleaning
 1130-1230 TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 L 2&3. Holding, firing stripping
 1230-1330 Application of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 5. Recognition easy targets
 1500-1600 Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 L 1-2 On guard. The point
 1600-1700 Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 L 2 Points before throwing and firing & recapitulation
 1700-1800 Rifle Drill MED Sec 45-47. Attention from Stand-at-ease. The slope & Order.

DAY 3.

0930-1030 Squad Drill MED Sec 9-10. Turning by numbers Stepping off - Length of pace and time in marching.
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 2&4 Recap daily cleaning, and cleaning before & after firing.
 1130-1230 TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 Recapitulation
 1230-1330 Application of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 6. Recognition difficult targets
 1500-1600 Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 L 3 Two points
 1600-1700 Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 L 4 Firing position
 1700-1800 Rifle Drill MED Sec 48-49 Present from slope. Slope from present.

DAY 4.

0930-1030 Squad Drill MED Sec 11-12 Position in marching Marching in quick and slow time
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 6-7 Accuracy of aim, and aiming at targets at service distance
 1130-1230 TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 Recap & Appx A Description
 1230-1330 Application of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 8. Combination of reference point, vertical clock ray, and degree measured.
 1500-1600 Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Recapitulation
 1600-1700 Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 L 6-7 Lecture - Smoke Grenades
 1700-1800 Rifle Exercises MTP Sec 3 Fire and unfix bayonets.



DAY 5.

0930-1030 Squad Drill MED Sec 13-15 Changing Step -
Double Time - Side step
1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 8 Aiming at ground and
Recapitulation
1130-1230 TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 Appx "B" & Recapitulation
1230-1330 Application of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 9 J.D.
Unit of measure
1500-1600 Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 L 4-5 Trg stick and
self-defence
1600-1700 Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 L 8 Throwing standing
position
1700-1800 Rifle Drill MED Sec 52-54 Port for inspection
and examine

DAY 6.

0930-1030 Squad Drill MED Sec 16-17 Turning on march.
Saluting without arms
1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 9 Elementary aiming off
for wind
1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 1-2 Intro & Mag filling
Loading, Unloading, Sight-setting
1230-1330 Appln of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 10-11 J.D. The
appearance method. Aids. (Halving & bracketing)
1500-1600 Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Recap
1600-1700 Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 L 9 Throwing Lying posn
1700-1800 Rifle Drill MED Sec 55-58 The trail

2. Weekly kit, arms, and medical reports will be completed - each as a separate report - and submitted to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 31 Jan 43
3. Respirators will be worn for bayonet trg periods on day 2 and 5
4. Coys will submit a return stating the number of rifles still to be zeroed, to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 31 Jan 43
5. Coy Comds will arrange that the following days work is prepared under instruction each evening.

W/O FEB 43
Appendix 5

Int Office
8 AUST INF BN

29 JAN 43

SYLLABUS OF TRG WEEK COMMENCING 1 FEB 43
INTELLIGENCE SECTION - 8 AUST INF BN

Training for week commencing 1 FEB 43 is devoted to individual learning (weapons etc.) Apart from essential duties, I Section personnel will follow Rifle Coy Syllabus.

[Signature]
8TH BATTALION
Lieut.
I/O 8 Aust Inf Bn

HEADQUARTERS

W/D. FEB 43
Appendix 5
8 AUST INF BN
27 JAN 43

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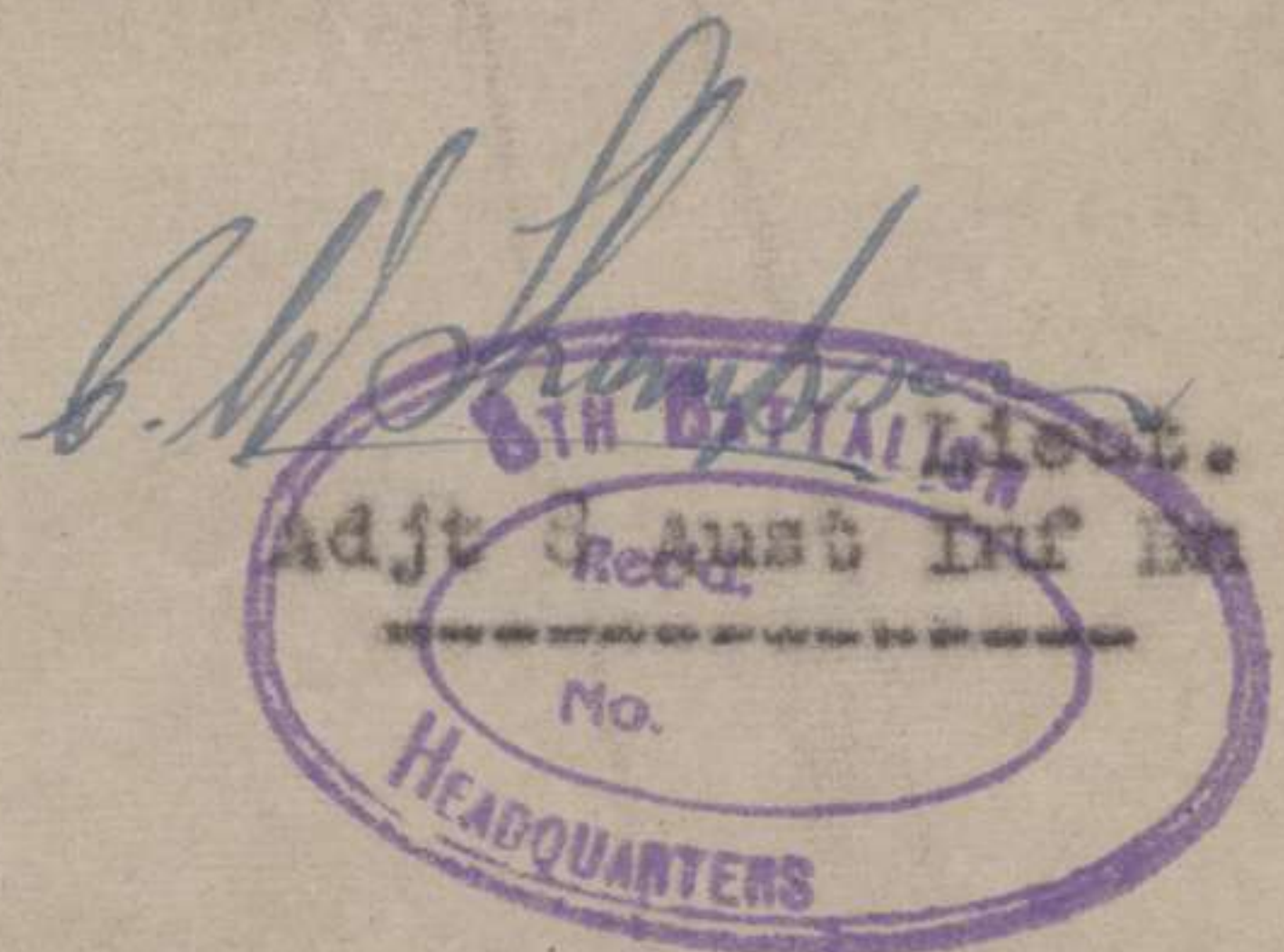
ARTY CO-OP - NO 2 COY COMD'S COURSE

1. A further course has been arranged on Arty Co-op in conjunction with 42 Fd Bty.
2. The course will take place during Feb and will be held at HQ 42 Fd Bty; students reporting there at 1930 hrs 1 FEB 43.
3. The following officers will attend the above course:-

Major G.J. Hutchings
Capt. J.J. Meggs
Lieut W.H. Neville
Lieut I.K. Robertsen
4. Dates and periods for attendance of students will be as follows:-

FEB 1 0930 hrs - 1230 hrs
FEB 2-5 1700 hrs - 1800 hrs each day
FEB 8-12 " " " " " "
FEB 15-19 " " " " " "
FEB 22 1700 hrs - 1800 hrs
FEB 25 0930 hrs - 1400 hrs

O.C. 42 Fd Bty may vary periods at his discretion.
5. T/O will arrange tpt as above times.
6. ACK.



W/D FEB 43
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8 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRG - WEEK COMMENCING 8 FEB 43

DAY 1

0930-1000 Bn Pde
 1000-1030 Squad Drill MED Sec 16-17 Turning on march. Salutin, without arms
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 9 Elementary aiming off for wind
 1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 1-2 Intro & Mag filling, Loading, Unloading, Sight-setting.
 1230-1330 Appln of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 10-11 J.D. The appearance method. Aids (Halving & Bracketing)
 1500-1600 Bayonet SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Recap
 1600-1700 Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 L 9 Throwing lying posn
 1700-1800 Rifle Drill MED Sec 55-58 The trail

DAY 2

0930-1030 Squad Drill MED S 18-21 Formation of squads in single rank. Numbering & proving, opening & closing a squad.
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 13-14 Lying posn.
 1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 3-4 Holding & aiming, firing
 1230-1330 Appln of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 12 Range cards
 1500-1600 Bayonet Recap
 1600-1700 Grenade SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 Recap
 1700-1800 Rifle Exercises MED 59-60 Change arms slope & Trail

DAY 3

0930-1030 Squad Drill MED S 22-23 Changing pace - marching in single rank
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 10-11 Elevation and aiming Up and down, aiming off for wind, at service distances
 1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 5-6 Piston gp, barrel & butt gp.
 1230-1330 Appln of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L 14 Normal F.C.O's. (Concentration)
 1500-1600 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 7 Body gp & Bipod. Recap
 1600-1700 Coy Comd's discretion
 1700-1800 Rifle Exercises MED S 61-63 The short trail - Sling arms - On guard from the slope

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DAY 4

0930-1330 TOETS
 1500-1800 Make and Mend

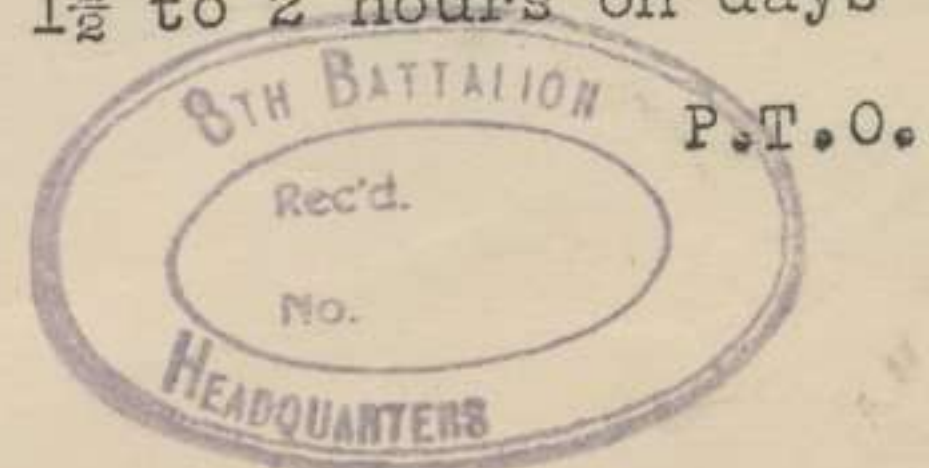
DAY 5

TOET's

DAY 6

0930-1030 Squad Drill MED S 24-26 Diagonal march - Changing direction - Marching in single file
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 12 Aiming off for movement and aiming recap
 1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 8 & 9 Care & Cleaning
 1230-1330 Appln of fire SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 L Normal F.C.O.s Distribution
 1500-1600 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 10 Mechanism
 1600-1700 Coy Comd's discretion
 1700-1800 Rifle Exercises MED 64-66 On guard from order and vice versa. The high port. Ground arms.

