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26 Infantry Brigade

August 1945

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WAR DIARY - AUGUST 1945.

OPERATIONS

During the month of August, 182 PW were captured, bringing the total enemy casualties for the campaign to -  
Killed : 1544. PW : 505. Total - 2049.

With the cessation of hostilities on 14 Aug, the Bde Comd decided to use Japanese PW to implement the surrender of the remnants of the Jap garrison. Patrol parties were organised, and given sectors for searching. Leaflets were published, informing the Japanese still at large that Japan had surrendered.

The first search commenced on 16 Aug, and daily thereafter. By the end of Aug these patrols had brought in 125 Japs, many of whom were in surprisingly good physical condition.

Aug 16. An order was received by the Bde Comd that a force from 26 Aust Inf Bde would proceed to SANDAKAN to undertake the release of 1200 PW believed to be held in that area. Intelligence data and maps were made available, and the Comd produced an outline plan. Maj. Irving Comd 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn was appointed comd of the composite force, and time for departure set down as NOT before 181200I.

Later Intelligence showed that no PW were being held at SANDAKAN, and infm was received on 21 Aug that the operation would be cancelled.

RELEASE OF LONG SERVICE PERSONNEL.

During the month, two shipments of long service men departed from TARAKAN en route for AUSTRALIA.

On 12 Aug, 27 Offrs (incl Lt Col AINSLIE, CO 2/48 Bn) and 353 ORs embarked on the S.S. REINSJT. The Bde Comd, accompanied by GOC 1 Aust Corps, visited the wharf and farewelled the men.

The second group departed by HMAS KANIMBLA on 21 Aug. This group comprised 32 Offrs and 423 ORs, with Lt Col GREEN, CO 2/7 Aust Fd Regt as OC ship. The pers were transported by LCM to the KANIMBLA, and the Bde Comd farewelled each craft as it moved off from the pier.

There are still 657 long service personnel remaining, but there are as yet no indications as to when they will depart. It is to be hoped that shipping will be available as early as possible.

VISIT OF GOC 1 AUST CORPS

GOC 1 Aust Corps, Lt Gen Sir Leslie Morshead, KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO, ED, visited TARAKAN for presentation of ribands to personnel who had won decorations during the campaign.

On arrival at CROYDON airstrip at 1000 hrs on 11 Aug, the GOC was met by the Bde Comd, and then inspected a composite guard of honor before proceeding to Force HQ.

In the evening, the GOC was the guest of honor at the Offrs mess. Other guests incl comds of all units on the island.

WAR DIARY - AUGUST 1945

On Sunday, 12 Aug, at 1530 hrs, an impressive ceremonial parade at TARAKAN Sports Ground. The GOC inspected the guard, and later presented the ribands to the recipients of the awards. These incl three Military Crosses, two Distinguished Conduct Medals, and twelve Military Medals.

A huge crowd attended the parade, and after the presentation the GOC gave an impressive address, "Valedictory to TARAKAN." (See Appendices).

Following the parade, the GOC visited the Tarakan swimming pool and witnessed an exhibition of diving by the Tarakan Diving Troupe.

At 1030 hrs 13 Aug, the GOC departed by air from TARAKAN to LABUAN.

EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

Emphasis has been placed on increased educational facilities during the month, particularly for long service men awaiting release.

Full time schools were inaugurated for pre-vocational training. These courses included Woodwork, Mathematics (Building Calculations and Trade Arithmetic), English, Book-keeping, Economics and Agriculture. Pre-vocational Trade courses were conducted at RAE and workshops, and the curriculum included Motor Maintenance, Oxy Welding, Concrete Masonry and Carpentering.

Part time courses in English, Malay and Mathematics were continued.

Other activities :-

Music. 46 recitals were given of Light Classical recordings.

Correspondence Course. 73 new applications were made for courses.

Lectures. Daily lectures were given at all units.

Towards the latter part of the month, a Drama Club was formed, and the first production "Fire on the Snow" was produced over the BOWL Radio.

AMENITIES

Highlight of the month was the visit of Miss GRACIE FIELDS, who arrived at TARAKAN on 25 Aug to give one concert. With Miss Fields was a supporting company which included her husband, Monty Banks, Miss Peggy Shea, well known musical comedy soprano from Melbourne, Victor Morcom, baritone, Len Compara, accordeonist, and Mr. Eric Fox, who acted as Gracie's accompanist.

Prior to the concert, the party was entertained at dinner by the Bde Comd and staff at Force HQ.

In order to give as many personnel as possible a chance of seeing "Gracie", the BOWL VICTORY THEATRE was especially constructed with a seating capacity of 6000, and with additional space for several thousand extras. Units were allotted a number of seats percentage of unit strength, and approx 2/3 of the personnel of the island witnessed the concert.

WAR DIARY - AUGUST 1945.

Preceding Gracie Fields' portion of the programme, a 70 minute revue was presented by local artists from AIF and RAAF. Some excellent talent was revealed, and the show provided a good preliminary to the main entertainment.

After the interval, Miss Peggy Shea delighted the audience with four popular songs. She was followed by Lou Compara and Victor Morcom.

Following a brief intermission, Miss Fields stepped on to the stage amid rousing applause from approx 10,000 voices. A complete account of her renditions is published in TARAKAN TIMES attached.

After the concert, Miss Fields and party were entertained at 110 CCS Sister's Mess, and she departed early the following morning to continue her concert tour.

There are now 7 open air theatres on the island. During the month 23 films were shown at these theatres. Many of the films shown are of poor standard, although several good pre-release films were shown.

SPORT.

For promotion of sport on the island, a Central Committee was elected in July. This committee met on four occasions in August, and by the end of the month the maximum number of personnel played some form of sport.

The island is divided into 8 Sport Groups, all of which conducted intra group competitions. The following sports are well patronised and played with enthusiasm : Swimming, Volley Ball, Basket Ball, Soft Ball, Tennis and Cricket.

The concrete swimming pool, previously the TARAKAN CLUB pool and reconditioned by RAE, is now equipped with showers, dressing rooms and diving boards. The pool is available to units on a roster system, and approx 6500 personnel pass through the pool each week.

Sporting equipment made available to the Force through Amenities included cricket material, base ball materials, boxing materials, tennis racquets and balls, soccer and basket balls.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 3 / 1945 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.Rs. 66 + OFFRS. O.Rs. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
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		1	1	<b>Brigadier.*</b> Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	3		1	1										
	2	1	1	5										
	6	2	15											
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	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 completion 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.

