

AWM52
2nd Australian Imperial Force and
Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/2/26

26 Infantry Brigade

November 1944

1 Dec 44.

WAR DIARY - NOVEMBER 1944

1. Normal routine.
1930 hrs. Bde Comd's conference attended by Bde Staff Offrs and Bn CO's and staff to discuss the preparation of Standing Orders.
2. Bde Comd accompanied by LO 1, viewed rehearsal of tomorrow's demonstration at 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt Sports Ground.
BM and IO reced sq 4487 (ref map PALMERSTON 1:63360) in preparation for a Battle Procedure demonstration to be held on Monday 6 Nov.
3. 0930. Demonstration of section and platoon Battle Drills was held on 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt Sports Ground (sq 3181 ref map MT. GARNET 1:63360). Bde Comd and all personnel of the Bde attended.
1400. BML and IO visited 9 Aust Div concerning compilation of Bde Standing Orders.
AQ, 9 Aust Div, visited Bde Comd.
1930. Offrs of Bde HQ held a debate - "That unconditional surrender is the only desirable policy to be applied to Germany and Japan." This subject is to be debated by all Offrs throughout the Bde.
4. Normal routine.
Sporting results :-
Cricket - 2/48 Bn defeated 2/11 Fd Amb.
Basketball - Bde HQ defeated 2/24 Bn.
5. Church parade held at 2/48 Bn, Padre Farmer officiating.
Maj. Smith, 2 Mil Ldg Group, arrived to assist in planning of forthcoming CAIRNS exercise.
Sporting results :-
Football - 2/23 Bn defeated 2/9 Cav Regt.
 - 2/24 Bn defeated 2/12 Fd Regt.
Hockey - 2/48 Bn defeated 2/13 Bn.
26 Aust Inf Bde Trg Cadre left for TRINITY BEACH.
6. Bde Comd and Staff conducted a rehearsal this morning, with Offrs concerned, for this afternoon's demonstration on Battle Procedure.
1400. Demonstration carried out in sq 4487 (ref map PALMERSTON 1:63360). All Offrs of the Bde and 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt attended.
7. Normal routine.
8. 1330. Demonstration 2/23 Bn sports ground to all Offrs and Signal Pls of the Bde on "Intercommunication in the Field."
1600. Grand Final of the Bde Basketball Competition was won by the Bde HQ team from 2/23 Bn.
9. 0530. SC left for CAIRNS to contact 18 Aust Inf Bde concerning this Bde's move to CAIRNS where it takes over from 18 Bde for amphibious trg.
BGS 1 Aust Corps, Brig Wells, visited Bde Comd.
Bde Comd, BM and SC visited 24 Aust Inf Bde Offrs Mess during the evening.
Sporting Results :-
Cricket - 2/23 Bn defeated Bde HQ.
10. 0930. Camp Cinema lecture by Bde Comd to all Offrs of the Bde on "Camouflage and Concealment."
1030. Lt Col Macarthur Onslow, CO 2/2 MG Bn, visited Bde Comd.
1420. Bde Comd accompanied by SC, went to a conference at 9 Aust Div
11. 1130. Div Comd visited Bde Comd.
Brig H.H. Hammer DSO, Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde, visited the Bde to attend 2/48 Bn sports this afternoon.
1900. Bde Comd attended 2/48 Bn Offrs Mess with Brig H.H. Hammer DSO.

12. Church Parade held 2/23 Bn sports ground, Padre Begbie officiating.
0900. Bde Comd's conference held at Bde HQ for representatives from all units of the Bde Group.
1000. Bde Comd and Staff (Bde Planning HQ) moved to TRINITY BEACH area for forthcoming amphibious trg.
1900. Screening of yesterday's Melbourne Cup shown in Camp Cinema.
13. Planning HQ CAIRNS - Maj. Smith, 2 Mil Ldg Gp, attached to Bde for planning. Details of shipping available for forthcoming training supplied. Trg syllabus commenced.
14. Infm received that LSI "GLENEARN" would not be available for trg at CAIRNS and would proceed to TOWNSVILLE, necessitating the movement of 2/23 and 2/48 Bns to TOWNSVILLE for training.
15. Planning continued. Main Bde and 2/48 Bn arrived in convoy TRINITY BEACH.
Bde Comd and BM visited LSI "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD".
16. 0600. Bde Comd, accompanied by BM, left by plane for TOWNSVILLE to make preliminary preparations for amphibious trg of 2/23 and 2/48 Bns. Remainder of Bde Gp arrived in TRINITY BEACH area.
Today marks the fourth anniversary of departure of 26 Aust Inf Bde to the MIDDLE EAST on 16 Nov 1940.
2200. Bde Comd returned from TOWNSVILLE. BM remained at TOWNSVILLE to continue preliminary preparation for amphibious trg.
17. Training and planning continued.
18. 1330. Bde Comd and SCL visited the trg gps on TRINITY BEACH.
Lt. Runge, Bde TO, returned from ARL.
1745. 2/23 Bn left by train from CAIRNS to proceed to TOWNSVILLE for amphibious trg on LSI "GLENEARN."
Bde Comd and SC saw the departure of 2/23 Bn from CAIRNS.
19. Church parade was held at 2/48 Bn. sports ground, Padre Farmer officiating.
20. Preparations made for Bn exercise "TRICKFOOT" which will be carried out by each bn in turn.
Normal amphibious trg continues, loading and unloading practice with LST, LCI and ALC40.
21. Amphibious trg continued.
2/48 Bn leave CAIRNS for TOWNSVILLE for amphibious trg on LSI "GLENEARN"
22. Bde HQ continue trg on TRINITY BEACH.
Bde Comd, accompanied by BM, returned to TRINITY BEACH from TOWNSVILLE where they had observed 2/23 Bn's trg.
2/23 Bn returned to TRINITY BEACH from TOWNSVILLE.
IO reced beach area to be used in forthcoming exercise "TRICKFOOT".
23. 2/24 Bn was the first of bns to land for "TRICKFOOT" exercise at TRINITY BEACH (ref map MACALISTER RANGE 1:63360). Landing took place at 0445 hrs and exercise concluded, at 0930 hrs.
1900. Bde Comd and Offrs of 26 Bde Gp entertained Offrs concerned with the current amphibious trg.
24. 2/23 Bn carried out exercise "TRICKFOOT", landing at 0445 hrs, and concluded exercise at 0930 hrs.
Bde HQ personnel returned to RAVENSHOE area.
Bde Comd and Staff with small rear party, remained TRINITY BEACH area for 2/48 Bn landing.
25. 2/48 Bn landed at 0445 hrs in "TRICKFOOT" exercise. Exercise concluded at 0830 hrs.
Bde Comd and Staff returned to RAVENSHOE area.
26. Church parade held at 2/23 Bn, attended by Bde Comd, BM and SC. Bde HQ attended parade at 2/24 Bn. Church parades now divided into denominational groups, C of E and OPD.

27. BML and IO recce TUMOULIN area to find suitable ground for Fd Firing practice. Two day school in Jap OOB was commenced at Div HQ. Three personnel from this Bde attended.
1500. All Offrs of Bde HQ attended a lecture on "Organisation and Employment of Paratroops" at HQ 9 Aust Div, by Lt Col Overall, CO Paratroop Bn.
28. The C in C, GEN. SIR THOMAS BLAMEY, GBE, KCB, CMG, DSO, visited the Div area. The Bde Comd lunched with the C in C at Div HQ.
BM and IO continued recce of TUMOULIN area.
29. Normal routine.
30. IO and party recce for suitable area vicinity MT GARNET for fd firing practice to be held 14-16 Dec.


(D.A. WHITEHEAD) Brig.
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde.

W.D

ORDER FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF A COURT OF INQUIRY

by

BRIGADIER D A WHITEHEAD

Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde

1. The undermentioned officers are appointed as a Court of Inquiry to investigate the circumstances of the death of

VX 107113 Pte CULELL Leo Joseph 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.

PRESIDENT

Major W F BROWN

2/23 Aust Inf Bn

MEMBER

Capt J S ROSEL

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

2. They will investigate and report upon the whole of the circumstances surrounding the death of the abovenamed soldier and in particular :-

(a) the date and place of death;

(b) the cause of death;

(c) the circumstances in which the death occurred;

(d) whether in their opinion any and what neglect misconduct carelessness or failure to observe any regulation order or instruction on the part of the soldier or of any other and what person or persons caused or contributed to the death or aggravated the injury which resulted in death together with the reason for such opinion;

(e) whether at the time of his death the soldier was in the performance of any military duty and the nature of such military duty or was in the unit area but not performing any military duty or was on leave or absent without leave;

(f) whether the soldier was enlisted for service outside Australia and whether he has served outside Australia;

(g) what was the rate of pay and allowances of the soldier at the date of death.


3. Evidence will be taken upon oath.

4. The provisions of GRO A348/44 and AMR & O 663, 673, and 678 will be observed.

5. The Court will assemble at such time and place as is appointed by the President.

6. The proceedings (original and 4 copies) will be forwarded to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde by 3 Dec 44 or if the Court is unable to complete its investigation by that date an interim report will be forwarded by that date.

In the field
Nov 44


(J S ROSEL) Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution : 2/23 Aust Inf Bn for Maj W F BROWN
2/24 Aust Inf Bn for Capt ROSEL File (1)
2/48 Aust Inf Bn for infm War Diary (1)

22 Nov 44

26 AUST INF BDE CO 3

Ref Map : 1 in to 1 mile CAIRNS.

INFM1. Enemy

As per 26 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary No.1 of 18 Nov 44.

2. Additional Tps under Comd

The following are under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde for the op :-

- (a) Two tps A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armcd Regt
- (b) One Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (dets only represented)
- (c) Two SFGPs.
- (d) Det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
- (e) Det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb
- (f) Det 2 Aust Beach Gp.

3. Air Force

13 US Air Force is providing air cover for convoys, ldgs and beach head during D day (MYTHICAL).

4. Naval Coop and Sp

- (a) Allied Naval Forces are providing protection for convoys and bombardment (MYTHICAL).
- (b) 2 x DD each 5 x 4-in guns are available for bombardment from H hr D Day (MYTHICAL).

5. Shipping and Craft

The following shipping is available for the op :-

- (a) PHASE 1 and 4 - 2 LCI
- (b) PHASE 2 and 3 - 4 LCI (MYTHICAL)

6. Comds of Assault Forces

- (a) Navy - Lt J. ANDREWS USNR
- (b) Army - Lt Col F.A.G. TUCKER 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

7. Topographical and Met Data

As per 26 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary No.1 of 18 Nov 44.

INTENTION

- 8. 26 Aust Inf Bde will land in TARE Sector and destroy the RADAR STA 477025.

METHOD.9. Summary

The op will be carried out in 4 Phases.

- (a) PHASE 1 - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will land in TARE Sector and secure a covering area.
- (b) PHASE 2 - On success of PHASE 1, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will land in TARE Sector and move through covering posn to destroy the RADAR STA.
- (c) PHASE 3 - On success of PHASE 2, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will withdraw through covering posn and re-embark in TARE Sector on night D / D plus 1.
- (d) PHASE 4 - On completion of PHASE 3, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will withdraw from covering posn and re-embark in TARE Sector under cover of darkness on morning D plus 1.

... /PHASE 1.

PHASE 110. TDS

2/23 Aust Inf Bn with in sp :-

- (a) One bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (dets only represented)
- (b) One SFCP
- (c) Det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
- (d) Det 2/11 Aust Fd Anb
- (e) Det 2 Aust Beach Gp.

11. Task

- (a) Will capture TARE Sector and secure covering posn, vide sketch att as Appx "A".
- (b) Will be prepared to hold covering posn until H plus 24 hrs.

12. Ldg Beach

TARE Sector, see sketch att as Appx "A".

13. Ldg Table and Ldg Diagram

- (a) Ldg Table att as Appx "B".
- (b) Ldg Diagram att as Appx "C".

14. H hr

0445K 24 Nov 44.

15. Naval Sp

- (a) NIL prior to H hr.
- (b) One SFCP in sp 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- (c) From H to H plus 7 hrs, 2 x DD each 5 x 4-in guns will be available for bombardment (MYTHICAL).

16. Air Sp

No direct air sp will be provided.

17. Embarkation

See Appx "D" att.

PHASES 2-4

18. MYTHICAL.

ADM19. Malaria

- (a) On board ship Atebrin will be taken as normally.
- (b) On land full malarial precautions incl use of tents mosquito will be carried out.

20. Typhus

All clothing will be treated with BETTY mite lotion prior to embarkation.

INTERCOMM21. Comms Afloat

Will only be effected through Navy channels.

22. Comms on approach to shore

- (a) From bns to bde by No.46 set
- (b) From bn to coys by No.108 set.

23. Comms ashore

Line and wireless.

24. Bde HQ

Bde HQ will not be afloat, but for purposes of exercise will be represented by a comd post ashore from H - 60.

25. Bde Report Centre

Will be est in centre of TARE Sector at H plus 30.

26. Wireless Silence

Wireless silence will be maintained until -

- (a) Landing coys of assault bn land
- (b) If surprise is lost by senior offr present
- (c) All sets on listening watch from time of embarkation into small craft.

27. Allotment of Wireless Sets

One No.46 set and one No.22 set to each Bn.

28. Line

Normal line comms will be est once ashore. Line det bde sigs will move with each bn.

29. RT Code

RT Code No.2 will be used. Code word NORMALEIGHTS/K

30. Code Names - Frequencies

As per black trg codes, frequencies etc issued by 26 Aust Inf Bde Sigs.

ACK

Time of Signature *22/600 R*
Issued through Sigs.

N.R. McLEOD
(N.R. McLEOD) Maj.
for BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

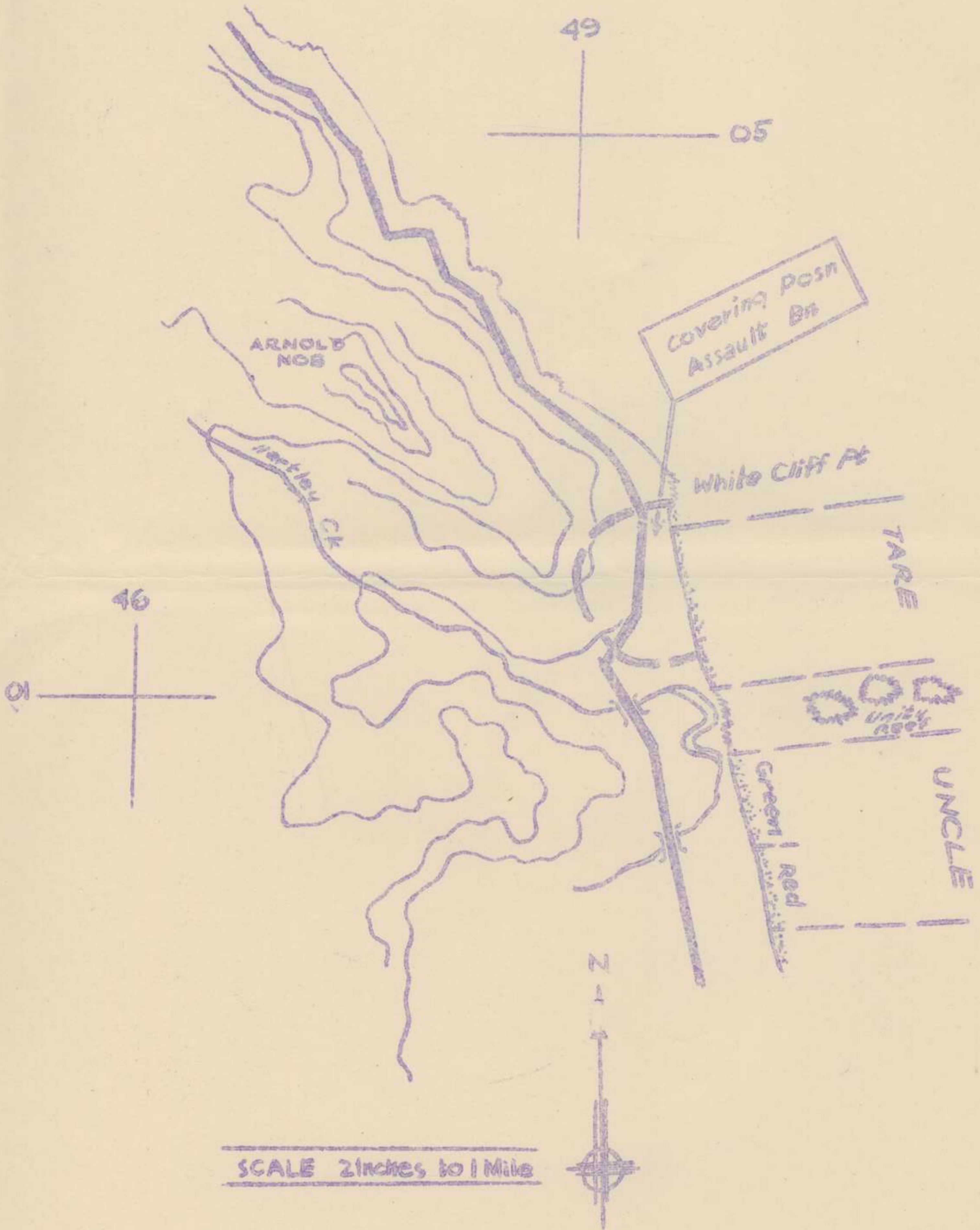
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2/23 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	1	1	1
A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	2	2	2	2	2
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	3	3	3	3	3
2/13 Aust Fd Coy	4	4	4	4	4
2/11 Aust Fd Amb.	5	5	5	5	5
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7
2 Aust Beach Group	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10
2 Aust Mil Ldg Group	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	13	13	13	13	13
3 ATU	14	14	14	14	14
HQ 9 Aust Div	15-18	15-18	15-18	15-18	15-18
Comd	19	19	19	19	19
BM	20	20	20	20	20
SC	21	21	21	21	21
Sig Offr	22	22	22	22	22
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EXERCISE "TRICKFOOT"

SECRET

APPX A to
26 Aust Inf Bde
OO No.3



Craft Available:-

2 LCI
6 ALG 40

26 AUST INF BDE LDG TABLE

EXERCISE "TRICKFOOT"

"SECRET"

APPX "B" to 26 Aust Inf
Bde 003

Ldg Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT	Personnel Parties		Vehicles and Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector and Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Vehs (e)							
1-4	H Hr	2/23 Aust Inf Bn 2/13 Aust Fd Coy 2 Aust Beh Gp	214 12 8				BAKER YELLOW	4xALG40	-	TARE SECTOR	Serials 1-3 are same Craft as serials 6-8 Serial 4 same Craft as Serial 11.
5	H plus 10	2/23 Aust Inf Bn SFCP 2/9 Armd Regt 2/7 Aust Fd Regt Bde Sigs 2/11 Fd Amb	159 9 8 5 7 3				"	1xLCI		"	
6-8	H plus 20	2/9 Armd Regt 2/7 Fd Regt 2 Beh Gp 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	 20 27 55	12	3 Tks		UNCLE YELLOW BAKER YELLOW "	3xALG 40		"	
9-11	H plus 30	2/9 Armd Regt 2/23 Bn	 105	12	3 Tks		UNCLE YELLOW BAKER YELLOW	3xALG 40		"	
12	H plus 40	2/23 Bn incl 24 Aust Inf Bde Cadre	180				BAKER YELLOW	1xLCI		"	

LANDING DIAGRAM

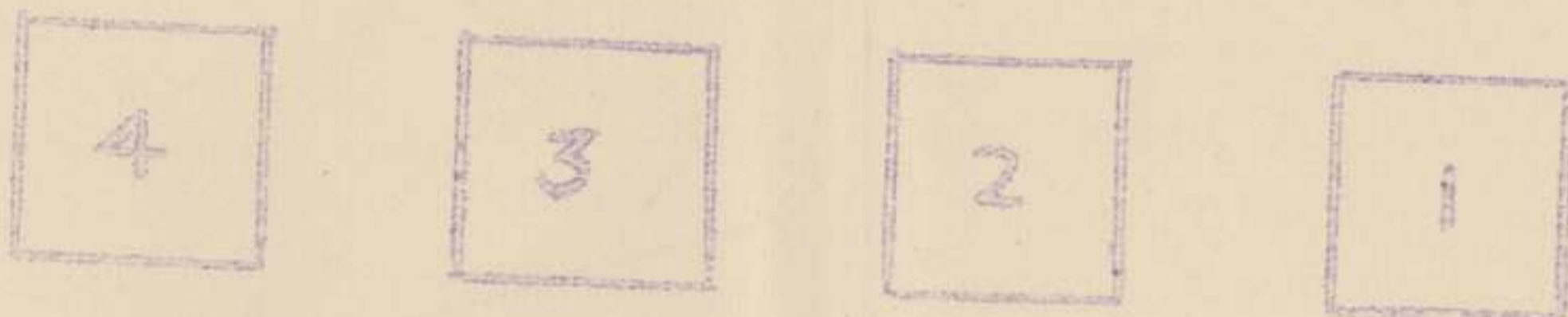
EXERCISE "TRICKFOOT"

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APPX "C" to 26 Aust Inf Bde
003

LEFT FLANK

Wave 1
H Hr



RIGHT FLANK

(Personnel only disembark)
Craft retract and 1-3 land
again at H plus 20 mins as
Serials 6-8.
Serial 4 lands again at
H plus 30 as Serial 11).

Wave 2
H plus 10 mins

A L C 40



L C I

Wave 3
H plus 20 mins



A L C 40

Wave 4
H plus 30 mins



A L C 40

Wave 5
H plus 40 mins



L C I

EMBARKATION PROGRAMME

Serial	Unit	Ship	OC Troops	Vehicles	Assembly Point	Date and time	Embarkation Point	Date and time	ECO	Remarks
1 and 6	2/23 Bn and att	ALC40	As detailed by 2/23 Bn	-	ALC40 Assembly area	240030K	ALC PT 6	240100K	Maj NEWCOMBE	Embark in same craft
	2/9 Armd Regt	"	"	1 Tank	UNCLE SECTOR	240215K	UNCLE SECTOR PT 6 map ref 506990	240245K	"	
7 and 2	2/23 bn and att	"	"	-	ALC40 Assembly Area.	240030K	ALC PT 5	240100K	"	do
	2/9 Armd Regt	"	"	1 Tank	UNCLE SECTOR	240215K	UNCLE SECTOR PT 5 map ref 506990	240245K	"	
8 and 3	2/23 Bn and att	"	"	-	ALC 40 Assembly Area	240030K	ALC PT 4	240100K	"	do
	2/9 Armd Regt	"	"	1 Tank	UNCLE SECTOR	240215K	UNCLE SECTOR 4 map ref 506990	240245K	"	
11 and 4	2/23 Bn and att	"	"	-	ALC40 Assembly Area	240030	ALC PT 3	240100K	"	do
	2/9 Armd Regt	"	"	1 Tank	UNCLE SECTOR	240215K	UNCLE SECTOR 3 map ref 506990	240245K	"	
10	2/23 bn and att	"	"	-	ALC40 Assembly Area	240030K	ALC PT 2	240100K	"	do
	2/9 Armd Regt	"	"	1 Tank	UNCLE SECTOR	240215K	UNCLE SECTOR 2 map ref 506990	240100K	"	
9	2/23 bn and att	"	"	-	ALC40 Assembly Area	240030K	ALC PT 1	240100K	"	do
	2/9 Armd Regt	"	"	1 Tank	UNCLE SECTOR	240215K	UNCLE SECTOR PT 2 map ref 506990	240245K	"	

(2)

Appx "D" contd

Serial	Unit	Ship	OC Troops	Vehicles	Assembly Point	Date and Time	Embarkation Point	Date and Time	ECO	Remarks
5	2/23 bn and att	LCI	As detailed by 2/23 Bn	-	LCI PT 1	240030K	LCI PT 1	240100K	Maj PIKE	
12	2/23 bn and att	LCI	"	-	LCI PT 2	240300K	LCI PT 1	240100K	"	

EXERCISE SECRET

Copy No. ¹⁶.....

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

22 Nov 44

EXERCISE "TRICKFOOT" - SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Para 12 of 26 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order No.3 for the landing operations of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn from 2 LCIs and 6 ALC40's on 24 Nov 44 has laid down TARE SECTOR as the landing beach.
2. For special purposes it is desired to land the bn on the wrong beach. Despite the orders issued to land on TARE SECTOR, the bn will be landed on UNCLE GREEN beach to test out the action of the bn under such circumstances.
3. One 90 cm searchlight as part of the enemy defenses has been sited at each end of UNCLE GREEN beach and will make one sweep over the water every five minutes for one minute from H minus 20 minutes to H hr. The first two waves of craft will beach between these lights, irrespective of any orders from Lt Col F.A.G. TUCKER 2/23 Aust Inf Bn to land on another beach once it is found surprise has been lost.
4. These instructions will be treated as EXERCISE SECRET and every precaution taken to ensure that the members of both bn groups are not informed either directly or indirectly of the deliberate landing on UNCLE GREEN beach.

N.R. McLeod
(N.R. McLEOD) Maj.
for BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution :

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26 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR 9

GEN

1. This instr deals with mov of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp from TRINITY to camps on ATHERTON TABLELANDS.

MOV

2. By MT on 24 and 25 Nov 44, vide Mov Table att as Appx "A".

3. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp is moving to TRINITY on the above dates and will take over camp sites from this Bde Gp. AASC tpt where provided will bring 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp down and backload 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

4. All units will strictly adhere to convoy timings set down.

CAMP AREAS

5. Camp areas will be handed over to incoming units in best possible condition. Handover clearance certificates are required in the following form to be signed by outgoing and incoming COs and to be fwded to this HQ before departure from this area.

" Camp No.....(e.g., B2) occupied by.....(unit) has been handed over in a clean and satisfactory condition to.....(unit)
.....(Date)CO outgoing unit.
.....(Date)CO incoming unit."

6. Water

Units of this Bde Gp will ensure that all tks handed over are filled with water before departure.

7. Tentage

Tentage will be handed over to units of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp in this area. Before 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves from RAVENSHOE area it will hand over equivalent tentage to units of this Bde Gp.

Tentage to be handed over is att as Appx "B".

Where units are not shown in the Appx, they will make mutual arrangements regarding tentage.

TPT

8. Discipline

(a) General. Offrs or NCOs will be detailed to see that all personnel sit within the confines of the bodies of vehs; that they do not stand up or sit on cabin roofs etc; and that they do not hang their legs over the sides of vehs.

(b) Convoy. Offrs and NCOs will police convoy discipline, especially speeds, densities and clearance of rd at halts.

9. AASC drs will have rations supplied by 24 Aust Inf Bde.

10. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn Lt vide Appx "A" to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde "LBI TRG" dated 14 Nov 44 (less 24 Aust Inf Bde Trg Cadre, 3FCP and det 2 Aust Beach Group) will be moved direct to RAVENSBOE from UNITY BEACH on completion of exercise "TRICKFOOT".

11. POL

(a) AASC Vehs at TRINITY - POL will be available at Sports Ground opp Bde HQ on each day of move.

at RAVENSBOE - at Pet Pumps under arrangement 24 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Unit Vehs will carry 4 gall res on each veh.

12. All meals under unit arrangements.

MED

13. Following Car Posts will be established and sign-posted from 0600K 24 Nov to 0600K 26 Nov :-

(a) KURANDA by 2/11 Aust Fd Amb

(b) MARHEBA by 24 Aust Inf Bde

(c) near rd junc EVELYN HIGHWAY - EAST BARRON Rd (South WONGABILL turnoff) by 24 Aust Inf Bde.

REC

14. Rec Posts will be established and sign-posted at some places, and for same duration as Med Posts, vide para 13 above -

(a) by 2/123 Aust Bde Wksp

(b) by 24 Aust Inf Bde

(c) by 24 Aust Inf Bde.

INTERCOMM

15. SC with Exercise "TRICKFOOT" HQ.

SC(L) with Main Bde move

TC remains at TRINITY until move complete.

[Signature]
(J.O. GEDDES) Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution :

- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (2)
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn (2)
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn (2)
- 2/4 Aust Commando Bde
- A Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt
- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (2)
- 10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
- 158 Bty 53 Comp AA Regt
- 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
- D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- 30 Aust Sup Depot Pl
- 31 Aust Sup Depot Pl
- 2/15 Aust Tpt Pl
- 2/13 Aust Tpt Pl
- 2/11 Aust Fd Amb
- One lt see 2/1 Aust CCS
- 2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pk
- 2/123 Aust Bde Wksp
- 3 Sqn 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
- 24 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)

- Comd
- BM
- SC (2)
- TC
- Sup O
- Camp
- File (2)
- War Diary (2)

NOT TABLE

SECRET

(Issued with 26 Aust Inf Bde Adm Distr 9)

ROUTE : Via MAREEBA - EVERTON HIGHWAY

SPEED AND DENSITY : Normal convoy 30 vtm 20 min. 25 or gun convoy 15 min 30 vtm.
 IAA gun convoy 12½ min 20 vtm. HAA gun convoy 10 min 20 vtm.

