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8 Infantry Battalion

March - April 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY


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Unit 8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From MARCH, 1942. 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 MAR.	0800	Bn syllabus of Trg for week of commencing 1 MAR received from	BHQ. Appendix 18
		0830	Weather: some showers, visibility fair, cloudy.	
		0930	Bn parade.	
		1000	SUN-MOON Tables for month of MAR 43 received from 23 Bde.	
		1200	23 Bde Intelligence Summaries received. No 126.	All informed.
		1200	23 Bde Intelligence Sitrep I59 received.	Appendix 24A.
			Lieut. RAFF conducted Road Patrol (23 Bde C.I. 15). Fire picquets and fire parties appointed in Bn Hq. and companies.	Appendix 27
			NT Force GS Instructions No 31 received, re Permanent Danger Areas— Small Arms Ranges, attached list of Permanent S/A Ranges recd.	GS file. List of Ranges in Operations File.
	2 MAR.	0400 (approx)	Heavy rain.	
		0830	Visibility fair, weather fine.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
		1000	Report on bad condition of main N.A. Road received from 23 Bde.	
		1430	SITREP re condition of MANTON FORD sent to 23 Bde. (Message I624)	Vide 23 Bde Sitrep I69 Appx 27
				Considerable aerial activity observed.
		1630	23 Bde Sitrep I65 received.	Appx 27
	3 MAR	0830	Weather, some showers and heavy rain during day and night.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
			One two inch mortar and one rifle with plastic fittings as a substitute for woodwork received by unit for demonstration, training and test purposes under tropical conditions.	
			Further zeroing of rifles.	
		1700	23 Bde SITREP I 69 received, gave details of enemy action (aerial) in this area. on MAR 2.	
		2030	Pictures shown in this area.	
		2100	23 Bde. Op. Order "SHOAL (WET)" received.	Operation File.

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<p>DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42 MILE" Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6.157652.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>8TH BATTALION <i>[Signature]</i> QUARTERS</p> </div>	4 MAR	0830	Weather: heavy rain 0400 hrs. Visibility fair, variable.		
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.		
		1030	Bde IO visited area.		
		1130	MANTON FORD covered by 18" water.		
				WAR DIARY for FEB and duplicate DECEMBER 1942 WAR DIARY despatched to MILITARY HISTORY SECTION, MELB. VIC.	
		1200	Air Raid RED for BATCHELOR area.		
		1220	Air Raid GREEN for BATCHELOR.		
		1240	Air Raid RED for HUGHES FIELD AREA. A/A Five.		
		1315	Air Raid GREEN given for this area.		
		1500	CO, 2 I/c, LO made recce CHARING CROSS area.		
		1730	23 Bde Sitrep I71 received.		
1730	Fd Strength Returns W3008/9 dated 5 MAR issued.				
		Bn HQ issued order "A/A duties" further to 8 Bn Op Inst. No 17 of 20 DEC 42. re mounting of LMG A/A Posts in Bn area.	APPX. 27		
		23 Bde Report on Roads and Tracks as at 1700 hrs 1. MAR 43.	APPX. 1 Appx 5. Road Report File.		
	5 MAR	0830	Weather fine, visibility fair.		
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.		
		1330	Lieut. RAFF conducted Road Patrol as per 23 Bde OI 15. MANTON FORD : water 1 foot deep.		
		1415	IO visited Adv. HQ. NT FORCE. IO visited Adv. HQ. NT FORCE.		
		1800	Syllabus of trg for week commencing 8 MAR issued Bn HQ.	Appx. 19	
	6 MAR	0830	Weather fine, visibility variable.		
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.		
		1330	io and RQM proceeded to DARWIN and to CHARING CROSS re PLAN E.		
	7 MAR	0830			

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		0930	Church parades. Day of rest for unit.	
		1400	CO, 2I/C, Adj, made recce of SHOAL bay area.	
		1500	Maj. DESNOY appointed OC "C" Coy. Sitrep I82 received from 23 Bde.	
		1700	Addendum to 8 Bn Standing Op. Instr. for Immediate move. issued. (Addendum dated 6 MAR). (For Standing Order vide 23 Bde Intelligence Summary No 127 recd. All informed.	Appendix. 27 vide Appendix 6 WD FEB 43. Appx) Appendix. 10.
	8 MAR	0830	Weather fine, vis fair.	
		0930	Bn pde-in a memo to all coys CO commended coys and personnel on their turnout and the parade generally.	
		1000	CO and Adj, made recce to CHARING CROSS to witness 7 Bn Air Co-op exercise.	
		1015	Sgt FERGUSON visited I Sec Adv HQ, NT Force. Trg as per syllabus.	
		1630	Sitrep I89 recd from 23 Bde.	Appx. 27
		2030	Map Reading "Quiz" for all officers under appointment of Coy Comd.	Appx. 17
	9 MAR	2130	Sitrep I90 received from 23 Bde.	Appx. 27
		0930	Weather: Rain during day. Visibility good. xixox Trg as per syllabus.	
		1500	I Sgt and Coy Comds, Adj, reced area vicinity MANTON SWIMMING POOL in preparation for AIR CO-OP exercise.	
		1100	PILOT BILLS and 8 PI left for PIONEER CK indefinitely as patrol and guard. Lieut	
		1200	Screed and maps re Air Co-op exercise issued.	Appx. 14.

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DARWIN AREA.N.T. "42 MILE". Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6.157652.	10 MAR	0830	Weather ,some rain during day. Visibility variable.	
		0930	A,B,D Coys and Bn HQ "skeletons" moved out vicinity MANTON SWIMMING POOL on AIR-CO-OP exercise. 4 Spitfire fighters took part in exercise "straffing" "enemy" positions.	
			Exercise attended by Bde. Comd. , and Air Support Control Officer.	For detailed Log of Exercise Appx 15.
		1500	Exercise concluded, personnel taking part returned to Bn area.	
		1900	Pilots of Spitfires taking part in exercise dined at officers mess.	
		1910	23 Bde Sitrep I95 recd .	Appx. 27
		2030	Pictures shown in Bn area. Bde Comd attended.	
			Sgt Sgt Lieut. Bi lls phoned report on patrol duty for day.	Patrol file. Copy to Bde.
	XXXX 11 MAR	0630	Heavy rain falling.	
		0830	Rain ceased.	
		0930	Rece party 2 I Sec sent to investigate TRANSPORT TRACK to ACACIA GAP and ACACIA GAP area. 23 Bde Sitrep I 93 recd.	Appx. 27
		1030	Recce party 2 I Sec sent to investigate TRANSPORT TRACK to ACACIA GAP and ACACIA GAP area.	
		1345	Recce party 1 I Sec 1 RP recce ELG 147 area.	
		1515	Recce party ACACIA GAP report: ACACIA CK is 3'10" deep at GAP. 150 yds wide. W.H. extends to foot of adjacent features.	
			Capt. LANE, APM reports 40 MPs on main NA RD between WINELLIE and ADELAIDE RIVER. EX 23-28 mile bad, bottom dropping out. Portions between 37 and 43 miles becoming dangerous and at 43 mile bottom dropping out of road. MANTON FORD RIVER has swift current, becoming very dangerous. At times two IAD trucks required to pull one vehicle through. Bad patch of road at 84 mile. MANTON RIVER- ADELAIDE RIVER fair, with one or two bad patches.	
			Capt. LANE advised ADV. HQ. NT FORCE that unless traffic is stopped MANTON FORD will shortly be impassable. ENGRS State FORD deteriorating rapidly-water two feet deep.	



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DARWIN AREA. N.T. Ref. Map. DARWIN Sheet 6.157652.	11	1400	<i>23 Bde. Intelligence Summary No 127 received.</i>	<i>All information Appendix 25.</i>
	12 MAR (cont)	1550	Sitrep I 100 received from 23 Bde.	
		1600	Report recce ELG area: ELG 4"-18" deep. Ck 165693 5ft deep. From 209683 getting deeper, is 3ft deep 500 yds from ACACIA GAP.	
		1630	Full report on condition of tracks, creeks etc prepared for CO.	1 copy to Bde HQ. 1 copy in Recce File
		1738	Message A1335 received from 23 Bde ordering that, owing to condition of main NA Rd due to recent heavy rains, no traffic except rations, mail, or hospital cases permitted until further notice.	
		1800	Exercise cancelled, syllabus of trg for 12 and 13 MAR to be issued.	
	12 MAR	0800	Weather fine, visibility fair.	
		0930	Normal trg.	
		1400	Allcoys on compass marches—approx 7 mile marches.	
			I Sec made further recce of TRANSPORT TRACK, -reported that track had dried considerably.	
		1500	8 Bn Trg Instr. No 1 issued.	Trg File. <i>Appx. 21.</i>
		1800	Addendum to 8 Bn Op Istr for Immediate Move issued concerning substitution of "bush net" in haversacks and deletion of "shirts and shorts."	Appx
			Syllabus of Trg for week commencing 15 MAR issued.	Appx. 20
		1810	Lieut BILLS phoned patrol and recce report from PIONEER CK.	
		2000	Orderly room conducted by CO.	
		2010	<i>In strength Returns (V 3008/9) dated 12 MAR issued</i>	<i>appx. 2.</i>
	13 MAR	0645	PHOENIX-message recd from 23 Bde.	
		0730	Bn moved out on exercise along TRANSPORT TRACK to ACACIA GAP.	
			CO director of exercise, Maj EDWARDS i/c of Bn in exercise, For details of exercise and forecast of events see	
			Operation Order.	
		1400	Bn returned from exercise.	Appx. 16
		1600	Conference of Officers with CO re exercise.	
		1700	Lecture to NCOs by CO re exercise.	

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DARWIN AREA.N.T. "42MILE" Ref Map.DARWIN Sheet 6.	14 MAR.	0830	Weather fine,hot.Visibility good.	
		0930	Weather fine,hot.Visibility good.	
		0930	Church parades. Day of rest for unit.	
		1000	Sitrep orig 1525 13 MAR 23 Bde received.	
		1030	8 Bn Op Order "SHOAL(WET)" received from Bn HQ.	Appx. 27 Operation XXX file Appendix 9
	15 MAR	0800	Weather fine,clear,hot.	
		0845	3 officers,157 ORs moved to "23 MILE" as working party. 8 Bn duty Bn for 23 Bde.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus. Officers trg cadre commenced.	
		1115	Air,raid red.	
		1115	Air raid green. Lieut FARRAR conducted road patrol and recce as per 23 Bde O.I.Instr 15 on motorcycle.	
		1730	Preliminary report of enemy air raid on DARWIN township received.from 23 Bde:" 20-25 E/bombers,escorted by 15-20 fighters bombed railway yards,bond store.Results interception not yet known."	For full details vide 23 Bde Sitrep I 121 Appx. 27
		2100	Lt Bills phoned recce and patrol report from PIONEER CREEK.	
	16 MAR	0900	Weather fine,clear,hot.Visibility good. CO,Adjt,IO made recce SHOAL BAY area.	
		0930	Trg of personnel in camp as per syllabus.Some personnel engaged on working parties at Bde HQ.Officers cadre continues.	
		1100	Sitrep 1120received from 23 Bde,confirming VE message of 15 MAR.	Appx. 27
		1115	Sitrep 1121 received from 23 Bde giving details of air raid on DARWIN 15 MAR: 24 E/bts and 24 E/F's attacked DARWIN. Some casualties.Enemy losses: 6 Fs 2 Bs destroyed,6 Fs probable 3 Fs 2 Bs damaged.Our losses 4 A/c.	Appx 27 For further details vide 23 Bde I Summ.
		1930	Pigeon Blue Checker No FRP41 2535 found,subsequently returned to 23 Bde Sigs.	No 128 .Appx 26.



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DARWIN AREA. N.T. " 42 " MILE. Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6. 157652.	17 MAR	1500	23 Bde Sitrep 1127 received.	Appx. 27
		0800	Weather fine, visibility good.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
		1100	Lieut. TREVENEN left for WINELLIE as CI of No 2 Intelligence School.	
		1700	Heavy rainstorm.	
		2030	Pictures in Bn area.	
		23Lo	Lieut. BILLS phoned report from PIONEER CREEK.	
	18 MAR	0750	17 volunteers for AIF examined at ADELAIDE RIVER.	Operations File. Track report File. Appx 2.
		0800	Weather fine, visibility good.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
		0930	23 Bde Op Orders "BYNOE WET PIONEER" and "BYNOE WET BULLDOG" received.	
		<i>Ad strength returns (w. 3008/9) issued dated 19 MAR</i>		
	19 MAR	2100		Patrol report file.
		0800	Weather fine, visibility good.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
		0807	Lieut. BILLS phoned Patrol Report for 18 MAR from PIONEER CK.	
		0930	Bn HQ issued Trg note re River Crossings. Report received of MT accident in which some members of unit engaged in NOONAMAH working party received slight injuries.	
		2030	Lieut BILLS phoned patrol report from PIONEER CK.	Patrol Report File.
20 MAR		0830	Weather fine, visibility good.	Appx. 8
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
		1030	Sgt FERGUSON visited Bde HQ (I SEC).	
		1200	Bn HQ issued "Standing ORDER Operation Instr for Immediate Move (WITH MT)" superseding previous Instr. with Addenda.	Appx. 7
		1215	Bn HQ issued Standing Op Instr for Immediate Move (WITHOUT MT). 23 Bde Intelligence Summary No 128 received. All informed.	Appx. 26
			Summary gave full details of enemy Air raid on DARWIN on 15 MAR.	

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DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42 MILE"	20 MAR (cont.)	1230	AUSPLAY CIPHER Keys 2/43 Nos 26-35 incl received from 23 Bde.	Cipher File.
		1530	HQ coy parade, inspected and addressed by CO.	
Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6.157652.		1600	CO entered 119 AGH, ADELAIDE RIVER.	
		1700	Bn Syllabus of Trg issued for week commencing 22 MAR.	<i>Appx 22</i>
		2100	Recce Report received by L/T from LIEUT. BILLS at PIONEER CK.	Patrol File.
	21 MAR	0930 0945	<i>Get Shalders m/o No 2. O.C. T. WOODSIDE. S. AUS.</i> Bn church parades. Day of rest for unit.	
		2000	Weather fine and hot. Lieut. BILLS phoned patrol report from PIONEER CK.	Patrol File.
	22 MAR	0830	Weather fine, clear, hot. Visibility good.	
		0930	Trg as per syllabus. 1 Cpl 7 ORs engaged on working party building Bde canteen at "39 1/2 MILE".	
		0945	23 Bde O.O. "KOOLPINYAH WET" recd.	Operation File.
		1000	2 Bde Sitrep 1133 recd.	
			23 Bde Road and Track report as at 1700 hrs 18 MAR received from BnHQ.	Track Report File.
			Lieut FARRAR conducted Road and Track Patrol as per 23 Bde Op Instr 15. Patrol per M/C.	Track report file.
		1500	Air Raid "RED" A/A postsm manned.	
		1630	Air Raid "GREEN".	
		1645	8 Bn Op Order "BYNOE WET PIONEER" issued? Dated 19 MAR.	Operation File. Appendix. /o
		1645	8 Bn Op Order "BYNOE WET BULLDOG" issued. Dated 19 MAR.	Operation File.
		1650	23 Bde Sitrep 1141 received. Appendix	Appendix. //
		2135	Lieut. BILLS phoned patrol report from PIONEER CK.	Patrol Report File.
	23 MAR	0800	Weather fine, clear, hot. Visibility good.	
		0930	Trg as per Syllabus.	
		1100	Maj EDWARDS, Adjut, and Sgt FERGUSON made recce of KOOLPINYAH HOMESTEAD area. They met there new GOC NT FORCE Maj GEN ALLEN and Brigs. SUTHERLAND and POTTS.	

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DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42 MILE"	24 MAR	0830	Weather fine, visibility good.		
		0930	2 I/C, 1 Sgt, Coy OCs and 1 personnel left on recce of KOOLPINYAH HD STN area. 19 MG recce party also in area.		
		1200	23 Bde Sitrp I 145 received.	Appendix. 27	
		1230	23 Bde Op Orders "BYNDAL WET PIONEER" received.	Operation File.	
		1230	23 Bde Op Orders "BYNDAL WET BULLDOG" received.	Operation File.	
		1600	23 Bde Road Report as at 1700 hrs 22 MAR received.	Road Report File.	
		2030	Lieut. BRUCE, who had taken over from Lieut BILLS at PIONEER CK, phoned patrol report.	Patrol Report File.	
		2030	Pictures shown in Bn area.		
		25 MAR	0830	Weather fine, clear hot. Visibility good.	
			0930	Trg as per syllabus.	
			1130	23 Bde Sitrep I 148 recd.	Appendix. 27
			1200	Lieuts. FARRAR and HALL conducted Road Patrols.	Road Report File.
			2030	Concert in Bn area, given by Unit concert party.	
			2045	Field Strength returns W3008/9 issued.	Appendix. 4
		26 MAR	0800	0800	Weather fine, visibility good. Absence of rain during past 14 days, combined with fine, clear conditions would appear to indicate that "WET" season has ended.
0930	Trg as per syllabus.				
1245	Trg syllabus for week commencing 29 MAR issued Bn HQ.			Appx 23	
1730	8 Bn OP Order "BYNDAL WET BULLDOG" issued.			Operation File.	
1730	8 Bn Operation Order "BYNDAL WET PIONEER" issued.			Appendix. 12 Operation File.	
27 MAR	0830	0830	Weather fine, visibility good.	Appendix. 13	
		0900	Transport facilities provided for 7 officers and 3 ORs to attend an MP FORCE SPORTS MEETING held at MP PLEASANT.		
		0930	Trg as per syllabus.		

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DARWIN AREA.N.T. "42 MILE" Ref. Map DARWIN Sheet 6. 157652.	1943. 27 MAR (cont)	0930	Tpt made available for 35 ORs, 7 offr to go to N.T. Boree Race Meeting, held at 2/6 Aust. Cav. Regt. "98 MILE". Horses provided by owner "TIPPERARY" cattle station. Profits of meeting in aid War Prisoners Fund.	
		1000 2000	23 Bde Report as at 1700 hrs 25 MAR recd. Mortar Pl held night firing practise. Night Compass marches.	Road Report File
	28 MAR	0800 0200	"Daylight saving" ends. All timepieces retarded one hour to read 0100 hrs. All parade times ADVANCED XIXXXX retarded 1 hour.	Vide Routine Order 84 and Addendum.
		0800 0845	Weather fine, clear hot. Church parades. Day of rest for unit.	
	29 MAR	0800	Weather, fine, clear hot. Visibility good. Details of working parties: Guard Adv HQ NT Force, 1 offr 32 ORs Working party BERRY SPRINGS 1 offr 32 ORs, ELLA CK 2 offr 52 OR s AASC NOONAMAH 3 offr 159 ORs. Patrol and guard PIONEER CK 1 offr 25 ORs. Working party PIONEER CK 1 offr 21 ORs. Working party BDE CANTEEN 12 ORs.	
		0840	Parade of all personnel remaining in camp on HQ coy. pde ground in preparation for parade of 23 Bde for inspection by GOC. Rifle drill. 23 Bde Order of move for Pde Recd	App
		1030	Receipt for War Diary FEB 43 and duplicate DEC 42. 23 Bde YMH Sitrep 1164 received.	Appendix. 27
		1045 2130	<i>Lieut FARRAR conducted Road Patrol as per 23 Bde. O.I. 15.</i> Bde advise Bde Pde postponed till APR 5. Coys advised	Road Report File
	30 MAR	0830	Fine Hot cloudy visibility fair only	
		0900	Offrs trng cadre C/I Maj HUTCHINGS comm 29 MAR continues	Syllabus App 24

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Lieut Farrar
Track

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Locality.	Date.	Time.	Sequence of Events etc.	References etc.
DARWIN AREA. N.T.				
"42 MILE"				
DARWIN AREA				
DARWIN Sheet 6 157652	30 Mar (Cont)	1200 hrs	23 BDE Rd Report as at 1700 hrs 29 Mar 43 received	Rd Report File
		1230 hrs	23 BDE Sitrep "I".171 received xxxx	Appendix 27.
	31 Mar	0800 hrs	Weather fine clear hot. Visibility perfect.	
		0830 hrs	Trg as per Syllabus. Officers Cadre continues.	
		2000 hrs	23 BDE Sitrep I.173 received	Appendix 27.
		2330 hrs	Working Party ELLA CK recalled to Unit Lines During day Maj.J.J.EDWARDS and Capt.C.W.THOMPSON visited working parties .	



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 62

by

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

5 MAR 43

121. DUTIES

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

Duty Coy	"C" Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut T.R. Bruce
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Pollard A.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Billings W.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Hill R.C.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

123. PROHIBITION OF ENTRY OF ANIMALS ETC. INTO AUSTRALIA

- The entry into Australia of any animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulations under the Quarantine Act, owing to the risk of introduction of rabies, piroplasmiasis and other diseases.
- Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the mainland of Australia (which includes Tasmania) of:-
 - Animals or birds on the W.E. of a Unit, whether allocated before or after re-embarkation from Australia.
 - Living mascots or pets (dogs, monkeys or other animals or birds) whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.
- E.S.Os. and A.T.Os. are authorised to take action to have animals, living mascots, pets or birds, which arrive at a port or aerodrome from outside the mainland of Australia, destroyed forthwith.
- Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order.

[Signature]
 Capt.
 Adj't 8 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 62 Dated 5 MAR 43CHANGE OF NAME

VX68493 Pte. Davenport, Sydney by Statutory Declaration resumes his true name, 25 FEB 43
 HILL Reginald Charles

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX132839 Pte. Hill F.E. Promoted A/Cpl 2 Mar 43

PART . 2 .

UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.58

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 1 Mar 43

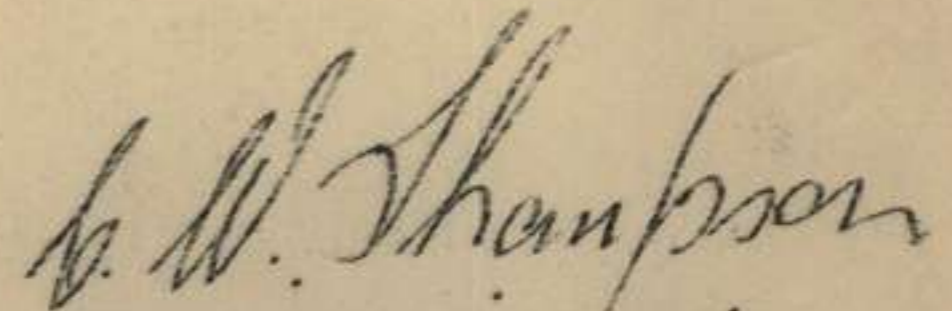
115. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 1 Mar 43

DUTY COY
Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards

"C" COY
Lieut.E.S.Worrall
L/Cpl. Whiting W.J.
Pte. McIntyre W.
Pte. Harrison H.
1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY



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

Appendix "A" to RO.58 dated 1 Mar 43

TAKEN ON STRENGTH

N93001 Pte WALKER R.S. M/I from 11 Aust Supply Pers Coy 1 Mar 43

TRANSFERS OUT

V58056 Sjt DOIAN F.F. Tran. NT Force Trg School 1 Mar 43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

V245701 L/Cpl POLLARD A. Promoted A/Cpl 1 Mar 43

REVERSION TO RANKS

V57919 A/Cpl FLOWERS L. Reverts to rank of Pte 1 Mar 43
VX65964 L/Cpl FIRMER W. " " " " " "

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.59

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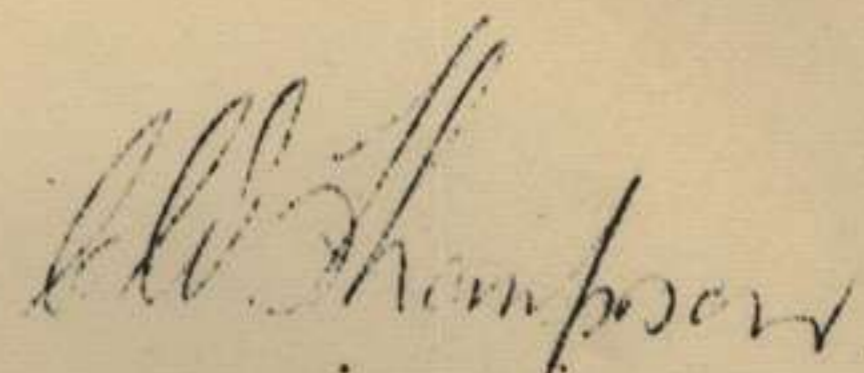
Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 2 Mar 43

116. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 2 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G.L. Delves
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Smith R.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Pelchen V.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Rae G.E.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY


C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adj. 8 Aust Inf BnAppendix "A" to RO.59 dated 2 Mar 43HOSPITAL ADMISSION (Posted to "X" List)

V240043 Pte IAMB N.S. Evacuated to Hospital 25.2.43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX63083 Pte McFADYEN D.H. Rejoined Unit 1.3.43

TRANSFERS OUT (Recovery of Tradesmen)

N205112	Pte AINSWORTH W.E.	Tran 11 Aust Supply Pers Coy	2.3.43
V64670	Pte KENNEDY R.J.	" " " " " "	"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 60

by

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

3 Mar 43

117. DUTIES

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

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut, R.G. Newhill
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Baker C.L.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Burns J.S.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Moxom W.K.
Guard	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

118. SECURITY OF ARMS

Several instances of the lack of security of arms have been noticed lately, particularly by personnel armed with the pistol. This will cease, and at no time will weapons be left unattended. Failure to observe this instruction is a serious breach and severe disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders.

119. COURT OF INQUIRY

The following Officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry to inquire into and report on loss of Bren Wallet and T.S.M.G. Tripping Lever by V64367 Pte Hope A.G. and V64730 Pte. Newell on recent Force Exercise:-

Major A.J.C. Desnoy	President
Lieut A.R. Ross	Member
Lieut J.T. Compton	Member

7 Mar 43.

Report to be submitted to this HQ by 1800 hrs

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

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 60 Dated 3 MAR 43

TRANSFERS OUT (Recovery of Tradesmen)

VX76582 Pte. Challis R.J. Marched Out. Trans to
8 Aust Adv Ord Depot 2 FEB 43

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 61

by

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

4 MAR 43

120. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 4 MAR 43:-

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut B.T.S. Bayes
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Evans F.C.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Hawker V.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Briggs A.S.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

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

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 51 Dated 4 MAR 43

The following personnel having volunteered for A.I.F. are transferred to A.I.F. Army Numbers are cancelled and numbers as shown re-allotted:-

V64403	Pte	Warrick E.F.	Re-allotted	VX134845	4 FEB 43
V245312	"	Williamson H.	"	VX134846	"
V112760	"	Sealey L.H.	"	VX134847	"
V57968	Sgt.	Coward J.	"	VX134848	"
V58081	Cpl.	Richardson C.L.	"	VX134849	"
V330056	Pte.	Caldwell R.W.	"	VX134850	"
V57923	Cpl.	Gaskin H.C.	"	VX134851	"
V112775	Pte.	Sharrock C.A.	"	VX134852	"
V52850	Pte.	Blake F.H.	"	VX134853	"
V64367	"	Hope R.G.	"	VX134854	"
N333	"	Sanderson L.C.	"	NX160668	"
V52977	"	O'Keefe G.H.	"	VX134855	"
V250200	"	Robertson W.E.	"	VX134856	"
V52840	"	Palmer A.W.	"	VX134857	"
V112843	A/Cpl	Carr R.R.	"	VX134858	"
V57910	A/Sgt	Ayres D.G.	"	VX134859	"
N205040	Pte.	Everett W.J.	"	NX160687	"
V52860	"	Flynn C.	"	VX134860	"
V52902	A/Cpl	Now J.H.	"	VX134861	"
V112818	Pte.	Jardino H.D.	"	VX134862	"
V240053	"	Cudmore F.L.	"	VX134863	"

R.O.F.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 62

by

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

5 MAR 43

121. DUTIES

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

Duty Coy	"C" Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut T.R. Bruce
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Pollard A.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Billings W.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Hill R.C.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

122. PROHIBITION OF ENTRY OF ANIMALS ETC. INTO AUSTRALIA

1. The entry into Australia of any animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulations under the Quarantine Act, owing to the risk of introduction of rabies, piroplasmiasis and other diseases.
2. Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the mainland of Australia (which includes Tasmania) of:-
 - (a) Animals or birds on the W.E. of a Unit, whether allocated before or after re-embarkation from Australia.
 - (b) Living mascots or pets (dogs, monkeys or other animals or birds) whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.
3. E.S.Os. and A.T.Os. are authorised to take action to have animals, living mascots, pets or birds, which arrive at a port or aerodrome from outside the mainland of Australia, destroyed forthwith.
4. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order.


 Capt.
 Adj't 8 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 62 Dated 5 MAR 43

CHANGE OF NAME

VX68493 Pte. Davenport, Sydney by Statutory Declaration resumes his true name, 25 FEB 43
 HILL Reginald Charles

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX132839 Pte. Hill F.E. Promoted A/Cpl 2 Mar 43

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.63

by

Lt.Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 6 Mar 43

123. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 6 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. J.T. Compton
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. New J.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Wilkie D.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Rawley R.M.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

124. CHURCH PARADES

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

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0745 hrs 7 Mar 43 .

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs 7 Mar 43 .

A General Service will be held in Bn Chapel at 1945 hrs and in the Recreation Hut 2050 hrs 7 Mar 43 .

125. MESS HUTS

Mess Huts will not be used for lectures unless weather does not permit lectures to be held elsewhere.

C.W. Thompson

C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.63 dated 6 Mar 43

TRANSFER OUT

V112758 Pte QUINN J P Trans. to Vic L of C Area 6.3.42
for Release.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

V52918 Pte ALLEN P W Evacuated to Hospital 3.3.43
VX66497 Pte CAMERON R " " " 5.3.43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V245318 Pte BIRTHISEL S Rejoined Unit 4.3.43
V240043 Pte LAMB N.S. " " 6.3.43

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Lt.Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 7 Mar 43

126. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 7 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.A.A.Ross
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Allen G.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Simpson A.W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Simpson G.A.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

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

Appendix "A" to RO.64 dated 7 Mar 43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX103403	Sgt O'DWYER J.F.	Promoted	A/WO(ii)	as from	7 Mar 43
VX51262	L/Sgt HARRIS F.E.	"	A/Sgt	as from	7 Mar 43
VX134589	Cpl OSBORNE D.T.	"	A/Sgt	as from	7 Mar 43
VX132892	L/Sgt DUNCAN J.	"	L/Sgt	as from	7 Mar 43
VX103388	Pte FINDLAY M.D.	"	A/Cpl	as from	7 Mar 43

DETACHMENTS

V58481 WO(ii) RE J. Det. L of C Trg Cadre PINE CREEK 6 Mar 43
as Instructor .

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.65

by

Lt.Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 8 Mar 43

127. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 8 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.D.S.Hawker
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Evans F.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Mutch H.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Jones W.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

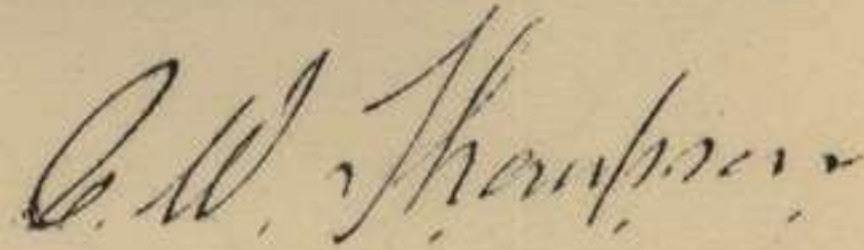
"C" COY

128. TREE FELLING

It has come to notice that working parties, without an NCO in charge, have been cutting wood and felling trees near overhead telephone lines, which is contrary to NT Force instructions. This practice will cease and strict disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders .

129. WORKING PARTIES

Coy Comds will ensure that all working parties in future have an NCO in charge .

C.W.THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf BnAppendix "A" to RO.65 dated 8 Mar 43TRANSFERS OUT

V64578 A/Cpl ROBINSON P J Trans to Aust Army Amenities Service . 8 Mar 43

ATTACHMENTS

V64578 A/Cpl ROBINSON P J Aust Army Amenities Service 8 Mar 43
attached 8 Aust Inf Bn for duty.

TRANSFERS OUT

VX103405 A/Cpl LAWSON H D Trans. Rear HQ NT Force TOS . 8 Feb 43

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by

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

9 Mar 43

130. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 9 Mar 43:-

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. K.B.E. Raff
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Tatt B.E.N.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McPhee S.W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Smith H.A.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

H. Hevenan Lieut
for Capt.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 65 Dated 9 MAR 43HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Transfer to "X" List)

VX76656	Pte. Penniment A.E.	Evac to Hosp	6 Mar 43
V112717	Pte. Edgumbe C.M.	" " "	"
V112608	Pte. Jolly J.	" " "	"
V240087	Pte. Liston J.V.	" " "	7 Mar 43
V220146	Pte. Pumpa S.R.	" " "	8 Mar 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX55050	Pte. McLeod D.W.	Rejoined Unit Ex-Hosp	8 Mar 43
V235236	Pte. Noack O.	" " "	"

TRANSFERS OUT (Taken off Strength)

V64726	Pte. Lancaster F.J.	Trans to 12 Aust Div Rec Camp for re-allotment to L of C Unit	9 Mar 43
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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO 67

by

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

10 Mar 43

131. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 10 Mar 43:-

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.J.M. Bowman
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Hudson E.W.G.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Wright R.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Macumber H.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

J. L. Chevenen
 Adj. Lt. Chevenen
 Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn.
 Capt.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 67 Dated 10 Mar 43

CORRIGENDUM

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No. 65 dated 9 Mar to read '8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No. 66 dated 9 Mar 43.'

NOTICES

PICTURES A picture show will be screened on the Bn Picture Area at 2030 hrs tonight, 10 Mar 43. The programme will be "Devil is a Sissy" and Shorts.

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8 Aust Inf Bn Routine Order No. 68

by

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

11 Mar 43

132. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 11 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut R.G. Newhill
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Gercovich A.W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Hoyer L.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McMahon M.J.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

133. LEAVE AFTER SERVICE IN NT Leave under G.R.O. 559 at the conclusion of service in the Northern Territory will be granted in full, subject only to proper deductions as provided by that order.

Periods spent at BERRY SPRINGS CAMP are not deducted from such leave

134. UNIT TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

By Balance Unit Trust A/c	£421. 9. 2	Purchase Coleman	
By WF.132A ANT/764 Nov		Lamp Mantles Rec.	
Canteen Profit	63.19. 5	Hut	.5. 0
By Profits Regtl Canteen	200. 0. 0	Purchase Xmas	
		Greeting Folders	9.1. 0
		By Balance as per	
		Unit Trust A/c	676.2. 7
	<u>£ 685. 8. 7</u>		<u>£ 685.8. 7</u>

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

TRANSFERS OUT

V58127 A/Cpl PENNA R.W. Trans to A.A.M.C. 7 MAR 43

ATTACHED PERSONNEL

V58127 A/Cpl PENNA R.W. Att'd 8 Aust Inf Bn for Duty 7 MAR 43

TAKEN ON STRENGTH

V58126 SJT SPINK L.O. M/I and Taken on Strength from
(AIF) HQ 14(a) L of C Sub-Area 11 MAR 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V52801 Pte MARTIN W. J. Rejoined Unit ex Hospital 11 MAR 43

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by

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

12 Mar 43

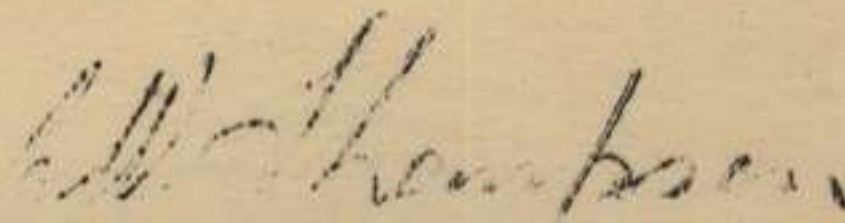
135. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 12 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.R.B.Bryant
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Hillgrove K.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Harrowfield K.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Muller J.A.
Guards	1 NCO & 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY


C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf BnAPPENDIX "A" TO RO.69 dated 12 Mar 43HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V112717 Pte EDGE CUMBE C M Rejoined unit ex hospital 12.3.43

INTER COY TRANSFERS

V52904	Pte PATERSON J.	Trans from "C" to BHQ	12.3.43
VX115759	Pte BURMAN R.G.	" " " " "	"
VX65987	Pte MAIZEY E.	" " " " "	"

NOTICESLOST One tropical cape , on Sunday night, in Recreation Hut . Finder please return same to BHQ .

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by

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

13 Mar 43

136. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 13 Mar 43:-

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut T.R. Bruce
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. O'Neil P.F.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Harrison E.C.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Pickett H.R.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

137. CHURCH PDES Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0945 hrs 14 Mar 43. Markers will report as usual.

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0745 hrs 14 Mar 43

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs 14 Mar 43.

A General Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1945 hrs and in the Recreation Hut at 2050 hrs 14 Mar 43.

R.C. Padre may be interviewed at Bn Chapel at 2000 hrs 13 Mar 43.

138. VENTILATION OF TENTS In order to ventilate tents, the flaps of all sleeping tents will be folded back each morning by 0745 hrs. This will be subject to weather conditions. If flaps are folded and the weather becomes inclement, Adm and Light Duty personnel in Coy Lines will be instructed to lower all flaps. If flaps are left down owing to adverse weather conditions, personnel in Coy Lines will be instructed to fold them back should weather improve.

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

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.71

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 14 Mar 43

139. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 14 Mar 43

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards

"B" COY

Lieut. G.L. DELVES
Cpl. CHINNOCK F.N.
Pte. GRAHAM D.
Pte. PHILIPPI H.
1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

K. Bruce Smith
FOR
C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjut 8 Aust Inf Bn .

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.72

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 15 Mar 43

140. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 15 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. N.E. WINCKIE
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. TATT B.E.N.
Battalion Runner	Pte. O'NEIL R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. MCGEE G.M.
Guards	1 NCO , 6 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

141. VENTILATION OF TENTS

Tent flaps will NOT be lowered at night unless rain is actually falling .

142. INSECT BITES - PREVENTION OF INFECTION

(a) Infected insect bites were responsible for a large proportion of the septic sores and chronic ulcers which were so prevalent during last "Wet", causing serious losses in effective manpower .

(b) An insect bite will NOT become infected unless it is scratched. It is therefore imperative that personnel should not scratch their skin. Those suffering from septic sores caused in this way will lay themselves open to being charged with their disability being self inflicted.

(c) Prevention is better than cure . Dont scratch! If your bites are irritable ask the C.A.P. Orderly to put some "Metho" on them . If your skin becomes abraded, attend the C.A.P. so that an antiseptic may be applied and infection prevented .

*C.W. Thompson*C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf BnAppendix "A" to RO.72 dated 15 Mar 43DETACHMENTS

VX134851 Cpl GASKIN H.C. Det. Adv HQ NT Force for duty 14.3.43

ARMY NO - RE-ALLOTMENT

The following personnel having volunteered for AIF are transferred to AIF . Their Army Numbers are cancelled and numbers as shown re-allotted:-

V240092	Pte	THOMAS W.M.	VX134893	15.2.43
V250219	"	TAYLOR N.E.	VX134894	14.2.43
V240056	"	BARNES F.H.	VX134895	14.2.43
V240006	"	BELL W.J.	VX134896	15.2.43
V240099	"	GRAHAM D.	VX134897	15.2.43
V230142	"	DEVEREUX A.A.J.	VX134898	16.2.43
V58299	A/S/Sgt	KIERCE H.W.	VX134899	10/12.42
V58457	Pte	SMITH L.J.	VX134900	10.12.42
V240016	"	WELSH E.T.	VX134901	17.2.43
V240076	"	FLOOD R.C.	VX134902	17.2.43
V225317	"	BLOOMER F.H.	VX134955	10.2.43
V235525	"	WOOD P	VX134956	16.2.43
V235303	"	DOGGETT H.F.	VX134957	16.2.43
V245701	"	POLLARD A.R.	VX134985	4.2.43
V58375	"	COSENS R.A.	VX134986	22.2.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.73

by

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

16 Mar 43

143. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 16 Mar 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G.M.J. McCARTIN
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. LILJEROS R.T.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. SUTTON A.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. HAEBICH J.D.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

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

Appendix "A" to RO.73 dated 16 Mar 43APPOINTMENTS

V235424 Pte BROOKES F.C. Apptd L/Cpl as from 16.3.43

CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS

V225118	Pte McGENNISKEN W.	A.A. Sec 6(2)(f)	Fined £3	12.3.43
VX132844	Pte CROCKFORD W.H.	A.A. Sec 6(2)(f)	Fined £3	12.3.43
V250212	Pte DOWLING G.T.	A.A. Sec 9(2)	14 dys C.B.	12.3.43
NX160134	Pte GAVEGAN R.C.M.	A.A. Sec 40	14 dys C.B.	12.3.43
NX160136	Pte TRIM J.R.	A.A. Sec 40	14 dys C.B.	12.3.43

PROMOTIONS

VX103402 L/Cpl HICKS L R Promoted A/Cpl as from 17.3.43

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by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 17 Mar 43

144. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 17 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.D.S.HAWKER
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. HILLGROVE K.
Battalion Runner	Pte. MUTCH H.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. BOWE S.J.
Guards	1 NCO, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

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

NOTICES

ENTERTAINMENT

A picture programme will be screened on the Bn Picture Area at 2030 hrs tonight . "Lucky Cisco Kid" , "Conspiracy" and "News from Home" .