### 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 7/7/1945 (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.
Col(T/Brig)	NX 376	WHITEHEAD	D.A.	Comd	Yes		
Capt(T/Maj)	SX 3079	KATEKAR	H.J.	BM	Yes		
Capt	WX 2748	PROSSER	A.J.	BM(L)	Yes		
Capt	SX 2725	GEDDES	J.O.	SC	Yes		
Capt	SX 7971	WRIGHT	M.D.	LO(1)	Yes		
Lt(T/Capt)	WX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39004	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Capt	VX104034	HEYMANSON	A.H.E.	AALC	Yes		
Chap	NX 93541	UDY	G.S.	AACHD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	NX132875	ERYSON	A.W.	AACHD	No	Det 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt	SX 263	COX	C.J.	AAOC	Yes		
Lt	NX 66063	OAKES	E.E.	AAES	Yes		
Lt	SX 17938	NICHOLAS	W.H.	AAMC	Yes		
				(Hys)			

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.
Maj	VX 45607	SMITH J.R.	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp		- MLO
Chap	VX 91395	DUNCAN H.	AACHD - Det 2/24 Bn		pending posting
Lt	SX 17196	DAE P.W.R.	2/9 Aust Armd Regt		- Acting TO
Lt	NX 20373	TAYLOR N.L.R.	LHQ AAAS Pool		- Acting Amen Offr
Lt	NX147420	DA COSTA J.M.	ATIS - PW		interrogation
Mr	B/282	BEVIS J.V.	YMCA		Philanthropic rep
Mr	B2/365	PEARSON H.H.	Salv Army		Philanthropic rep

7 Jul 45

Date of Despatch

*[Signature]* Capt.  
S.C. 26 Aust Inf Bde  
Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 8 / 1945 Reg 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II/2/4 OFFRS. 19 O.Rs. 66 + OFFRS. O.Rs. 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 *												
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels												
	2		9	Majors												
	1	1	6	Captains												
				Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	4	2	17													
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* * *	TOTAL.		
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).				A.	17									17		
				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.
NX68288	Lt	GALE G.	1 Aust BaseSub Area Details Depot	1 Aug 45	Posted as Amen Offr 26 Aust Inf Bde from AA Amen NSW Authority: LANDFORCES MS 46548
VX108116	Chap	JULIEN C.G.	AACHD	29 Jul	Posted as Chaplain 26 Aust Inf Bde
SX 17938	Lt	DAW P.W.R.	2/9 Aust Armd Regt		Ceases to be att and is posted as TO HQ 26 Bde to date 24 Jul 45 Auth: 9 Div AGC/2A/1203

### 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 5 / 8 / 1945. (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.
Col (T/Brig)	NX 576	WHITEHEAD	D.A.	Comd	Yes		
Capt (T/Maj)	SX 3079	KATEKAR	H.J.	BM	Yes		
Capt	NX 2748	PROSSER	A.J.	BM(L)	Yes		
Capt	SX 2725	GEDDES	J.O.	SC	Yes		
Capt	SX 7971	WRIGHT	M.D.	LO(1)	Yes		
Lt	NX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		
(T/Capt)	NX 70750	HESLOP	R.W.	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LO(2)	Yes		
Lt	SX 17196	DAW	P.W.R.	TO	Yes		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39004	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Capt	VX104034	HEYMANSON	A.H.B.	AALC	Yes		
Chap	NX 95541	UDY	G.B.	AACHD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	VX108118	JULIEN	C.G.	AACHD	No	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	NX132875	BRYSON	A.W.	AACHD	No	Det 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt	OX 263	COX	C.J.	AAOC	Yes		
Lt	NX 66063	GAKES	E.E.	AAES	Yes		
Lt	SX 17938	NICHOLAS	W.H.	AAAC (Hyg)	Yes		
Lt	NX 68288	GALE	G.	AAAS	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.
Maj	VX 45607	SMITH J.R.	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp		MLO
Chap	VX 91395	DUNCAN H.	AACHD		Det 2/24 Bn
Lt	NX147420	DA COSTA J.M.	ATIS		FW interrogation
Lt	NX 20573	TAYLOR N.L.R.	AAAS Pool		Acting Amen offr.
Mr	B/282	BEVIS J.V.	YMCA		representative
Mr	B2/365	PEARSON H.H.	Salvation Army		representative.

5 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

S.C. 26 *[Signature]* Capt.  
Signature of Commander



## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 8 / 1945 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.Rs. 66 + OFFRS. O.Rs. 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 *					
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	2		9	Majors					
	1	1	8	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	4	2	17						

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).

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	17									17
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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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.
VX 91595	Chap	DUNCAN H.	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn (AACHD)	4 Aug 45	Ceases to be att.
NX 20573	Lt	TAYLOR N.L.R.	LHQ AAAS Pool det 1 Corps	9 Aug 45	Ceases to be att.

### 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).

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/8/1945. (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.
Col (T/Brig)	NX 376	WHITEHEAD	D.A.	Comd	Yes		
Capt (T/Maj)	SX 3079	KATEKAR	H.J.	BM	Yes		
Capt	WX 2748	PROSSER	A.J.	BM(L)	Yes		
Capt	SX 2725	GEDDES	J.O.	SC	Yes		
Capt	SX 7971	WRIGHT	M.D.	LC(1)	Yes		
Lt(T/Capt)	WX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		
Lt	NX 70750	HESLOP	R.W.	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LC(2)	Yes		
Lt	NX 17196	DAW	P.W.	TO	Yes		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39004	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Capt	VX104034	HEYMANSON	A.H.E.	AALC	Yes		
Chap	NX 93541	UDY	C.S.	AACHD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	VX108118	JULIEN	C.G.	AACHD	No	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	NX132875	BRYSON	A.G.	AACHD	No	Det 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt	SX 263	COX	C.J.	AAOC	Yes		
Lt	NX 66063	OAKES	E.E.	AAES	Yes		
Lt	SX 17258	NICHOLAS	W.H.	AAAC (Byg)	Yes		
Lt	NX 68288	GALE	G.	AAAS	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.
Maj	VX 45607	SMITH J.R.	2 Aust Mil Ldg Cp		M.L.O.
Lt	NX147420	DA COSTA J.M.	ATIS		- PW interrogation
Mr	B/282	BEVIS J.V.	YMCA		representative
Mr	B2/365	PEARSON H.H.	Salv Army		representative

11 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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B16 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 8 / 1945 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
			1	* Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	1 2 1	2	1 8 7													
	4	2	17													
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.		
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).				A.	17									17		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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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.
WX2748	Capt	PROSSER A.J.	GDD WESTERN COMMAND	13 Aug 45	LONGSER Discharge Auth: LHQ AG56116 of 23 Jul 45