2. Weekly kit, arms and medical reports will be completed, each as a separate report, and submitted to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 7 FEB 43.
3. Respirators will be worn for periods of 1½ to 2 hours on days 1 & 3



4. Coy Comds will submit subject of Coy Comd's discretion periods to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 7 FEB 43.
5. Results of all TOETs will be submitted to reach BHQ by 1900 hrs 13 FEB 43. These results will show number tested, passed, & failed, and will also be expressed as a percentage. HQ Coy will submit results of Mortars, Sigs, Vickers TOETs.
6. Coy comds will arrange that the following day's work is prepared under instruction each evening.
7. Night compassmarches of from 9 - 12 miles will be carried out as surprise moves during this week by all Coys.

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All Coys
I.O.
Off Mess Notice Board
Sgt Mess Notice Board

LECTURES - JAP TACTICS

1. Lectures and Demonstrations on the above subject will be held as per subjoined schedule.
2. Tpt arrangements for NCO's lectures are as arranged. Details for move to demonstration will be notified later.

Day	Hour	Off's	Location	NCO's	Location	Demonstration
WEDNESDAY 10 FEB 43	2000	Weapons and Supporting Arms	8 Bn Off's Mess	Weapons & Supporting Arms	23 Bde Men's Mess	Location
	2100	Defence				
THURSDAY 11 FEB 43	2000	Patrols & Ambush	"	Patrols & Ambush	"	
FRIDAY 12 FEB 43	1330	"	-	-	-	EAST POINT 785147
	2000	Supplies	"	Junglecraft	"	
	2100	Junglecraft				



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DEMONSTRATION JAPANESE TACTICS

1. The following procedure will be adopted for above mentioned demonstration to be held at EAST POINT on 12 FEB 43.
2. Personnel will report with equipment as per following table.

Coy	Off's	NCO's	Equipment	Remarks
BH HQ		3	1 TSMG	
H Coy	5	6	1 Bren 1 TSMG each	All personnel not armed with LMG or TSMG will be armed with rifle. Slings will be attached to all weapons.
A Coy	2	5		
B Coy	3	5		
C Coy	2	5		
D Coy	3	5		

3. Above personnel will report to BH IN GATE at 1015 hrs.
4. T.O. will arrange tpt for 46 to report on N.A. RD at IN GATE at 1020 hrs.
5. Gut Lunches will be carried by all personnel attending the demonstration.
6. Demonstration (duration 2 hrs 15 mins) will take the form of practical application of the principles as laid down in lectures on Patrols and Ambushes notified for 2000 hrs THURSDAY 11 FEB 43.
7. All personnel will appear at demonstration in battle order.
8. RSM will ensure that 100 rounds ^{Blank} are taken. Ball am will not be carried during demonstration.



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NOTE:- NCO's WO's and senior NCO's preferred

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8 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS
WEEK COMMENCING 15 FEB 43.

DAY 1 Rifle Range , Miniature Range Practice .

DAY 2 Rifle Range , Table A Part II

DAY 3

0930 - 1130 Grenade Throwing
1130 - 1230 Pl Drill MTP 18
1230 - 1330 Muscle Exercises
1500 - 1800 Make & Mend

DAY 4)

DAY 5)

FORCE EXERCISE

DAY 6

0930 - 1030 Squad Drill , Recapitulation
1030 - 1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Less 15 Kneeling Posn
Lying Recapitulation
1130 - 1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 1 Elementary Handling
1230 - 1330 A/Tk Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 5 Less 1, Stripping & Cleaning
1500 - 1600 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 13 I.A.
1600 - 1700 Coy Comds Discretion
1700 - 1800 Rifle Exercises , Recapitulation .

2. COY	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat
H	1	-	-	4	5	2
A	3	1	2	4	5	6
B	6	3	2	4	5	1
C	2	1	3	4	5	6
D	6	2	1	4	5	3

3. Weekly Kit, Arms, and Medical Reports will be completed, each as a separate report, and submitted to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 14 Feb 43
4. Respirators will be worn for 1½ hrs DAY 3 and for 2 hrs on DAY 4 .
5. Coy Comds will submit subject of Coy Comd's Discretion period, to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 14 Feb 43 .



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ADDENDUM TO SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK 15-20 FEB 43

1. Rifle Range:-

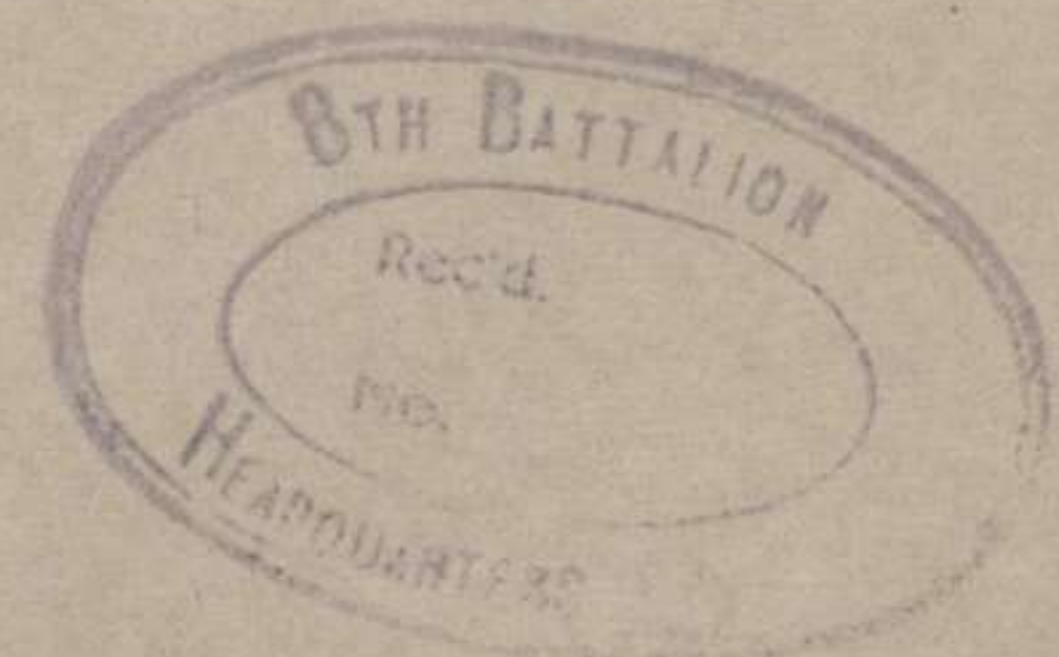
Day 1. Firing Point 156644. Angle of fire 197°

DAY 2. Firing point 143661. Angle of fire 212°

Grenade Throwing Firing Point 157642
Angle of fire 165°

2. Mortar & Carrier Pls will carry out 12 Day syllabi as prepared. Two days of each week will be devoted to range practices. A/A Pl and Tpt personnel will train as reserve specialists for Carriers and Mortars and will carry out above-mentioned syllabi. Pioneers will take up essential duties. Adm personnel will do one hours training per day on "B" Echelon weapons.
3. Coy Comds will arrange that the following days work is prepared under instruction each evening.
4. Grenades for grenade throwing will be made available by RSM on a percentage basis.
5. Compass Marches as surprise moves will be carried out by all Coys during week.

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SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK COMMENCING 22 FEB 43

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DAY 1.

0930 Bn Pde
 1000-1030 Squad Drill - Recap
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Less 16 - Standing & sitting Posns
 1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 14 Stoppages
 1230-1330 A/Tk Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 5 L 2 - Loading, unloading, sight setting & aiming
 1500-1600 Fieldcraft - Introduction Ground IMT Sec 38-39
 1600-1700 Muscle Training
 1700-1800 Piling & unpling MTP 18 & MED Sec 68 - saluting with arms

DAY 2.

0930-1030 Pl Drill MTP 18
 1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 17-18 Snap & Rapid
 1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 15-16 Additional stoppages
 1230-1330 A/Tk Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 5 L 4 Handling & TOET
 1500-1600 Fieldcraft - Cover from view & concealment IMT Sec 40-41
 1600-1700 Anti-gas PAG Pam 2 - Respirator - description & fitting
 1700-1800 Pl Drill Recapit.

DAY 3. TOET

DAY 4. Rifle Range - LMG practice - Table 4 - Practices 0-4

2. Allotment of Training

Coy	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
H	SPECIALIST SYLLABI					
A	1	2	3	FORCE		4
B	2	3	4	EXERCISE		1
C	3	4	1	FORCE		2
D	4	1	2	EXERCISE		3

- Weekly Kit, Arms and Medical Reports will be completed and submitted to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 21 Feb 43 .
- Respirators will be worn for 1½ hrs on days 1 & 2
- Subject for Coy Comds Discretion Period to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 21 Feb 43
- Rifle Range Day 4 Firing Point 143661 Angle of Fire 212°
- Mortar Pl will do firing practice during week, allotment of amm :- 30 rounds H.E.
- Coy Comds will arrange that the following days work is prepared by instructors under supervision each evening .



ADDENDUM TO 8 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS WEEK COMMENCING

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DAY 5 Rifle Range . Completion of Zeroing and Table "B"
Part 1 . Practices 0 - 5 .

DAY 6

0930-1030 Squad Drill . Recapitulation

1030-1130 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L.15 , Kneeling posn, Lying posn.
Recapitulation .

1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L.11 , Elementary Handling

1230-1330 A/Tk Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 5 L.1 Stripping

Afternoon Make & Mend .