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.75

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 18 Mar 43

145. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 18 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. E.S. WORRALL
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. BROOKES F.C.
Battalion Runner	Pte. MATTHEWS S.T.
Battalion Runner	Pte. PALMER A.W.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORS

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

146. RECEIPT OF COMFORTS

Receipt is hereby acknowledged from A.C.F. of the undermentioned Comforts for the month of March 1943 :-

760 ozs	Tobacco
760 pkts	Cigarette Papers
760 pkts	Cigarettes
760 cakes	Toilet Soap
760 cakes	Laundry Soap
760 pkts	Biscuits .

C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.75 dated 18 Mar 43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

V225106	Pte	HOLDSWORTH	J.F.	Evacuated	119	AGH	15.3.43
VX132751	Cpl	WATT	A.	"	"	"	17.3.43
VX134571	Pte	MORTON	R.N.	"	"	"	17.3.43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V240087	Pte	LISTON	J.V.	Rejoined Unit ex hospital	18.3.43
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INTER COY TRANSFERS

VX103373	Pte	PHILLIPPI H.	Trans from "B" Coy to BHQ	18.3.43
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.76

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 19 Mar 43

147. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 19 Mar 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. D.S. GIBBINS
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. BRAZIL D.W.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. ROBERTS V.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. WILSON R.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

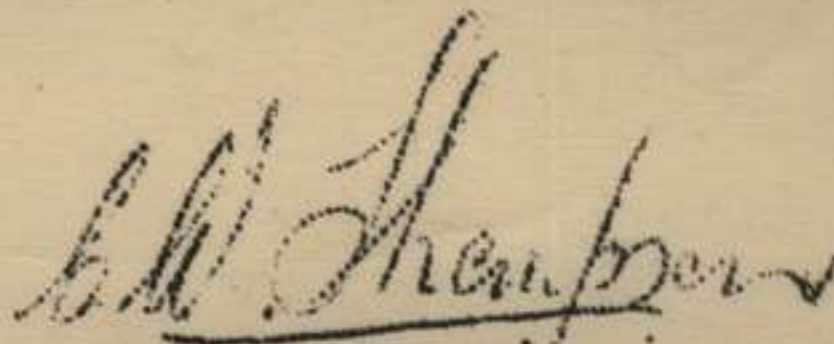
NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

148. COURT OF INQUIRY

The following Officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry to inquire into and report on loss of Cycle No.789:-

Major. A.J.C. DESNOY	President
Lieut. H.J.M. BOWMAN	Member
Lieut. I.K. ROBERTSON	Member

Report to be submitted to this HQ by
1800 hrs 26 Mar 43 .

C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adj 8 Aust Inf BnAppendix "A" to RO.76 dated 19 Mar 43HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

V64472	Pte	KELLY A.K.	Evacuated to Hospital	18.3.43
V58298	Pte	HUNT J.	" " "	"
V64561	L/Cpl	HUDSON E.W.G.	" " "	"
V57669	Pte	JONES W.F.	" " "	"

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX62627	Pte	HENRY R.J.	Apptd Dvr Mech T. Gp III as from	18.3.43
VX67856	Pte	WILSON B.P.	Apptd Fitter T. Gp I as from	18.3.43

TRANSFERS OUT

VX67856	Pte	WILSON B.P.	Trans to A.E.M.E.	18.3.43
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ATTACHED PERSONNEL

VX67856	Pte	WILSON B.P.	AEME Att'd 8 Aust Inf Bn for duty as Fitter T. Gp I	18.3.43
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.77

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 20 Mar 43

149. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 20 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY . . .
Orderly Officer	Lieut.K.B.E.RAFF
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. NUGENT P.G.
Battalion Runner	Pte. BILLINGS W.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. HARRISON H.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

150. CHURCH PDES

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

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0745 hrs 21 Mar 43 .

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1000 hrs 21 Mar 43 .

A General Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1945 hrs and in the Recreation Hut at 2050 hrs 21 Mar 43 .

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Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.77 dated 20 Mar 43PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX103428 Pte REID R.W. Apptd T. Gp III Dvr Mech 21.3.43

INTER COY TRANSFERS

NX160562 Pte McGEE R.A. From HQ Coy to BHQ as from 21.3.43

SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

VX103841	Cpl MACKAY A.E.N.	No.15 Map Reading Course	3 Mar 43 (14 days)
VX103384	Cpl GILLICK C.G.	" " " "	" "
VX134589	Sgt OSBORNE D.T.	No.6 Camouflage Course	15/20 Mar 43
V52846	L/Cpl WHITING W.J.	" " " "	" "

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.78

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 21 Mar 43

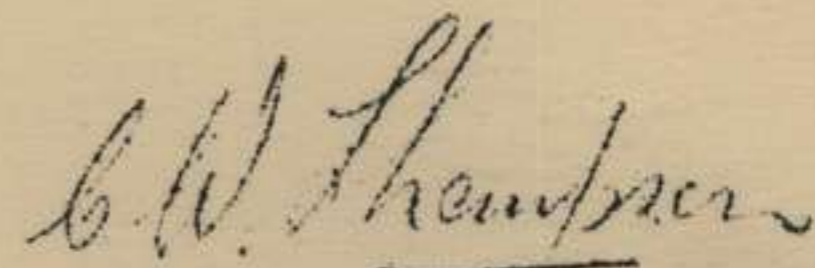
151. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 21 Mar 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. I.K. ROBERTSON
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. FALLA W.C.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. MACKAY N.E.N.
Battalion Runner	Pte. EDMONDSTONE H.N.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY



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

Appendix "A" to RO.78 dated 21 Mar 43PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

V52904	Pte PATTERSON	J.S.	Promoted A/Cpl	21.3.43
V58457	Pte SMITH	L.J.	Promoted A/Cpl	21.3.43

INTER COY TRANSFERS

VX103410	Sjt BULLEN	S.J.	Trans from "C" to HQ	21.3.43
VX65670	Pte DODD	R.J.	" " " " "	"
VX65439	Pte HISCOCK	A.T.	" " " " "	"
VX62408	Pte DELLAR	R.W.	" " " " "	"
VX63659	Pte McDONALD	D.	" " " " "	"

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 79

by

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

22 Mar 43

152. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 22 Mar 43:-

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards

"C" COY . . .

Lieut. K.B.E. Raff
Cpl. Evans L.E.
Pte. Ross T.H.
Pte. Smith V.G.
1 NCO, 10 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

K.H. Montgomery
Capt.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.80

BY

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 23 Mar 43

153. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 23 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.G.L.DELVES
Orderly Serjeant	Cpl. SELLARS C.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. SMITH R.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. GRIMMER K.
Guards	1 NCO, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

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

Appendix "A" to RO.80 dated 23 Mar 43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS.

VX103383 Pte STAHR G.E. Promoted A/Cpl 22.3.43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX65247	Pte SHAND N.	Rejoined Unit ex hospital	6.3.43
VX132751	Cpl WATT A.	" " " "	20.3.43
V250036	Pte RICE R.	" " " "	21.3.43
V225106	Pte HOLDSWORTH J.	" " " "	21.3.43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

VX53148	Sgt MATTHEWS A.J.	Evacuated to hospital	20.3.43
V112740	Pte HANDRECK H.G.	" " "	19.3.43

REJOINED UNIT (Remove from "X" List)

VX45629 Sgt SAMPSON F.L. Rejoined unit ex School Vic L of C Area 22.3.43

STRENGTH DECREASE

VX103398 Sgt SHALDERS K.G. M/O to No.2 Course OCTU WOODSIDE. Posted "X" List 21.3.43

REJOINED UNIT

VX132667 Sgt O'CALLAGHAN W. Ceases to be detached L of C Trg Cadre 23.3.43

NOTICES

ENTERTAINMENT

A picture show will be screened on the Bn Picture Area at 2030 hrs 24 Mar 43 . Programme is "Hullabaloo" , "Shorts" and "News from Home" .

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.81

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery, Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn, 24 Mar 43

154. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 24 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. K.R. BILLS
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. OSBORNE D.T.
Battalion Runner	Pte. CROSS V.
Battalion Runner	Pte. EWAN R.
Guards	1 NCO, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

155. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER (Extract GRO - 0.222)

The supply situation in regard to rubber is now so serious as to make it imperative that every ounce of rubber in use by the Army should be conserved to the utmost.

The use of vehicles is to be restricted to essential requirements.

When vehicles are used the following six points are to be rigidly enforced:-

- (i) Don't speed, avoid rapid acceleration, harsh braking and fast cornering.
- (ii) Check pressures daily with gauge to protect side walls and save tread wear.
- (iii) Keep brakes equalized, wheels true, and watch for misalignment.
- (iv) Interchange tyres at prescribed intervals to keep wear even.
- (v) Closely inspect tyres daily, remove any stones, and repair minor cuts.
- (vi) Report defects immediately.

156. MARKING OF RESPIRATOR FACEPIECES (Extract GRO - 0.223)

Respirator facepieces when issued are to be marked in the following manner:- The number and name of the officer or soldier will be impressed on a fibre identity disc using "Stamps, steel for metal $\frac{1}{8}$ -in". This disc will be secured to the connecting tube in the indentation between the first and second corrugations from the container end, by means of cord.

C.W. Thompson
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Adj. 8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICESENTERTAINMENT

A concert will be given by "Merry Mac's Concert Party" on Bn Picture Area at 2030 hrs 25 Mar 43. An excellent programme is assured.

Appendix "A" to RO.81 dated 24 Mar 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V64472 Pte KELLY A.K. rejoined unit ex hospital

24.3.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.82

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 25 Mar 43

157. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 25 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. B.T.S. BAYES
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. HOPPER J.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. BRIGGS A.S.
Battalion Runner	Pte. SHIPHAM W.H.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

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 C.W. THOMPSON Capt
 Adj 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.82 dated 25 Mar 43INTER COY TRANSFERS

V50718	Pte (II)	McINERNEY R.V.	Trans. "A" to "C"	25.3.43
VX115753	L/Cpl.	CHINNOCK L.J.	" "A" to HQ	"
VX67819	L/Cpl	SINCLAIR D.J.	" "A" to HQ	"
V112848	Pte	THOMPSON R.	" "A" to HQ	"
V112828	Pte	HANNETT S.J.	" "A" to HQ	"
N265847	Pte	TREE M.C.	" "A" to HQ	"
VX103468	Cpl	CHINNOCK F.N.	" "B" to HQ	"
VX115754	Pte	STICKLAND S.A.	" "B" to HQ	"
VX103374	Pte	GODWARD J.K.	" "B" to HQ	"
VX134847	Pte	SEALEY L.H.	" "B" to HQ	"
V64347	Pte	LESTER E.L.	" "B" to HQ	"
V58414	Pte	TROY W.P.	" "B" to HQ	"

REJOINED UNIT (Remove from "X" List)

VX118621	Pte	SANDOW G.E.	M/I from Vic L of C	25.3.43
VX123060	Pte	CUDMORE B.F.	M/I from Vic L of C	"
V240266	Pte	ASTON E.R.	M/I from Vic L of C	"
V65170	Pte	WEATHERALL W.	M/I from Vic L of C	"
V112117	Pte	ANDERSON L.G.	M/I from Vic L of C	"

CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS

NX160134	Pte	GAVEGAN R.C.M.	A.A. Sec 40, Fined £5	22.3.43
NX160134	Pte	GAVEGAN R.C.M.	A.A. Sec 9 (2) 28 days Detention .	22.3.43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

V240184	Pte	BROWN J.C.	Evacuated to hospital	25.3.43
V250212	Pte	DOWLING G.T.	" " "	24.3.43

SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

VX67911	Cpl	PHILLIPS W.H.	No.14 Fd Wks Course 8/23 Mar 43
VX67779	Cpl	SMITH T.F.	" " " " "

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Appendix "A" to RO.82 (Cont)

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS.

V250337	Pte	ROSS	T.H.	Apptd	L/Cpl				25.3.43
VX135082	Pte	PIANTA	D.J.	"	"				"
VX103461	Pte	GOW	G.C.	"	"				"
TX5355	Pte	HENDERSON	J.E.	"	"				"
VX115767	Pte	HAEBICH	J.D.	"	"				"
VX134562	Pte	COLLISON	F.H.	"	"				"
VX66962	Pte	FERRIS	A.W.	"	"				"
VX134523	A/Cpl	JAMES	K.R.	"	L/sjt				"
VX103455	A/Cpl	ELLIOTT	E.W.D.	"	L/sjt				"

TRADE GROUPINGS

V112840	Pte	KINDRED	R.	Apptd	Trade	Group	III	Dvr	Mech	26.3.43
VX134638	Pte	MCKENZIE	M.J.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
V112640	Pte	PELCHEN	V.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

ARMY NUMBERS - RE-ALLOTMENT

The following personnel having volunteered for service in the AIF, are transferred to AIF. Their Army Numbers are cancelled, and numbers as shown re-allotted :-

V245701	Pte	POLLARD	A.R.	VX134985	4.2.43
V58375	Pte	COSENS	R.A.	VX134986	22.2.43
V250059	Pte	LOWNDES	L.J.	VX135040	26.2.43
V57953	Pte	WAITES	R.F.	VX135041	27.2.43
V235424	Pte	BROOKES	F.C.	VX135042	"
V240139	Pte	OLIVER	K.L.	VX135043	"
V245411	Pte	RICHARDS	R.C.	VX135076	4.3.43
V65214	Pte	SKINNER	A.R.	VX135077	"
V240106	Pte	BRAY	R.O.	VX135078	"
V64362	Pte	WHITFORD	F.J.	VX135079	"
V59624	Pte	KUPKE	H.A.	VX135080	"
V58589	Pte	MANN	J.	VX135081	"
V57993	Pte	PIANTA	D.J.	VX135082	"
V52885	Cpl	CAWTHAN	G.F.C.	VX135083	"
V64673	Pte	HUTCHINSON	I.J.	VX135084	"
V58072	Pte	WESTBROOK	N.	VX135085	"
V69626	Pte	WATSON	J.R.	VX135086	"
V112700	Pte	MARNEY	R.J.	VX135087	"
V240224	Pte	BLAKE	H.J.	VX135088	"
S.60143	Pte	WELK	R.F.	SX28831	"
V250289	Pte	HOOPER	V.R.	VX135089	"
V52853	Pte	CURRIE	A.W.	VX135090	"
V69623	Pte	BRIGGS	A.S.	VX135091	"

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.83

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 26 Mar 43

158. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 26 Mar 43

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer

Orderly Corporal

Battalion Runner

Battalion Runner

Guards

"C" COY

Lieut.E.S.Worrall

Cpl. PHILLIPS W.H.

Pte. DOYLE S.A.

Pte. CONROY I.

1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

C.W. Thompson

C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjnt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.83 dated 26 Mar 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V112740 Pte HANDRECK H.G. rejoined unit ex hospital 25.3.43

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No. 84

BY

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 27 Mar 43

159. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 27 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G.L. DELVES
Orderly Serjeant	Cpl. MARTIN F J
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. LAING 'C'
Battalion Runner	Pte. THOMAS G.A.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORS

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

160. CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0845 hrs 28 Mar 43 . Markers will report to the RSM on Bn Pde Ground at 0830 hrs .

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0645 hrs 28 Mar 43 .

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0900 hrs 28 Mar 43 .

General United Church Holy Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1030 hrs 28 Mar 43 .

A General Service will be held in Bn Chapel at 1845 hrs and in the Rec Hut 1950 hrs 28 Mar 43 .

161. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

The Daylight Saving Time System will cease to operate on 28 Mar 43 .

At 0200 hrs (Daylight Saving Time) 28 Mar 43 all timepieces will be retarded one hour to read 0100 hrs .

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

Appendix "A" to RO. 84 dated 27 Mar 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX53148 Sjt MATTHEWS A J Rejoined unit ex hospital

27.3.43

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ADDENDUM TO 8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 84 DATED 27 MAR 43

ADD TO PARA 161

As from Reveille 28 MAR 43 the following times will be adhered to :-

REVEILLE	0615 hrs (Sundays 0645 hrs)
ADM PDE	0645 hrs
BREAKFAST	0730 hrs
MORNING PDE	0830 hrs
MIDDAY MEAL	1245 hrs
AFTERNOON PDE	1345 hrs
EVENING MEAL	1730 hrs
RETREAT	1830 hrs
FIRST POST	2130 hrs
TATTOO	2200 hrs
LIGHTS OUT	2215 hrs

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.85

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 28 Mar 43

162. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 28 Mar 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. A.A. ROSS
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. ROBERTS V.A.
Battalion Runner	L/Cpl. HENDERSON J.E.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs .

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

163. TRANSPORTATION TO AUSTRALIA OF WIVES, WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES WHO MARRIED DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR ACTIVE SERVICE OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA (Extract GRO. A227)

- The Commonwealth Government has decided :-
 - that no further action will be taken by it towards arranging passages for the abovementioned persons until after the conclusion of the war ;
 - that the Repatriation Commission shall continue to have discretionary power to consider applications from any eligible persons who arrive in Australia under their own arrangements and who later claim refunds, and to refund to them the equivalent of the normal third-class fare ;
 Provided that, if circumstances arise which in the opinion of the Minister for Repatriation render it imperative that this policy should be temporarily waived, the Minister may authorise such action as may be deemed expedient to meet the situation .
- Commanding officers will inform all applicants for transportation of the above decisions .
- No authority has been given by the Minister in pursuance of the proviso to paragraph 1 hereof but any such authority that may be given will be notified in General Routine Orders .

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

Appendix "A" to RO.85 dated 28 Mar 43

STRENGTH DECREASE (Posted to "X" List)

V220242 Pte PALLPRATT R.E. Evacuated to hospital 26.3.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 86

by

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

29 Mar 43

164. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1830 hrs 29 Mar 43:-

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut D.S. Hawker
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Sutton A.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Bamford C.H.
Guards	1 NCO, 10 OR

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

G.H. Thompson
Capt.
Adj't 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 86 Dated 29 Mar 43

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

VX103392 Pte. Cahir J.F. Promoted A/Cpl 29 Mar 43

STRENGTH DECREASE (Posted to "X" List)

VX103459 Sgt. Cox W.E.C. M/O to No 59 Course Regtl
Sigs Offrs School BONEGILLA 28 Mar 43

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 87

by

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

30 Mar 43

165. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1830 hrs 30 Mar 43:-

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer
Orderly Sergeant
Battalion Runner
Guards

HQ COY

Lieut D.S. Gibbins
Sgt. Goon E.L.
L/Cpl Haebich J.D.
1 NCO, 10 OR

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

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

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 67 Dated 30 Mar 43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

v245520 Pte RAY G.E. Evac to Hosp

29 Mar 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.88

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 31 Mar 43

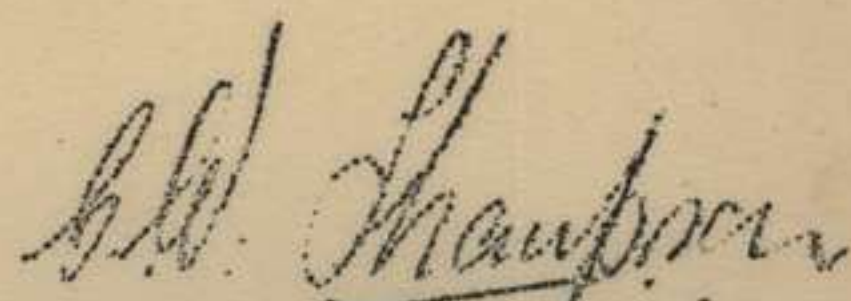
166. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 31 Mar 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY . . .
Orderly Officer	Lieut. S. J. REED .
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. MATTHEWS A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. WILSON B.P.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY


C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjnt 8 Aust Inf Bn .Appendix "A" to RO.88 dated 31 Mar 43SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

VX115746	A/Cpl	GRYLLE R W	No. 1A	Sec	Ldrs	Crse	23 Feb 43	(28 days)
VX132861	A/Cpl	CAMPBELL L.	"	"	"	"	"	"
VX103397	A/Cpl	MARRETT N. J.	"	"	"	"	"	"
VX132761	Cpl	ROBERTS G. P.	"	"	"	"	"	"
VX132762	Cpl	NEWTON J. S.	"	"	"	"	"	"
V58427	Cpl	REES W. T.	"	"	"	"	"	"
VX103471	Pte	MALONEY C. J.	No. 11	Cooking	Course	2 Mar 43	(28 days)	
V103758	Pte	FARISH A. P.	"	"	"	"	"	"

DETACHMENTS

V58506	Pte	DELIMA J. A.	Det for duty	PATU NT Force	30.3.43
V225115	Pte	DORAN J. F.	"	"	"

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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8 and 4/2 (Unit)

WE II/1942/12/3
3x and 861
1 and 12x

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	21	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	31	1	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.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Wash RA	8 and 4/2	9/12/42	Seconded SC (Learner) 3 and 4/2

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	NX 94	Montgomery K.H.	C.O.	YES	
Major	TX 6121	Edwards T.J.	2/10		
"	VX 114113	Hutchings C.J.	O.C. Coy		
"	VX 114114	Blesney H.T.C.	A.D.C.		
Capt	NX 12616	Sheridan A.H.	O.C. Coy		
"	VX 114115	MAGEE T.J.	O.C. Coy		
"	VX 114115X	PICOF W.K.	O.C. Coy		
"	NX 76642	Thompson C.W.	Adjutant		
"	V59502	NEVILLS W.H.	2/10 Coy		
"	VX 52431	Kenny W.R.C.	Q.M.		
Lt Col	VX 52431	Robertson T.K.	3 PI		
"	VX 84117	Larkins T.A.	12 PI		
"	V55147	Symons N.V.	2/10 Coy		
"	V321541	Ross A.A.	10 PI		
"	TX 6111	Bates A.T.S.	13 PI		
"	VX 77435	Ridd S.J.	2/10 Coy		
"	VX 47104	Worrall F.S.	11 PI		
"	VX 114120	Traversen T.L.	T/5		
"	VX 114122	Parrar G.C.	T/5		
"	VX 114123	Hall K.G.	2 PI		
"	VX 114124	Richman H.T.M.	14 PI		
"	VX 114125	Brule T.P.	15 PI		
"	SX 2203	Gibbins D.S.	4 PI		
"	Dx 144	Bryant A.D.	12 PI		
"	WX 4037	Newhill A.G.	3 PI		
"	QX 2611	Compton T.T.	17 PI		
"	VX 53209	Dalves G.L.	12 PI		
"	VX 103475	McCarthy B.M.T.	R/TH		
"	SX 3225	Bills K.B.	9 PI		
"	SX 6430	Hawker D.S.	11 PI		
"	VX 42003	Raff K.B.E.	10 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 63040	Edwards R.K.	80 Am Bde	3/1/43	R.M.O.
Capt	NX 136076	Dillon A.F.	"	1/1/43	Adjutant

80 Am Bde
(Unit.)
20/01/43
(Date of Despatch.)

W. Thompson
(Signature of Commander.)
33 Am Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



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.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			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		2	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		10
Cooks		5	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.		1	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		8	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		62						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	76			3			11

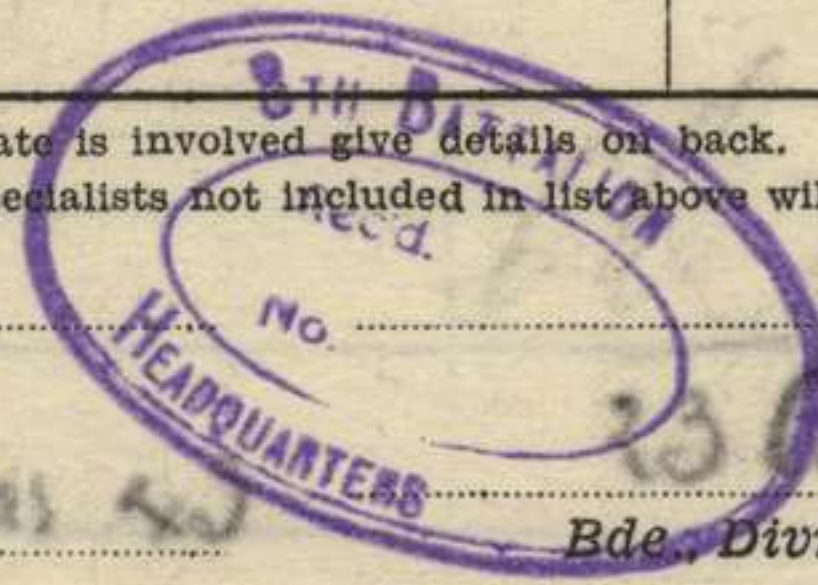
Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.

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



FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

WE II 1942/12/3
3A and 811
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	21	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	31	1	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.

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 94	Margomey K H	CO	Yes	
Major	TX 6121	Edwards J J	2 1/2	"	
"	VX 11413	Heddings - C J	O.C. 2nd Coy	"	
"	VX 11414	Dussey H J C	O.C. 2nd Coy	"	
Capt	NX 12616	Sherridan - R H	O.C. 4th Coy	"	
"	VX 11415	Muggs - J J	O.C. 2nd Coy	"	
"	VX 114158	Dicot W K	O.C. 2nd Coy	"	
"	NX 76249	Thompson C W	Adj. S.	"	
"	V 52502	Maxville W H	2 1/2 2nd Coy	"	
"	VX 114175	Kenny Z C	R.M.	"	
Lieut	VX 52531	Robertson L K	3 PI	"	
"	VX 114117	Larkins J R	1st PI	"	
"	V 51157	Symons N V	2 1/2 2nd Coy	"	
"	VX 42141	Ross R R	1st PI	"	
"	TX 6111	Bayes B T S	13 PI	"	
"	VX 27418	Reed S J	2 1/2 2nd Coy	"	
"	VX 47158	Worrall E S	16 PI	"	
"	VX 114120	Trevanen J L	1/0	"	
"	VX 114122	Farrar E C	7/0	"	
"	VX 114123	Hall Z G	2 PI	"	
"	VX 114124	Bowman H J M	15 PI	"	
"	VX 114125	Bruck T R	15 PI	"	
"	SX 2203	Gibbins D S	4 PI	"	
"	DX 144	Bryant R B	12 PI	"	
"	NX 4037	Newhill R C	8 PI	"	
"	OX 2611	Compton J T	17 PI	"	
"	VX 85107	Delves G L	12 PI	"	
"	VX 42407	Ruff K B E	15 PI	"	
"	VX 103475	McCartin G M J	R/TM	"	
"	SX 3325	Bills K R	9 PI	"	
"	SX 6430	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 63949	Edwards R K	8 Aust Inf Bn	31-1-43	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NX 139070	Dillon R F	"	1-1-43	Chaplain

8 Aust 2/2 Bn

(Unit.)

12 Mar 43

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
 23rd ...
 HAMILTONS Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

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8th Bn (Unit) 19 Nov 43 (Date)

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarters units.

WE II/1942/12/3

34 and 861
1 and 14

AIF 30 and 364



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Detail	Establishment	3. Strength excl att'd & "X" List	4. Surplus	5. Deficiency	6. Remarks
W.O. Cl 1	1	1	-	-	
W.O. Cl 2	7	6	-	1	
C.Q.M.S.	5	4	-	1	
S/Sgts	-	1	1	-	
Sgts	36	33	-	3	Incl 5 Sgt Cooks supernumerary
Cpls	77	67	-	10	
Spec Cp 1	2	3	1	-	
" 2	58	39	-	19	
" 3	39	30	-	9	
Ptes etc.	636	485	-	151	
TOTAL	861	669	2	194	

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		Deficiencies of	had 3/4	Specialists
		as shown on list	D	can be applied
		on hand		

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) 8th Army 19 Nov 19 43 (Date).

by all units and all Headquarter units.)

nts required.

2	3	4
Length counting against establishment (including attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
<u>See attached</u>		
s, 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.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	AAPC	30 CR's	A/ik
1 Sgt	AAAC	2 CR's	Dervai
1 Sgt	Pos of	1 Cpl	AAAService
1 Cpl	AAAC		
1 Cpl	AAAC		
2 Priv	AAAC		
1 Priv	AEME Cpl		

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).
		References of	had 3rd	Specialists
		as shown on list	D	can be applied
		on list.		

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

WE 11/11/42/12/3
34 and 961
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.
A/Lieut	Winkler	N.E.M. 2nd Inf Bn		First Appointment to Commissioned Rank, date not yet in hand

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

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8 Aust L/Br (Unit)

W.E.
11/1942/12/3
34 and 861
1 and 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).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1
Majors	3
Captains	5	5
Lieutenants	22	2	2
2nd Lieutenants
Quartermasters
Totals	31	2	5

*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.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Picor	W.K. 8 Aust L/Br	4 Mar 43	X Lost
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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).
Capt	Picor	W.K. 8 Aust L/Br	115 A.G.H. (Don't return)
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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	NX94	Montgomery K.H.	8 Aust Inf Bn C.O.	Yes	
Major	TX 6121	Edwards T.T.	Lt	"	
"	VX 114113	Hutchings C.Z.	O.C. "D" Coy	"	
"	VX 114114	Desney A.T.C.	O.C. "K" Coy	"	
Captain	NX 12216	Sheridan A.H.	O.C. "H" Coy	"	
"	VX 114115	Messge J.J.	O.C. "B" Coy	"	
"	NX 76249	Thompson C.W.	Adj. G.	"	
"	VX 9502	Neville W.H.	1st Lt "C" Coy	"	
"	VX 52175	Kunry R.C.	2nd Lt	"	
Lieutenant	VX 51831	Robertson I.K.	3rd Lt	"	
"	VX 114117	Lutkins T.R.	1st Lt	"	
"	VX 5157	Symons H.V.	2nd Lt "B" Coy	"	
"	VX 41241	Ross H.A.	1st Lt	"	
"	TX 6111	Bayes B.T.S.	1st Lt	"	
"	VX 27488	Reed S.J.	2nd Lt "A" Coy	"	
"	VX 47188	Warrall C.S.	1st Lt	"	
"	VX 114120	Trevorson J.L.	T/O	"	
"	VX 114122	Farrar G.C.	T/O	"	
"	VX 114123	Hall R.E.	2nd Lt	"	
"	VX 114124	Bowman H.J.M.	1st Lt	"	
"	VX 114125	Bruce T.R.	1st Lt	"	
"	SX 2203	Gibbins D.S.	4th Lt	"	
"	DX 144	Bryant R.B.	1st Lt	"	
"	WX 41037	Newhill R.G.	2nd Lt	"	
"	GX 2611	Compton J.T.	1st Lt	"	
"	VX 85207	Dalves G.L.	1st Lt	"	
"	VX 42407	Ruff K.B.E.	1st Lt	"	
"	VX 103475	M. C. F. M. G. M. T.	R/TK	"	
"	SX 3225	Bills K.R.	9th Lt	"	
"	SX 6430	Hawker D.S.	1st Lt	"	
"	VX 58023	Winckle N.E.M.	"	"	

(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 63949	Edwards R.K.	8 Aust Inf Bn	31-1-43	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NX 137070	Dillon R.F.	" " "	1-1-43	Chaplain

8 Aust 2 J Bn (Unit.)
 26 Mar 43 (Date of Despatch.)
 8TH BATTALION HEADQUARTERS
 Rec'd. No. 23
 (Signature of Commander)
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

PART.4.

COPIES UNIT OPERATION ORDERS.

A/A Duties, dated 4 MAR 43.	Appendix.5.
Addendum to 8 Bn Standing Op Inst for Immediate Move dated 6 MAR 43.	Appendix.6.
8 Bn Standing Op Instn for Immediate Move. (Without MT.) dated 19 MAR 43.	Appendix.7.
8 Bn Standing Op Instn for Immediate Move. (With MT.) dated 19 MAR 43.	Appendix.8.
8 Bn Operation Order "SHOAL" (WET).	Appendix.9.
8 Bn Operation Order "BYNOE (WET) PIONEER"	Appendix.10.
8 Bn Operation Order "BYNOE (WET) BULLDOG"	Appendix.11.
8 Bn Operation Order "BYNDAL (WET) BULLDOG/".	Appendix.12.
8 Bn Operation Order "BYNDAL (WET) PIONEER!"	Appendix.13.



8 AUST INF BN ,
4 Mar 43

A/A DUTIES

1. Further to 8 AUST INF BN OP INSTN No.17 of 20 DEC 42 the following procedure will take place.
2. Each Rifle Coy, Mortars, "Q" Store, Carriers, Transport, and BHQ will detail two ORs each day for A/A duties .
3. These personnel will be responsible for A/A duties for a continuous period of 24 hours at or about their respective A/A posts. Duties will commence at 1930 hrs daily .
4. The names of personnel detailed as above will be submitted to BHQ by 0900 hrs. on day prior to tour of duty .
5. The duties of personnel so detailed will be as follows. Immediately on AIR RAID RED being sounded they will:-
 - (1) Mount gun for A/A
 - (2) Ensure that all personnel in the respective areas are aware of the warning .
 - (3) Will engage immediately any low flying enemy aircraft.
 - (4) Will NOT engage any low flying enemy aircraft whilst it is being immediately attacked by a friendly aircraft.
6. A/A Pl will be responsible for No. 1,3 & 4 A/A Posts .
7. Ack .

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C W THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

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APPENDIX 6.

ADDENDUM TO 8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR IMMEDIATE MOVE

War Diary
SECRET
6 Mar 43

1. QM will arrange for hot meal to be ready for distribution to Coys within ten minutes of receipt of code word .
2. QM will notify Coys by 1800 hrs daily the point where meal is to be picked up .
3. Coys will make suitable arrangements for the speedy collection and distribution of meal .
4. Meal will not be served if move takes place within two hours of previous meal .

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Appendix 7.
SECRET

8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR
IMMEDIATE MOVE (WITHOUT MT)

COPY NO.
19 MAR 43

1. Although no land action has yet been developed in this area, all coys must be prepared to turn out at a minute's notice, so that action may be joined without delay.
2. On receipt of code word the following procedure will be carried out:-
 - (a) (i) QM will arrange for hot meal to be ready for distribution to coys within 10 minutes
(ii) Coys will make suitable arrangements for the speedy collection and distribution of the meal.
(iii) Meal will not be served if move takes place within two hrs of previous meal. See NOTE : Page 2
 - (b) All coys will fall-in in their respective Sec & Pl and move to coy pde ground to await further orders.
 - (c) Dress: Battle order with haversacks, 2 picks and 2 shovels per sec, long trousers, puttees or gaiters.
 - (d) Water: Water bottles will be filled. On move water bottles will be filled from approved water points only. Sterilization outfits will be carried as issued and used with all uncertain water.
 - (e) Arm The following SAA will be carried:-
 - (i) 100 rds by all riflemen
 - (ii) 6 filled mags by all Bren Gunners
 - (iii) 10 filled mags by all TSM Gunners
 - (iv) Mortar and SAA For MMG will be carried according to situation.
 - (f) Order of Move A,B, BHQ, HQ, C,D.
 - (g) Routes
A Coy from Coy pde ground via Bn Rd to "Out Gate"
B Coy " " " " follow in rear of A Coy to "Out Gate"
HQ Coy from coy pde ground to "In Gate"
BHQ assembles "In Gate"
C Coy from coy pde ground along BAYES RD to NA RD
D coy will follow in rear of C Coy
 - (h) Medical (i) Salt will be made available on the basis of two tablets per man per day
(ii) RMO will detail a det of Stretcher Bearers to report to each coy immediately on receipt of warning
 - (i) Intelligence I.O. will send one "I" pers to each coy on receipt of warning.
 - (j) Intercom Sig Offr will allot one 108 wireless set to each coy
Comm on move will be by wireless & runner. Wireless silence will be on orders from C.O.
 - (k) Postal, Pay, Canteen, Hygiene, Offr's & Sgt's Mess pers will be absorbed in B Ech which will remain in present site under comd of who will organise defence of B Ech area.
 - (l) R.&.O. Gps On receipt of warning R & O Gps will report to C.O. at BHQ to receive necessary orders and instns. DARWIN & ENVIRONS 1" Sheets 4,5,6, will be carried to conference.

(m) Security No documents or text books will be destroyed by any person unless ordered to do so by the C.O.

Coy comds will be responsible to see that all documents and text books are prepared for destruction within the coys.

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

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

(n) Stores All kit bags/^{packs} and surplus stores will be concentrated in Coy buildings.

"Q" Store clothing and surplus rations will be concentrated into "Q" huts

Kit bags/^{packs} and surplus stores of BHQ pers will be dumped in BHQ huts.

Preparations for destruction of all surplus kit bags, ^{packs} and surplus 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, blankets, boots, etc of pers, not carried in haversacks as detailed.

3. ROLES Roles will be laid down according to situation and circumstances.

NOTE: QM will notify Coys by 1800 hrs daily point where meal is to be picked up.

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List "B"

(1) Medical (1) All will be made available on the basis of two tablets per man per day
(2) RMO will detail a set of stretcher bearers to report to each Coy immediately on receipt of warning
(3) Intelligence I.C. will send out "I" form to each Coy on receipt of warning.
(4) Interson Sgt QTR will allot one LOS wireless set to each Coy. Sum on move will be by wireless & runner. Wireless silence will be on orders from C.O.
(5) Postal Post, Cannon, Hygiene, QTR's & Sgt's mess bags will be absorbed in 3 huts which will remain in present site under cover of
of 8 huts.
(6) Stores On receipt of warning R.O. QTR will report to C.O. at HQ to receive necessary orders and instructions. Details of "Stores" I. Stores 4.3.4. will be carried to conference.

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8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR
IMMEDIATE MOVE (WITH MT)

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)(i) QM will arrange for hot meal to be ready for distribution to Coys within ten minutes of code word being received.
 - (ii) Coys will make arrangements for the speedy collection and distribution of meal.
 - (iii) Meal will not be served if move takes place within 2 hours of previous meal.

NOTE: QM will notify Coys by 1800 hrs daily point where meal is to be picked up.

 - (b) All Coys will fall-in in their respective Sec & Pls and move to Coy pde ground and await further orders
 - (c) Dress: Battle order, with haversacks, picks & 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, bushnet, foot-powder.
 - (d) Rations 5 days and emergency during ops carried as follows:-
 - (i) On the man - 2 days res & 1 day emergency
 - (ii) On A Ech veh - 1 days reserve
 - (iii) On B Ech - 2 days reserve & 1 days emergency .
 - (e) Water Water bottles filled, minimum of 6 gals per veh on all vehs, in addition to water-carts
 - (f) P.O.L. 50 miles reserve each veh on all vehs
 - (g) Amn First line. On commencement of operations riflemen will carry 100 rds SAA. Bren Gunners 6 Mags. T.S.M. Gunners 10 mags.
 - (h) Order of Move For Move With Tpt
Bn will move out in the following order:-

	C.O. & DRs	-	Bn Sigs	-	Bde Sigs	-	AASC Offr	-
A	-	B	-	HQ Coy	-	Engs	-	Bn HQ & I.O.
	tp carrying	-	RAP	-	Amb	-	Amn RSM	-
							C	-
							D	-
								IAD
 - (i) Routes A Coy from Coy pde ground via Bn Rd to "Out Gate"
B Coy " " " " following in rear of "A" Coy to "Out Gate"
HQ Coy from coy pde ground to "In Gate"
BHQ follows in 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
 - (j) Medical RMO will detail det of Stretcher Bearers to report to each coy immediately on receipt of warning. Salt tablets will be issued on the basis of 2 per man per day.
 - (k) Intelligence I.O. will send one Intelligence pers to each coy. Report on receipt of warning.
 - (l) Intercom Sig Offr will allot one 108 wireless to each coy, 1 DR to each coy, 2 DRs to C.O. Comn on move will be by DR and Runner. Wireless silence will be on orders from C.O.

(m) Pay Sgt, Postal Sgt, Offrs Mess, Sgts Mess, Canteen and Hygiene pers will move with B Ech

(n) Recce Party Immediately on receipt of warning order one R.P. and 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 recce party.

Dress Battle Order

Party will take necessary signs to indicate coy areas etc.