## 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 18 8 / 194. 5 (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.
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Capt (T/Maj)	BX 3079	KATEKAR	H.J.	BM	Yes		
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Capt	BX 7971	WRIGHT	M.D.	LO(1)	Yes		
Lt (T/Capt)	NX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		
Lt	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LO(2)	Yes		
Lt	NX 70750	HESLOP	R.W.	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt	BX 17196	DAW	F.W.R.	TO	Yes		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39004	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Capt	VX104034	HEYMANSO	A.H.B.	AALC	Yes		
Chap	NX 93541	UDY	G.S.	AACHD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	VX108118	JULIEN	C.G.	AACHD	No	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	NX132875	BRYSON	A.W.	AACHD	No	Det 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt	BX 263	COX	C.J.	AAOC	Yes		
Lt	BX 17938	NICHOLAS	W.H.	AAMC	Yes		
				(Hys)			
Lt	NX 66063	OAKES	E.E.	MASS	Yes		
Lt	NX 68288	GALE	G.	AAAS	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.
Maj	VX 45607	SMITH J.R.	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp		MLO
Lt	NX147420	DA COSTA J.M.	ATIS		PW interrogation
Mr	B/282	BEVIS J.V.	YMCA		representative
Mr	B2/365	PEARSON H.H.	Salvation Army		representative

18 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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B17 45  
/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 8 / 1945 Inf Bde (Unit)

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W.E. / OFFRS. O.R's. + 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.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
	2		1	1	Brigadier *									
	2		-		Lieut.-Colonels									
	1	2	8		Majors									
			7		Captains									
					Lieutenants									
					Quarter-masters									
					A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
					Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	5	2	16											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	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)										

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.
VX30632	Capt	DANIEL V.H.	AAOC 1 Corps	15 Aug	Att for duty
NX68288	Lt	GALE G.	1 Aust Corps	23 Aug	Ceased to be det

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX68288	Lt	GALE G.	1 Aust Corps	21 Aug	Det for duty
SX 3079	Maj	KATEKAR H.J.	110 Aust CCS	23 Aug	Evac (Hookworm)

## 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 / 8 / 1945 (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.
Col(T/Brig)	NX 376	WHITEHEAD	D.A.	Comd	Yes		
Capt	SX 2725	GEDDES	J.O.	SC	Yes		
Capt	SX 7971	WRIGHT	M.D.	LO(1)	Yes		
Lt(T/Capt)	WX 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		
Lt	NX 70750	HESLOP	R.W.	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LO(2)	Yes		
Lt	SX 17196	DAW	P.W.R.	TO	Yes		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39004	LIVINGSTON	A.G.	AASC	Yes		
Capt	VX104034	HEYMANNON	A.H.R.	AALC	Yes		
Chap	NX 93541	UDY	G.S.	AACHD	No	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	VX108118	JULIEN	C.G.	AACHD	No	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Chap	NX132875	BRYSON	A.G.	AACHD	No	Det 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt	SX 263	COX	C.J.	AAOC	Yes		
Lt	NX 66063	OAKES	R.E.	AARS	Yes		
Lt	SX 17938	NICHOLAS	W.H.	AAMC	Yes		
Lt	NX 68288	GALE	G.	AARS (Hyg)	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.
Maj	VX 45607	SMITH J.R.	2 Aust Mil Ldg Co - MLO		
Lt	NX147420	DA COSTA J.M.	ATIS - PW interrogation		
Capt	VX 30632	DANIEL V.H.	AAOC 1 Corps - att for duty		
B/282	Mr	BEVIS J.V.	YMCA representative		
B2/365	Mr	PEARSON H.H.	Salv Army representative		

25 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde  
Signature of Commander

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
10 Aug 45

26 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR 22  
CEREMONIAL PARADE

1. GENERAL

A ceremonial parade of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be held on the Sports Ground (adjacent to the Swimming Pool) at 121500I Aug 45 at which GOC 1 Aust Corps (Lt Gen Sir Leslie MORSEHEAD, KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO, ED) will present ribands to the recipients mentioned below.

2. RECIPIENTS

The following recipients will report to the SC(Q) at the Soccer Ground at 121500I.

Military Cross

WX 9506	Lt	STRETCH	W.G.	-	2/24	Aust	Inf	Bn
SX 12498	Lt	ALLEN	K.F.	-	2/48	Aust	Inf	Bn
SX 9377	Capt	GOODEN	O.D.	-	2/48	Aust	Inf	Bn

Distinguished Conduct Medal

VX 41955	Col	FROUD	S.L.	-	2/23	Aust	Inf	Bn
SX 6915	Sgt	POPE	G.H.	-	2/48	Aust	Inf	Bn

Military Medal

VX 42867	Sgt	BELL	J.W.	-	2/23	Aust	Inf	Bn	
VX 30968	Sgt	WALLIS	S.	-	2/24	Aust	Inf	Bn	
TX 11365	Cpl	RODWELL	E.E.	-	2/24	Aust	Inf	Bn	
SX 6832	L/Sgt	FENNELL	W.J.	-	2/48	Aust	Inf	Bn	
VX118675	L/Cpl	HALL	W.J.	-	2/48	Aust	Inf	Bn	
WX 26495	Pte	HOW	W.R.	-	2/48	Aust	Inf	Bn	
VX117486	Pte	TAYLOR		-	2/48	Aust	Inf	Bn	
TX 11452	Pte	TAYLOR		-	2/48	Aust	Inf	Bn	
NX 13142	L/Sgt	NIXON	J.	-	2/13	Aust	Fd	Coy	
VX 57174	L/Cpl	MACE	R.C.	-	2/13	Aust	Fd	Coy	
VX 58273	Sgt	CURTIN	A.	-	AMMC	att	2/4	Cdo	Sqn
TX 5755	Cpl	PEARCE	N.W.	-	2/9	Aust	Arm	Regt	

3. GUARD OF HONOUR

A composite guard of honour comprising one pl from each 2/23, 2/24 and 2/48 Aust Inf Bns will form up on the ground under comd Maj R.P. SERLE 2/24 Aust Inf Bn by 121500E.

4. BAND

Band will be provided by 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.

5. PROCEDURE

Corps Comd on arrival at the saluting base will be given a general salute after which he will inspect the guard and return to the saluting base and present the ribands. At the conclusion of the presentation a further general salute will be given and the Corps Comd will depart.

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6. UNIT COMDS

Comds units or groups as shown on the plan (Appendix "A") will form up near the flag pole by 1520 hrs.

7. SPECTATORS

As shown in the attached plan, areas have been allotted for proportional representation of all AMF units to view the parade as spectators. Units will move these personnel independently to the area to be in position, formed up in three ranks, not later than 121515I. Requisition for additional transport will be made to this HQ by 111600I. Spectators may assemble independently on the road, but these will be in addition to the allotment shown on the plan attached at Appendix "A".

Spectators will come to attention for both general salutes, otherwise they will stand easy. Offrs of all forces (Navy, Army, Air Force, NEI etc) may assemble on the seats at the rear of the flagpole.