HALTS : 15 mins each 2 hrs after passing SP and where shown for meals.

SP : Junc of COOK HIGHWAY - KERRARA R1.

DISBURGAL : Direct to unit lines on arrival at destination

Convoy No	Unit and Order of March	No. of Vets	Supplied by	Report Unit lines	Head of column passes SP	Meal on route		Tail of convoy arrives Unit Lines	CO Convoy Supplied by
						Place	Time From To		
1	2/4 Aust Inf Bn 2/4 Aust Commando Bn	43 3	2/18 GT Pl "	230730K "	230830K		231200K 231245K	231445K	2/18 Bn
2	2/15 Aust GT Pl	43	Unit		240600K		EMWENSPOE CAMP	241130K	2/15 GT Pl
3	HQ 26 Bde incl att 2/23 Aust Inf Bn 2/24 Aust Inf Bn 2/4 Aust Commando Bn	3 43 17 4	Unit " " "		240630K " " "		" " " "	241200K " " "	2/23 Bn
4	158 Comp Bty 33 Ssg 42 Bn	32	"		240715K		MAREE CAMP	241100K	158 Comp Bty
5	158 Comp Bty "	21	"		241400K		"	242000K	"
6	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	27	AASO	241330K	241500K		5 miles on ATERBTON side of BARRON R by MAREEBA - 45 mins	242145K	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
7	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	62	"	241400K	241530K		Half rear of preceding convoy (5 miles)	242215K	2/24 Bn
8	2/4 Aust Commando Bn	25	"	241430K	241600K		ATERBTON side of BARRON R by MAREEBA	242245K	2/4 Bn
9	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	54	"	241445K	241615K		45 mins	242300K	2/23 Bn

(2)

Convoy No	Unit and Order or March	No of Vchs	Supplied by	vchs report Unit lines	Head of column passes SP	Meal en route		Tail of column arrives unit lines	CG convoy supplied by	
						Place	Time From To			
10	2/11 Aust Fd Amb 10 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn 2/123 Bde Ord Fd Pk	15 14 4 7	Unit " " "		250600K	RAVENHORN CAMP		251130K	10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	
11	2/13 Aust Fd Coy 2/123 Aust Bde Wksp	38 23	" "		250630K	"		251200K	2/13 Fd Coy	
12	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	74	"		250700K	"		251230K	2/7 Fd Regt	
13 Slow	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	24	"		251400K	Clear of MARREBA town	251645K	251900K	260100K	2/7 Fd Regt
14 (h)	2/11 Aust Fd Amb 10 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn 2/7 Aust Fd Regt 2/123 Aust Bde Wksp 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	10 9 9 22 1 5	AASC " " " " "		251500K	5 miles ATHERTON side of BARRON R BR MARREBA	251645	45 mins	252100K	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
15	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	44	"	Depart UNITY beach area 251445K	251530K	"	251715K	45 mins	252200K	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
16	Empty AASC vchs	75	"		251600K	"	251745	45 mins	252230K	AASC

Issued with 26 Aust Inf Bde 4th Lst 9

RENTS TO BE HANDLED OVER TO UNITS

OF 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp at TRINITY

Approximate

RENTS TO BE HANDLED OVER TO UNITS

Issued with 26 Aust Inf Bde 4th Lst 9

Serial	Unit	Rents to be handed over to units of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp at TRINITY	
1	Hq. 26 Aust Inf Bde	54	12 x 14 Store
2	2/4 Aust Commando Sqn	57	12 x 14 Marquise
3	2/7 Aust Fd Regt incl att	181	12 x 14 Pyramid
4	10 Coy 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	23	12 x 14
5	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	167	12 x 14
6	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	149	12 x 14
7	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	150	12 x 14
8	D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	13	12 x 14
9	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl	16	12 x 14
10	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	40	12 x 14
11	2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pk	8	12 x 14
12	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp	20	12 x 14

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

20 Nov 44

EXERCISE "TRICKFOOT" - SPECIAL INSTRS

1. Para 12 of 26 Aust Inf Bde Operation Orders No.1 and No.2 for the landing operations of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn from HMS "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" on 23 Nov 44 and 2/48 Aust Inf Bn from HMS "GLENEARN" on 25 Nov 44 has laid down TARE SECTOR as the landing beach.
2. For special exercise purposes it is desired to land both bns on the wrong beach. Despite the orders issued to land on TARE SECTOR, both bns will be landed on UNCLE GREEN beach to test out the action of bns under such circumstances.
3. These instructions will be treated as EXERCISE SECRET and every precaution taken to ensure that the members of both bn groups are not informed either directly or indirectly of the deliberate landing on UNCLE GREEN beach.

N.R. McLeod.
(N.R. McLEOD) Maj.
for BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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HQ 26 AUST INF BDE
ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I

by

BRIG D A WHITEHEAD DSO MC COMMANDING 26 AUST INF BDE

No 30

In the Field

20 Nov 44

169. AIR LETTER SERVICE (GRO G403/44)

1. The Postmaster-General's Department has introduced an Air Letter Service, in addition to the existing airmail and airgraph facilities, for overseas correspondence. This service is available for communications -

- (a) to Australian and other Empire Forces, overseas, and British Merchant Seamen;
- (b) to civilians in most parts of the British Empire, other than Canada, and in certain specified neutral countries; and
- (c) to prisoners of war in Europe.

It will provide a considerably faster service than the normal airmail.

2. When this service is used, the letter will be written on the special air letter form, which is obtainable at army and civil post offices at a cost of 7d, and the following procedure will be observed -

- (a) The space provided on the back of the form for the name and address of the sender will not be used. The address will be written inside the letter form in the top right hand corner thereof;
- (b) When writing to a British country, a member will use his usual military address;
- (c) When writing to a neutral or enemy country, a member will not use any military address, but will use either -
 - (i) a civil address -
(e.g. Army No..... Rank.... Initial.... Surname.....
18 Tope Street,
NEWEHAVEN, NSW.), or
 - (ii) that of the Chief Field Censor -
(e.g. Army No..... Rank.... Initial.... Surname.....
C/o Chief Field Censor, LHQ, AUSTRALIA);
- (d) If the Chief Field Censor's address be used, the member will notify him of his usual military address and any subsequent change of that address in order that any reply received to the member's air letter may be forwarded to him by the Chief Field Censor.

3. Air letter forms cannot be sent by registered post and will not contain any enclosures. Any found with enclosures will be forwarded by surface mail.

169. LIFE ASSURANCE POLICIES TAKEN OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES (GRO F412/44)

1. Life assurance policies taken out by members of the forces on their own lives after September, 1939, usually contain a war clause which imposes upon the member assured if he wishes to remain covered under his policy for the full sum assured while serving outside the Commonwealth, the obligation of -

...../(a)

- (a) informing the life assurance office concerned of his departure from Australia and of the date thereof; and
- (b) payment to that office of an extra war loading premium.

2. Certain life assurance offices regard the Territories of Papua and New Guinea as being, for this purpose, outside the Commonwealth, and there are variations in the rate of war loading premiums charged by different offices, while, in some circumstances, an office may not be prepared to cover the additional risk and may, therefore, refuse to quote any extra premium. A member who desires to remain covered while serving outside the Commonwealth should ascertain from the office concerned to what areas the existing cover extends and what rates of war loading premiums are required should he serve outside those areas.

3. If the member subsequently embarks for service outside the Commonwealth, he may arrange through army channels -

- (a) for payment of the amount of extra war loading premium (as previously ascertained by him) to the office concerned, by means of a remittance of undrawn pay; and
- (b) for notice of the date of embarkation to be given to that office by the DFO when paying the remittance.

The member will attach to the remittance form a letter requesting the giving of the notice mentioned in sub-para (b) of this paragraph.

4. For security reasons, direct notification by members to life assurance offices of their impending or actual embarkation is strictly prohibited.

170. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER - SYNTHETIC TYRES (GRO 0302/44)

1. The deterioration in the rubber situation, necessitating the introduction of tyres of synthetic construction, renders it imperative that greater care than ever be exercised in the use of all tyres.

2. All concerned, therefore, will -

- (a) Exercise the utmost care to avoid overloading, under-inflation, hard breaking and fierce acceleration, high speeds, bumps and other causes of severe impact;
- (b) check wheel alignment frequently and correct irregularities promptly;
- (c) rotate tyres regularly;
- (d) remove stones and flint from tyres during unit maintenance;
- (e) submit tyres for replacement at the correct stages for recapping; and
- (f) submit damaged tyres for repair without delay.

3. ~~Formations and units will ensure that prompt disciplinary action is taken where breaches of this order occur.~~

171. CARE OF AAB 83 (GRO 739/43 extract)

- 1. (a) A member will take every possible care to prevent the loss, destruction or defacement of his AAB 83. Failure to take such care will be regarded as a serious offence and punished accordingly.
- (b) Any member losing his AAB 83 will (unless the CO is satisfied that the loss was not due to any negligence on the part of the member) be charged under AA 24(2) (or, in the case of officers, under AA 40), the fact of loss being sufficient to found a charge of "losing by neglect public property issued to him for his use" (or of "neglect to the prejudice", as the case may be) and to justify a conviction on such charge in the absence of a satisfactory explanation.

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2. Destruction or defacement of an AAB B3 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorized alteration of any information contained therein is also an offence in respect of which a charge will be laid under AA 24, 2A 25 or AA 40, whichever is appropriate, the advice of a legal officer being sought if necessary.

172. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUNDS - AUDIT (GRO 819/43)

- 1.(a) Each unit will keep a cash book in which will be recorded details of all receipts and any payments from any unit trust account.
- (b) All monye received will be vouched for by credit entries in the unit trust book (WF 1450, duly signed by a paymaster.
- (c) Receipts will be obtained for all payments of or in excess of 5/- made from the trust fund.
- (d) An audited statement (vide para 2) showing the balance standing to the credit of the unit's regimental trust account, the receipts during the month, the expenditure during the month and details of such expenditure will be published at the end of each month in Bde HQ routine orders.

- 2.(a) The OC of each sub-unit will appoint at least two auditors whose duty it will be to conduct regular audits of each unit trust account. The OC will be responsible that these accounts are audited at least once a month.
- (b) The auditors so appointed by the OC will not be members of the committee of management.
- (c) The auditors will ensure that all entries in the cash book are supported by vouchers, or credit entries, as required by para 1. After audit all vouchers will be endorsed as having been used in audit. Whilst examining vouchers, auditors will pay particular attention to ensure that expenditure from canteen profits has been in accordance with Canteen Service Regulations -

"The manner of disposal of profits and surplus funds of the canteen service shall be as approved, but expenditure shall not be made therefrom for ordinary military requirements, for the use of officers, in aid of any religious or philanthropic institution for any purpose other than the benefit of the WOs, NCOs and private soldiers".

- (d) The auditors will endorse on each monthly statement submitted for inclusion in unit routine orders a certificate in the following form -
 "We certify that we have examined the cash book, the unit trust book and vouchers relating to (name etc) unit trust account and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the funds as at (date) except -

The certificate may be qualified as considered necessary by the auditors.
A separate certificate will be furnished in respect of each particular fund (i.e. Regimental unit funds, officers mess funds, sergeants mess funds, etc). The certificate given above will replace that previously given on form WF 192, which will not be required in future.

- (e) At any time the OC may be required to produce the audit certificate for inspection by any inspection officer of the AAPC

(Details of mess accounting are set out in GRO 819/43 para 30)

3. Sub-unit commanders will furnish to this HQ by the 7th of each month a certificate that Trust Accounts have been audited during the previous month, found correct and a copy of audited statement of accounts for publishing in Bde HQ Routine Orders

[Signature]
(J O GEDDES) Capt
SC 25 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution :

- Comd
- BM
- SC
- Camp
- CSM
- Gd Pl
- 26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
- 2/78 Aust LAD
- Officers' Mess
- Sergeants' Mess
- ORs Mess
- File
- War Diary (2)

NOTICES

CANTREX - HQ 26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

(STATEMENT for period 6 May 44 - 29 Oct 44)

Stock on hand	£57/16/ 1	
Cash on hand	97/ 2/ -	154/18/ 1
Less -		
Advance from GOCs Special Fund	60/ -/ -	
Profit for period ending 29 Oct 44	£ 94/18/ 1	

ALLOTMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS TO SUB-UNITS REGIMENTAL FUNDS

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	£ 45/13/ -
26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	24/ 7/ 1
4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	18/ 3/ -
2/78 Aust LAD	6/15/ -
Total	£ 94/18/ 1

(NOTE - The abovementioned profit has not yet been credited to various Regimental Funds as it is required as capital for the purchase of stock).

Ref HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde RO 172.

The following are appointed auditors of Regimental Trust A/cs of Bde HQ and attached sub-units -

- SX 7971 Capt M WRIGHT
- SX 17938 Lt W H NICHOLAS.

War Diary

EXERCISE "TRICKFOOT"
18 Nov 44

26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE CO 2

SECRET

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Ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile MACALISTER RANGE

INFORM

1. Enemy

As per 26 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary No.1 of 18 Nov 44.

2. Additional Troops under command

The following are under command 26 Aust Inf Bde for the op :-

- (a) One Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (dets only represented)
- (b) Two SFCPs
- (c) Det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
- (d) Det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb
- (e) Det 2 Aust Beach Group

3. Air Force

15 US Air Force is providing air cover for convoys, logs and beach head during D Day (mythical).

4. Naval Cooperation and Support

- (a) Allied Naval Forces are providing protection for convoys and bombardment (mythical).
- (b) 2 x DD each 5 x 4-in guns are available for bombardment from H hr D Day (mythical).

5. Shipping and Craft

The following shipping is available for the op :-

- (a) PHASE 1 and 4 - 1 LSI
6 ALC40
- (b) PHASE 2 and 3 - 1 LSI (mythical)

6. Command of Assault Forces

- (a) Navy - Capt C.A.G. HUTCHINSON "GLENEARN"
~~Capt J.F. BLACKBURN "THE IRON SPURHEAD"~~
- (b) Army - Lt Col R. AINSLIE

7. Topographical and Map Data

As per 26 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary No.1 of 18 Nov 44.

INTENTION

8. 26 Aust Inf Bde will land in TARE Sector and destroy the RADAR STA 477025.

METHOD

9. Summary

The op will be carried out in 4 Phases.

- (a) PHASE 1 - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will land in TARE Sector and secure a covering area.
- (b) PHASE 2 - On success of PHASE 1, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will land in TARE Sector and move through covering position to destroy the RADAR STA.

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- (c) PHASE 3 - On success of PHASE 2, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will withdraw through covering posn and re-embark in TAKE Sector on night D / D plus 1.
- (d) PHASE 4 - On completion of PHASE 3, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will withdraw from covering posn and re-embark in TAKE Sector under cover of darkness on morning D plus 1.

PHASE 1

10. Tps

2/48 Aust Inf Bn with in sp :-

- (a) One bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (dets only represented)
- (b) One SFCP
- (c) Det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
- (d) Det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb
- (e) Det 2 Aust Beach Gp

11. Task

- (a) Will capture TAKE Sector and secure a covering posn, vide sketch att as Appx "A".
- (b) Will be prepared to hold covering posn until H plus 24 hrs.

12. Ldg Beach

TAKE Sector, see sketch att as Appx "A".

13. Ldg Table and Ldg Diagram

- (a) Ldg Table att as Appx "B"
- (b) Ldg Diagram att as Appx "C"

14. H hr

0500K 25 Nov 44

15. Naval Sp

- (a) NIL prior to H hr
- (b) One SFCP in sp 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- (c) From H to H plus 7 hrs, 2 x DD each 5 x 4-in guns will be available for bombardment.

16. Air Sp

No direct air sp will be provided.

17. Embarkation

Separate instrs will be issued.

PHASES 2-4

18. Mythical.

ADM

19. Malaria

- (a) On board ship Atobrin will be taken as normally.
- (b) On land, full malarial precautions incl use of tents mosquito will be carried out.

20. Typhus

All clothing will be treated with BETTY mite lotion prior to embarkation.

INTERCOMN21. Comms Afloat

Will only be effected through Navy Channels.

22. Comms on approach to shore

- (a) From bns to bde by No.46 set
(b) From bn to coys by No.108 set

23. Comms ashore

Line and wireless.

24. Bde HQ

Bde HQ will not be afloat, but for purposes of exercise HQ afloat will be represented by a comd post ashore from H-60.

25. Bde Report Centre

Will be est in centre of TARE sector at H plus 30.

26. Wireless Silence

Wireless silence will be maintained until

- (a) Leading coys of assault bn land
(b) If surprise is lost by senior officer present
(c) All sets on listening watch from time of embarkation into small craft.

27. Allotment of Wireless sets

One No.46 set and one No.22 set to each Bn.

28. Line

Normal line comms will be est once ashore. Line det Bde sigs will move with each bn.

29. RT Code

RT Code No.2 will be used. Code word NORMALIGHTS/K

30. Code Names - Frequencies

As per block trg codes, frequencies etc issued by 26 Aust Inf Bde Sigs.

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W.R. Hilda Maj.
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/7 Aust Pd Regt	2	2	2	2
2/13 Aust Pd Coy	3	3	3	3
2/11 Aust Pd Amb	4	4	4	4
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6
2 Aust Beach Group	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9
2 Aust Mil Ldg Group	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11
41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	12	12	12	12
HMG "GLENEARNEY"	13	13	13	13
HQ 9 Aust Div	14-15	14-15	14-15	14-15
Comd	16	16	16	16
BM	17	17	17	17
SC	18	18	18	18
Sig Offr	19	19	19	19
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EXERCISE 'TSICUPOT'

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Graft Available : HMS "GLENEARN"
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EXERCISE "TRICKFOOT"
SECRET

APPX "B" to 26 Aust Inf Bde
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Ldg Graft Serial No.	Graft ready to Beach	Unit	Personnel Parties		Vehs and guns		Stores		Embark Sector or Beach	Craft	Ship	Ldg Sector and Beach	Remarks
			Foot	Vehs	No	Type	Tons	Type					
1-8	H hour	2/48 Bn 2/13 Pd Coy 2 Beach Gp	199 12 8						TOWNS- VILLE	8 LCA	HMS GLENEARN	TARE Sector	Incl beach signs
9-16	H plus 10	2/48 Bn HQ 26 Bde SFCP 2/7 Pd Regt	260 7 8 5						"	8 LCA	"	"	
17-22	H plus 20	2/48 Bn 2/7 Pd Regt 2/11 Pd Amph 2 Beach Gp	132 20 31 17						"	6 LCA	"	"	
23-28	H plus 65	2/48 Bn 2/43 Bn Tcg Cadre	112 28						"	6 LCA			

LDG DIAGRAM

EXERCISE "TRICKFOOT"
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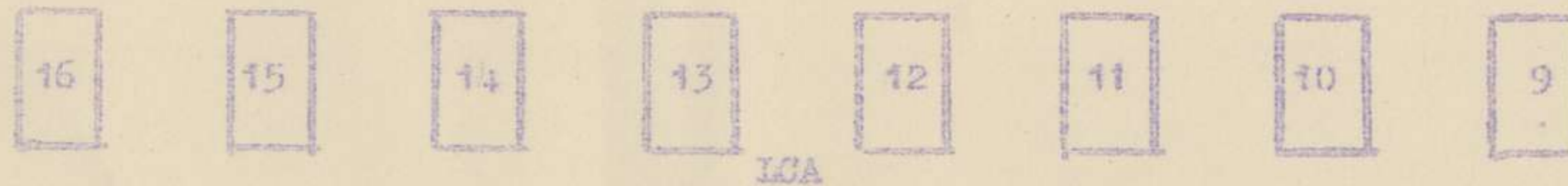
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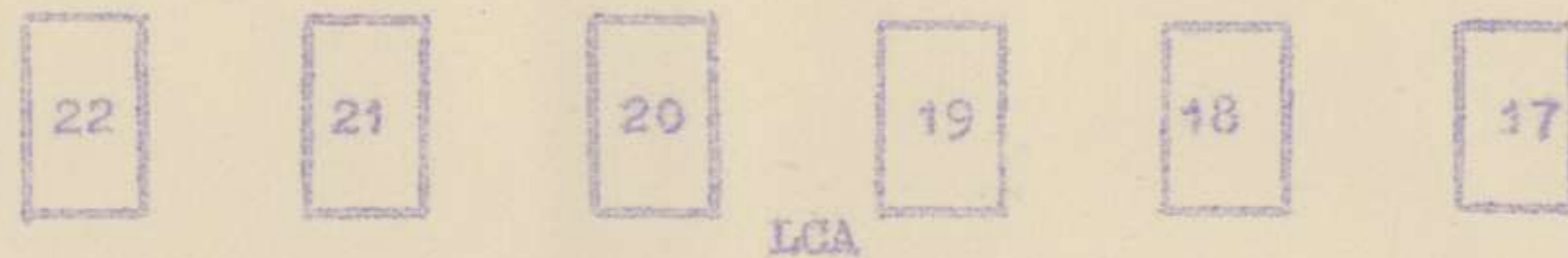
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Wave 1



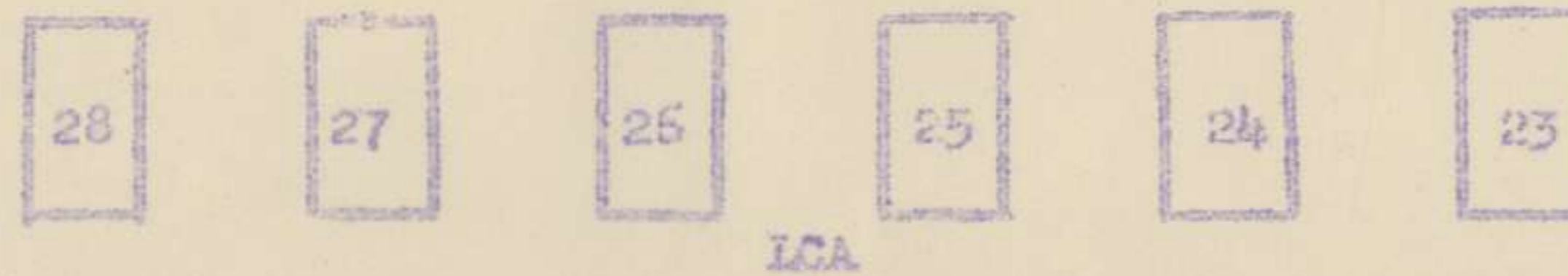
H plus 10
Wave 2



H plus 20
Wave 3



H plus 65
Wave 4
(Ferry Service)



Ref Map 1 in to 1 mile MACALISTER RANGE

INFM1. Enemy

As per 26 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary No.1 of 18 Nov 44.

2. Additional tps under comd

The following are under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde for the op :-

- (a) Two tps A Sqn 2/9 Arm'd Regt
- (b) One Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (dets only represented)
- (c) Two SFCEPs
- (d) Det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
- (e) Det 2/11 Aust Fd AnB
- (f) Det 2 Aust Beach Group

3. Air Force

13 US Air Force is providing air cover for convoys, lds and beach head during D day (mythical).

4. Naval Coop and Sp

- (a) Allied Naval Forces are providing protection for convoys and bombardment (mythical).
- (b) 2 x DD each 5 x 4-in guns are available for bombardment from H hr D Day (mythical).

5. Shipping and Craft

The following shipping is available for the op :-

- (a) PHASE 1 and 4 - 1 LSI
6 ALC40
- (b) PHASE 2 and 3 - 1 LSI (mythical).

6. Comds of Assault Forces

- (a) Navy - Comdr J.F. BLACKBURN, "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD"
- (b) Army - Lt Col A.B. GILLESPIE

7. Topographical and Met Data

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INTENTION

- 8. 26 Aust Inf Bde will land in TARE Sector and destroy the RADAR STA 477025.

METHOD9. Summary

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- (a) PHASE 1 - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will land in TARE Sector and secure a covering area.

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- (b) PHASE 2 - On success of PHASE 1, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will land in TARE Sector and move through covering posn to destroy the RADAR STA.
- (c) PHASE 3 - On success of PHASE 2, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will withdraw through covering posn and re-embark in TARE Sector on night D / D plus 1.
- (d) PHASE 4 - On completion of PHASE 3, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will withdraw from covering posn and re-embark in TARE Sector under cover of darkness on morning D plus 1.

PHASE 110. Tps

2/24 Aust Inf Bn with in sp -

- (a) Two Tps A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
- (b) One bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (dets only represented)
- (c) One SFCP
- (d) Det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
- (e) Det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb
- (f) Det 2 Aust Beach Group

11. Task

- (a) Will capture TARE Sector and secure a covering posn, vide sketch att as Appx "A".
- (b) Will be prepared to hold covering posn until H plus 24 hrs.

12. Ldg Beach

TARE Sector, see sketch att as Appx "A".

13. Ldg Table and Ldg Diagram

- (a) Ldg Table att as Appx "B"
- (b) Ldg Diagram att as Appx "C"

14. H hr

0500K 23 Nov 44

15. Naval Sp

- (a) NIL prior to H hr.
- (b) One SFCP in sp 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- (c) From H to H plus 7 hrs, 2 x DD each 5 x 4-in guns will be available for bombardment.

16. Air sp

No direct air sp will be provided.

17. Embarkation

Separate instrs will be issued.

PHASES 2-418. MythicalADM19. Malaria

- (a) On board ship Atebrin will be taken as normally.
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All clothing will be treated with BETTY mite lotion prior to

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Will only be effected through Navy Channels.

22. Comms on approach to Shore

- (a) From bns to bde by No.46 set.
 (b) From bn to coys by No.108 set.

23. Comms Ashore

Line and wireless.

24. Bde HQ

Bde HQ will not be afloat, but for purposes of exercise HQ afloat will be represented by a comm post ashore from H - 60.

25. Bde Report Centre

Will be est in centre of TARE Sector at H plus 30.

26. Wireless Silence

Wireless silence will be maintained until -

- (a) Leading coys of assault bn land
 (b) If surprise is lost by senior officer present
 (c) All sets on listening watch from time of embarkation into small craft

27. Allotment of Wireless Sets

One No.46 set and one No.22 set to each bn.

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Normal line comms will be est once ashore. Line det Bde sigs will move with each bn.

29. RT Code

RT Code No.2 will be used. Code word NORMALEIGHTS/K

30. Code Names - Frequencies

As per block trg codes, frequencies etc issued by 26 Aust Inf Bde Sigs.

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2/7 Aust Fd Regt	3	3	3	3
2/13 Aust Fd Coy	4	4	4	4
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	5	5	5	5
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	6-9	6-9	6-9	6-9
2 Aust Beach Group	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12
2 Aust Mil Ldg Group	13-14	13-14	13-14	13-14
41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	15	15	15	15
HMS "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD"	16	16	16	16
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26 Aust Inf Bde
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Craft Available : HMS EMPIRE SPEARHEAD
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EXERCISE "TRICKFOOT"
Appendix "B" to
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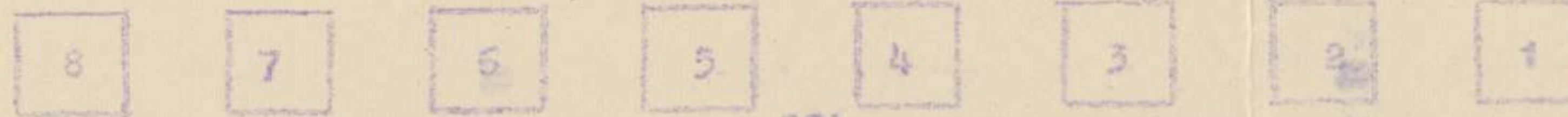
Ldg Craft Ser No.	Craft ready to beach	Unit	Personnel Parties		Vehs and Guns		Embarkation Beach	Craft	Ship	Ldg Sector	Remarks
			Foot	Vehs	No	Type					
1-8	H hr	2/24 Bn 2/13 Fd Coy 2 Beach Gp	195 24 8				ABLE RED	8 LCA	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	TARE Sector	Incl beach signs
9-12	H plus 10	2/24 Bn 2/9 Armd Regt SFCP Bde Sigs 2/7 Fd Regt 2 Beach Group 2/11 Fd Amb	90 8 9 7 5 22 3					4 LCA	"	"	
13-15	H plus 20	2/9 Armd Regt		12	3	Tks		3 ALC40	"	"	
16-18	H plus 25	2/9 Armd Regt		12	3	Tks		3 ALC40	"	"	
19-24	H plus 65	2/24 Bn 2/7 Fd Regt 2/2 Beach Gp	143 20 5					6 LCA	"	"	
25-30	H plus 75	2/24 Bn 2/11 Fd Amb	148 31					6 LCA	"	"	
31-32	H plus 125	2/24 Bn	55					2 LCA	"	"	

LDG DIAGRAM

LEFT FLANK

RIGHT FLANK

H hour
Wave 1



ICA

H plus 10 mins
Wave 2



LCA

H plus 20 mins
Wave 3



ALC 40

H plus 25 mins
Wave 4



ALC 40

H plus 65 mins
Wave 5



ICA

H plus 75 mins
Wave 6



ICA

H plus 125
Wave 7



ICA

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18 Nov 44

26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 1

(Based on infm to 18 Nov 1944)

Ref Map MCALISTER RANGE 1:63360

SUMMARY OF RECENT EVENTS

Enemy forces established in PORT DOUGLAS area have been pushing South and one Inf Regt with an Independent Engr Regt is disposed on the coastal sector North of ARNOLD'S NOB.

