

EXTRACTS FROM GROUP QUARTERLY TRAINING REPORTS

TOE's Elementary Subjects

Gp A - Partly completed. Expect to complete tests during this period.
 " B - All units report progress.
 " C - Except 28 Bn, almost completed.
 " D - Rapidly completing.
 " E - Approx 60% completed
 " F - Progressing towards completion

Average Hours of Training

Gp A - 68 hrs
 " B - 118 hrs (Week-end camps created high average)
 " C - 105 "
 " D - 63 "
 " E - 68 "
 " F - 69 "

Weapon Training

Gp A - 15 Hrs
 " B - 25 " (Week-end camps created high average)
 " C - 20 "
 " D - 16 "
 " E - 10 "
 " F - 10 "

Drill

Gp A - 7 hrs
 " B - 10 "
 " C - 9 "
 " D - 9 "
 " E - 9 "
 " F - 8 "

Fieldcraft

Gp A - 24 hrs
 " B - 32 hrs
 " C - 34 "
 " D - 19 "
 " E - 18 "
 " F - 19 "

Minor Tactics

Gp A - 7½ hrs
 " B - 18 " (Week-end camps created high average)
 " C - 20 "
 " D - 7 "
 " E - 14 "
 " F - 15 "

Grenades

Gp A - 6 hrs
 " B - 6 "
 " C - 4 "
 " D - - "
 " E - 4 "
 " F - 4 "

Night Training

Gp A - 6 hrs
 " B - 12 "
 " C - 11 "
 " D - 8 "
 " E - 8 "
 " F - 9 "

Specialist Sub-units HQ Coys

Gp A - All units formed. Training progressing satisfactorily.
 " B - Sig units report progress. MR fair Standard improving.
 " C - Sig units well trained in each Bn. MR generally good.
 " D - Sig units formed and being trained. Other units organised.
 " E - Sig units under strength, recruits being trained MR improving.
 " F - All units formed.

Intelligence

- Gp A - All units have "I" Section in training to Group Syllabus
- " B - Two units GOOD, other units receiving instruction.
- " C - Well trained and co-operating in all exercises.
- " D - All units report "I" Section formed and being trained.
- " E - Unit "I" Section working to Group Syllabus.
- " F - Training in accordance with Group Syllabus

Range Practices

- " A - Units report Table A nearing completion. 90% qualified.
- " B - All units completed Gpg and Appn 80% qualified
- " C - One unit completed LMG & HMG. All units completed $\frac{1}{2}$ of practices. 85% qualified
- " D - Table A nearing completion. 80% qualified
- " E - All units completed grouping. Part completed Appn. 75% qualified
- " F - Table A nearing completion. 90% qualified

The following training is reported upon -

First Aid

A, B and C Gps report classes under R C

MT Training

All Groups making progress. B Gp reports additional 14 passed tests.

A/A and CPD

A, B and C Gps report trg being carried out under supervision of Cord CPD and A/A Defences.

Field Engineering

C Gp reports 30 hours trg.

Mounted Infantry

C and D Gps Report progress in trg

Mobilization Tests

A, B, C and D Gps report several satisfactory trials

Internal Classes, Officers and NCOs

- Gp A - Weekly classes
- " B - 4 Bns regular weekly classes.
- " C - Weekly and at weekends, both Gp and Bn
- " D - Nil
- " E - Nil
- " F - being formed on weekly Pdes

		Night	Day	1 Day
<u>Number of Pdes within Gps</u> (Other than week-end courses and Bn Camps).	Gp A -	64	42	14
	" B -	50	37	32
	" C -	126	89	-
	" D -	39	-	39
	" E -	16	23	3
	" F -	13	1	3

Week-end Exercises & Camps
6 Days or over

Gp A - 16 Bn	3	
22 Bn	1	
Gp B - 4 Bn	2	
5 Bn	5	
6 Bn	2	
32 Bn	1	
Gp C - 7 Bn	1	
8 Bn	15	
9 Bn	2	(1 9-day school)
10 Bn	2	
19 Bn	1	
24 Bn	1	
Gp D - 13 Bn	1	
15 Bn	1	
Gp E - 23 Bn	3	
Gp F - 17 Bn	1	9-day camp
27 Bn	4	

Average attendance on Pdes

Gp A - 70%
" B - 62%
" C - 78%
" D - 62%
" E - 72%
" F - 60%

Standards reached by Units

A Group

1 Bn - Fair	16 Bn - Fair
3 Bn - Fair	30 Bn - Fair
22 Bn - Progressing to fair	2 Bn - Fair

B Group

4 Bn - Fair	20 Bn - Progressing to fair
5 Bn - Good	31 Bn - Good
6 Bn - Fair	32 Bn - V Good

C Group

7 Bn - Good	12 Bn - Fair
8 Bn - Good	19 Bn - Poor
9 Bn - Good	24 Bn - Poor
10 Bn - Progressing to good	28 Bn - Good
11 Bn - " "	

D Group

13 Bn - V fair
14 Bn - Poor
15 Bn - Fair

E Group

23 Bn - Fair	26 Bn - Fair
25 Bn - Fair	29 Bn - Poor

F Group

17 Bn - Good
18 Bn - Good
27 Bn - Fair

PTD ATTENDANCES AT SCHOOLS FOR QUARTER - JAN TO MAR 43

A GROUP

2 Aust Army School Narellan	13
2 Aust Army School Seymour	39
2 Grn Bde School	1
VDC Sig School	9
VDC Mtd Inf School	1
TOTAL	<u>63</u>

B GROUP

2 Aust Army School Narellan	24
2 Aust Army School Seymour	33
2 Grn Bde School	2
VDC Sig School	10
VDC Mtd Inf School	4
1 Div RAB Demolition School	12
1 of C Hygiene School	2
TOTAL	<u>87</u>

C GROUP

2 Aust Army School Narellan	38
2 Aust Army School Seymour	54
2 Grn Bde School	22
VDC Mtd Inf School	3
1 of C Hygiene School	6
"I" School	16
Sydney AA Defences	5
Transport & MT	26
Tank Attack School	11
VDC Sig School	20
TOTAL	<u>201</u>

D GROUP

2 Aust Army School Narellan	13
2 Aust Army School Seymour	26
2 Grn Bde School	6
1 of C Hygiene School	2
VDC Sig School	6
VDC Mtd Inf School	13
TOTAL	<u>66</u>

E GROUP

2 Aust Army School Narellan	10
2 Aust Army School Seymour	26
2 Grn Bde School	14
VDC Sig School	7
VDC Mtd Inf School	40
TOTAL	<u>97</u>

F GROUP

2 Aust Army School Narellan	16
2 Aust Army School Seymour	25
2 Grn Bde School	6
VDC Mtd Inf School	4
1 of C Hygiene School	2
LHQ Camouflage School	1
VDC Howra School	7
VDC Sig School	4
TOTAL	<u>65</u>

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Appendix D U

REF SET CD NO 1 - KEMBLA

19/5/43
G O 15/15/43
29 May 43

KEMBLA Fortress

Copy to BRA

In accordance with LNW 81239 of 19 May.

1. It is advised that a REF set CD No 1 will shortly be required in the KEMBLA area. This set will provide early warning of the approach surface craft as desired by RAF.
2. It is desired that a site be chosen for this equipment and a decision taken as to whether a CD No 1 Mk IV (Mobile) is necessary or whether CD No 1 Mk V (Static) can be used as is normal in a Fortress role.
3. It is advised that recommendations for the addition of 15 Aust Special Radio Detachment (Lower Establishment) to the GCE have been made for the operation of this equipment.
4. Comd KEMBLA Fortress will report to Second Aust Army in the terms of para 2 above by 5 Jun 43.

Calhoun
Brig GS
Second Aust Army

Appendix DV

SECRET

SECOND AUST ARMY

G Ops 1602/5

RECORD OF FIRST CONFERENCE OF COMBINED

PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT

SECOND AUST ARMY 19 May 43

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PRESENT:

Gen Offr Adm Comd Second Aust Army - Maj Gen F P DERHAM DSO VD
Rear Admiral in Charge SYDNEY NAVAL BASE - Rear Admiral
G C MUIRHEAD GOULD DSC RN
Air Officer Commanding Eastern Area - Air Vice Marshal
W H ANDERSON CBE DFC

DA & QMG Second Aust Army - Brig R C G PRISK
GSO I (Ops) Second Aust Army - Maj A L NYMAN
Acting Comd SYDNEY Fortress - Col P L MOORE
GSO I SYDNEY Fortress - Lt Col C W C THOMPSON

Chief SO SYDNEY Naval Base - Capt J M ARMSTRONG RAN
SO (Int) SYDNEY Naval Base - Pmr Lieut R SISLEY RANVR

Senior Air SO Eastern Area RAAF - Wing Comd W G COMPAGNONI
SO (Ops) Eastern Area RAAF - Sqn Ldr W H ARNOTT
Area Int Offr Eastern Area RAAF - Sqn Ldr S JAMIESON

INTRODUCTION

1. The Gen Offr Adm Comd Second Aust Army read the relevant parts of LHQ Operation Instruction No 46, and same were discussed. It was agreed that this instruction was substantially the same as instructions issued by the Departments of the Navy and Air.

COMBINED PLANNING COMMITTEE

2. The CPC will be organized as under and will assemble normally the first WEDNESDAY of each month and at such other times as Members of the committee shall desire:

GOC-in-C Second Aust Army - Chairman
Rear Admiral in Charge SYDNEY
AOC Eastern Area RAAF

SERVICE WITH PREDOMINATING INTEREST

3. It was agreed that the ARMY is the service with predominating interest in the Defence of the Ports of NEWCASTLE, SYDNEY and PORT KEMBLA.

LOCAL DEFENCE COMMANDERS

4. The Local Defence Commander for the Ports listed above will be:-
 - (a) Commander NEWCASTLE Fortress
 - (b) Commander SYDNEY Fortress
 - (c) Commander KEMBLA Fortress

It was noted that this should take effect only operationally and only in the event of an enemy landing or threatened landing.

LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEES

5. Local Planning Committees will be organized as follows:-

(a) NEWCASTLE

Comd NEWCASTLE Fortress - Chairman
 Naval Offr in Charge NEWCASTLE
 CO No 2 Fighter Sector RAAF

(b) SYDNEY

Comd SYDNEY Fortress - Chairman
 Chief SO SYDNEY Naval Base
 CO No 1 Fighter Sector RAAF

(c) PORT KEMBLA

Comd KEMBLA Fortress Chairman
 Naval Offr in Charge PORT KEMBLA
 CO No 1 Fighter Sector RAAF or his representative

AIR OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTRE

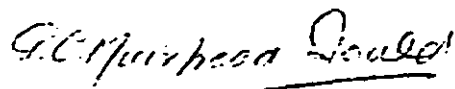
6. AOC Eastern Area stated that there would be one AOIC in NSW, located at POINT PIPER. The method of passing information from the AOIC was discussed and it was agreed that the following Liaison Officers were necessary to maintain continuous manning:-

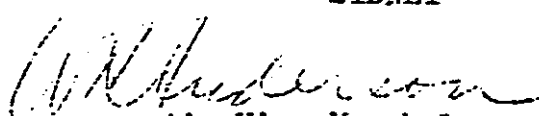
- (a) NAVY 1 Naval Officer and 3 WRANS ratings
- (b) ARMY 3 Officers

AIR RAID WARNINGS

7. It was recommended that the Commander SYDNEY Fortress should be the only authority responsible for passing Air Raid Warnings for the whole of NSW south of the boundary with First Aust Army because:-
- (a) there is generally only one source of filtered information (No 1 Fighter Sector)
 - (b) the very considerable disruption in essential industries due to a "Blackout", required that a senior officer should be responsible for the RED warning which should be passed only in the case of major raids.
 - (c) NES HQ for the whole of NSW is in SYDNEY.
8. The Rear Admiral explained the peculiar position with regard to lighting at the dock under construction; and it was agreed that this should be treated as a special case and dealt with as occasion arose, by the Rear Admiral.


 Major General
 Adm Comd Second Aust Army


 Rear Admiral in Charge
 SYDNEY


 Air Vice Marshal
 Commanding Eastern Area

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Headquarters

Second Aust Army

8 Jun 43

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO 29

Trucks - Nomenclature in War Establishments

It has been suggested that the term "truck" implies that the vehicle is of the four wheel drive type, and in order to clear any misconception on the matter, the following information is published.

2. The term "truck" signifies that the vehicle concerned is a War Department type, distinct from the conventional chassis types known as "vans" and "lorries".

3. The bulk of future deliveries will be War Department types, and conventional types will gradually be eliminated, therefore new War Establishments will usually designate "trucks" instead of "vans" and "lorries" as previously shown.

4. When trucks are shown on a War Establishment without specifying the type of drive, the unit must assume that its entitlement is for 4 x 2 vehicles only. If at any time its operational role is such that 4 x 4 vehicles are necessary then that type of vehicle will be issued irrespective of the entitlement.

for *V.H. Benson*
Brig GS
Second Aust Army *Maj*

Distribution:

1 Aust Div
3 Aust Army Tk Bde
HQ Sydney Fortress
Newcastle Fortress
Kembla Fortress
Southern Training Centre
Units of Army Tps
List A

APPX. 31

SECRET

SECOND AUST ARMY

INSTRUCTIONS TO ARMY WATCHKEEPERS AT AIR OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

CENTRE SYDNEY

RESPONSIBILITIES AT AOIC SYDNEY PURSUANT TO SECOND AUST ARMY

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION No.29 of 28 MAY 43

SECOND AUST ARMY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. SECOND AUST ARMY is responsible:-

- (a) for continuance of the present TRP and CRCP organisation and the system of collection of information and passing thereof to AOIC.
- (b) for passing instructions to Army personnel concerning collection of information and will be responsible for the ship recognition code.
- (c) for the time being to provide liaison Officers at AOIC as required.

CONTROL AT AOIC

2. Pursuant to recommendations of RAAF Eastern area:-

- (a) All reports to be passed by telephone from AOIC will be under the control of the supervisor of AOIC.
- (b) General control at AOIC, of collection, collation and passing of information shall be vested in the supervisor.
- (c) Eastern area RAAF Daily Intelligence Operational Summary will go to Second Aust Army only.
- (d) L of C and the late ODH shall be deleted from the distribution of all material from AOIC.
- (e) Army Liaison officers, whilst on duty at AOIC will be subject to the control of the RAAF AOIC Supervisor.

PASSING INFORMATION

3. Information from AOIC will be passed to the relevant Fortress or VDC HQ, as the case may be, by telephone and will be repeated to SECOND AUST ARMY. With the exception of reports to SECOND AUST ARMY, information passed by telephone should be limited to such as may necessitate or foreshadow operational activity by the recipient.

4. Other information in addition to that in para 4 will be contained in Log and Incidents sheets to go to SECOND AUST ARMY at 0900 hours each day. These will include any matters of military security reported through AOIC by the coast reporting organisation.

5. When an incident is reported which may affect two or more Fortresses, all Fortresses will be informed.

.....8.June 43

AOIC
ARMY WATCHKEEPERS AT AOIC (3)
SYDNEY FORTRESS
KEMBLA FORTRESS
NEWCASTLE FORTRESS
VDC (NSW)

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WAR DIARY (2)

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SECOND AUST ARMY

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W. 1000 2/42

Unit INT SEC - SECOND AUST ARMY Date and Time.—From 1 APRIL To 31 APRIL 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ SECOND AUST ARMY PARRAMATTA	1 Apr		TX6142 Capt R J Murray detached for temporary duty with Movement Ctrl. Duties to consist of direction and supervision of army personnel whilst working on wharves during shipping strikes.	
	2 Apr		Series of 5 minute Lecturettes commenced on all intelligence subjects, to take place at conclusion of daily information talks in Ia sub-section.	
	4 Apr		Maj A G Cameron departed on leave to Sth. Aust (5 days balance of leave due in December)	
	5 Apr		VX579 Grn Loughton marched in for probationary period of 14 days as a draughtsman. Attached to I(t) sub-section.	
			V180910 Pte B Bugden commenced home leave.	
	6 Apr		VX112209 Capt S F Millear evacuated to 113 AGH for eye treatment.	

G.S. 11
Second Aust Army

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit INT SEC - SECOND AUST ARMY Date and Time.—From 1 APRIL To 31 APRIL 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ SECOND AUST	6 Apr		V316952 Pte R H Miller commenced home leave	
ARMY PARRAMATTA	8 Apr		Capt Millear returned to duty from 113 AGH.	
			Capt Millear and Lieut A W McMichael reported for duty at	
			CIC for instruction and training.	
			NX100718 Capt W E Potts departed on 4 days home leave.	
			Maj A G Cameron resumed duty from leave.	
	10 Apr		VX104399 Capt W. Hallion marched in from HQ New Guinea Force	
			and was posted to Ia Research as IO.	
			Capt Potts resumed duty from leave.	
			Liaison visit of Lieut Hennessey OC "M" FS Section to discuss	
			security measures to be taken in view of eminent movement	
			of 1 Div units.	
	12 Apr		NF444781 Pte E D Moyse marched in for duty.	

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G.S. (I)
Second Aust Army

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Unit INT SEC - SECOND AUST ARMY

Date and Time.—From 1 APRIL To 31 APRIL 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ SECOND AUST ARMY	15 Apr		L/Cpl Homer of "L" FS Section marched out to join RAAF (Aircraft)	
ARMY FARRAMATTA			Capt H R Seeger left for Melbourne on Security Duties.	
	16 Apr		Capt R J Murray returned to GS (Int) Second Aust Army after having been attached for duty on wharves during wharf strike.	
	17 Apr		Capt H R Seeger returned from duty at LHQ Melbourne. It was decided at Conference that GS (Int) Second Aust Army would assume control of COIC and be responsible for its manning.	
			Officers suitable for transfer from Vic L of C Int Section were interviewed.	
			NF453103 Pte P G Murphy marched in and was posted to I(a) Sub-section.	
	20 Apr		Capt R J Murray departed for Hobart on leave and Liaison duties with Tas Force.	
	23 Apr		Sgt McNab departed for Melbourne on home leave.	

[Signature]
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Second Aust Army

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ SECOND AUST ARMY PARRAMATTA	26 Apr		NX113169 Capt A R Baldwin reported to GS (Int) from NSW L of C for duty and was posted to I(b) Sub-section.	
	27 Apr		NX101585 Lieut E Ipkendanz reported to GS (Int) from NSW L of C and was posted to I(t) Sub-section.	
	28 Apr		NX32363 Lieut R B McKenzie marched in from LHQ School of MI as OC "L" BS Section vice V148147 Lieut G S Pritchard who was transferred to I(b) duties.	
			Capt H A K Hunt evacuated to 103 AGH with influenza.	
	29 Apr		NX101579 Lieut H R Pigott reported to GS (Int) from NSW L of C for duty and posted to I(c) Sub-section.	
	30 Apr		Maj Cameron, Capts Seeger, Hunt, Baldwin, Hallion, attended demonstration of Arty practice at Tinjarra Range.	

29 *G. S. (I)*

G.S. (I)
Second Aust Army

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Box 33

AUSTRALIA

30 Jul 43

Adv LHQ

SECOND AUST ARMY COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT

20 JUN 43

In accordance with LHQ SECRET letter SK9415 of 29 May 42, Second Aust Army submits herewith the Combat Efficiency Report for the period ending 20 JUN 43.

Lt Gen G. Mackay
Lieut-Gen
GOC-in-C Second Aust Army

Copies to : DA & QMG

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✓ War Diary (2)

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OUR NORTH ENDS 20 JUL 48

1 453 DIV

Serial No	Formation etc (down to Liv Bns and Cos)	Approx percentage available with units													Strength of personnel	Role or Task	Present employment (e.g. assembly trg, preparations for operations)
		Weapons									Transport						
		Rifles	Lt MGs	MGs	SUAGs	2" Mortars	3" Mortars	8 pps	9 pps	25 pps	40mm weapons	MT	Cannons	Tanks			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
1	Div HQ	100	100	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	-	-	39	Army reserve for Def of Area	Training
2	1 Aust Inf Bde Gp	62	56	79	37	111	66	66	100	-	-	65	70	-	52	"	"
3	9 Aust Inf Bde Gp	73	67	83	52	111	72	233	100	100	-	60	66	-	60	"	"
4	23 Aust Inf Bde Gp	48	44	57	35	111	50	200	100	100	-	65	70	-	45	"	"

REST SECRET

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF SECOND AUST ARMY

FOR MONTH ENDED 30 JUN 43

Serial No	Formation etc (down to Div Bns and Edes)	Approx percentage available with units														Role or Task	Present employ- ment (e.g. assembly training preparations for operations)
		Weapons										Transport			Strength of personnel		
		Rifles	LMGs	MMGs	SNCOs	2" mortars	3" mortars	2 prs	6 prs	25 prs	40mm weapons	MT	Carriers	Tanks			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
5	3 Aust Army Tr Bde	98.2	16.5	-	3.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	53.1	63.6	92.6	86.5	As determined by Second Aust Army	Training

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF SECOND AUST ARMY

FOR MONTH ENDED 20 JUNE 43

Serial No	Formation etc	Gen standard of officers and NCOs	Phase of training covered during the month	Type of warfare formations considered capable of	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Div HQ	Pit	--	B	Notes (a) (b)
2	1 Aust Inf Bde Gp	"	Jungle Range Practices Map reading School for Offrs and NCOs, TENTS Specialist trg	Units other than Inf Bns and Pd Coys	
3	9 Aust Inf Bde Gp	"	Jungle range Practices Sig Exercise One Bn aquatic Trg at ATC Arty manoeuvre	C	
4	23 Aust Inf Bde Gp	"	Signal Exercise Jungle range One Pd Bty aquatic Trg at ATC	"	

Notes: (a) Inf Bns at Cadre strength only

(b) Strengths of 25 and 26 Aust Pd Coys 25 to 30 personnel only (excl young soldiers)

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS IN CODE (u)

A Efficient and experienced in mob offensive ops.