8. GUIDES

Each unit or HQ of spectator group as shown in Appendix "A" will supply a guide to report to SC (Q) at Sports Ground at 1430 hrs. Guides will carry with them a small unit sign suitable for marking limit of unit area.

9. DRESS

Recipients and Unit Comds

Jungle Greens, Hats turned up (with chin straps), Belts, waist web, (no arms). Ribands of the decorations with which personnel are being presented will NOT be worn, but other ribands may be worn.

Guard of Honour

As for Recipients, except Rifles and Side Arms will be carried. Offrs will carry pistols slung below the arm pouch on the left side.

Spectators

As for recipients, but hats turned down without chinstraps.

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

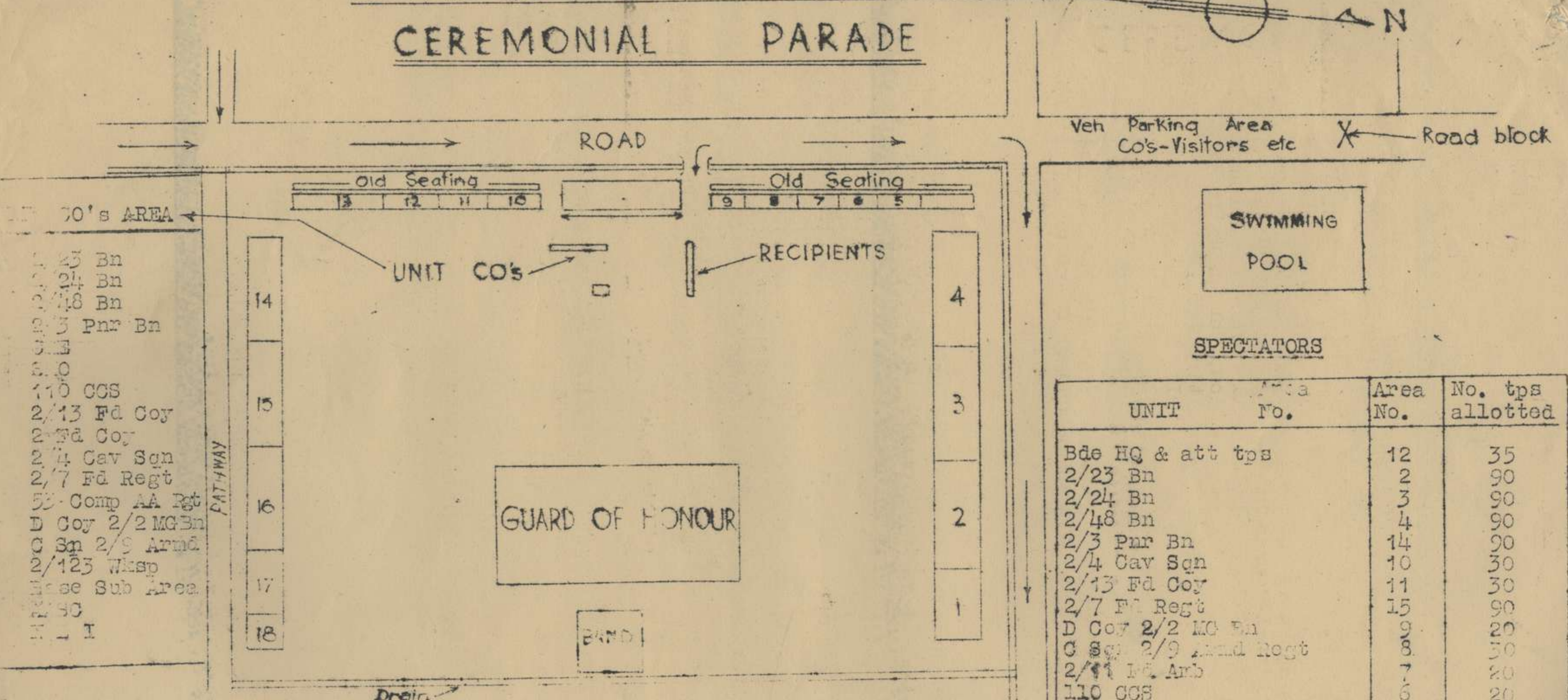
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plus ADC to Comd 1 Aust Corps (2)  
Military History Sec (3)  
Spare (2)



APPX "A"

to HQ 26 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR 22

CEREMONIAL PARADE



- 70's AREA
- 2/25 Bn
  - 2/24 Bn
  - 2/48 Bn
  - 2/3 Pnr Bn
  - 53
  - 53 O
  - 110 CCS
  - 2/13 Fd Coy
  - 2 Fd Coy
  - 2/4 Cav Sqn
  - 2/7 Fd Regt
  - 53 Comp AA Regt
  - D Coy 2/2 MGBn
  - C Sqn 2/9 Armd
  - 2/123 Wksp
  - Base Sub Area
  - ASCO
  - N E I

Veh Parking Area  
Co's-Visitors etc X Road block

SWIMMING  
POOL

SPECTATORS

UNIT	Area No.	Area No.	No. tps allotted
Bde HQ & att tps		12	35
2/23 Bn		2	90
2/24 Bn		3	90
2/48 Bn		4	90
2/3 Pnr Bn		14	90
2/4 Cav Sqn		10	30
2/13 Fd Coy		11	30
2/7 Fd Regt		15	90
D Coy 2/2 MGBn		9	20
C Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt		8	30
2/41 Pz Arb		7	20
110 CCS		6	20
2/123 Wksp & Cpl Rd Park		5	20
ASCO		1	70
53 Comp A/A Regt		16	90
Base Sub Area Tps incl.			
2/7 AMCU		17	40
RAE Corps Tps		13	40
N E I		18	20

APPROX. SCALE 1" = 36'0"

↑ Tp Veh Parking Area

WD (2)

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

011215I

TO : List C

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G0587 (.) SECRET (.) r vsit to 011900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs  
 showers in the afternoon and early morning (.) 2/48 bn (.) 5 japs were  
 seen at 442659 3 were taken PW and 2 escaped (.) search for 2 is still  
 continuing (.) 2/5 gnr bn (.) LCM patrol killed one jap at 445797 (.)  
 other patrols made no contact during the day (.) enemy cas for 24 hrs one  
 counted dead 3 PW progressive totals 1522 235 33 and 325 (.) locations (.)  
 following: changes 2/5 gnr bn C and D coys 441647

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If liable to etc

SDS

*W.D. Smith* Capt

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

021930I .