1. LMG Practices laid down for DAY 4 will be carried out as miniature range practices.

2. Rifle Range DAY 5 Firing Point 143661 Angle of Fire 212°
" " DAY 4 " " 156644 " " " 197°

3. Allotment of Trg

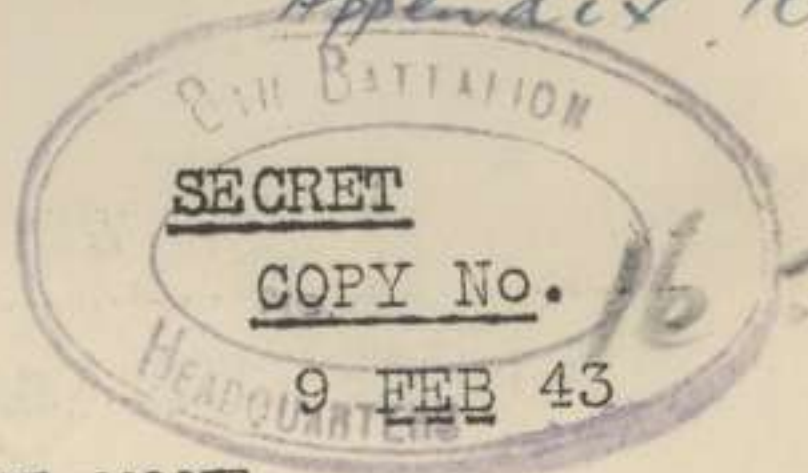
<u>Coy</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
H	Spec.	5	4	4	Spec.	6
A	2	1	6	3	4	5
B	3	2	1	6	5	4
C	4	3	6	5	1	2
D	5	4	3	6	2	1



4. A/Tk Rifle Lessons will be carried out in sequence on periods as laid down .

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Appendix 10



8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR IMMEDIATE MOVE

1. Although no land action has yet developed in NT all Coys must be prepared to turn out at a moment's notice, so that action could be joined without delay.
2. On receipt of code word the following procedure will be carried out:-
 - (a) All Coys will fall-in in their respective Sec & Pls and move to Coy Pde ground to await further orders
 - (b) Dress: Battle order, with haversacks, picks and shovels, long trousers, puttees or gaiters.
Haversack will contain:- Mess tins, 2 days res ration, 1 day emergency ration, toilet gear, towel, tropical cape, sox, handkerchief, shirts & shorts, foot-powder.
 - (c) Rations 5 days and emergency during ops carried as follows:-
 - (i) On the man - 2 days reserve & 1 day emergency
 - (ii) On A Ech veh - 1 days reserve
 - (iii) On B Ech - 2 days reserve
 - (d) Water Water bottles filled, minimum of 6 gals per veh on all vehs, in addition to watercarts
 - (e) P.O.L. 50 miles reserve each vehicle on all vehicles
 - (f) Amn. First Line. On commencement of operations riflemen will carry 100 rds SAA plus proportion of mags IMG.
 - (g) Order of Move Bn will move out in the following order:-
 - C.O. - Drs
 - Bn Sigs
 - Bde Sigs
 - AASC Officer
 - A
 - B
 - HQ Coy
 - Engs
 - Bn HQ & I/O
 - AASC Veh tp carrying
 - R.A.P.
 - Amb
 - Arm RSM
 - C
 - D
 - IAD
 - (h) Routes:
 - A Coy from Coy pde ground via Bn Rd to "Out Gate"
 - B Coy from Coy pde ground follow in the rear of A Coy to "Out Gate"
 - HQ Coy from Coy pde ground to "In Gate"
 - BHQ follows in the rear of HQ Coy
 - C Coy from Coy pde ground along BAYES Rd to NA Rd
 - D Coy will follow in rear of C Coy
 - (i) Medical RMO will detail Det of Stretcher Bearers to report to each Coy immediately on receipt of warning
 - (j) Intelligence I/O will send one Intelligence pers to each Coy Report on receipt of warning.

- (k) Intercom Sig Officer will allot one 108 wireless to each Coy, 1 DR to each Coy, 2 DRs to C.O. Comm on move will be by DR and Runner. Wireless silence will be observed until contact with enemy.
- (l) Pay Sgt, Postal Sgt, Offr's Mess, Sgt's Mess, Canteen, and Hygiene pers will move with B Ech.
- (m) Recco Party Immediately on receipt of warning order one RP, also one guide from each Coy will report to I/O. The above party will report to Bde HQ as soon as possible and act as Bn recco party.
Dress Battle Order
Party will take necessary signs to indicate Coy areas etc.
- (n) Amn RSM will have Bn reserve of amn loaded on to vehs allotted and will be ready to move as soon as possible
- (o) On receipt of warning R & O Gp will report to C.O. at BHQ to receive necessary orders and instns.
- (p) Security Coy Comds will be responsible to see that complete destruction of documents and text books is carried out within Coys.
I/O is responsible for destruction of all files, screeds, W/E and orders, maintaining only Casualty Returns and Nominal Rolls.
Q.M. is responsible for destruction of all documents in "Q" Store, maintaining only necessary "Q" record books.
No documents or text books will be destroyed by any person unless ordered to do so by the C.O.
- (q) Stores All kit bags and surplus stores will be concentrated into Coy buildings.
"Q" Store clothing and surplus rations will be concentrated into "Q" huts.
Kit bags and surplus stores BHQ pers will be dumped in BHQ hut.
Preparation for destruction of all surplus kit bags and stores will be carried out, but NO action will be taken to destroy them unless ordered to do so by the C.O.
Kit bags will contain all surplus clothing, blanket, boots, etc., of personnel not carried in packs and haversacks as detailed.
- (r) Packs All Coy packs will be carried on B Ech vehicles.
Packs to contain:- 1 blanket, ground-sheet, shirt, shorts, sox, towel, handkerchief, house-wife, spare pair boots, mosquito net.
3. (a) In the event of MT move, code word will be followed by the word "with" which will indicate that the Bn will be moving by tpt to some operational area to intercept the enemy. The following action will be taken:-
(a) A guide from each Coy will be sent to report to T/O with the exact number of pers requiring to be lifted by MT, other than by Unit tpt.
(b) Guide will take tpt to Coy area where Coy will load and move to posn on tracks as indicated in para 2(h)
(c) Coy 2 i/cs will be responsible to see that tpt is correctly loaded
(d) RP Will report to T/O for control of convoy move

- 3.(a) (d) RP will report to T/O for control of convoy move
 (e) Guides will pick up vehs at Bn "In" Gate and move from there to Coy areas.
 (f) RP will establish a C.P. at the junc of rd along pipe line and "In Gate" rd to direct any stray vehs to the correct areas. *amended 5 11 5 10 2 16 43*

(b) On the completion of loading Unit tpt, tpt will report back to T/O for assembly for move. A Ech on tpt area, B Ech around "Q" Store. In the event of MT move A Ech will remain with Coys and move with Coy convoys. T/O is responsible for the assembling of convoys in their correct order.

(c) Speed and density for convoy moves:-

(a) Movement on main NORTH - SOUTH RD

By Day

15 M.I.H.
 10 V.T.M.

By Night

15 M.I.H.
 20 V.T.M.

(b) Movement on tracks

8 M.I.H.
 10 V.T.M.

8 M.I.H.
 20 V.T.M.

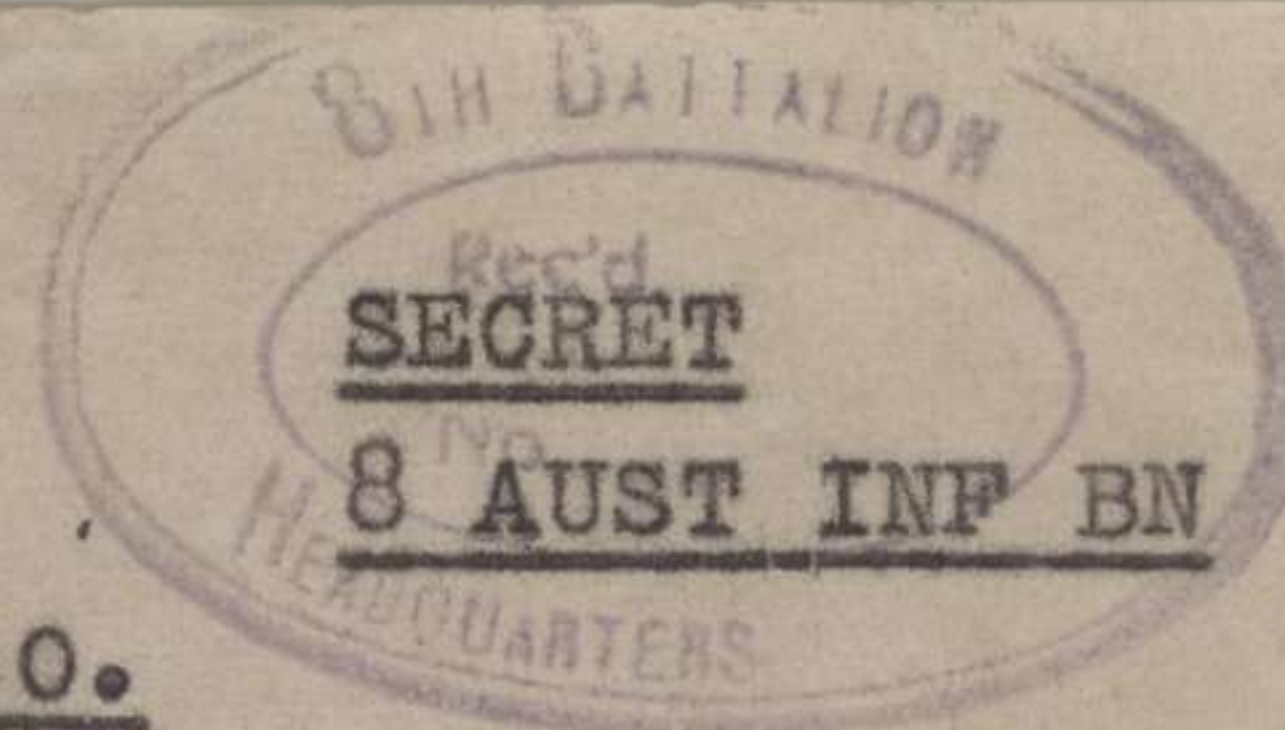
Weather conditions may not permit the speed as laid down. However, this scale will be observed as far as possible

(d) Convoy moving by night will use headlights on all vehicles unless enemy action necessitates lights being extinguished.

4. Allotment of Tpt:- A Ech

SUB UNIT	VEH	NOS	LOADING
C.O.	Car DS	1	Rations 1 day (3 pers) Water 4 gals. Petrol 4 gals, SMG. SMG Amn 200 rds
BHQ	1 1-ton	1	Use of BHQ and I Sec pers Rations 1 day all pers. "I" Sec Box, BHQ Stationery Box, Typewriter, A/Tk Rifle 1, A/Tk 240 rds. Amn SAA 3000 rds. Grenade 3 box Wire 1 concertina <u>Tools</u> Picks 8 Petrol 4 gals Shovels 8 Water 6 gals Axe 1
RAP	1-ton	1	Use of RMO and Med Sec, Rations 1 day all pers. Stretchers 3. RAP Kit. Petrol 4 gals, Water 10-40 gals <u>Tools</u> Picks 2 Shovels 1 Axe 1
RECCE PATROL	1-ton	1	Use of recce party. Guide from each Coy and 1 R.P. report to "I" Office
SIGS	1-ton	1	Use of Regtl Sigs. Rations 1 day all pers Sig Gear (Phones, Cable, Switch-board, Batteries, Lucas Lamp etc.) Wire: 1 concertina, Petrol 4 gals, water 4 gals, A/Tk rifle & 240 rds, Amn SAA 2000rds

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SUPPLEMENT No.2 TO 8 AUST INF BN STANDING O.O.