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

(p) On receipt of warning R & O gp will report to C.O. at BHQ to receive necessary orders and instructions.

(q) SECURITY No documents or text books will be destroyed by any person unless ordered to do so by the C.O.

Coy comds will be responsible to see that all documents and text books are prepared for destruction within coys.

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

Q.M. is responsible for preparation for destruction of all documents in "Q" store, maintaining only necessary "Q" record books.

(r) 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 pers, not carried in packs and haversacks as detailed.

(s) Packs All coy packs will be carried on B Ech vehs. Packs to contain:- 1 blanket, ground sheet, shirt, shorts, sox, towel, handkerchief, house wife, spare pair boots.

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 the T.O. with the exact number of pers requiring to be lifted by MT, other than 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 (i)

(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

(e) Guides will pick up vehs at Bn "In Gate" and move from there to coy areas.

(f) RP will establish a T.C.P. at the junc of rd along pipe line and "In Gate" rd to direct any stray vehs to correct areas.

(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.

3. (Contd)

(c) Speed and density for convoy movds:-

(a) Movement on MAIN NORTH - SOUTH RD

By Day

By Night

15 M.I.H.

15 M.I.H.

10 V.T.M.

20 V.T.M.

(b) Movement on tracks

By Day

By Night

8 M.I.H.

8 M.I.H.

10 V.T.M.

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) Convoys moving by night will use headlights on all vehs 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 1000 rds. Grenade 3 box Wire 1 concertina <u>TOOLS</u> Picks 8 Petrol 4 gals Shovels 1 Water 6 gals Axe 1
RAP	1-ton	1	Use of RMO & Med sec. Rations 1 day all pers Stretchers 3, RAP kit. Petrol 4 gals. Water 10-40 galls <u>Tools</u> Picks 2 Shovels 1 Axe 1
Recce Patrol	1-ton	1	Use, of recce patrol. Guide from each coy and 1 RP report to "I" Office
Sigs	1-ton	1	Use of Regtl Sigs. Rations 1 day all pers. Sig gear (phones, cables, switch-board, batteries, Lucas Lamp etc.) Wire 1 concertina, Petrol 4 gals, water 4 gals, A/TK rifle & 240 rds, Amn SAA 2000rds
HQ Coy	1-ton	1	Use of Coy HQ, " & 5 Pls. Rations - 1 day all pers. Pnr tools & explosive box. Crow- bars 2, 4 A/A LMG mountings. Amn SAA 7500rds SMG 1000 rds. <u>TOOLS</u> Picks 9 Wire 1 concertina Shovels 9 Petrol 4 gals Axes 3 Water 16 gals

SUB-UNIT	VEH	NOs	LOADING
Riflo Coys	1-ton	4	Each coy 1 veh for use Coy HQ and 3 pls. Rations - 1 day all pers. 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	(a)2	Each carries a mixed load of amn incl ling Mortar & A/TK amn.

(a) One of these vchs to be detached to Bde HQ as part of Bde SAA reserve when situation requires. No more than 2 of these vchs to be with A Ech at one time.

Automatic weapon magazines will be filled by pers when moving on tpt. Coy Comds will see that necessary amount of amn is placed on vchs for this purpose

NOTE

1. When moving by MT to implement any of NT Force Defence Plans convoys will be liable to attack by enemy a/c. Units will ensure that all tps are instructed that they will engage all low flying a/c by all means at their disposal.
2. AASC is providing each of its tp carrying vchs with 1000 rds of .303 SAA. This will be used under the direction of the Offr or NCO in charge of any veh which has engaged E/A as directed, to replenish amn expended. Replenishment will be effected before arrival at the battle area.

B ECH TRANSPORT

1	Van 1-ton	1	QM - reserve clothing and boots, tools, fitters
2	"	1	Ration collection
3	"	1	2 i/c and res amn
4	"	1	MT spares & 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 & respirators
8	Trucks 3-ton	1	(AASC) Tp carrying - "B" Ech pers
9	Van 1-ton	1	Padre

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NOTE:

The allotment of tpt is subject to alterations according to tpt available on Unit lines.

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8 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER "SHOAL" (WET)

Ref Maps:- DARWIN & ENVIRONS 1" to 1 Mile Sheets 2,5, & 6 #WAR DIARY

INFORMATION:

1. ENEMY Landings unsupported by landings elsewhere are taking place in DARWIN - SHOAL BAY area .

2. OWN TFS (a) 7 Aust Inf Bn
 8 Aust Inf Bn
 19 Aust MG Bn
 42 Bty , 11 Aust Pd Regt ,
 1 Sec 23 Aust Pd Coy ,
 14 Aust ASC Coy - under comd daily 1800-0730 hrs
 Det 2/13 Aust Pd Amb att.

(b) Phase 1 7 Aust Inf Bn move tactically by MT to secure HOWARD SPRINGS RD junc with pt patrols fwd to secure QUARRY 968083 , track junc 018100 , PUMPING STA 059090

(c) Phase 2 (i) 7 Aust Inf Bn move to general area rd junc 944102 on relief by 13 Aust Inf Bde, prepared to move by tp carrying tpt to COOHAWARRA or as otherwise ordered .

(ii) 19 Aust MG Bn with 2 MMG Pls move tactically by MT to secure MAIN RD general area KNUCKEY'S LAGOON with adv gd coy fwd immediately on first warning to secure QUARANTINE RD junc 905120 , patrolling to CHARRING CROSS 920133 rd junc 905107 rd junc 835128 . 19 Aust MG Bn will cover move off MAIN NORTH AUSTRALIA RD of 8 Aust Inf Bn .

(iii) 42 Aust Pd Bty move tactically by MT vicinity KNUCKEY'S LAGOON prepared to provide Arty support where required .

(iv) 1 Sec 23 Aust Pd Coy move with adv 23 Aust Inf Bde .

INTENTION

3. 8 AUST INF BN will secure general area CHARRING CROSS 921134 prepared to seek out and destroy the enemy .

METHOD

4. 8 AUST INF BN will move tactically by MT, Adv gd coy to receive report from 19 MG BN at rd junc 931109, to secure general area CHARRING CROSS with one coy fwd to rd junc 905148 .

ROLES

5. (a) "A" Coy will move as adv gd coy to rd junc 905148 ensuring by contact with 19 MG BN that CHARRING CROSS area is clear of enemy . On reaching this posn a standing patrol, strength 1 sec, will be established at track junc 871172 . A cycle patrol will be sent out on the following route - rd junc 905148 to track junc 871172 to rd junc 970165 ~~to track junc 871172~~ to rd junc 905148 contacting standing patrol at 871172 .
- (b) "B" Coy will take up a posn 200 yds NE of CHARRING CROSS on COLLIES FARM RD, establish a standing patrol strength - 1 sec - at track junc 962169 . A cycle patrol will be maintained out on the following route - ANDERSONS RD from "B" Coy posn to standing patrol at 962169 and return .
- (c) "C" Coy will take up a posn 200 yds WEST of CHARRING CROSS on track at 918135 .
- (d) "D" Coy will take up a posn 200 yds NORTH of CHARRING CROSS on PALM CK RD and will maintain a cycle patrol on the following route - "D" Coy posn to track junc 905147 to track junc 936158 moving back through "B" Coy to Coy HQ .

(e) "H" Coy will take up a posn 100 yds SOUTH of CHARRING CROSS.

(f) Patrol routes as attached overlay .

6. ROAD BLOCKS Road Blocks will be constructed by coys at the following posns:-

- (1) "A" Coy fwd of coy posn at 904117
- (2) "B" Coy fwd of coy posn at 923116
- (3) "C" Coy fwd of coy posn at 917135
- (4) "D" Coy fwd of coy posn at 919137
- (5) Pioneers will construct a road block at 920133

7. ALLOTMENT OF TP CARRYING TPT One pl 1/4 AUST COY AASC to 8 AUST INF BN .

8. ALLOTMENT OF UNIT TPT As 8 AUST INF BN standing Op Instn for immediate moves .

9. ORDER OF MOVE Bn will move out in the following order:-

- (1) A Coy with 5 min interval then
 - Co - DRS
 - Bn Sigs
 - Bde Sigs
 - AASC Offr
 - B Coy
 - Hq Coy & A/Tk Pl
 - Bnqs
 - BHQ & I/O
 - AASC Tp Varrying Vehs
 - RAP
 - Amb
 - Ann - RSM
 - C Coy
 - D Coy

(ii) T/O will arrange for HEAD and TAIL boards to be hung on the front and rear of the first and last vehs respectively.

(iii) I/O will post a guide to direct tp carrying vehs onto turntable track .

10. MOVEMENT OF MT See appx "A" attached .

11. A/A 7 AUST INF BN will be providing 4 posts at ELIZABETH RIVER crossing 061910 for movement of 23 AUST INF BDE Sp.

12. CARRIERS Move well to left of MAIN NORTH AUSTRALIA RD directly in rear of Adv Hq 23 AUST INF BDE . Start time later .

13. S.T. }
V.T.M. } See appx "A" attached .
M.I.H. }

14. ROUTES "A" Coy from coy pde ground via Bn Rd to "Out Gate"
"B" Coy from coy pde ground following in rear of "A" Coy to "Out Gate" .
Hq Coy from coy pde ground to "In Gate" .
BHQ follows in rear of Hq Coy
"C" Coy from coy pde ground along Bn Rd to MA Rd
"D" Coy will follow in rear of "C" Coy

ADM

15. MEDICAL (i) 1 Amb waggon with 1 NCO and 8 OR will report to 8 AUST INF BN when warning is given .

(ii) RMO will detail det of Stretcher Bearers' to report to each coy immediately on receipt of warning .

(iii) RAP will be established at 921134 .

(iv-) Salt will be issued at the rate of 2 tablets per man per day .

16. PETROL All vehs to carry full tanks and first res of 50 miles per veh .
17. SUPPLIES 2 days reserve ration, 1 day emergency ration, carried on the man. 3 days iron ration & 1 days emergency ration on "A" Ech vehs .
18. RECOVERY 108 AUST LAD will be providing rec veh at 19 AUST MG BN dispersal area QUARANTINE RD .
19. AMM (a) 100 rds on the man
6 mags on the Bren Gunner
10 Box Mags on the TSM Gunner
(b) RSH will load 2 3-ton vehs with a mixed load including Mortar and A/Tk .
(c) One 3-ton veh will report to HQ 23 AUST INF BDE on completion of move to Unit area at CHARRING CROSS .
(d) Bn Reserve amn will be established at 922135 .
20. DRESS As per 8 AUST INF BN Standing Op Instr for immediate moves .
21. TOOLS 2 picks and 2 shovels per sec will be carried with tps .
22. B ECH Remain present area .
23. TPT Coy tpt will move with coys to coy areas. AASC tpt moving to the rear on orders .
24. WATER (i) Water bottles will only be filled from approved water points .
(ii) Water Sterilization Outfits will be carried as issued and will be used with all uncertain water .

INTERCOMMUNICATION

25. ON MOVE By DR .
26. IN POSITION (a) One 108 set per coy & BHC
(b) L/T to all coys
(c) Runner & cycle between coys and BHC .
27. WIRELESS RESTRICTIONS Nil
28. CODES Code names and MAP REF CODE will be used . Sheet numbers as per actual numbers DARWIN & ENVIRONS series .
29. HQ BHC will be established at 921135
30. SYNCHRONISATION By telephone

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METHOD OF DISPATCH DR through Sigs

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MOVEMENT TABLE PLAN "SHOAL" (WET)

APPX "A" TO 8 AUST INF BN O.O. "SHOAL" (WET)

1. START POINT where pipe line adjoins MAIN NORTH AUSTRALIA RD
154633 near Bn "Out Gate" .

2. START TIME Z + 35

3. TIMES PAST T.C.Ps

(a)	30 MILE BYHOE BAY RD JUNG	=	Head	Z + 91	
			Tail	Z + 99	
(b)	25 MILE ELIZABETH R King	=	Head	Z + 106	
			Tail	Z + 114	
(c)	16 MILE HOWARD SPRINGS rd	=	Head	Z + 133	
			Tail	Z + 141	
(d)	10 MILE KNUCKEY'S LAGOON	=	Head	Z + 151	
			Tail	Z + 159	
(e)	9 MILE rd June 922114	=	Head	Z + 142 154	
				Z + 168	

4. COND TP CARRYING MT & DISPERSAL

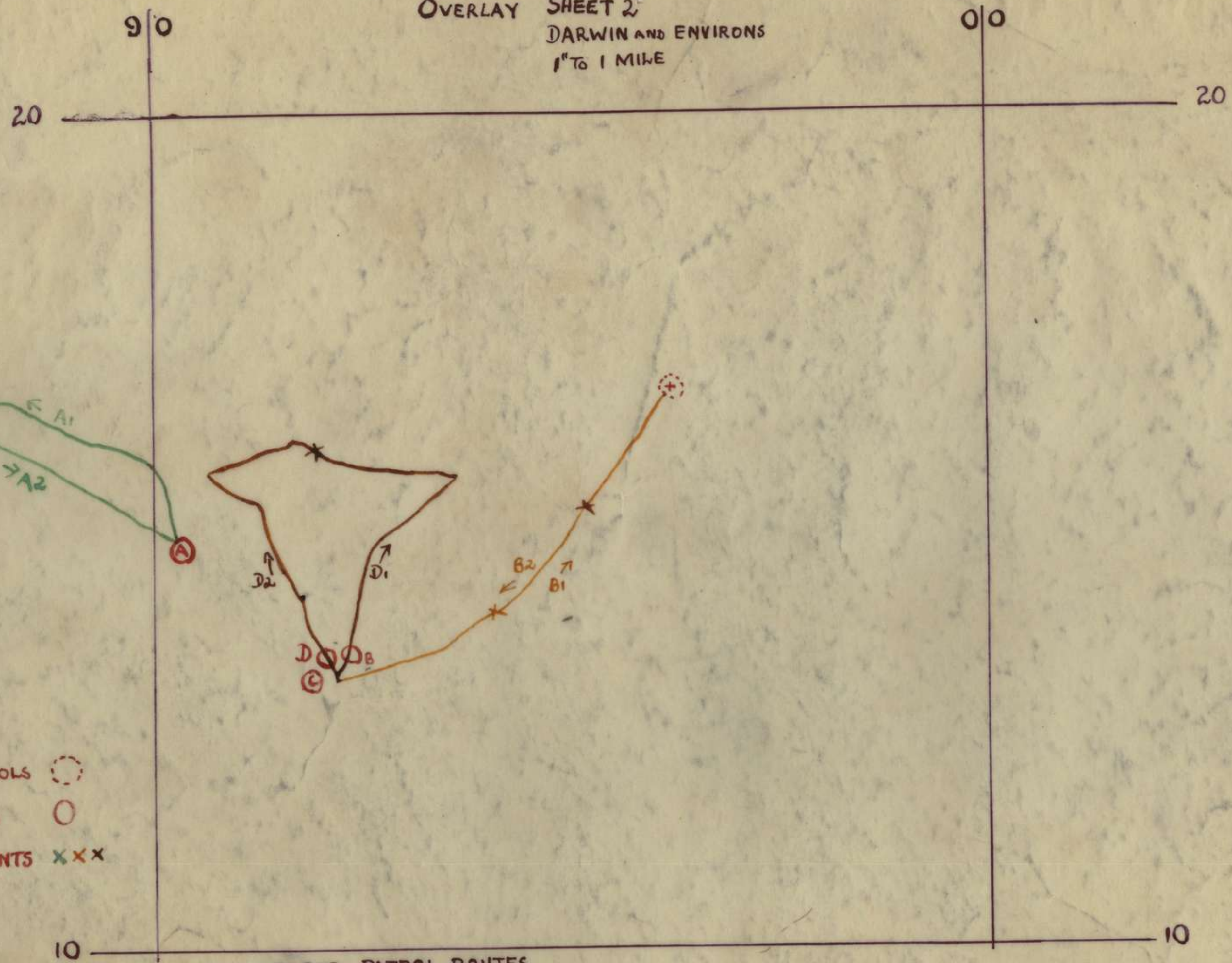
8 AUST INF BN tp carrying

MT to move to rear on completion of debussing .

5. M.I.H. 20

6. V.T.M. 15

OVERLAY SHEET 2
DARWIN AND ENVIRONS
1" TO 1 MILE



- STANDING PATROLS ○ (dashed)
- COY AREAS ○ (solid)
- CHECKING POINTS x x x

- LEGEND PATROL ROUTES
- A COY ——— (green line)
 - B COY ——— (orange line)
 - D COY ——— (brown line)

8 AUST INF BN G.O. BYNOE (WEST) PIONEER"

Ref Maps: DARWIN & ENVIRONS 1" to 1 Mile Sheet 4 & 6

Appendix 10.

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY Landings are taking place in BYNOE BAY area
2. OWN TFS 23 AUST INF BDE are securing general area PIONEER CK prepared to attack the enemy where found.
 - (a) 7 AUST INF BN *19 MG. Bn.*
 8 AUST INF BN
 One Bn 13 AUST INF BDE
 42 Bty 11 Aust Pd Regt
 1 Sec 23 Aust Pd Coy
 14 Aust Coy AASC
 Det 2/13 Aust Pd Amb
 - (b) 13 AUST INF BDE Gp is moving in rear 23 AUST INF BDE to TUMBLING WATERS (933716) prepared to assist 23 AUST INF BDE in clearing PIONEER CK area 855782 if that should be necessary, and will become responsible for that area when 23 AUST INF BDE moves WEST.
 - (c) 19 AUST INF BDE is moving by MT as Force Reserve to area MAIN RD - SOUTHPORT STA 008720
 - (d) 2/6 Aust Cav Regt is moving to general area 40-42 mile for def BATCHELOR and HUGHES areas.
3. PHASE 1 7 AUST INF BN will move tactically by MT to secure PIONEER CK and to cover move fwd of 19 AUST MG BN and 8 AUST INF BN. 7 AUST INF BN patrol vigorously to KANGAROO FLATS.
4. PHASE 2
 - (i) On relief by one Bn 13 AUST INF BDE under command 23 AUST INF BDE, 7 AUST INF BN move fwd on foot to secure OBSERVATION HILL 750826.
 - (ii) 19 AUST MG BN move tactically by MT to PIONEER CK thence on foot to secure track junc 795777 and to picket move fwd through BULLDOUST PASS 8079 of 7 & 8 AUST INF BNs.
 - (iii) One Bn 13 AUST INF BDE under command 23 AUST INF BDE will move tactically by MT to PIONEER CK to relieve 7 AUST INF BN and secure that area and revert to command 13 AUST INF BDE when that relief is completed.
5. ARTILLERY 42 Bty 11 Aust Pd Regt prepared to support 7 AUST INF BN to secure PIONEER CK.
6. ENGINEERS 1 Sec 23 Aust Pd Coy arrange
 - (i) Bridging of TUMBLING WATERS
 - (ii) Crossing of PIONEER CK
 - (iii) Maintenance of rd MAIN RD - SOUTHPORT STA - PIONEER CK.
7. A/A 7 AUST INF BN provide A/A protection for defile at TUMBLING WATERS and PIONEER CK to be relieved of this responsibility by the one Bn 13 AUST INF BDE under comd 23 AUST INF BDE which Bn will cover move fwd of 13 AUST INF BDE.

INTENTION

8. 8 AUST INF BN will secure track junc 740752
9. METHOD 8 AUST INF BN will move tactically by MT to PIONEER CK, thence on foot to secure track junc 740752.
10. ROLES
 - (1) "A" Coy will take up a def posn at 738751
 - (2) "B" Coy will take up a def posn at 739749
 - (3) "C" Coy " " " " " " " 739752
 - (4) "D" Coy " " " " " " " 743752
 - (5) HQ Coy " " " " " " " and maintain A/A defence at 741752

11. ORDER OF MOVE (a) Order of move by MT to PIONEER CK will be as per 8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR IMMEDIATE MOVES
(b) Order of move fwd on foot from PIONEER CK will be as follows:- A, B, BHQ, HQ Coy, C, D.
 12. ALLOTMENT OF TPT (a) One pl 14 Aust Coy AASC will be allotted to 8 AUST INF BN and re-allotted to Coys according to numbers to be lifted.
(b) Unit tpt will be allotted as per 8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR IMMEDIATE MOVES.
(c) Dispersal areas. See Appx "A"
 13. S.P. 155656 where Pipeline crosses MAIN RD
 14. ROUTE TUMBLING WATERS - PIONEER CK
 15. S.T. See Appx "A"
 16. VFM - MH See Appx "A"
 17. MOVEMENT See Appx "A"
 18. CARRIERS & A/TK PLS Carriers and A/TK pls will remain in present area as part of a Force Reserve and will come under comd of an Officer who is to be nominated by 19 AUST MG BN
- ADM
19. MEDICAL (a) One Amb Waggon with one NCO and 8 men will report to 8 AUST INF BN immediately on receipt of warning
(b) RMO will detail det of Stretcher Bearers to report to Coys immediately on receipt of warning.
(c) RAP will be established at 742752.
(d) Salt Tablets will be issued 2 per man per day
 20. PETROL All vehs will carry full tanks and first reserve of 50 mls per veh.
 21. PROVOST One-half sec 12 AUST DIV PRO COY man TCP as per Appx "A".
 22. RECOVERY (a) 14 Aust Coy AASC est rec vehs at
(i) Map ref 898744
(ii) Vicinity dispersal areas 853780
(b) 2/108 AUST IAD est rec veh at SOUTHPORT RD STA.
 23. SUPPLIES (i) Three days hard rations & 1 days emergency ration will be carried on the man. In addition 2 days reserve and one days emergency will be carried on A Ech tpt.
(ii) Bde Dumps will be at
(a) PIONEER CK (b) BULLDUST PASS
 24. WATER (a) Water bottles will only be filled from approved water points.
(b) Water sterilization outfits will be carried as issued and used with all uncertain water.
 25. AMN (a) 100 rds will be carried per rifleman
(b) 6 mags will be carried per Bren Gunner
(c) 10 mags will be carried per TSMG Gunner
(d) Bde dumps will be at :- (i) PIONEER CK (ii) BULLDUST PASS
(e) One 3-ton load of amn will report to HQ 23 AUST INF BDE on completion of MT move.
 26. DRESS As per 8 AUSTMINF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR IMMEDIATE MOVE
 27. B. Ech B Ech will remain in present area
 28. BHQ BHQ will be at 741752.
Operational HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde will be located initially at track junc 795777.
 29. WIRELESS RESTRICTIONS Nil
 30. CODES Code names and map ref code as laid down will be used.
 31. SYNCHRONIZATION By telephone

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APPENDIX "A"

MOVEMENT TABLE PLAN - BYNOE (WET) PIONEER

1. V.T.M. 15 MAIN RD
10 SOUTHPORT - BYNOE RD
2. M.I.H. 20 MAIN RD
6 SOUTHPORT - BYNOE RD
3. START TIME Z & 140
4. TIMES PAST T.C.Ps.
 - (i) 36 MILE Head Z & 158
Tail Z & 198
 - (ii) SOUTHPORT RD STA Head Z & 218
Tail Z & 258
 - (iii) TUMBLING WATERS Head Z & 258
Tail Z & 298
 - (iv) CK CROSSING 898743 Head Z & 288
Tail Z & 328
 - (v) OUTLOOK HILL Head Z & 308
Tail Z & 348
 - (vi) DISPERSAL AREA
EAST OF PIONEER CK Head Z & 328
Tail Z & 368
5. COMD TP CARRYING MT & DISPERSAL
 - (i) Unit MT EAST of Rd general area 853780
 - (ii) Move to rear on orders

8 AUST INF BN C.O. "BYNOE" (WET) BULLDOG

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY Landings are taking place in BYNOE BAY AREA
2. OWN TPS
 - (a)
 - 7 AUST INF BN
 - 19 AUST MG BN
 - 8 AUST INF BN
 - 42 Bty 11 Aust Fd Regt
 - 1 Sec 23 Aust Fd Coy
 - 14 Aust Coy AASC
 - Det 2/13 Aust Fd Amb
 - (b)
 - 13 AUST INF BDE is moving in rear 23 AUST INF BDE to:-
 - (i) Hold PIONEER CK area
 - (ii) Support 23 Aust Inf Bde
 - (c)
 - 19 AUST INF BDE is moving by MF as Force Reserve to area SOUTHPORT RD STA - TUMBLING WATERS.
 - (d)
 - 2/6 Aust Cav Regt is moving to general area 40-42 mile prepared to defend HUGHES and BATCHELOR areas.
3. INFANTRY
 - (i) 7 AUST INF BN move tactically by MF to PIONEER CK thence on foot to secure track junc 795777 and cover move fwd of 19 AUST MG BN and 8 AUST INF BN
 - (ii) 19 AUST MG BN will move tactically by MF to PIONEER CK thence on foot to secure OBSERVATION HILL.
4. ARTILLERY 42 Bty 11 Aust Fd Regt prepare to support 7 AUST INF BN in securing track junc 795777.
5. ENGINEERS 1 Sec 23 Aust Fd Coy arrange:-
 - (i) Bridging of TUMBLING WATERS
 - (ii) Crossing of PIONEER CK
 - (iii) Maintenance of rd MAIN RD - SOUTHPORT STA RD - PIONEER CK.
6. A/A 7 AUST INF BN provides A/A protection for movement of 23 AUST INF BDE GP at defiles at TUMBLING WATERS and PIONEER CK.

INTENTION

7. 8 AUST INF BN will secure track junc 740752

METHOD

8. 8 AUST INF BN will move tactically by MF to PIONEER CK thence on foot to secure track junc 740752

PATROLS

9. Vigorous patrols will be carried WEST of MINE INLET and SOUTH to LUCY MINE. For patrolling responsibility see Appx "B"

ROLES

- (a) "A" Coy will take up a def posn at 738751
- (b) "B" " " " " " " " " " 739754 49
- (c) "C" " " " " " " " " " 739752
- (d) "D" " " " " " " " " " 743752
- (e) HQ " " " " " " " " " And maintain A/A defence at 741752.

ORDER OF MOVE

- (a) Order of move by MF to PIONEER CK will be as per 8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR IMMEDIATE MOVE
- (b) Order of move fwd on foot from PIONEER CK will be as follows:- A, B, BRQ, HQ Coy, C, D.

- 12. ALLOTMENT OF TPT (a) One pl 14 Aust Coy AASC will be allotted to 8 AUST INF BN and re-allotted to Coys according to numbers to be lifted.
(b) Unit tpt will be allotted as per 8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR IMMEDIATE MOVES
(c) Dispersal areas. See Appx "A"
- 13. S.T. 155856 where Pipeline crosses MAIN RD
- 14. ROUTE TUMBLING WATERS - PIONEER CK
- 15. S.T. See Appx "A"
- 16. VTM - MIH See Appx "A"
- 17. MOVEMENT See Appx "A"
- 18. CARRIERS & A/TK PLS Carriers and A/TK PLS will remain in present area as part of a Force Reserve and will come under comd of an Officer who is to be nominated by 19 AUST MG BN

ADM

- 19. MEDICAL (a) One amb Waggon with one NCO and 8 men will report to 8 AUST INF BN immediately on receipt of warning
(b) RMO will detail det of Stretcher Bearers to report to Coys immediately on receipt of warning.
(c) RAP will be established at 742752
(d) Salt Tablets will be issued 2 per man per day
- 20. PETROL All vehs will carry full tanks and first reserve of 50 miles per veh.
- 21. PROVOST One-half Sec 12 Aust Div Pro Coy man TGP as per Appx "A".
- 22. RECOVERY (a) 14 Aust Coy AASC est rec vehs at
(i) Map ref 898744
(ii) Vicinity dispersal areas 853780
(b) 2/108 AUST IAD est rec veh at SOUTHPORT RD STA
- 23. SUPPLIES (1) Three days hard and one days emergency ration will be carried on the man. In addition 2 days reserve and one days emergency will be carried on A Ech tpt.
(ii) Bde Dumps will be at:-
(a) PIONEER CK (b) BULLDUST PASS
- 24. WATER (a) Water bottles will only be filled from approved water points.
(b) Water sterilization outfits will be carried as issued and used with all uncertain water.
- 25. AMN. (a) 100 rds will be carried per rifleman
(b) 6 Mags will be carried per Bren Gunner
(c) 10 mags will be carried per T.S.M. Gunner
(d) Bde dumps will be at:- (i) PIONEER CK (ii) BULLDUST PASS
(e) One 3-ton load of amn will report to HQ 23 AUST INF BDE on completion of MT move.
- 26. DRESS As per 8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN FOR IMMEDIATE MOVES
- 27. B.ECH B Ech will remain in present site.
- 28. BHQ (i) BHQ will be at 741752
(ii) Operational HQ 23 AUST INF BDE will be located initially at track junc 795777.
- 29. WIRELESS RESTRICTIONS NIL.
- 30. CODES Code names and map ref codes as laid down will be used.
- 31. SYNCHRONISATION By telephone.

INTERCOM.

ACK

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 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A"

MOVEMENT TABLE PLAN - "BYNOE" (WEST) BULLDOG

1. V.T.M. 15 MAIN RD
 10 SOUTHPORT - BYNOE RD

2. M.I.H. 20 MAIN RD
 6 SOUTHPORT - BYNOE RD

3. START TIME Z & 140

4. TIMES PAST T.C.Ps.

(a) <u>36 MILES</u>	Head	Z &	158
	Tail	Z &	198
(b) <u>SOUTHPORT RD STA</u>	Head	Z &	218
	Tail	Z &	258
(c) <u>TUMBLING WATERS</u>	Head	Z &	288 (258)
	Tail	Z &	328 (298)
(d) <u>GK CROSSING 898743</u>	Head	Z &	288
	Tail	Z &	328
(e) <u>OUTLOOK HILL</u>	Head	Z &	308
	Tail	Z &	348
(f) <u>DISPERSAL AREA EAST OF PIONEER CREEK</u>	Head	Z &	328
	Tail	Z &	368

5. COND TP CARRYING MT & DISPERSAL

- (i) Unit MT EAST of general area 853780
- (ii) Move to rear on orders.

Overlay DARWIN and ENVIRONS
1" = 1 mile

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T. N. MN

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- Legend.
PATROL ROUTES
- D Coy - Foot. ———
 - C Coy - " ———
 - A Coy - " ———
 - B Coy. " AND Bicycle. ———
 - BN. AREA ○

Patrol AREA
B.M. ———

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5 0

6 0

7 0

8 0

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8 AUST INF BN O.O. BYNOE (WEST) BULLDOG

WAR DIARY

Ref Maps: DARWIN Series 1" to 1 Mile Sheets 4 & 6

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY Landings are taking place at BYNOE BAY and DALY RIVER AREAS.

2. OWN TFS (a) 7 Aust Inf Bn
19 Aust MG Bn
8 Aust Inf Bn
42 Bty, 11 Aust Pd Regt
1 Sec 23 Aust Pd Coy
14 Aust Coy AASC
Det 2/13 Pd Amb

(b) 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp is moving by MT in rear 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp to PIONEER CK with the following roles:-

- (1) To hold PIONEER CK area
- (1) To move fwd on orders to support 23 Aust Inf Bde

- 3. INFANTRY)
- 4. ARTILLERY)
- 5. ENGINEERS)
- 6. A/A)

As for 8 AUST INF BN O.O. BYNOE (WEST)
BULLDOG

- INTENTION)
- METHOD)
- ADMINISTRATION)
- INTERCOMMUNICATION)
- ACK)Q

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8 AUST INF BN O.O. BYNDAL (WET) PIONEER

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Ref Map: DARWIN Series Sheets 4 & 6

WAR DIARY

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY Landings are taking place in BYNOE BAY & DALY RIVER Areas

- 2. OWN TPS (a) 7 Aust Inf Bn
- 19 Aust MG Bn
- 8 Aust Inf Bn
- 1 Bn 13 Aust Inf Bde
- 42 Bty, 11 Aust Pd Regt
- 1 Sec, 23 Aust Pd Coy
- 14 Aust Coy AASC
- Det 2/13 Aust Pd Amb

(b) 13 Aust Inf Bde less one Bn is moving in rear
 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp to TUMBLING WATERS prepared to assist
 23 Aust Inf Bde in clearing PIONEER CK area if that should be
 necessary, and will become responsible for PIONEER CK area
 when 23 Aust Inf Bde moves WEST of that point.

- 3. PHASE I)
- 4. PHASE II)
- 5. ARTILLERY)
- 6. ENGINEERS)
- 7. A/A)

As per 8 AUST INF BN O.O. BYNOE (WET) PIONEER

- INTENTION)
- METHOD)
- ADMINISTRATION)
- INTERCOMMUNICATION)
- ACK)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.81

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 24 Mar 43

154. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1930 hrs 24 Mar 43

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.K.R.BILLS
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. CSBORNE D.T.
Battalion.Runner	Pte. CROSS V.
Battalion Runner	Pte. EWAN R.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

155. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER (Extract GRO - 0.222)

The supply situation in regard to rubber is now so serious as to make it imperative that every ounce of rubber in use by the Army should be conserved to the utmost .

The use of vehicles is to be restricted to essential requirements.

When vehicles are used the following six points are to be rigidly enforced:-

- (i) Don't speed, avoid rapid acceleration, harsh braking and fast cornering .
- (ii) Check pressures daily with gauge to protect side walls and save tread wear .
- (iii) Keep brakes equalized, wheels true, and watch for misalignment .
- (iv) Interchange tyres at prescribed intervals to keep wear even .
- (v) Closely inspect tyres daily, remove any stones, and repair minor cuts .
- (vi) Report defects immediately .

156. MARKING OF RESPIRATOR FACEPIECES (Extract GRO - 0.223)

Respirator facepieces when issued are to be marked in the following manner:- The number and name of the officer or soldier will be impressed on a fibre identity disc using "Stamps, steel for metal $\frac{1}{8}$ -in". This disc will be secured to the connecting tube in the indentation between the first and second corrugations from the container end, by means of cord .

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

NOTICESENTERTAINMENT

A concert will be given by "Merry Mac's Concert Party" on Bn Picture Area at 2030 hrs 25 Mar 43 . An excellent programme is assured .

Appendix "A" to RO.81 dated 24 Mar 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V64472 Pte KELLY A.K. rejoined unit ex hospital

24.3.43

PART. 5.

COPIES UNIT EXERCISE AND TRAINING ORDERS.

Air Support Exercise. issued 7 MAR 43. Appendix 14.
Aut Forecast or Events and Map.

Intelligence Log of Air Support Exercise. Appendix 15.

Operation Order No x issued 13 MAR 43. Appendix 16.
(re Bn exercise to ACACIA GAP)

Map Reading "QUIZ" Appendix 17.



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AIR SUPPORT EXERCISE

W.D. M.A. 13
Appendix 14
SECRET

Ref Map :- DARWIN & ENVIRONS Sheet 6
1" to 1 Mile

8 AUST INF BN ,
7 Mar 43

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1. An Air Co-Operation exercise will be carried out by 8 Aust Inf Bn at MANTON SWIMMING POOL area on Wednesday 10 Mar 43. 452 Squadron will co-operate $\frac{1}{2}$
2. References HQ NT Force 5370/g/A16 & 5371/g/A16 of 8 Feb 43 .
3. OBJECT To practice units in air support requests, communications ground to air, and target indication .
4. TPS TAKING PART HQs of coys and BHQ . All Offrs with the exception of one per coy and one NCO per pl .
5. NARRATIVE (1) A Force of JAPANESE has been landed at ADAM BAY and a strong vanguard which moved rapidly down the ADELAIDE RIVER to ACACIA GAP is now in position at 174646 1000 yds NE of MANTON RIVER SWIMMING POOL and by use of light artillery and mortars is preventing 8 Aust Inf Bn from advancing EAST to ACACIA GAP. Arty which 8 Aust Inf Bn had under comd has been rendered ineffective by most accurate fire from enemy support weapons .
6. INFORMATION The enemies artillery and mortars are concentrated in an area 500 yds by 150 yds deep at 174646 . He has 4 light field pieces and 6 mortars in that area and as his O.Ps are well fwd any movement by own tps is seen and heavy concentrations of H.E. are brought to bear on that point .
8 Aust Inf Bn is held up on SOUTH BANK of MANTON RIVER at SWIMMING POOL 164643 with D Coy fwd, A Coy Right Centre, C Coy left centre , HQ Coy and BHQ Centre, B Coy Rear .
7. INTENTION To have enemy posn destroyed and to move to ACACIA GAP to secure that area against further JAP thrusts .
8. METHOD CO 8 Aust Inf Bn calls for direct air support to destroy enemy posn to allow Bn to move fwd to ACACIA GAP .
9. ADM Hand Mirrors will be carried by all personnel . Very pistols will be carried 2 per coy, 4 Illuminating, 6 Red and 6 Green cartridges per pistol .
10. INTERCOMMUNICATION 8 Aust Inf Bn Sigs will establish radio communication with 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ by 1000 hrs Wed. 10 Mar 43.
On supporting aircrafts identity being est fwd coy will indicate flanks by firing one red over one green flare from each flank . Mirrors will be flashed along the fwd line for duration of sortie .
I/O will lay out V and bars to indicate direction and distance to target, firing two illuminating flares after est identity to attract attention to sign .
11. ACK

Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn .

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Appendix. 5.14

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9 Mar 43

PHASE 2

Narrative Our aircraft successfully destroyed enemy posn at 174646 and B Coy is ordered to move through unit and take up a posn at 174646 to cover advance of remainder of unit against possible attack by any enemy forces who may be left in that area. On reaching that spot however they are held up by machine-gun fire.

Information Enemy forces of approx one coy with approx 10 machine-guns are in posn at 179647. B Coy is held up at 174646 by very heavy fire from enemy machine gun posn at 179647

Intention To have enemy posn destroyed.

Method Phase 1

OC B Coy requests for air support to destroy enemy posn at 179647

Phase 2

CO 8 Aust Inf Bn orders A Coy to move along Southern bank of MANTON RIVER to a posn at 181640. Movement to commence on completion of aircraft action on enemy posn at 179647.

PHASE 3

Narrative Aircraft action having ceased enemy posn having been successfully destroyed A Coy commence to move to posn at 181640, they however come under intense machine-gun fire when they reach a posn approx 167643 100 yds EAST of BRIDGE over MANTON RIVER.

Information Enemy forces of approx one coy in strength with 8 heavy machine guns are in posn at 170634 A Coy is held up at 167643 by heavy machine gun fire from 170634

Intention ~~XXXXXXXX~~ To have enemy posn destroyed to allow adv to continue

Method OC A Coy requests for air support to destroy enemy posn at 170634

ADM All NCOs taking part in the Exercise will bring one white towel.

INTERCOMN One 108 Set with each Coy and BHQ

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Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

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AIR SUPPORT EXERCISE

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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8 AUST INF BN ,
9 Mar 43

Z 8 Aust Inf Bn held up by enemy arty and mortar fire at 164643 .

Z + 3 CO 8 Aust Inf Bn calls for direct air support to destroy enemy posn at 174646

Z + 50 Aircraft over area , indication strips laid out .

Z + 52 Enemy area strafed and bombed .

Z + 60 Enemy posn destroyed .

Z + 61 B Coy ordered fwd .

Z + 75 B Coy held up by enemy machine gun fire .

Z + 78 B Coy Comd requests air support to destroy enemy posn at 179647

Z + 80 Bn request to Bde

Z + 125 Aircraft over area indication strips laid out .

Z + 130 Enemy area strafed and bombed .

Z + 138 Enemy posn destroyed .

Z + 138 A Coy commence to move

Z + 150 A Coy comes under machine gun fire from 170634 and is held up .

Z + 155 A Coy Comd requests air support to destroy enemy posn at 170634 .

Z + 157 Bn request to Bde .

Z + 200 Aircraft over area indication strips laid out .

Z + 205 Enemy posn bombed and strafed .

Z + 210 Exercise ends .

Note



Requests from coys for air support will be made in accordance with headings set out as below :-

1. Time arrival of aircraft is desired .
2. Is ground attack to be co-ordinated with air attack .
3. If ground attack is not to be co-ordinated with air attack, what is latest hour you consider effective air support can be given if arrival of aircraft is delayed .
4. Nature of target .
5. Location of target .
6. Indication of target .
7. Indication of posn of fwd tps .

As with any signal words must be kept to a minimum in requesting air support .