FROM: 26 IIF BDE  
TO : LIST C  
LIST:

~~SECRET~~ (.) revsit to 021900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.)  
light to moderate showers in early morning further outlook continuation  
of present conditions (.) 1 PW was captured by LCM patrol today at  
427798 (.) other sectors (.) NO contact was made with the enemy (.)  
enemy cas 24 hrs 1 PW (.) progressive totals 1522 235 39 and 326 (.)  
in future revsits will be issued only when items of general interest or  
importance take place

If liable to etc

SDS

*[Signature]*  
Capt

*War Diary*

26 AUST INF BDE GS INSTR 5  
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TOWN CLASSIFICATION RANGE

Ref Map : TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH (Special) 1:25000

1. LOCATION

The TOWN CLASSIFICATION RANGE is located at 430656 in rear of HQ Force AASC lines.

2. DIRECTION OF FIRE AND DANGER AREA

- (a) Direction of fire - 325 degrees.
- (b) Danger Area - Tps other than those using the Range will NOT approach closer than 200 yds to the SOUTH and NORTH of the Range.

3. FIRING PTS

There are 3 firing pts :-

- 100 yds
- 200 yds
- 300 yds.

4. TARGETS

- (a) There are six small (4 ft square) targets with elevating gear.
- (b) Owing to limited width of the mantle large targets have not been installed for use at 300 yds.

5. RANGE HOURS

The daily use of the Range will be limited to the following hours :-  
0800 - 1630.

6. RANGE PROCEDURE

- (a) All firing will be carried out in strict accordance with the drill laid down in SAT Pamphlet 14.
- (b) Spotters, markers, patches and paste are available for use of butt parties.

7. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- (a) The safety precautions prescribed in SAT Pamphlet 1 sec 18 will be strictly observed.
- (b) Each unit will post a sentry on the road leading to the butts from the AASC lines.
- (c) Red flags are available at the Range for use as laid down.

8. AMM

- (a) Each unit will bring its own amm for use on the Range.
- (b) At the conclusion of firing each unit will ensure that all salvage such as empty cartridges and containers is collected and removed.

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9. TC

- (a) Sign posts have been erected indicating location of Range, routes, parking area for vehs, prohibited routes and areas and the location of the Caretaker.
- (b) All foot and vehicular traffic will abide by these directions.
- (c) Jeeps and trailers only will be used from the turn-off on COLLINS HIGHWAY (FORCE AASC entrance) to the parking area at the Range (a distance of 300 yds). The number of vehs used along this route will be kept to an absolute minimum.

10. INTERCOM

- (a) Sig lines have been installed between the butt and each firing pt.
- (b) Each unit will bring and instal its own telephones during its use of the Range.
- (c) Lines will be coiled up and hung on nearest pole at each firing pt after use.

11. CARE OF RANGE AND EQPT

- (a) A Caretaker, Sjt J W P LEE 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn, has been appointed.
- (b) His duties will incl the care and maint of all range eqpt incl targets, frames, sig lines, patching materials, markers, and flags.
- (c) Units will report to the Caretaker before and after using the Range.
- (d) Patching materials and other eqpt drawn will be returned to the caretaker prior to leaving the Range.
- (e) On leaving the Range each unit will render a certificate to the Caretaker that the Range has been left in a clean and serviceable condition, reporting any damage to eqpt which may have been caused during the usage of the Range.
- (f) The Caretaker will ensure that an adequate quantity of boiling water is available for the purpose of cleaning weapons after firing and making tea.

12. ALLOTMENT OF RANGE

- (a) Units may make application to this HQ for the use of the Range at least one week in advance.
- (b) Allotment of the Range will be promulgated in ROs from time to time.

13. REGISTER OF SCORES

Each unit will prepare and retain for ref a register of scores made by each firer.

Distribution: List B

*H J KATEKER*  
(H J KATEKER) Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 26 INF BDE

031400I

TO : LIST B

AG 454 restricted (.) Miss GRACE FIELDS will visit TARAKAN towards the end of AUG (.) one concert will be given (.) first 75 minutes by the services last 30 minutes by Miss FIELDS (.) addressees are requested to forward full particulars incl experience of personnel considered suitable for the following (.) director (.) producer (.) Stage Manager (.) Musical Director (.) Electrical technician (.) scenery painter (.) script writer (.) artists (.) vocalists (.) comedian (.) speciality acts (.) novelty instruments (.) stage assistants (.) any units with stage effects are requested to advise details (.) particulars to be forwarded to amenities officer Force HQ as early as possible but not later than 6 AUG

This message may be sent as written

SDS

*W. H. Stiles* Lt Capt

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

031405I

FROM: 26 INF BDE

TO : LIST B

AG 420 restricted (.) amn (.) units will submit returns to this HQ by 041800I giving following infm (.) one (.) quantities by types all amn surplus to WE (.) two (.) deficiencies amn by types required to bring holdings to WE (.) three (.) details amn considered unsuitable for future ops but suitable for training

This message may  
be sent as written

SDS

*W. H. Stiles* Lt Capt

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SECRET

Subject : LOCATION STATEMENT

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
GO/121A/221  
31 Jul 45

1. Hereunder amendments to 26 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement as at 2400I 15 Jul 45.
2. Units will notify this HQ by sig any change in location or on arrival or departure of units from this area.

*M J KATEMAR*  
(M J KATEMAR) Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution :  
List B

Serial	War Office Serial Number	Unit Veh Serial Number	Unit	Map Ref	Remarks
amend					
8	49223	12/856	12 Aust Sqn AL Sec	428652	LHQ Tps
9	49224	13/856	13 Aust Sqn AL Sec less det	435655	LHQ Tps
10	49225	14/856	14 Aust Sqn AL Sec	435650	LHQ Tps
11	49229	18/856	18 Aust Sqn AL Sec	435651	LHQ Tps
12	49234	23/856	23 Aust Sqn AL Sec	439655	LHQ Tps
13	49237	26/856	26 Aust Sqn AL Sec	435654	LHQ Tps
14	48241	30/856	30 Aust Sqn AL Sec	439653	LHQ Tps
15	49248	37/856	37 Aust Sqn AL Sec	439651	LHQ Tps
16	49265	60/856	60 Aust Sqn AL Sec	437657	LHQ Tps
46	61107	2-48/56	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	444659	
51			HQ CIC Area 104	428653	GHQ Tps
delete					
71					
amend					
.98	45543	711	B Det 1 Aust Corps AACS Command Post (HQ 77 Div)	419637	Base Tps
103			2 Coy 1 Bn MEI Inf	439655	
136			LOC 1 MEI	439644	
137			One NICA XI	442644	
138				462653	

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
GS/2B/034  
31 Jul 45

26 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR 1  
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TRG POLICY 6 AUG - 29 SEP 45

Ref Maps: TARAKAN ISLAND 1:50000

GEN

1. In order to make best use of the experience gained in the TARAKAN ops, while it is still fresh in the minds of tps, the gen trg policy as set out below will be commenced by units on 6 Aug 45.
2. This policy is designed to cover a period of two months (Sundays excluded).
3. This period will include time devoted to essential camp improvements and constr and maint of rds.
4. This instr will be read in conjunction with notes on trg conferences issued on 18 and 23 Jul 45.