1. In order to ensure uniformity of convey movements during exercises and operations all conveys will adhere to the speed and density scale as set out below:-

(a) Movement on Main NORTH - SOUTH Road

BY DAY

15 MIH
10 VTM

BY NIGHT

15 MIH
20 VTM

(b) (Movement on tracks

BY DAY

8 MIH
10 VTM

BY NIGHT

8 MIH
20 VTM

2. It is appreciated that, at times, weather conditions will not permit the speed as laid down to be maintained, particularly off the Main Road. As far as it is possible, however, this scale will be observed.

3. Conveys moving by night will use headlights on all vehicles unless enemy action necessitates lights being extinguished.

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Appendix 11

8 AUST INF BN OP. ORDER No.1

Ref Map:- DARWIN & ENVIRONS 1" Sheets 4 & 5



INFORMATION

1. Enemy Landings are expected in the BYNOE BAY area. It is anticipated that raiding parties will push fwd immediately after initial landings have taken place, towards MAIN BYNOE ROAD across area JEWELLERS LANDING (7488) - MILNE INLET (5670)
2. Own Tps
 - 7 Aust Inf Bn
 - 8 Aust Inf Bn
 - 19 Aust MG Bn
 - 1 Sec 23 Aust Fd Coy
 - Det 2/13 Aust Fd Amb
 - 14 Aust Coy AASC

INTENTION

3. 8 Aust Inf Bn will secure rd junc 740752

METHOD

4. 8 Aust Inf Bn will move tactically by MT to PIONEER CREEK thence on foot to secure road junc 740752 .
5. Patrols Vigorous patrols will be carried out WEST to MILNE INLET and SOUTH to LUCY MINE .
6. AIR SUPPORT Direct air support will be available as from 1300 hrs D DAY .
7. Allotment of Tpt As per 8 Aust Inf Bn Standing Op. Instn. ASC vehicles will be allotted according to coy figures, two to be allotted to tpt for movement of donkeys .
8. Order of Movement MT Order of move as follows :-

- "A" Coy
- "B" Coy
- HQ Coy
- BHQ
- "C" Coy
- "D" Coy

Order of move on feet from PIONEER CREEK will be detailed at PIONEER CREEK .

9. S.T. 0740 hrs D DAY
10. S.P. 155656 Where Pipe Line crosses NA ROAD .
11. Route TUMBLING WATERS - PIONEER CREEK
12. V.T.M. - M.I.H.

NA ROAD	VTM	15
	MIH	20
Off NA ROAD	VTM	10
	MIH	8

For movement past points see Appx "A"

13. Traffic Control Two Sec of 12 Aust Div Provost
14. Dispersal 8 Aust Inf Bn general area 853780 EAST of road . Tp carrying tpt to move to Bde dispersal area vicinity 880760 under Bde control .
15. Carriers Carriers will not be taken fwd but personnel, less one driver per Carrier, will accompany Bn .
16. A/Tk A/Tk guns will not move fwd but personnel will move with coys.

ADMINISTRATION

17. Medical 4 SB's will report to each coy at 0730 hrs D DAY .
Location of RAP and ADS will be notified later .
Salt Tablets will be made available on a basis of 2 per man per day.

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8 Aust Inf Bn Op Order 1 (Cont) - 2 -

18. Provost 2 Secs 12 Aust Div Provost are responsible for traffic control as from 0630 hrs D Day .
19. Recovery (a) 14 Aust Coy AMSC are establishing recovery vehs at the following points :-
(i) At head 19 Aust MG Bn
(ii) Track at 898744
(iii) Track at 875764
(b) 2/108 Aust LAD are establishing Recovery vehicle at TUMBLING WATERS 930717 .
(c) Recovery HQ at SOUTHPORT STA .
20. P.O.L. All vehs to carry full tanks and first reserve of 5 miles per vehicle .
21. Petrol Point Location will be notified later .
22. Supplies 3 days hard and 1 days emergency rations will be carried on the man . In addition 1 day hard rations will be carried on "A" Ech Tpt .
23. Ammunition One 3 ton of amn will remain in Bn dispersal area and be made available at call by HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde. 100 rds SAA will be carried on the man. Mags of rifles will be empty .
24. Maintenance of Supply BDE are being maintained by pack animal tpt fwd of PIONEER CREEK . BDE supply point at track junc 790771 8 Aust Inf Bn pack animal tpt will operate fwd of this point . Donkeys are allotted as follows :-
H,A,B,C,D 2 per coy, first load to be 2 picks, 4 shovels, 1 axe, 120 lbs SAA amn .
BHQ 1
"B" Ech 6 to Bde Area from PIONEER CREEK .
RSM 3 Bn Reserve Amn
- For operation of the Bde supply line 1 OR from each coy will report to BHQ immediately on arrival at debussing point .
25. Forage 3 days fodder for donkeys will be carried fwd .
26. "B" Ech "B" Ech will remain in present location .
27. DRESS For move out Battle Order (trousers, felt hat & pack) Pack will contain:- Groundsheet, Cape, Mosquito Net, Messing Gear, 3 days iron and 1 days emergency rations, toilet gear, towel, foot-powder, 1 pr shorts, Sox, Handkerchief, Tea, Sugar, Rice .
28. Water Water Bottles will be filled only from approved water points. Water Sterilization Outfits will be used on all uncertain water .
29. Pack Tpt Personnel for pack tpt will be drawn from tpt section and all pack animal movement will be controlled by T/O .

INTERCOMMUNICATION

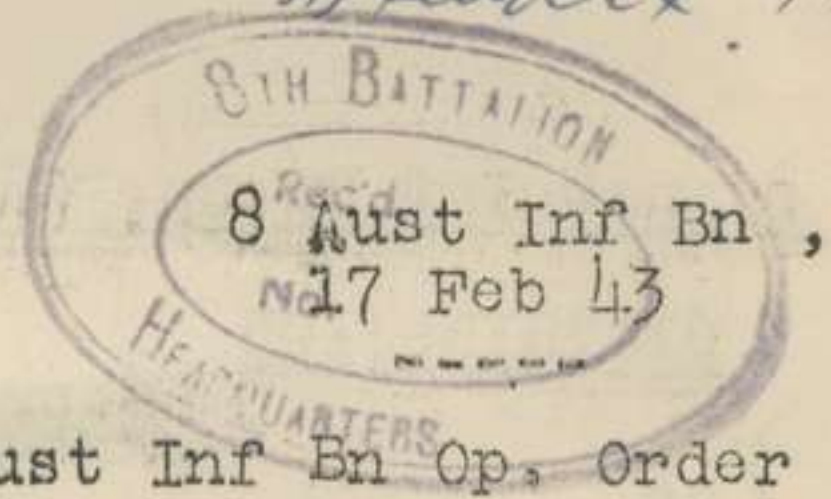
BHQ will open vicinity 740752 at a time to be notified .
On Move by DR, 108, or Runner .
Wireless One 108 set per coy .
Wireless Restrictions Nil
L/T Line will be laid when and where possible down to coys .
Codes (a) Code Names and Map Ref Code as laid down earlier .
(b) All messages passed in connection with this operation will be prefixed PHOENIX .

30. Sync Through Regtl Sigs at 0645 hrs 18 Feb 43
31. Ack

Time of Signature 0030 hrs
Method of Dispatch -- DR

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Appendix 12



8 AUST INF BN TRG INSTN No. 1

1. This instn will be read in conjunction with 8 Aust Inf Bn Op. Order No.1 .

2. Donkey Transport

All personnel will understand that, in so far as supply by donkey tpt is concerned, this exercise is largely experimental and in its results will effect the wet weather policy of the Force as a whole . Difficulties, checks and possible confusion on the Q side are expected . Discouragement will not favour their set backs but rather an increased determination to extract the utmost of value from the exercise .

3. Air Support

As part of exercise experiments in direct air support will be carried out. 452 Squadron RAAF is co-operating with 23 Aust Inf Bde . Air support link from HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde to Squadron HQ will be established NT Force 5371/G/A16 and 5731/G/A16 both of 8 Feb 43 will be the basis for exercise in this direction .

Coys will ensure that all material necessary for the identification of HQ positions of fwd tps and for indication of targets are carried on exercise.

The following materials will be taken :-

- Veroy Pistols 1 per coy and BHQ
- Flares Illuminating 10 per coy and BHQ
- Flares Red 5 per coy and BHQ
- Flares Green " " " " "
- Smoke Grenades 12 " "
- .303 Ballistite Cartridges 15 per coy
- Grenade Dischargers 1 per coy
- Small Hand Mirrors 2 per Section

Ground Strips will be taken by "I" Sec and Sigs .

4. Dispersion of Vehicles

T/O will be responsible that convoys turn from MAIN rd into dispersal areas without any halt taking place on main rd . Debussing of tps will take place off the main rd. T/O will be responsible for control of unit vehs not returned to rear under Bde orders .

Major C.J.Hutchings will be responsible for co-ordinated control of all such vehs within 23 Bde Group, their dispersion by day and their defence precautions at all times .

DISTRIBUTION

List "B"

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DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No.</u>
CO	1
2 i/c	2
Adjt	3
H	4
A	5
B	6
C	7
D	8
MC	9
I/O	10
T/O	11
Sigs	12
RSM	13
QM	14
War Diary	15-16
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Appx "A"

MOVEMENT TABLE 8 AUST INF BN

<u>Order</u>	4
<u>Group</u>	8 Aust Inf Bn 40 vehs
<u>S.P.</u>	41 Mile
<u>S.T.</u>	0740 hrs
<u>36 Mile</u>	Head 0755 hrs, Tail 0825 hrs
<u>SOUTHPORT RD STA</u>	Head 0840 hrs, Tail 0910 hrs
<u>TUMBLING WATERS</u>	Head 0918 hrs, Tail 0948 hrs
<u>OUTLOOK HILL</u>	Head 0956 hrs, Tail 1026 hrs
<u>PIONEER CREEK</u>	To be notified

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8TH BATTALION
Appendix 13
HEADQUARTERS

STANDING ORDER FOR FIRE : 8 AUST INF BN

The following standing orders for fire will be observed by all pers:-

1. Clearing danger areas of grass:-

- (a) All grass will be cleared:
for a distance of 10 ft from tents, marquees etc, and veh harbours ;
for a distance of 20 ft from incinerators, kitchens, ration-sheds, bush shelters etc ;
for a distance of 40 ft from petrol and amm dumps .
- (b) Grass will be removed by hand and pulled out by the roots to prevent further growth. Care will be taken to protect the hands as the serrated edges of native grasses can cause severe lacerations. As a safeguard against possible injury the use of old rags or strips of sacking is recommended. This grass is particularly easy to remove after rain and no difficulty should be experienced in clearing areas .
- (c) Grass removed in accordance with the above instructions will be carefully collected and dumped in safe areas where, when dry, it will be no danger to any other camp installations .
- (d) The clearing of tent areas is the responsibility of tent occupants. Coy Comd are responsible to see that the clearing is carried out around all tents and buildings in their respective areas, as per sub-para (a), and will submit a monthly report to the effect that the above instns have been carried out, by the 18th of each month .