From PORT DOUGLAS road construction has been in progress and a good motor road now exists as far south as 465058. South of this point, land slides have occurred between 473054 and 493028 which prevent vehicular traffic.

Latest Tac R report activity on southern spur of ARNOLD'S NOB and approx one Coy is disposed on this spur.

A Radar Station is known to exist at 477025 which warns the aerodrome at PORT DOUGLAS of the approach of our aircraft.

To date NO enemy activity or movement has been observed south of line WHITE CLIFF POINT to RADAR STATION.

PART I - ENEMY

ENEMY STRENGTHS AND DISPOSALS

The main enemy force is disposed as shown in Appx "B"

Known disposals are :-

	<u>COASTAL AREA NORTH ARNOLD'S NOB</u>	
504 Inf Regt (Less one Coy)		3,500
Ind Engr Regt		500
	<u>ARNOLD'S NOB</u>	
One Coy		185
Radar personnel		30

PART II - TOPOGRAPHY

Rugged hills slope down to the coast with no coastal plain from 447075 to WHITE CLIFF POINT 498021.

South of this point the coastal plain widens and there are two good beaches divided by UNITY REEF which extends 2000 yds seaward.

Streams

Only stream (HARTLEY'S CREEK) flows into this sector of the coast. It is a sluggish stream containing stagnant water and presents no obstacle to mvt of tps. A non-perennial stream from the south joins HARTLEY'S CREEK near the mouth which widens out into a lagoon. When the streams are in flood this lagoon breaks out into the ocean, but under normal conditions a bar exists.

BEACH INFORMATION

Beaches are divided into two sectors by UNITY REEF. The northern sector TARE, and the southern, UNCLE.

Beach reports are attached as Appx "A".

ASTRONOMICAL DATA

Attached as Appx "C".

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18 Nov

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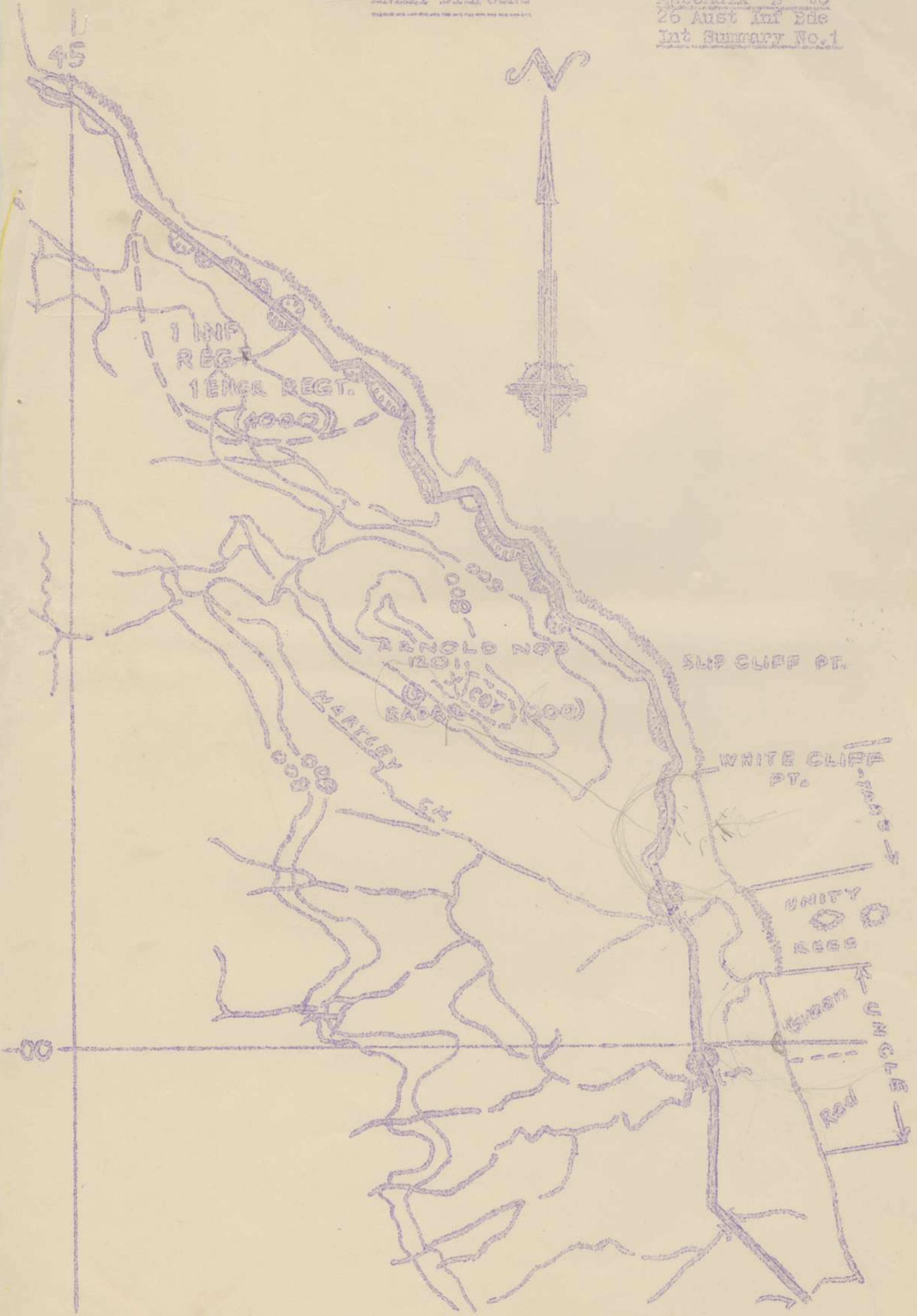
BEACH INFORMATION

Beach	Description	Naval Comments	Exits	Remarks
<p><u>TARE</u></p> <p>Being from SOUTH end of WHITE CLIFF PT (497023) to SOUTH END of unnamed pt 501012. Total length : 1000 yards</p>	<p>1000 yds of white sand with some flat rocky ledges and boulders around low water mark on the south extremity of the beach. 20-30 yds of soft sand above HW mark, 10-20 yds of firm sand between HW and LW marks. Gradient: above HW mark about 1 in 10, between HW and LW marks about 1 in 15</p> <p><u>UNITY REEF</u>: A coral and sand formation running about 1500 yds off shore to the ENE with less than 3 ft of water over it in parts at low water. At low water parts of it show. This reef fouls the approach to 400 yds of white sand beach between TARE and UNCLE sectors.</p>	<p>(a) LC can use beach. Craft should beach with NO water gap at HW and with 10-20 yds water gap below half tide with greatest depth of 18" at the ramp. Suitable for amphibians.</p> <p>(b) LC should NOT approach within the chartered limits of the REEF until a careful survey of it has been made</p>	<p>Ground is firm along whole of beach.</p> <p>Vegetation - thick scrub throughout area.</p> <p>Dispersal. Cover and limited dispersal areas available. A lagoon runs back of the beach 400 yds North of southern bdy. Extent of lagoon approx 500-600 yds.</p> <p>Jetty as shown on map does NOT exist.</p>	
<p><u>UNCLE</u></p> <p>Being from SOUTH and of unnamed pt 502006 to 504996. Total length 1000 yds</p>	<p>1000 yds of white sand beach the approaches are clear. There appears to be a false beach 5 to 10 yds off shore at LW. Approaches to the beach are unobstructed except for UNITY REEF which lies to the NORTHWARD.</p>	<p>Suitable for LC. Craft should beach with dry ramps at HW. At other states of tide water gap up to 20 yds may be expected with greatest depth at ramp of 18"</p>	<p>Ground. Firm behind RED beach.</p> <p>Vegetation. Thick scrub near beach, thinning to savannah inland.</p> <p>Dispersal areas and cover available for 1000 yds inland</p>	

Beach	Description	Naval Comments	Exits	Remarks
UNCLE (contd)	<p>20-30 yds of soft sand above HW mark.</p> <p>10-20 yds of firm sand between HW and LW mark.</p> <p>Gradients : Above HW mark about 1 in 6; between HW and LW marks about 1 in 15</p>		<p>Tracks. Several possible tracks from beach to main rd. Average distance beach to main rd 400 yds. A lagoon with swamp growth 100 yds inland and parallel with shore at Northern end of GREEN beach.</p>	<p>UNCLE. Divided into two beaches.</p> <p><u>Green Beach</u> 500 yds in length from Northern end of UNCLE.</p> <p><u>Red Beach</u> 500 yds in length; is southern section of UNCLE Beach</p>

ENEMY DISPOSITION

Appendix "B" to
26 Aust Inf Bde
Int Summary No. 1



ASTRO PHENOMENA CAIRNS FOR PERIOD Nov 18 - Nov 27 1944

Nov 1944	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set	High Water		Low Water	
					Time	Height	Time	Height
Sat 18	0534	1827	0717	2033	1016 2133	7.1 5.6	0315 1609	1.0 3.4
Sun 19	0534	1828	0807	2117	1104 2210	7.0 5.1	0346 1705	1.2 3.7
Mon 20	0534	1829	0901	2224	1207 2310	6.9 4.5	0425 1841	1.5 4.0
Tues 21	0534	1830	0959	2317	----- 1327	----- 6.8	0520 2116	2.0 3.0
Wed 22	0534	1831	1057	0007	0109 1452	4.7 6.9	0652 2226	2.5 3.0
Thur 23	0534	1831	1156	-----	0319 1605	4.4 7.2	0859 2314	2.6 2.2
Fri 24	0534	1832	1253	0058	0442 1700	5.1 7.5	1030 2352	2.4 1.5
Sat 25	0534	1832	1353	0142	0541 1747	6.0 7.8	1136 -----	2.0 -----
Sun 26	0534	1833	1451	0226	0629 1832	6.9 7.9	0027 1229	0.9 1.7
Mon 27	0534	1833	1549	0312	0714 1911	7.6 7.8	0103 1317	.4 1.5

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26 AUST INF BDE GROUP

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part I

by

BRIG D A WHITEHEAD DSO MC RD COMMANDING 26 AUST INF BDE

No3

In the Field

18 Nov 44

11. BOUNDS

- (a) Two tps A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt occupy camp area D2 situated SW of Camp Staff Office near TRINITY BEACH. Units will ensure that personnel moving to the beach do not pass through this camp.
- (b) Vchs will NOT be parked in area opposite Offrs Club in CAIRNS which has been marked with NO PARKING signs.
- (c) (i) Between 0900K - 1630K Charlie Beach is placed OUT OF BOUNDS to all tps other than tps of RAE who are conducting trg with explosives.
(ii) Between 1630K and 0900K that part of Charlie Beach South of the creek is available for swimming.

12. MALARIA

Ref 26 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr 8 para 19(b) and 19(c). Amend times for rolling down of sleeves, bathing, etc. to 1830K to 0530K daily.

13. DRESS

Wearing of Shirts within the Bde Gp is covered by orders already issued by 9 Aust Div. Permission to remove shirts may be granted by Offrs or NCOs in charge of parties for any specific purpose but such offrs or NCOs will be required to justify their action in giving these orders.

14. WATER

Units with Water Carts in the area will ensure that Water Duties personnel accompany same to Water Pt where chlorination will be effected. By chlorinating at the Water Pt complete sterilization will be ensured by the time the vch arrives at unit lines. Detasting will NOT take place in Water Carts but in unit containers.

15. FIREWOOD

Will not be cut from the area EAST of COOK HIGHWAY and SOUTH of ROBINSON'S Lane.

16. PICQUETS

Ref 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp RO No 2 Appx "A".

- (a) Amend para 2 - Units providing picquet will also provide 1 x 15 cwt or ton vch for use of OC Picquet.
- (b) Add para 12 - OC Picquet will make a written report at the conclusion of his tour of duty, have same initialled by DAFM (or his representative) and fwd to this Hq by 1200K on the day following his tour of duty.

17. DUITY OFFRS

All units will ensure that an offr is on duty at unit HQ telephone 24 hours each day. The offr may sleep at night.

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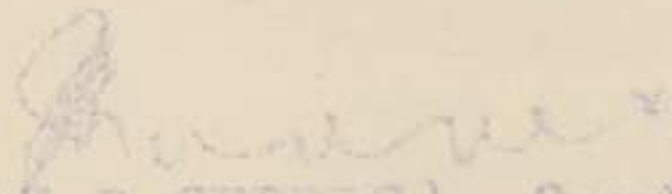
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POSTAL

Outwards mail closes FPO 036 1500K daily.

Inwards Second Class mail available FPO 036 same time.

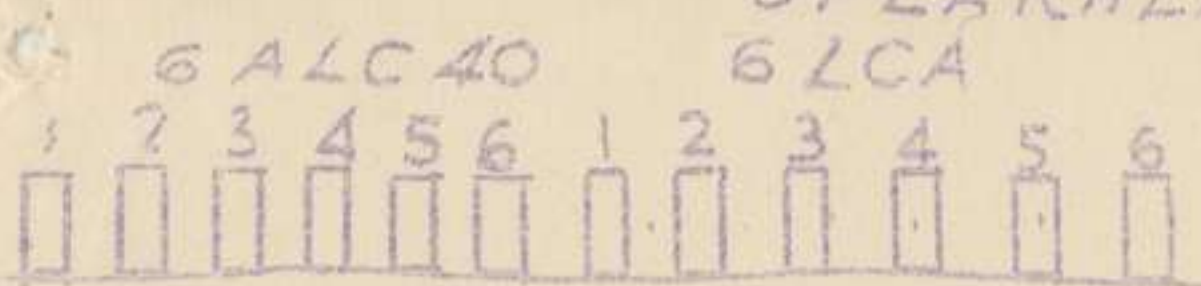
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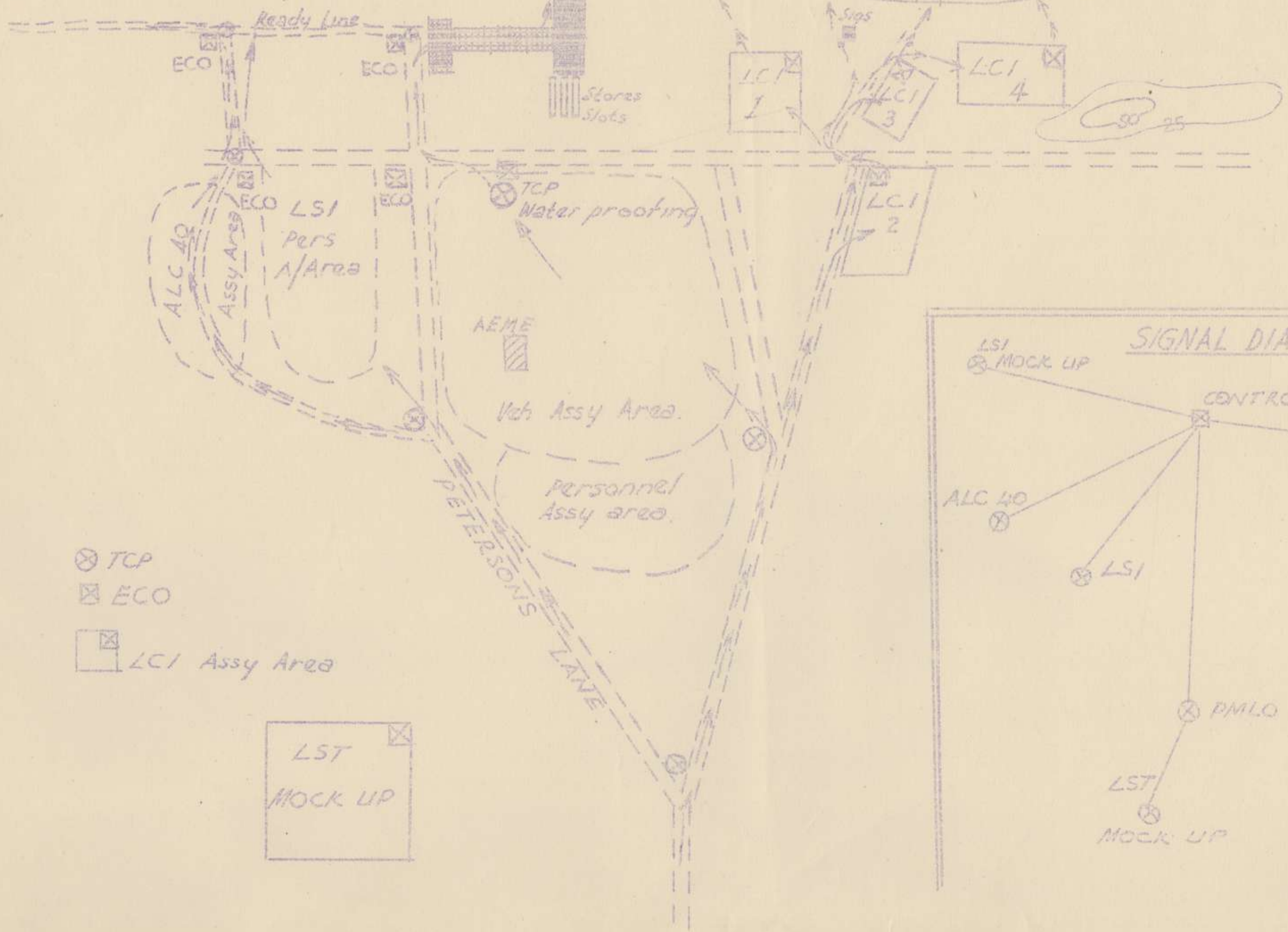
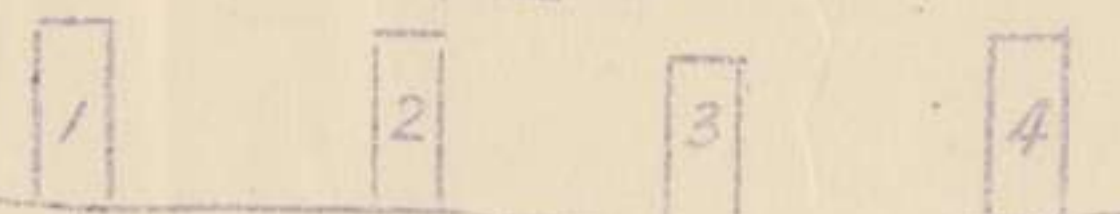
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2/48 Aust Inf Bn
26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
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2/4 Aust Commando Squ
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2/7 Aust Fd Regt (4) for arty units
2/13 Aust Fd Coy
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
30 Aust Sup Depot Pl
31 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/15 Aust Gen Tpt Pl (TS)
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
Ops Lt sec 2/1 Aust C C S
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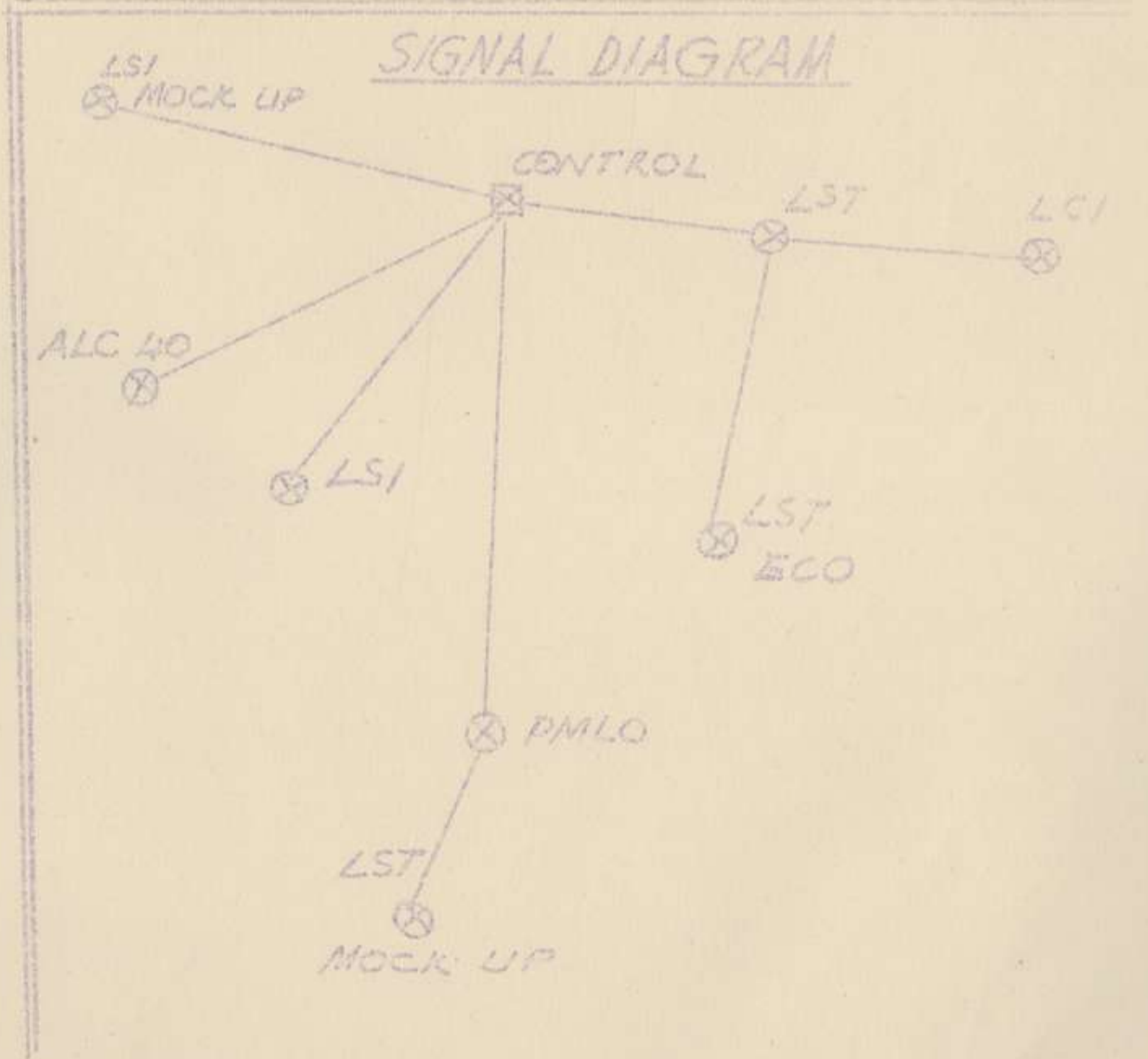
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- ⊠ ECO
- ⊠ LCI Assy Area



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SYLLABUS OF TRG
2/4 AUSTRALIAN COMMANDO SQN

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1700	Mock up LST Trg	-	-	Mock up Area	See Appx "A"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "A". Remainder of Sqn LSI Trg
2	17 Nov 20 Nov	-	-	LSI Trg	LSI		-	-	Separate instrs issued
3	18 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B"
4	18 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B"
5	21 Nov	0830 1040 1400	1020 1200 1600	Films Ships Side Trg LCI Trg	- ALC 40 LCI	- 1 1	CGC Hut BAKER GREEN BAKER	200 200 200	
6	21 Nov	1900	2100	LCI Trg Ships Side Trg	LCI ALC 40	1 1		200	Wight trg on ships side to be carried out in conjunction with LCI Trg
7	22 Nov 23 Nov	0830	1600	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit Trg Area	-	

SYLLABUS OF TRG

DET 2/9 AUST ARMD REGT

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1600	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	3	BAKER	-	-
2	17 Nov	1900	2100	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	3	BAKER	-	-
3	18 Nov	0830	1700	Mock up LST Trg	-	-	Mock up area	See Appx "A"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "A". Remainder of sqn unit trg
4	18 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B"
5	19 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B". Remainder unit trg.
6	20 Nov	0830	1700	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-
7	21 Nov	0830 1040 1400	1020 1230 1600	Ships side trg Films Unit trg	ALC 40 - -	1 - -	BAKER GREEN COC Hut Unit trg area	80 80 -	
8	21 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B"
9	22 Nov	0830	1600	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-
10	23 Nov	0830	-	2/24 Bn LT exercise	ALC 40	6	-	-	Separate instrs issued

SYLLABUS OF TRG

2/7 AUSTRALIAN REEF

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Demo in conjunction with 2 Aust Beach Group. Separate instrs issued.
2	18 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-
3	18 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B"
4	19 Nov	0830	1700	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-
5	20 Nov	0830	1020	Films	-	-	CCC Hut	220	Gps will train on bull ring system
		1040	1230	Ships side trg	ALC 40	-	BAKER GREEN	220	
		1400	1600	LCI trg	LCI	2	BAKER	220	
6	20 Nov	1900	2200	Ships side trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER GREEN		As many personnel as possible will be trained in time available
		1900	2200	LCI trg	LCI	2	BAKER		
7	21 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-
8	21 Nov	1900	2100	LST trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with other units, vide Appx "B"
9	22 Nov 23 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

10 Bty 2/3 Tr A Regt

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1600	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	2	BAKER	-	
2	17 Nov	1900	2200	" "	"	"	"		
3	18 Nov	0830	1700	Moek Up LST Trg	-	-	Moek Up Area	See Appx A	Carried out in conjunction with Units vide Appx A. Remainder of Bty Unit Trg
4	18 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx B	Carried out in conjunction with Units vide Appx B
5	19 Nov	0800	1700	" "	"	"	"	"	" " "
6	20 Nov	0800	1630	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	2	BAKER		
7	21 Nov	0830 1400 1900	1230 1600 2100	Unit Trg Ship side Trg Films	- ALC 40 -	- 1 -	Unit Trg Area BAKER Green CCG Hut	120 120 -	
8	22 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx B	Carried out in conjunction with Units vide Appx B
9	23 Nov	0830	1630	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit Trg Area	-	-

SYLLABUS OF TRG

DET 53 AUST COMP AA REGT

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-
2	18 Nov	0830	1600	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	4	BAKER	-	-
3	18 Nov	1900	2200	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	4	BAKER	-	-
4	19 Nov	0830	1700	Mock up LST trg			Mock up area	See Appx "A"	
5	20 Nov	0830	1900	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	
6	21 Nov	0830	1600	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	5	BAKER	-	
7	21 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B"
8	22 Nov	0830	1020	Films	-	-	CCC Hut	230	
		1040	1200	Ships side trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER GREEN	230	
		1400	1600	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area		
9	23 Nov	0830	1600	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	

SYLLABUS OF TRG

2/13 AUGST ED GOY

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	--	--	Unit trg area	--	--
2	18 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	--	--	Unit trg area	--	--
3	18 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B"
4	19 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	ALC 40	1	Unit trg area	--	--
5	20 Nov	0830	1700	Mock up LST Trg	--	--	Mock up Area	See Appx "A"	--
6	21 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	
7	21 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B"
8	22 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	ALC 40	2	Unit trg area	--	--
9	23 Nov	0830	1020	Films	--	--	CCC Hut	200	
		1040	1230	Ships side trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER GREEN	200	
		1400	1600	LCT Trg	LCT	1	BAKER	200	
10	23 Nov	1900	2100	LCT Trg	LCT	1	BAKER	200	
		2100	2200	Ships side trg			BAKER GREEN	200	

SYLLABUS OF TRG

2/23 ADST INF BN

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830 1040 1400	1020 1230 1600	Ships side trg LCI Trg Films	ALC 40 LCI -	1 2 -	BAKER GREEN BAKER CCC Hut	220 220	Gps will train on bull ring system
2	17 Nov	1900	2200	LCI Trg Ships side trg	LCI ALC 40	3 1	BAKER BAKER GREEN	660	Night trg on ships side to be carried out in conjunction with LCI Trg
3	17 Nov	0830	1700	Mock up LST trg	-	-		See Appx "A"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "A"
4	18 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B". Remainder of Bn unit trg
5	18 Nov	1900	2300	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	"	"
6	19 Nov 22 Nov	-	-	LSI Trg	LSI	1	TOWNSVILLE	-	Separate instrs issued
7	23 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-