PHASES OF TRG

5. Inf trg will be divided into two phases :-  
INDIVIDUAL TRG - 6 - 18 Aug 45  
COLLECTIVE TRG - 20 Aug - 29 Sep 45

6. Trg of sp arms and services will cover individual and technical aspects during the period under review, subject to such trg in cooperation with the inf as may be required from time to time.

HOURS OF TRG

7. The following routine trg hrs are laid down for the guidance of units :-  
0845 - 1200  
1400 - 1600.

8. These times are subject to variation at the discretion of unit comds depending on trg exercises being undertaken from time to time.

DESCRIPTION OF RECENT OPS

9. During the individual trg period each inf bn will arrange to describe on the ground to reps from other units incl sp arms and services at least one operation executed by it during the recent campaign considered to be of most interest.

10. Units will notify Bde HQ by 10 Aug 45 the operation or operations intended to be described and the date, so that arrangements can be made for observers to assemble.

INDIVIDUAL TRG

11. Smartness and Discipline

In the interests of smartness and discipline at least one hour each day (except where not possible owing to tactical exercises) will include at least one or more of the following :-

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close order drill, ceremonial drill, bayonet trg and saluting.

12. Weapon Trg.

- (a) Constant practice in the handling and firing of weapons is required by all arms.
- (b) Weapon trg will incl not only refresher courses on elementary and advanced handling, but also firing practices in strict accordance with the drill instrs laid down in SAT Pamphlet 14 on Range Practices. All tps must qualify on the 30 yds range before firing on the Classification Range.
- (c) Continual stress will be laid on the need for care and economy of weapons and amn.
- (d) Fd Firing Exercises will be included as often as possible.
- (e) Inter-sub-unit competitive firing competitions should be arranged by units to encourage individual marksmen.

13. Flame Warfare

- (a) Every effort will be made to train all rifle coy personnel in the elementary and advanced handling of the M2-2 flame thrower.
- (b) The inf bns and pnr bn will also train a maximum number of personnel in the elementary technical handling and maint of the flame thrower and a limited number in the advanced technical handling of both the eqpt and fuels.
- (c) In order to implement this programme expeditiously units will arrange trg cadres to produce an adequate number of capable instructors.
- (d) Arrangements will be made for a limited number of Cdo Sqn personnel to be trained as instrs by the inf bns.

14. Map Reading and Photo Interpretation

- (a) In addition to routine trg on these subjects all ranks should be encouraged to study special aids for keeping direction and locating their posns in rugged, thickly timbered country.
- (b) As the present unit trg areas are familiar to them, units should mutually arrange for map reading classes to visit other unit areas which are unfamiliar and therefore more practicable for testing their map reading ability.

15. Warning Devices, Booby Traps and Mines

- (a) Tps should be encouraged to use more ingenuity in the devising and setting of warning devices.
- (b) The policy in regard to the use of booby traps will be the subject of separate instr.
- (c) All ranks will be given detailed instr on enemy mines and booby traps incl methods of locating and disarming.

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(d) To ensure that a nucleus of each unit is specially trained in these aspects 2/13 Aust Fd Coy will conduct cadres each of one week's duration commencing 6 Aug 45 for four teams (strength 10) at each cadre.

(i) Teams will be furnished as follows :-

First Week - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
2/24 " " "  
2/48 " " "  
2/3 " Pnr Bn

Second Week - 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn  
2/24 Aust Inf Bn  
2/48 " " "  
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

Third Week - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn (2 teams)  
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn (2 teams)

Fourth Week - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (2 teams)  
2/24 " " " (2 teams)

Fifth Week - C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt (2 teams)  
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn (2 teams)

Sixth Week - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn (2 teams)  
2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn (2 teams)

Seventh Week - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (2 teams)  
2/24 " " " (2 teams)

Eighth Week - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (2 teams)  
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt (2 teams)

(ii) Teams will report to 2/13 Aust Fd Coy daily by 0830 hrs.

(iii) Further instrs will be issued later.

16. Army

(a) 2/7 Aust Fd Regt and 53 Aust Comp AA Regt will notify Bde HQ of all intended firing practices so that arrangements can be made for inf to see the guns in action.

(b) 53 Aust Comp AA Regt will arrange demonstrations of SLs in their ground role producing artificial moonlight and notify Bde HQ so that inf can be present.

(c) From time to time inf offrs will be given opportunities of observing and directing the fire of 25 pdr guns.

17. Air Sp and Army/Air Co-operation

(a) The mechanics of air sp and army/air cooperation requires further practice.

(b) The three fighter sqns at present based here are available for cooperation.

(c) All requests for cooperation will be made through Bde HQ.

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- (a) Trg exercises to be carried out during the collective trg period will be prepared by Bde HQ. Further instrs will be issued later.

18. Sigs

- (a) In all fd exercises stress will be laid on the careful planning of line routes and the immediate building up and labelling of lines.

- (b) 26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will conduct one day line testing cadres for ten bn sig personnel as follows :-

6 Aug 45	-	2/23	Aust	Inf	Bn
7 Aug 45	-	2/24	"	"	"
8	-	2/48	"	"	"
9	-	2/3	Aust	Pnr	Bn
10	-	2/4	"	Cdo	Sqn
13	-	2/23	Aust	Inf	Bn
14	-	2/24	"	"	"
15	-	2/48	"	"	"
16	-	2/3	Aust	Pnr	Bn
17	-	2/4	"	Cdo	Sqn
20	-	2/23	Aust	Inf	Bn
21	-	2/24	"	"	"
22	-	2/48	"	"	"
23	-	2/3	Aust	Pnr	Bn
24	-	2/4	"	Cdo	Sqn

Students will report to 26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec at 0900 hrs daily.

COLLECTIVE TRG

19. Apart from exercises carried out with sp arms Collective Trg will be based upon two main aspects :-

Patrolling  
Def.

20. Patrolling

Special emphasis will be laid on the use of patrols in quickly gaining infm and securing objectives and in particular :-

- (a) Maint of direction and locating of posns in thick country.  
(b) Maint of contact.

21. Def

- (a) Special attention will be given to def in the jungle with a view to ensuring that the tendency to "huddle" is eliminated on all levels.  
(b) The points laid down in the pamphlet "Tropical Warfare" will be stressed.

22. Inf - Tk - Engr Cooperation

- (a) During the collective trg period the rifle coys of the inf bns in turn will carry out trg in conjunction with tks and engrs.