2. FIRE OFFICER

Maj.A.J.C.DESNOY is appointed Fire Officer and is responsible for the training of fire picquets and fire parties. He will also be responsible for the supervision of all unit fire fighting equipment .

3. FIRE PICQUET

Each Rifle Coy will appoint 2 ORs as Fire Picquets from the A & Q personnel .

HQ Coy 2 ORs for 3 & 4 Pl
2 ORs for 6 Pl
2 ORs for Q Store , 1 and 2 Pl .

BHQ 2 ORs

Personnel appointed will be responsible for proceeding at once to the scene of the fire and rendering first aid in extinguishing or limiting the fire by locating the actual seat of the outbreak, and using all fire fighting appliances at hand until the arrival of the fire parties .

4. FIRE PARTIES

Each Coy will organise fire party of 1 NCO and 7 ORs from A & Q personnel, and will be trained to carry out the following duties :-

- (i) To bring up any fire equipment required by the Fire Picquet and to assist generally .
- (ii) Form bucket chains from available water supply (where possible) to seat of fire .
- (iii) As a fatigue party to salvage property and goods .

5. FIRE POSTS

Fire Posts will be established in a central position in each coy area and fire-fighting equipment concentrated therein. In addition to any equipment, such as fire beaters and Rega Knapsack Sprays which coys may possess. Buckets or other suitable containers will be kept filled with sand or water ready for emergency. Coy fire posts will be clearly indicated and all personnel must be informed of their whereabouts. Coy Comd will notify BHQ of the exact location of fire posts and of any change of location.

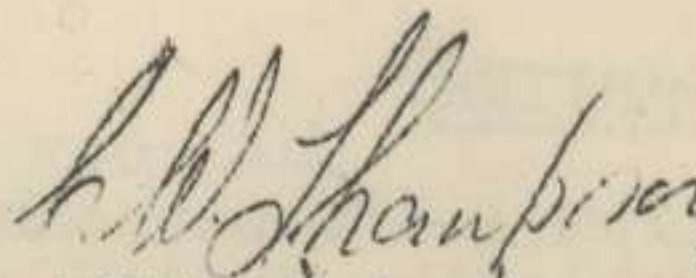
6. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

The following precautions will be taken against fire:-

- (a) Fire breaks will be burnt only under the direction of an Officer from Bde, who will supervise same.
- (b) Rubbish will not be burnt in open incinerators.
- (c) Tins will be placed in tents and huts for reception of cigarette butts and matches, and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders who fail to dispose of same accordingly.
- (d) Hurricane lamps will not be left unattended in tents or huts.
- (e) Camp fires will not be left unattended, and when no longer required will be covered with earth.
- (f) Care will be taken where there is an outbreak of grass fire to see that it is completely extinguished and that it is picqueted for a period of at least 12 hrs to make sure that a fresh outbreak will not occur.

7. NOTIFICATION OF OUTBREAK OF FIRE

- (a) Immediately on outbreak of fire in the Bn area, the coy nearest the fire will notify BHQ of exact location and nature of fire.
- (b) Orderly Officer will immediately report to the scene of the fire and take charge, obtaining further personnel and fire fighting apparatus from any other fire posts throughout the Bn area, and will submit a report in writing immediately following the fire, of any Army property and/or personnel which were involved, also action taken to put the fire out in order that action may be taken in accordance with GRO.177 of 10 Jul 42.


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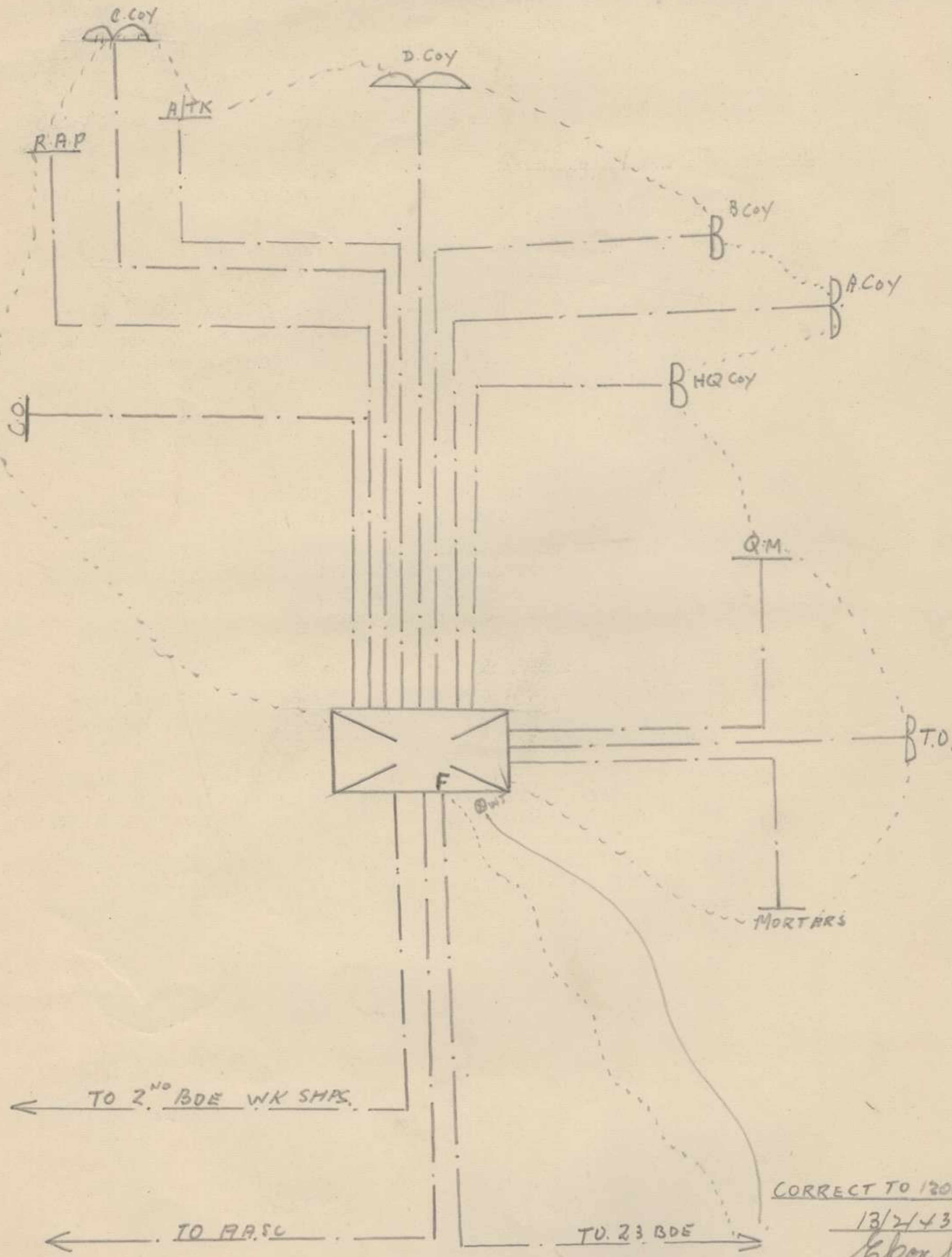
Until sufficient fire-fighting equipment is available Coy Comds will have at least 12 fire beaters constructed out of bags and old hessian.

8TH AUST INF BATTALION

8TH BATTALION
W/D FEB 13
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Appendix 13A
NO.
HEADQUARTERS NO 6

DIAGRAM NO 5

SIGNAL DIAGRAM.



REMARKS Side DRLS 1st run arrives 8pm 1216 hrs departs 1218 hrs
 2nd run arrives 8pm 1716 hrs departs 1718 hrs.
 All lines are of metallic pair with 9" margin
 subscribers R.A.P. Q.M. are on party line

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

23 ADPT INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 123

*B Coy - forward to C Coy
to D Coy & return
to Intelligence Office
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Compiled from information received between 1100 hrs 22 Jan 43
and 1100 hrs 29 Jan 43

NOTE Information contained herein will be passed to all ranks.

*W/D FEB 43
Appendix 14.*

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

One enemy float plane was reported as being in the vicinity of WASSALL Is on 22 and 26 Jan 43. On 23 Jan, one enemy plane hit the sta on NORTH Island (GOUBURN Is Sp).

(b) Own Air Activity

Adverse weather conditions have to some extent interfered with Allied A/C activities, but notwithstanding, long range recess and attacks were carried out.

Allied A/C attacked the majority of these sightings and although no direct hits were scored, near misses were registered.

Targets in TIMOR, TORAL, DOBO and AMBON were also attacked by heavy and medium bombers, hits being scored on buildings.

On one of these attacks over TIMOR, our A/C was attacked by two ZEPHES and one was considered to have been probably shot down. At DOBO, one Beaufighter attacked and destroyed an enemy float plane.

2. N.W. GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

The enemy now appears to be making more use of his B A/C. During the period under review, several attacks were directed against MILNE BAY and MORESBY by small numbers of medium bombers. However, very little damage was done.

(b) Own Air Activity

The aerodrome and installations at LAE appear to have been singled out for attacks by Allied A/C. Besides by bombing and strafing attacks on LAE, attention has been paid to MADANG, PINSCHAPEN, SALAMUA, and MUBO.

(c) Land operations

All enemy resistance in the areas marked in Appx "A" to AF Force Int Summary No 140 was overcome on 22 Jan 43. Over 300 bodies have been counted and many more still remain to be counted. Allied forces are now engaged on mopping up the remnants of Japanese who have not escaped from the area.

A large quantity of equipment was captured incl 5 field guns, 18 lorries, an dump and signal equipment.

Allied patrols are actively engaged in the KUMSI River and MUBO areas.

Following on the landing of reinforcements on 3 Jan, much enemy activity has taken place in the LAE Area. The enemy is still moving troops down to MUBO.

3. DUTCH NEW GUINEA

The enemy showed further interest in MERAUKE by attacking this town on two occasions.

Ben Day



4. NEW BRITAIN

Shipping in RABAUH Harbour has been repeatedly attacked by Allied A/C on 22 Jan, hits were secured on a number of ships and four at least were sunk.