B Efficient as a formation for mob offensive ops, but not experienced.

C Individual bdes or regts are efficient for mob offensive ops, but higher training has NOT been completed

D Individual bdes or regts are efficient in a static role, additional bde or regtl and higher training is required

E Units have completed training. A considerable amount of bde or regt and higher training is required
F Unit training is NOT yet complete. (Where this applies, state when it is expected to be completed).

NOTE - FOR US FORMATIONS TYPES OF WEAPONS AND ET WILL BE ALTERED ACCORDINGLY.
(ALL MAJOR WEAPONS AND VEHICLES TO BE INCLUDED).

Lieut-Gen
CCC-12-C Second Aust Army

MOST SECRET

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF SECOND AUSTRALIAN ARMY

FOR MONTH ENDED 20 JUN 43

Serial No	Formation etc (down to Div Bns and Bdes)	General standard of officers and NCOs	Phase of training covered during the month	Type of warfare formations considered capable of	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
5	Army Tr Bde	Fair to good	Adv specialist trg - crew and tp trg. Individual trg new personnel.	P. See footnote	

Note: (a) As to 2 Aust Army Tr Bn, individual trg of new personnel will be completed by end of July 1943, and unit fitted for sqn tactical trg. Six weeks after provision of M3 med (Gen LEE) the 2 Aust Army Tr Bn should be fitted for an op role.
 (b) As to 3 Aust Army Tr Bn, individual trg of new personnel will be completed by end of July 1943, and unit fitted for sqn tactical trg. This Bn should be fitted for ops by end of August 1943.
 (c) If there is a possibility of using either of these bns for ops in accordance with this report, an ample issue of trg arm will be required.

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 (ALL MAJOR WEAPONS AND VEHICLES TO BE INCLUDED).

Lieut-Gen
 GOC-in-C Second Aust Army

APPX. 34

OE SECOND AUST ARMY

1 May 43

31 May 43

PARRAMATTA

- 3 OE to Brig. HAIN arranging to meet him at WAGGA, 5
- 4 (80th Rds & Bns) departed for SAAJLS SEYMOUR to complete construction of assault course. 6
- 5 OE visited PORT KEMBLA interviewed Lt-Col KNOX Ref OKFD HQs accommodation. Thence to RAETO WAGGA.
- SORE (Cam). attended night shoot at BLUE FISH PT. -- Dummy A.A. Flashes.
- Advising LHQ of provision of £544/10/4 from GOCinC Imprest A/c -- for purpose of accessories -- preparation of Bns for Strategic Demolition.
- Advising LHQ of provision of £1900/-/- from GOCinC Imprest A/c for installation of 60 pr guns "COFFS HARBOUR".
- 6 IORE - Made Recce for Water Supply "Tianjara" Arty Range. 6
- Recommendation to DA & QMG that accommodation for AWAS patients and female nursing staff be provided at Camp Hospital - REIDTOWN.
- 7 1830 OE returned from WAGGA. 7
- IORE inspected site for OKFD HQs with Lt-Col KNOX. 7
- IORE also inspected site for additions to REIDTOWN Hospital. 8
- 9 OE attended demonstration by 3 Aust Army Tk Bde - SINGLETON Area. 7

John Nathan
O.C. SECOND AUST ARMY

PARRAMATTA

- 10 Maj. A.M. FORBES - marches into HQ Second Aust Army from HQs & SYDNEY Fixed Defences.
- 12 Transfer of personnel from HQs SYDNEY Fixed Defences - NORTH & HEAD - for posting to OE Staff HQ Second Aust Army.
- 13 OE & Maj. Forbes visit to NEWCASTLE.
- 15 OE & Maj. Forbes - to RUTHERFORD Army Tk Bde, & Arm'd Bde, re RAE co-operation.
- Cam Offr - Camouflage instruction D & E Platoon.
- 16 OE & Maj Forbes - to HQs N/CASTLE FRT - Conference RAE - ex RAE Officers.
- OE & Maj. Forbes - Inspection 2/11 At ATC NELSON BAY.
- OE & Maj. ^{Forbes} Discussion Comd A.A. Gp re AVAS accommodation with AVAS, SO's
- 16 OE & Maj Forbes - inspection AVAS accommodation -- AA and Coast Defence with AVAS SO's
- Maj. R.I. Graham. - returned from S.M.E. Course No. 85.
- 17 OE & Maj Forbes - Inspection 26 Fd Coy BERESFIELD.
- OE & Maj. Forbes returned to HQ Second Aust Army.
- Transfer - N 100669, Capt. E.V. BLAYDES - From HQ SYDNEY Fixed Defences to OE Staff HQ Second Aust Army & Posting as SORE (Stores)

R. H. G. G. G. G.
C.E. Second Aust. Army

PARRAMATTA

18

SOBE (Cam) Conference with Prof. DAKIN SYDNEY University

Advising INQ of additional amount of \$150/-/- being made available from GOC in C Imprest A/C for installation of concrete magazines.

2015

80th (Stores) Departed for COFF'S HARBOUR. (Installation of 60 pr guns).

19

1300

VX 108049 T/Capt. C.M.J. MORGAN Marched out and posted to RAE 4 Aust Div.

1730

IORE Sent to HAWKESBURY 1730 hrs to arrange protection of Boom - Flood damage.

Maj. Forbes - Inspection - GREEN POINT for Twin 6 pr guns.

20

IORE At HAWKESBURY Boom protection.

Recommendation to Einc that type 'A' Water Tps Section revert to RAE.

21

OE inspected SYDNEY Frt Areas.

SOBE (Cam) Inspected Camfig work at FLAT ROCK.

IORE At HAWKESBURY arranged release of net from "Southern Boom".

22

Recommendation to AMS Transfer RAE personnel to RAA.

K. H. Nicholas
C.E. Second Aust. Army

PARRAMATTA

22

IORE reported damage to HAWKESBURY Boom, and with party of 20 from 57 Fd Pk released net from remainder of Southern Boom.

23

Maj. R.I. Graham- Home Leave.

Suggestion to Ein C ref trg of Water Transport gps.

24

SORE (Cam) Attended production Run of Woolanet at "NAIRNS"

To OO RAE KEMBLA SYDNEY, NEWCASTLE Fmt Advising installation of Reserve Water Supply Tanks.

25

SORE (Cam) Visted by SORE (Cam) NG Force- Re deceptive camouflage "Good enough Island."

Permission granted to D of R for opening Boom in BOTANY BAY for TAREN POINT Ferry.

IORE Inspected work done by party of 20 personnel 57 Fd Pk on Northern Boom HAWKESBURY RIVER.

26

SORE (Rds & Bns) returned from SAAJLS SEYMOUR Assault Course completed.

Report to 'G' Ops Ref Storm damage to Anti Tank Walls -- MANLY - CRONULLA.

27

SORE (Cam) Conference with Col. DOBSON CHED. And inspection of Camouflage - O.Ps at TOMAREE.

Kath. Chantant
D.E. Second Lt. Army

PARRAMATTA

28

SORE (WES) Conference with 2 Aust CE (Wks) re AVAS
accommodation.

SORE (Cam) Visit to Frt Areas and A.A. Btys.

29

Report to HGS on storm damage to Drop Br. over A/Tk ditch
WEST DAPTO Road.

SORE (Cam) Visit to REMBIA Frt Area - Inspection of camouflage
within the Command.

CE Visited H/OLE Frt Comd. Inspected W/Shops site with DISE.

Robert Graham
..... Brig
O.E. Second Aust. Army

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted)

Unit HQ SECOND AUST ARMY

Date and Time.—From 1000 hrs 12 June To 1000 hrs 27 June 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PARRAMATTA	12 JUN 43		SECOND AUST ARMY ADM INSTN No 89 - MOVEMENT OF 2/3 AUST LT AA BTY AND WKSHOP SUB-SEC - QX.5783/27/2/27	
PARRAMATTA	20 JUN 43		SECOND AUST ARMY ADM INSTN No 90 - MOVEMENT - DET OF 13 AUST FD SVY DEPOT - QX.6060/27/2/27	
PARRAMATTA	23 JUN 43		SECOND AUST ARMY ADM INSTN No 91 - MOVEMENT OF 6 AUST MG BN AND 307 AUST LAD - QX.6087/27/2/27	
PARRAMATTA	24 JUN 43		SECOND AUST ARMY ADM INSTN No 92 - MOVE OF 147 AND 148 AUST LT AA BTY WKSHOP SUB SECS - QX.6100/27/2/27	
PARRAMATTA	25 JUN 43		SECOND AUST ARMY ADM INSTN No 93 - MOVE OF 2/2 AUST FD REGT, SIG SEC & 2/40 AUST LAD - QX.6107/27/2/27	
PARRAMATTA	27 JUN 43		SECOND AUST ARMY ADM INSTN No 93 - AMENDMENT TO - QX.6126/27/2/27	
PARRAMATTA	27 JUN 43		SECOND AUST ARMY ADM INSTN No 94 - MOVE OF "DAPFODIL" - QX.6134/27/2/27	

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B.L.

"Q" BRANCH
HQ SECOND AUST. ARMY

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DATE 12 JUN 43

QX.5783/27/2/27

SECOND AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 89

MOVEMENT OF 2/3 AUST LT AA BTY AND
WKSHOP SUB-SEC

1. GENERAL

Reference is made to LANDFORCES SD36611 of 9 Jun 43 and Second Aust Army O.1968 of 11 Jun 43 in which the above units are warned to move to NORTHERN areas. Following action will be taken to prepare for movement.

2. PERSONNEL

(a) Units will move at present strength and all personnel will be DPL (including dentally) before movement, in accordance with Second Aust Army ROs A.356/42 and A.16/43.

(b) Provisions of GRO A.321/43 will be carefully observed.

3. POSTING OF OFFERS

A nominal roll of officers is to be forwarded to this HQ, which will include the following:-

Army No
Substantive and present temp rank
Name
Name of parent unit
Date of departure
Explanatory note on any offer who does not move with the unit or sub-unit

4. PERSONAL AND UNIT EQPT, ACCOMMODATION STORES

(a) Personal Eqpt

(i) Personnel will be issued with clothing and necessaries as authorised in GRO O.205/43 (Scale "B") and subsequent amendments. Jungle Green drill will be issued. Shorts, Khaki drill will be withdrawn before movement.

(ii) Greatcoats and service dress will be retained by personnel but will be withdrawn at a later stage in onward movement under instructions Q'Land L of C Area.

(iii) Personal arms and eqpt will be issued in accordance with appropriate WE Tables.

(b) Unit Eqpt

(i) Unit and attached sub-section will be equipped with full scale unit eqpt as laid down in appropriate WE Tables.