Requests will refer to numbers only of above headings. A signal requesting air support therefore might read:-

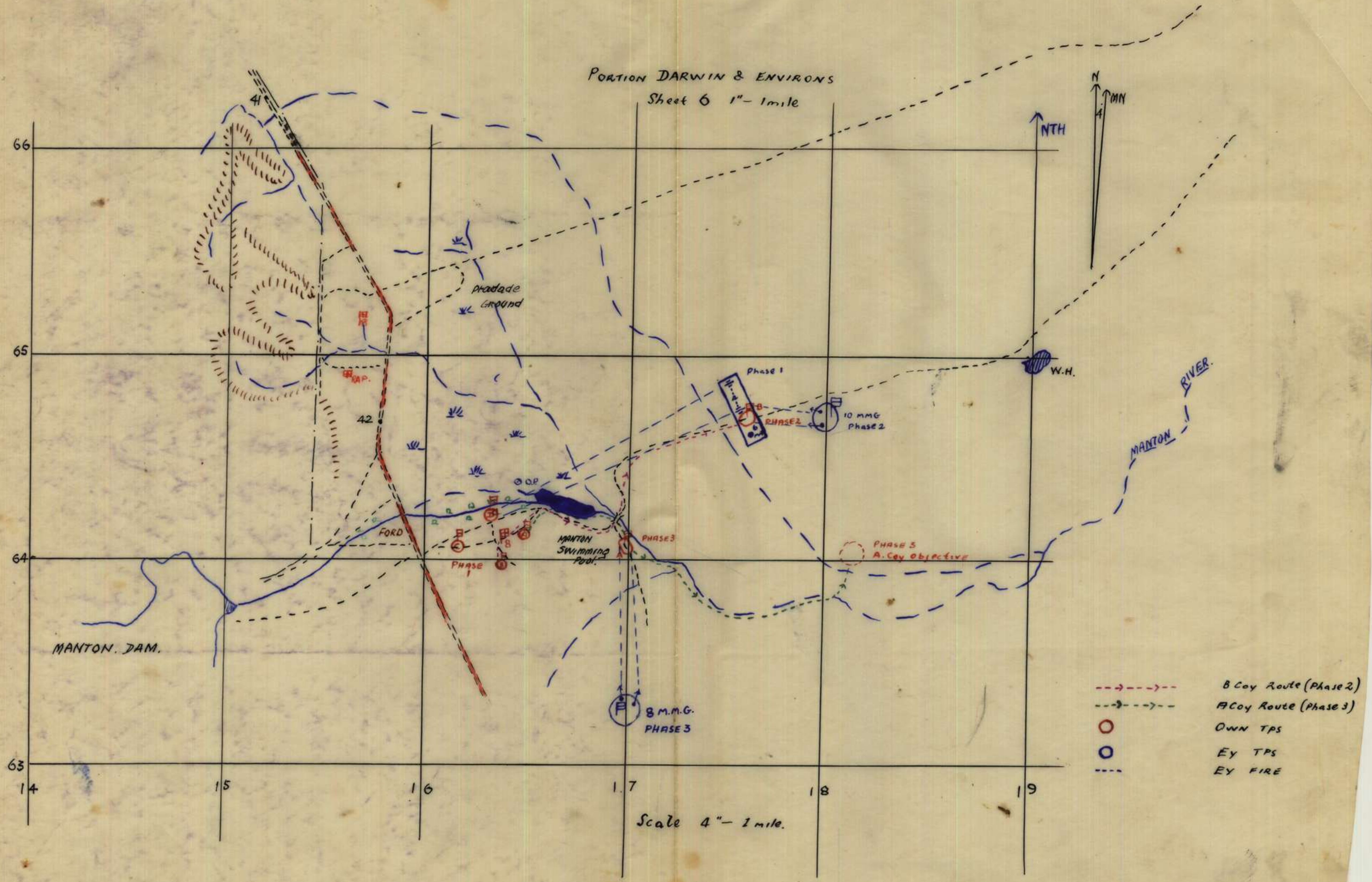
"1 1500 hrs 2 No 3 1600 hrs 4 enemy assembly area 5 map ref 135791 half mile SOUTH large bald hill 6 V sign with bars indicated by two white very lights and Lucas lamp fired from V 7 smoke from right and left flanks fwd coy posn .

SERIAL	RECOGNITION	F.D.L. INDICATION	TARGET INDICATION	TARGET	REMARKS
All Phases	Bn Sign 	Indications will be given when identity is established			
All Phases	Coy Sign 				
(Phase 1) (Sortie 1) (D Coy)	1 Coy Sign	Red over Green Very's on flanks. Hand Mirrors, Green Lucas Lamps on Flanks	V Sign with Lucas Lamp Red	Smoke on Target Area (Smoke Grenades)	Smoke candles will be lit by fatigue men when F.D.L. indicating flares are fired.
(Phase 2) (Sortie 2) (B Coy)	2 Coy Sign Green over White Very	Line of white towels 15 yards apart. Red over Green Verys on Flanks.	V Sign with 2 White Verys	Men moving rapidly about.	Men will move about from time F.D.L. indication is given.
(Phase 3) (Sortie 3) (A Coy)	3 Coy Sign White over Red Very	Red over Green Very flares. White Lucas Lamp both on flanks, Hand Mirrors.	V Sign with 2 White Very Flares Lucas Lamp Red	Smoke on TARGET AREA (Smoke Grenades)	Smoke Candles will be lit by fatigue men when F.D.L. indicating flares are fired.

Air Support Controls

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COPY NO. 6.

PORTION DARWIN & ENVIRONS
Sheet 6 1" - 1 mile



- >---> B Coy Route (Phase 2)
- >---> A Coy Route (Phase 3)
- OWN TPS
- EY TPS
- EY FIRE

Scale 4" - 1 mile.

A. Seymour
sgt
9. MAR. 43

Time

Information

Action taken.

1321 cont. coy positions.
 1323 Above message received at BnHQ.
 1325 xx 8 Bn originated message I 10 to 23 Bde.
 "Request air support as soon as possible 2 NO
 3 1430 hrs 4 enemy 1200 posns 5 D6 H1 7034 800 yds
 SOUTH bridge 6 V sign with bars indicated by 2
 white very lights and LUCAS lamp red flare from
 V 7 red over green and white LUCAS lamp from flanks
 fwd coy."
 1335 Message to all coys (I 11)
 "Request for air support as follows. 1 as
 soon as possible, 3 1430 hrs. STA will be notified
 when received.
 1430 Message BX 38 received from 23 Bde. Coys advised
 "2 A/C STA 1430 hrs. (I 12)
 1437 2 A/C overhead, identified as own. Strips laid out.
 Flares fired.
 1440 3 Bn message to 23 Bde (I 13)
 " A/C over target phase 1 1118 hrs phase 2
 1515 hrs phase 3 1437 hrs.
 1443 enemy posn destroyed. A/C leaves area.
 1446 3 Bn message to 23 Bde (I 14)
 "Air support exercise concludes.
 Coys moved back to camp area.



13 Mar 43

O.O. NO. X

Ref Map: DARWIN Sheet 6 1" to 1 Mile

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY T/R report of 12 Mar 43 reveals that a number of enemy forces landing from barges in the vicinity PADDY'S LANDING and FERGUSON'S LANDING and some fwd tps making heavy going in direction of HALL'S LAGOON. Information obtained from captured document from wrecked enemy plane reveals that the enemy intends to sever lines of communication at MANTON FORD. Estimated enemy strength 800 - 1000 men.
2. OWN TROOPS 23 AUST INF BDE in present posn astride NA ROAD.
3 AUST INF BDE in posn astride NA ROAD SOUTH of MANTON RIVER.

INTENTION

3. 23 AUST INF BDE less 19 AUST MG BN will move out, attack and destroy this force.

METHOD

4. ROUTES 7 AUST INF BN will move to 39 mile track, EAST along that track to BLG to ACACIA GAP.
8 AUST INF BN will move EAST along track at 42 Mile known as K2 Bn Track to ACACIA GAP brushing aside all opposition.
On reaching road junction 206670 8 AUST INF BN will take up a defensive position and send out patrols to make contact with 7 Bn and fwd to ACACIA GAP Crossing 220675.
Close contact will be kept with Bde during these movements.

ADM

5. DRESS As laid down in standing orders of units
6. WEAPONS Units will take two (2) Mortars with 20 bombs each mortar and one (1) section MMGs with (10) ten belts per gun.
7. B ECH B Ech will remain in present position astride NA Road at 42 Mile and a strong Security Guard will be mounted.
8. TPT & CARRIERS Will remain at present area and will be well guarded.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9. Unit arrangements.

ACK

Maj.
BM 23 AUST INF BDE.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Ref Map DARWIN & ENVIRONS Sheet 6 1 inch to 1 mile

EXERCISE TIME	ACTUAL TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Z	-	NA Rd Bn In Gate	Cross Start Line Advance in diamond formation .
+ 30		172657	Enemy patrol encountered at 172657
+ 31		169656	Fwd Coy engages enemy, outflanking move commenced .
+ 50		174658	Outflanking coys reach track .
+ 60		"	Enemy wiped out, reassemble on track .
+ 65		"	Advance resumed
+ 105		191665	Enemy patrol encountered .
+ 106		189664	Fwd Coy engages enemy , outflanking move commenced .
+ 126		193665	Outflanking coys reach track .
+ 136		193665	Enemy wiped out, re-assemble on track .
+ 140			Advance resumed .
+ 200		204669	Take up defensive posn at Track Junc
+ 210		"	Patrols sent fwd (a) To ACACIA GAP (b) Contact 7 Bn (c) SOUTH along HUMPTY DOO TRACK
+ 220		"	Orders received to withdraw to ridge
+ 230		"	Rece parties move off .
+ 260		"	Leading elements withdraw .
+ 285		"	Rear elements withdraw .
+ 335		174658	Establish posn at Ridge (Leading element)
+ 350			Withdrawal to 42 Mile commenced. Rear elements withdraw from Ridge .
+ 390		158653	Fwd elements reach 42 Mile .
+ 415		"	Rear elements reach 42 Mile Exercise concludes .

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Ref Map

DARWIN & ENVIRONS

Sheet 6

1 inch to 1 mile

EXERCISE TIME	ACTUAL TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Z	0750	NA Rd	Cross Start Line
	0745	Bn In Gate	Advance in diamond formation .
+ 30	0816	172657	Enemy patrol encountered at 172657
+ 31	0826	169656	Fwd Coy engages enemy, outflanking move commenced .
+ 50	0850	174658	Outflanking coys reach track .
+ 60	0857	"	Enemy wiped out, reassemble on track .
+ 65	0920	"	Advance resumed
+ 105	0958	191665	Enemy patrol encountered .
+ 106		189664	Fwd Coy engages enemy , outflanking move commenced .
+ 126		193665	Outflanking coys reach track .
+ 136		193665	Enemy wiped out, re-assemble on track .
+ 140			Advance resumed .
+ 200	1010	204669	Take up defensive posn at Track Junction
+ 210	1056	"	Patrols sent fwd
			(a) To ACACIA GAP
			(b) Contact 7 Bn
			(c) SOUTH along HUMPTY DOO TRACK
+ 220	1112	"	Orders received to withdraw to ridge
+ 230	1125	"	Rece parties move off .
+ 260	1115	"	Leading elements withdraw .
+ 285	1200	"	Rear elements withdraw .
+ 335	1303	174658	Establish posn at Ridge (Leading element)
+ 350	1325		Withdrawal to 42 Mile commenced.
			Rear elements withdraw from Ridge .
+ 390	1353	158653	Fwd elements reach 42 Mile .
+ 415	1405	"	Rear elements reach 42 Mile
			Exercise concludes .

8 AUST INF BN.
8 MAR 43.

W.D. 11/11/43
Appendix 17.


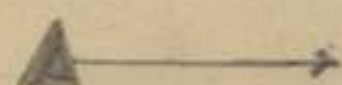
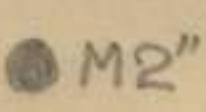
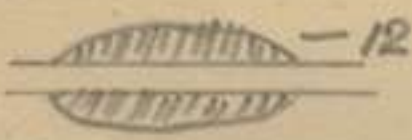
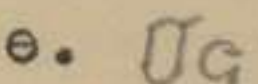
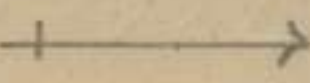
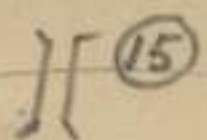
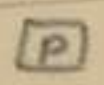
MAP READING QUIZ.

Time allowed 75 minutes.

1. Give a definition of the following illustrating each with a sketch.
 - a. Plateau.
 - b. Foreshore/
 - c. Watershed.
 - d. Gorge.
 - e. Dune.
 - f. Underfeature.
2. Give map references of the following. Ref Map DARWIN & ENVIRONS Sheet 2.
 - a. HUT approx 1000 yds SOUTH of CAMERONS BEACH.
 - b. R A A F
 - c. FANNY BAY GAOL.Using Map Ref Code for W/T comn within NT Force, and using todays date and existing numbers of maps, give map references of the following.
 - d. RESERVOIR EAST of PARAP CAMP/
 - e. BERRIMAH HOSPITAL.
 - f. KNUCKEY'S LAGOON STATION.

- 3a. Grid North is 7 deg East of Mag North. True North is 5 deg WEST of Mag North. Mag bearing is 358 deg. Compass is correct. Find true bearing and grid bearing.
- b. M.N. is 3 deg 30 min WEST of T.N. G.N. is 1 deg 30 min WEST of T.N. Compass bearing is 65 deg. Compass error is 2 deg EAST. Find G.B. and T.B.
4. An enemy machine gun ~~mark~~ post is situated at point "A". We hold position "B". (See appx "A") Is it possible to see position a "A" from "B"? There is no vegetation on the ground. Scale 1 inch to 1 mile. Show method employed. 1007

5. Using ARMY FORM C 2128 make the necessary corrections and write the following message as briefly as possible. Code names 8 Aust inf Bn DOMO, 23 Aust Inf Bde BOZO. Message to be sent by W/T. You are Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn and orig number is J1195.
Advise 23 Aust Inf Bde that 8 Aust Inf Bn will move from present location NOONAMAH Q 20887 to MANTON FORD T21564 (consider map refs correct) at 2340 hrs on the 16 March 43. AASC transport will return to 23 Aust Inf Bde at the completion of the move. An Air Liaison Officer will report to 23 Aust Inf Bde from advanced Air ~~TRANSPORT~~ **TKK Support Control** at 0015 hrs 17 MAR 43. Acknowledge.

6. Indicate the meaning of the following conventional sig ns.
 - a. 
 - b. 
 - c. 
 - d. 
 - e. 
 - f. 
 - g. 
 - h. 

7. Ref Map DARWIN AND ENVIRONS SHEET 2.
At 2340 hrs 6 MAR 43, a flare was fired directly into the air. It was seen by standing patrols ~~at~~ stationed at LEE POINT 873244. FENCE CORNER 887165 and Rd June 905148. Magnetic bearings from patrol to flare 139 deg, 82 deg 30 min and 46 deg respectively. Give a map ref of the position from where flare was fired.

8. a. What is a map?
b. Since the "man-in-the-street" is not a qualified map reader, much information is always included in the margin of a map. What does this information include?

9. Scales may be expressed in two ways: (a) In words showing relation between any unit on the map and any other unit on the ground. eg 1 inch to 1 mile. (b) By the representative fraction. eg 1 : 100000.

The R.F. on a map is ~~1 : 80000~~ 1 : 80000
Express it as (a) inches to the mile (b) miles to the inch.

10. Is the following statement true or false? For all general purposes of mapping, grid and magnetic north are the same. Why?

932172 736 817114

PART.6.

UNIT SYLLABII OF TRAINING.

- Syllabus of Trg week commencing 1 MAR 43.
inc Intelligence Syllabus. Appendix 18.
- Syllabus of Trg week commencing 8 MAR 43. Appendix 19.
- Syllabus of Trg week commencing 15 MAR 43. Appendix 20.
- 8 Bn Trg Instruction No 1 dated 12 MAR 43. Appendix 21.
- 8 Bn Syllabus of Trg commencing 22 MAR 43.
inc Intelligence Syllabus . Appendix 22.
- Syllabus of Trg week commencing 29 MAR 43.
inc Intelligence Syllabus. Appendix 23.
- Syllabus 8 Bn Officers Cadre No 2.
commencing 29 MAR 43. Appendix 24.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 65

by

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

9 Mar 43

130. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 9 Mar 43:-

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. K.B.E. Raff
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Tatt B.E.N.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McPhee S.W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Smith H.A.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

H. Stevenson Lieut
for Capt.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 65 Dated 9 MAR 43HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Transfer to "X" List)

VX76656	Pte. Penniment A.E.	Evac to Hosp	6 Mar 43
V112717	Pte. Edgcumbe C.M.	" " "	"
V112608	Pte. Jolly J.	" " "	"
V240087	Pte. Liston J.V.	" " "	7 Mar 43
V220146	Pte. Pumpa S.R.	" " "	8 Mar 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX55050	Pte. McLeod D.W.	Rejoined Unit Ex-Hosp	8 Mar 43
V335236	Pte. Noack O.	" " "	"

TRANSFERS OUT (Taken off Strength)

V64726	Pte. Lancaster F.J.	Trans to 12 Aust Div Rec Camp for re-allotment to L of C Unit	9 Mar 43
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SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK COMMENCING 1 MAR 43

DAY 1

0930 Bn Pde
 1000-1030 Squad Drill Recap
 1030-1130 Anti-Gas Respirator Drill PAG Pam 2 Sec 5 Less 1-4
 1130-1230 Bren SAT Pam 4 Less 15-16 Additional stripping General
 1230-1330 Map Reading Notes on Map Reading Chap 1 & 2
 1500-1600 Rifle - SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Less 19-22 Rapid & Firing behind cover
 1600-1700 Anti-Gas Respirator Drill PAG Pam 2 Sec 5 Less 5-7
 1700-1800 Fieldcraft INT 1941 Sec 42-43

DAY 2

Rifle Range (Minature range practice. Practice Nos. 1-3 & 6)
Table L

DAY 3

Rifle Range (Open) Table L Practices 0-4

DAY 4

0930-1030 Coy drill MTP 18
 1030-1130 Anti-gas PAG Pam 2 Sec 6-7 Care & Cleaning
 1130-1230 Bren - SAT Pam 4 Less 17-18 and 23. Tripod
 1230-1330 Map Reading. Notes on map reading Chap 4 Conventional sign.
 1500-1800 Make & Mend
 2030-2130 Bren - SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 5-7 Stripping
 2130-2200 TSMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 21 Less 3 Stripping
 2200-2230 A/Th Rifle SAT vol 1 Pam 5 Less 1 Stripping & Cleaning

DAY 5

0930-1030 Platoon & Coy drill Recapit MTP 18
 1030-1130 Anti-Gas Personal protection PAG Pam 1 Sec 37-42
 1130-1230 Bren - SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 11 & 22 Advanced handling, movement.
 1230-1330 Map Reading - Notes on Map Reading Chap 7
 1500-1700 Fieldcraft - Individual & Sec stalk MTP 33
 1700-180000 Anti-gas equipment PAG Pam 1 Chap 5 Sec 53-60 and Appx "B" Secs 19 & 27

DAY 6

0930-1030 Anti-gas recapitulation
 1030-1130 Anti-gas - War gases PAG Pam 1 Chap 1
 1130-1330 TOET Anti-gas
 1500-1600 Rifle - Recapitulation
 1600-1700 Compass - Notes on Map reading Chap 10 Sec 64-68
 1700-1800 Fieldcraft INT Sec 44-47

2. ALLOTMENT OF TRAINING

COY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
H		SPECIALIST	SYLLABI			
A	1	2	4	5	3	6
B	1	3	4	5	2	6
C	2	1	3	4	5	6
D	3	1	2	4	5	6

3. RIFLE RANGES available to HQ Coy on 4 & 6 Mar 43

4. Rifle Range Day 2 firing point 156644 Angle of fire 197°.
 Rifle Range Day 3 firing point 143661 Angle of fire 212°.

P.T.O.

5. Results of TOET Anti-gas will be submitted to reach BHQ by 1200 hrs 7 Mar 43.
6. Weekly kit, arms, and medical reports will be completed and submitted to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 28 Feb 43
7. Coy Comds will arrange that the following day's work is prepared by instructors under supervision each evening.
8. Stripping periods set down for night of day 4 will be done without lights.

Syllabus file

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INTELLIGENCE SECTION 8 Aust Inf Bn.

Syllabus of training for week commencing 1 MAR 43.

Except, when engaged on essential Intelligence duties,
Intelligence Section personnel will follow Coy Syllabus.

Range practises will be fired on Days 4 & 6.

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

8 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 8 Mar 43

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DAY 1 Rifle Range : Firing from the hip practice .

DAY 2 Coy Combined Field Firing Exercise .

DAY 3

0930 - 1130 Booby Traps (i) Explosives
(ii) Grenades

1130 - 1330 Embussing and Debussing

1500 - 1800 Make and Mend

DAY 4

0930 - 1030 Pl and Coy Drill MTP 18

1030 - 1230 Section Stalk MTP 33 Sec 27

1230 - 1330 A/Gas PAG Pam 1 Ch. 2 Gas Weapons

1500 - 1800 TOET Bren : Bren Recapitulation

DAY 5)

) BN EXERCISE

DAY 6)

2. Bn Pde will be held on Monday 8 Mar 43. Markers will report to RSM on Bn Pde Ground at 0910 hrs. Coys march on at 0915 hrs.

3. Coy Comds will prepare Coy Field Firing Exercise (Area Bn Tpt Track from 500 yds EAST of NA RD) to be submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 7 Mar 43 . For exercise 2 detachments Mortars and 1 MMG Pl will be allotted each Coy .

4. Results of Bren TOET will be completed and submitted to BHQ by 1200 hrs 14 Mar 43 .

5. Weekly Kit, Arms, and Medical reports will be completed and submitted to reach BHQ by 1800 hrs 7 Mar 43 .

6. Skeleton Exercise on Air Co-operation will be carried out on Wednesday 10 Mar 43 , details later .

7. Details of Bn Exercise will be published later .

8. Rifle Range for DAY 1 Firing Point 143661 Angle of Fire 212° .

9. Allotment of Training

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
H					5	6
A	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	2	3	4	1	5	6
C	3	4	1	2	5	6
D	4	1	2	3	5	6

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SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK COMMENCING 15 MAR 43 - 8 AUST INF BN

12 Mar 43

- DAY 1. TOET Rifle Tests 1-9 JD Tests
- DAY 2. Rifle Range - Grouping 100^x, Application 200^x
Rapid (2 practices) 200^x.
- DAY 3. 0930-1330 TOET Bren Tests 1-6
1500-1800 Make & Mend
Night March
- DAY 4. Pl exercises
- DAY 5. Tactical March
- DAY 6. 0930-1030 Squad & Pl drill & rifle exercises - recapitulation
1030-1130 2" Mortar SAT Vol 1 Pam 8 General & L 1 & 2
Introduction Mortar & bombs - Stripping & cleaning.
1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 14 Stoppages
1230-1330 Austen Gun - Recapitulation
1500-1600 2" Mortar SAT Vol 1 Pam 8 L 3-4 Loading, aiming & firing Action on misfire and Handling.
1600-1700 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L 9-10 Aiming off for wind. Aiming up and down
1700-1800 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L 11 & 22 - Handling

- 2. Bn Pde will be held on Mon 15 Mar 43. Markers will report to RSM on Bn Pde ground at 0910 hrs. Coys will march on at 0915 hrs.
- 3. Platoon exercises will be prepared and submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs Sun 14 Mar 43. 2 exercises per Pl will be prepared. Areas for exercises - Bn Tpt Track. HUMPTY DOO Track.
- 4. Results of TOETS will be submitted to BHQ by 1200 hrs 21 Mar 43. All personnel will be tested.
- 5. Weekly kit, arms and medical inspection reports will be completed and submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 14 Mar 43
- 6. Rifle Range Day 2 firing point 143661. Angle of fire 212°.
- 7. Tactical march for Day 5 and Night March Day 3 will be laid down by Bn.

8. ALLOTMENT OF TRAINING

COY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
H	Specialist	Syllabi				
A	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	2	3	4	5	6	1
C	3	4	5	6	1	2
D	4	5	6	1	2	3

- 9. Particular attention will be paid to rapid practices at Rifle Range on Day 2.

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Appendix 2!*

TRAINING INSTRUCTION No.1

1. It is evident from poor results obtained in rapid shooting that coy comds are not paying sufficient attention to the manipulation of the bolt, bolt action , and method of loading. Particular attention will be paid to this phase of training, with the object of attaining a rate of 20 well aimed shots per minute .
2. Great improvement has been noticed in the range discipline but the standard set has not yet been reached . Necessary steps will be taken to reach and maintain a high standard of range discipline .
3. Pl Exercises to be prepared by 1800 hrs 14 Mar 43 as per 8 Aust Inf Bn Syllabus of Training for week commencing 15 Mar 43. These exercises will be prepared by pl comds and will be checked by coy comds before being submitted to BHQ . These exercises will agree with the policy of the unit .

(Sgd) C.W.THOMPSON Capt
Adjnt 8 Aust Inf Bn

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8 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRG WEEK COMMENCING 22 MAR 43

1. DAY 1 TOET Rifle Tests 1 - 9 J.D. Tests
- DAY 2 Rifle Range - Grouping 100 yds , Application 200 yds .
Rapid (2 practices) 200 yds .
- DAY 3 0930-1330 TOET ^{Rapid 100yds} Bren Tests 1 - 6
1500-1800 Make & Mend
Night March
- DAY 4 Pl Exercises
- DAY 5 0930-1030 Squad & Pl Drill - Rifle Exercises - Recapitulation
1030-1130 Sec formations IMT Sec 50 , Fd Signals IMT Sec 52
1130-1230 A/Gas Collective Protection Pam 1 Secs 43 to 48
1230-1330 General Patience Tests
1500-1800 Tactical March
- DAY 6 0930-1030 Squad & Pl Drill - Rifle Exercises - Recapitulation
1030-1130 2" Mortar SAT Vol 1 Pam 8 General L 1 & 2
Introduction, Mortar & Bombs ,
Stripping & Cleaning .
1130-1230 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L.14 - Stoppages
1230-1330 Austen Gun - Recapitulation
1500-1600 2" Mortar SAT Vol 1 Pam 8 L.3-4 , Loading , Aiming
and Firing, Action on misfire & handling.
1600-1700 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 L.9-10 , Aiming off for wind.
Aiming up and down.
1700-1800 Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 L.11 & 22 - Handling .

2. Bn Pde will be held on Tues 23 Mar 43 . Markers will report to RSM on Bn Pde Ground at 0910 hrs . Coys will march on at 0915 hrs .
3. Platoon Exercises for attack against "Bunker" type defences will be prepared and submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs Sun. 28 Mar 43 . 3 Exercises per Coy will be prepared. Areas for exercises will be prepared and notified later .
4. Results of TOETs will be submitted to BHQ by 1200 hrs 28 Mar 43 . All personnel will be tested .
5. Weekly Kit, Arms, and Medical inspection reports will be completed and submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 28 Mar 43 .
6. Rifle Range Day 2 firing point 143661 , Angle of fire 212° . Particular attention will be paid to rapid practices .
7. Tactical March for Day 5 and Night March Day 3 will be laid down by Bn.
8. Allotment of Trg

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
H	Specialist Syllabi			Specialist Syllabi		
A	6	1	5	3	2	4
B	6	2	3	5	4	1
C	6	4	1	3	5	2
D	6	1	3	2	4	5

9. Rifle Range results will be submitted in full by 1800 hrs 28 Mar 43 .
10. Lieut. HAWKER will be responsible for lecturing to coys on 2" Mortar on days as laid down in Allotment of Training .

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8 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRG "I" SEC : WEEK COMM 22 MAR 43

<u>DAY 1</u>	0930 - 0945	Pde & Adm
	0945 - 1100	W/T Procedure and use of 108 sets (Sig Pl)
	1115 - 1315	Precis Writing and practice message writing .
	1500 - 1800	Fd Sketching, closed traverse . Practical .
<u>DAY 2</u>	0930 - 1045	xxxxx Bn Pde
	1045 - 1200	Log Diary (LHQ "I" School Notes)
	1200 - 1315	O.P. Manning " " "
	1500 - 1800	Exercise . Recording of information with 108 W/T Sets .
<u>DAY 3</u>	0930 - 1315	Rifle Range (Bren)
	1500 - 1800	Rifle Range (TSMG)
<u>DAY 4</u>	0930 - 1315	Fd Sketching. Practical. Contouring Sketch done Day 1 .
	1500 - 1800	study of Int Summaries and discussion with N.G. Maps .
<u>DAY 5</u>	0930 - 1000	Pde & Adm
	1000 - 1315	Exercise with 108 W/T Sets . Manning O.P. and recording of information .
	1500 - 1800	Make and Mend .
<u>DAY 6</u>	0930 - 0945	Pde & Adm
	0945 - 1100	Austplay Cipher Practice .
	1115 - 1215	Collation Files .(LHQ "I" School Notes)
	1215 - 1315	" " Practical .
	1500 - 1600	Survey Methods of determining heights using Trigonometry .
	1600 - 1800	" " " Practical .

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

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W.D. [Signature]
26 Mar 43

SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK COMMENCING 29 MAR 43

1.

DAY 1

Rifle Range. Bren. Firing from hip

DAY 2

Morning Coy exercise - Attack

After-noon

Make and mend

DAY 3

Coy exercise - Taking up a def posn and coy withdrawal

DAY 4

TOET A/Gas, A/TK Rifle Test 1, Grenade.
Tactical night march

DAY 5

Morning TOET Map Reading

After-noon

Tactical March

DAY 6

0930-1130 2" Mortar demonstration
1130-1230 Bayonet. SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Recap
1230-1330 Map Reading Coy Comds discretion
1500-1600 A/TK Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 5 Recap
1600-1700 General Patience Trg
1700-1800 Coy comds discretion

2. Coy exercises will be drawn up and submitted as per following table:-

EXERCISE	To be prepared by	To be Submitted by	Area
Coy in attack	O.C. "A" Coy	1200 hrs 29 Mar 43	BRODRIBBS HIGHWAY
Coy in Defence	O.C. "B" Coy	" " " " "	HUMPTY DOO TRACK
Coy withdrawal (from above def posn)	O.C. "C" Coy	" " " " "	" "
Coy in Attack	O.C. "D" Coy	" " " " "	BN TRACK

For exercises RSM will make an allotment of explosives on a percentage basis per coy strength. Coy attack exercise will be done by each coy

3. Bn pde will be held on 29 Mar 43. Markers will report to RSM on Bn Pde ground at 0910 hrs. Coys will march on at 0915 hrs.

4. Results of all TOET will be submitted to BHQ by 1900 hrs 30 Mar 43. All Coy pers will be tested. D Coy's D 4 TOET will be submitted by 1600 hrs 31 Mar 43

5. Weekly kit, arms and medical reports will be completed and submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 28 Mar 43.

6. Rifle Range Day 3 firing point 156644, angle of fire 197°.

7. Respirators will be worn for periods of from 1½ to 2 hrs on Day 2 and 3.

8. Tactical march for D 5 will be laid down by Bn.

P.T.O.

9. All Coys will attend 2" Mortar demo at rifle range 143661 on Day 6. Lieut Hawker will arrange demonstration.

10. Allotment of Training:-

COY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
H	Specialist Syllabi					
A	4	5	1	2	3	6
B	4	5	2	3	1	6
C	5	4	3	1	2	6
D	5	3	4	2	6	1

Areas to be used for Coy in attack exercises Thu 1 Apr:-

"A" Coy BROADRIBBS HY Morning BN TRACK Afternoon

"D" Coy BN TRACK Morning BRODRIBBS HY Afternoon

11. Subjects for Coy Comds discretion periods will be submitted by 1800 hrs 28 Mar 43.

12. TOET Map Reading will be laid down by Bn

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

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"I" SEC 8 AUST INF BN : WEEK COMMENCING 29 MAR 43

<u>DAY 1</u>	0930 - 1045	Bn Pde
	1100 - 1200	Use of Compass Prismatic Liquid Mk.3 (MMR Sec 66)
	1200 - 1315	Practice
	1500 - 1800	Field Sketch - Practical - Base Line .
<u>DAY 2</u>	0930 - 0945	Pde and Adm
	0945 - 1315	Preparation of Enlargements & Traces for coy dispositions, plans for "WET"
	1500 - 1600	Slopes & Gradients - calculation by trigonometry - Recapitulation (Engnr's Handbook)
	1600 - 1800	" " Practical
<u>DAY 3</u>	0930 - 0945	Pde & Adm
	0945 - 1315	TOWT - Rifle - Bren - Gas
	1500 - 1800	Make and Mend
<u>DAY 4</u>	0930 - 0945	Pde & Adm
	0945 - 1100	Japanese - pronunciation (NF Force School Notes)
	1115 - 1315	Preparation & Lecture on Fd Sketching - Closed Traverse (NF Force School Notes)
	1500 - 1800	Closed Traverse - Practical
<u>DAY 5</u>	0930 - 0945	Pde & Adm
	0945 - 1315	Plotting Fd Sketch done DAY 4
	1500 - 1600	Contouring with improvised level .
	1600 - 1800	Contouring Fd Sketches done DAY 4 .
<u>DAY 6</u>	0930 - 0945	Pde & Adm
	0945 - 1315	Complete Fd Sketch commenced DAYS 4 & 5
	1500 - 1600	Recapitulation & discussion on closed traverse .
	1600 - 1700	Recapitulation on weeks work, questions, discussion
	1700 - 1800	Map References - Full Co-ordinates. (NF Force School Notes)

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Day 1.	1000-1100	2" Mortar Introduction. Stripping and Cleaning. Ll&2.	Lieut. HAWKER.
	1115-1215	Map Reading, scales and Units. MMR Ch3.	I. Office.
	1215-1315	3" Mortar Detachment Drill. Pam9 Sec 20.	Lieut. ROBINSON.
	1500-1600	Lecture-Recce Reports.	I. Office.
	1600-1700	Intelligence-General Description and objects.	I. Office.
	1700-1800	Commanding Officers Discretion.	
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Day 2.	1000-1100	Map Reading, Finding positions. MMR Chap 8.	I. Office.
	1115-1215	2" Mortar. Handling and Loading. Aiming and Loading and Firing.	Lieut. HAWKER.
	1215-	Action on misfires.	
	1215-1315	STEN gun.	
	1500-1800	Appreciations.	Capt. MEGGS.
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Day 3.	1000-1030	Lecture Conduct Range Practices.	
	1030-1315	Rifle Table B Part 11	
	1500-1800	L.M.G. Table L.	
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Day 4.	1000-1100	3" Mortar-Zone of Dispersion, Bracketing. SAT Vol 1 Pam 9	Lieut ROBINSON.
	1115-1215	Adjustment of MPI. Map Reading, Conventional and Military Signs.	I Office.
	1215-1315	Explosives and Booby Traps.	Capt. KENNY.
	1500-1600	Lecture, Preparation of Exercise.	Maj. HUTCHINGS.
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Day 5.	1000-1100	2" Mortar-Recapitulation.	Lieut HAWKER.
	1115-1215	Slopes, gradients, visibility, MMR Sec25-35.	I Office.
	1215-1315	VICKERS.	
	1500-1700	Explosives and Booby Traps.	Capt. KENNY.
	1700-1800	Commanding Officers Discretion.	
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Day 6.	1000-1100	Map Reading. MMR Chap 9. Service Protractor; Plotting Bearings.	
	1100-1315	Recce Reports.	
	1500-1600	Lecture Operation Orders.	Maj HUTCHINGS.
	1600-1800	Operation Orders. Sand Table.	"

PART. 7.

COPIES 23 BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES AND SITREPS.

23 Bde Intelligence Summary No 126.	Appendix 24.A.
23 Bde Intelligence Summary No 127.	Appendix 25.
23 Bde Intelligence Summary No 128.	Appendix 26.
23 Bde Situation Reports issued MARCH 43.	Appendix 27.





AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 126

(Compiled from information received between 2200 hrs 22 Feb 43 and 2400 hrs 26 Feb 43.)

NOTE : Information contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

i On 24 Feb, there were indications that an EA was to the NORTH of DARWIN. Interception was attempted without result.

ii At 1038KL on 25 Feb, an EA was detected EAST of DARWIN and later sighted at 25000 feet on a course BACHELOR to DARWIN. Interception was unsuccessful.

(b) Own Air Activity

i On 25 Feb, Allied A/C attacked TOTAL in the KWI Is causing fires in the town area. On the same date a recce A/C over BENFOEI in TIMOR was attacked by 6-10 ZEKES, two of which were definitely shot down and one other probably destroyed.

ii On 24 Feb, armed recce by Allied A/C along the SW DUTCH NEW GUINEA Coast took place, during which bombs were dropped on BABO, FAKFAK and KAUKENAU.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

Several raids occurred at MILNE BAY on 22 and 23 Feb, during which slight damage was caused. In addition, a further raid was carried out on the MORESBY Area, on 22 Feb. No details are available.

(b) Own Air Activity

i All known enemy concentrations have been persistently bombed and strafed from MIWAK to the Mouth of KUNUSI River. Other long range sorties have been directed at shipping in RABAUL Harbour and around the coast of NEW BRITAIN. While results are satisfactory, nothing has occurred which merits individual description.

(c) Land Operations

i Patrol activity along tracks leading to the GUADAGASEL Saddle continued until 21 Feb, when the main enemy party retired to the MUBO side of the ridge. The following day, further detts of Japs from BUJIBALING and WAIPALI, also fell back to the Saddle Area, their rearward following them some hours later. The strength of the enemy in this Area is stated to be approx 800, and, as it is known that for some time past defensive works have been in preparation around MUBO, it is probable that a stand will now be made.

Our forward posns on 20 Feb were located between SKINDIWAI and MANBU in the BUISARIAL Track, some $3\frac{1}{2}$ Mls from the GUADAGASEL Gap. The Gap itself is 17 Mls from MUBO.

ii. Recent Jap interest in the overland track from MADANG to LAE via the RAIU River Valley does not appear to have been sustained. While this route remains perfectly feasible and will require watching, our patrols report that ONGA (2½ Mls SW of KAIAPIT) and MARAWARA have been clear of the enemy since 30 Jan, and that in the KFSAM)SEPU Area of the RAIU Valley Japs have not been observed for some time.

iii. Allied patrols are still mopping up along the KUMUSI and OPI Rivers, where isolated enemy parties are at large.

3. SOLOMONS

Little fresh infm is available from the SOLOMONS. There were lt enemy raids upon TULAGI and HENDERSON Fd (GUADALCANAL) on 22 Feb. Damage and casualties were slight. Otherwise, Jap air operations have been confined to recco.

The two large Jap bases at BUKA and BUIN continue to be the scenes of moderate shipping activity, while the construction of landing strips at MUNDA in NEW GEORGIA and VILA on the adjoining island of KOLOMBANGARA is still in progress. Attacks by Allied A/C upon these pts is frequent and effective.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

W.D. MAR. 43

APPENDIX 25.

S300/11/1

23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 127

Compiled from information received between 2400 hrs 26 Feb 43 and
1200 hrs 5 Mar 43.

NOTE : Information contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

- (i) The NW sector has seen more enemy activity than for some time past. On several occasions one or more EA has reconnoitred the DARWIN Area. In most instances cloud cover has made fighting difficult but it is presumed that these single A/C have either been acting as guides or collecting meteorological data for the raid which ultimately developed. Information dealing with this event is as follows.
- (ii) 2 Mar : After a preliminary recce, 12 ZEKES and 3 unidentified fighters came in over BYNOE BAY. Six ZEKES carried out a single run straffing attack on COOMALLIE STRIP. These A/C then divided into two groups; one proceeding NORTH, thence NW; the other WEST, thence NORTH. The six ZEKES then joined the remainder of the JAP formation, the whole force being intercepted soon after by Allied fighters 35 miles NW of POINT CHARLES. In this engagement 3 ZEKES were shot down and 2 ZEKES, plus 1 unidentified EA, damaged. Our loss was NIL.
- (iii) On 28 Feb and 3 and 4 Mar, recce of the DARWIN - BATCHELOR AREA was made by EA. Only on two latter dates were sightings made. AA guns opened fire but no hits were scored.

(b) Our Own Air Activity

Several opshad to be abandoned owing to thick weather, but these following were carried out:--

- (i) As a result of reports concerning concentration of EA at PENFOEI (KOEPANG) - already referred to - a straffing attack was carried out by Allied A/C on 28 Feb. Losses sustained by the enemy were 2 bombers and 8 fighters destroyed and 10 - 15 A/C of various kinds damaged. Our A/C returned without loss.
- (ii) 1 Mar : Allied A/C carried out an armed recce of BIKI and WAINGAPOE (SOEMBA IS).
- (iii) 3 Mar : Both TORAL (KEI IS) and DOBO (AROE IS) were attacked by Allied A/C. Bombs dropped on each target started fires.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity.

- (i) It has been apparent for some time that the Japs have NOT been using their full air strength in SWPA. Reasons for this are unknown, but, judging by the amount of work being carried out on the enlargement of old and creation of new landing fields, the enemy must hope eventually to balance his present inferiority in the air.

Completed from information received between 2800 hrs 28 Feb 43 and 1200 hrs 3 Mar 43.