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- (b) The trg team will be one rifle coy, two tps of tks and one sec of engr. s.
- (c) The period of trg for each team will be for 3 days.
- (d) The trg area will be TANK RIDGE.
- (e) The trg syllabus will be prepared by Bde HQ and will incl :-
- (1) A demonstration of tk fire power showing the destructiveness of tk armament and simple methods of target indication and fire control (a public address system will be set up to amplify the passing of infm and issue of orders).
- (ii) Inf - Tk - Engr tactical exercises with separate pls and then the coy as a whole.
- (f) The roster for these exercises will be as follows :-

20 Aug	-	22 Aug	-	2/48	Aust	Inf	Bn
23	-	25	-	2/48	"	"	"
27	-	29	-	2/23	"	"	"
30	-	1 Sep	-	2/23	"	"	"
3 Sep	-	5	-	2/24	"	"	"
6	-	8	-	2/24	"	"	"
10	-	12	-	2/48	"	"	"
13	-	15	-	2/48	"	"	"
17	-	19	-	2/23	"	"	"
20	-	22	-	2/23	"	"	"
24	-	26	-	2/24	"	"	"
27	-	29	-	2/24	"	"	"

- (g) During the period under review it will not be possible to arrange exercises with the Pnr Bn or Cdo Sqn, this will be provided for later. Arrangements will be made for observers from these units to be present at the exercises laid down in para (f).

23. Pnr Bn

The trg of 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn will be along the same lines as that of inf bns.

24. Cdo Sqn

- (a) Initially the trg of the 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn should be along the same gen lines as the inf and such specialised trg as is required for the role of long range recce will be included later.
- (b) During the collective trg period a tp at a time will be attached for trg to the inf bns as follows :-
- |        |   |        |   |      |      |     |    |
|--------|---|--------|---|------|------|-----|----|
| 20 Aug | - | 25 Aug | - | 2/23 | Aust | Inf | Bn |
| 27     | - | 1 Sep  | - | 2/24 | "    | "   | "  |
| 3 Sep  | - | 8      | - | 2/48 | "    | "   | "  |
| 10     | - | 15     | - | 2/23 | "    | "   | "  |
| 17     | - | 22     | - | 2/24 | "    | "   | "  |
| 24     | - | 29     | - | 2/48 | "    | "   | "  |
- (c) The Sqn less det tp will prepare and carry out collective trg in accordance with this instr.

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25. MMGs

- (a) During the collective trg period D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will conduct **Fire Unit Control Cadres** for selected personnel from the inf bns and pnr bn.
- (b) Further details regarding these cadres will be issued later.

26. Med

- (a) All med personnel will be given some inf trg especially elementary weapon trg and firing practices.
- (b) The Senior MO will advise Bde HQ if and when he requires instrs from inf bns to assist in this trg.
- (c) The def of med installations requires study and practice.
- (d) Bde HQ will prepare and conduct special def exercises for the med units during the trg period.

TRG AREAS AND RANGES

27. Attached as Appendix "A" is map showing boundaries of Unit Trg areas and location of firing ranges.

SYLLABUS

28. (a) Each unit will submit to Bde HQ syllabus of trg as follows :-  
Syllabus for Individual Trg period by 6 Aug 45.  
Weekly Syllabus for collective trg period by Sat of preceding week.
- (b) Pro forma of Syllabus to be submitted by each unit is attached as Appendix "B",

Distribution : List B

*H J KATEKAR*  
(H J KATEKAR) Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

PRO FORMA  
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TRAINING SYLLABUS  
PERIOD 20 Aug to 25 Aug 45

Unit : 2/50 Aust Inf Bn

Date	Sub Unit	Subject (Morning)	Trg Area Location	Subject (Afternoon)	Trg Area Location	Remarks
12 Aug 45	HQ Coy	Classification Range	441697	Classification Range	441697	Rifle practices only
	A Coy	Recce Patrols	439546	Pl in attack	438651	
	B Coy	Recce Patrols	436720	Pl in attack	435847	
	C Coy	Pl in attack	438651	Recce Patrols	439546	
	D Coy	Pl in attack	435847	Recce Patrols	436720	
13 Aug 45	HQ Coy	Classification Range	441697	Classification Range	441697	Personnel NOT qualifying previous day return to 30 yd range for further instr
	A Coy	Fighting Patrols	439549	Pl in attack	438651	
	B Coy	Fighting Patrols	436723	Pl in attack	435847	
	C Coy	Pl in attack	438651	Fighting Patrols	439549	
	D Coy	Pl in attack	435847	Fighting Patrols	436723	
14 Aug 45	HQ Coy	Specialist Trg	Coy area	Advanced map reading	440675	Rifle practice only
	A Coy	Classification Range	441697	Classification Range	441697	
	B Coy	Pl in def	437640	Pl in def	437640	
	C Coy	Finding direction with aids	HILL 60	Description on ground by rep of 2/49 Aust Inf Bn capture BETTY 2	BETTY 2	
	D Coy	Description on ground by rep of 2/49 Aust Inf Bn capture BETTY 2	BETTY 2	Finding direction with aids	HILL 60	
15 Aug 45	etc					


Lt-Col  
Comd 2/50 Aust Inf Bn

Subject: REPORT - CIVIL AFFAIRS

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
AG/35A/915  
5 Aug 45.

1 Aust Corps

1. Ref your AG1320 of 1 Jun 45. Herewith eighth report on civil affairs on TARAKAN for week ending 3 Aug 45.
2. The village in LINGKAS district on FINCH feature, referred to in our fifth report dated 8 Jul 45, has been made ready for occupation and the first families moved in during the week.
3. The NICA ship REINJST berthed on 3 Aug 45 and is discharging supplies for NICA, NEI and oil rehabilitation, details of which will be included in the report next week.
4. The absence of tobacco for natives continues to provide grounds for a blackmarket, with cheap wine as barter.
5. Attached as Appendix "A" is the normal detailed report.

  
(D A WHITEHEAD) Brig  
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde

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DETAILED REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS - TARAKAN

1. PERSONNEL.

Number of civilians controlled:-

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Europeans		1	2	3
Indonesians	3350	690	815	4855
Chinese	891	405	849	2145
	<u>4241</u>	<u>1096</u>	<u>1666</u>	<u>7003</u>

2. MEDICAL

(a) General Medical Condition

Satisfactory

(b) Predominating Diseases

Wounds and Ulcers  
 17 Cases Tuberculosis  
 1 Case Bacillary Dysentery  
 5 Cases Amoebic Dysentery  
 2 Pneumonia  
 18 Hookworm  
 23 Malaria Falciparum  
 7 Malaria Vivax

Daily average minor treatments - 400 patients.