SYLLABUS OF TRG
2/24 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

Serial	Date	Time		Trg			Beach or Trg area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1700	Mock up LST Trg	-	-		See Appx "A"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "A". Remainder of Bn unit trg
2	18 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B". Remainder of Bn unit trg
3	19 Nov	0830	1020	Ships side trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER GREEN	220	Ops will train on bull ring system
		1040	1230	LGI trg	LGI	2	BAKER	220	
		1400	1600	FILMS	-	-	CCC Hut	220	
4	19 Nov	1900	2200	LGI Trg	LGI	3	BAKER	660	Night trg on ships side to be carried out in conjunction with LGI trg
				Ships side trg	ALC 40	1			
5	20 Nov 21 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg areas	-	-
6	20 Nov 23 Nov			LGI trg	LGI	1	-	-	Separate instrs issued

SYLLABUS OF TRG
2/48 ADST INF BN

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1700	Mock up LST Trg	-	-	Mock up Area	See Appx "A"	Carried out in conjunction with units wide Appx "A". Remainder of Bn unit trg
2	18 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units wide Appx "B"
3	18 Nov	0830	1020	Ships side trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER GREEN	220	Ops will train on bull ring system
		1040	1230	LCT Trg	LCT	2	BAKER	220	
		1400	1600	Films	-	-	CCC Hut	220	
4	18 Nov	1900	2200	LCT Trg	LCT	3	BAKER	660	Night trg on ships side will be carried out in conjunction with LCT trg
				Ships side trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER GREEN		
5	19 Nov	0830	1600	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-
	21 Nov	0830	1600						
6	22 Nov 25 Nov			LCT Trg	LCT	1	TOWNSVILLE	-	Separate instrs

SYLLABUS OF TRG

B Coy 2/2 AUST M G BN

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1700	'MOCK UP' Trg	-	-	'MOCK UP' area	See Appx "A"	Carried out in conjunction with units vide Appx "A"
2	17 Nov 20 Nov	-	-	LSI Trg	LSI	1	-	-	Separate instrs
3	18 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units vide Appx "B"
4	18 Nov	1900	2100	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units vide Appx "B"
5	21 Nov	0830	1600	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER		
6	22 Nov	0830	1020	LCI Trg	LCI	1	BAKER	120	
		1040	1230	Films			CCC Hat	120	
		1400	1600	Ships Side Trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER GREEN	120	
7	22 Nov	1900	2100	Ships Side Trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER GREEN	120	
8	23 Nov	0830	1600	Unit Trg			Unit Trg Area		

SYLLABUS OF TRG

MEDICAL

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830 1400	1230 1500	LCI Trg Unit Trg	LCI -	1 -	BAKER Unit trg area	200	
2	17 Nov	0830	1700	Mock up LST Trg	-	-	Mock up area	See Appx "A"	Carried out in conjunction with units vide Appx "A"
3	17 Nov	1900	2100	Films	-	-	CCC Hut	200	
4	18 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx "A"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B"
5	18 Nov	0830	1600	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER		
6	18 Nov	1900	2200	IST Trg	IST	1	BAKER	See Appx "B"	Carried out in conjunction with units, vide Appx "B".
7	19 Nov	0830	1600	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER		
8	20 Nov	0830	1600	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-
9	21 Nov	0830	1030	Unit trg	-	-	Unit trg area	-	-
10	22 Nov	0830	1600	ALC 40 Trg	ALC 40	2	BAKER	-	-
11	23 Nov 23 Nov	0830 1400	1230 1600	Unit trg Ships side trg	- ALC 40	- 1	Unit trg area BAKER GREEN	- -	- -

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

ORD and Whsps

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1600	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit Trg Area	-	-
2	18 Nov	0830	1700	Hook Up LST Trg	-	-	Hook Up Area	See Appx A	Carried out in conjunction with Units vide Appx A
3	18 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	SEE Appx B	Carried out in conjunction with Units vide Appx B
4	19 Nov	0830	1700	"	"	"	"	"	"
5	20 Nov	0830	1600	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit Trg Area	-	-
6	21 Nov	0830	1600	" "	-	-	" " "	-	-
7	21 Nov	1900	2200	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx B	Carried out in conjunction with Units vide Appx B
8	22 Nov	0830	1700	" "	LST	1	"	"	"
9	23 Nov	1400	1600	FILMS	-	-	CGC Hut	-	-

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

AASC

Serial	Date	Time		Trg	Craft		Beach or Trg Area	Pers	Remarks
		From	To		Type	No			
1	17 Nov	0830	1700	Mock Up LST Trg	-	-	Mock Up Area	See Appx A	Carried out in conjunction with Units vide Appx A
2	18 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx B	Carried out in conjunction with Units vide Appx B
3	19 Nov	0830	1600	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit Trg Area	-	-
4	20 Nov	0830	1600	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit Trg Area	-	-
5	21 Nov	0830	1600	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit Trg Area	-	-
6	21 Nov	1900	2100	LST Trg	LST	1	BAKER	See Appx B	Carried out in conjunction with Units vide Appx B
7	22 Nov	0830	1700	LST Trg	-	-	" "	"	" -
8	23 Nov	0830	1020	Ships side Trg	ALC 40	1	BAKER Green	70	-
		1040	1230	Files	-	-	CCG Bnt	70	
		1400	1600	Unit Trg	-	-	Unit Trg Area	-	

ALLOTMENT OF CRAFT TO UNITS

APPENDIX "C"

DATE	SHIPS SIDE				ALC40 1		ALC40 2		ALC40 3		ALC40 4		ALC40 5		ALC40 6	
	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
17	2/23				Armd		Armd		Armd		Tk A		Tk A		Ships Side	
18	2/48				Med		Comp AA		Comp AA		Comp AA		Comp AA		Ships Side	
19	2/24				Med		Engrs						Beach Gp		Ships Side	
20	Arty				Sigs		Sigs		Tk A		Tk A		Beach Gp		Ships Side	
21	Armd	CAV	TKA	CAV	MG		Comp AA		Comp AA		Comp AA		Beach Gp		Ships Side	
22	AA	MG	MG		Med		Med		Engrs		Engrs		Beach Gp		Ships Side	
23	AASC	ENGRS	NEW	ENGR	ARMD		APPND		ARMD		USMA		ENGR		ARMD	

ALLOTMENT OF CRAFT TO UNITS

APPENDIX "C"

Date	LCI 1				LCI 2				LCI 3				LST (H)	LST			Films			
	0830 1020	1040 1230	1400 1600	1900 2200	0830 1020	1040 1230	1400 1600	1900 2200	0830 1020	1040 1230	1400 1600	1900 2100	Day	Day	Night	0830 1020	1040 1230	1400 1600	1900 2100	
17	← 2/23 →				← 2/23 →				← MED →				2/23 2/24 2/48 Med AASC MG Cav	Arty		← 2/23 → Med				
18	← 2/48 →				← 2/48 →				Bde Bde				2/48 Armd Tk A Ord	2/23 2/24 2/48 Med AASC MG Cav	2/23 Cav Armd Tk A Med 2/48 MG Bde Engrs Arty Ord	← 2/48 →				
19	← 2/24 →				← 2/24 →				Bde Bde				2/23 Comp AA	Armd Tk A Ord		← 2/24 →				
20	← Arty →				← Arty →								Engrs	Comp AA		← Arty →				
21	← Beach Gp → Cav →				← Cav →									Engrs	Arty Armd AASC Engrs Comp AA	Cav	Armd	Tk A		
22	MG													AASC Tk A Ord		AA	MG			
23	← Beach Gp → Engrs													Comp AA		Engrs	AASC	Ord Wksp		

EMBARKATION INSTRS

LCI TRG

1. Offr IC sub units deta etc for LCI trg will report to LCI ECO in respective LCI Assembly Areas vide sketch att 5 mins prior to time of commencement of trg.
2. Sub units deta etc will be in respective LCI Assembly Areas by time laid down for commencement of trg.
3. Upon arrival of sub units deta etc ECO will allot tps into hold loads and will embark tps in conjunction with Offr IC subunit etc and representative S ATU.
4. Ship's Adjt will billet tps on embarkation.
5. Upon disembarkation tps will return to respective assembly areas.

ALC 40 TRG

6. Offr IC subunits deta etc for ALC 40 trg will report to ALC 40 ECO in ALC 40 assembly area vide sketch att 15 mins prior to time of commencement of trg.
7. Vehs and personnel will approach assembly area via PETERSONS LANE and will be in assembly area by time laid down for commencement of trg.
8. Vehs and personnel to be loaded will remain in the assembly area until called fwd for embarkation by ECO.
9. Upon disembarkation tps and vehs will return to assembly area.

LST TRG

10. OC tps will report to LST ECO in LST Assembly area 15 mins prior to time laid down for commencement of trg.
11. Vehs will be marked with craft serial no and priority no by units before reporting to assembly area.
12. Vehs and personnel will report to assembly area as follows :-
 - (a) 0830 hrs for day trg
 - (b) 1830 hrs for night trg.
13. S ATU representative will be available in assembly area to assist in trg.
14. 2 Aust Beach Gp is providing 3 Pre personnel daily for duty in LST area.

LST MOCK UP

15. 'MOCK UP' and assembly area are located at ref map 1 in to 1 mile CAIRNS 645846.
16. OC tps will report to 'MOCK UP' assembly area 15 mins prior to time laid down for commencement of trg.
17. Vehs will be marked with craft serial no and priority no by units prior to reporting to assembly area.

- 18. Vehs and personnel will report to assembly area by 0830 hrs.
- 19. HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde will sup 3 Pro persennel daily for duty in MOCK UP area.

CONTROL

- 20. A control post will be est on TRINITY BEACH at junc of main rd from the camp area. Representatives 9 Aust Div, 3 ATU, 41 Ldg Craft Coy, 2 Mil Ldg Gp will be available at this post for advice and coord of trg.
- 21. Assistance from Control Post Staff may be obtained through various ECOs.
- 22. Sig diagram showing line comms available between Control Post and ECOs is shown on sketch att.

16 Nov 44

BEACH REPORT
TRAINING BEACHES - CAIENS AREA

Ref Map CAIENS 1:63360

1. The sectors and beaches referred to are shown on Appx "A" attached.
2. On all beaches the following characteristics are common :-
- (a) Along HW Mark - Loose white or grey sand
 - (b) Between HW and LW Marks - Fairly firm sand
 - (c) Below LW mark
 - (i) ABLE to DOG SECTORS - Firm sand
 - (ii) EASY and FOX SECTORS - Mixture of sand and mud in which heavily laden vehicles may bog down.
3. Beaching Conditions
- (a) ABLE
A water gap can be expected as follows :-
 - (i) LST - up to 100 yds with maximum depth of 4 ft at ramp.
 - (ii) LCI - up to 50 yds, with maximum depth of 3 ft at ramp.
 - (iii) ALG 40 and LCA - up to 20 yds with maximum depth of 18 inches between false beach and shore line.
 - (b) BAFER
No water gap with any ship or craft.
 - (c) CHERLIE
 - (i) LST - up to 300 yds with maximum depth of 4 ft at ramp.
 - (ii) LCI - up to 200 yds with maximum depth of 3 ft at ramp.
 - (iii) ALG 40 - up to 100 yds with maximum depth of 2ft 6ins at ramp, except around HW when end of ramp should be on beach.
 - (iv) LCA - Below half tide up to 50 yds with maximum depth of 18 ins at ramp. Above half tide, ramp should be on beach.

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LONG RANGE METEOROLOGICAL REPORT CAIRNE

November 1944

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In the main, light winds or calms will prevail between 2000 and 1000 daily. For the remainder of the day, a SE to NE wind will rise to strength of 15 knots and die away again. Spells of bad weather lasting from 2 - 4 days may be expected, when the wind will be SE and rise in strength 40 knots.

Sea and Surf:-

With the lighter winds a small sea not greater than 1 foot in height will be experienced. In the bad weather a broken sea and short surf of up to 4 feet in height will be present. The latter conditions will cause strandings of ALG 40 (occasionally) and LGA (frequently).

Rainfall:-

One or two days rain can be expected. Rain will coincide with the spells of bad weather.

Cloud:-

Sky 5/10 covered with cumulus as a general rule.

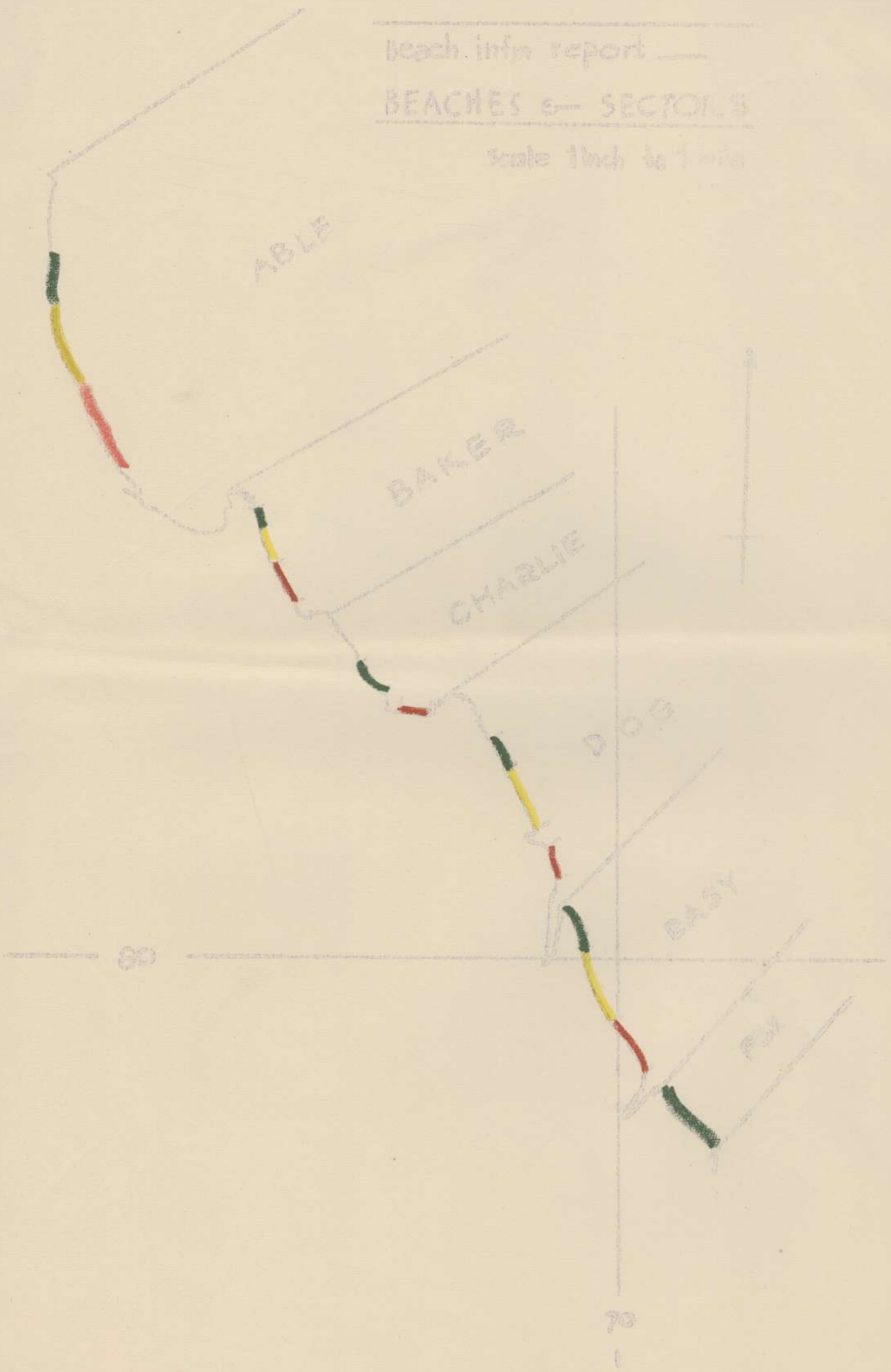
Visibility:-

Good to excellent.

Beach info report

BEACHES & SECTORS

Scale 1 inch to 1 mile



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MOVEMENT TO TOWNSVILLE

1. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn LT, vide this HQ memo 14 Nov 44 "LSI TRG", will move to TOWNSVILLE on 18 Nov 44.

METHOD

2.

Train No.	Trucks report TRINITY		Pers all ranks	Pers report RTO CAIRNS	Departs CAIRNS	Arrives TOWNSVILLE	
	Ø No. Semi Trailers	Date and Time					
1	11	181715K	425	181830K	181930K	190610K	2½ ton stores
2	11	181745K	425	181900K	181950K	190630K	2½ ton stores

Ø Allotment of trucks by types NOT firm.

3. Personnel of the Landing Team will report to "Worrying Up" area (Sports Ground opposite Bde HQ) under arrangements 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
4. (a) On arrival at CAIRNS Station, personnel will be debussed on order, whistle blast or bugle note of OC Convoy. Personnel will fall in in three ranks between the MF and the sta, facing the sta, and stand at ease.
- (b) OC Train will report to RTO and after inspecting the train will allot personnel to carriages and detail stores party. Personnel will be detailed to carriages, arms sloped, and marched off and halted outside their respective carriages.
- (c) Arms will be trailed and on the order, whistle blast or bugle note of OC Train the entire party will entrain (excl stores party).
5. Detraining
Troops will be detrained on arrival at TOWNSVILLE by one order, whistle blast or bugle note, and subsequent movement and embarkation will be carried out as a definite drill.
6. Return Journey
- (a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn LT will disembark TOWNSVILLE 22 Nov 44 and will move to CAIRNS in two special trains provided by Movements TOWNSVILLE.
- (b) OC 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will ensure that entraining, detraining, embussing and debussing drill similar to that described in para 4 above is effected.

(2)

7. (a) Personnel will have evening meal 18 Nov 44 in unit lines. Light haversack meal will be carried.
- (b) No meals will be provided en route.
- (c) Breakfast will be supplied aboard LSI HMS "GLENEARN" at TOWNSVILLE.
- (d) All meals on board the HMS "GLENEARN" are provided by RN.

8. Stores

- (a) The bn LT will carry 5 tons of stores which will be made up of essential unit stores (office boxes, RAP etc) and the balance of dummy boxes of stores to be drawn from BAKER beach. These stores will represent those stores manhandled ashore by an LT in an assault LSI. 2½ tons will be carried in each of the break vans of two trains.
- (b) On disembarkation, the stores will be moved to CAIRNS and returned to BAKER beach by 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

9. Personal Equipment

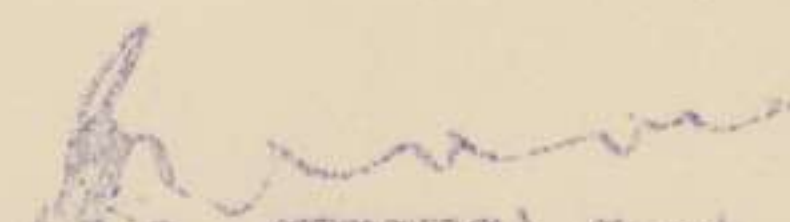
Personal equipment, bed roll, incl tents mosquito, haversack or pack as ordered, will be of uniform pattern throughout the whole LT.

10. Education

The Bde Educ Sjt will accompany the LT and will assist Unit Educ Ctr during the trg period on the LSI.

11. Postal

PO CAIRNS is arranging for all air mail for 2/23 Aust Inf Bn to be intercepted at TOWNSVILLE and delivered direct to HMS "GLENEARN" on 18, 19, 20 and 21 Nov 44.


J.O. GEDDES) Capt.
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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16 Nov 44

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(b) BOB

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(c) CHARLIE

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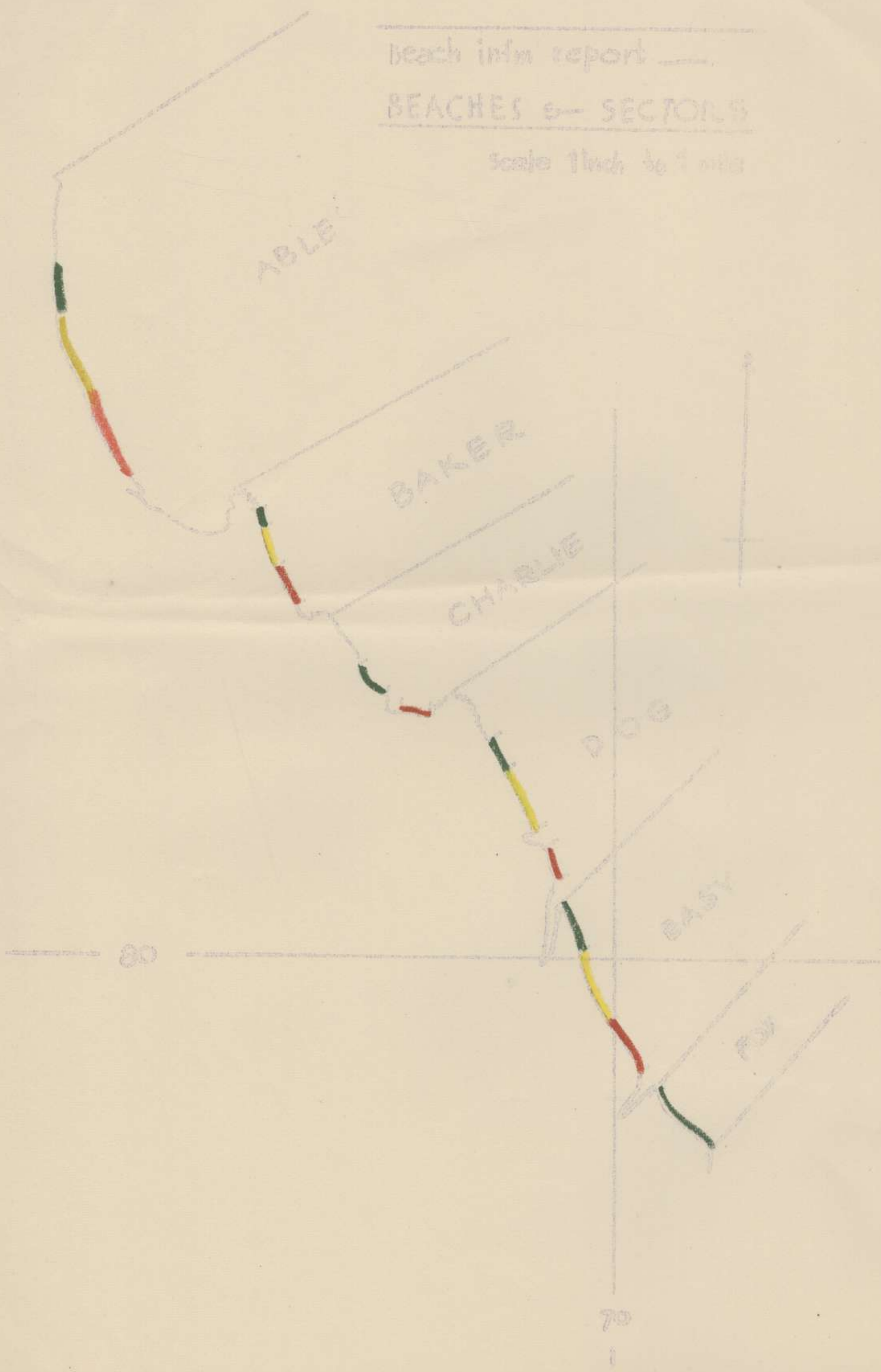
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Beach info report

BEACHES & SECTIONS

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26 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BDE GROUP
ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I
by

BRIG D.A. WATTEHEAD DSO MC RD, COMMANDING 26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

No.2

In the Field

15 Nov 44.

1. WATER

(a) The existing water system installed by the US Army has almost ceased to function, owing to the dry seasonal conditions. It is estimated that the intake of the system is approx 400 galls per hour and this is quite inadequate for the requirements of the Bde gp. Therefore, waf 17 Nov 44, the water pt in camp B7 will be closed, and 2/13 Aust Fd Coy will open a water point at the same date at BARRON WATERS 625769 (ref map CAIRNS 1:6336) which will be signposted :-

26
88 Water Point.

NOTE: There are four 500 gall water tks at approx the same point, but these are for use of 1 Aust Beach Group and will NOT be used by units of this Bde Gp.

- (b) The closing of the water point will ensure that all available water can be reticulated to the kitchens in Camps B1, B2, B3 and B4. Units in these camps will place the pressure showers out of bounds at all times.
- (c) Water drawn from the BARRON R will be chlorinated with 2 scoops of WSP per 100 galls water in water trucks. Detaching will be a unit responsibility.

(d) Units to draw Water

Units having water trucks on charge will supply water to other units as under :

Unit to Supply	Deliver Water to	Minimum no. of 400 gall loads per day
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	EQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	2
2/123 Aust Bde Wksp	2/4 Aust Commando Sqn	4
2/13 Aust Fd Coy	AASG Units	2
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	D Coy 2/2 Aust MC Bn	2
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	2

2. LEAVE

- (a) Leave is permitted to CAIRNS, but MOSSMAN, GORDONVALE and BABIN are out of bounds. Leave is on the basis of 10% unit strength per night within the limits of unit tpt. All personnel will be moved to and from leave in unit tpt; thus, only persons hitch-hiking will be considered to be AWL.
- (b) Dress. JGs or KDs, anklets web, sleeves rolled down, hats tied down. Personnel will NOT be permitted to proceed on leave unless wearing colour patches on puggarees. Officers may wear KD, SD or Safari Jackets in lieu of dress set down above, but in all cases will wear anklets web.
- (c) Liquor. Carrying of bottled liquor is an offence and all tps will be warned accordingly before proceeding on leave.

..../(d)

- (d) Breachers of Discipline. Should the behaviour of the troops be not all that is desired, leave may be cancelled at any time.
- (e) There will be NO leave on 15 Nov 44.
- (f) Leave may be granted from 1700K to 2359K daily. Leave passes will be issued.

3.

PICQUETS

Vide 26 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No. 8. Picquets of 1 Maj or Capt, 2 Lts, 4 Sjts, 4 Cpls and 24 ORs will be provided daily waf 16 Nov 44 as under :

Thu	16 Nov 44	-	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
Fri	17 Nov 44	-	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Sat	18 Nov 44	-	RAA
Sun	19 Nov 44	-	RAA
Mon	20 Nov 44	-	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
Tue	21 Nov 44	-	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Wed	22 Nov 44	-	2/4 Aust Commando Sqn
Thu	23 Nov 44	-	2/23 Aust Inf Bn
Fri	24 Nov 44	-	2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Instrs for Picquets are att as Appx "A".

4.

BEACHES, ASSEMBLY AREAS and BIVOUACS

- (a) The tidiness of beaches, assembly areas and bivouacs is the responsibility of units using them, who will ensure that paper, tins, rubbish or other garbage is suitably disposed of before vacating beaches. Each unit will detail an offr daily to ensure that this is done.
- (b) Units will make the subject of this para a rigid drill and the practice of sending working parties to clean up litter will not be permitted.
- (c) Bde Evg offr will supervise this work.

5.

STRENGTH STATE

APW 3006 will be rendered daily by all units to reach this HQ by 0900K.

6.

RATION INVENTS

AAB 55 (in duplicate) will be forwarded to Bde Sup O at Bde HQ daily (for rations required 4 days in advance). These will be signed by CO or QS and will correspond with Strength State.

7.

SWIMMING

- (a) NUDS bathing is NOT permitted except on isolated beaches where picquets will be posted.
- (b) NO bathing is permitted on TRINITY (BAKER sector) south of Camp Staff Office.

8.

TRANSPORT - RETURN TO RAVENSHOE

Units will submit to this HQ by 1800K 19 Nov tpt requirements for return to RAVENSHOE as under :

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No of vehs for personnel</u>	<u>No of vehs for stg</u>
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Tentage, except by other mutual arrangements, will be handed over in this area to corresponding units of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp, who will hand over equivalent tentage at RAVENSHOE before departure.

9.

SIGN POSTING

All units will ensure that camps are signposted so that signs are clearly visible when driving along rds. Unit HQ will also be clearly marked.