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NOTE: Information contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks.
 (ii) Excluding landing grounds at LAE, SALAMUA and the immediate vicinity, the enemy is carrying out considerable constructional work at :--

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (North Coast) : WAKDE IS, HOLLANDIA.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA

1. Mainland : WEWAK, MANDANG, ALEXISHAFEN, FINSCHAFEN.

2. NEW BRITAIN : CAPE GLOUCESTER, ARAWE, GASIMATA, TALASEA and RABAU.

3. NEW IRELAND : KAVIENG.

(iii) Minor raids were carried out on MILNE BAY installations on 28 Feb and 1 Mar. No damage or casualties were caused.

(iv) Details concerning fighter cover provided for the large enemy convoy destroyed in the BISMARCK SEA are incomplete, but it would appear from infm to hand that at least 50 EA were either shot down or damaged.

(b) Our Own Air Activity

A week which has been devoted to continuous bombing and strafing of enemy installations too numerous to mention in detail has finished on a high note.

Reports concerning the JAP convoy of 13 - 22 vessels sighted on 28 Feb NORTH of NEW BRITAIN are still confused, but it would appear that, with the exception of two, all merchant ships and five or six destroyers were sunk with very small loss to ourselves.

This is explained in part by infm from naval sources which shows the weight which Allied air forces in SWPA can now bring to bear when necessary.

Portion of the JAP convoy mentioned above was attacked on 3 Mar off LAE by 20 B-17s, 32 B-25s, 12 A-20s and 13 Beaufighters. In this action the convoy was accounted for; 27 - 28 EA destroyed and 4 damaged.

(c) Land Operations

(i) WAU - MUBO : By 25 Feb 150 of the enemy were moving from the BITOI RIVER towards WAIPALI with our fwd elements picking off stragglers. Of three strong offensive patrols carried out by our forces in the BUIBAINING - WAIPALI area, one pushed fwd along the spur running down to KUNDE Br, between AROYNE and BRINING Cks without gaining contact. Another examined the area SOUTH of BITOI RIVER, finding signs of recent occupation, while the third adv to WAIPALI Village itself. One other patrol cleared the country to the junc of the BLACKCAT and BUIBAINING tracks.

(ii) The area SOUTH of the BITOI RIVER was reported clear of JAPS by 27 Feb, the enemy then being established along the GUADAGASEL ridge and on the spur running SOUTH of the SADDLE. At that date our own tps were in posns covering the BUIBAINING - WAIPALI spurs, and along the track between HOUSE MALBU and HOUSE BONUS - about 3 mls from GUADAGASEL SADDLE. No general action has yet been reported.

(iii) From 25 Jan to 28 Feb 660 JAPS are stated to have been killed and 73 captured along the BUNA - CAPE WARD HUNT coastline.

(iv) In what has become to be called the Four River Area - KUMUSI OPI, MAMBARE and WARIA - isolated parties of JAPS are still at large in the mangrove cks which form the deltas of these streams.

Not long ago reports spoke of contact being maintained between SALAMUA and these scattered enemy tps by submarine, but it is NOT considered that this form of blockade running is likely to continue indefinitely.

3. SOLOMONS

(a) Activity in the SOLOMONS continues to be in the air, with attacks by Allied A/C upon JAP shipping and air installations at BUKA and BUIN - AISI, and aerodromes at MUNDA in NEW GEORGIA and VILA on KOLOMBANGARA IS.

(b) Total enemy shipping tonnage observed has not been excessive, although fast convoys. ("TOKIO EXPRESS") continue to arrive at BUKA and BUIN periodically.

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Compiled from information received between 1200 hrs 5 Mar 43
and 1200 hrs 16 Mar 43.

NOTE : Information contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

- i. EA were active over the DARWIN Area during the period under review. On 7 Mar, one enemy recce plane was intercepted by Spitfires and shot down into the Sea off GUNN Point.
 - ii. Reports received indicated that unidentified A/C approached the Coast in the ANSON Bay-FOG Bay Area during afternoon 14 Mar and after circling the latter area, disappeared.
 - iii. This A/C was apparently on a weather recce seeking meteorological infm which might assist the twenty two Bs and twenty four Fs that attacked the DARWIN Area on 15 Mar.
- These A/C approached the town from the NW flying in three tight V formations at 24-27000 ft with one protective screen of Fs, type ZEKE and HAPS weaving in flts of three A/C at the front, on each flank and at the rear of the Bs, while more Fs were providing top cover from a higher altitude.
- Bombs consisting of 100 Kg; 60 Kg HE and smaller calibre fragmentation and anti-pers types were dropped in the town area, hitting six oil tanks, two of which caught fire. Two of the other four damaged tanks were empty.

Direct hits were also scored on the ry yards and lines, in addition to houses and buildings.

Twelve pers were injured, Navy 1, Army 6 and Civilian 5.

Spitfires intercepted the EA and the result of the combat was :-

<u>Enemy Losses</u>	6 Fs, 2 Bs destroyed.
	6 Fs probably destroyed.
	3 Fs and 2 Bs damaged.

<u>Our Losses</u>	4 Spitfires (two of the pilots have been saved)
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The presence of friendly Fs prevented the hy AA from engaging the enemy.

- iv. On 16 Mar, two EA carried out a recce of the BATCHELOR - DARWIN area. One burst from a hy AA gun sta at DARWIN was fired at one of the above A/C at 1049 hrs, while flying at 30000 ft. Fs did NOT intercept.

(b) Own Air Activity

Allied A/C operating from bases in the NW Area have been active throughout the period under review.

In addition to attacks on enemy occupied areas and shipping to the NORTH and NW of DARWIN, long range recce flts have been carried out.

- i. TOEAL was attacked on 7 Mar by 9 bombers and fires were started in the town area.
- ii. The aerodrome at FULLORO (TIMOR) was bombed and strafed and on 12 Mar when Mitchell bombers were over that area 4 ZEKES intercepted. One EA was shot down and one other probably destroyed.
- iii Targets at SAUNLAKI have been bombed and strafed with unobserved results.
- iv Allied A/C have made seven separate attacks on DOBO during the period under review. Enemy shipping in that area has been subjected to attacks also.

During these operations our recon A/C were frequently intercepted by enemy planes of which 3 were shot down and 2 were probably destroyed and 1 damaged out of a total of 35 - 17 attacking fighters.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Operations

During the period under review enemy A/C made seven attacks only against Allied posns and installations in the NEW GUINEA area.

Only on two occasions did the attacking force consist of more than 9 bombers. Once, on 10 Mar, when 9 bombers and 21 fighters attacked the aerodrome at WAN, slight damage was caused and 3 Army pers killed. The other occasion was on 11 Mar when 24 enemy bombers and 16 fighters unsuccessfully attacked HORANDA drome, 8 miles NW of ORO BAY.

Other targets attacked by the enemy were VIVICANI (GOODENOUGH IS) IERAUKE and FORLOCK HARBOUR.

The enemy lost 10 fighters and a bomber for certain and 2 bombers probably lost as a result of fighter interception during the above ops.

(b) Our Own Air Activity

Ref the report of Allied air attack on enemy convoy as mentioned in Int Summary No 128, the following figures are quoted as an indication of the severity of the op.

Allied A/C made 300 sorties and dropped 226 tons of bombs of various calibres, resulting in 80 direct hits and 62 near misses.

Our A/C were intercepted by 327 - 384 A/C (sorties)

Enemy losses were 62 fighters destroyed	
17 "	probably destroyed
22 "	damaged

Since that op our A/C have been busily in searching for and strafing enemy survivors on rafts and small boats. A considerable number of pers were killed as a result of these ops.

Our A/C have carried out successful strafing and bombing attacks on enemy aerodromes at CASMATA, LAE, MALAHANG, SALAMAUA, and LAKUNAI.

Enemy posns in the MUBO + GUADAGASEL area have been successfully strafed. An indication of the effectiveness of this form of attack can be gained from the report that 237 dead counted in the BUIBAINING (GUADAGASEL) area a big percentage was due to air strafing.

A small enemy convoy was attacked NE of WENAK on 13 Mar. One direct hit and three near misses were obtained on one cargo vessel of 7/8000 tons.

One direct hit on a 4000 ton tanker, which probably sank, as only oil could be seen later.

Direct hits were also obtained on a large destroyer and a 7/8000 ton tpt which appeared to explode on both sides and was later burning from bow to stern.

(c) Land Operations

Enemy land ops have been restricted during the period under review.

Many isolated parties of survivors from the destroyed convoy have succeeded in landing, only to find themselves confronted by our patrols, and were either killed or captured.

Native reports indicate that a possible JAP landing was taking place on GOODENOUGH IS, but investigations disclosed that the landings were being made by survivors from the convoy.

The total number of enemy survivors killed and captured to date is approx 453.

Land ops by both sides in the MUBO-GUADAGASEL area has been confined to patrols. The enemy occupies LABABIA Ridge (SW of MUBO) and 100 fully equipped enemy were reported moving across saddle towards GUADAGASEL on 7 Mar. Forty to fifty enemy were contacted in this area on 5 Mar, but NO details are available.

Patrols reported on 12 Mar that NO enemy activity was observed WEST of BOBDURI (3 mls SW of SALAMAUA) and that BUGASU (approx 7 mls WEST of SALAMAUA) appeared to be clear of the enemy.

3. SOLOMONS

Little activity has been reported from the SOLOMON ISLANDS sec. Enemy shipping movements have been confined to the NW or BOUGAINVILLE Is sec and such movements have not been on a large scale.

The largest concentration of vessels appears to have been in the BUIN - PAISI area on 11 Mar when 1 Lt cruiser 3 Lt cruisers and 6 cargo vessels were observed. Recon A/C reported 35 fighters and 1 bomber on KAHILI drome (BOUGAINVILLE IS) on 7 Mar, and the next day three Liberators bombed the airfield with unobserved results.

Nine enemy fighters were observed on MUNDA aerodrome (NEW GEORGIA Is) on 7 Mar. Eighteen American dive-bombers, escorted by 51 Wildcats, attacked this drome, starting three fires and hitting AA posns.

4. GENERAL

The following is an extract from LHQ Int Review of 12 Mar 43 :-

(a) Civilians On Troop Trains : The presence of civilians travelling without authority on tp trains has been reported. In the incidents concerned opportunities were afforded for gaining military infm of a vital nature. OCs Troop trains should take steps to ensure that unauthorised persons do NOT travel on trains under their command.

(b) Leakage Of Information : Lack of discretion on the part of members of advance parties of troops entering new areas has been the subject of many reports recently received at this HQ.

To quote one instance - An officer was overheard asking in a hotel where material could be obtained for the construction of water tanks, saying that the need for the tanks was most urgent as 60,000 troops were soon to move into the area.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO 67

by

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

10 Mar 43

131. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1930 hrs 10 Mar 43:-

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.J.M. Bowman
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Hudson E.W.G.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Wright R.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Macumber H.
Guards	1 NCO, 6 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

J.L. Crevenen
 Lt
 Adj 8 Aust Inf Bn.

 Capt.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. 67 Dated 10 Mar 43

CORRIGENDUM

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No. 65 dated 9 Mar to read '8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No. 66 dated 9 Mar 43.'

NOTICES

PICTURES A picture show will be screened on the Bn Picture Area at 2030 hrs tonight, 10 Mar 43. The programme will be "Devil is a Sissy" and Shorts.

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In lieu of AF C2128

To 42 Pd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn ✓ 19 MB Bn
From 23 Aust Inf Bde I 59 1

sitrep to E130KI/28 (.) DARWIN area (.) at 1030KL indications EA SOUTH BATHURST island (.) considered to have been weather recce (.) TIMOR (.) PENFOEI (KOEPAANG) aerodrome straffed 28 feb (.) four bombers nine fighters destroyed eight fighters one bomber damaged (.) our A/C returned without loss (.) NEW GUINEA (.) WAU - MUBO (.) 150 JAPS moved from BITO RIVER towards WAIPALI on 25 feb (.) our patrols inflicted casualties (.) our tps carried out three offensive patrols BUBAINING - WAIPALI area 26 feb (.) first down spur to KUNDE br between AROYNE and BRINNING ck (.) NO contact with enemy (.) second area SOUTH of BITOI RIVER between WAIPALI and BUIBAINING (.) signs recent occupation (.) third to WAIPALI (.) NO contact (.) further patrol moving to June BUIBAINING - BLACKCAT

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in lieu form C2128

SECRET MEANS

TO 42 Fd Bty, 7 Bn, 8 Bn, 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Bde

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sitrep to 1030KL/2 (.) DARWIN area (.) At 1632KL/1 there were indications of an EA vicinity GUNN POINT (.) NO interception (.) NEW GUINEA (.) WAU-MUBO (.) area SOUTH of BITOI RIVER clear of enemy by 27 Feb (.) JAPS still hold GUADAGASEL SADDLE and ridge (.) our fwd tps established BUIBAINING WAIPALI spurs and on track between HOUSE MAMBU and HOUSE BONUS (about 1½ mls SW of HOUSE MAMBU) (.) MARKHAM VALLEY (.) on 28 feb enemy reported constructing outpost between YALU and MUNUM (.) SEPIK RIVER (.) natives report enemy activity MARIEN BERG (20 mls SW SEPIK mouth) on 28 feb

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In lieu of AF 02128

To 42 Fd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

From 23 Aust Inf Bde I 69 3

sitrep to 1120KL/3 (.) DARWIN area (.) as a result of EA straffing run over area at approx 1435/KL/2 our fighters contacted returning EA 35 mls NW POINT CHARLES (.) 3 ZEKES shot down 2 ZEKES plus 1 unidentified EA damaged (.) all our planes returned (.) NEW GUINEA (.) WAU - MUBO (.) on 28 feb our patrols report NO enemy in area WAIPALI - GUADAGASEL SADDLE or on ridge running SOUTH of SADDLE (.) WARIA RIVER (.) allied patrol destroyed 4 large enemy barges river mouth on 1 mar (.) TIMOR (.) ref attack PENFOEI 28 feb (.) now reported 7 fighters 5 bombers destroyed 9 fighters 2 bombers damaged.

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1535KL

Must be 4 Mar 43

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In lieu of AF C2128

To 42 Pd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

From 23 Aust Inf Bde I 71 4

SITREP to 1815KL/3^{MAK 3} (.) DARWIN area (.) at 1416KL indications of
EA 40 mls NE DARWIN on course skirting NORTH side cape HOTHAM to
NW MELVILLE island (.) at 1515 hrs further indications EA 65 mls
NW DARWIN on SE course (.) NO EA were seen

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In lieu of AF C2128

To 42 Fd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn
From 23 Aust Inf Bde I 82 7

SITREP to 1730KL/6 (.) DARWIN area (.) NIL enemy activity (.)
NEW GUINEA (.) MUBO SALAMAU (.) NO further report contact enemy
WAIPALI (.) patrols proceeding (.) enemy mortar and MG fire
encountered from vicinity of GUADAGASAL on 4 Mar (.) increased
barge activity IAE and LABU reported and more barges now in
harbour



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In lieu of AF C2128

To 42 Pd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MF Bn

From 23 Aust Inf Bde 189

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SITREP to 0600Z/7 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 5 Mar 40 to 50 enemy contacted between GUADASAL and SADDLE (.) allied air ops (.) many barges small craft containing tps sunken convoy vessels strafed and sunk HUON GULF 5 Mar (.) LAE CASMATA MALANANG airfields bombed and strafed 5 Mar (.) fires started 2 grounded A/C burned at LAE (.) EA intercepted three destroyed 1 damaged (.) DARWIN (.) one type SALLY on recon shot down in sea NNE DARWIN from 26000 ft 1145 hrs by FS

1700 KL

W. J. O'Connell

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In lieu of AF C2123

TO: 42 Bty, 7 Bn, 8 Bn, 19 MG Bn

FROM: 23 Bde

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SECRET (.) SITREP to 0930KL/8 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) NO enemy movement NADZAB
drome 6 mar (.) allied patrol boats sunk 3 enemy barges containing 200
pers NORTH Cape WARDHUNT 5 mar (.) NIL survivors (.) thorough search
HUON GULF 6 mar failed reveal any living enemy amongst debris late convoy
(.) details allied air attack convoy as fellow (.) 225 tons bombs dropped
resulting 80 direct hits 62 near misses intercepted by 327-384 EA bracket
SORTIES enclose bracket enemy losses 62Fs destroyed 17 probable 22 damaged
(.) 5 mar MINA bracket vicinity WARIA mouth enclose bracket bombed
straffed huts destroyed

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In lieu of AF C2128

To 42 Fd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

From 23 Aust Inf Bde I 95 10

SECRET (.) sitrep to 0930KL/10 (.) NEWGUINEA (.) 7 mar (.)
100 enemy fully equipped moved across saddle towards GUADAGASEL (.)
patrols report NIL enemy LALIBU or MAT (.) 15 to 20 JAPS landed
from barges vicinity PORLOCK HARBOUR 6 mar (.) patrols observing (.)
14 Japs landed rear TUFI 8 mar 6 captured 8 killed (.) our patrol
confirmed JAP landing WAIBULA (GOODENOUGH IS) 8 mar (.) found 42
JAPS killed 34 captured 3/5 escaped our casualties NIL (.) Posn
confused consider NOT reliable landing but refugees late convoy (.)
allied A/C attacked 4 enemy lifeboats CAPE NELSON 8 mar 2 sunk (.)
possible dump building area FINSCHAFEN bombed 8 mar (.) buildings
destroyed 2 by explosions.

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in lieu of AF C2128

TO : 7 Aust Inf Bn 8 Aust Inf Bn 19 Aust MG Bn 42 Fd Bty

FROM : 23 Aust Inf Bde I 93 10

SECRET (.) SITREP to 0700/z/9 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 6 mar allied tps secured beach head DOUGLAS HARBOUR and carrying out extensive patrolling from that area (.) our patrolling continues HUBO area also OPI MOUTH to CAUTION PT areas (.) allied a/c attacked GUADAGASAL area SALAMAUA drome GAS MATA drome (.) bombs target area (.) enemy a/c dropped 50 bombs GOODENOUGH CAPE nil damage casualties (.) one E f/p bombed MERAUKE 7 mar no damage casualties

Robert M. Lee
Lieut

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In lieu of AF C2128

To 42 Pd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

From 23 Aust Inf Bde I 100 11

SECRET (.) SITREP to C030Z/11 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) patrolling continues
WAIPALI ~~bracket~~ (MUBO) ~~encluse bracket~~ area (.) 9 mar 100 japs DUVIRA
~~BRACKET~~ (MAMBARE area) ~~encluse bracket~~ found preparing barges (.) patrols
report following area clear enemy ROBINSON BAY TSIA bracket four mls
SOUTH DUVIRA encluse bracket GANA crossing GMUCRO (.) indications
enemy evacuating mouth area TARIA 9 mar but only one barge in use (.)
9 mar patrols captured three japs near PORLOCK harbour and patrol boat
captured eight (.) motor powered barges found near WAIBOLA bracket
GOODENOUGH island encluse bracket further twenty five japs sighted
on raft about to land near KWAIBAGA (.) enemy barge and raft strafed
sunk vicinity KAWA island 8 mar (.) four enemy small craft pers straff
ed sunk NORTH GOODENOUGH island (.) nine enemy Fs intercepted one allied
A/C GASMATA 8 mar (.) 4 EA destroyed one probable (.) nine enemy Bs
fifteen Fs intercepted thirty mls EAST ORO bay (.) one B one F
destroyed (.) EA attacked WAU drome 9 mar 3 killed some injured

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Lieut

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To 42 Fd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

From 23 Aust Inf Bde

SECRET (.) SITREP to 0200Z/13 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) enemy party landed 2
mls VIVIGANI (GOODENOUGH island) 9 killed 13 captured (.) 18 enemy
captured at KIRIWINA island 11 mar our patrols still searching (.)
total survivors from convoy killed and captured to date 453 (.)
11 mar 24 enemy Bs 16 Fs attacked HORANDA aerodrome 8 mls NORTH OKO
bay causing some damage strip (.) our Fs interecepted destroying 9
enemy Fs certain plus 3 Fs 2 Bs probable (.) our A/C destroyed
warehouse plus possible supply dump FINSCHAFEN runway 11 mar (.)
GUADAGASAL area straffed and bombed (.) small barge with 6 Japs
straffed sunk 25 mls SE TUFI

Robert M. Rine

Lieut

1525KL

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14 March 1943*

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To: 7 Aust Inf Bn, 8 Aust Inf Bn, 19 Aust MG Bn, 42 Fd Bty

From: 23 Aust Inf Bde

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1000Z/14 (.) DARWIN area (.) air raid warning
sounded DARWIN area 1338KL 14 mar friendly A/C cause of alarm (.)
NEW GUINEA (.) five japs landed WAIBILA (GOODENOUGH Island) 11 mar
one killed 4 captured (.) seven japs captured cape LAHAYE (.) ten
japs weak condition killed KUMUSI 10 mar (.) 12 mar ten enemy
survivors killed 9 mls SOUTH TUPI

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Robert W. Rine

Lieut

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To 42 Fd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

From 23 Aust Inf Bde. I 118 15

secret (.) sitrep to 0001Z/15 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) patrols report enemy activity GUADAGASEL and SADDLE (.) earthworks at LABABIA ridge (.) 237 enemy dead counted 13 mar mostly due air strafing BUIBAINING area (.) patrols report NO enemy activity WEST BOBDUBO (3mls SW SALAMUA) (.) patrols contacted enemy MAMBUTUTA (MAMBARE BAY) (.) 11 Japs landed NUAMA (GOODENOUGH IS) 12 mar 3 killed 8 captured (.) 5 JAPS landed 3 mls NORTH Cape VARIETA all mopped up (.) enemy convoy attacked off WEWAK 13 mar (.) direct hit 1/8000 ton tpt left burning (.) one direct hit one near miss 1/4000 ton cargo ship (.) 12 mar enemy rafts containing 15 JAPS 13 mls NW CAPE LAHAYE strafed all killed

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TO 42 Fd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Pde I 120 15

cesrot (.) sitrep to 1300KL (.) enemy air activity DARWIN area 15
MAR (.) details subject to confirmation (.) 20 to 25 bombers 10-15
fighters over DARWIN 1116 hrs (.) bombs dropped some houses ry yds
bond store hit (.) result interception NOT yet to hand

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16 Nov 43*

Robert H. Rine

Lieut

1718KL

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In lieu AF C2128

TO 42 Fd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 121 16

secret (.) sitrep to 0030Z/16 (.) enemy air activity DARWIN 15 mar (.) confirmed details as follows (.) 24 enemy Bs and 24 Fs over DARWIN 0050Z/15 (.) six bombs on ry line damage repaired within 6 hrs (.) several houses hit (.) casualties navy 1 army 6 civilian 5 all wounded (.) Fs intercepted resulting enemy losses 6 Fs 2 Bs destroyed 6 Fs probable 3 Fs 2 Bs damaged (.) our losses 4 A/C (.) one pilot killed one injured one missing

Robert M. Pure

Lieut

1530KL

*Alan
M. Miller
16 Mar 1942*

SECRET

In lieu of AF G2128

TO : 7 Aust Inf Bn, 8 Aust Inf Bn, 19 Aust MG Bn, 42Bty

From : 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 125

17

SECRET (.) SITREP to 0500Z/16 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) land ops nothing to report (.) air activity (.) allied A/C attacked enemy shipping NE WEWAK 13 mar (.) one direct hit 3 near misses 7/8000 ton cargo vessels 1 direct hit 4000 ton tanker direct hit large destroyer direct hits 7/8000 ton tpt which exploded both sides later seen on fire bow to stern (.) tanker probably sunk only oil seen later (.) 1730Z/13 WEWAK town drome attacked results unobserved (.) runways MADANG bombed direct hits (.) DARWIN area (.) one probably two EA on recce DARWIN area 0019Z/16 (.) NO interception

Robert H. Rine
Lieut

0955

*Seen
Kushel
18 Nov 49*

SECRET

In leitu of AF C2128

TO 42 Fd Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn ✓ 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde. I 127 18

secret (.) sitrep to 1030Z/17 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) patrols engaged
enemy EAST GARRISON HILL 15 mar (.) 40 to 50 JAPS in hill above
observation hill (.) allied A/C attacked GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER
15 mar (.) 15 EA dropped 30 bombs ORO BAY slight damage NIL
casualties

Robert M. Rae

Lieut

1000KL.

*Seen
H.M. 18 March*

log 20/3

SECRET

In lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 MI Bty 7 Bn 8 Bn[✓] 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 133 20

secret (.) sitrep to 1000KL/19 (.) DARWIN area NIL enemy activity (.)
NEW GUINEA (.) land ops NIL report (.) one enemy float plane bombed
MERAUKE 17 mar NO damage (.) 6 empty JAP barges approached allied
surface vessels NORTH MOROBE 16 mar (.) barges sunk crews killed (.)
considered barges had RV with sub and mistook allied vessel and came
alongside

*James
H. Edwards
20/3/42*

Maj Edwards

Robert H. Pine
Lieut

0950KL

SECRET

In lieu of AF 07128.

TO : 42 rd Bty 3 Bn 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM : 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 141

22

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1800KL/21 (.) NO (.) reports 17 mar indicate MUBO clear of enemy (.) our patrols moving DRY CREEK (1½ mls NORTH MUBO) and observation encountered by enemy fire incl MG fire (.) VICKERS Ridge (½ ml EAST MUBO) clear enemy (.) 18 mar enemy moving in DRY CREEK mortared (.) enemy fire encountered from EAST of DRY CREEK bed (.) 19 mar enemy changed posn following registration by our arty (.) patrols report NO enemy GIRA river mouth (.) examination japs perimeter WAMBARE mouth indicates previous occupation 500-600 (.) 500 graves found (.) natives report large party armed japs WAMBULA (GOODENCUM IS) 19 mar

Robert M. Rine

Lieut

0940

✓
SECRET

In lieu of AF C 2128

To 42 Fd Bty 10/48 Bn 8 Bn 19 MG Bn

From 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 145

24

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1500KL/23 (.) NG (.) our patrol 19 mar moving LALIBO ridge (three mls SW MUBO) to OBSERVATION HILL ambushed by enemy and withdrew (.) 20 mar enemy moving small gps to KOMIATUM track between KOMIATUM and DRY creek bed (.) probably relief tps (.) 22 enemy killed one captured cape VARLETTA GOODENOUGH islands 22 mar (.) parties japs reported KIBU island 20 mls EAST KIRIWINA islands (TROBRIAND gp) (.) barges sighted WEST by SOUTH KAWA island (fifty mls WEST KIRIWINA) (.) two bombs damaged large enemy destroyer sixteen mls SE GASMATA (.) vessel later seen trailing oil stick at reduced speed (.) one hit one near miss enemy cargo vessel ten mls SE cape GLOUCESTER (.) vessel left listing

Robert, in Ruse
Lieut

1040

SECRET

In lieu of AAF C2128 ✓

TO 42 Bty 8 Bn 19 MG Bn 10/48 Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde. I 148 25

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1500KL 24 mar (.) NG (.) enemy moved along track KOMIATUM to DRY creek bed 21/22 mar (.) enemy located strength along KOMIATUM track and pt 1000 yds NORTH MUBO for 1200 yds NORTH (.) large enemy camp discovered area 2100 yds NORTH MUBO (.) estimated 6/700 japs in area (.) timber and earth works construction in progress DRY creek bed (.) enemy occupying OBSERVATION HILL with ambush posns on fwd slopes covering BUIAPAL creek (.) last three japs killed GIRIBA area (TROBRIAND island) 21 mar (.) eighteen enemy captured NUNUALA island (three mls NE KIBU island) some enemy still in area but under observation (.) three japs killed one captured GABWINA island.

Robert M. Rose

Lieut

1000KL

SECRET

In liout of AF C2128

TO 42 Bty 8 Bn ✓ 10/48 Bn 19 MB Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 159 26

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1600KL 25 mar (.) NEW GUINEA (.) land operations
NIL report (.) NUBO twice bombed and strafed morning 22 mar (.)
all bombs target area (.) stores buildings SALAMUA ISTHMS bombed
strafed 22 mar bombs target area (.) 23 mar bombs dropped RABAU, ~~SECRET~~
aerodromes many fires started

Robert M. Rose

Lieut

1515KL

In lieu of AF C2128

SECRET

To : 42 Bty 8 BN 10/48 BN 19 MG BN

From : 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 164

29

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1500 hrs IK/28 (.) NG (.) patrols report each area MANAU to RAU and island area GIRA river to WUNU river clear of enemy (.) active patrolling continues (.) small enemy patrol crossed BITOI river to LABABIA feature vicinity junc BITOI river BUICAP creek (.) patrol report enemy located on coast BITIO mouth to four MLs SOUTH (.) strength unknown NO fortifications seen (.) allied A/C attacked shipping town area WAK 26 mar (.) two hits or very near misses 1/4000 ton cargo vessel probably badly damaged (.) JACOBSONS plantation (LAE) KELA village (SALAMAUA) KITCHEN creek (MUBO) bombed (.) fires started

Robert M. Rine Lieut

1000 hrs

SECRET

In Lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Bty 8 Bn ✓ 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 171 30

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1000/KI29 (.) NG (.) 27 mar OBSERVATION HILL
and DRY creek bed clear of enemy (.) AINSI DONA strip DONA village
ZAKIA mission clear 26 mar (.) WARIA river from FOFDEI to ZAKIA
patrolled 27 mar (.) six JAPS killed NORTH KUMASI river mouth 25 mar
(.) our patrols investigating report two parties JAP survivors off
PORLOCK harbour 25 mar

Robert M. Lane
Lieut

0924KL

15 MAY 1943

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Unit 8 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From To April 42

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA N.T.	1 Apr	0800	Weather fine, visibility good	
		0830	Trg as per syllabus	
"42 MILE" Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6 157652		0845	Tide Tables Apr 43 DARWIN AREA received from 23 Bde	Appendix <i>Operation File</i> Road Recce File.
		1000	Lieut FARRAR conducted road patrol as per 23 Bde O.I.15.	
	2 Apr	0800	Weather fine, visibility good	
		0830	Training as per syllabus	
		1130	Sitrep 1180 received from 23 Bde	
		1500	Syllabus of training (Intelligence Syllabus included) for week commencing 5 Apr issued	
		1730	Field Strength Returns W3008/9 dated 2 Apr issued	Appendix 6 Appendix 1
	3 Apr	0830	Weather fine, visibility good	
		0830	Training as per syllabus	
		0905	23 Bde Report on Roads and Tracks as at 1700 hrs 1 Apr received	
		1100	C.O. returned from 119 AGH ADELAIDE RIVER	Road recce file
4 Apr		0800	Weather fine, visibility good	
		0830	Church Pdes. Day of Rest for Unit	
		1200	Sitrep 1185 received from 23 Bde	
		1700	Order "Bde Pde, Inspection and March Past" issued Bn HQ	
5 Apr		0800	Weather fine and hot, visibility good	
		0805	Bn moved out per MT to 10/48 Bn area "37 Mile", for Bde Pde. Bde was inspected and addressed by Maj-Gen ALLEN, GOC NT FORCE Bde marched past GOC.	
		1140	Sitrep 1189 received from 23 Bde	Appendix 18
		1200	Bn returned to Unit Lines. Remainder of day free for personnel who attended Pde.	
		1605	Sitrep 1187 received from 23 Bde	
6 Apr		0930	Lieut FARRAR conducted road patrol as per 23 Bde O.I.15.	Appendix 18 Road Recce File.
		0800	Weather fine, visibility good	
		0830	Trg as per syllabus	

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Unit.....8. AUST. INF. BN..... Date and Time.—From.....To.....Apr. 43.....

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	6 Apr (Contd)	0830	CO, Adjt, and 1 "I" OR made recce of BYNOE BAY ROADre forthcoming Bn exercise in that area.		
		1030	Road recce report of track from OBSERVATION HILL to CHARLOTTE RIVER WATERHOLE received from 19 MG Bn	Road Recce file	
		1030	Approval of recces proposed by 8 Bn Int Sec received from 23 Bde	Vide correspond- ence and Road Recce File	
			1200 1645	23 Bde Road & Track report as at 1700 hrs 5 Apr recd. 23 Bde Intelligence Summary No 129 received	Road recce file All Informed Appendix 15
			1700 1730	Coy Comd's conference with CO re forthcoming exercise War Diary for Mar 43 and duplicate for Jan 43 forwarded to MIL HIST SEC MELB, by Reg Post	
		7 Apr	0720 0720	Weather fine, clear, hot, visibility good. Bn moved out on exercise held in BYNOE RD area. Move to 2000 yds EAST TUMBLING WATERS by MT. Bde HQ and 42 Bty took part in exercise. Spitfires made available for air co-operation Light rain fell in evening. Bn occupied posn 400 yds EAST MAGNETIC FLATS during night.	Detailed log of exercise kept.
				8 Apr	Weather fine. Light rain fell in evening Bn on exercise, reached OBSERVATION HILL 1800 hrs, occupied feature in def posn
			1200	Sitrep I194 received from 23 Bde	Appendix 18
		9 Apr	1200	Sitrep I196 received from 23 Bde Bn on exercise in occupation of OBSERVATION HILL	Appendix 18
				Weapon Trg and Fieldcraft carried out in Field during day I.O. returned from WINNELLIE to "42 Mile"	
			23 Bde Road report as at 1700 hrs 8 Apr received Fd Strength Returns W3008/9 dated 9 Apr issued	Rd Recce File Appendix 2.	

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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	10 Apr	0300	Maj EDWARDS left to attend Tactical School at BEENLEIGH (Q) Maj DESNOY acting 2 i/c	
		0400	Bn commenced withdrawal WEST along BYNOE RD	
		1800	Bn embussed at 400 yds EAST OUTLOOK HILL for return 42 Mile	
		2000	Unit returned to Camp Area on conclusion of exercise During exercise C.O. acted as Director, Maj EDWARDS and Maj DESNOY acted as "C.O." of Unit.	
	11 Apr	0800	Weather - Heavy rain fell during early hours of morning, ceasing at 1200 hrs. Main N.A. Rd closed to traffic except for rations, mail, hospital cases, until further notice Church Pdes. Day of rest for for Unit	
0830		Church Pdes. Day of rest for for Unit		
1000		Sitrep I200 recd from 23 Bde HQ	Appendix 18	
1600		Conference all Offrs and NCOs acting as Pl Comds with C.O. to discuss exercise.		
1630		Conference of all NCO addressed by C.O. re exercise		
1900		Coy Comds conference <i>ending</i>		
		1930	Syllabi of trg for week commencing 18 Apr issued	Appendix 87
	12 Apr	0800	Weather: some light rain fell during day. Visibility poor, sky overcast.	
		0830	Trg as per syllabus. MANTON FORD 6-9 ins under water due recent rains. Following working parties moved out: 1 offr 31 ORs Adv HQ NT Force. 1 offr 42 ORs BERRY SPRINGS. 1 offr 26 ORs ELLA CK. 1 offr 26 ORs PIONEER CK. (patrol and guard). 1 offr 57 ORs AASC NOONAMAH. 11 ORs ADELAIDE RIVER. 12 ORs Bde Canteen "40 MILE".	
		1000	CO and Adjt at Bde HQ.	
		1100	IO at Bde I sec.	
		1115	Lieut FARRAR conducted Road Patrol as per 23 Bde C.I. 15.	Road Recce File.

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DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42 MILE". Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6. 157652.	13 APR	0800	Weather fine, visibility good. Some heavy showers fell during afternoon.	
		0830	Owing to large number of personnel engaged on working parties adherence to trg syllabus not always possible.	
		0930	HQ and C Coys personnel practised for forthcoming C-in-C's pde. CO and Adjt supervising. Screeds issued by Bn HQ: "Inspection by C-in-C" and "Prevalence and Control of Dysentery".	Appendix Appendix.
		0945	Screed "Use of Cipher" S451/13/8 issued 23 Bde HQ 7 APR recd.	Cipher File.
	14 APR	0800	Weather, clouded with some showers, otherwise fine.	
		1000	Sitreps I203 dated 13, and I204 dated 13 received from 23 Bde.	Appendix 18
		1130	"I" section completed field sketch of Bn area.	
			Coys allotted areas of responsibility to maintain cleanliness of bivouac area. Complete map of area held in Bn HQ for reference of 2 I/c and O.C. Coys provided with maps of their areas.	
		1400	HQ coy on range, inspected by CO.	
		2000	23 Bde I Summary No 130 received.	Appendix. 16
		2030	23 Bde Road Report as at 1700 hrs 12 APR received.	All informed. Road Recce File.
			Rifles and bayonets issued to rifle coy officers and some HQ coy officers.	
	15 APR	0800	Weather fine, visibility good. Some light rain during day.	
		0830	RSM, 2 I personnel and band attended 19 MG Bn rehearsal for C-in-C pde.	
		0900	Lieut FARRAR conducted Road Patrol as per 23 Bde C.I.15.	Road Recce File.
		0905	Sitrep I208 received from 23 Bde.	Appendix. 18

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Unit 8 AUST. I NF. BN.

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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 .	16 APR	0800	Weather fine, visibility good.	
		0830	All personnel in camp practised marching and drill for C-in-C pde.	
		0845	Field Strength Returns W 3008/9 dated 16 APR issued.	Appendix. 3
		0845 1530	Sitrep I211 received from 23 Bde. IO attempted recce per M/C of OLD N.A.RD from SOUTHPORT RD STATION fbo DARWIN RIVER STATION. Road impassable.	Appendix. 18
	17 APR	0800	Weather fine, visibility fair, light clouds.	
		0830	Rehearsal on Bn pde ground for C-in-Cs pde.	
		0830	Four members "I" sec made recce from CHARLOTTE RIVER W.H. across country to OUTLOOK HILL. Bearing 90 deg TB. Recce on foot.	Appendix. 8
		1545	Syllabi of trg for week ending 25 APR issued.	
		1600	Screed "C-in-Cs Inspection and March Past. <i>issued</i>	
		1700	23 Bde Road and Track Report as at 1700 hrs ¹⁵ 16 APR recd.	APPENDIX. <i>Appx 11</i> Road Recce File.
	18 APR	0800	Weather fine, visibility perfect.	
		0845	Church parades. Day of rest .	
		1745	Bn pde and rehearsal for C-in-C inspection.	
	19 APR	0800	Weather fine, visibility good.	
		0810	Bn moved out by MT to 19 MG BN pde ground, "30MILE". Bde pde inspected by XXXXX and addressed by C-in-C, General Sir Thomas Blamey.	

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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.	19 APR (CONT)	1210	Bde marched past C-in-C. Unit returned to bivouac area.	
		1410	Make and mend.	
		1510	23mBde Sitreps 1215, 216 received. Lieut FARRAR conducted Road Patrol as per 23 Bde O.I. 15.	Appendix. 18 Road Recce File.
	20 APR	0730	C Coy commenced tactical march 3 miles.	
		0800	Weather fine, visibility good.	
		0900	CO, 21/C B Coy and IO witnessed commencement 19 MG Bn exercise on BYNOE RD and Arty and Air Co-op with exercise.	
		1645	Coy comds conference.	
		1930	CO addressed all officers.	
		2000	C Coy returned from tactical march. Bde Comd addressed all officers.	
	21 APR	0800	Weather fine, cloudy and hot. Some wind, visibility fair.	
		0800	B Coy commenced 23 mile tactical march. IO accompanied B coy as observer.	
		1430 1430	23 Bde Sitreps 1235/227/224 recd. Rd and Tk report as at 1700 hrs 19 APR recd. from 23 Bde.	Appendix. 18 Road Recce File.
	22 Apr	0800	Weather fine, clouded.	
		0830	Trg as per syllabus.	
		1000	CO visited rifle range., observed range practise.	
		1215	Sitrep 1237 received 23 Bde.	Appendix. 18
		1700	Recd copy of addendum 23 Bde Trg Instr No 29 re procedure in signalling for Air Co-op.	Operation File.
		1000	Lieut FARRAR conducted Road Patrol as per 23 Bde O.I. 15.	Road Recce File.