The following day, 1 hit and 5 near misses were registered on a 12000 ton bpt and 2 near misses on a 8000 ton vessel. Whilst this attack was in progress, 12 AA intercepted and 5 were shot down and 2 damaged.

Further raids with successful results were carried out on the shipping and also the dromes at VURAKANAU and LAKUNAI.

At both aerodromes, fuel dumps were hit and fires started. Fires were also started in the dispersal area of the VURAKANAU Aerodrome. The airfields at GASMATA and Cape GLOUCESTER were also attacked; on 22 Jan the strip at GASMATA appeared to be unserviceable due to bomb craters.

5. SOLOMONS

At BUKA on 21 Jan, there was activity on the aerodrome on A/C assembly. Pz were seen arriving and departing and during the period under review, activity on the drome has been maintained.

Allied by Pz attacked one destroyer and 4 cargo vessels sighted 10 Mls EAST of KUPA on 21 Jan.

MUNDA Strip has been raided on a number of occasions and as a result of a raid by six B26s, eight SB2Cs and 24 Pz, AA posns ceased firing.

At GUADALCANAL, the Allied adv is still continuing. Enemy pockets of resistance are being reduced. Enemy A/C have raided Allied posns without doing any damage.

Security of Operations

GHQ Home Forces, GREAT BRITAIN, in their "Periodical Notes on Security (6)", on 10 Oct 42, give an interesting and instructive account from the security angle, of the DILFFE raid on 19 Aug 41; since "security of Operations" is such a vital factor in the success or failure of any operation, a précis of the above "Notes" has been prepared and is att to this Summary as Appx "C".

Although this was an amphibious move, many of the precautions taken prior to embarkation are equally applicable to movement by rail and rd in AUSTRALIA.

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SECURITY AND THE DIEPPE RAID

(1) The problem of ensuring the greatest possible secrecy with regard to this operation was the subject of the most careful consideration and planning. The fact that zero day had been originally fixed for 20 Jun 42, and that the operation was not carried out until 19 Aug, having in the meanwhile been postponed, then cancelled, and then revived, complicated the security arrangements considerably.

(2) Control of the number of those having knowledge of the plan was maintained by CO HQ by the issue of operation cards to all those "in the know". Those holding such cards were only permitted to discuss the operation with persons holding a similar card.

(3) The dates of the briefing of commanders and tps were as follows: Bde Comds on 1 Aug; Coy Comds on 14 Aug; PS Pers on 15 Aug; tps on 18 Aug (on board or immediately prior to embarkation). The briefing of pers connected with the airborne attack caused some anxiety; firstly because RAF pers involved were briefed before the postponement of the raid; this was due to the need for the early briefing of the pilots and observers in order that they could memorise from a map details of the dropping zones, etc; secondly because the parachute bn was briefed four days before the actual zero day and mingled in the interval with civilians and pers of other units; this was due to the day by day postponement of the raid owing to weather conditions.

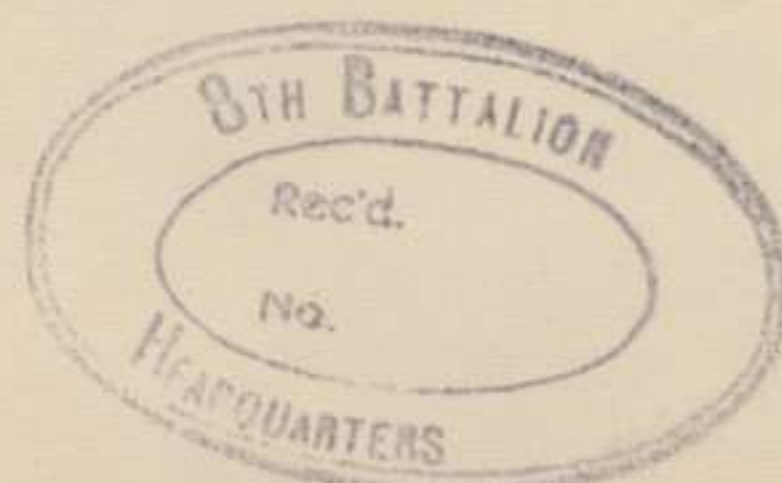
(4) It was not considered necessary to take any special measures to deceive the enemy by giving false indications as to the objective and date of operation. It was realised that he would gain knowledge, through air recce, of the combined operations trg being carried out in the ISLE of WIGHT Area, and that he would deduce therefrom the likelihood of a raid. Owing to the central posn of the Island, however it was felt that he would have no clue as to the objective, beyond the fact that it would probably be between BREST and GALAIS; nor, with care, need he be given any adv clue as to the Zero day.

Our own tps were led to believe that they were simply going to carry out trg in combined operations in preparation for the invasion of the Continent at a later date.

Great care was taken to ensure that the final embarkation for the operation was as similar as possible to the many previous trg embarkations. One Bn was so convinced that the final embarkation was just the beginning of another exercise, that its amm was purposely left behind as an unnecessary encumbrance.

(5) Particular care was taken to ensure that the necessary adm arrangements were made as inconspicuously as possible. Since the Force was mainly Canadian, all additional material required was supplied from British rather than Canadian sources, and placed on board the assault ships before embarkation. Active preparations for the reception of the Force on its return from the raid (eg, provision of ambulances, escorts for PW etc) were delayed till the last possible moment.

(6) Since the majority of the tps had not been briefed prior to embarkation, permission was given for operation orders to be taken on board the craft. In addition, each Bde HQ was authorised to take two copies of these orders ashore. One of the latter copies was captured when a Bde HQ was overrun, and it is feared that it has proved of value to the enemy. With regard to the copies carried in the craft, in some cases the arrangements for their safe custody, collection and return broke down and in consequence a certain number were later found abandoned in the craft, and some are still missing.



(7) Officers identity cards were withdrawn after embarkation, the pass-word and identity discs being regarded as sufficient for any identification required during the operation. ORs were allowed to retain their paybooks, but it has since been agreed that these should have been withdrawn. Orders were issued that personal papers were to be collected from all ranks by the senior military officer in each ship or draft and handed over to the captain of the ship.

Formation and regimental flashes were not removed, as it was generally agreed that the nature of the operation was such that they would be of no real assistance to the enemy.

(8) Eight FS parties were detailed to search for documents and equipment; five of these consisted of two NCO's and other three of an IO with one NCO. Only two of these parties succeeded in penetrating any distance inland.

(9) Since the operation there have been very widespread rumours that information had leaked to the enemy and that he had made full preparations at DIEPPE to meet the raid; from censorship reports it is clear that this belief was widely held by the majority of the Canadians who took part in the operation.

There is, however, no evidence whatever that there was any actual leakage to the enemy. In fact, all available evidence indicates that no such leakage occurred, and that, although the enemy is generally on the alert along the whole coast-line during weather favourable for raids, he was not specifically expecting an attack on DIEPPE at that time. For example, the captured guard report book of a German coastal battery shows nothing abnormal up to the time when the alarm was given at 04:00 hrs on 19 Aug. Personnel of this Bty undressed and went to sleep on the night 18/19 Aug.

(10) Conclusion

The following four points arising from the security aspect of the raid may be mentioned in conclusion:-

- (a) It is known that it is possible to keep the enemy in ignorance of the vital details of a major raid.
- (b) It has been learnt that the strict supervision of security instructions is required at all stages to ensure that such instructions, e.g. with regard to the taking of documents into action, are not forgotten or neglected in the rush of final preparations and departure.
- (c) Owing to the widespread rumour that the enemy knew of the raid in advance, the importance and urgency of security has become more generally recognised and appreciated.
- (d) It seems likely that in any offensive operation there will be a considerable number of intelligence targets, with which FS Personnel will be called on to deal in conjunction with the forward fighting troops.

(11) Postscript

Of the many reports received on the security of this operation one well illustrates the type of coincidence which is so often encountered by those engaged in IB work :-

Those who solved the crossword puzzle of a newspaper on 17 Aug found that the word for "13 down" was DIEPPE. (Aug 18 D day for the raid)

The case after investigation was found to be due to pure coincidence.

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Appendix 15.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 123

Compiled from information received between 1100 hrs 29 Jan 43 and 1100 hrs 8 Feb 43.

NOTE : Information contained herein will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

During the period under review three EA were over DARWIN area at a high altitude. 1 A/C was over on 29 Jan and 2 on 2 Feb. 1 enemy F/P attacked an Allied EAST-bound convoy and dropped bombs without effect. An Allied A/C intercepted and succeeded in damaging the F/P, which escaped in the clouds. On 6 Feb 2 EA were over DARWIN, BATCHELOR and ADELAIDE RIVER, where A/C appeared to split up and one of them, type DINAH, was shot down 50 mls NW of BATHURST Is, 1 EA was also over area on 7 Feb.

(b) Own Air Activity

Allied A/C have again been active and attacks have been made on AMBON (2), DOBO (4), TOEAL (2), MATKIS Is, TIMIKA, KAUKENAU, BABO, VIQUEQUE and PENFOEI.

and
Adverse weather conditions have hampered ops, in some cases our A/C were forced to return without carrying out ops. The most successful of these ops were the attack on PENFOEI aerodrome by Beaufighters and AMBON by Liberators.

The drome at PENFOEI was strafed from a low level and 4 bombers on the runway caught fire and burned. 5 or 6 others and two fighters were damaged.

Three bldgs were set on fire, a large explosion from one sending up debris to a height of 1200 ft and damaging one of our A/C.

On 5 Feb Liberator A/C raided AMBON and LAKA, 5 MV were sighted in the outer harbour, the largest of these being 10,000 tons. Direct hits were registered on main wharf. Fires started in town area.

Immediately after the bombing, interception was made by 8 - 10 EA, and in the resulting clash 3 EA were shot down and 3 probably.

Enemy losses and damage to A/C in the NW Area for the month of Jan 43 were :--

Definitely destroyed in the air	5
Probably " " "	5
Damaged in the air	9
Destroyed on the ground	8
Damaged on the ground	8.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

Despite the marked increase in fighter strength referred to in I Summary No 122, no great increase in bomber strength is apparent. Very little bombing activity is reported, but on many occasions enemy fighters have intercepted Allied A/C when performing bombing tasks.

However, on 6 Feb, enemy fighters and bombers were intercepted on 3 occasions when raids on WAW were attempted. 21 fighters and 3 bombers were destroyed by our A/C. AA also destroyed 2 planes. A further 10 fighters were probably shot down with 2 bombers possible.

(b) Own Air Activity

Apart from the interceptions above referred to, Allied A/C have continuously attacked the enemy's lines of comm in LAE area. Many fires were started among stores and supply dumps, particularly in the TERRACE area, LAE.

Enemy positions at MUBO, WAU, WEWAK, FINSCHHAFEN, have also received much attention from both fighters and bombers.

(c) Land Operations.