ALLOTMENT OF CAMP AREAS

The following is the amended allotment of camp areas:

Camp	A3	2/7 Aust Fd Regt 10 Bty 2/3 Aust TMA Regt Bty HAA less one tp 53 Camp A4 Regt Tp LAA Bty 53 Camp
	A4	D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
	B1	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
	B2	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
	B3	2/23 Aust Inf Bn
	B4	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
	B5	2/4 Aust Commando Sqd (forth of rd)
	B6	2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pl an Bde Wksp
	B7	2/11 Aust LA Amb Lt Sec 2/1 Aust GCE Det 10 Aust Fd Amb
	B8	2/13 Aust Fd Coy Det 2/24 Aust Fd Coy
	B9	30 Aust Sup Dep Pl 31 Aust Sup Dep Pl 2/15 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)
	B10	2/9 Aust Fd Coy (7 Div)
	B2	Two tps A Sqd 2/9 Aust Fd Regt

[Signature]
Col B 25 Aug 42

Distribution:

2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/78 Aust LAD
2/4 Aust Commando Sqd
A Sqd 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
2/7 Aust Fd Regt (4) For arty unit
2/13 Aust Fd Coy
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
30 Aust Sp Depot Pl
31 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/15 Aust Gen Tpt Pl (TS)
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
One Lt sec 2/1 Aust G.C.S.
2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pl
2/123 Aust Bde Wksp
Camp
RM
SG (2)
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26 ABST INF BDE GROUP
CAIRNS LEAVE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PICQUETS

1. The Picquet shall consist of :
 - 1 Maj or Capt CO
 - 2 Lts
 - 4 Sjs
 - 4 Spls (or Bdrs)
 - 24 ORs
2. Units providing picquet will also provide 2 x 3-ton vans to move the picquet and for the use of CO Picquet for his whole tour of duty.
3. Tour of Duty 1700K - 2359H daily or until released by DAPM (or his Rep).
4. Dress for Picquet : JCs, gaiters, hats turned up, pugarees and colour patch, shirts sleeves rolled down, web equipment incl braces.
5. CO Picquet will report to DAPM CAIRNS at 1700 hrs daily for instruction.
6. Picquet (incl offrs) will have the evening meal provided by DAPM - eating utensils will be carried.
7. All personnel of the picquet, being on duty, will NOT be permitted to consume alcoholic liquor during their tour of duty, nor will they carry bottled liquor except in the course of their duty.
8. The Offrs Club is out of bounds to offrs of the picquet except in the course of their duty.
9. Personnel apprehended and handed over to the picquet will be returned to unit lines by CO picquet as soon as practicable under escort, and their names handed to unit orderly room.
10. Picquets will especially guard against tps -
 - (a) carrying bottled liquor, and
 - (b) being improperly dressed (sleeves rolled up, etc).
11. The policy of the L of C Pre is that wherever possible soldiers apprehended shall be handed over to the Bde picquet. Intelligent co-operation by COs and members of the Picquet will be instrumental in obviating incidents which may cause leave to be cancelled.

~~Spence~~ War Diary

HQ 25 Aust InfBde

14 Nov 44

LSI TRG - 17-25 NOV 44

1. General

Two LSI are available for trg, viz "GLENHEARN" and "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD". The "GLENHEARN" will be remaining at TOWNSVILLE and two Bn Lts will train there. "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" will be in TRINITY area.

2. Composition of Lts

Appx "A" sets out the composition of the four Lts. 2/23 Bn Lt and 2/48 Bn Lt will train on "GLENHEARN" and Bch Gp and 2/24 Bn Lts will train on "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD".

3. Programme

(a) EMPIRE SPEARHEAD

- Night 15/16 Nov : Adv Party Beach Gp Lt embarks at CAIRNS
- Morning 17 Nov : Main body Beach Gp Lt embarks from PALM BEACH
- 18/19 Nov : Trg at sea
- Morning 20 Nov : Beach Gp Lt lands on PALM BEACH
- Morning 20 Nov : 2/24 Bn Lt embarks from PALM BEACH
- 21/22 Nov : Trg at sea.
- Morning 23 Nov : 2/24 Bn Lt lands on PALM BEACH

(b) GLENHEARN

- Morning 19 Nov : 2/23 Bn Lt embarks at TOWNSVILLE
- 20/21 Nov : Trg at sea
- Morning 22 Nov : 2/23 Bn Lt lands in TOWNSVILLE area
- Morning 22 Nov : 2/48 Bn Lt embarks at TOWNSVILLE
- 23/24 Nov : Trg at sea
- Morning 25 Nov : 2/48 Bn Lt lands at PALM BEACH (CAIRNS area)

4. Trg Syllabus

- (a) Trg to be carried out at sea will be in accordance with Appx "B"
- (b) Landing exercise for 2/23 Bn Lt and 2/48 Bn Lt will be in accordance with Bde Landing Table attached as Appx "C".
- (c) Landing exercise for Bch Gp Lt will be in accordance with Bde Landing Table attached as Appx "D".
- (d) Landing exercise for 2/24 Bn Lt will be in accordance with Bde Landing Table attached as Appx "E".

5. Embarkation

Embarkation of all four Lts will be arranged and controlled by 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp, and separate instrs will be issued.

6. 24 Bde Trg Cadre

24 Bde Trg Cadre have been allowed for in all Landing Tables; and Bns will incl pers in their Landing Craft Tables.

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7. Preparation of Landing Craft Tables

Each LT will compile their own Landing Craft Tables. In addition to internal requirements, the following copies of tables will be supplied :

HQ 9 Aust Div	2 copies
1 Aust Comb Ops Sec	4 copies
Amphibious Trg Unit	10 copies
2 Aust Bch Gp	3 copies
2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	2 copies
44 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	1 copy
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	1 copy
LSI	1 copy to each LSI concerned.

8. Movement to TOWNSVILLE

Movement of 2/23 and 2/48 Bn LTs will be covered by separate instra.

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution :

	<u>Copies to</u>
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	HQ 9 Aust Div 2
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	1 Aust Comb Ops Sec 4
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	Amphibious Trg Unit 10
2/4 Aust Cav Sqn	2 Aust Bch Gp 3
A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp 2
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	44 Aust Ldg Craft Coy 1
2/13 Aust Fd Coy	LSI "GLENEBURN" 1
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	LSI "EMPIRE SPRINGHEAD" 1
2/41 Aust Fd Amb	
26 Bde Sig Sec	
24 Bde Trg Cadre	
2 Aust Beach Group	
File	
War Diary	

COMPOSITION OF LANDING TEAMS

Appendix "A"
to 26 Aus. Inf. File
LBI. No. 1 25. 11

2/23 Bn LT - GLENHARN 19 Nov - 22 Nov

2/23 Aust Inf Bn	31 Offrs	534 ORs
24 Bde Trg Cadre	12 "	48 "
SNCP	1 "	8 "
Det Bde Sig Sec		7 "
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	4 "	21 "
2/13 Aust Fd Coy		12 "
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	2 "	29 "
2 Aust Beach Gp	8 "	27 "
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Total	58 Offrs	786 ORs

2/48 Bn LT - GLENHARN 22 Nov - 25 Nov

2/48 Aust Inf Bn	30 Offrs	600 ORs
21. Bde Trg Cadre	6 "	18 "
SNCP	1 "	8 "
Det Bde Sig Sec		7 "
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	4 "	21 "
2/13 Aust Fd Coy		12 "
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	2 "	29 "
2 Aust Beach Gp	8 "	27 "
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	31 Offrs	722 ORs

Beach Gp LT - EMPIRE SPEARHEAD 17 Nov - 20 Nov

Beach Gp	15 Offrs	357 ORs
2/4 Coy Sqn	24 "	230 "
D Coy 2/2 MG Bn	7 "	110 "
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	46 Offrs	697 "

2/24 Bn LT - EMPIRE SPEARHEAD 20 Nov - 23 Nov

2/24 Aust Inf Bn	25 Offrs	562 ORs
24 Bde Trg Cadre	6 "	18 "
SNCP	1 "	8 "
A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	2 "	6 "
Det Bde Sig Sec		7 "
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	4 "	21 "
2/13 Aust Fd Coy		24 "
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	2 "	29 "
2 Aust Beach Gp	8 "	27 "
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	48 Offrs	702 ORs

TRAINING PROGRAMME AND NOTES

- 1st DAY
 1015 hrs approx Conference in Wardroom "C" Deck forward
 Captain and Ships Officers attend
 All army officers and any NCOs who are Boat Team Leaders attend.
- 1100 hrs approx Ships officers show Boat Team Leaders routes to their craft from Troop decks. All Boat Team Leaders then return to Wardroom for further instructions.
- 1130 hrs approx Complete serials to exercise in movement from Troops Decks into craft without equipment.
 Order to move will be given over P/A system. Serials return to Troop Decks when ordered over loud speaker.
- 1500 hrs Timed exercise - alternative calling away scheme in the event of breakdown of P/A. BTLs only without troops.
- 1630 hrs Exercise in movement into craft with full equipment, all heavy weapons, stores and wireless equipment will be left in craft.
- 2030 hrs Night Embarkation Practice.

2nd DAY About 0829 make ready for practice landing.

Serials will re-embark from practice beach in REVERSE ORDER to the landing, i.e., commencing with last wave. Serials will be marshalled on beach in the same relative positions as they landed (lowest NCOs on the right flank facing inland at 70 yd intervals) and will be ready for speedy re-embarkation the moment the craft touch down. When ready to re-embark, Bn LT will arrange for white flag supplied by the ship to be waved in the centre of the strip of beach to be used for re-embarkation. By the same method craft may be called in earlier than the pre-arranged time. Re-embarkation to be entirely controlled by Bn Staff as an embarkation exercise.

- 1630 hrs Not yet filled - details on arrival.
- 1730 hrs Talk by Ships officers to tps. Five groups will be formed as follows :-

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TROOP DECKS</u>
Tennis Court	3 move via Port ladder
"A" Deck forward of Captain Quarters.	
"A" Deck Starboard side AFT Forecastle	5 move via Starboard ladder
Well Deck aft Port side	1 & 2 move through tunnel
Peop deck aft Starboard side	4 & 6
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As an alternative in case of inclement weather the talks will be given in Tp Decks Nos 2, 3, 4, and 7.
 Tps in No.1 will move to No.2 for talk.

" No.2 " No.3 "
 " No.6 " No.4 "

NOTE : Tps will NOT move to either position until ordered to do so over P/A system.

3rd DAY Dawn Beaching Make Ready 0400 approx.

Forenoon exercise Scrambling Nets or Landing 0829.

4th DAY Bn Exercise (Disembarkation).

26 AUST INF BDE LANDING TABLE

Craft Available : HMS GLENBURN
LCA - 22
LCM 1

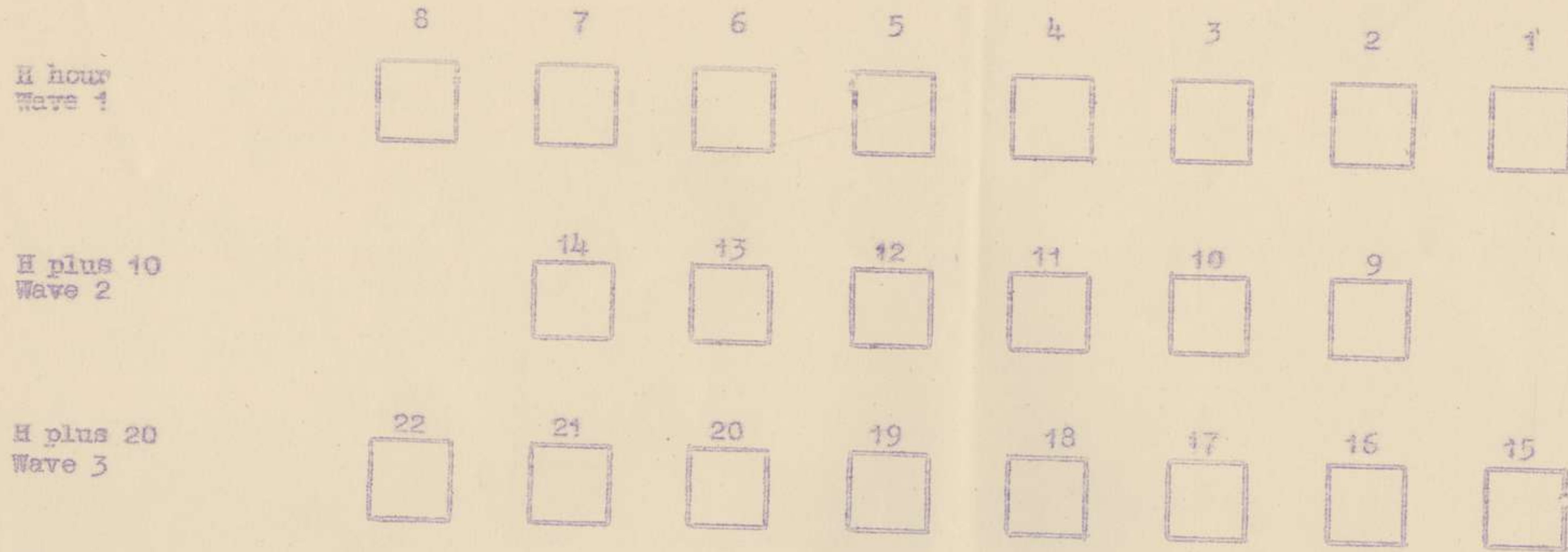
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Ldg Craft Ser- ial No.	Craft Ready to Beach	Unit	Personnel parties		Vehs and Guns		Stores		Em- bark sector or Beach	Craft	Ship	Landing sector and Beach	Remarks
			Foot	Veh	No.	Type	Tons	Type					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	
1-8	H hr	2/23 Bn Beach Group (a) 2/13 Fd Coy	214 8 12							8 LCA	GLENBURN	GREEN	Incl beach signs (a) 4 each flank
9-14	H plus 10	2/23 Bn SFCP Bde Sigs 2/7 Fd Regt	159 9 7 5				1 No.11 Set 1 D5 phone 1/3 mile wire			6 LCA	"	"	
15-22	H plus 20	2/23 Bn 2/7 Fd Regt 2/11 Fd Amb Beach Gp	159 20 31 27							8 LCA	"	"	
	<u>FERRY SERVICE</u>												
23-28	H plus 65	2/23 Bn 24 Bde Cadre	126 60							6 LCA	"	"	For 2/48 Bn LT column (d) read 91 and 24

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FERRY SERVICE

Craft Available:- LCA 12
HMS EMPIRE SPEARHEAD 17-20 Nov

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26 Aust Inf Bde LSI
Trg 17 - 25 Nov

AUST INF BDE LANDING TABLE

Ldg Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles and Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP	Landing Sector and Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)							
1-6	H Hr	2/4 Cav Commando Sqn Beach Gp (a)	86 94					6 LCA	SPEARHEAD	Green	Incl Beach Signs (a) Incl Naval Comm- ando 4 each Flank
7-12	Hplus 10	2/4 Cav Commando Sqn Bch Gp 2/2 MG Bn (b)	58 58 64					6 LCA	"	"	(b) 2/2 MG Bn, 1 Pl with Cav, 1 Pl with Beach Gp
13-18	Hplus 65	2/4 Cav Commando Sqn Beach Gp	90 90					6 LCA	"	"	
19-24	Hplus 75	2/4 Cav Commando Sqn 2/2 MG Bn Beach Gp	20 53 107					6 LCA	"	"	
25	Hplus 125	Beach Gp	23					1 LCA	"	"	

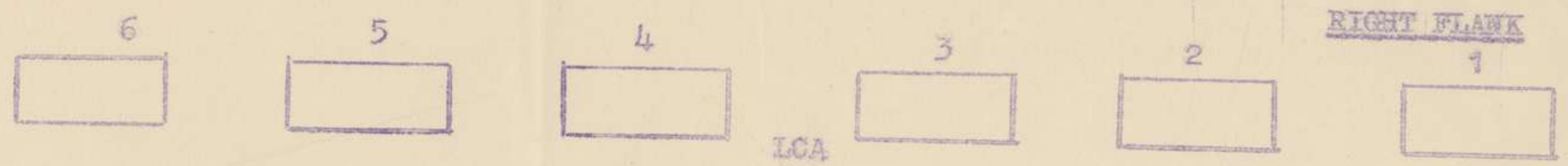
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26 Aust InfBde LSI Trg
17-25 Nov 44

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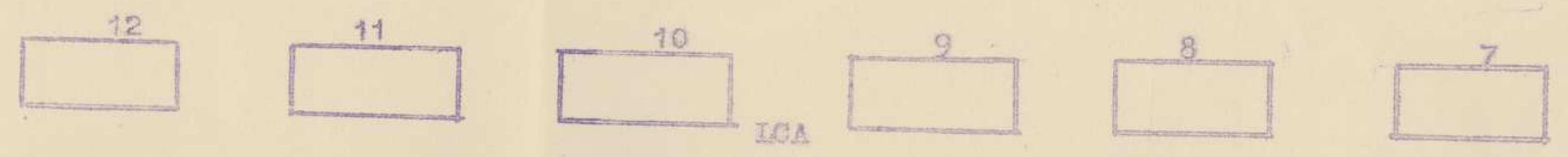
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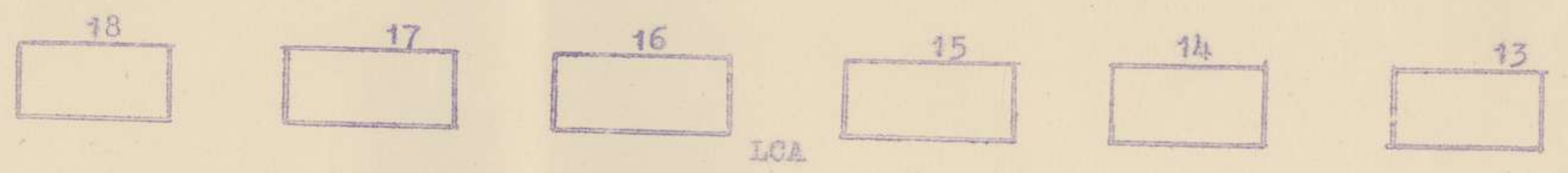
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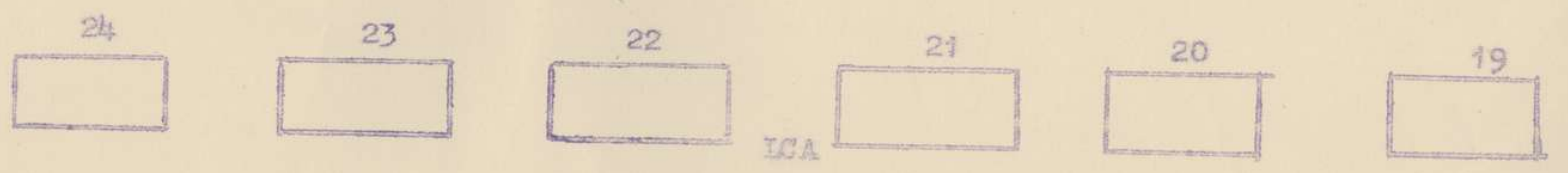
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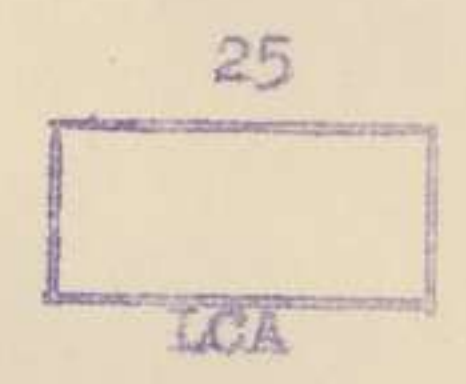
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Wave 3



H plus 75



H plus 125



Craft Available : HMS "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" 20-23 Nov 44

LCA - 12

26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE LANDING TABLE

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26 Aust Inf Bde LSI Trg
17-25 Nov 44

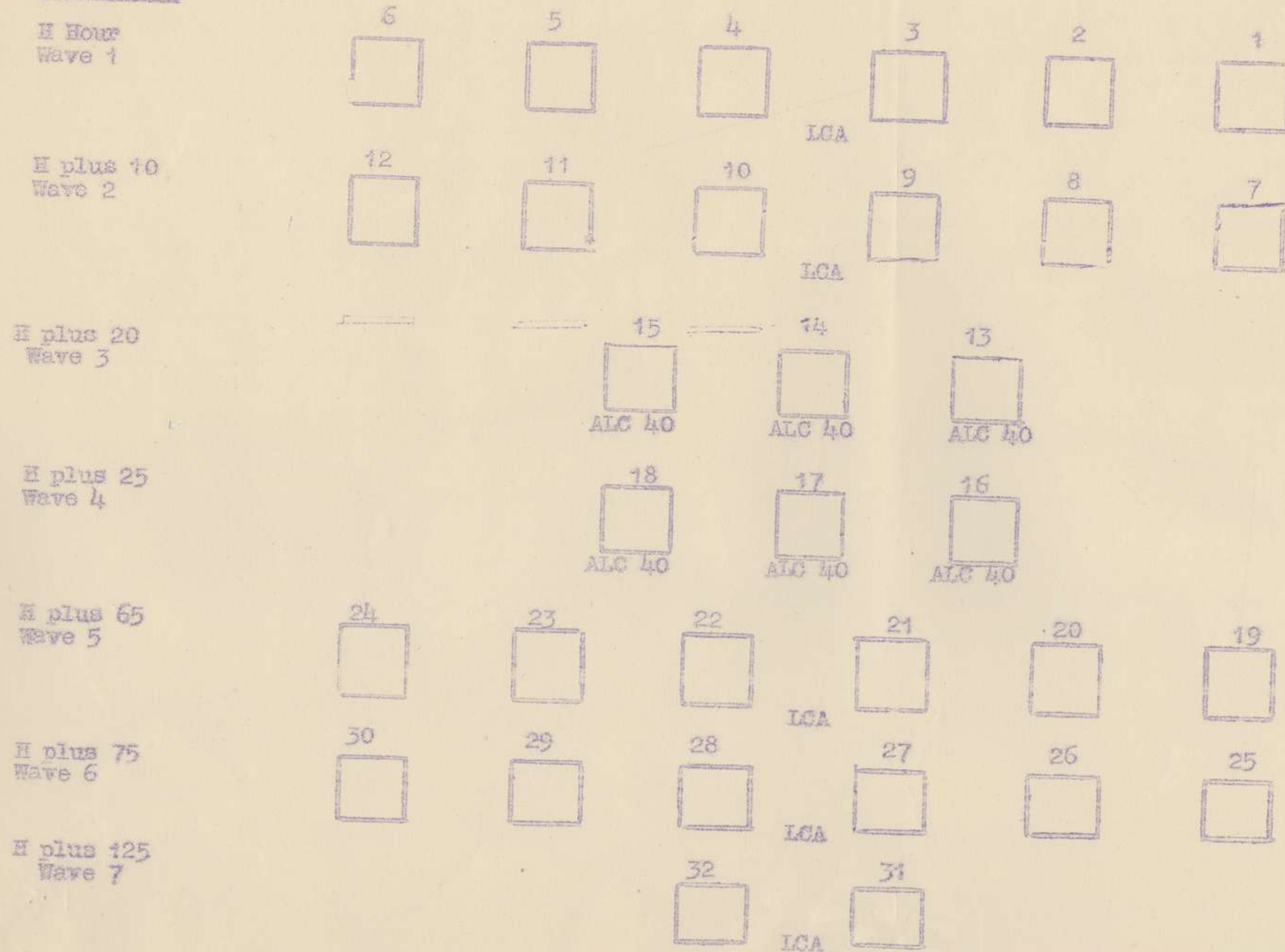
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			Foot	Veh	No	Type	Tons	Type					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)		
1-6	H hr	2/24 Bn 2/13 Fd Coy Beach Gp (a)	148 24 8							6 LCA	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD		Incl beach signs (a) 4 each flank
7-12	H plus 10	2/24 Bn SFCP 2/9 Arm'd Regt Bde Sigs 2/7 Fd Regt Beach Gp	120 9 8 7 5 22							6 LCA	"		Boat spaces for equipment
13-15	H plus 20	2/9 Arm'd Regt		12	3	Tanks				3 ALG 40			
16-18	H plus 25	2/9 Arm'd Regt		12	3	Tanks				3 AL 40			
19-24	H plus 65	2/24 Bn 2/7 Fd Regt Beach Group	155 20 5							6 LCA			
25-30	H plus 75	2/24 Bn 2/11 Fd Amb	149 31							6 LCA			
31-32	H plus 125	2/24 Bn 24 Bde Cadre	15 24							2 LCA			

LANDING DIAGRAM

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to 26 Aust L. Bde
LSI TFG 17-2/ NOV 44

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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13 Nov 44

REC AND MED INSTR

(Issued in addition to 26 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr
No 8 of 10 Nov 44)

1. Ref Maps : 1 inch to 1 mile DIMBULAH (D) 1 inch to 1 mile CAIRNS (C)
REC
2/123 Aust Bde Wksp will establish a rec post in present location and rec vehs will move between RAVENSHOE and ROCKY CREEK as under :-

- (a) 15 Nov In rear of Convoy 6 and return from KAIRI to present location at approx 151700K.
(b) 16 Nov To CAIRNS in rear of convoys 12 and 14.

2. 18 Aust Inf Bde will establish recovery posts as follows, opening 141200K :-

<u>Location</u>	<u>Zone of Responsibilities</u>
KURANDA 579819(C)	KURANDA - TRINITY BEACH (both incl)
MAREEBA 333596(D)	KURANDA - ROCKY CREEK (both incl)
KAIRI (2/125 Aust Bde Wksp Area)	ROCKY CREEK - KAIRI (both incl)

3. MED
AMB car posts will be established at KURANDA 579819(C) and MAREEBA 333596(D), opening 141200K.

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DISTRIBUTION :-

2/23 Aust Inf Bn (2)
2/24 Aust Inf Bn (2)
2/48 Aust Inf Bn (2)
2/4 Aust Commando Sqn
A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt for two tps and att
2/7 Aust Fd Regt
10 Bty 2/3 Aust TKA Regt
2/13 Aust Fd Coy (2)
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/30 Aust Sup Dep~~ot~~ Pl
2/31 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/15 Aust Gen Tpt Pl
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
One Lt Sec 2/1 Aust CCS
2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pk
2/123 Aust Inf Bde Wksp
AASC - for OC GT Coys (2)
SC (L)
File (2)
War Diary (2)
Spares (2)

SECRET

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde

A/73B/791

10 Nov 44.

26 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR NO. 8

GENERAL

1. This Instr is issued in connection with move of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp to TRINITY area for amphibious trg in accordance with 9 Aust Div Trg Instr 26.
2. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will take over the camp at present occupied by 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp in TRINITY area on 15-16 Nov 44. Allotment of areas vide trace att as Appx "A".

MOVEMENT

3. Movement by MT convoy vide mov table att as Appx "B".
4. Reece Parties
No provision is possible for adv parties, but units may send small reece parties in unit vehs to move independently to TRINITY, leaving unit lines in this area NOT later than 0530K on day of unit's movement.
5. Rear Parties
Rear Parties will be the minimum necessary to safeguard stores left in this area.

SUPS

6. Sup Pt will open at Camp B9 at 151200K.
7. Rations
 - (a) Fresh rations will be available except that milk will be issued 1/3 tinned and 2/3 fresh, as milk is not delivered in TRINITY area before 1000 hrs daily.
 - (b) AASC will deliver daily to units in TRINITY area, bread, meat, milk, butter, ice and wood.
8. Expense Stores will be issued in RAVENSHOE area and will not be available at TRINITY.
9. Indents
 - (a) Main Bodies lodged with Bde Sup 0 4 days prior to consumption.
 - (b) Rear Parties lodged with DID RAVENSHOE 4 days prior to consumption.
10. Unconsumed portion of Days Ration will be carried by all units and dets on leaving present areas.
11. AASC Drs
 - (a) Units will provide evening meal (14 Nov only), breakfast and cut lunch for Drs of AASC vehs allotted in Appx "B", allowing 2 Drs for each veh.
 - (b) 18 Aust Inf Bde is arranging evening meal for these drivers on 15 and 16 Nov 44.

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FUEL

12. RR will open at Camp B9 from 151200K.
13. Convoys will refuel as under :
- (a) RAVENSHOE - Petrol Pumps Nos 2 and 3
 - (b) TRINITY - Under arrangement 18 Aust Inf Bde
14. Res. Unit vehs will carry 4 gals pet on leaving this area.