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DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42 MILE" Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6 .157652.	AMXXXXX 23 APR	0800	Weather fine, visibility good.	
		0905	Day of rest for unit (Good Friday) Voluntary church parades.	
		1030	Sitre p I239 recd from 23 Bde.	Appendix. 18
		1200	Field Strength Returns W3008/9 dated 23 APR issued.	Appendix. 9
		1215	Unit Syllabi of Trg for week commencing 26 APR issued.	Road Recce File.
			25 Bde Road Report as at 1700 hrs 22 APR received.	
	24 APR	0800	Weather fine, visibility good.	
		0815	Bn Pde.	
		0830	Trg as per syllabus.	
		0830	"D" coy moved out on 20 Mile tactical march.	
		1030	Plan for Dawn Anzac Service 25 APR issued.	vide R.O. 110
		1130	CO and IO left to join D coy on route march.	25 APR 43.
		1500	Capt. FOX Bde IO visited Bn HQ.	
		2000	D Coy returned from march.	
	25 APR	0630	IO, Lieut TREVENEN, left to attend School of MI, REDCLIFFE.Q.	
			Moved by air.	
		0652	Dawn Anzac Service on Bde Pde Ground. Brief address by Bde Comd.	
		0730	Weather fine and hot. Slight breeze from SE. Visibility good.	
			Day of rest for unit.	
		1000	Sitreps I242, 244 recd 23 Bde.	Appendix 18
		1500	Lieut. Capt NEVILLE returned from Tactical Course, BEENLEIGH Q.	Road Recce File.
	26 APR	0645	Tpt made available for 6 offrs 80 ORs to attend race meeting held by 2/6 Aust Cav Regt.	vide Appendix 12
		0830	Weather fine, hot. Visibility good.	
		0830	Trg as per syllabus.	
		1030	CO and Adjt attended race meeting "96 MILE".	
		1030	Lieut FARRAR conducted Road Patrol as per 25 Bde O.I. 15.	Road Patrol File.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN AREA. N.T. "42MILE" Ref Map DARWIN Sheet 6.157652.	27 APR	0830	Visibility good. Weather fine.	
		0830	Trg as per syllabus.	
		1330	Capt, NEVILLE, Sgt FERGUSON and 1 I OR left on recce KOOLPINYAH STA HOMESTEAD area.	
		23		
		1400	23 Bde Sitreps I 248, and I249 received.	Appendix. 18
		1400	Road patrol reports as at 1700 hrs 26 Apr received from 25 Bde.	Road Recce File.
		1800	23 Bde Intelligence Summary No 131 received. Lecture by Capt KENNY to offr and senior NCOs on "B Echelon".	All informed. Appendix 17
	28 APR	0800	Weather fine, visibility good.	
		0830	Trg as per syllabus.	
		1730	Sand table lecture to all officers and NCOs above rank of sgt by Capt. SHERIDAN. Subject: Coy in attack.	
2000		Lecture by Lieut. WHITTAKER of Field Security, to all officers on Censorship.		
1800		CO and 4 offr 19 MG Bn entertained at mess.		
1900		Tpt made available form 200 personnel to attend pictures 10/48 Bn.		
29 APR	0500	CO, WYKE OC B Coy and 1 I pte made recce BYNOE RD area.		
	0800	Weather fine, visibility good.		
	0830	Trg as per syllabus.		
	0830	Road patrol as per O.I. No 15 carried by Lieut FARRAR.	Road Recce File.	
	0945	Receipt for War Diary MAR 43 and Duplicate JAN 43 received from Military History Section.		
30 APR	1000	8 Bn O.O. No. 2. re exercise in BYNOE RD area issued.	Correspondence File. Appendix. 13	
	0400	Bn moved out on hardening exercise in BYNOE RD area. Move by MT to 1000 yds WEST ELIA CK, thence on foot.		
	0700	Weather fine, visibility fair.		
	2015	Bn arrived CHARLOTTE RIVER W.H., took up defensive position for night.		

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.89

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 1 Apr 43

167. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 1 Apr 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. B.T.S. BAYES
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. ROBERTS G.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. SANDOW G.E.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

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

Appendix "A" to RO.89 dated 1 APR 43HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

VX103450	Pte WORK F.J.	Evacuated to hospital	30.3.43
VX103388	Cpl FINDLAY M.	" " "	31.3.43
VX132846	Pte CIRCOSTA F.	" " "	31.3.43
V64796	Pte ROLL V.N.	" " "	31.3.43
V112774	Pte WATTS S.	" " "	1.4.43
V112840	Pte KINDRED R.	" " "	1.4.43

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by

Lt.Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 2 Apr 43

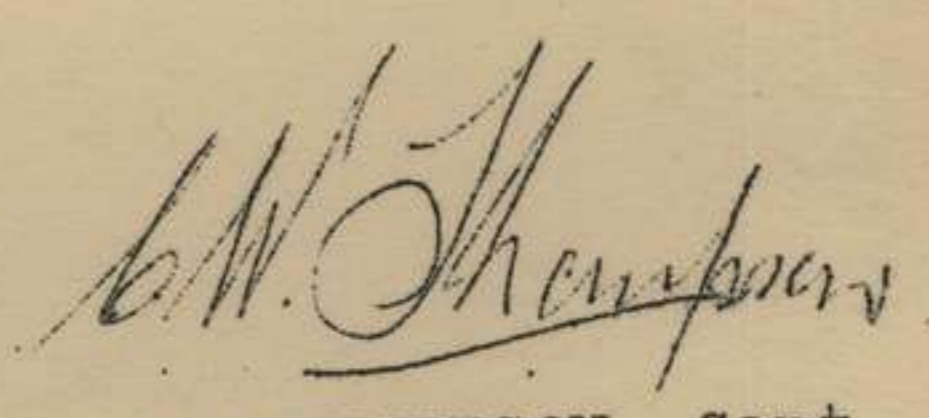
168. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 2 Apr 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.R.G.HALL
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. O'CALLAGHAN W.M.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McDONALD D.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY



C.W.THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.90 dated 2 Apr 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

v240184 Pte BROWN J C rejoined unit ex hospital 2.4.43

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.91

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 3 APR 43

169. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 3 APR 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. K.R. BILLS
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. WATT A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. WHEELDON W.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

170. CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0845 hrs 4 APR 43 . Markers will report as usual .

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0645 hrs 4 APR 43 .

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0900 hrs 4 APR 43 .

A General Service will be hold in Bn Chapel at 1845 hrs and in the Recreation Hut 1950 hrs 4 APR 43 .

K.R. Bills Lieut
for C.W. THOMPSON Capt .
 Adjnt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "G" to RO.91 dated 3 APR 43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX132896	S/Sjt BEAUMONT W.H.	Promoted to rank of A/WO(ii) 3.4.43 Posted as WO Caterer
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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.92

by

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

4 APR 43

171. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 4 APR 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. B.T.S. BAYES
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. MACKAY A.E.N.
Battalion Runner	Pte. PROUD L.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

C.W. Thompson

C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.92 dated 4 APR 43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS . (Posted to "X" List)

V112631	Cpl ROWE W.G.	Evacuated to hospital	2.4.43
V58367	Pte BLAKE L.J.	" " "	3.4.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.93

by

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

5 APR 43

172. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 5 APR 43

DUTY COY	"A" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. R.G. NEWHILL
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. BAKER A.L.
Battalion Runner	Pte. COLE J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. POUSTIE D.A.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORS

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

G.W. Thompson Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

The Commanding Officer wishes to convey his satisfaction and appreciation for the excellent effort by all ranks of 8 Aust Inf Bn at the G.O.C's inspection and march past this morning at 10/48 Aust Inf Bn parade ground .

Particular satisfaction is expressed at the steadiness on parade, the work of the Band , and the general bearing during the march past.

ENTERTAINMENT A picture show will be screened on the Bn Picture Area at 1930 hrs tonight. Programme is "If I had my way" "News from Home" and "Shorts" .

Appendix "A" to RO.93 dated 5 APR 43

STRENGTH INCREASE (Remove. from "X" List)
v220242 Pte PALLPRATT R.E. rejoined unit ex hospital . 5.4.43

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO. 94

by

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

6 APR 43

173. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 6 APR 43

DUTY COY

Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards

"B" COY

Lieut. D.S. HAWKER
Cpl. MARETT N.J.
Pte. GRAHAM D.
Pte. TUCKER E.L.
1 NCO, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

C.W. Thompson

C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.95

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 10 APR 43

174. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 10 APR 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.N.V.SYMONS
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. GEORGE H.W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. CUDMORE B.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

175. CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0845 hrs 11 APR 43 . Markers will report as usual .

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0645 hrs 11 APR 43 .

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0900 hrs 11 APR 43 .

A General Service will be held in Bn Chapel at 1845 hrs and in the Recreation Hut 1950 hrs 11 APR 43 .

K.H. Montgomery Cap
 Adj. 8 Aust Inf B.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.96

BY

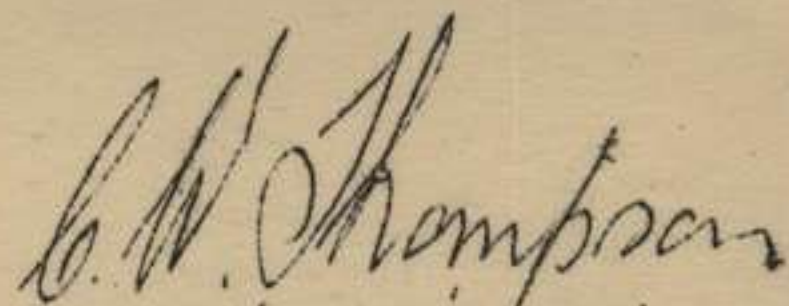
Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 11 APR 43

176. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 11 APR 43 .

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G.L. DELVES
Orderly Serjeant	Cpl. CAWTHAN G.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. SMITH R.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. DICK G.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORS

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY


C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf BnAppendix "A" to RO.96 dated 11 APR 43ARMY NO - REALLOTMENT

The following personnel having volunteered for service in AIF are transferred to AIF . Their Army Numbers are cancelled and numbers as shown re-allotted :-

V58126	Sjt	SPINK L.O.	VX134961	
V225439	Pte	JAEHNE V.C.	VX135321	21.1.43
V225443	"	FORDYCE G.W.	VX135318	14.3.43
V112821	"	FINCH A.	VX135319	14.3.43
V225073	"	CUSHION H.M.	VX135320	14.3.43
V112607	"	WILLIAMS A.P.	VX135327	18.3.43
V64399	"	BRANTON E.A.	VX135328	18.3.43
V57668	"	LYNCH F.J.	VX135329	18.3.43
V112706	"	MURRIHY S.J.	VX135330	18.3.43
V250005	"	BANKO J.A.	VX135331	18.3.43
V112815	"	KELL W.H.	VX135332	18.3.43
V58591	A/Cpl	PEARCE J.A.	VX135333	18.3.43
V58028	A/Cpl	PEARCE J.R.	VX135334	18.3.43
V112623	Pte	GRIMMER K.	VX135335	18.3.43
V245708	A/Cpl	FANNING C.P.	VX135322	20.3.43
V225426	A/Cpl	MEREDITH C.G.	VX135323	22.3.43
V245520	Pte	RAY G.E.	VX135324	23.3.43
V225025	"	SHIPHAM W.H.	VX135325	24.3.43
V235425	"	MOYLE H.C.	VX135326	24.3.43
V225120	"	SEIPOLT R.S.	VX135311	25.3.43
V225115	"	DORAN J.F.	VX135312	25.3.43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

VX134590	Pte	BATTERS C.A.	Evacuated to hospital	7.4.43
VX67202	Pte	ASHMAN A.	" " "	6.4.43
VX134579	Pte	FISH M.J.	" " "	10.4.43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX103415	Pte	CLARKE A.G.	Rejoined unit ex hospital	7.4.43
V54561	L/Cpl	HUDSON E.W.G.	" " " "	7.4.43
V250212	Pte	DOWLING G.T.	" " " "	7.4.43
VX103450	Pte	WORK F.J.	" " " "	7.4.43
VX103385	Cpl	FINDLAY N.D.	" " " "	9.4.43

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.97

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 12 APR 43

177. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 12 APR 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. B.T.S. BAYES
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. ROBERTS V.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. SANDOW G.E.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

C.W. Thompson

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

Appendix "A" to RO.97 dated 12 APR 43

SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

V52904	Cpl	PATERSON J.	No.11 Stretcher Bearers Course	22 Mar 43
VX134900	Cpl	SMITH L.J.	" " " "	(10 days)
V112634	Pte	SCHURMANN S.K.	" " " "	" "
V220214	Pte	MARTIN A.	No.3 Intelligence Course	22 Mar 43 (14 days)
VX132892	L/Sjt	DUNCAN J.	No.16 Map Reading Course	23 Mar 43 (14 days)

TRANSFERS OUT (Recovery of Tradesmen)

V64730	Pte	NEWELL A.L.	Trans. 225 Aust Lt AA Bty	12.4.43
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.98

by

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

13 APR 43

178. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 13 APR 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. T.R. BRUCE
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. RIDDIFORD S.G.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. POLLARD A.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. THOMAS H.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

179. MEALS FOR GUARDS

In future duty coy supplying meals to guard will supply two containers of hot soapy water for washing of eating utensils. Water will be taken back to coy kitchens and emptied down grease trap .

K. Bruce
 C.W. THOMPSON , Capt
 Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.98 dated 13 APR 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (remove from "X" List)

V240140 Pte KINDRED R. rejoined unit ex hospital 12.4.43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

NX160136	Pte , TRIM J.R.	Evacuated to hospital	12.4.43
VX115769	Pte JOHNSON E.A.	" " "	"
V64463	Pte TUCKER E.L.	" " "	"
VX55050	Pte McLEOD D.W.	" " "	"

TRANSFERS OUT (Recovery of Tradesmen)

VX68493 Pte HILL R.C. Trans. 2/11 Aust Army Tp Coy 13.4.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.99

by

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

14 APR 43

180. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 14 APR 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G.L. DELVES
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. SELLARS C.E.
Battalion Runner	Pte. FLOWERS N.
Battalion Runner	Pte. DICK G.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

181. WATER SUPPLY

Water will not be drawn from the MANTON DAM pipe between the hours of 0930 - 1130 and 1430 - 1630 daily .

OC HQ Coy will ensure that unit supply is cut off at these times by the operation of the turncocks at the main supply points .

182. CLEANLINESS OF CAMP AREA

The Camp Site has been divided up into areas for which coys are responsible to maintain in a clean and tidy condition . Sketch map will be issued to coys of the areas in which they are concerned, with a master sketch at Bn HQ for Bn O.O. who will inspect the areas.

Duty coy will supply the following working parties for the purpose of cleaning the following areas, and will report to the Bn O.O. at 0645 hrs, tasks to be completed by 0815 hrs :-

1 NCO & 3 ORs to clean around Canteen area.

1 NCO & 6 ORs to clean around Picture & Rec Hut areas .

Bn O.O. will inspect areas when tasks are completed, personnel reporting back to their coy for duty.

3 ORs report to Hygiene Sgt for the purpose of gathering tin and bottles from coy dumps at 0830 hrs on Mon, Wed & Sat.

183. RUBBISH TIP

No further rubbish will be placed in Bn rubbish tip but will be taken under Bn arrangements to Bde rubbish tip at 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile .

184. WOOD

In future no vehicle will leave Bn area to collect wood for kitchens. All wood lying around in the Bn area is to be collected and used for this purpose.

185. GAMBLING

AMR & O 322 (i) states :- "Gambling in a camp or other military premises or in any ship carrying troops is forbidden. Gambling to include bookmaking and acting as an agent for a bookmaker ". A serious view is taken of the amount of gambling, two-up, dice etc that is carried on in or around the camp. These practices will cease and disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders .

186. UNIT TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

By Balance Unit Trust A/c	£676.2.7		
By Profits Regtl Canteen	£100.0.0		
By sale colour patches	£ 11.5.0	Purchase Colour	
By WF.132A CR81597		Patches	£ 11. 5.0
CA.4972 Dec Canteen Profit	£ 81.13.1	By balance as per	
		Unit Trust A/c	£857.15.8
	<u>£869.0.8</u>		<u>£869. 0.8</u>

187. NEW DAILY ROUTINE

As from 15 APR 43 the following daily routine will be adhered to:-

REVEILLE	0615 hrs	
ADM & P & RT PDE	0645 - 0705 hrs	(10 minutes at least to be spent at P & RT)
BREAKFAST	0730 hrs	
MORNING PDE	0830 hrs	
LUNCH	1230 hrs	
AFTERNOON PDE	1345 hrs	
DISMISS	1700 hrs	
DINNER	1730 hrs	
LIGHTS OUT	2215 hrs	
MORNING SICK PDE	0700 hrs	
EVENING SICK PDE	1700 hrs	

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

NOTICES

RECEIPT OF COMFORTS

Receipt is hereby acknowledged from A.C.F. of the undermentioned Comforts for the month of April 1943:-

590 ozs	Tobacco
590 cakes	Laundry Soap
590 sticks	Shaving Soap
1770 pkts	P.K.

ENTERTAINMENT

Pictures will be screened on the Bn Picture Area on Friday 16 Apr 43 at 1930 hrs. Programme is "Up The River", "Pardon Our Nerve" and "Battle of the Bismarck Sea".

Appendix "A" to RO.99 dated 14 APR 43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX115754 Pte STRICKLAND S.A. Apptd L/Cpl 14.4.43

TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENTS

VX115753 L/Cpl CHINNOCK L.J. Appointment terminated 15.4.43
 VX67819 L/Cpl SINCLAIR D.J. " " " "

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES

VX134571 Pte MORTON R.N. Rejoined unit ex hospital 14.4.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.100

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 15 APR 43

188. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 15 APR 43 .

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. T.R. BRUCE
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. WHITING R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. BIRTHISEL S.
Battalion Runner	Pte. STEWART T.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

189. FIRE POSTS

During recent inspections of coy areas it was noticed that fire posts were not being kept in a satisfactory manner. Immediate steps will be taken to have this matter adjusted .

190. SKIN DISEASE

Grave concern is expressed at the growing incidence of skin disease cases in the unit, it is therefore essential that all ranks observe strict personal hygiene at all times . Two showers will be taken daily and all parts of the body thoroughly soaped and washed. Particular attention will be paid to armpits, crutch, and between the toes. It is also important that all parts are dried thoroughly, and lightly dusted with powder .

191. HEALTH

There are three diseases in the N.T. causing grave concern - Malaria , Dengue , and Dysentery. To combat these diseases it is absolutely necessary to reduce if not stamp out the fly and mosquito pests . To enable this to be done the following instructions will be carried out rigidly by all personnel.

Flies:- All rubbish will be burned and ashes buried to a satisfactory depth . Latrine seats will be kept closed at all times when not in use .

Mosquitoes:- A film of oil will be poured over the surface of all water pools . All tins or broken bottles will be placed in rubbish containers provided, to ensure that likely breeding places are not available to this pest .

Mosquito nets will be used at night by all personnel .

Trousers K.W.D. and shirts will be worn by all ranks after sunset . Sleeves of shirts will NOT be rolled up .

Disciplinary action will be taken against any person acting contrary to these instructions .

CORRIGENDA

Ref 8 AUST INF BN RO.99 para 187 :-
MORNING PDE to read COY PDE 0815 hrs

ADDENDUM

Ref 8 AUST INF BN RO.99 para 187
FIRST POST 2130 hrs
TATTOO 2200 hrs

C.W. Thompson

C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.100 dated 15 APR 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V245520 Pte RAY G.E. rejoined unit ex hospital 15.4.43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

VX103468 Cpl CHINNOCK F.N. Evacuated to hospital 14.4.43

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS (ATTACHED PERSONNEL)

V52817 Cpl PENNA R.W. Promoted A/Sjt 15.4.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.101

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 16 APR 43

192. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 16 APR 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G.M.J. McCARTIN
Orderly Serjeant	Sjt. FALLA W.C.
Battalion Runner	Dvr. PROUD L.
Battalion Runner	Pte. FORD H.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORS

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

193. UNIT CANTEEN ORDERS

The Commanding Officer has instructed that all WO's , NCO's and Ptes of the unit are to receive one Canteen Order to the value of five shillings from Unit Trust Funds, for goods obtainable at the Unit Canteen .

Canteen Orders will be numbered and signed by 2 i/c and Adjt and will have unit stamp on them . Coys will receive Canteen Orders according to the number of personnel in the coy. Coy Comds will issue Canteen Orders to their personnel and will keep a record of the number of the order and to whom it is issued. In the event of a Canteen Order being lost coys will immediately report the loss, giving number of order and the name of person to whom it was issued. Canteen Orders will be available for issue within the next few days .

194. MEALS

In future the Bn Orderly Officer will inspect, during his tour of duty, one meal per coy .

195. PROHIBITED AREA - TOWN OF DARWIN (Extract NT Force Orders para 117)

(a) The town of DARWIN is put of bounds to all ranks at all hours except on duty .

(b) Attention is drawn to NT Force Routine Order 68/42 which is repeated:- "In future no soldier may proceed to DARWIN unless he is in possession of a duty pass signed by his C.O. The pass must state what business he is proceeding on, and the time for which he is authorised to be absent . Any soldier found in DARWIN without a duty pass will be subject to severe disciplinary action" .

196. ONE-WAY TRAFFIC-GILRUTH NECK ROAD

Attention is directed to the danger caused by non-observance of the one-way traffic restriction on Gilruth Neck Road from the turn off near Myilly Point to the western entrance into Vesteys. All wheeled traffic is prohibited from moving west along this road. Vehicular access to Mendil Beach will be via North Aust Road, thence past Botanical Gardens . This restriction will be lifted only in the event of military operations consequent on hostile attack but will continue to apply in defence exercises .

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197. LOSS OF TENTAGE BY FIRE (Extract NT Force Orders para 125)

1. A disturbing number of fires has occurred recently in which tents and their contents have been destroyed, and the danger from this source will increase greatly with the onset of the dry season, unless strict measures of fire prevention are taken. In this connection attention is drawn to NT Force Adm Instn No.58 of 8 Feb 43.

2. Smoking in, or in close proximity to tents is forbidden, and the practice of throwing lighted cigarette butts on the ground will cease. Where suitable receptacles are provided, cigarette butts will be placed in those receptacles. If no receptacles are provided butts will be extinguished before being thrown away.

3. The co-operation of all ranks in this matter is requested in order to conserve the already limited supply of tentage.

198. "SOUVENEIRS"-USE OF ARMY MATERIALS (Extract NT Force Orders para 126)

1. The use of army materials for the manufacture of ornaments, "souveneirs", etc is forbidden.

2. This prohibition applies particularly to shell cases and other metal objects, all of which are made of materials of which there is an acute shortage and which can be used again for the manufacture of ammunition, machine parts etc.

3. This order does not apply to the use of materials provided by Australian Army Education Service in connection with the fostering of hobbies.

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

Appendix "A" to RO.101 dated 16 APR 43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

NX160668	Pte	SANDERSON	L.C.	Apptd L/Cpl as from	17.4.43
VX132892L	Sgt	DUNCAN	J.	Promoted A/Sjt as from	17.4.43

SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

VX103411 Cpl HONEY R.L. No.15 Fd Works Course 29 Mar 43 (14 days)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER No.102

by

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

17 APR 43

199. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 17 APR 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. J.T. COMPTON
Orderly Serjeant	Cpl. MARTIN F.J.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. SMITH R.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. PURVES J.L.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

200. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTIONS

It is advised that the State of Victoria Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council General Elections are to be held on 12 June 43 and facilities will be provided for members of this unit to record their votes by post. Members who are eligible to vote :-

1. For the Legislative Assembly are those who have reached the age of 21 years, were normally resident in Victoria prior to their enlistment in the A.M.F. and who have been enrolled as electors for the Legislative Assembly in that State.
2. For Legislative Council are those possessing the property qualification (normally house or other real property owners or occupiers) and who are enrolled as electors for the Legislative Council in Victoria.

Members under the age of 21 are NOT eligible to vote for either of the Houses of the Parliament of Victoria .

All Company and attached personnel commanders will submit list showing number of members who are electors for each House by 1800 hrs 19 APR 43

201. ADDENDUM to 8 AUST INF BN RO.101 para 193

Each Canteen Order will be signed by the person to whom it is issued .

NOTICES

A. C. Ross Lieut.
for C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church Pde will be held on the Bn Pde Ground at 0845 hrs 18 APR 43 . Markers will report as usual .

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0645 hrs 18 APR 43 .

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0900 hrs 18 APR 43 .

A General Service will be held in Bn Chapel at 1845 hrs and in the Recreation Hut 1950 hrs 18 APR 43 .

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.103

by

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

18 APR 43

202. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 18 APR 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.D.S.GIBBINS
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. ROBERTS G.P.
Battalion Runner	Pte. WHEELDON W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. WISE J.V.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

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

Appendix "A" to RO.103 dated 18 APR 43

STRENGTH INCREASE (Remove from "X" List)

VX103427 WO(ii) ROBSON K. rejoined unit ex School Vic L of C 17.4.43

SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

VX103427 WO(ii) ROBSON K. No.29 Course for Potential Officers
Course BONEGILIA 28 Dec 42 - 20 Mar 43

RECOVERY OF TRADESMEN

NX78599 Pte THOMAS B.M. T.O.S. from 2/11 Aust Army Tp Coy 18.4.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.104

by

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

19 APR 43

203. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 19 APR 43

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. B.T.S. BAYES
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. HILLGROVE K.
Battalion Runner	Pte. MULLER J.A.
Battalion Runner	Pte. McINTOSH R.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY


C.W. THOMPSON Capt .
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.NOTICES

Canteen Orders for the best dressed man and best Coy on C-in-C's Parade this morning were awarded as follows :-

<u>Best Dressed Man</u>	VX76800 Pte TELFORD J.A. ("D" Coy)
<u>Best Coy</u>	No.2 Group HQ Coy

Appendix "A" to RO.104 dated 19 APR 43SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

VX65564	Dvr BREWSTER E.W.	No.1 D & M Course	2 APR 43 (14 days)
VX132841	L/Cpl OSBORN L.R.	No.8 Camflg Course	12 APR 43 (6 days)
VX142840	A/Cpl PEOPLES J.	" " " "	" " " "
VX132946	A/Sjt HOPPER J.J.	No.2 Regtl Police Duties Course	12 APR 43 (7 days)
VX66376	Pte CONDON P.J.	" " " "	" " " "
V240039	Pte MARTIN J.W.	" " " "	" " " "
V69569	Pte MARSH F.W.	" " " "	" " " "

TRANSFERS OUT

VX67911 Cpl PHILLIPS W.H. Trans. NT Force Trg School 18.4.43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

VX134859 Sjt AYRES D.G. Evacuated Hospital 17.4.43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX103468	Cpl CHINNOCK F.N.	Rejoined unit ex hospital	19.4.43
V112774	Pte WATTS S.	" " " "	" "

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.105

by

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

20 APR 43

204. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 20 APR 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.H.J.M.BOWMAN
Orderly Serjeant	Cpl. LEWIS E.P.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. MAIN M.J.W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. TELFORD J.A.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

205. CLEARING OF GRASS

It was noticed during an inspection throughout the coy areas this morning that there is a considerable amount of new grass commencing to grow around tents and buildings . This grass must be cleared immediately .

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

NOTICES

The Commanding Officer wishes to express his satisfaction to all ranks in view of their efforts to make the parade for the C-in-C's inspection at 19 MG Bn parade ground on 19 APR 43 such a success .

Such a success can be attributed to the good turnout, steadiness on parade, the work of the Band, and general bearing during the march past .

ENTERTAINMENT Pictures will be screened on the Bn Picture Area at 1930 hrs 21 APR 43 . Programme is:- "Story Of Vernon And Irene Castle", Shorts and News From Home .

Appendix "A" to RO.105 dated 20 APR 43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted "X" List)

V250283 Pte BENNETT T.H.E. Evacuated to hospital 13.4.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.106

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 21 APR 43

206. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 21 APR 43

DUTY COY	"E" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.K.B.E.RAFF
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. ROSS T.H.
Battalion Runner	Pte. SMITH V.G.
Battalion Runner	Pte. FREESTONE K.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

207. WOOD HEAPS

All Coys will have wood heaps shifted and re-stacked in order that the present wood heap positions can be cleaned up. All debris etc to be burnt in incinerators .

C.W. Thompson

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

Appendix "A" to RO.106 da ted 21 APR 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

NX160136 Pte TRIM J.R. rejoined unit ex hospital 20.4.43

DETACHED FOR DUTY (Posted to "X" List)

VX132760	Sjt BRAZIL	D.W.	Det.	NTFARD	MATARANKA	20.4.43
V50676	Sjt CONLAN	D.J.	"	"	"	"
V58426	Pte POTTER	S.	"	"	"	"
V58479	Pte MILESI	C.A.C.	"	"	"	"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.107

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 22 APR 43

208. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 22 APR 43

DUTY COY	HQ COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. R.B. BRYANT
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. CAMPBELL L.M.
Battalion Runner	Pte. HENRY R.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. BAMFORD C.H.
Guards	1 NCO , 13 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

209. CHURCH PARADES

R.C. Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1100 hrs 23 APR 43 .

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0645 hrs 23 APR 43 .

A General Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1400 hrs 23 APR 43 .

210. ADDENDUM

Ref 8 AUST INF BN RO. No.100 para 191

"After sunset trousers K.W.D. will be worn, tucked into socks".

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

Appendix "A" to RO.107 dated 22 APR 43HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX115769 Pte JOHNSON E.A. rejoined unit ex hospital 21.4.43

REJOINED UNIT (Remove from "X" List)

V63592 Pte SLATER L.C. rejoined unit ex Vic L of C 22.4.43

V69402 Pte GITSHAM A.R. " " " " " "

LEAVE W/O PAY

V69402 Pte GITSHAM A.R. Granted leave without pay 6.3.43 to 5.4.43 (31 days)

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.108

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 23 APR 43

211. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 23 APR 43

DUTY COY	"B" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. B.T.S. BAYES
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. GILLICK C.G.
Battalion Runner	Pte. CURRIE A.W.
Battalion Runner	Pte. PRIGG A.E.
Guards	1 NCO , 13 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY

C.W. Thompson

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

Appendix "A" to RO.108 dated 23 APR 43

TRANSFERS OUT (Recovery of Tradesmen)

V235002	Pte	HAWKES	F.A.	Trans. HQ NT L of C Area Wkshops	23.4.43
VX135324	Pte	RAY	G.E.	Trans. HQ 6 Aust Army Tp Coy	23.4.43

INTER COY TRANSFERS

VX63539	Pte	SHERRY	L.J.	Trans. from BHQ to "D" Coy	23.4.43
VX132946	Sjt	HOPPER	J.J.	" " "B" to BHQ	"
VX66376	Pte	CONDON	P.J.	" " "C" to BHQ	"
V69569	Pte	MARSH	F.H.	" " "B" to BHQ	"
V240039	Pte	MARTIN	J.W.	" " "A" to BHQ	"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.109

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 24 APR 43

212. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 24 APR 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. E.S. WORRALL
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. WHITING W.J.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. GUYMER D.J.
Battalion Runner	Pte. BELL J.R.
Guards	1 NCO , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

213. CHURCH PARADES

Dawn Service will be held on the Bn Pde Ground on 25 APR 43, as per issued instructions .

R.C. Parade will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0900 hrs 25 APR 43 .

C of E Communion Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 0830 hrs 25 APR 43 .

Holy Communion Service will be conducted in the Bn Chapel, for Methodists and all other denominations, at 1030 hrs 25 APR 43 .

A General Service will be held in the Bn Chapel at 1845 hrs and in the Recreation Hut 1950 hrs 25 APR 43 .

214. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER (Extract GRO - 0.222)

The supply situation in regard to rubber is now so serious as to make it imperative that every ounce of rubber in use by the Army should be conserved to the utmost .

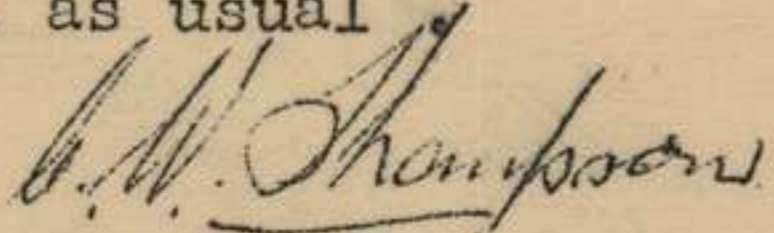
The use of vehicles is to be restricted to essential requirements .

When vehicles are used the following six points are to be rigidly enforced:-

- (i) Don't speed, avoid rapid acceleration, harsh braking and fast cornering.
- (ii) Check pressures daily with gauge to protect side walls and save tread wear .
- (iii) Keep brakes equalized, wheels true, and watch for misalignment .
- (iv) Interchange tyres at prescribed intervals to keep wear even .
- (v) Closely inspect tyres daily, remove any stones, and repair minor cuts .
- (vi) Report defects immediately .

215. ROUTINE FOR 25 APR 43

REVEILLE 0530 hrs , Breakfast as usual


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

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DAWN SERVICE

MUSTER PARADE

ANZAC DAY

Plan I for Reveille at sunrise 0652 hrs 25 APR 43

Minute Time

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|-----|---|----------|---|
| 1. | Camp Reveille | 0530 hrs | |
| 2. | Coy Pdes | 0605 hrs | |
| 3. | Bn Pde Ground Advance | 0620 hrs | |
| 4. | Commencement of Service | 0632 hrs | |
| 5. | "What Mean Ye By This Service" (Chaplain) | 0632 hrs | 2 |
| 6. | Opening Hymn "O God Our Help" | 0634 hrs | 2 |
| 7. | Scripture Reading - Rev 21 V's 1 - 7 | 0636 hrs | 2 |
| 8. | Australian National Song | 0638 hrs | 2 |
| 9. | Brigadier's Address | 0640 hrs | 6 |
| 10. | Kipling's Recessional "Lest We Forget" | 0646 hrs | 2 |
| 11. | Act of Remembrance | 0648 hrs | |
| | (a) Face West |) | |
| | (b) Flag Half Mast |) | |
| | (c) Last Post and Silence |) --- | 4 |
| | (d) Prayer of Commemoration |) | |
| | (e) Face East |) | |
| | (f) Reveille and Flag full mast | 0652 hrs | |
| | Return to Original Position . | | |
| | (g) C.O. "They Shall Not Grow Old" | | 1 |
| | (h) Prayer for Victory and Benediction | | |
| 12. | National Anthem - Flag Full Mast | | 1 |
| 13. | March Past | | |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.110

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 25 APR 43

216. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 25 APR 43

DUTY COY	"D" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut.H.J.M.BOWMAN
Orderly Serjeant	Cpl. NEW J.H.
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. HUDSON E.W.G.
Battalion Runner	Pte. BAGLEY A.
Guard	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

HQ COY

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

Appendix "A" to RO.110 dated 25 APR 43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX134557 A/Cpl CAPUANO R.J. Promoted A/Sjt as from 26.4.43

SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED

VX135041 Pte WAITES R.F. No.12 Stretcher Bearers Course
8 Apr 43 (10 days)

DETACHMENT FOR DUTY

V225159 Pte ANTON B.R. Det for duty 1 Bde Sec 24.4.43
12 Aust Div Ord Fd Park

CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS

VX42030 Pte DUNTON M.T. A.A. Sec 40 Fined £3 21.4.43

VX115747 Pte FIRTH J.W. A.A. Sec 15(1) Fined £3 21.4.43

NX160134 Pte GAVEGAN R.C.M. A.A. Sec 22
A.A. Sec 9(2) 28 days 22.4.43
detention Fined £5

ARMY NO. RE-ALLOTMENT

The following personnel having volunteered for service in the AIF are transferred to AIF. Their Army Numbers are cancelled and numbers as shown hereunder are allotted :-

V64781	Pte GEBERT	C.W.	Allotted VX135415	1.4.43
V58367	Pte BLAKE	L.J.	" VX135416	1.4.43
V250036	Pte RICE	R.V.	" VX135421	21.1.43
V245260	Pte HOURIGAN	G.H.	" VX135460	4.4.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.111

by

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

26 Apr 43

217. DUTIES The following duties will mount at 1830 hrs 26 Apr 43:-

DUTY COY	HQ COY . . .
Orderly Officer	Lieut G.M.J. McCartin
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Chincock F.N.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Trim J.R.
Battalion Runner	Pte. Delima J.A.
Guards	1 NCO, 10 OR.

NEXT FOR DUTY

"A" COY

A. Ross Lieut.
for Capt.
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" to RO 111 dated 26 Apr 43

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

VX103409	L/Cpl Cockayne R.C.	Promoted	A/Cpl	26 Apr 43
VX103406	L/Cpl Stonham F.S.	"	"	"

CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS

V50633	Cpl Delima A.	A.A. Sec 40	Reprimanded	15 Apr 43
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HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

VX66497	Pte. Cameron R.G.	Rejoined Unit	Ex Hosp	26 Apr 43
VX132846	Pte. Circosta F.	"	" " "	"

DETACHMENTS FOR DUTY

V58481	WO II Re	J.	Rejoined Unit and ceases to be detached to L of C Trg Cadre	26 Apr 43
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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.112

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 27 APR 43

218. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 27 APR 43

DUTY COY
Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards

"A" COY
Lieut. K.R. BILLS
Cpl. RUSSELL K.
Pte. YOUNG J.
Pte. PINCHIN D.
1 Sjt, 1 Cpl , 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"B" COY

C.W. Thompson

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

Appendix "A" to RO.112 dated 27 APR 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V112708 Pte ANTHONY P.T. Rejoined unit ex hospital

27.4.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.113

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 28 APR 43

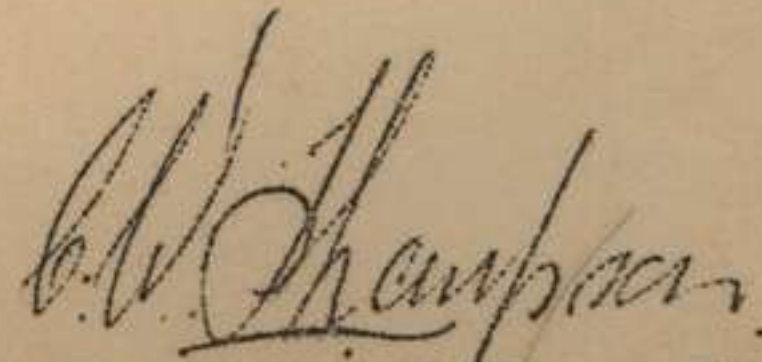
219. DUTIES The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 28 APR 43

DUTY COY
Orderly Officer
Orderly Corporal
Battalion Runner
Battalion Runner
Guards

"B" COY
Lieut. D.S. HAWKER
Cpl. EEOPLES J.
Pte. MUTCH H.H.
Pte. GRAHAM D.
1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"C" COY



C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adj 8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "A" to RO.113 dated 28 APR 43

HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (Remove from "X" List)

V250283	Pte	BENNETT	T.H.E.	rejoined unit	ex hospital	28.4.43
VX134859	Sjt	AYRES	D.G.	"	"	"

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8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDER NO.1114

by

Lt. Col. K.H. Montgomery , Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn , 29 APR 43

220. DUTIES

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs 29 APR 43

DUTY COY	"C" COY
Orderly Officer	Lieut. T.R. BRUCE
Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. BROOKES F.C.
Battalion Runner	Pte. WALKER L.F.
Battalion Runner	Pte. ANDERSON R.J.
Guards	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, 10 ORs

NEXT FOR DUTY

"D" COY

C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

LOST In Band area, one webbing waistbelt. Finder please return to RQ Store .

Appendix "A" to RO.1114 dated 29 APR 43

TRANSFERS OUT

VX103391 Sjt BAKER C.L. T. to HQ NT Force School as Instructor 29.4.43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (Posted to "X" List)

VX135084 Pte HUTCHINSON I.J. Evac to hospital 28.4.43

REJOINED UNIT (Remove from "X" List)

V52860	L/Cpl	MOYNIHAN	D.E.	rejoined unit	ex	Vic	L	of	C	29.4.43
V240069	Pte	FARNSWORTH	A.C.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
V225382	Pte	GLENNY	L.L.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
V65203	Pte	ADDLEM	N.G.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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8 And Lt Bn (Unit)

W.E 11/1742/12/3
34 and 861
1 and 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).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1
Majors	3
Captains	5	5
Lieutenants	22	2
2nd Lieutenants
Quartermasters
Totals	31	2	5

*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.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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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).
Cpl	PICOT W.K.	8 And Lt Bn	115 ACN (Warrillington)
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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	NA 94	Montgomery K.H.	C.O.	YES	
Major	TA 6121	Edwards J.J.	2/4	"	
"	VX 114 113	Hutchings G.T.	O.C. D Coy	"	
"	VX 114 114	Desnoy A.T.C.	O.C. C Coy	"	
Captain	NA 12616	Sheridan A.H.	O.C. Hully	"	
"	VX 114 115	Morris J.J.	O.C. B Coy	"	
"	NA 76249	Thompson C.W.	Adj. C.	"	
"	VX 25002	Maxwell W.H.	2/4 C Coy	"	
"	VX 92175	Kenny R.C.	S.M.	"	
Lieutenant	VX 21331	Robinson I.K.	3 PI	"	
"	VX 114 117	Larkin J.R.	14 PI	"	
"	VX 21337	Symons N.V.	2/4 D Coy	"	
"	VX 22541	Ross R.D.	10 PI	"	
"	TX 6111	Bayes B.T.S.	13 PI	"	
"	VX 27498	Reed S.J.	2/4 D Coy	"	
"	VX 21338	Vatton E.S.	16 PI	"	
"	VX 114 120	Trevanion J.L.	1/0	"	
"	VX 114 122	Farrar G.C.	1/0	"	
"	VX 114 123	Hall R.G.	2 PI	"	
"	VX 114 124	Bowman H.F.M.	15 PI	"	
"	VX 114 125	Druse T.R.	15 PI	"	
"	SA 2103	Gibbins D.S.	4 PI	"	
"	DA 144	Bryant R.D.	12 PI	"	
"	WX 4037	McWhill R.E.	8 PI	"	
"	DX 2611	Compton J.T.	17 PI	"	
"	VX 55207	Dalves E.L.	17 PI	"	
"	VX 42407	Raff K.B.E.	15 PI	"	
"	VX 103472	McCarlton G.M.J.	R/TK	"	
"	SA 3925	Bills K.R.	9 PI	"	
"	SA 6430	Hawker D.S.	11 PI	"	
"	VX 50023	Winkler R.E.M.		"	

(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 63999	Edwards R.H.	8 Aust L/B	31-1-43	R.M.O.
Captain	NA 139070	Dillon R.F.	"	1-1-43	Chaplain

8 Aust L/B
(Unit.)

4 Apr 43
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
8TH BATTALION
HEADQUARTERS
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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	3		Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers	3		Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	2		Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Bollermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers	20		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	20		G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		1
Carpenter and Joiner		1	Hammermen			Riggers	1	
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	5	
Computers			Intelligence Duties		2	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		10
Cooks		5	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	3	
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.	3	1	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders	2	
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		308						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	19	204		3	3		12	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 Aug 41
Unit.