The scene of operations has now moved up the coast. Scattered enemy parties which succeeded in getting away from SANANANDA area are still operating in the KUMUSI RIVER area, but are receiving attention from our land forces.

Frequent reports have been received of large activity up and down the coast from SALAMAUA to the KUMUSI, and it may be assumed that the enemy is endeavouring to evacuate these troops towards SALAMAUA.

The two principle areas of activity now appear to be :--

- (1) SOUTH OF MANDANG : The valley of the RAMU, which runs SE to NW some 40 mls from MANDANG, almost connects with the valley of the UPPER MARKHAM. A negotiable track leads from MANDANG to OANARU near the RAMU, thence up the right bank of that river, across the watershed and down the left bank of the MARKHAM to LAE, a total distance of 180 mls. The enemy has shown considerable interest in this route and has been reported at DUMPU and KUMIANG.

At the same time, there is evidence that the enemy is showing greater enterprise than before in moving up the MARKHAM from LAE, and it is possible that his patrols were in the neighbourhood of KAIAPAT from 17 to 19 Jan, but have since withdrawn down the MARKHAM.

- (2) MUBO - WAU AREA : Allied patrols out from WAU reported concentrations of enemy forces 2500 yds ENE and 2700 yds SE of WAU. Following an arty shoot our forces attacked the enemy in the last mentioned position and drove the enemy back 300 yds.

A strong force of the enemy is also located between WANDUMI and BLACK CAT mine and allied patrols have been in contact with them. A force at WANDUMI has been subjected to our arty fire on many occasions.

Small Allied forces are out on patrol and report strong enemy forces in WAIPALI - BUIBAINING area. An Allied force is penetrating towards this last mentioned area along the BLACK CAT trail.

3. NEW BRITAIN

A large concentration of enemy shipping is still at RABAUL. This shipping and 'dromes at VUNAKANAU and LAKUNAI have been attacked by Allied aircraft. Direct hits have been scored on ships in the harbour but in raids occurring at night results have NOT been observed owing to the glare of apparently radio controlled searchlights.

On one raid on 1 Feb on LAKUNAI 20 fires were started on both sides of runway and traverse dispersal area.

7 B17s attacked LAKUNAI and VUNAKANAU on 4 Feb and started fires one being visible for 100 mls.

4. NEW IRELAND

Aerial photographs taken on 4 Feb show improvements being made with probably a new runway and new AA positions installed. There were 20 bombers (4 damaged) and 4 fighters on the drome when photos were taken.

5. SOLOMONS

Up to the present NO information has been received regarding the sea battle in this area.

Allied A/C have however been active during the period under review.

On 31 Jan an enemy convoy was attacked off VELLA LAVELLA by dive-bombers escorted by warhawks and Airocobrās. Direct hits were scored on a destroyer and transport and both these vessels were left burning and listing badly. A corvette in the convoy was strafed and left burning.

Other shipping was also attacked and a number of direct hits scored and vessels were left burning.

Frequent attacks were made on BUNDA aerodrome.

Additional enemy troops and supplies have been landed at BUKA PASSAGE and the Japs are reinforcing outposts in the vicinity. Many aircraft including some damaged which have arrived from the SOUTH, are reported on the aerodrome.

On the 4 Feb an enemy convoy of 20 destroyers proceeding to GUADALCANAL was reported and attacked by allied aircraft. Of a covering force of 25 ZEKES 7 were destroyed and 5 probably destroyed. One destroyer was sunk and badly damaged.

Later the same day the remaining destroyers covered by 33 ZEKES were again attacked by our aircraft and two hits were scored on one destroyer and one on another, 10 ZEKES were shot down and 2 probably shot down.

On GUADALCANAL our land forces are steadily continuing their progress.

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Appendix 16.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

23 AUST IAF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 124

Compiled from information received between 1100 hrs 8 Feb 43 and 1100 hrs 15 Feb 43.

NOTE : Information contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS
AND
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH

NW SECTOR

The development of enemy strength in this sector continues.

On the SW coast of DUTCH NEW GUINEA photo recon reveals that a landing ground is being made at TIMKA (11 mls SE of KAUKENAU) and that a quantity of stores have been landed.

This, combined with the previously-reported clearing of a new strip at NINE (3 mls to the NW) and the fact that the Japanese are steadily progressing with the reconstruction of the drone at BABO suggests that the enemy intends to establish strong fwd operational bases in the area.

Recent aerial photographs disclose that a greater number of serviceable A/C are at KENDARI Aerodrome than when last photographed.

Indications point to the fact that SSP are shipped to KENDARI for assembly there. The new major runway is being pushed ahead rapidly and has now been extended a further 900 yds.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

On 9 Feb EA was in the area in the vicinity of HUGHES FIELD but no interception took place.

(b) Own Air Activity

Despite bad weather, which has, in cases forced our A/C to return to base before reaching their objectives, Allied A/C have been particularly active.

Continuous armed recon of the islands in the PANDA and ARAFURA Seas have been carried out. The most successful attack was carried out by Liberator A/C over KENDARI on 9 Feb. Bombs dropped destroyed bldgs and what appeared to be a bomb dump. On the journey homeward interception was made by Zeros, and one was probably shot down.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

Since the attempted raids on WAU on 6 Feb enemy air activity has been very slight.

(b) Own Air Activity

Allied air effort during the last week has been mainly directed against the enemy's lines of comm and ground forces in the IAE WAU - SALAMUA area. Our A/C have combed the area in offensive sweeps, bombing and strafing targets as opportunity arises.

(c) Land Operations

- (i) SOUTH of MANDANG : Further evidence has been received to support the contention that the enemy would endeavour to establish an overland route from MANDANG down the RAMU VALLEY, thence across to MARKHAM VALLEY, and so to LAE.

It would appear that at least three separate Japanese patrols have been active reconnoitring this area and have been concentrated at KALAPIT (19 mls SE of MARAWASA). In addition, the natives appear to have evacuated several villages in this area. Further EAST at GALSOMEK (about 16 mls up the MARKHAM from LAE) the enemy has shown signs of activity in the clearing and felling of trees.

- (ii) WAU - MUBO Area : Spasmodic fightings has been taking place in this area. Our tps on 9 Feb over-ran probable Japanese HQ in vicinity CRYSTAL CREEK - BULOLO RIVER junc.

Our patrols contacted enemy digging in along track 2½ mls NW of KAISINIK and on being attacked enemy withdrew, leaving the Crystal Creek - KAISINIK track clear.

Another body of the enemy from CRYSTAL CREEK withdrew through WANDAMI and are attempting to move to HOUSE COPPER. Our tps moving EASTward have reached a point 1000 yds WEST WANDAMI and have cleared enemy to that point.

Mopping up in the KUMUSI - MAMBARE area continues.

3. NEW BRITAIN

The landing strip at GASHATA appears to have been lengthened. There is a possible landing strip at ROEBUCK POINT (30 mls EAST of GASHATA).

Allied bombers have carried out several attacks on shipping concentrated at RABAU and the aerodromes at LAKUNAI, VUNAKANAU and GASHATA.

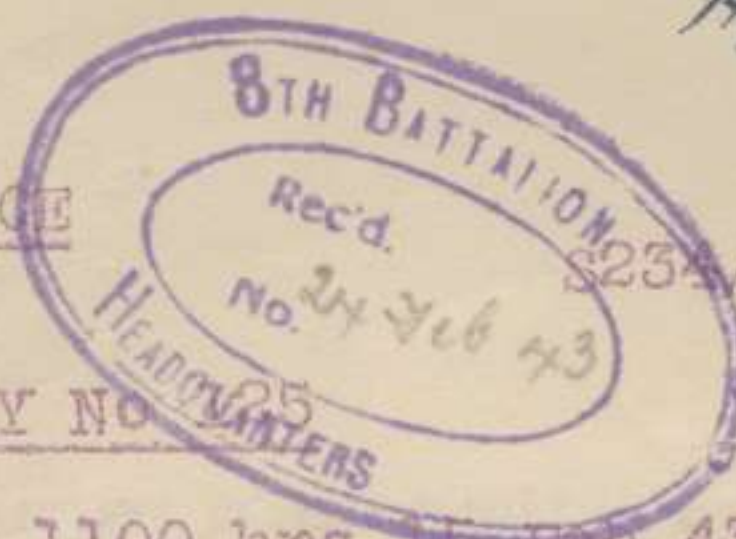
4. SOLOMONS

NO infm yet to hand regarding naval battle referred to in "I" summary No 123. Allied A/C have been particularly busy during the period under review. After one raid on KAHILI drome (BOUGAINVILLE) numerous fires were started. Hits were scored on arm dump which exploded violently. MUNDA airfield has been attacked on a number of occasions.

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28 FEB
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE



23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 25

Compiled from information received between 1100 hrs 16 Feb 43 and 2200 hrs 22 Feb 43.

NOTE : Information contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

At 1156KL on 21 Feb an EA on reece attacked a convoy heading for DARWIN from the WEST. Three bombs were dropped without damage before EA was driven off by escorting A/C.

(b) Our Own Air Activity

Bad weather has again hampered offensive air action, but has not been sufficiently bad to prevent armed air reeces over a wide area. Principal ops have been directed against DILLI and AMBON, as under :--

- (i) DILLI was attacked on 15 and 18 Feb. In both instances observation was difficult owing to cloud, but bombs were dropped in the target area. In the first raid interception was attempted but NOT pressed; on the second occasion 1 ZEKE was shot down and another probably destroyed.
- (ii) 15 Feb : AMBON attacked. Several direct hits were scored on an 8/10000 ton MV and numerous fires started in the town.
- (iii) 21 Feb : AMBON again bombed. Results were difficult to observe on account of clouds. AA was described as heavy and accurate. Interception was made by 10 EF, 2 or 3 of which were definitely destroyed, and 1 or 2 probably destroyed.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

Enemy air activity has been confined to minor reece flights.

(b) Our Own Air Activity

Our superiority in the air allows of enemy targets being attacked wherever seen. Enemy vessels, ranging in size from 5000 tons to luggers and landing craft have been bombed and strafed along the NW coast from WEWAK to FINSCHHAFEN and around NEW BRITAIN. Hits and near misses are claimed, but results are not sufficiently outstanding to require individual description.

(c) Land Operations

- (i) The Japanese attempt to seize the aerodrome at WAU having failed, his forces have fallen back to their original posns around NUBO. Patrol activity continues along tracks BLACKCAT to HOUSE COPPER, and at track junctions WAIPALI and BUIBAINING. Enemy posns of indefinite strength are also reported in the valley between WAIPALI and BUIBAINING and astride the GUADAGASEL SADDLE.

- (ii) Further infm regarding the organisation of an overland supply line from WANDANG to LAE suggests that the enemy att importance to it. This track is believed now passable and to take only 10 days on foot to traverse.
- (iii) Odd parties of Japs still being rounded up in the vicinity of the KUMUSI delta are, in all probability, largely composed of stragglers from SANANAIDA. Barge activity up and down the coast from SALAMUA to the KUMUSI suggests that the enemy may be hoping to maintain small parties in the estuarine country along that sec of the coast between the WARIA and the KUMUSI rivers.