WATER

15. RAVENSHOE area. This HQ will arrange for HQ Comd AASC to provide water to Rear Parties of the following units :-

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
2/11 Aust Fd Amb

16. TRINITY area.
- (a) All units with Water Trucks on charge will take them to TRINITY area, vide Appx "B", and on arrival allocation of trucks to units will be arranged by this HQ.
 - (b) Water will be conserved in TRINITY area, and units should take any containers available (2 gall cans, 44 gall drums, etc) to augment limited water holdings in TRINITY area. Tanks issued as part of camp equipment in this area will NOT be taken.

MED

18. Det 10 Aust Fd Amb will be located with 2/11 Aust Fd Amb in camp area B7 for all evacuations. Ambulance "milk run" will be arranged.

19. Malaria.
- (a) Full anti-malarial precautions will be observed in CAIRNS area vide GRO 321/44.
 - (b) Sleeves will be rolled down, tents mosquito tucked in, and repellent applied as required from 1800K daily until 0630K.
 - (c) No bathing will take place between 1800K and 0630K.
 - (d) Units will employ Anti-malarial Squads as directed in GRO 321/44.
 - (e) Certificates that full anti-malarial precautions have been carried out will be rendered to Bde HQ by signal or L/T by 2000K daily, using the expression "Malarial Atebrin Ack".

20. Typhus

Full precautions will be taken against Scrub Typhus. Two sets of clothing will be taken and will be treated with BETTY mite fluid before departure from this area. Certificates that these precautions have been completed will be advised to this HQ before departure of units, using the expression "BETTY Ack".

DENTAL

21. C Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit will move with Bde HQ and will establish Dental Post in Bde HQ area. Except when the Sec is engaged in amphibious trg, first priority will be given by units to dental appointments.

HYG

22. The area is generally in a poor hygiene condition, owing to many units staging for short periods over several months.

23. Latrines

Units will give the greatest attention to Hyg. Latrines will be deep trench type and flyproof; when filled to within 3 feet of the surface they will be sealed and closed, and a new latrine 10 ft deep will be constructed.

24. Refuse

All refuse will be incinerated in unit lines using trench or other type incineration. A model hyg demonstration area in Bde HQ lines RAVENSHOE shows several types of incinerator, and is available for inspection by any unit before departure.

25. Sullage.

Sullage water will be treated by Mosquito Squads for mosquito breeding.

26. Bde Hyg O is available to all units for advice on matters of hygiene.

ORG

27. 1st Ech

- (a) Arty Units -
 - Fd 2/63 Aust LAD
 - Tr A 2/71 Aust LAD
 - AA Secs and detts 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp (1st and 2nd Ech)
- (b) Other Units - 2/78 Aust LAD.

28. 2nd Ech - 2/123 Aust Bde Wksp.

29. Convoy

(a) 18 Aust Inf Bde is providing Rec Posts between TRINITY and ROCKY CREEK.

(b) 2/123 Aust Bde Wksp will be responsible for Rec between RAVENSHOE and ROCKY CREEK.

OPD

30. Waterproofing

- (a) Water Proofing Kits issued against WET will NOT be used or taken to TRINITY.
- (b) Further instrs re waterproofing will be issued later.

31. Tech Stores (incl MT spare parts)

2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pk with 2/123 Aust Bde Wksp.

32. Clothing and Necessaries

- (a) 5% res clothing will be carried.
- (b) Bulk Indent. Clothing only of bulk indents lodged as at 31 Oct 44 will be available in TRINITY area approx 17-18 Nov.

33. Normal replacements through ADOS dump RAVENSHOE.

34. Tentage

- (a) Will be taken from this area as desired by comds.
- (b) This will be handed over to 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp in TRINITY area, who will in turn hand over equivalent tentage in this area before moving to TRINITY.
- (c) Units will submit a return of tents at TRINITY which will be available for handover. Returns to reach this HQ 1800K 17 Nov 44.

35. Accn Stores

- (a) Normal
- (b) Camp beds will not be taken.

36. WET

Only that portion of WET required for trg will be taken. Dummy stores are available at TRINITY.

MISC

37. MF

- (a) Operational vehs of units of 26 Aust Inf Bde which are not run in will be driven to TRINITY area.
- (b) 25% only of operational vehs of units of 26 Aust Inf Bde will be taken for use during trg.
- (c) All other units will take minimum of 25% of operational vehs.
- (d) Non-operational vehs will be taken as required by units.

38. Postal

FPO 036 will move with Bde HQ, opening at TRINITY. Mail for units in RAVENSHOE area will be handled through FPO 035 (24 Aust Inf Bde).

39. Canteens

Bulk Issuing Point CAIRNS, enr GORDONVALE Rd and MARTIN St.

40. Leave

- (a) Leave will be granted to CAIRNS under arrangements issued by this HQ for not more than 10% per unit per night.
- (b) A Picquet of the following strength will be supplied each night as detailed by this HQ :

- 1 Major or Capt
- 2 Lts
- 4 Sjts
- 4 Cpls
- 24 Ptes.

41. Pay

Det of Fd Cash Office at Bde HQ available for all pay details.

42. Speed Limits

20 mph in camp areas will be strictly enforced.

43. MT Discipline

Personnel will be seated within the confines of the body of all MT vehs. Standing in trucks will NOT be tolerated.

44. Hitch Hiking

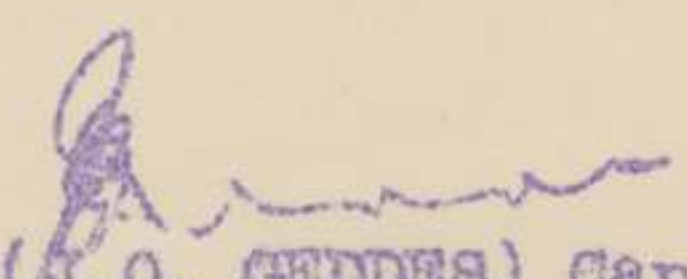
Hitch hiking is prohibited, and units will be responsible for picqueting the road in front of their camps to prevent hitch hikers.

45. Fire

Fire risk is high and strict discipline in this regard is essential.

46. 24 Aust Inf Bde Trg Cadre

- (a) Will move to TRINITY with and be **rationed** with units as per Appx "G". These personnel will report to units by 1900 hours on the days shown, having had their evening meal.
- (b) Tentage will accompany as shown; this will be accounted for separately from own tentage, vide para 34, by units to which att.


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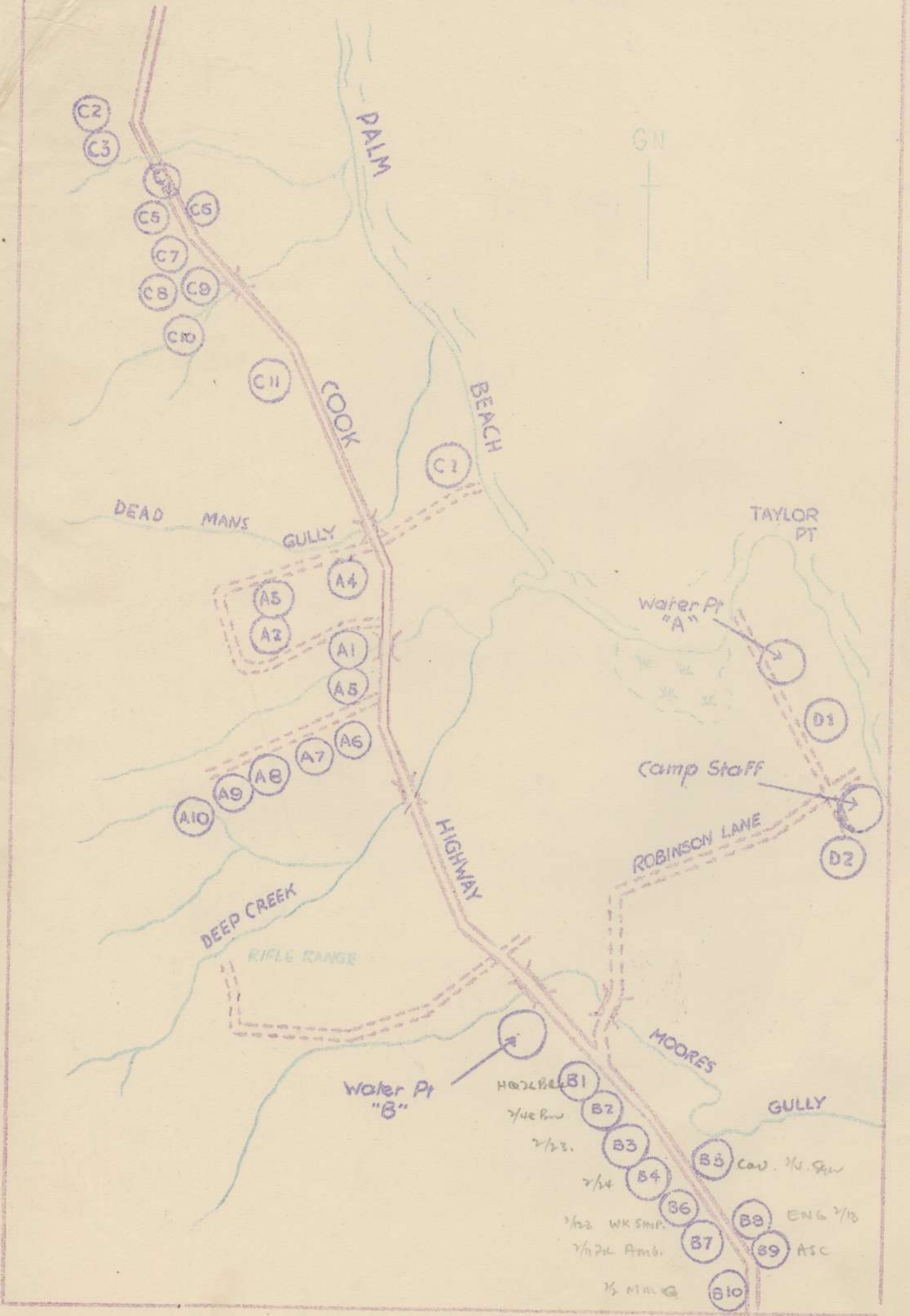
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2/23 Aust Inf Bn (2)
2/24 Aust Inf Bn (2)
2/48 Aust Inf Bn (2)
26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
4 Pl 2/1 Aust Guard Regt
2/78 Aust LAD
2/4 Aust Commando Sqn and att.
A Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt for two tps and att.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt incl att
10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt incl att
One HAA Bty less one tp 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt and incl att
2/13 Aust Fd Coy incl det 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy (2)
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/30 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/31 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/15 Aust Gen Tpt Pl
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
One Lt Sec 2/1 Aust CCS
O Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit
2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pk
2/123 Aust Inf Bde Wksp
3 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
18 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)
AASC - for OC GT Coys (2)
Comd
BM
SG (2)
File (2)
War Diary (2) ✓
Spares (2)

24 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)
One LAD Tp 2/1 Aust Comp
AA Regt incl att

TRINITY BEACH

SCALE 1:10 750 YDS



LEGEND TO APPX "A"
 (Issued with 26 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No.8)

- | | |
|-------|---|
| A1 | HQ 1 Aust Beach Group |
| A2 | 1 Aust Beach Group |
| A3) | RAA Units |
| A4) | |
| A5) | 1 Aust Beach Group |
| A6) | |
| A7) | |
| A8) | |
| A9) | |
| A10) | |
| ✓ B1 | HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde |
| ✓ B2 | 2/48 Aust Inf Bn |
| ✓ B3 | 2/23 Aust Inf Bn |
| ✓ B4 | 2/24 Aust Inf Bn |
| ✓ B5 | 2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pk and Bde Wksp |
| ✓ B6 | 2/4 Aust Commando Sqn |
| ✓ B7 | 2/11 Aust Fd Amb
Lt Sec 2/1 Aust CCS
Det 10 Aust Fd Amb |
| B8 | 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
Det 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy |
| B9 | 30 Aust Sup Depot Pl
31 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/15 Aust Gen Tpt Pl (TS) |
| B10 | D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn |
| C1 | HQ 2 Aust Beach Group |
| C2) | 2 Aust Beach Group |
| C3) | |
| C4) | |
| C5) | |
| C6) | |
| C7) | |
| C8) | |
| C9) | |
| C10) | |
| C11) | |
| D1 | |
| D2 | Two tps A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt |

MOVEMENT TABLE
(Issued with 26 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No.8)

ROUTE : RAVENSHOE via EVELYN HIGHWAY, MAREEBA to TRINITY
SPEED AND DENSITY : 20 mih 40 vtm. Gun and RAE convoys to be advised.
HALTS : 15 mins 2 hours after passing SP
BP : Camp Theatre PALMERSTON HIGHWAY.

Convoy No.	Unit and Order of March	Number of vehs	Vehs supplied by	Vehs report unit lines	Head of column passes SP	Tail column arrives TRINITY	OC Convoy supplied by
1	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde incl att	27	AASC	141600K	150600K	151200K	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
	2/4 Aust Commando Sqn	25	AASC	141600K	150600K	151200K	
2	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	62	AASC	141600K	150630K	151230K	2/23 Aust Inf Bn
3	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	55	AASC	141600K	150700K	151300K	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
4	D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	9	AASC	141600K	150730K	151330K	2/2 Aust MG Bn
	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	12	AASC	141600K	150730K	151330K	
5	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde incl att	15	Unit	-	151300K	151900K	2/23 Aust Inf Bn
	2/4 Aust Commando Sqn	3	-	-	151300K	151900K	
	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	13	-	-	151300K	151900K	
6	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	13	Unit	-	151330K	151930K	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
	D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	4	Unit	-			
	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	15	Unit				
7	2/7 Fd Regt and att	39	AASC	152359K	160600K	161200K	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
	10 Bty 2/3 Tk A & att	9					
	2/15 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	2					
	Lt Sec 2/1 Aust CCS	2					
	2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pk	3					
2/123 Aust Bde Wksp							
8	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	70	AASC	152359K	160630K	161230K	2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix "B" (contd)

Convoy No.	Unit and Order of March	Number of vehs	Vehs supplied by	Vehs report unit lines	Head of column passes SP	Tail of column arrives TRINITY	OC Convoy supplied by
9	2/13 Aust Fd Coy & att	38	Unit	-	161300K	161900K	2/13 Aust Fd Coy
10	2/15 Aust Gen Tpt Pl (TS)	45	Unit	-	161330K	161930K	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl
11	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	17	Unit	-	161400K	162000K	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
12	2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pk	7	Unit	-	161430K	162030K	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp
	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp	23	Unit	-			
	10 Bty 2/3 Tr A Regt	14	Unit	-			
13 (a)	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	104	Unit	-	161500K	(a)	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
14 (b)	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	6	Unit	-	161530K	(b)	2/13 Aust Fd Coy
	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	1	Tptr	-			
	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp	1	Tptr	-			

NOTES :

- (a) Convoy 13 will be subdivided by 2/7 Aust Fd Regt : Convoy A normal vehs 20 min 40 vtm
Convoy B Gun convoy, speed and density laid down by
CO 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
- (b) Convoy 14 will be slow vehs of 2/13 Aust Fd Coy, TD9 Tractors of 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, and D8 tractors 2/123 Aust Bde Wksp (carried in tptrs). Units to supply tptrs will be advised. Speed and density as laid down by OC 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.
- (c) Sup Depot Pls, A Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt and AA units moving independently.
- (d) All AASC vehs will backload 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp personnel and stores to KAIRI.
- (e) All OC Convoys will pay strict attention to speeds and densities, and convoy drill; attention is drawn to FSPB para 6 "Movement by Road".
- (f) Strict attention to timings is essential to prevent confusion owing to the excessive number of vehs on the road during the move.

24 AUST INF BDE TRG CADRE

Unit	Offrs	ORs (incl batmen)	Attached to	Time and date of reporting	No. of Tents
Hq 24 Aust Inf Bde 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Guard Regt 2/76 Aust LAD (Type J)	1	2 1 1 1	Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde	141900K	1
2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt less com Sqn	7	20	2/4 Aust Commando Sqn	141900K	4
2/8 Aust Fd Regt 2/8 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec 2/64 Aust LAD (Type D)	4	11 1 1	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	151900K	3
11 Bty 2/5 Aust Tk A Regt Det 2/71 Aust LAD (Type G)	1	2 1	10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	151900K	1
2/7 Aust Fd Coy 2/5 Aust Fd Coy Det 2/24 Aust Fd Pl Coy	1 1	4 4 2	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	151900K	1 1 -
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	6	24	2/23 Bn	141900K	5
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	6	24	2/24 Bn	151900K	5
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	6	24	2/48 Bn	141900K	5
A and G Coy 2/2 Aust M3 Bn	2	8	D Coy 2/2 M3 Bn	141900K	1
2/3 Aust Pz Bn	6	24	2/23 Bn	141900K	5
28 Sup Depot Pl } com 29 Sup Depot Pl } arrange- ments	1	1 1	30 Sup Dep Pl 31 Sup Dep Pl	141900K 141900K	- -
2/14 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	1	2	2/15 GT Pl	151900K	-
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	1	4	2/11 Fd Amb	141900K	1
2/122 Aust Grd Fd Pl		1	2/123 Fd Pl	151900K	-
2/122 Aust Bde Wksp	1	2	2/123 Wksp	151900K	-
Sec 9 Div Pz Coy		1	Hq 26 Bde	141900K	-
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26 AUST INF BDE GP TRG CADRE
(vide 9 Aust Div Training Instr No.26)

1. Personnel as per Appx "A" who have been selected by units to proceed to TRINITY BEACH area as trg cadre for forthcoming amphibious trg will report to SC at HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde at 0900K 5 Nov 44, complete with personal gear, bedding, tents mosquito and unconsumed portion of days ration.

2. Tpt

(a) Vehs will be supplied as under and will report to SC at HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde at 0830K 5 Nov 44 :

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde 1 x 3-ton with spare driver
2/23 Aust Inf Bn 3 x 3-ton each with spare driver
2/24 Aust Inf Bn 3 x 3-ton each with spare driver
2/48 Aust Inf Bn 3 x 3-ton each with spare driver

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde will supply NGO i/c drivers.

(b) These vehs will return to this area on 5 Nov 44, as soon as practicable after arrival in TRINITY BEACH area, as directed by OC Convoy.

3. Accommodation

On arrival in TRINITY area cadre will report to HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde who is arranging accommodation, rationing, etc.

4. OC Convoy - Capt D.P. HILL, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

5. Speed 20 mph


6. Density 40 vtm

7. Route via MILLA MILLA - MAREEBA

8. Halts 15 minutes to every 2nd clock hour

9. Start Time 0930K 5 Nov 44

10. Start Point HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde


(J.O. GEDDES) Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution:

2/23 Aust Inf Bn	2/11 Aust Fd Amb
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	2/1 Aust CCS
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp
2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt (for 2/4 Sqn)	(incl Fd Pk)
A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	4 Pl 2/1 Aust Guard Regt
(incl Sig Sec and LAD)	2/78 Aust LAD
2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	BM :
(for 10 Bty and det LAD)	SC
HQ RAE 9 Aust Div (for 2/3	TO
Fd Coy and det 2/24 Fd Pk Coy)	Camp
2/2 Aust MG Bn (for D Coy)	File
HQ Comd AASC 9 Aust Div	War Diary
(for 2/30, 2/31 Sup Dep Pls	
and 2/15 Tpt Pl)	
spares (2)	

COMPOSITION OF 26 AUST INF BDE GP TRG CADRE

(vide 9 Aust Div Trg Instr No.26)

Serial	Unit	Offrs	NCOs	Remarks
<u>HQ</u>				
1.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	1	1	
2.	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		1	
3.	4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Gd Regt		1	
4.	2/78 Aust LAD (Type J)		1	
<u>CAV</u>				
5.	2/4 Aust Commando Sqn	3	6	
<u>ARMD</u>				
6.	A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	2	5	
<u>ARTY</u>				
7.	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	4	7	
8.	2/7 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec		1	
9.	2/63 Aust LAD (Type D)		1	
10.	10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	1	3	
11.	Det 2/71 Aust LAD (Type G)		1	
<u>ENGRS</u>				
12.	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	1	3	
13.	Det 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy		1	
<u>INF</u>				
	Each Inf Bn	6 (b)	18 (b)	(b)
				Bn HQ 1 1
				HQ Coy 1 5
				Rifle coy 1 3
15.	D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	3	
<u>AASC</u>				
16.	2/30 Aust Sup Depot Pl	1		
17.	2/31 Aust Sup Depot Pl		1	
18.	2/15 Aust Gen Tpt Pl (Lt)	1	1	
<u>MED</u>				
19.	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	1	3	
20.	Lt Sec 2/1 Aust CCS		1	
<u>ORD</u>				
21.	2/123 Aust Ord Fd Pk		1	
<u>AEME</u>				
22.	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp	1	1	
<u>PRO</u>				
23.	Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy		1	
Total		35	98	

Offrs may take batmen in addition

4 Nov 44

BATTLE PROCEDURE DEMONSTRATION

Ref Map: PALMERSTON 1 inch to 1 mile.

1. Time and Place

- (a) The demonstration will be conducted on MONDAY 6 Nov 44.
- (b) All available offrs of 2/23, 2/24, 2/48 Bns and 2/9 Cav Regt and certain pers of 2/2 MG Bn will attend.
- (c) Pers will RV at track and rd junc 435862 at 1400 hours.

2. Object

The object of the demonstration is to show in detail the various phases of Battle Procedure from the time the adv gd is held up until the issue of Pl Comds orders.

3. Conduct of Demonstration

(a) General

- (i) On arrival at RV indicated in para 1(c), all pers will be given the general situation and opening narrative.
- (ii) Certain pers detailed below will be required to play an active part in the demonstration. The remainder will be spectators, and will see and hear the recce and issue of all orders, from Bde Comd to Pl Comd.
- (iii) Instrs to all pers taking an active part in the demonstration will be issued separately.

(b) Bde "R" Gp

- (i) Spectators will move under direction of Bde Pro pers to STAND 1 at RED FARM (434864).
- (ii) Bde Comd will be met at Tac HQ 2/48 Bn and guide will take him fwd to CO, who will be at a suitable OP to give Bde Comd the full picture.
- (iii) Bde "R" Gp will then commence recce and issue warning order to "O" Gp.
- (iv) The following pers will take part in the demonstration:-

CO 2/48 Bn - Lt Col AINSLIE 2/48 Bn
 Bn guide - Detailed by 2/48 Bn.

Bde "R" Gp

Bde Comd - Brig WHITEHEAD HQ 26 Bde
 BM - Maj TREBECK HQ 26 Bde
 IO - Capt NELSON HQ 26 Bde
 Arty Regt
 Comd - Maj McLEOD HQ 26 Bde

(c) Bde "O" Gp Conference

- (i) Spectators will remain at STAND 1.
 - (ii) The following pers will take part in the demonstration:-
- Bde Comd - Brig WHITEHEAD HQ 26 Bde
 BM - Maj TREBECK HQ 26 Bde
 IO - Capt NELSON HQ 26 Bde
 Orderly - Detailed by HQ 26 Bde

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Arty Regt Comd	- Maj McLEOD	HQ 26 Bde
CO 2/23 Bn	- Lt Col TUCKER	2/23 Bn
Adjnt 2/23 Bn	- Capt MATTHEWS	2/23 Bn
CO 2/24 Bn	- Lt Col GILLESPIE	2/24 Bn
Adjnt 2/24 Bn	- Lieut AMIET	2/24 Bn
CO 2/48 Bn	- Lt Col AINSLIE	2/48 Bn
IO 2/48 Bn	- Lieut FARQUHAR	2/48 Bn

(iii) Bde IO will supervise arrival of "O" Gp and will ensure that all members are oriented and topographical features known. Bde IO briefly gives COs the outline plan to enable them to commence preliminary recce.

(iv) Bde Comd issues verbal orders

(d) Bn "R" Gp

(i) The action of the left Bn will then be followed. Bn "R" gp will proceed on recce and spectators will follow the "R" gp. Pro pers will direct spectators to STAND 2.

(ii) The following pers will take part in the demonstration:-

Bn Comd	- Lt Col TUCKER	2/23 Bn
Bn Adjnt	- Capt MATTHEWS	2/23 Bn
Bn Sig O	- Lieut TAYLOR	2/23 Bn
Arty Bty Comd	- Maj McLEOD	HQ 26 Bde
2 orderlies	- detailed by	2/23 Bn

(iii) Bn Comd will order "O" gp to a RV while his recce is proceeding.

(e) Bn "O" gp

(i) Spectators will remain at STAND 2.

(ii) Bn comd will despatch one orderly to bring fwd "O" gp and Bn Adjnt will supervise their arrival and point out topographical features, give outline plan to enable preliminary recce.

(iii) The following pers will take part in the demonstration:-

A Coy comd	- Capt ROSEL	2/24 Bn
B Coy comd	- Capt JOHNSTON	2/48 Bn
C Coy comd	- Capt SEDGLEY	2/23 Bn
D Coy comd	- Capt MACFARLANE	2/24 Bn
HQ Coy Comd	- Maj MORPHETT	2/48 Bn
MG Pl Comd	- Lieut GREER	2/23 Bn
Mortar Pl Comd	- Lieut MENZIES	2/24 Bn
Tk A Pl Comd	- Capt WRIGHT	HQ 26 Bde

(iv) Bn comd will issue verbal orders.

(f) Coy "R" gp

(i) The action of the right fwd coy will then be followed. Coy "R" gp will proceed on recce and spectators will follow "R" gp. Pro pers will direct spectators to STAND 3.

(ii) The following pers will take part in the demonstration:-

Coy Comd	- Capt ROSEL	2/24 Bn
Orderly	- detailed by	2/24 Bn
CSM	- detailed by	2/24 Bn

(iii) Coy comd will order his "O" gp to a RV and proceed on his recce.

(g) Coy "O" Gp

(i) Spectators will remain at STAND 3.

(ii) Coy CSM gives Pl Comds brief outline plan and their areas for recce.

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(iii) The following pers will take part in the demonstration:-

7 Pl Comd	- Lieut ROBINSON	2/48 Bn
8 Pl Comd	- Lieut THORBURN	2/23 Bn
9 Pl Comd	- Lieut McDONALD	2/24 Bn

(iv) Pl Comds have had brief recce of their areas and Coy Comd issues verbal orders.

(h) Pl "R" Gp

(1) The action of the right Pl will be followed. Pl "R" gp will proceed on recce.

(ii) Spectators will remain at STAND 3.

(iii) The following pers will take part in the demonstration:-

Pl Comd	- Lieut ROBINSON	2/48 Bn
Orderly	- Detailed by	2/48 Bn

(iv) Pl Comd will order his "O" gp to a RV and proceed on recce.

(i) Pl "O" gp

(1) Spectators remain at STAND 3.

(ii) Pl Comd meets his sec comds and issues verbal orders.

(iii) The following pers will take part in the demonstration:-

3 Sec Comds - Detailed by 2/48 Bn

(j) Final Discussion

Bde Comd will then discuss various points of the demonstration and, at conclusion, pers will return to units.

4. Preliminary Recce

All pers detailed in para 3 to take part in the demonstration will RV with BM at 433862 at 0900 hrs Monday 6 Nov.

N.B. Trebeck
(N.B. TREBECK) Maj.
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution :

2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust MG Bn
Comd
BM
SG
IO
File
✓ War Diary.

War diary

BATTLE PROCEDURE DEMONSTRATION

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. 1400 hrs. All pers arrive at RV and BM gives General Situation (Appx "A").
2. BM gives the following opening Narrative :-
 - (a) Message received at Bde HQ 0830 hrs from 2/48 Bn stating that Bn held up on general line rd bend 444864 - GREY HOUSE 438869.
 - (b) BM then sends following signal to Bns and Arty :-
Warning Order (.) adv gd held up on general line rd bend 444864 be prepared to move fwd to RV at WINDMILL 433863 approx 0900 hrs
 - (c) Bde Comd and his "R" Gp then go fwd to Tac HQ 2/48 Bn
3. Spectators then directed to STAND 1. CO 2/48 Bn moves to OP at RED FARM. Bde Comd arrives Tac HQ 2/48 Bn and guide takes him fwd to CO.
4. CO gives Bde Comd full picture (Appx "B").
5. Bde Comd tells BM that Bde attack will be required and to issue Warning Order (Appx "C").
6. Bde "R" Gp proceed with recce and Bde Comd gives verbal appreciation and outline plan to "R" Gp (Appx "D").
7. Arty Comd proceeds to issue warning orders to his Regt, to enable registration of fire plan.
BM prepares notes for Bde Comd to issue verbal orders.
IO selects posn from which Bde Comd will give orders.
8. Bde "O" Gp arrives. Bde IO points out topographical features, and gives brief outline plan, then Bn Comds commence preliminary recce.
9. Bde Comd issues verbal orders (Appx "E").
10. Bn Comds send orderlies with warning orders to "O" and "F" Gps and select RV for "O" Gps. (Appx "F").
11. Bn "R" Gp moves off to recce. Spectators follow route of Bn "R" Gp and are directed by Bde Pro to STAND 2.
12. Bn Comd sends orderly to move "O" Gp fwd. Adjut prepares notes for COs verbal orders.
13. **Bn "O" group arrives. Sig Offr points out topographical features and gives brief outline plan to enable preliminary recce by Coy Comds (Appx "G").**
14. Bn Comd issues verbal orders (Appx "H").
15. Coy Comds send orderlies to bring "O" Gp fwd and proceeds on recce.
16. Spectators follow Coy "R" Gp and directed by Bde Pro pers to STAND 3.