(ii) DDME Second Aust Army will ensure that all MT and unit eqpt is in Class 1 condition for movement and that the Wkshop Sub-Sec is

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sufficiently equipped to operate in the field.

- (iii) Initial extracts of WE Tables E2(a) will be prepared and forwarded immediately to DADOS SYDNEY Fortress. Separate returns are required for controlled and uncontrolled stores.
- (iv) Comd SYDNEY Fortress will arrange for a census of controlled stores and MT, indicating deficiencies to be submitted direct to HQ Second Aust Army immediately.
- (v) Second Aust Army will advise later if the proposed conversion to Air Borne establishments necessitates any reductions in equipment scaling.

(c) Accommodation Stores

Scale "A" accommodation stores but NOT tentage will accompany unit and sub-sec. In the event of any move by sea, cooking utensils will be loaded so as to be readily available for use if required.

5. AASC SUPPLIES

- (a) Unit and sub-sec will carry two days' reserve rations in addition to one day's emergency (dehydrated) ration carried on the man. A certificate that these rations are held will be forwarded to DDST Second Aust Army on 15 Jun 43.
- (b) Expense stores as authorised under WE Tables will be drawn and packed ready for movement.
 - (i) Scale allowable for troops in tropical areas will be drawn.
 - (ii) Water sterilizing outfits and insect repellants will be carried by the unit and sub-sec and issued only upon authority of OC.

6. POSTAL SERVICE.

AD Posts Second Aust Army will arrange for Army and personal mail to be re-directed. Destination will be advised under separate memorandum.

7. PARTICULARS OF MOVEMENT

- (a) No move will take place before 16 Jun 43.
- (b) Requirements of GRC 318/43 will be complied with.
- (c) Attention is directed to relevant sections of "Standing Orders for Movement within Australia and its Territories 1942."

8. REPORT

Comd SYDNEY Fortress will report to HQ Second Aust Army by 16 Jun 43 as to readiness of Bty and Wkshop Sub-sec in all respects for movement.

Redmond Capt
for BRIG
DA & QMG SECOND AUST ARMY

DISTRIBUTION

COMD SYDNEY FORTRESS	1 - 6
AMS	7
DMS	8
DDST	9
DDOS	10
DDME	11
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FOR INFORMATION

G(SD)	13
GS(I)	14
DA & QMG	15
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DATE: 20 JUN 43

QX.6060/27/2/27.

SECOND AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 90

MOVEMENT - DET OF 13 AUST FD SVY DEPOT

1. GENERAL

In accordance with LANDFORCES SD 38155 of 19 Jun 43 and Second Aust Army O.2031 of 20 Jun 43 the above detachment will prepare for movement to NORTHERN areas by taking the following measures.

2. PERSONNEL

- (a) All personnel will be DPI and dentally fit for draft before movement in accordance with Second Aust Army RO's A.356/42 and A.16/43.
- (b) The provisions of GRO A.321/43 (Young Soldiers) will be observed.

3. PERSONAL ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

- (a) Personnel of the detachment will be issued with clothing and necessaries in accordance with GRO O.205/43 (Scale "B") and subsequent amendments. All shorts KD will be withdrawn prior to movement. Jungle green drill will be issued.
- (b) Service dress and greatcoats will be retained by personnel. These articles will be withdrawn at a later stage in onward movement.
- (c) Personal arms and equipment will be issued in accordance with appropriate unit WE Tables.
- (d) Tents, mosquito will be carried by each member.

4. AASC SUPPLIES

- (a) Personnel will carry one day's emergency rations.
- (b) Water sterilizing outfits and insect repellent also supply of atabrin tablets will be issued to each member.

5. POSTAL SERVICE.

AD Posts Second Aust Army will arrange for personal mail to be re-directed.

6. REPORTS

OC 13 Aust Fd Svy Depot will furnish a report by 23 Jun 43 that the detachment is ready in all respects for movement.

Redmond Cap
BRIG.
DA & QMG SECOND AUST ARMY.

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13 Aust Fd Svy Depot	1
DMS	2
DDST	3
DADOS (Army Troops)	4
AD Posts	5

FOR INFORMATION.

GS (SD)	6
CE	7
SO SVY	8
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DATE: 23 JUN 43

QX.6087/27/2/27

SECOND AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 91

MOVEMENT OF 6 AUST MG BN AND 307 AUST LAD

1. MOVEMENT ORDER

As directed by LANDFORCES SD38919 of 22 JUN 43 and Second Aust Army 02042 of 23 JUN 43, 6 Aust MG Bn and 307 Aust LAD will prepare for movement to 2 Aust Corps Area in accordance with the following instructions.

2. PERSONNEL

- (a) All personnel will be DPL and dentally fit before movement vide Second Aust Army RO A356/42 and A16/43.
- (b) Provisions of GRO A321/43 (Young Soldiers) will be complied with.

3. POSTING OF OFFICERS

A nominal roll of officers will be forwarded to this HQ to include the following details:-

Army No
Substantive and present temporary rank
Name
Name of parent unit
Date of departure
Explanatory note of any officer who does not move with unit.

4. PERSONAL & UNIT EQPT, ACCOMMODATION STORES

(a) Personal Eqpt:

- (i) Personnel will be issued with clothing and necessaries authorised in GRO 0205/43 (Scale "B") and subsequent amendments. Shorts KD will be withdrawn before movement. Jungle Green will not be issued.
- (ii) Greatcoats and SD will be retained by personnel.
- (iii) Personal arms and eqpt will be issued in accordance with appropriate WE and War Eqpt Tables.

(b) Unit Eqpt:

- (i) Units will be equipped with full scale unit eqpt as laid down in appropriate WE Tables.
 - (ii) All vehicles will be 4 x 4 except where no 4 x 4 types exist. 1 Aust Div will advise HQ Second Aust Army deficiencies of MT by types which it is unable to make up from its own resources by 26 JUN 43.
 - (iii) DDME Second Aust Army will ensure that all MT and Unit eqpt is in Class 1 condition for movement.
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- (iv) Initial extracts of WE Tables E2(a) will be prepared and forwarded immediately to DADOS 1 Aust Div. Separate returns are required for controlled and uncontrolled stores.
- (v) 1 Aust Div will arrange for a census of controlled stores, indicating deficiencies, to be submitted direct to HQ Second Aust Army immediately.

(c) Accommodation Stores:

Scale "A" accommodation stores but NOT tentage will accompany units.

5. AASC SUPPLIES

- (a) Units will draw two days' reserve rations in addition to one day's emergency ration carried on the man. A certificate that these rations are held will be forwarded to DDST Second Aust Army by 27 JUN 43.
- (b) Expense stores as authorised under War Eqpt Tables will be drawn and packed ready for movement.
- (i) Scale allowed for troops in tropical areas will be drawn.
- (ii) Water sterilizing outfits and insect repellants will be carried by the units, but issued only upon authority of CO.

6. POSTAL SERVICE

AD Posts Second Aust Army will arrange for Army and personal mail to be redirected. Destination of units will be advised later.

7. PARTICULARS OF MOVEMENT

- (a) NO movement before 28 JUN 43.
- (b) Requirements of GPO 318/43 and the provisions of Standing Orders for Movement within Australia and its Territories 1942 will be complied with.

8. REPORTS

1 Aust Div will submit a report on readiness for movement by 1800 hrs 27 JUN 43.

William Johnston
for BRIG
DA & QMG SECOND AUST ARMY

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1 AUST DIV	1 - 5	For Infm (Contd)	
AMS	6	FIRST AUST ARMY	17-18
DMS	7	NSW L OF C AREA	19-20
AADC	8	Q'LAND L OF C AREA	21-22
DDST	9	No 1 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP	23
DDOS	10	No 3 " " " "	24
DDME	11	BGS	25
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DATE: 24 JUN 43

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SECOND AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 92

MOVE OF 147 AND 148 AUST LT AA BTY WKSHOP SUB SECS

1. GENERAL

In accordance with LANDFORCES SD59095 of 21 JUN 43 and Second Aust Army 02065 of 24 JUN 43 the above Wkshop Sub Secs will prepare to move to FIRST AUST ARMY area. Following action will be taken prior to move.

2. PERSONNEL

All personnel will be brought to DPL standard, incl dentally, prior to movement in accordance with Second Aust Army PO's A353/42 and A16/43.

3. PERSONAL AND UNIT EQPT, ACCOMMODATION STORES

(a) Personal Eqpt

- (i) Personnel will be issued with clothing and necessaries in accordance with GPO 0205/43 (Scale "B") and subsequent amendments. All shorts KD will be withdrawn prior to movement. Jungle Green will NOT be issued.
- (ii) Service Dress and greatcoats will be retained by personnel.
- (iii) Personal arms and equipment will be issued in accordance with appropriate WE Tables.

(b) Unit Equipment

- (i) Wkshop Sub Secs will move with full scale unit equipment as laid down in appropriate WE Tables.
- (ii) Initial extracts of WE Tables E2(a) will be prepared and forwarded to DADOS Fixed Defences immediately.
- (iii) A census of controlled stores and MF will be submitted on unit return slips, indicating deficiencies, through usual channels to HQ Second Aust Army by return.
- (iv) EDME Second Aust Army will ensure that both Sub Secs are equipped to a standard that will permit of efficient functioning in operations.

(c) Accommodation Stores

Scale "A" accommodation stores but NOT tentage will accompany sub secs. In the event of any move by sea, cooking utensils will be loaded so as to be readily available for use if required.

4. AASC SUPPLIES

- (i) Sub Secs will carry two day's reserve rations in addition to one day's emergency ration

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carried on the man. A certificate that these rations are held will be forwarded to DDST Second Aust Army by 30 JUN 43.

(ii) Expense Stores as authorised under WE Tables will be drawn and packed ready for movement.

(a) Water sterilizing outfits and insect repellants will be carried by the sub secs and issued only on authority of OC's.

5. POSTAL SERVICES

AD Posts Second Aust Army will arrange for Army and personal mail to be re-directed. Destination will be advised later.

6. PARTICULARS OF MOVEMENT

(a) Requirements of GRO 318/43 will be complied with

(b) No move before 1 JUL 43.

7. REPORTS

Comds SYDNEY and NEWCASTLE Fortresses will report to HQ Second Aust Army on 30 JUN 43 as to progress of preparation for movement.

Redmond Capt
BRIG
DA & QMG SECOND AUST ARMY

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COMD NEWCASTLE FORTRESS	4 - 6
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DATE: 25 JUN 43.

QX.6107/27/2/27

SECOND AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 93.

MOVE OF 2/2 AUST FD REGT, SIG SEC & 2/40 AUST LAD

1. GENERAL.

In accordance with LANDFORCES SD38920 of 22 JUN 43 and Second Aust Army O.2070 of 24 JUN 43 the above Units will prepare to move to NORTHERN Areas. Following steps will be taken prior to move.

2. PERSONNEL.

All personnel will be brought to DF1 standard including dentally, prior to movement in accordance with Second Aust Army RO's A356/42 and A16/43.