Ray K...
Signature of Commander.
8TH BATTALION
HEADQUARTERS

Date of Despatch 9 2 41

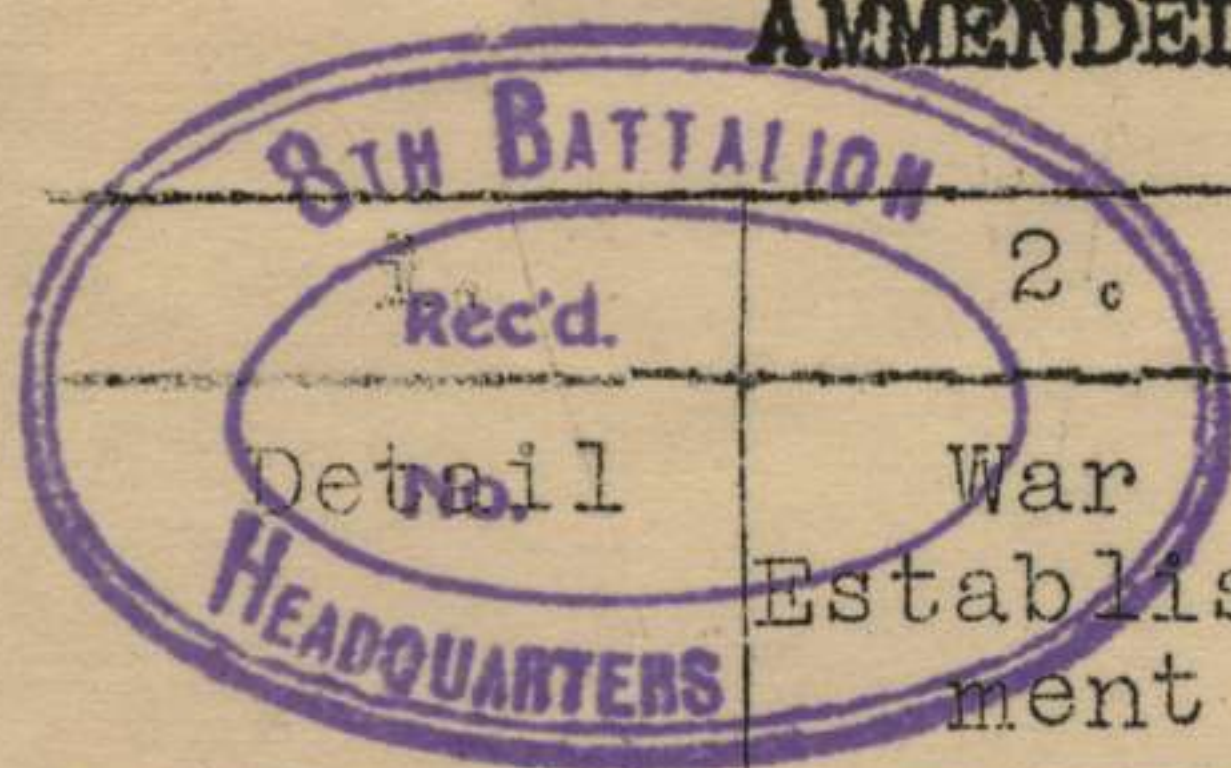
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

WE II/1942/12/3

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AIF 29 and 383

AMMENDED PART A A.F.W3009



1. Rec'd.	2. War Establish-ment	3. Strength Excl att'd & "X" List	4. Surplus	5. Deficiency	6. Remarks
W.O Cl 1	1	1	-	-	
W.O. Cl 2	7	7	-	-	
C.Q.M.S.	5	3	-	2	
S/Sgts	-	1	1	-	
Sgts	36	34	-	2	Incl 5 Sgt Cooks supernumerary
Cpls	77	69	-	8	
Spec Gp 1	2	3 + 8	9	1	
Gp 2	58	39 + 20	20	19	
Gp 3	39	35 + 5	5	4	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

WE II/11/12/12/3
34 + 861
14 + 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	5		5
Lieutenants	22	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	31	2	5

*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).
Capt	Prest W K	2nd Inf Bn	NO AGN

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.
			8 Aust Inf Bn		
Major	NX 94	McIntyre KH	C O	Yes	
	TX 6121	Edwards TJ	2 1/4		
	VX 44413	Hutchings C J	02 B Coy		
	VX 44414	Desmet H J C	02 C Coy		
Captain	NX 12616	Sheehan A H	02 HQ Coy		
	VX 44415	McGill J J	02 B Coy		
	NX 71249	Thompson C W	A/pt		
	V 59502	Neville W H	2 1/4 Coy		
	VX 52175	Kenny R L	S M		
Lieutenant	VX 52831	Robertson K I	3 pl		
	VX 44417	Lankins T R	14 pl		
	V 52187	Simons N V	2 1/4 B Coy		
	VX 42841	Ross A A	10 pl		
	TX 6111	Raper B T S	13 pl		
	VX 77472	Reid S T	2 1/4 A Coy		
	VX 47172	Whehall E S	11 pl		
	VX 44420	Thyveson T L	3 pl		
	VX 44422	Farrar G L	1 pl		
	VX 44423	Hall R G	2 pl		
	VX 44424	Bowman H T M	12 pl		
	VX 44425	Paul T R	15 pl		
	SX 2283	Gibbins D S	4 pl		
	DX 144	Bayant R B	12 pl		
	WX 4027	Noblehill R G	7 pl		
	DX 2611	Compton J T	17 pl		
	VX 85207	DeVos G L	14 pl		
	VX 42407	Kell K B E	15 pl		
	VX 103475	McMurtrei C M T	A/TK		
	SX 3925	Bills K R	9 pl		
	SX 6430	Hawker D S	11 pl		
	VX 52023	Winkie H E M	1		

(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 63949	Edwards R K	4th Div	21/4/43	RMC
Chaplain	NX 139070	Dillon R F		1/4/43	Chaplain

8 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

9 April 43
(Date of Despatch.)

Ray G. Kennedy
(Signature of Commander.)
23 Aust
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



8th Bn Coy 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	3		Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers	3		Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	2		Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Bollermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers	3		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	2		G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		1
Carpenter and Joiner		1	Hammermen			Riggers	1	
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	5	
Computers			Intelligence Duties		2	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		10
Cooks		5	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	3	
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.	2	1	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		5	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders	1	
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					
<i>Non Specialists</i>		206						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	9	213		2	3		11	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

8th Bn Coy
Date of Despatch.....

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

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



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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

WE II / 1942 / 12 / 3
344861
17 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	5		5
Lieutenants	22	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	31	2	5

*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).
Capt	Pilot W K	8 Aust Inf Bn	45 AGH

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	NX294	Montgomery R H	8 Aust Inf Bn	Yes	
Major	VX4411	Edwards J J	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX4412	Hutchings C J	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX4414	Desmond A J S	8 Aust Inf Bn		
Captain	NX12215	Sheridan A H	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX4415	McIntyre J J	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	NX2624	Thompson C W	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	V52502	Neville W H	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX2217	Kenyon R C	8 Aust Inf Bn		
Lieutenant	VX2223	Robertson T K	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX4417	Harkins T K	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	V52127	Simons N V	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX4214	Ross H H	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX4418	Rayes B T S	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX2747	Reed S T	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX4717	Workall E S	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX44124	Trevelyan F L	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX44122	Fennell C C	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX4413	Hill R G	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX44124	Bowman H S M	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX44125	Bailey T A	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	SX2201	Gillings D S	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	DX144	Balantyne A D	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	WX4077	Nicholls R G	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	SX2617	Compton J T	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX25207	Dobson C L	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX4240	Kell R A E	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX10347	McMurtrei G M	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	SX2925	Bills R N	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	SX6430	Hawker D S	8 Aust Inf Bn		
	VX27023	Winkler H E M	8 Aust Inf Bn		

(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	VX63947	Edwards A H	8 Aust Inf Bn	16 April 43	R M O
Captain	NX1370	Dillon A P	8 Aust Inf Bn	17 April 43	Chaplain

8 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)
16 April 43
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
23 April 43
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



8 Aug 42 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	2		Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers	3		Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	2		Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers	3		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	2		G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		1
Carpenter and Joiner		1	Hammermen			Riggers	1	
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	5	
Computers			Intelligence Duties		2	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		9
Cooks		6	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	3	
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.	1	1	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		5	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders	1	
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		206	I have examined this return and certify that it presents a true and correct statement of all matters set out herein.					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	19	208		2	3		11	10

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 Aug 42 Unit. Signature of Commander. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 AVST INF BN (Unit)

WE II / 1942 / 12 / 13
344 861
14 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	5		5
Lieutenants	21	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	30	1	5

*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.
Lieut	Rob. ROYSON I.K.	8 AVST INF BN	18/4/43	Evac to 112 AGH

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).
Capt	PICOT W.K.	8 AVST INF BN	115 AGH
Lieut	ROBERTSON I.K.	" " "	112 AGH

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	NA 24	MURPHY K.H.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	TX 6121	EDWARDS J.F.	2 1/2 B Coy	"	
"	YX 114113	WESKINGS C.T.	DC B Coy	"	
"	YX 114114	DESMOND A.T.C.	DC B Coy	"	
Captain	NY 12111	SLIPPER A.H.	DC B Coy	"	
"	YX 114115	MELLYS J.F.	DC B Coy	"	
"	NY 76249	THOMPSON C.W.	Adj. Lt.	"	
"	V 59502	NEVILLE W.H.	2 1/2 B Coy	"	
"	YX 114115	Kenny R.C.	9 M	"	
Lieutenant	YX 114117	LARKINS J.R.	14 Pl	"	
"	V 591178	SYMONS N.V.	2 1/2 B Coy	"	
"	YX 42841	BOSS B.T.	10 Pl	"	
"	TX 6111	BANKS B.T.S.	13 Pl	"	
"	YX 27488	REED S.J.	2 1/2 B Coy	"	
"	YX 42188	WARRAN C.S.	10 Pl	"	
"	YX 41135	TRAVENCO J.L.	T/O	"	
"	YX 41132	FARRAR B.C.	T/O	"	
"	YX 41123	HALL V.G.	1 Pl	"	
"	YX 41124	BONNAN H.T.M.	18 Pl	"	
"	YX 41125	BEVIE T.R.	15 Pl	"	
"	YX 2203	GIBBINS D.S.	1 Pl	"	
"	DA 144	BYRANT B.B.	15 Pl	"	
"	YX 4037	NEWELL B.G.	18 Pl	"	
"	YX 2611	CAMPBELL J.T.	17 Pl	"	
"	YX 85207	DOLVES G.L.	15 Pl	"	
"	YX 42407	RAFF K.B.E.	15 Pl	"	
"	YX 103475	MICHAEL G.M.J.	Plt. C.	"	
"	YX 3925	BULLS K.R.	9 Pl	"	
"	YX 610	HAWKER D.S.	11 Pl	"	
"	YX 58023	WICKER H.C.M.C.		"	

(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	YX 63449	EDWARDS R.K.	8 Aust 2/B	21-1-43	R-M-O
Chaplain	NY 139090	DILLON R.F.	" "	1-1-43	Chaplain

8 Aust 2/B
(Unit.)

23 Apr 43
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
23 Aust 2/B
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

ET MAJOR ... (Unit) WE 23/1242/12/3
344 801
14 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	5		5
Lieutenants	22	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	31	2	5

*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).
Capt	PICOT W K	20002 2/B	115 ACH

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	NX24	Murphy H H	C.O.	Yes	
Major	TX 6131	Edwards J B	215	"	
"	VX 114113	Hutchings C T	215	"	
"	VX 114114	Dobson A J L	215	"	
Captain	NX 114116	Sheridan A H	215	"	
"	VX 114117	Miles J T	215	"	
"	NX 71247	Tatkinson C W	215	"	
"	V 52512	Neville W H	215	"	
"	VX 52175	Klady B C	215	"	
Lieutenant	VX 52131	R. P. P. S. V	215	"	
"	VX 44107	Locking S A	14 PI	"	
"	V 52172	Symons N V	215	"	
"	VX 42541	Ross R A	10 PI	"	
"	TX 611	Byes B T S	12 PI	"	
"	VX 22458	Reed S J	215	"	
"	VX 47188	W. R. R. H	16 PI	"	
"	VX 44120	Trevorson J A	170	"	
"	VX 44112	Tappin G C	170	"	
"	VX 44123	Hill R G	2 PI	"	
"	VX 44124	R. W. M. A. N	18 PI	"	
"	VX 44125	B. G. S.	18 PI	"	
"	SX 2223	Gibbins D S	4 PI	"	
"	DX 144	Bryant R. B	12 PI	"	
"	NX 4127	McWhill R G	8 PI	"	
"	SX 2211	Compton J T	17 PI	"	
"	VX 82407	Dalves B A	12 PI	"	
"	VX 44407	R. H. K. B. R.	18 PI	"	
"	VX 103475	McLennan G. M. J.	11 TK	"	
"	SX 2425	Bills K. R.	4 PI	"	
"	SX 6430	Hawker D. S.	4 PI	"	
"	VX 21223	Winkler N. F. M. C.	11	"	

(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	NX 1628	Mallarky S. G.	215	24-4-43	R.M.D.
Captain	NX 13390	Dillon R. F.	"	1-1-43	Chaplain

8 Aust 21/ B
(Unit.)
30 Apr 43
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
23 Aust
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 Apr 1943

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	2	1	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	3						Printers		1		Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		5						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers		1		Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		5		Storemen, Technical	3	6	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	17	NR	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen		7		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		3		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	24	2	NR	Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)	1	1		Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	2		Miscellaneous	743	543	194
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks	10	10					
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	NR	Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AANC	4	4	
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.	27	22	NR	AAOC	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AEME	6	3	3
Photographer, Wet Plate				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				POSTAL	1	1	
Photowriter				Mechanics, M.T.	3	3		Engine Hands, I.C.				AAPC	2	1	1
Plumber				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Saw Doctors				Moulders				Farriers							
Surveyors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				See Back			
				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	9		CARRIED FORWARD	45	56		CARRIED FORWARD	111	115		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	875	677	198

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

30 APR 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
Lt-Col
8th Battalion
Headquarters
8 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 April 43

SURPLUS DEFICIENCY

WO II

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Supernumerary due to return from "X" List. A.22's submitted.

Category	Details of Tradesmen	Quantity	Category	Details of Tradesmen	Quantity	Remarks
C.Q.M.S.	D.O. Adams	2				No reinforcements required
S/SJT	Operator, Wireless	1				Supernumerary, performing duties of Sgt Tailor
Sergeant Cooks	Panel Painter	4				Supernumerary, performing duties of Cooks.
Tailor	Stitcher	1				Duties performed by supernumerary S/Sjt Tailor.
Sig	Signaller	1				NO reinforcement required (Vacancy expected to be filled by return from "X" List)
Non-tradesmen	Signaller	5				No reinforcements required
Corporals Cooks	Signaller	1				See surplus of Sgt Cooks
Intelligence	Woodturner	1				No reinforcement required
Non-tradesmen	Driver	6				No reinforcements required
ATTACHED PERSONNEL (W.E.)						
	AMEE (Cpl) Fitter Gun	2				
	AAPG (Cpl)	1				
<p>NOTE—(a) If any other than private is listed give details on back. (b) Attached trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided. (c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.L.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back. (d) Where equipment not detailed note accordingly on front of list in the words "see back" should be written in the column for quantity. (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "see back" should be written in the column for quantity.</p>						



Date of Despatch

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Appendix 6.

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8 AUST INF BN

2 APR 43

SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK COMMENCING 5 APR 43

1.

- DAY 1 Rifle Range - Bren - Firing from hip
- DAY 2 Morning Coy Exercise - Attack
Afternoon Make and Mend
Night Tactical night march
- DAY 3 Coy exercise - Taking up a def posn & coy withdrawal
- DAY 4 Morning G.O.C's. Inspection
Afternoon TOET A/Gas, A/TK Rifle Test 1, TOET Grenade
- DAY 5 Morning TOET Map Reading
Afternoon Tactical March
- DAY 6 0930-1130 2" Mortar demonstration
1130-1230 Bayonet - SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 - Recap
1230-1330 Map Reading - Coy Comd's discretion
1500-1600 A/TK Rifle - SAT Vol 1 Pam 5 - Recap
1600-1700 General Patience Trg
1700-1800 Coy Comd's discretion

2. Coy exercises will be drawn up and submitted as per following table:

EXERCISE	TO BE PREPARED BY	TO BE SUBMITTED BY	AREA
Coy in attack	O.C. "A" Coy	1200 hrs 5 Apr 43	BRODRIBBS HIGHWAY
Coy in Defence	O.C. "B" Coy	" " " " "	HUMPTY DOO TRACK
Coy withdrawal (from above def posn)	O.C. "C" Coy	" " " " "	" "
Coy in Attack	O.C. "D" Coy	" " " " "	BN TRACK

For exercises RSM will make an allotment of explosives on a percentage basis per Coy strength. Coy attack exercise will be done by each Coy.

- 3. Bn Pde will be held on 7 Apr 43. Markers will report to RSM on Bn Pde ground at 0910 hrs. Coys will march on at 0915 hrs.
- 4. Results of all TOET will be submitted to BHQ by 1900 hrs 10 Apr 43. All Coy pers will be tested.
- 5. Weekly kit, arms, and medical inspection reports will be completed and submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 4 Apr 43.
- 6. Rifle Range Day 1 - Firing Point 156644 - Angle of fire 197°.
- 7. Respirators will be worn for periods of from 1½ to 2 hrs on Day 2 and 3.
- 8. Tactical march for Day 5 will be laid down by Bn.
- 9. All Coys will attend 2" Mortar demo at rifle range 143661 on Day 6. Lieut Hawker will arrange demonstration
- 10. Allotment of training:-

COY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
H	4	Specialist Syllabi				
A	4	1	2	3	5	6
B	4	2	3	5	1	6
C	4	3	5	1	2	6
D	4	5	1	2	3	6

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- 11. Subjects for Coy Comd's discretion periods will be submitted by 1800 hrs 4 Apr 43.
- 12. TOET Map reading will be laid down by Bn.
- 13. Details for G.O.C's inspection will be issued later.

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COY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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8 AUST INF BN "I" SYLLABUS OF TRG
WEEK COMMENCING 5 APR 43

<u>DAY 1</u>	0830 - 1215	GOC's Pde & Inspection
	1345 - 1700	Fd Sketching compared. practical .
<u>DAY 2</u>	0830 - 0845	Pde & Adm
	0845 - 1215	Exercise with wk. Recording of information .
	1345 - 1500	Discussion on morning's exercise .
	1500 - 1700	Plotting Fd Sketch done DAY 1 .
<u>DAY 3</u>	0830 - 0845	Pde & Adm
	0845 - 1215	Contouring Fd Sketch DAY 1
	1345 - 1700	Completion of Fd Sketch DAY 1
<u>DAY 4</u>	0830 - 0845	Pde & Adm
	0845 - 1100	Air co-operation - applications of points brought out in Bn Exercise .
	1100 - 1215	Lettering Practice (NT Force Schhol Notes)
	1345 - 1600	JAPANESE Vocab.
	1600 - 1700	Drill with Arms (MED Sec 46 - 49)
<u>DAY 5</u>	0830 - 0845	Aerial Photography (MMR Ch.12)
	0845 - 1100	Lecture
	1100 - 1215	Sketching from Air Photos (MMR Ch.13) Lecture .
	1345 - 1600	Austplay Cipher Practice .
	1600 - 1700	Map Refs with full co-ordinates. (NT Force Sch Notes)
<u>DAY 6</u>	0830 - 0845	P1 & Adm
	0845 - 1000	Abbreviations
	1000 - 1100	Topographical conventional signs. Practice in formation .
	1100 - 1215	Military conventional signs . Practice in formation .
	1345 - 1700	Make and mend .

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*Appendix 7.
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8 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRAINING
WEEK ENDING 18 APR 43

DAY 1 0830 - 0930 Squad Drill without Arms MED : Falling In , Opening and Closing Ranks .
 0930 - 1030 Rifle : Cleaning, Mech . SAT Vol 1 Pam 3
 1030 - 1130 Bren : Description, Holding , Loading , Aiming and Firing . SAT Vol 1 Pam 4
 1130 - 1230 Prismatic Compass MMR
 1400 - 1600 Fieldcraft : Individual Stalk MTP 33
 1600 - 1700 Squad Drill with Arms MED

DAY 2 0830 - 1700 Rifle Range : Table A Part II

DAY 3 0830 - 0930 Squad Drill without Arms . MED Forming from halt to halt , stepping off .
 0930 - 1030 Rifle : Aiming instruction and aiming off for wind . SAT Vol 1 Pam 3
 1030 - 1130 Bren : Stripping Butt Piston Groups SAT Vol 1 Pam
 1130 - 1230 Map Reading : Contours MMR
 1400 - 1700 Make and Mend

DAY 4 0830 - 2300 Tactical March

DAY 5 0830 - 1600 TsOET : Map Reading , J.D. , Grenade , A/Gas .
 1600 - 1700 Squad Drill with Arms MED Saluting , Change Arms , Trail & Change , Present .

DAY 6 0830 - 0930 Pl Drill MTP 18
 0930 - 1030 General Patience Training
 1030 - 1130 Weapon Trg : Recapitulation SAT Vol 1 Pam 12
 1130 - 1230 Squad Drill : Stepping off , Length of pace , Posn of body in marching, Eyes right or left in march . SAT Vol 1 Pam 3
 1400 - 1500 Rifle : Snap and Rapid
 1500 - 1600 Coy Comd Discretion
 1600 - 1700 Coy Drill MTP 18

2. Weekly Kit, Arms and Medical inspection reports will be completed and submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 11 APR 43 .
3. Tactical March for DAY 4 will be laid down by Bn
4. Rifle Range DAY 2 , Firing Point 143661 Angle of Fire 212°
5. Subject for Coy Comd Discretion periods will be submitted by 1800 hrs 11 APR 43 .
6. TsOET for Map Reading are available at BHQ .
7. Results of all TsOET will be submitted, to BHQ by 1200 hrs 18 APR 43 .
8. Allotment of Training

<u>Coy</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THUR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
H	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	1	3	2	4	5	6
B	1	3	4	2	5	6
C	1	3	4	5	2	6
D	1	3	4	5	6	2

"I" SECTION SYLLABUS 8 AUST INF BN WEEK COMM. 19 APR 43

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<u>DAY 1</u>	0815 - 1215	C-in-C's Parade
	1330 - 1700	Closed traverse portion of camp area. (Pd sketch)
<u>DAY 2</u>	0815 - 0900	Parade - drill etc .
	0900 - 1100	Routine Duties
	1110 - 1215	Work on closed traverse
	1330 - 1700	done DAY 1
<u>DAY 3</u>	0815 - 0900	Parade - drill etc .
	0930 - 1215	Rifle Range Practice
	1330 - 1700	combined with "A" Coy
<u>DAY 4</u>	0815 - 0900	Parade - drill etc .
	0900 - 1215	Contouring closed traverse done DAYS 1 & 2
	1330 - 1700	Completion of closed traverse .
<u>DAY 5</u>	0815 - 0900	Parade - drill etc
	0900 - 1100	Routine Duties
	1110 - 1215	Squad Drill with rifles
	1330 - 1700	Make and Mend
<u>DAY 6</u>	0815 - 0900	Parade - drill etc
	0900 - 1215	TsOET
	1330 - 1700	"

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING WEEK ENDING 2 MAY 43

8 AUST INF BN,
 23 APR 43

1.

- DAY 1 0815 - 1700 Range Practice : Rapid 100 & 200 yds , 15 rds per minute. Standing firing from the shoulder 5 rds at 100 & 200 yds .
- DAY 2 0815 - 1700 Completion of all TSOET. (Subjects for discretionary periods to be submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 25 APR 43. Bren TSOET 1,2,4,5,6, will be carried out blindfolded & separate results submitted)
- DAY 3 0815 - 1215 Range Practice : Rapid & Snap Practices of Table of Miniature Range Practices. SAT Vol 1 Pam 14. Time for rapid 1 minute unlimited amn up to 25 rds .
- 1400 - 1500 General Patience Training
- 1500 - 1600 Service Respirator : Description, Drill, Care & Cleaning .
- 1600 - 1700 Map Reading : Systems of Reference. (Notes on Map Reading Ch. VII)
- DAY 4 0815 - 1700 Coy Exercise HUMPTY DOO TK : Taking up a def posn - coy withdrawal
- DAY 5 & 6 Bn Training CHARLOTTE RIVER - PIONEER CK (Hardening, rapid reorganisation, air co-operation, movement by night, compass marching.)

2. Weekly Kit, Arms, and Medical Inspection reports will be completed and submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 25 APR 43 .
3. Rifle Range DAY 1 143661 Angle of Fire 212°
 " " " 3 156644 " " " 197°
4. All TSOET carried out during the month of APR will be completed and a complete return submitted to BHQ by 2000 hrs 27 APR 43 .
5. For rapid practices DAY 1 & 3 personnel will be built up to reach 20 rounds per minute .
6. The following lectures for officers will be held during this week at old Offrs Mess .

<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Lecturer</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
Coy in Attack. Sand Table TEWT	Capt. SHERIDAN	1700 hrs	27 APR 43
Bn Organisation of and supply in the field, and "B" Ech in the field.	Capt. KENNY	1700 hrs	28 APR 43
Coy withdrawal. Sand Table TEWT	Capt. SHERIDAN	1700 hrs	29 APR 43

7. Details for Bn Exercise will be issued later .

8. Allotment of Training

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
H	1	Specialist	Syllabi		5	6
A	2	1	4	3	5	6
B	2	3	1	4	5	6
C	2	4	3	1	5	6
D	3	2	1	4	5	6

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INTELLIGENCE SECTION

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING WEEK COMMENCING 26 APR 43

MONDAY 26

0815 - 0845 Parade and Drill
0845 - 1000 Routine Duties
1000 - 1230 Ausplay Cipher Practice
1345 - 1445 LMG Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Lesson 1 - 2
1445 - 1700 Make and Mend

TUESDAY 27

0815 - 0845 Parade and Drill
0845 - 1000 Routine Duties
1000 - 1115 Scales - constructing of MMR Ch. III
1115 - 1230 Road Recce Reports (Lecture)
1345 - 1700 Range Practice

WEDNESDAY 28

0815 - 0845 Parade and Drill
0845 - 1230 Contouring & traversing - practical of camp area .
1345 - 1445 LMG Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Less. 5-4
1500 - 1700 Thumbnail sketching - practical - MMR Sec 78

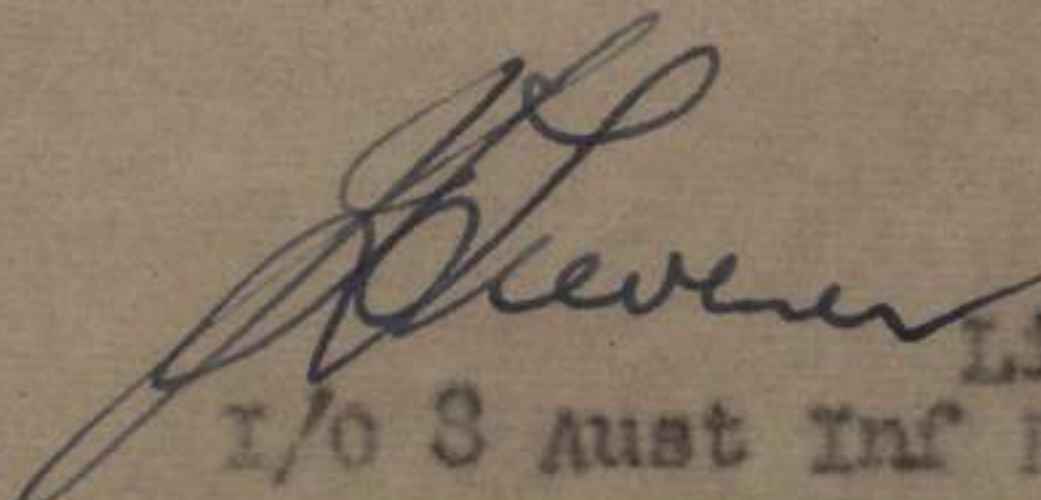
THURSDAY 29

0815 - 0845 Parade and Drill
0845 - 1000 Routine Duties
1000 - 1115 Conventional Signs . ATM 13 Supplement
1115 - 1230 Conversion of Bearings MMR Sec 41
1345 - 1445 LMG Bren SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Less. 5, 6, & 7
1445 - 1600 Ausplay cipher practice
1600 - 1700 Preparation of maps etc for exercise .

FRIDAY 30

SATURDAY 31

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}- Bn Exercise
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Lieut.
I/O 3 Aust Inf Bn .

8. Aust. Inf. Div.

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Part 5.

Copies Unit Operation Orders.

Bde Pde Inspection and March Past
dated 4 APR 43.

Appendix 10.

C-in-C's Inspection and March Past
dated 17 APR 43.

Appendix 11.

2/6 Aust. Cav. Regt. Race Meeting
dated 25 APR 43.

Appendix 12.

8. Div. O. O. No 2 dated 29 APR 43

Appendix 13.

8. Div. Sig. Diagram as at 29 APR 43. Appendix 14.

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BDE PARADE, INSPECTION AND MARCH PAST

1. The G.O.C. NT Force will inspect 23 Aust Inf Bde at 0930 hrs 5 APR 43 at 10/48 Aust Inf Bn Pde Ground .
2. Order Drill order, with waterbottles. Hats turned down. Rifles will be carried by all O/R personnel . Automatic weapons will not be carried.
3. Transport. Transport will be allotted on its arrival as per Coy strengths. A guide from each coy will report to T/O at 0730 hrs 5 APR 43 .

4. Order of Move The Bn will move out in the following order :-

Band
BHQ
H
D
C
B
A

5. S.T. 0805 hrs

6. S.P. Bn Out Gate

7. On arrival at 10/48 Aust Inf Bn tpt will be met by unit guides who will guide tpt to coy dispersal areas, where tps will be debussed and formed up in column of route ready to march on to parade ground in the following order:-

A , B, C, BHQ , H , D .

8. Guides The following personnel will report to BHQ at 0730 hrs and move to 10/48 Aust Inf Bn as arranged with T/O :-

Sjt FERGUSON	Tpt Guide
Cpl HICKS	Bn Marker
Pte FORDYCE	Tpt Guide

9. Times The following times will be observed for morning 5 APR 43 :-

REVEILLE	0600 hrs
ADM PDE	0615 hrs
BREAKFAST	0700 hrs
COY PDES	0740 hrs
EMBUS	0800 hrs
S.T.	0805 hrs

10. Band RSM will be responsible for assembly and embussing of band personnel .

11. Medical RMO will detail 2 medical orderlies with stretchers to be posted in rear of 8 Aust Inf Bn outside parade ground. 8 Aust Inf Bn will deal with cases occurring in HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde .

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C.W. THOMPSON Capt
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn

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C-in-C's INSPECTION AND MARCH PAST

8 AUST INF BN
17 APR 43

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1. A parade of the 23 Aust Inf Bde Group and attached troops will be held at 0945 hrs Monday 19 APR 43 to be inspected by General Sir Thomas Blamey C-in-C Allied Land Forces .
 2. Dress Drill Order, hats turned down, puttees, and waterbottles will be worn. Care will be taken to see that puttees are correctly rolled so that the end is level with the seam of the shorts. Rifles only will be carried for the parade, a temporary issue being made to personnel at present issued with automatic weapons .
 3. Details Details will be supplied and report as under:-

Tpt Guides	Sjt FERGUSON)	Report Sjt FERGUSON at
	Pte GARVEY		
Markers	1 per Coy)	"In Gate" at 0745 hrs

The above party will report 19 MG Bn parade ground at 0830 hrs; T/O to arrange for one 1 ton vehicle to report to "In Gate" at 0745 hrs . 1 tpt guide per coy to report to T/O at 0730 hrs .
 4. Sizing Coy pdes will be held prior to departure from Unit lines at which coys will be evened and sized.
 5. Transport Unit and AASC vehicles will transport tps to parade area. AASC vehicles will report at 0730 hrs and T/O will arrange for guides to meet transport and guide to coy areas .
 6. Order of Move (i) Coys will embus and move in the following order:-

HQ, BHQ, D, C, B, A .

(ii) T/O will ensure that HEAD and TAIL signs are displayed on front and rear vehicles respectively.

(iii) Tpt will be met at rd junc BYNOE BAY - MAIN NA Rd by unit guides who will guide to dispersal areas .
 7. Time of arrival The head of the 8 Aust Inf Bn column will arrive at rd junc at 0845 hrs .
 8. Assembly Area After debussing 8 Aust Inf Bn will be guided to assembly area by unit guide .
 9. Routine

REVEILLE	0600 hrs
BREAKFAST	0700 hrs
COY PDES	0730 hrs
EMBUS	0750 hrs
S.T.	0800 hrs
S.P.	Bn "Out Gate"

Coy must be all embussed and ready to move at 0755 hrs .
 10. Formation On parade coys will be in line but will march past by platoon . Each platoon will be commanded by an officer or serjeant, serjeants acting as platoon commanders will not salute on the command "Eyes right" .

During the march past the following distances will be observed between sub-units :-

Between coys	10 yards
" pls	5 yards
 11. Procedure The procedure for the parade will be as follows:-

Arrival, General Salute, Order Arms, Stand-at-Ease, Inspection . Bands will play during inspection. The front rank only of each coy or equivalent sub-unit will be inspected . At the conclusion of the inspection the C-in-C will address the parade after which the General Salute will be given .

For the March Past 8 Aust Inf Bn will be proceeded by 23 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.

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- 12. A/A Protection 10/48 Aust Inf Bn is supplying A/A protection for the parade .
- 13. Stretcher Parties 2/13 Aust Fd Amb is, arranging for four stretcher parties to be in attendance at rear of parade to deal with fainting cases .
- 14. Conclusion After the command "Eyes Right" 8 Aust Inf Bn will march to dispersal area to embus and return to unit lines .
- 15. Points to be observed Before leaving coy areas, coy comds will pay attention to the following points :-
 - (1) Shoulder straps must be fastened OVER equipment .
 - (2) Belts of any kind must not be visibly worn beneath webbing belts .
 - (3) Personnel must not parade with such items as fountain pens, pencils etc, protruding from shirt pockets.
 - (4) Articles though completely concealed must not be carried so that they cause the shirt pockets to bulge and protrude .
 - (5) Equipment must be fitted to the individual .
 - (6) All ranks must be impressed with the necessity for keeping the eyes perfectly steady during the inspection , looking straight ahead .
 - (7) Rigid immobility is as necessary throughout a coy AFTER the inspecting party has passed as before .
 - (8) Hair should be cut to the regulation length .

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- Spare
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Note:- Coys will submit numbers who will be on parade, to BHQ by 1600 hrs 18 APR 43. According to these returns numbers will be detailed to ensure equal strengths of coys. Personnel so detailed will report to coy to which they are allotted by 0730 hrs 19 APR 43 .

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ALL COYS , T/O , I/O , QM , File

2/6 AUST CAV REGT RACE MEETING 26 APR 43

1. ALLOTMENT Coy allotments for attendance at the above mentioned race meeting will be as follows :-

BHQ	9	
HQ	28	(incl drivers)
A	8	
B	9	
C	10	
D	8	

Above figures will include tpt picquet of 1 NCO and 6 ORs who will report to Capt MELVILLE of the 10/48 Bn on arrival at the dispersal area at the race grounds .

2. OFFICERS Officer allotment will remain as arranged with Adjt .

3. COMD OC troops will be OC "C" Coy who will be responsible for convoy movement and tp discipline throughout the day .

4. MEALS Midday and evening meals will be carried. Necessary arrangements will be made with the QM . Hot water will be available on the ground .

5. TIMINGS Troops Tps will report to OC party at HQ Coy Pde Ground at 0615 hrs 26 APR 43 .

Transport 4 x 5 ton vehs will report to HQ Coy Pde Ground at 0615 hrs .

S.T. 0625 hrs

Movement 8 Aust Inf Bn convoy will move to Bde Assembly Area at 45 mile on EAST side of NA RD, reporting at 0642 hrs, opposite the 14 Aust Coy AASC; thence under Bde arrangements to AASC Assembly Area and thence under offr 1/c movement from Bde Assembly Area to HQ AASC 12 Aust Div and return, Lieut.C. McSKIMMING, HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde .
Return from race grounds to AASC Assembly Area will be directed by offr 1/c ~~movement~~ movement AASC . Return to Bde Area directed by Lieut. McSKIMMING .

6. PICQUETS Picquet to report to Capt MELVILLE will be as follows:-

Cpl COLLINSON , Ptes BAKER, KELLY A, HARRISON H, BLAKE J, SHARROCK , McNAMARA F .

OC Party will arrange roster for relief of picquets at regular intervals .

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Capt .
Adjt 8 Aust Inf Bn .



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8 AUST INF BN O.O. No. 2

SECRET

Ref Map:- DARWIN SERIES Sheets 4,5,6 .

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INFORMATION

1. Enemy Jap Forces of approx 1 Bde have effected a landing at PIONEER BEACH and are pushing fwd toward PIONEER CK .
2. Own Tps (a) 10/48 AUST INF BN
19 AUST MG BN
(b) 10/48 AUST INF BN move tactically by MT to ELLA CK WATERHOLE thence on foot to secure track junc 795777 and cover move fwd of 19 AUST MG BN and 8 AUST INF BN
(ii) 19 AUST MG BN will move tactically by MT to ELLA CK WATER HOLE thence on foot to OBSERVATION HILL.
3. Weather Weather reports indicate that heavy convoys cannot pass point 050724 which is 1000 yds WEST of ELLA CK WATER HOLE

INTENTION

4. 8 AUST INF BN will secure track junc 740752 30 APR 43 .

METHOD

5. 8 AUST INF BN will move tactically by MT to a point 1000 yds WEST of ELLA CK WATER HOLE 050724 thence on foot to secure track junc 740752 .
6. Roles (a) "A" Coy will take up a def posn at 77 757
(b) "B" " " " " " " " " " 729749
(c) "C" " " " " " " " " " 739752
(d) "D" " " " " " " " " " 743752
(e) HQ " " " " " " " " " and maintain A/A defence at 741752 .
7. Order of Move (a) Order of move by MT to 050724 1000 yds WEST of ELLA CK WATER HOLE will be as 8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN for IMMEDIATE MOVE .
(b) Order of move fwd on foot from PIONEER CK will be as follows :- A, B, BHQ , HQ , C & D .
8. Transport (a) 14 AUST COY AASC will be lifting personnel from 42 Mile to 050724 .
(b) Unit tpt will be allotted as per 8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN for IMMEDIATE MOVE with MT .
(c) "A" Ech will move in bounds in rear of marching troops .
(d) 1 tpt guide per coy will report to T/O at 0315 hrs to guide AASC vehicles to coy lines.
(e) T/O will be responsible that HEAD and TAIL convoy signs are displayed on first and last vehicle respectively .
9. S.P. 155656 where pipe line crosses main NA RD .
10. Route SOUTHPORT RD - ELLA CK WATER HOLE
11. S.T. 0400 hrs 30 APR 43
12. V.T.M. MAIN NA RD 15
SOUTHPORT RD 10
M.I.H. MAIN NA RD 20
SOUTHPORT RD 6

PTO

METHOD (Cont)

- 13. Carriers Carriers (Mortar & Carriers) will remain at 42 Mile in charge of security guard .
- 14. Tk A Pl Tk A Pl will be responsible for the security of "A" Ech , 1 Sec fwd , 1 Sec rear
- 15. Medical (a) RMO will detail 4 S.Bs to each coy to report by 0330 hrs 30 APR .
(b) Salt tablets will be issued 2 per man per day .
(c) RAP will be established at 742752
- 16. P.O.L. All vehicles will carry full tanks and first reserve of 50 miles per vehicle .
- 17. T.C.P. RP will establish TCPs at rd junc NA RD and SOUTHPORT RD, and 1000 yds WEST of ELLA CK WATER HOLE 050724 .
- 18. Supplies (a) Three days reserve, and one days emergency ration will be carried on the man. In addition 2 days reserve and one days emergency will be carried on "A" Ech Tpt .
- 19. Water (a) Water bottles will only be filled from approved water points .
(b) Water sterilization outfits will be carried as issued and used with all uncertain water.
- 20. Amn (a) 100 rds will be carried per rifleman
(b) 6 mags will be carried per Bren Gunner
(c) 10 Mags will be carried per TSM Gunner .
- 21. Dress As per 8 AUST INF BN STANDING OP INSTN for IMMEDIATE MOVES .
- 22. "B" Ech "B" Ech will move as per Appx "A"
- 23. Pay & Postal will move with "B" Ech .