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- 17. Coy "O" Gp arrives and GSM gives brief outline plan and areas for Pl Comds to reece (Appx "I"). Coy comd prepares notes for his verbal orders.
- 18. Coy Comd issues verbal orders (Appx "J"). Pl orderlies bring fwd sec comds.
- 19. Pl comd gives brief outline to sec comds and Pl and Sec Comds commence reece (Appx "K").
- 20. Pl Comd issues verbal orders (Appx "L").
- 21. Bde Comd discusses demonstration.

13. In "O" group arrives. Sig Otr points out topographical features and gives brief outline plan to comd's staff. Reece for Coy Comd (Appx "C").

GENERAL SITUATION

1. Enemy force of approx Bde strength had been advancing through RAVENSHOE towards MT GARNET. Some 8 - 10 miles west of RAVENSHOE, 20 Bds had fought an action with this force, inflicting heavy casualties on two bns and forcing the enemy to withdraw.
2. 26 Bde had then passed through 20 Bde to follow up and attack the enemy. Adv Gd Bn had encountered minor delaying opposition at a number of points until finally the adv gd bn had made contact with a strong enemy posn and were unable to push on.

SITUATION OF 2/48 AUST INF BN

1. My fwd coys are held up with D Coy astride the main rd in area of rd bend (444664), B Coy just fwd of GREY HOUSE (438669).
2. The enemy is quite active and all attempts to push fwd have been held with fire. So far ther has been only occasional shelling.
3. D Coy have been able to patrol as far as the Jungle patch and have located a coy posn on ROAD JUNG SPUR and extending approx 350 yds to the east.
4. B Coy have been unable to patrol fwd at all but have located approx a pl posn on TRACK SPUR and another pl posn on LEFT SPUR in the vicinity of SHED (443674). I sent a patrol from A Coy well round to the left of B Coy and they drew fire from this pl area at the SHED and also reported seeing diggings further back on SCRUB RIDGE, so it looks as if a coy is holding that feature.
5. The FOO with me has been shooting and has registrations on known posn on both ROAD JUNG SPUR and ~~SCRUB~~ RIDGE.
SCRUB

War Diary

APPENDIX "C"

BDE WARNING ORDER

Warning Order (.) Bde attack will be launched (.) 2/24
bn right 2/23 bn left (.) O gp RV WINDMILL (433865) 0915 hrs (.) Bn
assembly areas NOT fwd of RED FARM (434864) (.) no move F gp before
0930 hrs

NOTE : Bn Comd orders O Gp and F gp to assembly area 427866 before
moving to Bde RV.

Bde Comd's Appreciation and Outline Plan

APPX D

Rel Str

- (a) SCRUB RIDGE commands all approaches. ROAD JUNG SPUR not
as commanding as SCRUB RIDGE; some covered approaches
available and timber provides a certain amount of cover
from view.
- (b) COWSHED RIDGE will overlook SCRUB RIDGE and will generally
command all approaches.
- (c) Approaches over open ground and under observation from
enemy posns and will therefore need maximum sp available.

Outline Plan

INTENTION

- 1. 26 Bde will capture COWSHED RIDGE ✓

METHOD

- 2. Two Phase attack - First, RD JUNG SPUR - SCRUB RIDGE,
Second COWSHED RIDGE.

- 3. Tps : Right -- 2/24 Bn
Left -- 2/23 Bn
Res -- 2/48 Bn *as seen as they pass thro'*

- 4. Inter Bn Bdy
Creek east of TRACK SPUR

- 5. Start Line
Present posns fwd coys 2/48 Bn

- 6. Arty
 - (a) Phase 1 : One Bty right
Two Bty left
 - (b) Phase 2 : Regt left to COWSHED RIDGE

APPENDIX "F"

BN WARNING ORDER

Warning order (.) bn will be attacking (.) probable coy dispsns
A coy right fwd B coy left fwd C coy right rear D coy left rear (.)
O gp RV creek junc 435867 1000 hrs (.) NO move F gp from assembly
before 1030 hrs

BDE COMDS ORDERS

Ref Map : PALMERSTON 1 Inch to 1 Mile

TOPOGRAPHY

(a)	SCRUB RIDGE	:	445875
(b)	ROADJUNG SPUR	:	453873
(c)	COWSHED RIDGE	:	455880
(d)	GREY HOUSE	:	438869
(e)	RHD FARM	:	434864
(f)	TRACK SPUR	:	445872
(g)	LEFT SPUR	:	443874

INFM

- Enemy
Estimated one Bn occupying defensive on COWSHED RIDGE. Approx one coy holding ROADJUNG SPUR east to 455868. Approx one coy holding SCRUB RIDGE from track bend 444870 to shed 445874. Remainder of Bn probably holding COWSHED RIDGEs.
- Own Tps
2/48 Bn held up with one coy astride rd at rd bend 444864 and one coy on fwd slopes of GREYHOUSE feature.

INTENTION

- 26 Aust Inf Bde will capture COWSHED RIDGE.

METHOD

- Summary of ops
Three phase attack with two ons fwd in phase 1 and phase 2 and third bn pass through for phase 3.
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|-----|------------|--------------|---------|
| (a) | <u>Tps</u> | | |
| | <u>Fwd</u> | <u>Right</u> | 2/24 Bn |
| | | <u>Left</u> | 2/23 Bn |
| (b) | <u>Res</u> | | 2/48 Bn |
- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--|--|
| (a) | <u>PHASE 1</u> | <u>Right</u> | ROAD JUNG SPUR |
| | | <u>Left</u> | SCRUB RIDGE |
| (b) | <u>PHASE 2</u> | <u>Right</u> | COWSHED RIDGE from excl track 454879 to 500 yds east |
| | | <u>Left</u> | COWSHED RIDGE from incl track 454879 to 500 yds west |
| (c) | <u>PHASE 3</u> | Res Bn exploit to 1000 yds north of 2nd objective. | |
- Inter Bn Bdy incl to left bn
Creek 441863 - rd bend 451874 - house 451876
- Start Line
Present fwd posn of 2/48 Bn from rd bend 444886 to GRAY HOUSE.
- Rate of Adv
100 yds in 2 mins, pause of 10 mins on first objective.
- | | | | |
|-----|------------|--|--|
| (a) | <u>Res</u> | | |
| (a) | | | Remain present posn until capture of 1st objective |
| (b) | | | Then concentrate in area of GRAY HOUSE and be prepared to pass through after capture of 2nd objective for Phase 3 exploitation |
| (c) | | | Move from area GRAY HOUSE on Success Sig for capture of 2nd objective |

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11.

(a) Arty
PHASE 1

Serial	Fire Unit	Time		Task	Amn	Rate	Remarks
		From	To				
1	one Bty	H-20	H-6	ROAD JUNC SPUR	HE	and Slow	SMOKE
2	one Bty	H-20	H-6	SCRUB RIDGE	HE	and Slow	SMOKE
3	one Bty	H-5	H+11	ROAD JUNC SPUR	HE	Normal	
4	two Bty	H-5	H+11	SCRUB RIDGE	HE	Normal	one Bty on TRACK SPUR one Bty on LEFT SPUR
5	one Bty	H+12	H+15	ROAD JUNC SPUR	HE	Intense	
6	two Bty	H+12	H+15	SCRUB RIDGE	HE	Intense	one Bty TRACK SPUR one Bty LEFT SPUR
7	Regt	H+16	H+26	COWSHED RIDGE	HE	Normal	(a) Area shoot (b) from H-27 one Bty in sp each 2/24 Bn 2/23 Bn

(b) PHASE 2

By observation (i) one bty in sp 2/24 Bn
(ii) one bty in sp 2/23 Bn

(c) PHASE 3

By observation, one bty in sp 2/48 Bn

(d) FOOs

(i) one FOO with 2/24 Bn report to Bn HQ H-45
(ii) two FOOs " 2/23 " " " " " H-45
(iii) one FOO " 2/48 " " " " " " H-15

ACTION ON CAPTURE OF SECOND OBJECTIVE

12. Exploitation

2/48 Bn will move through fwd bus on order of Bde HQ. Limit of exploitation 1000 yds north of objective.

13. Consolidation

- (a) 2/24 Bn and 2/23 Bn will consolidate on COWSHED RIDGE.
- (b) 2/24 Bn will patrol to timber edge on right flank.
- (c) 2/23 Bn will patrol to timber edge on left flank.

14. H hr

To be notified later, NOT BEFORE 1100 hrs.

ADM

15. Med

ADS will be established at 424856 at 1000 hrs.

16. PW

Collecting Pt at Bde HQ under control of Pro Sec.

INTERCOMN

17. HQ

Tac Bde HQ opens at 425862 at 1000 hrs.

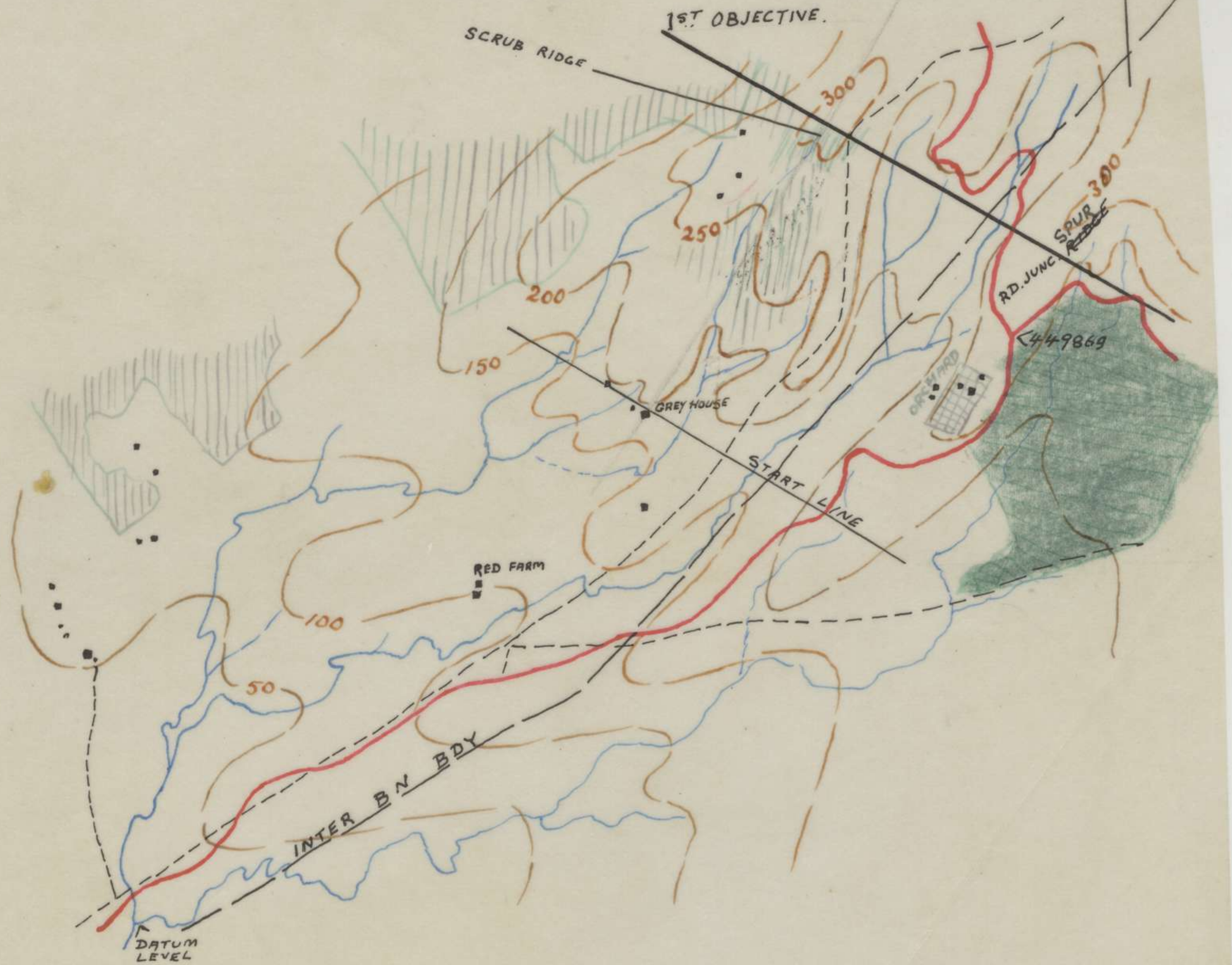
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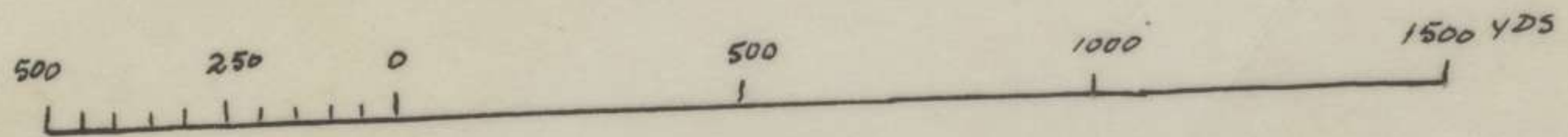
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19. Line
Det Bde Sig Sec will lay line with 2/24 Bn and 2/23 Bn.
20. Success Sigs
(a) PHASE 1 Right Green/White
 Left Red/White
(b) PHASE 2 Right Green/Green
 Left Red/Red
21. Synchronise
It is now hrs
22. Any Questions

RF 1:19000



LEGEND	
---	TRACKS
■ ■	BLDGS
—	MAIN RD
	SEC. GROWTH
■ ■ ■ ■	JUNGLE



Scale 1" = 520 YDS

APPENDIX "G"

BN COMD'S OUTLINE PLAN

Topography:

- SCRUB RIDGE
- COWSHED RIDGE
- TRACK SPUR
- CENTRE SPUR
- LEFT SPUR
- GREY HOUSE

Outline Plan

INTENTION

- 1. 2/23 Bn will capture west end of COWSHED RIDGE

METHOD

- 2. Two Phase attack.

- 3. Tps : Right - A Coy
Phase 1 Left - B Coy

- Phase 2 Right - C Coy
Left - D Coy.

- 4. Objectives

- Phase 1. Right : TRACK SPUR - CENTRE SPUR
Left : LEFT SPUR

- Phase 2 COWSHED RIDGE

- 5. FUP

Re-entrant 300 yds in rear of GREY HOUSE.

- 6. Arty

- (a) Phase 1 - One Bty on Track Spur
One Bty on Left Spur

- (b) Phase 2 - Two Btys COWSHED RIDGE

- 7. Mortars

On CENTRE SPUR during Phase 1.

- 8. MMGs

On LEFT SPUR during Phase 1.

BN COMD'S ORDERS

War Diary

TOPOGRAPHY

Additional features - (a) Track SPUR
(b) Centre SPUR
(c) Left SPUR

INFM

1. Enemy. Estimated Bn occupying COWSHED RIDGE feature with approx one coy holding SCRUB RIDGE. One PI posn located on TRACK SPUR and CENTRE SPUR, and another PI posn on LEFT SPUR. Probably another PI on SCRUB RIDGE, where TRACK and LEFT SPURS join main ridge.
2. Own Tps
 - (a) 2/48 Bn at present held up with one coy astride rd at rd bend 444864 and one coy fwd of GREYHOUSE.
 - (b) 26 Bde is attacking with 2/24 Bn right, 2/23 Bn left, 2/48 Bn res.

INTENTION

3. 2/23 Bn will capture COWSHED RIDGE from incl track 454879 to 500 yds west.

METHOD4. Summary of Ops

Two phase attack with two coys fwd in phase 1 and two coys passing through for phase 2.

PHASE 1

5. Tps :

<u>Fwd</u>	Right	-	A Coy
	Left	-	B Coy
<u>Res</u>	Right	-	C Coy
	Left	-	D Coy

6. Objective - SCRUB RIDGE

Right Coy TRACK SPUR and CENTRE SPUR
Left Coy LEFT SPUR

7. Bdys(a) Inter Coy Bdy

Excl to right Coy: shed 100 yds NW of GREY HOUSE - re-entrant between junc of TRACK SPUR and LEFT SPUR.

(b) Inter Bn Bdy

Incl to 2/23 Bn : Creek from 441863 - rd bend 451874.

8. Start Line

Line running from creek 443866 - GREY HOUSE - shed 100 yds NW of GREY HOUSE - creek 437870.

9. FUP

A Coy : Re-entrant 437866
B Coy : Re-entrant 435867
C Coy : Rear of A Coy
D Coy : Rear of B Coy.

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10. Rate of Adv
100 yds in 2 mins.

11. Res
Move 500 yds in rear of leading coys.

PHASE 2

12. Tps : Right - C Coy
Left - D Coy

13. Objectives
Right : Incl track 454879 to incl house 452879.
Left : Excl house 452879 to 200 yds west.

14. Bdy
Inter Coy Bdy : Incl to right Coy.
Track bend 445876 - incl house 452879.

15. Rate of Adv
100 yds in 2 mins. Pause of 10 mins allowed on 1st objective to enable coys to pass through.

POINTS COMMON TO BOTH PHASES

16. Arty

(a) Phase 1

Ser- ial	Fire Unit	Time		Task	Aim	Rate	Remarks
		From	To				
1	One Bty	H-20	H-6	SCRUB RIDGE	HE & Smoke	Slow	
2	One Bty	H-5	H+11	TRACK SPUR	HE	Normal	
3	One Bty	H-5	H+11	LEFT SPUR	HE	"	
4	One Bty	H+12	H+15	TRACK SPUR	HE	Intense	} Lift (a) to COWSHED RIDGE } H+16 to H+26
5	One Bty	H+12	H+15	LEFT SPUR	HE	Intense	

(b) Phase 2

By observation of FOOs.

(c) FOOs

- (1) One FOO with A Coy from H-30 until capture 1st objective then move fwd with C Coy.
- (1) One FOO with B Coy from H-30 until capture 1st objective then move fwd with D Coy.

17.

MMGs

Ser- ial	Fire Unit	Gun Area	Time		Task	Arm	Rate	Remarks
			From	To				
1	One Pl	Vicinity creek 433873	H-3	H+5	Left SPUR & SCRUB RIDGE from SHED 443876 to track 445876	8 belts per gun		-- Then one sec be prepared to move fwd to each C and D Coy areas for consoli- dation

18.

Mortars(a) Phase 1

Ser- ial	Fire Unit	Gun Area	Time		Task	Arm	Rate	Remarks
			From	To				
1	Two dets	Vicinity creek junc 435867	H-5	H+8	CENTRE SPUR	HE	65 Bombs per mortar	
2	Two dets	Vicinity creek junc 435867	H+6	H+12	447874	HE	30 bombs per mortar	
3	Two dets	Vicinity creek junc 435867	H+9	H+16	Track bend 445876		35 bombs per mortar	

(b) Phase 2 - By Observation.

(c) One det under cmd each C and D Coys.

19.

Tk A

Pl will move to 2nd objective for consolidation.

20.

Pnrs

Remain with Bn HQ.

21.

Exploitation(a) Phase 1 : A Coy exploit to main rd 448873.(b) Phase 2 : 2/48 Bn will be passing through 2nd objective for Bde exploitation.

22.

Consolidation

(a) C Coy will consolidate on right of COWSHED RIDGE
 D Coy " " " left " " "
 A Coy " " " feature 449874.
 B Coy " " " SCRUB RIDGE

(b) After capture of 2nd objective, B Coy will send fighting patrol out through D Coy to timber edge 1000 yds west of D Coy area and return to B Coy area.

(c) Sp Arms will move forward after capture of 2nd objective in the following order :-
 (i) Tk A Pl, one sec to C Coy area, one sec to D Coy area.
 (ii) MMG Pl, one sec to C Coy area, one sec to D Coy area.
 (iii) Mortar Pl, four dets move to B Coy area.

(d) Reorganisation stores NORMAL. Move with F ech vehs.

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23. H hr
To be notified later, NOT BEFORE 1100 hrs.

ADM

24. Tpt
(a) F ech vehs required in consolidation vide para 23(c) will report to Bn TO at track junc 433862 at H plus 40.
(b) Vehs will move via TRACK RIDGE to objectives.
(c) Move on order Bn TO, NOT BEFORE H plus 50. Order to move will be given to TO by Tac HQ.
(d) B ech remain present posn.

25. Arm
(a) 200 x 3" Mortar HE bombs will be dumped at mortar posns by 1030 hours.
(b) Bn res SAA will move with F Ech vehs.
(c) Arm carried on the man - normal.

26. Med
(a) ADS will be established at 424856 at 1000 hours.
(b) RAP moves with Tac Bn HQ.
(c) Four SBs per Coy.

27. PW
(a) Bn RP will establish collecting post at GREY HOUSE.
(b) Bde PW collecting pt at 425862.

INTERCOMN

28. HQ
Tac HQ will move on left of C Coy and will be established on SCRUB RIDGE.

29. Line
Det Bde Sig Sec will move with Tac Bn HQ to 1st objective and then fwd to 2nd objective on left of C Coy.

30. Success Sigs
(a) Phase 1 : A Coy ALICE
 B Coy BETTY
Phase 2 : C Coy CONNIE
 D Coy DOT
(b) Codewords will be passed by L/T or W/T.

31. Synchronise
It is now hours.

32. Any Questions?

War diary

RF. 1:19000

LEGEND

- ■ ■ BLDGS.
- - - TRACKS.
- MAIN RD.
- //// SEC GROWTH



500 250 0 500 1000 1500 yds.

Scale. 1" = 520 yds.

War Diary

APPENDIX "I"

COY COMD'S OUTLINE PLAN

Topography:

GREY HOUSE
SCRUB RIDGE
TRACK SPUR
CENTRE SPUR
LEFT SPUR

Beyond TRACK SPUR main rd follows round another spur.

Outline Plan

INTENTION

1. A Coy will capture TRACK SPUR and CENTRE SPUR.

METHOD

2. Tps : Right - 7 Pl
 Left - 8 Pl
 Res - 9 Pl

3. Objectives

7 Pl TRACK SPUR, then to main rd beyond.
8 Pl CENTRE SPUR.
9 Pl pass through 8 Pl to SCRUB RIDGE.

4. EUF

Re-entrant 300 yds behind GREY HOUSE.

APPENDIX "K"

PL COMD'S OUTLINE PLAN

Topography:

TRACK SPUR
CENTRE SPUR
SCRUB RIDGE

Beyond TRACK SPUR main rd follows round another spur.

Outline Plan

INTENTION

1. 7 Pl will capture TRACK SPUR, then continue to main rd.

METHOD

2. Right - 1 sec on right of track
Left - 2 Sec on left of track.
Res - 3 Sec.

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APPENDIX "J"
COY COMD'S ORDERS

War Diary

TOPOGRAPHY

Additional Topography. From SCRUB RIDGE are three spurs, right to left :-

TRACK SPUR
CENTRE SPUR
LEFT SPUR

Vegetation. Little or no cover afforded by vegetation.

Creeks. Good covered approaches.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

It is known that enemy is holding SCRUB RIDGE with approx one coy. One pl posn located on TRACK SPUR and CENTRE SPUR with another pl posn on LEFT SPUR. Another pl is probably disposed on SCRUB RIDGE where TRACK and LEFT SPURS join SCRUB RIDGE.

2. Own Tps

- (a) 2/48 Bn at present held up with one Coy astride rd at rd bend 444864, and the leading coy fwd of GREY HOUSE.
- (b) 26 Bde is attacking with 2/24 Bn right, 2/23 Bn left and 2/48 Bn in res.
- (c) 2/23 Bn is to attack in two phases with two coys fwd. Two rear coys pass through for Phase 2.

Phase 1 : Right A Coy
 Left B Coy

Phase 2 : Right C Coy
 Left D Coy.

INTENTION

3. A Coy will capture TRACK SPUR and CENTRE SPUR.

METHOD

4. Tps

Attack will be made with two pls fwd.

Right - 7 Pl
Left - 8 Pl
Res - 9 Pl

5. Objectives

1st Objective : 7 Pl - TRACK SPUR at bend in track 444870.
 8 Pl - CENTRE SPUR 443872.

2nd Objective : 7 Pl - Rd bend 448873
 9 Pl - Track bend 448877

6. Boundaries

- (a) RIGHT Incl to 7 Pl : Creek from 441863 - rd bend 451874.
- (b) LEFT Excl to 8 and 9 Pls : Shed 100 yds NW of GREY HOUSE - re-entrant between junc of TRACK SPUR and LEFT SPUR.

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7. Start Line
Incl creek to excl shed 100 yds NW of GREY HOUSE.

8. FUP
Re-entrant 437866, 300 yds in rear of GREY HOUSE.

9. Rate of Advance
100 yds in 2 mins.

10. Reserves
(a) 9 Pl move 100 yds in rear of 8 Pl.
(b) 9 Pl pass through 8 Pl for 2nd object to 3 Pl remaining on CENTRE SPUR.

11. Arty
(a)

Ser- ial	Fire Unit	Time		Task	Ann	Rate	Remarks
		From	To				
1	One Bty	H-20	H-6	SCRUB RIDGE	HE	slow	
2	One Bty	H-5	H-11	TRACK SPUR	HE		
3	One Bty	H-2	H-15	TRACK SPUR	HE	Intense	(a) Left to COWSHED RIDGE H-15 to H-25 (b) Then by observ- ation

(b) One FOO will move with Coy Hq.

12. MMGS

Ser- ial	Fire Unit	Time		Task	Ann
		From	To		
1	One Pl	H-3	H-5	LEFT SPUR SCRUB RIDGE from SHED 443876 to track 445876	8 Belts per gun

14. Consolidation

A Coy will consolidate on right of SCRUB RIDGE

(a) 7 Pl remain rd bend area.

(b) 8 Pl move to 447872

(c) 9 Pl move to 446876

15. H Hr
H hour will be notified later, NOT BEFORE 1100 hours.

.../ADM

ADM16. Stores

Reorganisation stores will come up by veh after phase 2 of Bn attack.

17. Amn

Normal scale carried on the man.

18. Med

(a) RAP will move with Tac Bn HQ.

(b) Two stretcher bearers each with 7 and 8 Pls to 1st objective. For second objective, stretcher bearers from 8 Pl will move with 9 Pl.

19. PW

PW will be escorted ^{to} by Coy HQ. Res Pl will escort PW to RP collecting post at GREY HOUSE.

INTERCOMN

20. (a) Bn HQ after Phase 1 will be established on SCRUB RIDGE.

(b) Coy HQ will move with 9 Pl and will remain on CENTRE SPUR.

(c) One runner from each pl will move with Coy HQ.

(d) R/T, WALKIE TALKIE.

21. Success Signal

A Coy Success Signal will be codeword ALICE passed back to Bn HQ by L/T and R/T.

22. Synchronise

The time now is hours.

23. Any Questions?

APPENDIX "L"

War Diary

PL COMD'S ORDERS

Topography:

- SCRUB RIDGE
- TRACK SPUR
- CENTRE SPUR
- LEFT SPUR
- MAIN RD SPUR
- GOWSHED RIDGE
- GREY HOUSE.

INFM

1. Enemy
 - (a) Coy holding SCRUB RIDGE
 - (b) Pl disposed on TRACK SPUR and CENTRE SPUR. Appears to be sec post with one LMG on each of TRACK SPUR and CENTRE SPUR with another sec further up TRACK SPUR.
 - (c) May be some enemy on main rd SPUR.
2. Own Tps
 - (a) Bde is attacking with 2/24 Bn on right 2/23 Bn left.
 - (b) A Coy is right coy in Phase 1 of Bn attack to capture SCRUB RIDGE. B Coy on left.
 - (c) C and D Coys will pass through for Phase 2 to capture GOWSHED RIDGE.
 - (d) 8 Pl is to capture CENTRE SPUR and 9 Pl move through to SCRUB RIDGE

INTENTION

3. 7 Pl will capture TRACK SPUR and continue to MAIN RD SPUR.