3. POSTING OF OFFICERS.

A nominal roll of Officers will be forwarded to this HQ which will include the following:-

Army No.
Substantive and present temporary rank.
Name.
Name of parent Unit.
Date of departure.
Explanatory note on any Officer who does not move with the unit.

4. PERSONAL & UNIT EQUIPMENT, ACCOMMODATION STORES.

(a) Personal Equipment.

- (i) Personnel will be issued with clothing and necessities in accordance with GRO 0205/43 (Scale "B") and subsequent amendments. All shorts KD will be withdrawn prior to movement. Jungle green will NOT be issued.
- (ii) Service dress and greatcoats will be retained by personnel.
- (iii) Personal arms and equipment will be issued in accordance with appropriate WE Tables.

(b) Unit Equipment.

- (i) Units will move with full scale unit equipment as laid down in respective WE Tables.
- (ii) Vehicles will be 4 x 4 types where such types exist.
- (iii) A census of controlled stores and MT will be submitted on Unit return slips, signed by CO, to HQ Second Aust Army immediately.
- (iv) Initial extracts of WE Tables E2(a) will be prepared and forwarded to DADOS Army Troops NOT later than 1800 hours 25 JUN 43.

- (v) DDME Second Aust Army will ensure that all vehicles and equipment are in first class condition prior to movement.

(c) Accommodation Stores.

Scale "A" Accommodation Stores but NOT tentage will accompany Units. In the event of any move by sea, cooking utensils will be loaded so as to be readily available for use if required.

5. AASC SUPPLIES.

- (a) Units will carry two days' reserve rations in addition to one day's emergency ration carried on the man. A certificate that these rations are held will be forwarded to DDST Second Aust Army by 28 Jun 43.
- (b) Expense stores as authorised under WE Tables will be drawn and packed ready for movement.
- (i) Water sterilizing outfits and insect repellants will be carried by the units and issued only upon authority of CO.

6. POSTAL SERVICES.

AD Posts Second Aust Army will arrange for Army and personal mail to be re-directed. Destination will be advised later.

7. PARTICULARS OF MOVEMENT.

- (a) No move before 28 JUN 43.
- (b) Requirements of GEO 318/43 will be complied with.

8. SECURITY.

The attention of all ranks whose duty entails administrative action in the preparation of these Units for onward movement is directed to the necessity for discretion in communications and conversations. All references to Units will be by cover of the code word "ALAN" which is allotted to this movement.

9. REPORTS.

CO 2/2 Aust Fd Regt will report to HQ Second Aust Army on 28 JUN 43 as to progress of preparations for movement.

Redmond Capt
BRIG.
DA & QMG SECOND AUST ARMY.

DISTRIBUTION:-

2/2 Aust Fd Regt	1-3		
2/40 Aust LAD	4		
AMS	5		
DMS	6	GS (SD)	13
DDST	7	GS (I)	14
DDOS	8	BRA	15
DADOS (Army Tps)	9	DA & QMG	16
DDME	10	AAG	17-18
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AMENDMENT TO
QX 6126/27/2/27

SECOND AUST ARMY ADM INSTN NO 93

MOVE OF 2/2 AUST FD REGT SIG SEC & 2/40 AUST IAD

Owing to the fact that the code word "ALAN" is already compromised, the move will not be referred to by the word "ALAN".

The following amendment will be made to abovementioned instn:-

2. PARA 8 - SECURITY

Delete last sentence beginning: "All reference....."
and ending: ".....allotted to this movement"

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DA & QMG SECOND AUST ARMY

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2/2 Aust Fd Regt	1 - 3
2/40 Aust IAD	4
AMS	5
DMS	6
DDST	7
DDOS	8
DADCS (Army Tps)	9
DDSE	10
AD Posts	11

For Information:-

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SECOND AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 94

MOVE OF "DAFFODIL"

1. GENERAL.

In accordance with Second Aust Army O.2078 and O.2083 (not to all addressees) of 26 JUN 43 the above will prepare to move to NORTHERN Areas. Following steps will be taken prior to move.

2. PERSONNEL.

All personnel will be brought to DPL standard including dentally, prior to movement in accordance with Second Aust Army RO's A356/42 and A16/43.

3. POSTING OF OFFICERS.

A nominal roll of Officers will be forwarded to this HQ which will include the following:-

Army No.
Substantive and present temporary rank.
Name.
Name of parent Unit.
Date of departure.
Explanatory note on any Officer who does not move with unit.

4. PERSONAL & UNIT EQUIPMENT, ACCOMMODATION STORES.

(a). Personal Equipment.

- (i) Personnel will be issued with clothing and necessaries in accordance with GRO 0205/43 (Scale "B") and subsequent amendments. All shorts KD will be withdrawn prior to movement. Jungle green will NOT be issued.
- (ii) Service dress and greatcoats will be retained by personnel.
- (iii) Personal arms and equipment will be issued in accordance with appropriate WE Tables.

(b). Unit Equipment.

- (i) Unit will move with present holding of unit equipment except as mentioned in sub para (b) (ii) below.
- (ii) All technical vehs at present held by unit will be taken. Other vehs NOT 4 x 4 will be held in Div Area and re-allotted.
- (iii) 1 Aust Div will arrange a census of controlled stores and MT to be submitted on Unit return slips, to HQ Second Aust Army immediately.
- (v) DDME Second Aust Army will ensure that all vehicles and equipment are in first class condition prior to movement.

(c) Accommodation Stores.

Scale "A" Accommodation Stores but NOT tentage will accompany Units. In the event of any move by sea, cooking utensils will be loaded so as to be readily available for use if required.

5. AASC SUPPLIES.

- (a) Units will carry two days' reserve rations in addition to one day's emergency ration carried on the man. A certificate that these rations are held will be forwarded to DDST Second Aust Army by 8 Jul 43.
- (b) Expense stores as authorised under WE Tables will be drawn and packed ready for movement.
 - (i) Water sterilizing outfits and insect repellants will be carried by the units and issued only upon authority of CO.

6. POSTAL SERVICES.

AD Posts Second Aust Army will arrange for Army and personal mail to be re-directed. Destination will be advised later.

7. PARTICULARS OF MOVEMENT.

- (a) No move before 8 Jul 43.
- (b) Requirements of GRC 318/43 will be complied with.

8. SECURITY.

The attention of all ranks whose duty entails administrative action in the preparation of this move for onward movement is directed to the necessity for discretion in communications and conversations. All references to move will be by cover of the code word "DAFFODIL" which is allotted to this movement.

9. REPORTS.

1 Aust Div will report to HQ Second Aust Army on 6 Jul 43 as to progress of preparations for movement.

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DA & QMG SECOND AUST ARMY

DISTRIBUTION:

1 AUST DIV	1 - 4
AMS	5
DMS	6
DDST	7
DDCS	8
DDME	9
AD PCSTS	10

For Information:-

BGS	11
GS (SD)	12 - 13
GS (1)	14
BRA	15
DA & QMG	16

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit		Date and Time--From		To	
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			0001hrs 1 Jun 43 2nd Jun 43 Part II		
			STAFF: BRA SO Arty I (Fd) SO Arty II (Fd) SO Arty III (Fd) SO Svy (Arty) ASO Svy (Arty)		Brig W.H. St Clair Lt-col B.B. Watchorn Major J.S. Smart Capt A.E. Fizzey Lt-col R.S. Atkinson Lieut A.H. Tinney
			Attached: SO Arty I (Coast) SO Arty III (Coast) SO Arty III (AA) SO Arty III (AASL)		Lt-col C.A. Ord Lieut R.A. Ensor Capt R.E.V. Tiedemann Capt G.E. Patterson
			CLERKS: WO1 Sgt L/Sgt Edr Gnr Gnr Gnr Gnr		J.O. Hunt P.R. Whodey S.W. Wood A.W. Price G.W. Hodgson W. Knight H.J. Thorpe J.P. McCarthy.
	Jun 1		NIL		
	2		BRA SOA I SOA II left on a visit to Arty Trg Centre GRETA. Staff Officer Arty (AASL) attended initial tests of automatic SLC and Computer at School of Searchlights MIDDLE HEAD.		

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit BRA SECOND AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Date and Time.—From 2nd Jun 43 Pt 11 To 2400 hrs 13 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	Jun 2 (Cont)		These equipments have decided possibilities, and the following advantages should accrue:	
			(1) Reduction in personnel required for manning.	
			(2) Elimination of human error.	
			(3) Elimination of time lag in both operation and plotting.	
	Jun 3		The following AWAS personnel were attached to BRA Staff:-	
			WF 410746 L/Bdr Fisher, M G	
			WF 443284 Gnr Roberts, T G A	
			WF 392268 Gnr Robson, D H	
	4		BRA and staff returned from visit to Arty Trg Centre, re-organisation is practically complete and training is progressing satisfactorily.	
	5		Nil.	
	6		BRA and SOA II (Fd) visited 2/2 Aust Fd Regt at NARELLAN.	
	7		SOA I (Coast) left for Newcastle to attend a practice shoot afterwards proceeding to view new installations of 18-pr guns at Coff's Harbour.	
	8		SOA III (Fd) conducted umpires over ground selected for 2/2 Aust Fd Regt Exercise.	
			SOA IIE (AASL) attended conference of AASL Comds.	
	9		BRA & SOA I (Fd) went to Cape Banks to view an experimental shoot of light 25-pr, 25-pr mounted in tank, and also 155-mm gun.	
	10		BRA, SOA I (Fd) and SOA II (Fd) visited 1 Aust Fd Regt.	
	11		Nil	
	12		Nil	
	13		Nil	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C2118
(adapted.)

Unit.....BRA SECOND AUST ARMY

Date and Time.—From 0001hrs 14/6/43 To 2400 hrs 24/6/43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	Jun 14		BRA & Maj Smart visited 2/2 Aust Fd Regt on exercise.	
			SOA I (Fd) and SOA III (Fd) left to direct the Exercise of 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.	
	Jun 15		BRA & Lt-Col Ord left for LHQ- inspect Coast & AA Defences Vic L of C Area Port Phillip area. SOA II (AASL) inspected 1 Aust AASL Regt School - Brookvale - very satisfactory	
	16		NIL	
	17		NIL	
	18		NIL	
	19		NIL	
	20		NIL	
	21		SOA I (Fd) & SOA III (Fd) returned from Exercise of 2/2 Aust Fd Regt 43 Aust Tk A Bty and 153 Aust Lt AA Bty. SOA I (Fd) reported that the combination of the three types of artillery had been a success and many lessons had been learnt regarding co-operation with supporting arms. The deployment of the 2/2 Aust Fd Regt was not good and troop and battery exercises are necessary to establish a solid foundation for future regimental deployment. SOA I (Coast) returned from LHQ. Arrangements made for Post OCTU; Refresher and CASL conversion course. Visit Vic L of C Area and discussed Port Phillip Defences with GSO. Inspected work reference installation 6in MK VII Gun Western Port.	
	22		Warning Order for 155 Aust Lt AA Bty to move from SYDNEY to KEMBLA	
	23		REF 150882 Gnr A.J. Pursell (AWAS) att. BRA Staff as from 21 Jun	
	24		Warning Order for 2/2 Aust Fd Regt to move to First Aust Army. SOA I (Fd) and SO Svy (Arty) visited Arty Trg Centre, GRETA. SOAI (Fd) inspected DP3 Tk.A and witnessed the Arty Range practice of 2 Aust Arty Trg Centre; in the former case he reported that gun drill and instruction had greatly improved and in the latter that gun drill and standard of shooting was much better than the previous shoot.	