ADM

INTERCOM

- 24. BHQ will be established at 741752
- 25. Wireless restrictions nil .
- 26. One 108 with each coy to report 0330 hrs 30 APR 43 .
- 27. Synchronization Through Regtl Sigs by 0330 hr 30 APR 43 .

ACK

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

Time of Signaturehrs *1450*

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"B" ECHELON

Appx "A"

"B" Ech will move to a point 1000 yds WEST of TUMBLING WATERS and will have a meal (breakfast) prepared for unit when it reaches that point .

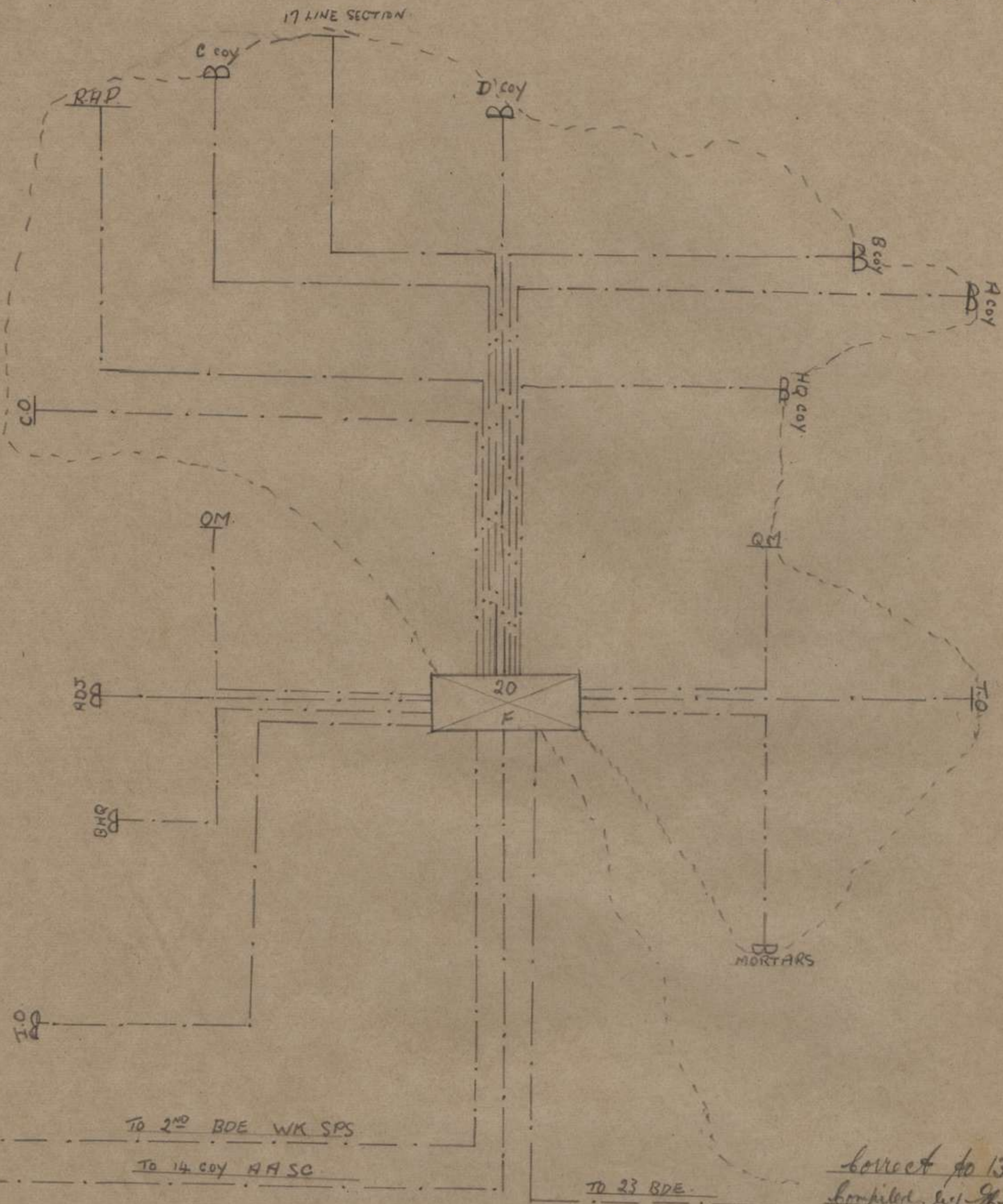
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 VTM) As per paras 9, 10, 12 of attached O.O.
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DIAGRAM NO 6.

8TH AUSTRALIAN INF BN
SIGNAL DIAGRAM

COPY NO. 6.
N/D APR 43
app. 14.



Correct to 1310 hrs
Compiled by G. Newhall
29 APR 1943

REMARKS.

BDE DRIS service 1ST run arrives 8Bn 1116 hrs departs 1118 hrs.
2ND run arrives 8Bn 1616 hrs departs 1618 hrs.
HLL lines are metallic pairs with 9 inch margin
Subscribers RHP. and QM are on a party line.

N.I.D. APR 13
APPX 15.

8441/11/1

23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 129

Compiled from information received between 1800 hrs
16 Mar 43 and 1800 hrs 5 Apr 43.

NOTE : Information contained in this Summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

NIL.

(b) Own Air Activity

Allied A/C continued to carry out offensive patrols during the period under review and long range recces were also carried out.

(i) LANGOER was attacked on two occasions on 17 Mar the first time by Hudson A/C, the bombs from which fell on buildings and the jetty. The second raid was carried out by Mitchell bombers and 17 of the 19 bombs dropped fell in the town area.

(ii) PENFOEI aerodrome was attacked by med bombers during night 17/18 Mar and again the following night.

(iii) On 21 Mar 2 MVs from 3 to 4000 tons and one small destroyer were sighted approx 40 mls SOUTH of FAK FAK and attacked. Only hits scored were by bombs which failed to explode.

Hudson A/C later took off to attack the shipping but failed to locate same. They, however, sighted 1 MV and a small destroyer at KAIMANA Bay and one possible hit was scored on the MV.

(iv) Shipping at AIBON Bay was attacked by Liberator A/C on 25 Mar, vessels 8/10000 and 6000 tons were left burning.

The town area was also bombed and large fires started.

Interception was made by EA after bombing had been completed and one was shot down.

(v) BABO was target for Liberator A/C on 1 Apr 43. Bombs were dropped in the target area and big fires started. One fire was considered to be a fuel or bomb dump burning.

(vi) Other attacks on isolated shipping and towns were also carried out during the period under review.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Operations.

(i) Enemy activity during the period under review has been mainly confined to 3 attacks on ORO Bay. On 28 Mar 21 medium bombers, 10 - 15 dive bombers with heavy fighter escort inflicted considerable damage. Allied A/C intercepted destroying 11 fighters for certain with 4 probables.

Two raids were carried out on 29 Mar with only slight damage.

(ii) MERAUKE was raided by 7 medium bombers on 26 Mar. 40 bombs were dropped causing damage to civil administration buildings and a jetty.

(iii) PORLOCK Harbour was also attacked.

(b) Our Own Aircraft

Allied Air effort has been successfully directed at bombing and strafing of enemy shipping, dromes, dumps, installations and positions and also at intercepting EA as referred to in para 2(a)(i).

On 29 Mar an enemy convoy was sighted 50 mls SW of KAVIENG. Allied A/C shadowing the convoy were intercepted 3 times by a total of 21 enemy fighters, and 2 were shot down whilst 2 others were probably shot down. When bombers attacked the convoy they succeeded in either sinking or badly damaging one of the vessels.

(c) Land Operations

Allied forces are now in possession of MUBO and OBSERVATION HILL, but troops at last named position are held up by enemy troops on the EASTERN slopes. Three of our patrols in this area have been engaged by rifle, LMG and Mortar fire from enemy situated NE of OBSERVATION HILL and at the junction of BUIGAP CREEK - BITOI RIVER. Our patrols are endeavouring to push the enemy from the last mentioned area.

Elsewhere land operations have been confined mainly to active patrolling by both sides

3. NEW BRITAIN

Allied A/C has been particularly active in this area. All the known aerodromes on the Island have been bombed. A particularly heavy raid was carried out on the three air fields situated in RABAU area on 23 Mar 43 with very good results.

Shipping in the area has been successfully attacked.

On 25 Mar RABAU township was bombed and most of the bombs dropped fell in the NORTHERN section of the town.

4. Enemy shipping in the area has been constantly attacked and the most successful of these attacks was on 3 Apr when 1 probable heavy cruiser and one probable Light cruiser were sunk at KAVIENG. Two direct hits and 2 near misses causing 2 large explosions on a large destroyer and 1 hit and 2 near misses on a probable destroyer in the same convoy.

5. SOLOMONS

Activity in this area is confined to attacks by allied A/C on Japanese shipping and aerodromes.

R. McCarthy
Major
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION "B".

"B" bay, found to be by reference to

W/RD APR 43

appx. 16.

14 Apr 43

23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 130

Compiled from information received between 1800 hrs
5 Apr 43 and 2000 hrs 13 Apr 43

NOTE : Information contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

On 9 Apr an enemy floatplane attacked an Allied convoy. One bomb was dropped without effect. The EA was driven off by a Hudson carrying out anti-submarine patrol ahead of the convoy.

(b) Own Air Activity

- (i) Offensive and recce patrols have been carried out by Allied A/C during the period under review.
- (ii) Five attacks have been carried out on TIMOEKA and adjacent areas. Fires were started and on one occasion either a fuel or bomb dump was set on fire.
- (iii) On 8 Apr 12 large barges and 1 motor patrol vessel were sighted 20 mls WEST of KAUNAU and were bombed and strafed. A fire was started in the patrol boat and on three of the barges.
- (iv) Targets in the TANIMBAR Gp were attacked with successful results on four occasions.
- (v) A number of other attacks were made on targets in the AROE Gp, BABO, FAKFAK and TIMOR.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Operations

Enemy aerial activity has been mainly confined to an attack by 45 fighters and dive bombers on PORT HARVEY (5 mls SE ORO BAY) on 11 Apr. Allied fighters made interception and succeeded in destroying 5 dive bombers and 11 fighters for certain whilst 1 dive bomber and 5 fighters were probably destroyed.

(b) Own Air Activity

Japanese bases on the NE coast of NEW GUINEA from MUBO up to WEWAK have been attacked from time to time with successful results.

The most successful of these raids took place on 9 Apr when 13 MITCHEL bombers bombed and 10 Beaufighters strafed MADANG and vicinity. This raid resulted in 5 grounded A/C, including 2 bombers, being destroyed as well as a petrol waggon set on fire.

GYRON MISSION (5 1/2 mls NORTH of MADANG) and ALEXISHAFEN were also strafed in this attack. Hy damage was sustained at the last-mentioned place where buildings, power house and saw-mill were left burning furiously. Amongst the buildings burned was that of the Japanese HQ in the area.

Allied hy bombers attacked WEWAK area for nearly 2 hrs on 10 Apr. Two fires were started amongst buildings in seaplane base on KIRIRU Island. One 1000 ton cargo vessel was destroyed, one 500 ton ship received either a direct hit or a very near miss, and one 1500 ton ship was strafed and set on fire. The camp area was heavily bombed and an amm dump exploded. AA posns were also silenced.

The same day/Mitchell bombers attacked BOGIA and ULINGAN harbours. Many light bombs were dropped in the villages and fires started. Two direct hits on a bty of 5 HMGs silenced the post.

(c) Land Operations

Patrolling by both Japanese and Allied forces has been active, On 6 Apr it was reported that an enemy patrol approached MARKHAM RIVER headwaters NORTH WANKUN (4mls SE of MARAWASA) from the DIRECTION of RAI coast (SAIDOR area) whilst on 9 Apr a large party of Japanese, probably from DANARU (9mls NORTH of INOMBA) was reported to have recently passed INOMBA 30 mls NORTH by EAST of BENA BENA.

Enemy patrols assisted by natives are also reported to be active in WEWAK hinterland and YAWIL area.

In the MUBO area active Allied patrolling continues.

3. NEW BRITAIN

CAPE GLOUCESTER airfield was bombed by Allied A/C. Bombs fell along South WEST side of runway in the vicinity of 3 EA. The saw-mills at ULAMONA (2 mls SW UBILI) was also attacked and bombs were seen to fall amongst lumber stacks.

4. NEW IRELAND

Allied aerial activity in this area has been mainly confined to recces. The new strip at PANAPAI (4000 yds SE KAVIENG) was bombed on 8 Apr but results were not observed. Later the same day the airfield at KAVIENG was attacked and all bombs fell on NW end of runway.

W. McCarthy
Major
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Appendix 17 H.I.D. APR 43

C. Coy

return to ID

25 Apr 43

25 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence Summary No 131
(Compiled from information received between 2000 hrs
13 Apr 43 and 1800 hrs 24 Apr 43)

NOTE : Information contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

It has now been confirmed that the enemy float-plane referred to in para 1(a) of 23 Bde Intelligence Summary No 130 was shot down into the sea by the Hudson A/C that drove it off. The only enemy activity in this area during the period under review was on 19 Apr when a type DINAH A/C was on recon over the area.

(b) Own Air Activity

Allied A/C continued to carry out offensive patrols to TIMOR, DUTCH NEW GUINEA and to the enemy occupied islands NORTH of DARWIN. Extensive patrolling was also carried out. TIMOLKA and KAIMANA (DUTCH NG) received a great deal of attention from our bomber A/C. At both these places fires were started as a result of the attacks.

The raid on KAIMANA on 16 Apr resulted in buildings and a probable supply dump being hit. A fire started was visible for 60 miles.

On 15 Apr Hudson A/C bombed and strafed OSSU (TIMOR). Three minutes after bombing a large explosion and white smoke was seen; buildings were hit and destroyed.

On 17 Apr Allied heavy bombers attacked AMBON with good results. Although low clouds obscured vision the bombs were dropped in the coal jetty area. Numerous large fires and explosions were observed EAST of the coaling jetty and SOUTH of the main wharf. Ten to twelve enemy fighters made interception as the bombing run was made. The attack was concentrated on the two leading A/C one of which shot down four of the interceptors. Another enemy A/C was possibly destroyed.

On night 18/19 Apr heavy attacks were carried out against KOEPANG and PEMFOE I. Bombs were dropped in target areas and fires started in both areas.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Operations

The enemy followed his heavy raid on PORT HARVEY (referred to in NTF IS No 149) by an attack on Allied airfields in vicinity of MORESBY on 12 Apr. Like the PORT HARVEY raid the enemy suffered heavy losses. Approx 100 enemy planes took part in the attack and 17 bombers and 9 fighters were definitely destroyed and it is considered that 5 bombers and 1 fighter were probably destroyed.

Another heavy raid was carried out in the MILNE BAY area on 14 Apr when 76 enemy aircraft participated, some damage to allied shipping was occasioned. In the raid 8 MBs, 2 DBs and five fighters were destroyed by allied intercepting A/C while 6 MBs and two DBs and one fighter were so badly damaged that it is considered improbable that these A/C reached their bases. No other enemy aerial activity has been carried out apart from a raid on MOROBE by a single A/C. NO damage or casualties were sustained as a result of the bombing.

(b) Own Air Activity

Enemy installations, shipping and lines of communication along the NORTH coast have been raided by allied A/C. In one of these attacks a B24 when intercepted over WENAK shot down 6 enemy fighters and one probable out of a total of 12 intercepting A/C.

(b) CWR AIR

Enemy shipping at HANSA BAY and WENAK as singled out by allied heavy bombers. On 12 Apr 12 heavy bombers attacked shipping and installations at HANSA BAY. One 8/10,000 ton cargo vessel after suffering three direct hits was left burning from stem to stern. Another vessel of 8,000 tons was also left burning. 15 enemy fighters intercepted and 6 were shot down. Later the same day 6 B24s carried out a further attack. As a result of bombing a 5/6000 ton vessel was left sinking after an attack on HANSA BAY shipping on 14 Apr.

One enemy cargo vessel of 6/8,000 tons was sunk in WENAK Harbour on 15 Apr. Two other vessels one 6/8,000 tons and the other 8,000 tons were badly damaged and probably sunk.

(c) Land OperationsBOGADJIM - SAIDOR area

On 15 Apr it was reported that enemy patrols were at YAULA (10 miles SOUTH by WEST BOGADJIM) DIMAN (21 miles SE BOGADJIM) SEREMERI (15 miles SW SAIDOR) SINGOR (15 miles WEST by NORTH SAIDOR) MAIBANG (12 miles WSW SAIDOR) GOGO (17½ miles WEST by SOUTH SAIDOR) whilst coastal patrols were being carried out between BOGADJIM and MUR.

In the MUBO area patrolling is being carried out by allied troops.

3. NEW BRITAIN

The enemy airfields have again been the chief targets for allied air attacks on this island. The raids have been light, the majority being carried out by single aircraft. After one of these raids a fire started at VUNAKANAU dispersal area was visible for 50 miles.

4. NEW IRELAND

Allied air effort has been exerted against the town of KAVIENG, its two airfields and shipping in the vicinity.

Photographs taken revealed damage to one heavy cruiser NORTH BRUDESSON Island, and one 6,000 ton MV badly damaged and awash at KAVIENG.

One B17 on recce over KAVIENG on 15 Apr was intercepted by enemy A/C and three were probably destroyed.

5. SECURITYJapanese pronunciations

Japanese inability to pronounce pass words containing several "l's" has been widely discussed, but the equal or even greater difficulty of the "v" sound is perhaps less widely known.

Internee YOSHIDA Yisuo is an educated young Japanese who can pronounce "lallapaloosa" quite well ^{out} is quite incapable of saying "very" "vehicle" or "vandal" all of which he pronounces as "W's" YOSHIDA studied English for 7 years under an American Missionary in SUMATRA and has a good general control of the language.

D. McCarty
Major
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

SECRET

In lieu of AF C2128

TO / 42 Fd Bty 8 Bn[✓] 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 180 2

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1400IK/1 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) recce reported
30 mar new brs spanning streams rivers along track parallel coast
WEWAK to MANDANG (.) enemy reported BILAU (2½mls WNW SAIDOR) and
SAVEI (1 ml NORTH SAIDOR) (.) enemy still occupying KITCHEN creek
(MUBO area) maintaining ambush posns EAST OBSERVATION HILL (.)
our patrols engaged jap posn junc BUICAP creek BITOI river 29 mar (.)
NO details (.) five japs killed KOMIATUM track (.) out tps
OBSERVATION HILL encountered accurate mortar and small arms fire
from woods (.) sixteen japs killed two captured mouth KUMUSI river
24 mar (.) patrol reports NO further trace second party japs PORLOCK
harbour area.

M. J. ...

Lieut

0945IK

S E C R E T

In lieu of AF C2128

To: 42 Bty 8 Aust Inf Bn 10/48 Aust Inf Bn 19 Aust MG Bn

From: 23 Aust Inf Bde I 185 4

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1900/IK 3 apr (.) NG(.) considerable enemy activity
KITCHEN CREEK BITOI river area dusk 30 mar(.) 31 mar four enemy barges
moved LABABIA island towards DUALI(.) our observation posts VICKERS
RIDGE area bombed by enemy mortars believed located DRY CREEK area 31
mar (.) our A/C bombed strafed KITCHEN CREEK area 1 apr(.) all bombs
target area fires started(.) huts at DUALI brachet EAST MUBO on coast
enclose brachet also strafed

*See
that the
log is*

Robert H. Rose

Lieut

1100 hrs

SECRET

In Lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Fd Bty 8 Bn[✓] 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 187 5

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1030Z/4 (.) NG (.) party japs with picks
shovels left KAIPIT for SANGAN (seven mls SOUTH KAIPIT) natives
report some destined LAE 31 mar (.) patrol attacked and forced
withdraw BOBDERI 1 apr (.) much enemy movement between LABABIA
island and coast six barges appeared contain tps (.) 1 apr
shipping KAVIENG bombed (.) two large explosions one from
stationary 8/10000 cargo ship (.) bombs fifty ft off large ship (.)
bombs straddled bow cargo ship 5/6000 tons which halted and
appeared settle down

J Fox Capt

1515 hrs.

SECRET

In Lieu of AF C2128


TO 42 Fd Bty 8 Bn 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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5

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1200/IK 5 Apr (.) NG (.) coastal area MUR to
MINPIRI (twentytwo mls NNW SAIPOR) occupied by enemy 3 Apr (.) japs
patrolling inland (.) nothing to report MUBO area (.) active patrols
continuing PONA to MOROBE (WARIA river area) (.) one hy cruiser one
lt cruiser reported sunk SILVER SOUND (KAVIENG) 3 apr (.) LABABIA island
village bombed also sup dump area LABABIA and DUALI 3 apr (.)
KITCHEN creek area bombed straffed 3 apr


Lieut

0905IK

SECRET.

In Lieu of AF CE128.

TO 42 Fl. Bty. 8Bn. ✓ 10/48 Bn. 19 MB Bn.

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde. I194 8

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1300 14/7 (.) land operation nil (.) DUTCH NG (.)
5 Apr TIMORKA bombed fires started (.) NG (.) 5 Apr MADANG building
area bombed AA posn EAST and runway silenced (.) 5 Apr huts from MUR
to 2 miles NORTH SAIBOR strafed (.) 5 Apr SALAMAUA bombs dropped SOUTH
end runway (.) 5 Apr FINSCHHAFEN bombs dropped middle runway (.) NEW
IRELAND (.) 1 to 4 Apr result attacks 1 cruiser 1 cruiser or destroyer
sunk 1 destroyer badly damaged probably sunk 3 destroyers 2 cargo
5/6000 tons each 1 vessel 6000 tons damaged.

A. J. L. ...
..... Lieut. ✓

0930

SECRET

In lieu of AF C2128

TO : 8 Aust Inf Bn, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn, 42 Bty, 19 Aust MG BN

FROM : 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 196

9

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1500 IK/8 (.) NG (.) eight japs landed WEST coast
HUGHES BAY (FERGUSON island) 1 apr (.) three killed (.) natives report
sixteen japs in barge landed NARINA island (TROBRIAND gp) 1 apr (.)
SALAMAUA bombed large fires started AA posn silenced (.) buildings
FINSCHHAFEN airfield strafed (.) two set on fire

Rammond Paul
Capt

Leut
1030 hrs



In lieu of AF C2128

SECRET

42 FD BTY, 8 BN, 10/48 BN, 19 MG BN.

From 23 AUST INF BDE.

I 200

11

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1500 IK10 (.) NG (.) 7 Apr our patrol reports NO enemy or natives encountered vicinity DUALA NO barge activity seen from LABABIA island but voices clearly heard (.) new strip at PANAPAI 4000 yds SE KAVIENG bombed 8 apr (.) one patrol vessel 12 power barges bombed strafed KAUKENAU NG 8 apr (.) two probable hits three near misses fire started patrol vessel and three barges some barges damaged

*See
Smith
Hagerd*

J Fox

Capt

0915 hrs

SECRET

In lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Fd Bty 8 Bn 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 203 13

sitrep to 1400IK/12 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) RAMU VALLEY (.) 9 apr large party JAP recently passed INOMBA (30 mls NORTH by EAST BENA BENA) probably from DANARU (9 mls NORTH INOMBA) (.) MARKHAM (.) 6 apr natives report enemy patrol approached MARKHAM river headwaters NORTHWANKUN (4 mls SE MARAWASA) from direction of RAI coast (SAIDOR area)(.) 7 apr NO enemy reported KAIAPAT and ONGA (9½ mls SE KAIAPAT) (.) MUBO area (.) 9 apr enemy posns NORTH slopes LABABIA ridge estimated strength 35 to 40 (.) WEWAK (.) 10 apr enemy patrols assisted by natives active WEWAK hinterland and YAMIL (32 mls WEST WEWAK) (.) 9 apr A/C observed well constructed rd brs BOGIA to MANDANG and pontoon br over SEPIK about 1 ml inland from coast (.) active patrolling continues all areas (.) TIMOR (.) 6 hudsons bombed strafed OSSU VIQUEQUE (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 10 apr 10 B-17s 6 B-24s attacked WEWAK area (.) 2 fires started amongst seaplane base KAIRIRU IS (.) WEWAK (.) one 1000 ton cargo vessel destroyed one 500 ton direct hit or very near miss one 1500 ton ship strafed starting fire (.) camp area heavily bombed AA posns silenced am dump exploded

J Jox Capt ✓

0935IK

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Kathleen
papers*

SECRET

In lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Pz Bty 8 Bn 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 204

13

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1000 hrs 13 apr (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 22 enemy seen moving approx $\frac{3}{4}$ ml NORTH MUBO 11 apr (.) enemy ops suspected this area (.) NO enemy reported HOTE (3 mls WNW BOBDUBI) (.) considered NO japs LUSANCAY island from KADGI to KANAPU islands (KIRIWINA IS) NO enemy KOTTITA IABOIA LUABELA WAGABU CHALATA islands (AMPHLETT group D'ENTRECASTEAUC islands) (.) FINSCHHAFEN LAE MANDANG areas bombed 11 apr fires started (.) one B-17 intercepted by 10 F KAVIENG 11 apr (.) 2 F destroyed certain plus one probable 3 damaged (.) 40 to 45 F and dive bombers attacked PORT HARVEY (5 mls SE ORO BAY) 11 apr (.) allied F intercepted destroying 5 dive bombers 11 F certain plus 1 dive bomber 5 F probable

M. J. ... Capt

1541IK

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Kuljal
15 apr 49*

SECRET

In lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Fd Bty 8 Bn^v 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 25 Aust Inf Bde I 208 14

SITREP to 1030IK/14 (.) NG (.) MARKHAM (.) 10 apr No enemy seen MUNUM area (thirteen mls NW LAE) (.) MUBO (.) 12 apr our patrols ambushed OBSERVATION HILL (.) our casualties slight (.) NO enemy seen (.) air operations (.) 12 apr TOEAL AROE islands bombed (.) NG (.) 12 apr one B24 shot down at least six certain one probable of approx twelve intercepting Fs WEWAK area (.) 12 apr shipping attacked HANSA bay at ~~XXXX~~ least one direct hit two vessels burning (.) 12 apr nine P 40s attacked two flts med Bs our Flt Fs thirty mls NORTH cape WARDHUNT destroying three Bs one F (.) MORESBY raided by approx fifty med Bs escorted by approx fifty Fs attacked SCHWIMSER BERRY WARDS airfields (.) seven pers killed some damage grounded A/C engrs camp damaged large fuel dump partly destroyed (.) allied A/C intercepted AA engaged resulting 15 Bs 9 Fs destroyed in combat plus two Bs by AA (.) 4 Bs 1 F probably destroyed (.) 11 apr three B17s bombed strafed VUNAKANAU and RAPAPO airfields bombs fell three hundred yds NORTH RAPAPO runway fire started SW dispersal area (.) fire started VUNAKANAU dispersal area visible fifty mls (.) two of four intercepting Fs destroyed (.) 12 apr one submarine ST GEORGES CHANNEL bombed and sunk

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Capt

1605IK

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15 April 48

In Lieu of AF C2128.

SECRET.

TO:- 42 bty, 19mg Bn, 8 Bn, 10/48 Bn.

FROM:- 23 Aust Inf Bde Hqs.

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SITREP to 0900 IK/15 (.) NG (.) WEWAK (.) 13 Apr unconfirmed report enemy at OIMBUAKE (on SEPIA river sixty five mls from mouth and connected WEWAK by good tracks) (.) MUBO (.) 13 Apr new enemy posns being prepared in KUNAY approx 1100 yds WNW June BITOI river BUIGAP creek (.) patrol to coast report contact enemy vicinity DUALI but no details (.) AIR (.) NG (.) 12 Apr six B17s six B24s attacked shipping and installations HANSA bay (.) three direct hits one 8/10000 ton cargo boat left burning stem to stern direct hit one 8000 ton cargo boat left smoking badly amidships one near miss one other vessel (.) fifteen Fs intercepted six shot down (.) MORESBY (.) 13 Apr raid 106 one MB two Fs (enemy) shot down plus three MBs probable

*Jan 1945
16 April 1945*

..... *J Fox* Capt.

1555IK

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SECRET

In lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Fd Bty 8 Bn ✓ 19 NG Bn 10/48 Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 215 17

sitrep to 1145IK/16 (.) NG (.) MOROBE (.) 14 apr patrol reports NO
enemy PAIAWA (24 mls NW MOROBE) (.) BANDA SEA (.) 14 apr one B24
attacked warship vicinity BABAR IS several near misses (.) 2 hudsons
bombed timoeka bombs target area (.) NG (.) 5 B17s 3 B24s attacked
shipping HANSA BAY (.) 3 direct hits by SKIP bombs 5/6000 ton cargo
vessel seen sinking (.) enemy raid 24 MILNE BAY by 34/36 MBs 10 DBs
20 Fs (.) some damage shipping small fuel dump destroyed NO damage
grounded A/C all strips serviceable (.) enemy losses 8 MBs 4 DBs 2 Fs
destroyed plus 2 MBs 1 DB 1 f probable (.) reports incomplete

J Josc Capt

0940IK

Josc

In lieu of AF C2128

S E C R E T

TO : 8 aust inf bn, 10/48 aust inf bn, 19 aust MG bn, 42 bty

FROM : 23 aust inf bde

I 216

17

SITREP to 1100 IK/17 (.) LANDOPS nothing to report (.) AIR (.)
TIMOR (.) 15 apr three hudsons bombed strafed OSSU (.) one direct
hit causing loud explosion which demolished buildings (.) TANIMBAR
islands (.) one hudson bombed ship on SARI KILMASA reef (seven mls
off EAST coast JAMOENA island) five near misses followed by hy oil
slick (.) NG (.) three B17s attacked LAKUNAI airfield (.) bombs on
the target large flashes several fires seen but searchlights
obscured observation (.) NEW IRELAND (.) one B17 on recce
intercepted by 8-10 Fs over KAVIENG (.) three Fs probably
destroyed (.) enemy (.) ref raid twenty four MILNE BAY latest
figures reveal enemy losses eight MBS two DBs five Fs destroyed
certain six MBS two DBs one F probable four MBS two Fs damaged (.)
interception made by thirty six P40s and eight P38s

J Fox Capt
~~Lieut~~

16151K

SECRET

in lieu of AF C 2128

I 227 ✓

TO 42 Bty, 8 Aust Inf Bn, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn, 19 Aust MG Bn

FROM HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

GS1/2260

18

secret (.) sitrep to 2000IK/18 (.) NG (.) 50 JAPS crossed mouth
FRANCISCO river 15 apr heading SOUTH (.) patrols report 16 apr
enemy posns NE slope near LABABIA RIDGE NOT occupied for some
time (.) patrol moved 1000 yds NORTH from point on LABABIA RIDGE
track 2100 yds EAST MUBO (.) NO contact with enemy (.) B25s
attacked BAUCAU 16 apr (.) bombs target area causing fire (.) B24s
bombed KAIMANA 16 apr resulting large fires town area visible
60 mls (.) 4 B24s attacked shipping WEWAK 15 apr resulting one
cargo vessel 6/8000 tons sunk one cargo vessel 6/8000 tons
badly damaged listing probably sunk one tpt 8000 tons on fire
listing possible sunk one gunboat damaged

J box

Capt

1645 hrs

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Miller
replied.*

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in lieu of AF C 2128

I 224

TO 42 Bty, 8 Aust Inf Bn, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn, 19 Aust MG BN

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde

GSI/2268

19

secret (.) sitrep to 0800IK/19 (.) NG (.) 16 apr enemy moving
in DRY creek bed fired on and dispersed (.) KCMIA TM reported
occupied by small party japs with three LMGs one mortar (.)
our tps raided KOMIATUM night 15/16 apr NO details (.) air
operations (.) B24s bombed AMBON 17 apr fires started

*See
full report*

J Fox Capt ✓
1420

1520 hrs

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In lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Fd Bty 8 Bn 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf **Bde** I 235 20

secret (.) sitrep to 0900IK/20 (.) NG (.) native reports indicate enemy reinforced from LAE strongly hold LABABIA DUALI NASSAU and SACHEN bays (.) land approach ~~xxx~~ mined by enemy (.) NO enemy SOUTH SACHEN bay (.) the patrol covering enemy ambush VICKERS RIDGE fired on (.) extensive enemy underground posns SALAMAUA quarry (.) 26 mar to 15 apr enemy patrols reported YAULA (10 mls SW BOGADJIM) DIMAN (21 mls SE BAGADJIM) SEREMERI (15 mls SW SAIDOR) SINGOR MAIBANE (12 mls WSW SAIDOR) (.) coast patrols between BOGADJIM and MUR (.) strength patrol MAIBANG one inf pl equipped LMGs and hand grenades followed by party strength 60 SEREMERE MAIBANG rd (.) enemy appeared well trained and equipped (.) further party moving from FINSCHAFEN towards SAIDOR (.) DARWIN area (.) One EA type DINAH recce BATCHELOR to DARWIN 1000IK/19 (.) NIL interception

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Capt ✓

1500IK

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In lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Bty 8 Bn 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 239

22

SECRET (.) SITREP to 0900IK/21 (.) NG (.) enemy patrol arrived
WILWILAN (two mls EAST by SOUTH SAIDOR) by rd from MANDANG 19 apr
three japs killed KWAIWATA island (fifty mls WSW WOODLARK island)
(.) catalina bombed straffed mission buildings FINSCHAFEN (.) two
large smoke colns (.) also straffed edge runway and buildings on
southern end (.) one catalina bombed straffed two large buildings
SOUTH of WALD BAY (twenty seven mls NW of FINSCHAFEN)

M. J. ...
Capt

0905IK

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In lieu of AP C2128

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TO 42 Pd Bty 8 Aust Inf Bn 10/48 Aust Inf Bn 19 Aust MG Bn
FROM HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde. I 242 23

sitrep to 1030IK/23 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 20 apr active patrolling continues MUBO area (.) aerial recce reveal no brs over RAMU river for 25 mls inland from mouth NO brs over SEPIK river for 37 mls WSW of mouth NO evidence coastal rds RAMU to SEPIK rivers (.) ~~21~~ TIMOR (.) 21 apr 3 B25s bombed LAGA (10 mls EAST BAUCAU) bombs SE portion town causing hy black smoke from possible fuel dump (.) 20 apr hudson A/C bombed strafed DOBO (.) 2 direct hits buildings and cemetery (.) 3 beaufighters strafed FP anchorage & fuel dumps in cemetery police barracks and huts

J Fox
Capt
10 23 Aust Inf Bde

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Muller reports*

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In lieu of AF C2128

42 Fd Bty, 8 aust inf bn, 10/48 aust inf bn, 19 aust mg bn
23 aust inf bde
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SECRET (.) SITREP to 0900 hrs 24 apr (.) NG (.) 22 apr enemy concentrated WILWILAN (one and one half mls EAST SAIDOR) (.) enemy patrol encountered one ml SW of DUALI 20 apr two enemy killed (.) enemy ~~patrols~~ ^{scouts} encountered KITCHEN creek area (.) enemy patrolling WEST from KOMIATUM track (.) japs SALAMAU reliably reported suffering from lack of food and illness (.) DUALI LABABIA island villages SOUTH shore NASSAU bay bombed and strafed 22 apr (.) huts blown up

J Fox Capt

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25/4/42.*

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In lieu of AF C 2128

TO 42 Bty 8 Bn 10/48 BN 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 248 26

sitrep (.) to 1230IK/25 (.) NG (.) 23 apr jap reports occupy MAPRICK (25 mls WEST by SOUTH WEWAK (.) 22 apr ex police boy escaped japs states extensive def systems munition dump and hosp underground from quarry SALAMAUA isthmus (.) system electrically lit protected by guns (.) NW area (.) 24 apr liberators successfully bombed KENDARI countless fires started (.) 5 intercepting A/C shot down (.) 3 hudsons sank 1 vessel near KAI island (.) 1 hudson sank 2-masted prau NORTH of SERMATA IS (.) NG (.) 23 apr beaufighters thoroughly strafed W/T sta and enemy dispositions SALAMAUA (.) NEW IRELAND (.) 23 apr B25 bombed 7000 ton cargo ship 50 mls SE KAVIENG one direct hit one near miss resulting smoke rising 3000ft vessel left sinking

J. Fox Capt

1315IK

*Acc
Hussler
27 April 48*

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In lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Pd Bty 8 Bn 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 249 26

secret (.) sitrep to 1200 hrs 26 apr (.) NG (.) reliably reported
japs expected MARUI (48 mls SW WEWAK) during next fortnight (.)
22 apr patrol reports NO enemy junc BITOI overflow BUITIVAI river
MUBO area (.) one jap airman captured 2 mls SSE cape FRERE 24 apr
(MILNE BAY area) (.) one B24 on recce WEWAK area 24 apr shot down
5 of 10 intercepting A/C (.) four A20s bombed strafed GREEN HILL
(1½ mls NE MUBO) all bombs target area (.) one B24 bombed SINGOR
village (.) smoke still visible 20 mins later (.) one EA dropped 2
bombs strafed DONA area 23 apr (.) NIL damage or casualties

*Alan
H. H. Co
27 Apr 48*

J. J. J. Capt

1555IK

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In Lieu of AF C2129

TO 42 Pz Bty 8 Bn ✓ 10/48 Bn 19 Pz Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 251 27

SECRET (.) SITREP to 0900 IR 27 apr (.) NEW GUINEA (.) enemy positions GREENS HILL (1 1/2 mls NE MUBO) attacked and encircled two enemy killed 24 apr (.) positions 200 yds deep wall dug in which medium machine guns (.) enemy 70mm guns shelled VICKERS RIDGE no casualties (.) 24 apr 3 A20s bombed strafed GREENS HILL & OA (.) a B17s bombed WEWAK airfield fires started (.)

*Don Muskell
29 apr 48*

for Capt

Co Keffe Lieut

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S E C R E T

In lieu of AF C2128

TO 42 Fd Bty 8 Bn 10/48 Bn 19 MG Bn

FROM 23 Aust Inf Bde I 256 28

SECRET (.) SITREP to 1000IK/28 (.) NG (.) 16 apr 1 jap killed ambush pt (AYERARE river delta) (.) 24 apr patrol found unoccupied enemy posn SW slope OBSERVATION HILL (.) enemy GREENS hill reported 45/50 in strength with 2 med MG and 7 LMG (.) our attack unable dislodge enemy and our tps withdrew to allow arty mortar and AS on enemy posn (.) during the withdrawal 50/60 enemy attempted cut off one pl without success (.) 24 apr enemy engaged one pl NE KOMIATUM own casualties NIL 18 enemy killed (.) 26 apr patrol penetrated within 1200 yds MARKHAM point (5 mls NW MARKHAM river mouth) NO movement seen

J Josc Capt

1545IK

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29 Apr 48*

S E C R E T

in lieu of AF C2128

To 42 Bty 11 Aust Fd Regt, 8 Aust Inf Bn, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
19 Aust MG Bn

FROM HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

I 259

30

secret(.) sitrep to 1430tk/29 (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 25/4 LABABIA OP
overrun by enemy(?) - OP reestablished 26/4 (.) 27/4 reports state
bridges over river SERANG harbour (27 miles N by W MADANG) either
washed out or destroyed (?) TIMOR (.) night 28/29/4 three B25s
attacked KOEPANG fires started (.) 27/4 one catalina bombed
FINSCHHAFEN bombs 600 yds WEST of FINSCHHAFEN mission violent explosions
in target area after A/c departed (.) 27/4 one B17 bombed W/Tsta
GASMATA direct hit set building on fire (.)

*Allen
Hansel
2 May 43*

E. Kuffe
101 Capt

1025 hrs