METHOD

4. Tps :
 - Right -- 1 Sec on right of track
 - Left -- 2 Sec on left of track
 - Res -- 3 Sec
5. Objectives
 - (a) TRACK SPUR to track bend.
 - (b) Then MAIN RD SPUR
6. Bdys.

Right Bde incl creek east of TRACK SPUR, left bdy incl creek between TRACK and CENTRE SPURS.
7. Start Line

Line from GREY HOUSE across TRACK SPUR.
8. FUP

Re-entrant 300 yds behind GREY HOUSE.
9. Rate of Adv.

100 yds in 2 mins.

(2)

10. Res
3 Sec move 50 yds in rear of 2 Sec.
11. Fire Sp
(a) Arty firing HE and Smoke until leave FUP
(b) Arty HE on TRACK SPUR until 200 yds from track bend.
(c) Mortar fire on CENTRE SPUR.
(d) Mortar fire on MAIN RD SPUR until 200 yds from Main Rd.
12. Consolidation
(a) Consolidate on north side of main rd, 3 Sec fwd, 1 sec right rear, 2 Sec left rear.
(b) PITA with 2 Sec.
13. H hr
Will be notified later. NOT BEFORE 1100 hrs.
14. Timings
Leave FUP at H-6.

ADM

15. Amn
(a) Normal amn carried on man
(b) Res amn will come up during consolidation.
16. Med
(a) RAP with Tac Bn HQ will move to SCRUB RIDGE
(b) 2 Stretcher Bearers move with Pl HQ.
17. PW
3 Sec will escort PW to Coy HQ.

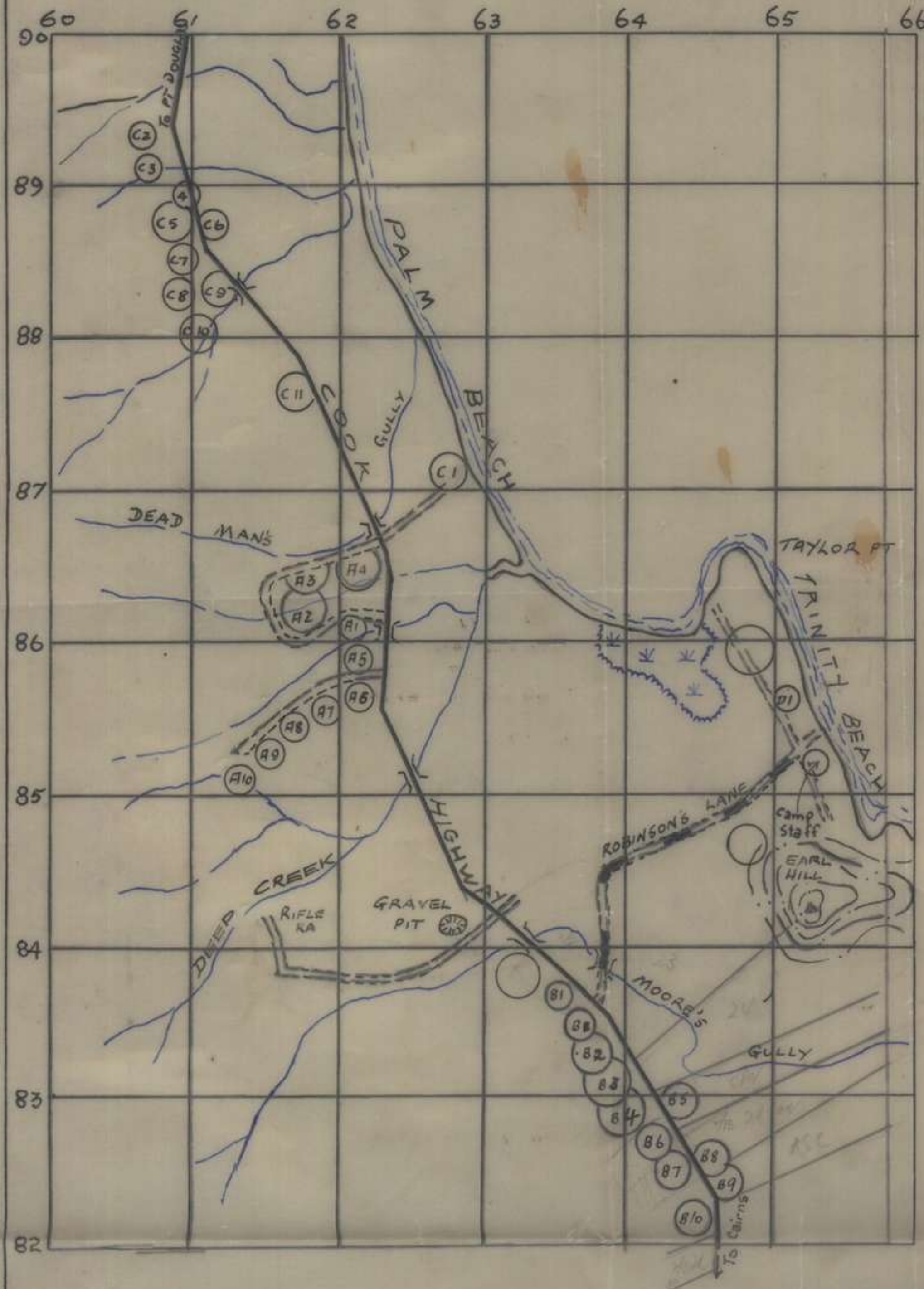
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18. Coy HQ with 8 Pl on CENTRE SPUR
19. Pl HQ with 3 Sec
20. Synchronise
The time now is hours.
21. Any questions?

SCALE 730 YDS to 1 Inch

TRINITY BEACH CAMP AREAS

REF MAP CAIRNS 1" TO 1 MILE



A1	A2	A3	A4	A5						
HQ 1 Aust. Beach. Gp.	1 Aust. Beach Gp.	3/4 74 Regt. TR/AF. COPT 27/174	3/2 MMG							
A6	A7	A8	A9	A10						
B1	B2	B3	B4	B5						
HQ 26 Bde	2/46 Bn	2/23 Bn	2/24 Bn	A Car. Sqn.						
B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11					
3/123. Fd Pk. MK. SQUAD.	3/11 Id. Amb.	3/12 Fd Coy.	FSC	3/4. Fd Coy.						
C1	C2	C3	C4	C5						
HQ 2 Aust Beach. Gp.										
C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11					
D1										

IN 26 Aust Inf Bde

0/15/46

1 Dec 44

26 AUST INF BDE TO INHQ 10
RD FIRING RANGES

1. Bde will exercise coys in sec and pl battle drills based on Inf Reg Part VIII 1944 culminating, if time allows, with coy battle practices using 3-in mortars and MGCs. Ball am will be used for all practices.
2. Ranges are allotted as follows:
 - (a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn - Rd firing 'A' and MGC Rd firing ranges 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Dec.
 - (b) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn - Portion of Arty Range shown on trace att as Appx 'A' 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 Dec.
 - (c) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - Portion of Arty Range shown on trace att as Appx 'B' on 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 Dec.
3. Arty Range is NOT being used on 2 and 3 Dec and is free for recon.
4. An Arty demo is being given by BAA 9 Aust Div on 7 Dec in BT AREA 21 soon followed at night by a star-shell demonstration in which 2/23 Aust Inf Bn and 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will cooperate. Separate notes are to be issued by BAA 9 Aust Div covering these demonstrations.
5. On 14, 15, and 16 Dec, 2/7 Aust Rd Regt is making available one Coy to participate in a bde controlled rd firing exercise. Bde will be exercised as follows:-
 - (a) 14 Dec - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
 - (b) 15 Dec - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 - (c) 16 Dec - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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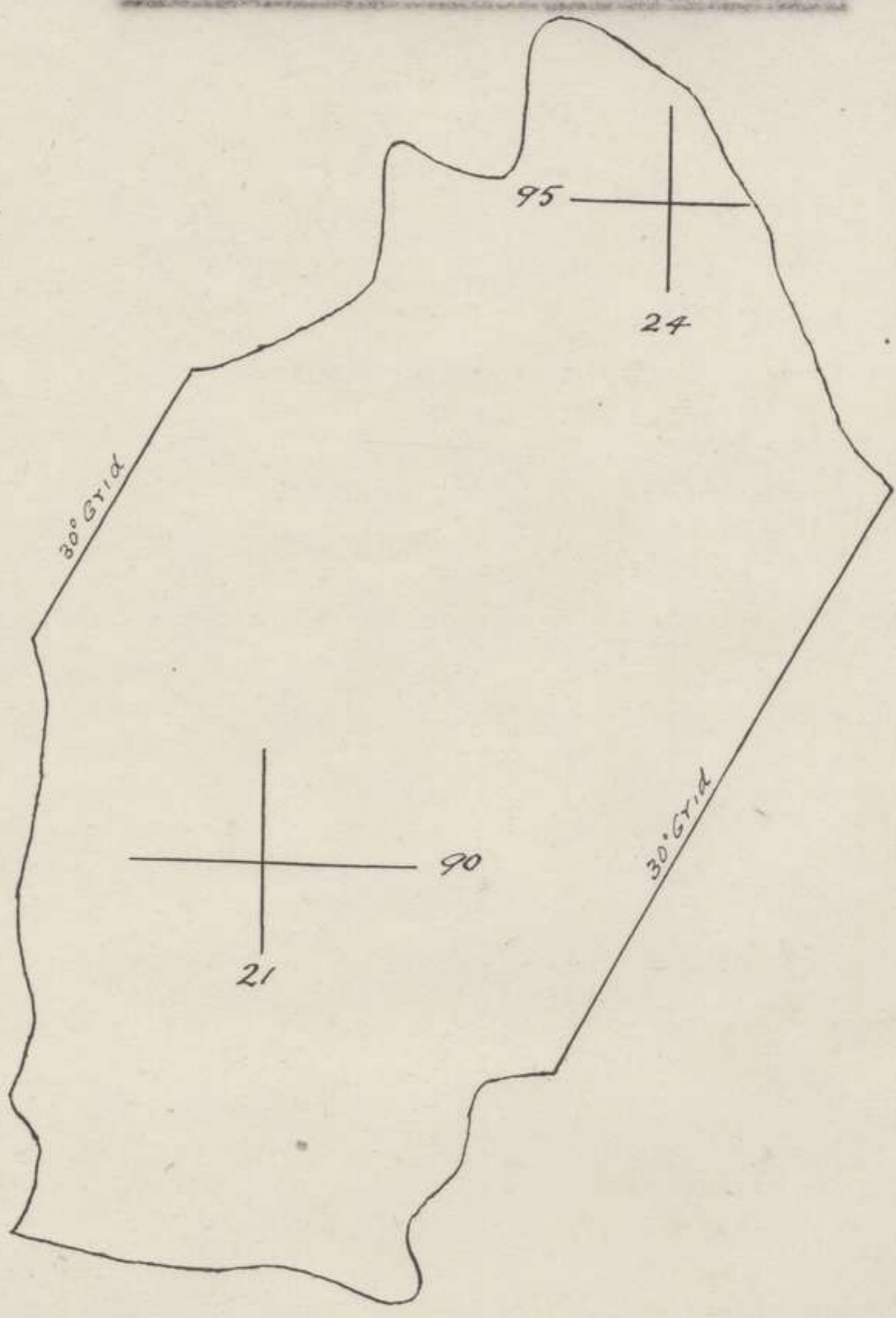
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2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
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APPENDIX "A"
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2/24 AUG 54 HQ 1st Div Engr 10

Ref Map MT GARNET 1"



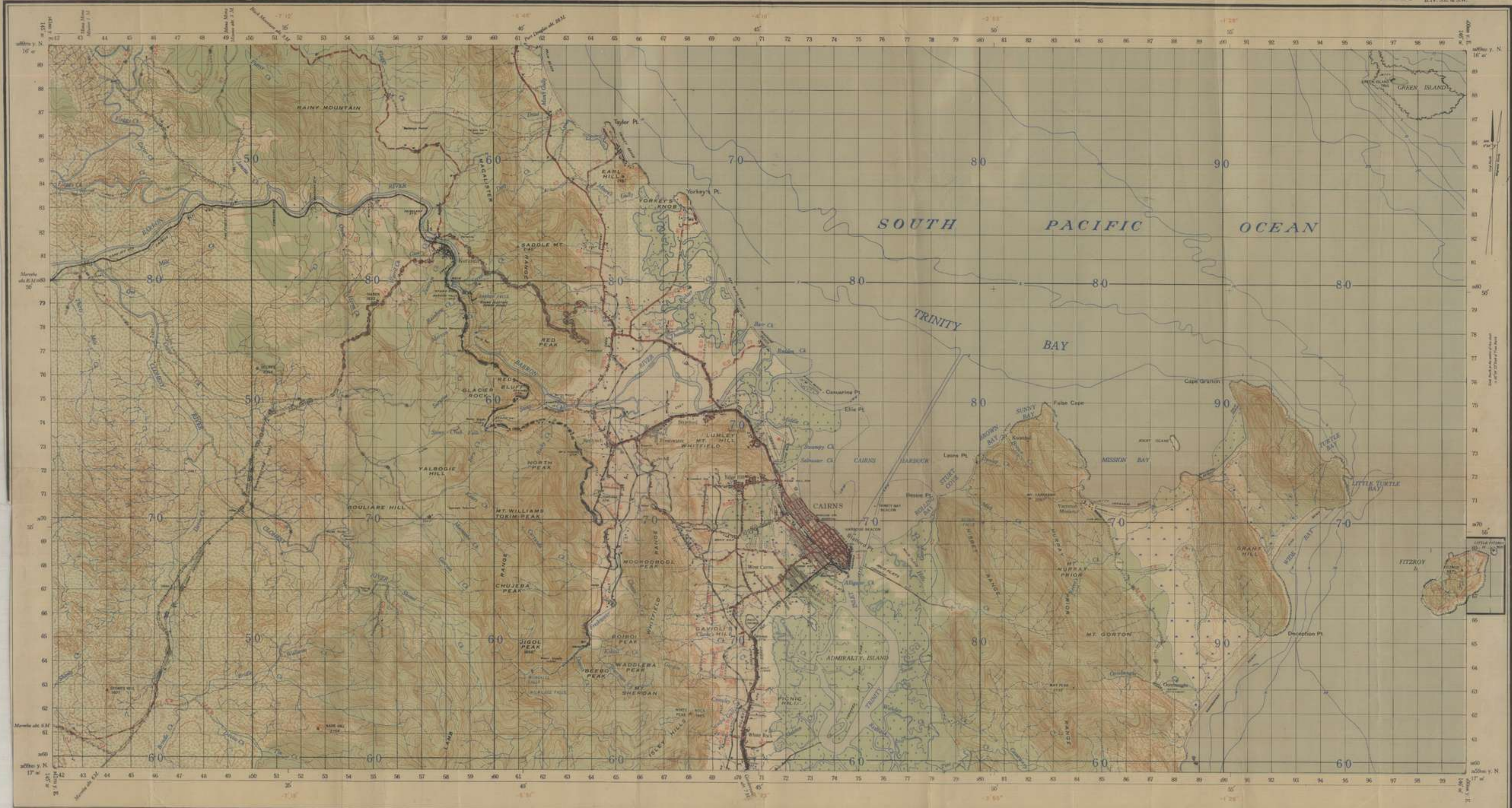
SENTRY REGULATIONS :

1. Sentries will be posted as follows to prevent entry of personnel into danger area :
 - (a) Rd June 175821
 - (b) Rd and Track June 192872
 - (c) Rd and track June 197932
2. A red flag will be prominently displayed at each sentry post.
3. No rounds are to fall outside the bays shown above.
4. The provisions of GAF Vol V apply in gen.

QUEENSLAND CAIRNS

AUSTRALIA 1:63360

NO. 52 SHEET ZONE 7
SOUTH E. 55
E.W. S.E. & S.W.



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 Astronomical Station.
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 Elevations in feet. Mean Sea Level Datum.

Full Clear or Dense Timber	▲ 100'
Conspicuous Clear or Medium Timber	▲ 450'
Scattered Timber	▲ 550'
Low Scrub	▲ 650'
Open Scrub	▲ 750'
Marshes	▲ 850'
First Class	▲ 950'
Trig Station - Second and altitude	▲ 1050'
Trig Station - Fourth	▲ 1150'
Arresting A or A1 Class	▲ 1250'
Arresting B Class	▲ 1350'
Arresting C Class or Emergency	▲ 1450'
Leading Ground	▲ 1550'
Scaphite Bar	▲ 1650'
Scaphite Mowing Area	▲ 1750'

Hedge (Post and rail fence or otherwise)	—
Road - Metal or Gravel	—
Road - Earth	—
Water	—
Light MT up to 3 ton lorry	—
Heavy MT up to 3 ton lorry	—
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Scale 1 Inch to 1 Mile
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Canals	—
Chalk or Soap Slips	—
Spring Well or Waterhole	—
Swamp or Marsh	—
River or Perennial Stream	—
Non-perennial Stream	—
Water Channel	—
Railway (double line)	—
Railway Station with siding	—
Railway Station	—
Railway (single line)	—
Light Railway	—
Embankment	—
Cutting	—
Post Office	—
Post & Telegraph Office (in village)	—

Wind Pump	—
Canopy	—
House	—
Garage	—
Shed	—
Post	—
Blacksmith's Shop (large)	—
Chapel	—
Mill or Bakery	—
Lighthouse	—
Telegraph or Telephone line	—
Electric Transmission Line	—
Electric Power Station	—
Terminal Sub-station	—
Municipal or Private	—
Stone Wall	—

REVISIONS	
No.	Description
1	Issue
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5	Issue
6	Issue
7	Issue
8	Issue
9	Issue
10	Issue

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

33 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 12 / 1944 (Unit) _____

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66 + OFFRS. _____ O.R.'s. _____ ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W E EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W E	Surplus to W E	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W E	Deficient W E	Rein'ts Required					
	2	1	18	1 Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels 2 Majors 8 Captains 7 Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs										
	2	1	18											
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	* *	TOTAL.
				A	18									18
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VXL:1643	Lt	LYNE A.	Hospital	25 Nov	RTU

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO _____ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. _____ / _____ / 194_____.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 12 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials	Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed	Date of Detachment
Brig Major	NX 376	HITCHHEAD	D.A.	Comd	Yes		
Major	NX 12371	TREBICK	H.B.	BH	Yes		
Major	NX102558	McLEOD	H.R.	BH(L)	Yes		
Capt	SK 2725	GEDDES	J.O.	SC	Yes		
Capt	NX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	TO	Yes		
Capt	SK 7971	WRIGHT	H.	LO(1)	No	Det 4 Aust VAO Sec	15 Nov
Lt	NX 70750	HESLOP	R.W.	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LO(2)	Yes		
Lt	NX153124	RINGS	J.W.	TO	Yes		
Lt	VX 41643	LYNE	A.	LO(3)	Yes		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX104034	HEYMANSOHN	A.H.B.	AA7G	No	Det HQ 9 Aust Div	14 Nov
Capt	VX 39904	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Chap	SK132875	BRYSON	A.V.	AACD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	SK 21713	FARMER	S.H.	AACD	No	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	VX108118	JULIEN	C.G.	AACD	No	Det 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt	NX 66063	ONES	E.E.	AACS	Yes		
Lt	SK 263	COX	C.J.	AAC	Yes		
Lt	SK 17938	NICHOLAS	W.H.	AVG O	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment.
MP	D/282	BEVIS J.V.	VICA representative		
MP	B2/365	PEARSON H.H.	Salvation Army representative.		

2 Dec 44

Date of Despatch

S.C. 28 AUST INF BDE
of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

29 / 11 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 11 / 1944 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W E EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E								
Rein'ts Required	Deficient W E	Surplus to W E	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W E	Deficient W E	Rein'ts Required				
	3 1		1 2 7 5	Brigadier* Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs									
	4		15										
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.B.	A.A.N.B.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		A		15									15
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX 263	Lt	COX G.J.	Ex school and ARL	30 Oct	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Unit To	Date.	CAUSE.
B/278	Mr	MORTON S.S.	Evac 2/1 CCS	1 Nov	? Fractured finger
VX41643	Lt	LYNE A.	Evac 2/1 CCS	29 Oct	? Bronchitis
VX67799	Chap	KEEN N.A.	NSW L of C Area	2 Nov	Transfer

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/11/44 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials	Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed	Date of Detachment
Brig	NX 376	WHITEHEAD	D.A.	Brig	Yes		
Major	NX 12371	TREBECK	N.B.	BM	Yes		
Major	NX102558	McLEOD	N.R.	BM(L)	Yes		
Capt	SX 2725	GEDDES	J.O.	SC	Yes		
Capt	VX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		
Capt	SX 7971	WRIGHT	M.	LO1	Yes		
Lieut	NX 70750	HESLOP	R.W.	SC(L)	Yes		
Lieut	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LO2	Yes		
Lieut	NX153124	RUNGE	J.W.	TO	No	ARL	
SERVICES							
Capt	VX104034	HEYMANSON	A.H.B.	AALC	Yes		
Capt	VX 39004	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Chap	NX132875	BRYSON	A.W.	AACHD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	SX 21713	FARMER	S.H.	AACHD	No	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Lieut	NX 66063	OAKES	E.E.	AAES	Yes		
Lieut	SX 17938	NICHOLAS	W.H.	Hyg O	Yes		
Lieut	OX 263	COX	C.J.	AAOC	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment.
Mr	B/282	BEVIS J.V.	YMCA representative		

4 Nov 44

Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

30 / 4 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 11 / 1944. HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. _____ O.R.'s. _____ ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W E EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W E	Surplus to W.E	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W E	Deficient W E	Rein'ts Required				
			1	Brigadier									
				Lieut.-Colonels									
			2	Majors									
	3		7	Captains									
			6	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs									
	3		16										
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.B.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	* *	TOTAL
		A.		16									16
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO _____ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. _____ / _____ / 194_____.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/11/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials	Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed	Date of Detachment
Brig	NX 376	WHITEHEAD	D.A.	Comd	Yes		
Major	NX 12371	TREBECK	N.B.	BM	Yes		
Major	NX102558	MCLEOD	N.R.	BM(L)	Yes		
Capt	SX 2725	GEDDES)	J.O.	SC	Yes		
Capt	WX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		
Capt	SX 7971	WRIGHT	M.	LO(1)	Yes		
Lt	NX 70750	HESLOP	R.W.	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LO(2)	Yes		
Lt	NX153124	RUNGE	J.W.	TO	Yes	No - ARL	
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39004	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Capt	VX104034	HEYMANSO	A.H.B.	AALC	Yes		
Chap	NX132875	BRYSON	A.W.	AACHD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	SX 21713	FARMER	S.H.	AACHD	No	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt	OX 263	COX	C.J.	AAOC	Yes		
Lt	NX 66063	OAKES	E.E.	AAES	Yes		
Lt	SX 17938	NICHOLAS	W.H.	Hyg O	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment.
Mr.	B/282	BEVIS J.V.	YMCA representative		

11 Nov 44

Date of Despatch

[Signature]
S.C. 26 AUST INF BDE Commander

W.D

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/11/1944 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W E EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E									
Rein'ts Required	Deficient W E	Surplus to W E	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W E	Deficient W E	Rein'ts Required					
	3		16	1 Brigadier Lieut.-Colonels 2 Majors 7 Captains 6 Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs										
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
				A	16									16
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Unit From	Date	CAUSE.
B2/365	Mr	PEARSON H.H.	Salv Army	14 Nov	Philanthropic Rep
NX153124	Lt	RUNGE J.W.	Ex ARL	17 Nov	
VX 45607	Maj	SMITH J.R.	2 Aust Mil Landing Group	15 Nov	Amphibious trg
VX 8830	Lt	NOONAN T.	24 Bde	16 Nov	Trg Cadre
QX 22429	Capt	ROSE J.J.	24 Bde	17 Nov	Trg Cadre

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Unit To	Date	CAUSE.
NX 12371	Maj	TREBECK N.B.	TOWNSVILLE	16 Nov	Amphibious Trg
SX 7971	Capt	WRIGHT M.	4 Aust V & O Section	15 Nov	Det for duty
VX104034	Capt	HEYMANSON A.H.B.	HQ 9 Aust Div	14 Nov	Det for duty
QX 263	Lt	COX C.J.	Rear HQ 26 Bde	15 Nov	OC Rear Party

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO _____ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ____/____/194____.

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday II / 2 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials	Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed	Date of Detachment
Brig	NX 376	WHITEHEAD	D.A.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	NX 12371	TREBECK	N.B.	BM	No	Det for duty T'VILLE	16 Nov
Maj	NX102558	McLEOD	N.R.	BM(L)	Yes		
Capt	SX 2725	GEDDES	J.O.	SC	Yes		
Capt	WX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		
Capt	SX 7971	WRIGHT	M.	LO(1)	No	Det for duty 4 Aust V & O Section	15 Nov
Lt	NX153124	RUNGE	J.W.	TO	Yes		
Lt	NX 70750	HESLOP	R.W.	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LO(2)	Yes		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39004	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Capt	VX104034	HEYMANSON	A.H.B.	AALC	No	Det HQ 9 Aust Div	14 Nov
Chap	NX132875	BRYSON	A.W.	AACHD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	SX 21713	FARMER	S.H.	AACHD	No	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt	NX 66063	OAKES	E.E.	AAES	Yes		
Lt	SX 17938	NICHOLAS	W.H.	Hyg O	Yes		
Lt	QX 263	COX	C.H.	AAOC	No	Det Rear Party	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment.
Mr	B/282	BEVIS J.V.	YMCA representative		
Mr	B2/365	PEARSON H.H.	Salv Army representative		
VX 45607	Maj	SMITH J.R.	2 Mil Ldg Gp	15 Nov	- Amphibious trg
Lt	VX 8830	NOONAN T.	24 Bde	16 Nov	- Trg Cadre
Capt	QX 22429	ROSE J.J.	24 Bde	17 Nov	- Trg Cadre

18 Nov 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
S. C. Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

32/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/11/1944 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W E EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E									
Rein'ts Required	Deficient W E	Surplus to W E	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W E	Deficient W E	Rein'ts Required					
	3		16	1 Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels 2 Majors 7 Captains 6 Lieutenants Quarter-masters A A N S. and A A M W S Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs										
	3		16											
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
				A	16									16
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
 ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX 263	Lt	COX C.J.	Rear Party 26 Bde	24 Nov	Ceases to be detached with Rear Party
IX 12371	Maj	TREBECK N.B.	TOWNSVILLE	23 Nov	Ceases to be det for amphib trg exercise.
VX108118	Chap	JULIEN C.G.	LHQ carto-graphic coy	18 Nov	Takes up duty as Bde chaplain

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 45607	Maj	SMITH J.R.	2 Aust Mil Ldg Group	24 Nov	Ceases to be att
IX12371	Maj	TREBECK N.B.			
VX 8830	Lt	NOONAN T.	24 Aust Inf Bde	24 Nov	Ceases to be att
OX 22429	Capt	ROSE J.J.	24 Aust Inf Bde	24 Nov	Ceases to be att
VX108118	Chap	JULIEN C.G.	2/48 Bn	18 Nov	Det for duty

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 11 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials	Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed	Date of Detachment
Brig	IX 376	WHITEHEAD	D.A.	Comd	Yes		
Major	IX 12371	TREBECK	H.B.	BN	Yes		
Major	IX 102558	McLEOD	H.R.	BN(L)	Yes		
Capt	IX 2725	GEDDES	J.O.	SC	Yes		
Capt	IX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		
Capt	IX 7971	WRIGHT	H.	LO(1)	No	Det 4 Aust V & O Sec	15 Nov
Lt	IX 153124	RINCE	J.V.	TO	Yes		
Lt	IX 70750	HESLOP	R.V.	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LO(2)	Yes		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39004	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Capt	VX 104034	HEYMANNSON	A.H.B.	AAIC	No	Det HQ 9 Aust Div	14 Nov
Chap	IX 132875	BRYSON	A.W.	AACHD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	IX 21713	FARMER	S.H.	AACHD	No	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt	IX 66063	OAKES	E.E.	AAES	Yes		
Lt	IX 263	COX	C.J.	AAOC	Yes		
Lt	IX 17938	NICHOLAS	W.H.	HYG O	Yes		
Chap	VX 108118	JULIEN	C.G.	AACHD	No	Det 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment.
Mr	B/282	BEVIS J.V.	UNCA representative		
Mr	B2/365	PEARSON H.H.	Salvation Army representative		

25 Nov 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
S.C. 26 AUST INF BDE
Signature of Commander