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(adapted.)

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Unit BRA SECOND AUST ARMY

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 25/6/43 To 2400 hrs 30/6/43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	Jun 24 (Contd) 25		SO Svy (Arty) inspected 1 Aust Svy and F. Sp. Trg. Bty and made arrangements for replacement of instructors. SOA I (Coast) and SOA II (Fd) attended full calibre 9.2" practice at Cape Banks. This practice was to be fired by RL range finding methods, but bad visibility precluded completion of practice only 2 rounds being fired. SOA (AA) and SOA (AASL) visited KEMBLA and watched 3.7" AA Firing practice. The practice was carried out without a target the object being to further the training in "Unseen Target" methods of Fire Control. The drill of the gun detachments and instrument operators was good. A night practice was also carried out. Three gun stations co-operated and excellent results were obtained.	
	26		SOA (AA) and SOA (AASL) inspected KEMBLA. Hy AA gun sites, AA Ops room and AASL sites.	
	27		NIL	
	28		Visit and inspection by C-in-C.	
	29		NIL	
	30		NIL.	

APPX 37

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND AUST ARMY
WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REVIEW No. 62

(Based on information received from 1800 hrs 21 June to 1800 hrs 23 Jun 43)

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Appendices.

- I. Supply Dropping
- II. Japanese Organisation
- III. Japanese Army - AKATSUKI Organisation

Headquarters
Second Aust Army
29 Jun 43

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PART I

SUMMARY OF DEDUCTIONS, OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

- 1 The determined nature of the enemy's attacks at MUBO, following his reinforcement of that area and his use of all possible means of getting further reinforcements into the area, suggests that further attacks are to follow. It is now known that he has been successful in moving troops to FINSCHHAFEN by A/C, destroyer and submarine. From FINSCHHAFEN he has moved them on to SALAMUA. He may be expected to continue to use these methods until we are able to make them too costly for him. The co-ordinated nature of enemy air attacks on our positions and communications in the MAB - MUBO Area suggests that he will give increasing air support to his ground forces in this area. His development of direct air support will probably be followed by its use in other sectors.
- 2 Enemy troop movements in the MARHAI VALLEY and the presence of a constructional unit on the road South of BOGADJIN suggest that facilities for bringing reinforcements overland to LAE are well on the way.
Preparations in the MARHAI and RAMU Valleys also show a continued interest in the BENA BENA Area.
From the evidence, there is no immediate likelihood of a large scale move, but one may well be developing in relation to DUTCH NEW GUINEA; in such a move RAMU, BENA and MADING would be related as rear, intermediate and forward bases in a manner similar to the previous inter-relationship of JALUIT, RABAU and LAE.
- 3 By the use of small convoys between RABAU and the SOLOMONS the enemy evidently intends to get an increased number of ships to the SOLOMONS without offering Allied A/C a large target. The role of the shipping is probably to take in A/C as well as to maintain normal supplies.
- 4 The concentration of enemy naval forces and merchant vessels at MACASCAR is not large enough to have operational significance.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Reported between 1800 hours 21 Jun and 1800 hours 22 Jun)

AUSTRALIA

- 5 A reliable official source reckoned at least two enemy submarines to be operating off the East coast of AUSTRALIA on 21 Jun.
On 22 Jun a small force of enemy fighters passed over the DARWIN Area and there were indications of a force of bombers in the vicinity but no action developed.

SOLOMONS

- 6 Several small enemy convoys have moved to the SOLOMONS from the direction of RABAU. Three enemy ships carrying A/C were observed at VILA.
Allied A/C made 330 sorties against Japanese bases at BALLALE, BUIN - FAISI, BUKA, KAHILI, KIETA, MURDA, ROKETA BAY, VILA and against shipping. The largest Allied attacking force consisted of 21 A/C.

NEW BRITAIN - NEW IRELAND

- 7 Following an increase of approx 50,000 tons of merchant shipping at RABAU several small convoys have been sighted moving towards the SOLOMONS. A small A/C carrier visited RABAU and subsequently moved to the North past KAVIENG.

38 Allied heavy bombers attacked the RABAU Area on 20 Jun, starting fires. 11 heavy bombers attacked wharves and shipping at RABAU on 26 Jun.

NEW GUINEA

- 8 From 20 to 22 Jun the enemy launched strong infantry attacks with direct air support against our positions near MUBO, at the same time directing air attacks against our communications at GUADAGASAL and MAU. Despite their intensity the enemy air attacks scored negligible results. This is the first use of direct air support by the enemy.

There have been several patrol clashes in the Lower MARKHAM VALLEY NW of LAE.

Enemy troop movements and preparations have continued along the RAMU and Upper MARKHAM RIVERS.

There has been little enemy shipping at NEWAK: merchant vessels totalling approx 9,000 tons only have visited HANSA BAY; but barge activity along the coast continues.

Allied A/C have made several attacks on enemy bases at SALAMUA, LAE, MALAHANG and FINSCHHAFEN and against the enemy-held villages of NUK NUK and LOGUI. Some enemy fighters were shot down during these operations.

Allied A/C also attacked SEFU, DUMFU and other villages in the RAMU Valley and KAIAPIT in the Upper MARKHAM Area.

NEW AREA

- 9 Very little enemy shipping has been reported in the NW Area except near MACASSAR. Sightings near MACASSAR included 5 combat vessels, 8 merchant vessels (totalling approx 15,000 tons) and two tankers. Allied A/C damaged enemy naval vessels and installations at MACASSAR.

Allied A/C attacked enemy bases at SELARU IS and TABERFANE (TANIMBAR GROUP) and in TIMOR raided DILLI and the KOEPANG - PENFOEI Area.

PART II

Recipients of Second Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Review requiring full details of operations may apply to GSI Second Aust Army for those details.

SECTION II - ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

1. CHANGES IN STRENGTH IN THE LAE - SALAMUA AREA

Documents captured in operations at MUBO indicate that HQ and elements of two battalions of Jap 66 Regiment were brought to FINSCHAFEN by A/C, destroyer and submarine and that they were then moved to SALAMUA, relieved 102 Regt recently and were used in the attack on LABELA Ridge.

2. ENEMY STRENGTH IN DUALI - NASSAU BAY AREA

A reliable source estimates that 350 Japanese troops are in the DUALI - NASSAU BAY area. There is evidence that they are short of supplies.

SECTION III - ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

3. ORGANISATION

Attached as Appx II is infm on the Japanese Divisional Medical Service, 11 Independent A/Tk Coy, and 38th Divisional Engr Regt.

Attached as Appx III is infm on the AKATSUKI organisation of the Japanese Army.

SECTION VII - AIR ACTIVITY

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

NE AREA (excl SOLOMONS)

4. Enemy air losses in the NE area continue to mount and temporarily, at least, the rate of reinforcement falls short of the casualty rate. A decrease of 58 land based A/C in the area is noted. Some of these may be accounted for by an increase of 30 in the SOLOMONS. A re-classification of types of A/C in the area has been made and it is now estimated that there are 23 twin-engined fighters in NEW BRITAIN. A reciprocal reduction in single engined fighters is consequent.

Main enemy A/C activity has been directed against Allied tps and installations in the WAU - MUBO Area using the LAE - SALAMUA airfields for staging in, principally from the NEWAK area.

NW AREA

5. A further raid on DARWIN was apparently planned for 22 Jun, but did not eventuate. As the enemy A/C strength is slowly increasing in this area more heavy raids of the type experienced on 20 Jun, may be expected, especially with the continued development of the airfields in TIMOR and on SELARU ISLAND which is only 300 miles from DARWIN.

SOLOMONS

6. Although there has been an increase of 30 in the strength of land based A/C in the SOLOMONS, enemy air activity has been negligible. The lull may be consequent upon the severe losses suffered by the enemy during the previous week or because of insufficient reinforcements.

GENERAL

7. Infm on Supply Dropping is attached as Appx I.

SECTION XVI - SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP

SECURITY OF PERSONNEL - ENEMY AGENTS

8. The following extract from a minute from the Director General of Security, dated 21 May 43, draws attention to the need for all FS Sections, Control Posts and others concerned to keep a watch for attempts to introduce enemy agents into this country.

"In the early stages of the Sino-Japanese war, a Japanese Captain in the Intelligence Service who posed as a Chinese Officer under the name of "Wong Ah Bew" was responsible for a lot of successful Fifth Column work among Chinese. This enemy agent speaks Cantonese and four or five other Chinese dialects, and in addition is described as somewhat Chinese in appearance. It is also reported that he was used successfully by the Japanese at HONG KONG and later in MALAYA and SINGAPORE.

He was last heard of at HONG KONG where it is reported the Japanese have established an espionage organisation. It is suggested that Japanese will make every effort to effect the entry of this Agent to AUSTRALIA in the guise of a Chinese for espionage purposes. No adequate description of this man is yet available.

(Extract HQ First Aust Army
Weekly Int Summary No. 58)

LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION

9. The need for care in preventing leakage of information on the telephone is forcibly brought home by the following incident. Recently a unit received a call requesting the date that a certain unit would be moving from its present location. The recipient of the call on asking who was speaking was given a name and army rank, but being doubtful of the caller the Unit officer asked for the phone number, and stated he would call back. The number given was not that of an official HQ, and so aroused suspicion, and the matter was immediately reported to security personnel for enquiry.

Investigation proved the caller to be a retired army officer with no present official status who was endeavoring to make himself a good fellow and glean information for a friend whose son was in the unit concerned.

Appropriate action was taken against the caller.

NEED FOR CARE IN HANDLING OF MAPS

10. Maps pinpointing military installations, dumps and the like are regarded as "MOST SECRET" and the utmost care in handling them must be exercised by all.

Further, it must be remembered that the preparation of accurate maps of this nature may be undertaken by persons other than the skilled cartographers to whom the task is normally entrusted. A well-educated New Guinea native, filled with justifiable pride in his abilities and desirous of impressing his overseer, recently prepared a map of portion of

a forward area in which he accurately plotted military installations including dumps of all types, wharves and damage caused by enemy bombings. He was told not to draw any more such maps, and warned of the consequences of so doing.

This gives point to the necessity for taking adequate precautions to guard against unauthorised persons being given the opportunity to make maps or sketches of this nature.

(Extract from AMF Weekly
Intelligence Review No.46)

CENSORSHIP

11. Some troops are in the habit of having green envelopes returned to them by the recipients for further use. Such envelopes naturally bear the impression of Unit Censor Stamps.