3. SOLOMONS

Since the evacuation of remaining Jap elements on GUADALCANAL little land fighting has occurred in the SOLOMONS. Enemy shipping in the area is still concentrated about BUKA PASSAGE and at BUIN.

Allied air ops have mainly been directed against Jap landing fds at MUNDA (NEW GEORGIA) and the new strip at VILA Plantation on KOLOKBANGARA Is.

The aerodrome, dispersal bays and dumps at KAHILI were attacked on 19 Feb and 20 Feb. In both cases considerable damage was inflicted.

20 Feb : Raids upon shipping in the vicinity of BUIN resulted in two direct hits on a 9000 ton cargo vessel which burned furiously; 2 direct hits on a 7000 ton vessel; 1 possible and 1 miss within 10ft on a 3000 ton vessel.

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DISTRIBUTION "B"

SECRET

TO 42 Pd Bty, 7 Aust Inf Bn, 8 Aust Inf Bn, 19 Aust MG Bn.

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 987

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STIREP to 1330KL/5 (.) DARWIN area (.) NIL ENEMY activity (.) NEW GUINEA (.)
WAU-MUSO (.) our tps preceded by arty fire occupied LEAYS FARM (3500 yds
SE WAU (.) on 2 feb (.) with arty support our forces recaptured posn 2500yds
ENE WAU from which they had been driven 12 hours earlier (.) MUBO (.) strong
ENEMY parties located 3 miles S by W MUBO (.) WANDUMI BLACK CAT (.) ENEMY
attacked 3 feb (.) NAMBARE river (.) patrols inflicted casualties JAPS and
destroyed power barge MEMBARE DELTA 31 jan (.) ENEMY posts encountered
100 miles S of BAKUMBARI on KUMUSI river and at DEUNIA

Robert M. Karl *Linn*

IMMEDIATE
by secret means

1000 hrs

In lieu of AF C 2128

SECRET MEANS

TO 42 Fd Bty, 7 Aust Inf Bn, 8 Aust Inf Bn, 19 Aust MG BN.

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 988

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sitrep to 1130KL/6 (.) DARWIN area (.) NIL enemy activity (.)
NEW GUINEA (.) RAMU VALLEY (.) 4 feb enemy reported as having
departed KAIAPIT in direction LAE (.) area KAIGULIN- KAIAPIT now
clear (.) WAU (.) enemy attacked our patrols 3 feb BUABAININ area (.)
NO details (.) on 3/4 feb enemy attempted break through our posns 2800
yds SE WAU (.) all attacks repulsed (.) on 4 feb our tps attacked
remaining JAP posns 2500 yds NE WAU under cover arty mortar MG fire
(.) objective gained (.) KUMUSI RIVER (.) 2/3 feb allied tps attacked
raft-borne enemy near BAFARI 5 mls WEST of BURENADA inflicting by
casualties

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sitrep	to	1030KL/8	(.)	EA	
made	quick	rece	over	DARWIN	10
1025KL/7	(.)	limited	AA	brought	15
to	bear	without	result	(.)	20
NIL	interception	(.)	NEW GUINEA	(.)	25
WAU	7	feb	(.)	our	30
tps	attacked	enemy	BUIBAINING	killing	35
18	JAPS	(.)	def	posns	40
now	being	prepared	by	our	45
force	BUIBAINING	- WAIPALI	track	junc	50
(.)	patrol	activity	only	both	55
sides	(.)	KUMUSI	area	3	60
feb	(.)	allied	tps	attacked	65
enemy	NORTH	of	BAKUMBARI	ck	70
adv	500	yds			75
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sitrep	to	1200KI/10	(.)	DARWIN	
are	(.)	NIL	enemy	activity	10
(.)	NEW GUINEA	(.)	enemy	pocket	15
2600 yds	SE	WAU	cleared	on	20
6 Feb	and	similar	enemy	posn	25
3 miles	ESE	WAU	eliminated	7 Feb	30
(.)	No	Japs	WANDUMI	village	35
but	much	activity	observed	NORTH	40
this	spot	(.)	KUMUSI RIVER	(.)	45
estimated	21	Japs	killed	DANAWATU	50
BAKUMTARI	last	3 days	(.)	allied	55
patrols	GAIARA	6 miles	SE	IAMO	60
report	enemy	party	moving	down	65
OPI	RIVER				70
					75
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SITREP	to	1030KL/11	(.)	DARWIN	5
area	(.)	NIL	ENEMY	activity	10
(.)	NEW	GUINEA	(.)	ENEMY	15
posns	2 1/4	mls	SE	by	20
SOUTH	of	WAU	shelled	7	25
Feb	43	(.)	ENEMY	resistance	30
at	river	junc	3 1/4	mls	35
EAST	of	WAU	overcome	and	40
advance	200	yds	made	(.)	45
further	force	our	tps	moving	50
forward	to	same	area	from	55
WEST	where	further	opposition	encountered	60
(.)	KUMUSI	area	(.)	allied	65
detachments	continue	mopping	up	vicinity	70
BEAUMBARI					75
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FROM 23 aust inf bde I 6 12

sitrep to 123OKL/12 (.) DARWIN area (.) NIL enemy activity (.)
NEW GUINEA (.) WAU to 9 feb (.) main body enemy CRYSTAL CREEK
area withdrew through WANDUMI and attempted move neighbourhood
HOUSE COPPER along new JAP track (.) our arty engaged causing
casualties (.) detachments our tps reached point 1000 yds WEST
of WANDUMI while further detachments attacked enemy camp from
NORTH of WANDUMI (.) enemy counter attacked and withdrew (.)
KUMUSI - OPI rivers to 9 feb (.) patrol activity continues (.)
large number JAPS moved KURENADA to KUMUSI delta

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To. 42 Md Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn ✓ 19 ME Bn

From. 23 Aust Inf Bde

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sitrep to 1100KL.13 (.) DARWIN area (.) NIL enemy activity (.)
NEW GUINEA (.) WAU (.) our tps overran probable JAP HQ vicinity
CRYSTAL CK - BULOLO River PM 9 Feb (.) estimated 290 JAPS killed
7 - 9 Feb CRYSTAL CK area and along track to WANDUMI (.) main
enemy body BLACKCAT area seen moving towards ROUSE COPPER area
10 Feb (.) our patrols contacted JAPS digging in along track 2½
mils NW of KAISINK and attacked 10/11 Feb (.) track subsequently
cleared (.) detachment met strong enemy party NORTH of WANDUMI
moving SOUTH on 10 Feb (.) casualties inflicted (.) reported 11
Feb 100 unidentified tps moving direction WANDUMI from TRIG POINT
(200 yds NE of WANDUMI)

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To 42 Fd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MB Bn

From HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde I19 15

sitrep to 1100KL/14 (.) DARWIN area (.) NIL enemy activity(.)
NEW GUINEA (.) WAU to 12 Feb (.) our tps with arty support now
KOBIAK area harrassing enemy withdrawal (.) active patrolling
all tracks continues (.) KUMUSI and OPI rivers to 11 feb (.)
JAPS still being rounded up (.) reported 135 killed mostly
vicinity river deltas.

Robert M. King Lieut

0940KL

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To 42 fa bty, 7 aust inf bn, 8 aust inf bn, 19 aust mg bn.

From hq 23 aust inf bde I 31 20

sitrep to 1115KL/19 (.) DARWIN area (.) NIL enemy activity (.)
NEW GUINEA (.) WAU to 17 feb (.) enemy movement through WAIPALI to
MUBO continued (.) enemy reported strongly established along creek
between WAIPALI - BLACKCAT spurs and staging camp on BITOI (.) posn
unknown (.) estimated 150 JAPS between WAIPALI and HOUSE COPPER (.)
KUMUSI area (.) allied patrol boats intercepted 6/8 enemy barges
off EIA river (.) 3 sunk

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Lieut

2100

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21 Feb 47*

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To 42 Pd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

From 23 Aust Inf Bde

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9
sitrep to 1045KL/23 (.) DARWIN (.) NIL ENEMY activity (.) NEI (.)
AMBON shipping and aerodrome attacked 21 Feb (.) results unseen
due clouds (.) interception by 6 or more ZEKES (.) 2 destroyed
plus 2 probable (.) NEW GUINEA (.) WAU - MUBO (.) considered that
large number ENEMY withdrew through HOUSE COPPER to BUIBAINING -
WAIPALI vicinity on 19 Feb 43 (.) ENEMY NOW holding this area
and GUADAGASAL SADDLE in strength (.) KUMUSI area (.) party JAPS
located NORTH river delta and engaged by ALLIED arty on 20 feb

Robert H. Rose
Lieut

1525KL

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To 42 Fd Bty 7 Aust Inf Bn 8 Aust Inf Bn 19 Aust MG Bn.

From 23 Aust Inf Bde

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SITREP to 1200KL/25 (.) DARWIN area (.) NIL enemy activity (.) TIMOR (.)
PENFOEI runway bombed 23 feb (.) interception by 6-10 ZEKES (.) 2
destroyed plus 1 probable (.) KEI Islands (.) TOEAL attacked 23 feb (.)
all bombs building area (.) NEW GUINEA (.) WAU MUBO (.) following air
attack 21 feb about 300 enemy withdrew from GUADAGASAL ridge to MUBO
side of saddle (.) approx 340 enemy moved from BUIBAINING WAIPALI area
to saddle area 22 feb (.) MARKHAM valley to 22 feb (.) our patrols
report area ONGA bracket 9½ mls SW KAIPIT enclose bracket surrendered
and MARAWASA clear of enemy since 30 jan (.) RAMU valley (.) no enemy
activity observed KESAM SEPU area bracket 25 mls SW BOGADJIM enclos
bracket from 19 jan to 19 feb (.) KUMUSI area (.) 50 japs plus 30
followers scattered arty fire in area WEST of NORTH arm KUMUSI (.)
allied patrols mopping up (.) KUMUSI to CAPE WARDHUNT clear of enemy
to 21 feb (.) area bounded by NORTH and SOUTH arms KUMUSI clear 22 feb
(.) OPI river (.) 23 feb strong allied patrols progressing up river

Robert M. Rose Lieut

1535KL

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To: 42 Pd Bty 3 Bn 7 Bn 19 MG Bn

From: 23 Aust Inf Bde

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26

SITREP to 1100KL/26 (.) DARWIN area (.) EA on reconce sighted over
BATCHELOR DARWIN approx noon 25 feb no interception (.) NEW GUINEA
(.) WAU MUBO (.) further 162 enemy moved from BUIBAINING WAIPALI
area to GUADAGASAI saddle on 22 feb

Robert M. Kane

Lieut

1620KL