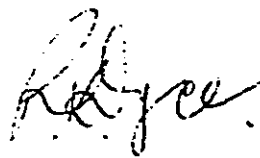
Action should be taken to have the above practice stopped.

Typical evidence of this practice reads:-

"the last letter I wrote was posted in one of the green envelopes you sent back, it is hard to see whether they have been used before, so don't forget to send them back if they are not marked too much, the letters get away a day earlier if posted in a green envelope."

In other cases brown paper wrapping from parcels has been returned to the sender for re-use, such paper bearing the franking officer's signature and Unit Censor Stamp impression.

Appropriate action to prevent this practice should be instituted.


Major
GS(Int)
HQ Second Aust Army
29 June 43

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HQ SECOND AUST ARMY INTELLIGENCE REVIEW No.62 - 28 JUNE 43

Appendix I

SUPPLY DROPPING

A. Methods of Packing Rations dropped from the air.

1. The most severe tests by free drop were made from 200 to 500 feet, from a plane flying slightly more than 100 mph dropping packages weighing 50 to 45 pounds onto smooth, stoneless, short-grass plains. These tests proved that padding around the box is necessary in order to prevent the shattering of even strong boxes and the damaging of contents. It was found that a package successfully packed, bounces on striking the ground.
2. Essential packing materials used were grass or hay for cushioning, and cord, wire or rope for binding the boxes. It is believed unlikely that special shock-absorbent containers or materials will be available. However, in jungle regions there is always plenty of grass or other spring plants, and usually supplies of cord, rope or wire.
3. The advantage of air supply without parachutes is the fact that a greater weight of supplies can be dropped onto a small area at one time, since many boxes can be dropped together if not encumbered with parachutes.
4. In addition, enemy observers have more difficulty seeing a plane delivering supplies in free-falling packages than by parachute. Furthermore, no parachutes are expended, nor is time wasted recovering parachutes and supplies from tree-tops.
5. Several successful methods of parcelling for free dropping, which can be made up at any advanced airfield, have been worked out.

The method that protected the rations best was tightly to wrap grass or hay around each individual ration can, packing the cans snugly in the box, then to close the box securely, and finally to wrap and tie tightly a covering of grass, or hay around the whole box, this covering being at least 4 inches thick, especially at the corners.

Cord, wire, twine, or light rope may be used to bind the grass covering the box. If canvas, burlap, or other cloth is available, an outer cloth covering may be tied on, but such a covering over the grass, although desirable, is not essential.

Only about 15% of canned goods so packed and dropped were seriously damaged.

6. The most satisfactory method of packing, when time and labour requirements are pressing, is to leave the ration boxes and their contents undisturbed, and merely to cover each unopened ration box with a grass shock-absorber covering as described above. Especially with dry rations and rations in small cans, such a tightly-tied grass covering will make possible the successful dropping of rations even in quite weak boxes.

Ineffective packaging methods include (a) putting the rations in sacks, (b) using rigid uncovered boxes.

7. When rations were dropped in a sack, although each ration was wrapped in a securely tied grass covering, the cans were badly smashed, due to the sack flattening out instead of bouncing when it hit the ground. Likewise, rigid boxes failed, although (a) each can inside the box was packed in grass (b) a stronger wooden box was used than originally contained the rations and (c) this strong box was tightly bound by machine with five heavy metal straps. On striking the ground, the box shattered in spite of its apparent strength.

B. Parcelling Small Arms Ammunition and Explosives

8. Officers of the 501st Parachute Battalion state that small arms ammunition, if left undisturbed in its original box and if the unopened box is covered with 4-inch thick grass shock-absorber covering, can be dropped without using a parachute. Ammunition loosely packed in a box was dented severely.
9. A box of TNT, covered with a grass shock-absorber, can safely be dropped. Recently one uncovered box containing approximately 50 pounds of half-pound blocks of TNT fell out of its harness at 300 feet while being dropped by parachute. Although the box was smashed and the blocks scattered and damaged, no explosion occurred. It is obvious that caps should be dropped in separate, heavily cushioned boxes, the caps being individually wrapped.
10. No free-drop tests with cushioned boxes or mortar shells or grenades have been made, but it is believed that the same method of covering the boxes with a grass shock-absorber will work. An added safety guard would be to fill all spaces inside the individual paper grenade or shell containers with tightly packed rags, grass, or paper. In this manner the tendency of the individual grenades or shells to move and bang against each other on impact would be reduced.

C. Air-Ground Contact

11. Ordinary panels in open grasslands or in large bare fields are easily visible, and are the only signals needed where ground troops can reach such open areas. However, smoke from a smoke grenade, especially when coming from a treetop, makes the location of ground units in any area much more certain.
12. In jungle areas, even where there are openings, the problem of air-ground contact is much more difficult.
13. Panels placed on the ground in jungle, even when in openings or clearings, are seen with difficulty from a plane because (a) small open spots in the jungle are low, relative to the height of the jungle treetops, (b) the light is not bright, (c) the multitude of detail (such as white tree trunks, outstanding tall trees, bright flowering trees, etc), seen in jungle by the air observer, make it very difficult to locate any small ground marker.
14. Panels in jungle should be displayed in treetops for the purpose of attracting attention or establishing identity. The ground troops should cut the small limbs off a prominent treetop, until a panel or other marker can be easily seen from the air. Panels are most easily seen, if placed in trees at prominent topographical features such as river junctures or hilltops.

15. Small open spots in jungle, such as sometimes caused by old treefalls, are not satisfactory for displaying panels, for an aerial observer only gets a glimpse into such a small opening as he passes over.
16. Smoke grenades set off in a treetop are the best means of establishing airground contact in jungle. A puff of white smoke suddenly coming from a treetop is visible for miles, and enables a plane quickly to locate ground troops. The importance of setting off the smokegrenade high up in a tree must be realized, for the same smoke generated on the ground will certainly be greatly diffused before reaching the treetop level. Smoke generated on the ground will often fail to rise high enough in dense jungle to be seen at all by an air observer.
17. The method of efficiently setting off the smoke grenade is to carry it to the selected treetop, tie the grenade to a limb so that the ring is downward and the grenade handle has room to spring up when the pin is pulled, and then to tie a string to the ring so that the pin may be pulled by a soldier under the tree. Obviously, it would be hazardous to drop boxes upon a smoke grenade marker if a man were next to it on a limb. Straighten the pin last.
18. Supplies should be dropped upon the source of the smoke. The plane flies either up or down wind. Off to the side of the line of flight a soldier is posted as a treetop lookout, to call to the smoke grenade operator to set off the treetop grenade when the plane is really coming toward, or most nearly toward, the troops expecting supplies. A treetop observer is important, for otherwise the smoke grenade may be set off and wasted when the plane is circling in another area.
19. Incidentally, light climbing spikes, similar to those used by Japanese tree snipers, should prove very useful in reducing the real difficulty of climbing typical jungle trees.
20. For final, positive identification in connection with any smoke signal, some pre-determined conspicuous article should be displayed in a nearby tree. Thus the danger of accidentally supplying the enemy can be eliminated.

A smoky wood fire can be lit shortly before the agreed hour for air supply if smoke grenades are not possessed by the ground troops. However, smoke from wood fires is not nearly as conspicuous or as unmistakable as the white smoke of a chemical grenade.

21. Ground troops in jungle, expecting supplies dropped by plane, should be dispersed singly so that the area is well covered and the packages are likely to be spotted as they drop. Each soldier should stand for safety behind a tree trunk, away from the direction of the approaching plane. Inexperienced men should be impressed with the fact that a number of boxes pushed out of a plane's door together is a real danger to men in a tangle of vegetation below unless they are behind tree trunks. If a smoke signal is being used, men should be distributed in a line pattern up and down wind, and the plane should drop supplies along this line.
22. If supplies are being dropped on a steep hillside, they should be dropped in a line approximately following the ground contour at the signal point, and the receiving ground troops should place themselves accordingly.

23. The difficulty of locating packages on the ground in really dense jungle is serious. Very important packages are best dropped with a long white cloth streamer tied to each package and wound loosely so that it will stream out behind as the package falls. This "tail" will remain above the package in the undergrowth, and will make location much easier.
24. Whatever the method of air-ground contact, it is very important that jungle troops know when to expect airborne supplies to reach them.
25. Otherwise, the jungle troops will have only a very poor chance of making the necessary preparations in order to establish contact and be ready before the plane arrives.

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ENEMY ORGANISATION

1. DIVISIONAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The following information on the organisation of the Jap Medical Service within the division has been built up from statements of PSW and from documents -

The Divisional Medical Service consists of:-

1. Medical Officers on Headquarters
2. Four Field Hospitals
3. A Medical Unit
4. Regimental Medical Personnel

Medical Officers on Headquarters -

The senior Medical Officer is a Colonel and he has three assistants, a Lieutenant-Colonel, a Captain and a Probationary Officer. His duties are advisory and supervisory and he does not directly control the MOs in the field.

Four Field Hospitals

Each three-regiment division in the STPA has code numbers allotted to four field hospitals but in practice, only three are used. Each hospital has a staff of about 250 personnel made up of 20 Medical Officers - 1 Major, 2 Captains, 17 Lieutenants and Probationary Officers - about 50 NCOs and the remainder, Orderlies. The hospital is organised into Headquarters, Treatment Section, Infirmary Section, Pharmacy Section and Transport Section and has a capacity for 500 patients. Field Hospitals thought capable of performing major operations were ill equipped in NEW GUINEA having no beds or shelter for stretcher cases.

The Medical Unit

The Medical Unit, with about 550 personnel is divided into three companies, the duty of each company being to form stretcher bearer links between Battalion Aid Post and the Field Hospitals. The Medical Unit also sets up Casualty Clearing Stations, where patients are tagged and listed. A PW has stated that Unit and Company commanders are combatant officers and are not Medical Officers but this has not been confirmed. Stretcher bearers may be regular troops and are not necessarily medical personnel. Horse drawn ambulances, stretchers and hygiene material form part of normal equipment together with instruments for minor surgical operations.

Regimental and Battalion Medical Personnel

The MO on Regimental Headquarters supervises the MOs and orderlies within the regiment. The Medical personnel in an infantry battalion consist of 2 MOs, 4 NCOs and 10 ORs. These are split into groups and allocated four to a company or one to a platoon.

System of Evacuation

The wounded soldier is attended to by the Medical orderly in the platoon, then with the assistance of his companions, he is taken back to a post where the battalion MO is located.

He is picked up by stretcher-bearers and taken back to a Casualty Clearing Station where he is treated, tagged, and passed on to a Field Hospital. An L of C Hospital evacuates patients by ambulance from the Field Hospital and after treatment, if necessary, arranges evacuation by hospital train or ship to a base hospital or district hospital in JAPAN.

<u>MEDICAL PERSONNEL INVOLVED</u>	<u>SYSTEM OF EVACUATION</u>
INFANTRY MOS and ORDERLIES give treatment and transport	FRONT LINE ↓
REGIMENTAL MOS give treatment - stretcher bearers drawn from Medical Unit	FIRST AID POST ↓
MEDICAL UNIT	CCS ↓
FIELD HOSPITAL	FIELD HOSPITAL ↓
L OF C HOSPITAL	L OF C HOSPITAL ↓
HOME MEDICAL PERSONNEL	BASE HOSPITAL

Training of Medical Personnel

Medical Officers - are of two kinds, Regular and Reserve. The reserve are civilian doctors who are accepted on to the Reserve after fulfilling certain conditions. On call up, civilian doctors are given a rank, commensurate with their training, becoming 2/Lieutenants or 1/Lieutenants, with no bar to promotion. Reserve officers will go back into civilian life when the war is over and do not appear in the army list. Regular officers enlist during their first year at Medical School and their studies are supervised by the Army.

Medical Orderlies

Are enlisted in the normal way and their training consists in studying the Army Text books covering autopsies, kinds of wounds, dressing of wounds, injections and medicines.

Dress and Equipment

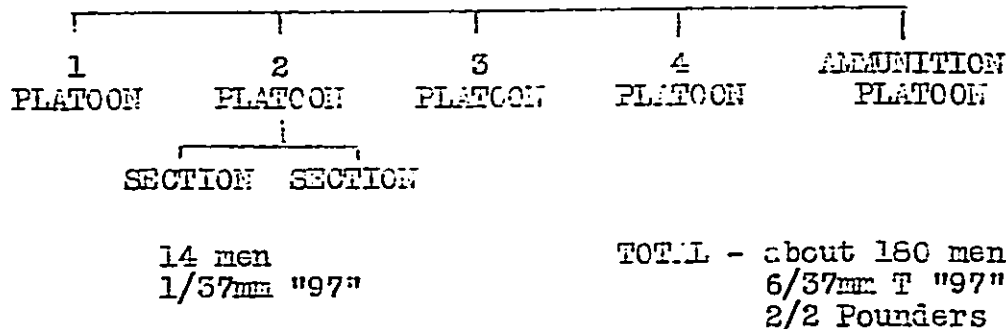
Medical Officers are dressed as other field troops and divisional and hospital medical personnel only, wear the medical "arm-of-service" badge. Officers are armed with pistols and swords and ORs carry bayonets. All medical personnel are issued with Red Cross arm bands but these are usually carried in the pocket as they are easily lost. Medical Orderlies in the field carry medicines in a haversack which bears the Red Cross.

2. 11 INDEPENDENT A/TK COMPANY

A PW has given the following organisation of the company whilst operating in the AKYAB area March 43 -

HEADQUARTERS

OC - Captain
Hq Squad 15 men



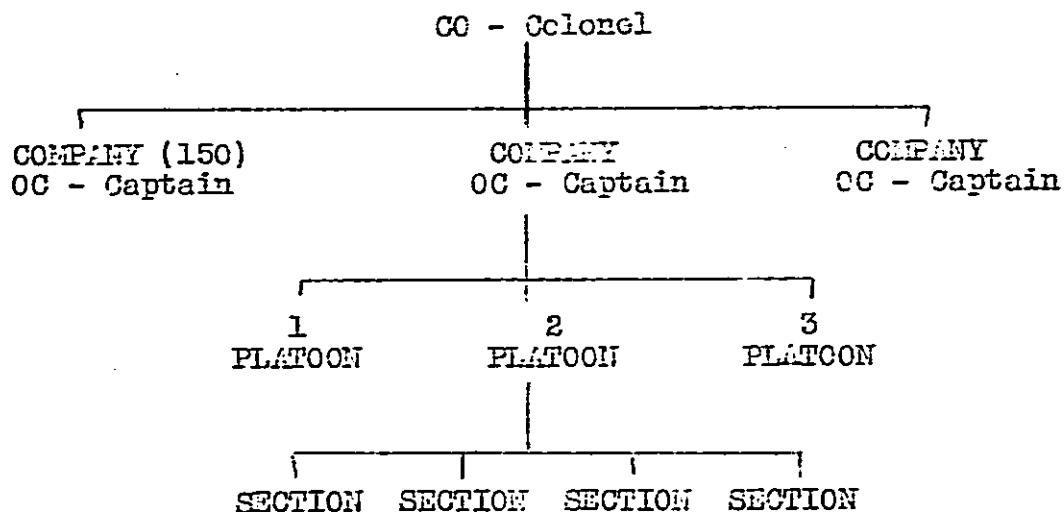
PW stated that the troops had very little confidence in their 37mm gun against tanks and much preferred the British 2 Pounder for its effectiveness, ease of laying, all round traverse and good carriage.

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3. 38th DIVISIONAL ENGINEER REGIMENT

A PW has given the organisation of this Regiment whilst operating on GUADALCANAL, as follows:-

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS (50)



Each Section 9 - 13 men

Total Personnel - 500

NOTE (i) This Regiment supplied "Suicide Squads" for attacking US aircraft on HENDERSON FIELD, GUADALCANAL IS, with demolition time bombs.

(ii) Documents have been examined which give the strength of a Divisional Engineer Regiment as 1,020 officers and men.

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JAPANESE ARMY - AKATSUKI ORGANIZATION

The following infm is additional to the article on Jap Sea Tpt Organization included as Appx "I" to Second Aust Army Review 58.

1. MARKHAM CONSTRUCTION TAI

(a) Bismark Convoy

It is known that a staff of 8 Shipping Engr Regt was landed at LAE by submarine (sometime before the BISMARCK Convoy left RABUL) for the purpose of arranging all details of the debarkation, with the engr unit already at LAE. One particular task was liaison regarding the constrn of tracks and facilities for the landing.

(b) Markham Constrn Tai

Infm to hand from NG Force reveals the presence of a composite unit known as the MARKHAM CONSTRN TAI in the LAE Area during Feb/Mar and probably still there.

Commanded by Col YOKOYAMA, YOSUKE, this unit appears to have been formed early in Feb, and its priority task was the constrn of a road from LAE to TERIBI (location not known) for the debarkation and operational use of the main body 51 Div, scheduled to land from the BISMARCK Convoy. The road was to be completed by 5 Mar. The convoy carrying the force was smashed 3/4 Mar.

(c) Organization

Units comprising the MARKHAM CONSTRN TAI were:-

- 3 Bn, 21 Regt (5 Div)
- 3 Debarcation Unit (elements only - main body were on board the convoy)
- 1 Pl, 40 Sea duties Coy
- 1 Pl, 105 Sea duties Coy

All in all, it again brings before us the flexibility of the Jap organization and their ability to organize to meet any special situation.

In these particular circumstances, (reinft of LAE) it was a large convoy and the landing would be subject to terrific opposition from the air. It was therefore obvious that the landing of personnel, supplies and materials, would have to be done with a minimum of delay. To do this it was necessary to build up the existing AKATSUKI land organization at LAE to facilitate a speedy landing and, although in the meantime it was used for the building of a road, there is no doubt that at the actual time of landing the constrn unit would have carried out debarkation duties.

(d) Col Yokoyama, Yosuke

Col YOKOYAMA commanded the adv force of the MANKAI Detachment that carried out the initial landing at BUNA 22 July 42. The role of that force was the recce and preparation of an operational road, to facilitate the adv of the main body that landed several weeks later. (His actual comd was 15 Ind Engr Regt plus 1 Coy 55 Engr Regt). After the death of Maj Gen HORII (comd MANKAI DET), YOKOYAMA took over comd of the DET which at that stage was battling against heavy odds at GONA - SANANANDA and BUNA.

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He was located in the SOPUTA - SANANANDA area and it will be recalled that the main body of the Jap force were concentrated along the SOPUTA - SANANANDA road and, under the direct command of YOKOYAMA, held up the Allied advance for some weeks. He was presumed killed but, apparently escaped to LAE just prior to the conclusion of the operations.

(c) 3 Bn, 21 Regt (5 Div)

The identification of a full Colonel as command of the MARKHAM Construction Team, suggests that the complete 3 Bn is (or was) in the LAE area. The Bn arrived in LAE early Jan from RABUL via MADANG. The first identification of 5 Div was in the DUTCH NG area also early Jan. Thus 3 Bn probably was never located with the main body of 5 Div in DUTCH NG. 3 Bn 21 Regt is the second unit of 5 Div identified in NEW GUINEA. The other was 41 Regt, which was detached after the completion of the JAVA campaign, moved to the PHILIPPINES, thence to NEW GUINEA, and annihilated at BUNA.

2. "AKATSUKI" - CODE NAME AND NUMBERS

(a) Temporary Units

Information collated from various sources reveals that sea duty, land duty and possibly debarkation units may be temporary organisations only, and are temporarily detached from infantry, engineering transport and other units to carry out sea duties. Furthermore, such units or sub units are, during the period they carry out sea duties, part of the AKATSUKI organisation and bear that code name but still retain the code number of their original unit or formation.

Applying this to 3 Bn, 21 Regt (ex 5 Div) identified in the LAE area as part of the MARKHAM Construction Team (a special AKATSUKI organisation) it is quite likely known as AKATSUKI 5174 - i.e. new code name, but same old code No (the 5 Div code No of 21 Regt).

A check of all known AKATSUKI code numbers will reveal in many cases another code name paired with the AKATSUKI number, indicating at least part of that unit as having at some time carried out sea duties with the AKATSUKI Organisation. It will probably be found that those odd AKATSUKI numbers between 1 and 10000 are actually unidentified units of a formation, of which the code name and number have not yet been identified.

(b) Permanent Units

The system of allotting code numbers to permanent units such as shipping engineers and shipping artillery regiments, is still not clear but from the information available it appears that at least two, and possibly three, blocks of AKATSUKI code numbers are in use.

(8 shipping Engineer Regiment - AKATSUKI 2503, was until recently 23 Independent Engineer Regiment. - Tami 2005. 2503 is considered an indication of an additional block of numbers).

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The following list shows the two known blocks of AKATSUKI numbers. Code numbers of 35 and 48 Div are included as examples of the system outlined in para 1.

"TOGE"	2935	35 Div	"UMI"	6151	48 Div
"	2936	Div inf	"	6152	Div inf
"	2937	219 Regt	" AKATSUKI	6153	IF Regt
"	2938	220 "	"	6154	2F Regt
"	2939	221 "	"	6155	? Regt
"	2940	? Cav Reg	"	6156	? Recce Regt
" AKATSUKI	2941	35 Arty Regt	"	6157	48 Mtn Arty
"	2942	35 Engr Regt	"	6158	48 Engr Regt
"	2943	35 Tpt Regt	"	6159	Tpt Regt
AKATSUKI	2944		AKATSUKI	6160	
"	2945		"	6161	
"	2946			6162	
"	2947			6163	
"	2948	3 Debarcation unit		6164	
"	2949			6165	
"	2950		"	6166	
"	2951		"	6167	
"	2952		"	6168	
"	2953		"	6169	
"	2954	5 Shipping Engr Regt	"	6170	
"	2955	3 "	"	6171	
"	2956		"	6172	
"	2957		"	6173	
			"	6174	
				6175	
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