(c) Admissions to Hospital - 71

(d) Patients in Hospital - 117

3. LABOUR

(a) Indonesians

Available for employment -

(i) Coolies

Employed by Force	1440 daily
Employed by NICA	450 "
Oil Rehabilitation	<u>660</u> "
Total available for employment	<u>2550</u>

(ii) Other Employment

As previously

(b) Chinese

As previously.



4. ACCOMODATION

(a) Completed during the week -

- 2 Barracks for coolies (Bachelors)
- 5 Private houses for married personnel.

(b) LINGKAS District village on FINCH feature occupied during the week - approx 600 persons.

5. SUPPLIES

(a) Adequacy of Relief Supplies - Rice till end of August  
Fish till middle of August  
Additional stocks now discharging ex REINJST.

(b) Special requirements

Tobacco still unavailable.

(c) Captured Supplies

NIL

(d) Primary Produce

Daily average - Fish 500lbs  
Bananas 2000 combs  
Vegetables 1000lbs

6. OIL

	<u>Work done to date</u>	<u>Work still to be done</u>
(a) Pulling pumps and tubing	148	112
(b) Running Feelers	160	112
(c) Cleaning	64	180
(d) Wells ready for pumping	98	162
(e) Repaired Rod lines	80	
New Rod lines installed	23	
(f) <u>Pumping Powers</u> Nos. 13 and 20 remained in continuous operation Nos. 3, 18 and 19 were stopped owing to lack of storage capacity Repairs to Nos. 7, 15 and 16 continuing.		
(g) <u>Pump Houses</u> Nos. 1 and 2 in operation. Repairs started on No. 5.		
(h) <u>Tank Batteries</u> 14 in operation - 7 being repaired - 14 more to be done.		
(i) <u>Repair Oil Lines</u> Repairing and relaying flow lines connected to Pumping Powers Nos. 8, 14, 16 and 18 also for wells to be pumped electrically.		
(j) <u>Electrical</u> Completed wiring for 7 individual pumping units. 2 units in operation at the end of the week. Successful trial run 37 KVA generator set. Tested 92 KVA generator ex BEONJOE Rewound motor of centrifuge.		
(k) <u>Boilers</u> Continuing repair two boilers in tank farm area. Commenced removal boilers from DJOEATA.		
(l) <u>Engines prepared for Pumping Powers</u> Nos. 7, 15, 16, 37 KVA Set.		
(m) <u>Buildings</u> Electrical Plant complete. Tool house complete. Warehouse 90%. Garage 30%. Machine Shop 30% completed. Demolishing storehouse 20% completed.		
(n) <u>Drainage</u> Continuing cleaning and deepening ditches.		
(o) <u>Laboratory</u> Investigating percentage of water cut in wells and determining effect of dehydrant. Continuing installation of equipment.		
(p) <u>Production</u> Owing to shortage of storage facilities production had to be reduced during the week. 14 wells now pumping, pro- ducing 245 barrels oil per day.		
(q) <u>Surveying</u> Continuing to establish co-ordinates of original Dutch wells.		

SUBJECT : REPORT ON CURRENT AFFAIRS

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
AG/35A/991  
14 Aug 45

1 Aust Corps

1. Ref your AG1320 of 1 Jun 45. Herewith ninth report on Civil Affairs on TARAkan for week ending 10 Aug 45.
2. Two NICA ships - REINJST and LUNA - discharged cargo for civilians during the week.
3. Without tobacco supplies for natives, blackmarketing of cigarettes and rice wine continues to be rife.
4. Detailed report is attached at Appendix "A".

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

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DETAILED REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS - TARAKAN

1. PERSONNEL

Number of civilians controlled :

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Europeans	-	-	-	-
Indonesians	3350	690	815	4855
Chinese	891	405	849	2145
				<u>7000</u>

NOTE: One woman and 2 children (British subjects) evacuated to MOROTAI during the week.

2. MEDICAL

(a) General Medical Condition - Satisfactory

(b) Predominating diseases

Wounds and ulcers  
18 cases Malaria Falciparum  
10 cases Malaria Vivax  
4 cases Bacillary Dysentery  
4 cases Amoebic Dysentery  
21 cases Ancylostomiasis  
16 cases Tuberculosis  
2 cases Leprosy  
5 cases Pneumonia.

Daily average minor treatment 4 RAP's - 400 persons.

(c) Admissions to Hospital - 52

(d) Patients in Hospital - 131

3. LABOUR

Indonesians available for unskilled employment :

Employed by Force	-	1440
Employed by NICA	-	400
Employed for Oil Rehabilitation	-	660
		<u>2500</u>

4. ACCOMMODATION

Completed during the week :

1 hospital barrack.  
1 private house for married personnel.

5. SUPPLIES

(a) Adequacy of Relief supplies

Rice, canned meat and fish till the end of Oct.

(b) Special requirements

Tobacco and matches.

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(c) Captured Supplies

Nil

(d) Primary Produce

Fish - 500 lbs daily.  
 Bananas - 2000 combs daily.  
 Vegetables - 1000 lbs daily.

6. OIL

	<u>Work done to date</u>	<u>Work still to be done</u>
(a) <u>Pulling pumps and tubing</u>	164	96
(b) <u>Running feelers</u>	175	97
(c) <u>Cleaning</u>	80	140
(d) <u>Wells ready for pumping</u>	123	137
(e) <u>Repaired Rod Lines</u>	98	-
(f) <u>Installed new Rod Lines</u>	25	-
(g) <u>Repairs continued on MPH 5</u>		
(h) <u>Tank Battery Repair</u>	20	17
(i) <u>Tank Farm</u> : cleaned out tank 4 and removed 500-lb bomb. Hole repaired.		
(j) <u>Repair Oil Lines</u> . Repairing and relaying flow lines connected to PP 1 and for wells to be pumped electrically.		
(k) <u>Gas Line System</u> : Repair continuing.		
(l) <u>Electrical</u> : Re-winding motor of centrifuge. Installed light in District IV. Laid DC lines to workshop and garage.		
(m) <u>Boilers</u> : Continued repair two boilers in tank farm area. Made ready for transporting boilers from DJOEATA.		
(n) <u>Stationary Engines</u> : Repairing engines for PPs 14, 15 and 16.		
(o) <u>Carpenter Shop</u> : Prepared foundations for Jensen pump.		
(p) <u>Buildings</u> : Warehouse 95%, garage 35%, demolishing store house 50%, repairing machine shop 40% completed.		
(q) <u>Drainage</u> : Continued cleaning and deepening ditches.		
(r) <u>Laboratory</u> : Investigating water percentage at various depths of tanks left to settle.		
(s) <u>Production</u> : Only 2 wells pumping - producing 28 barrels per day.		
(t) <u>Surveying</u> : Continuing establishing co-ordinates of originally Dutch wells.		

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Subject : REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS

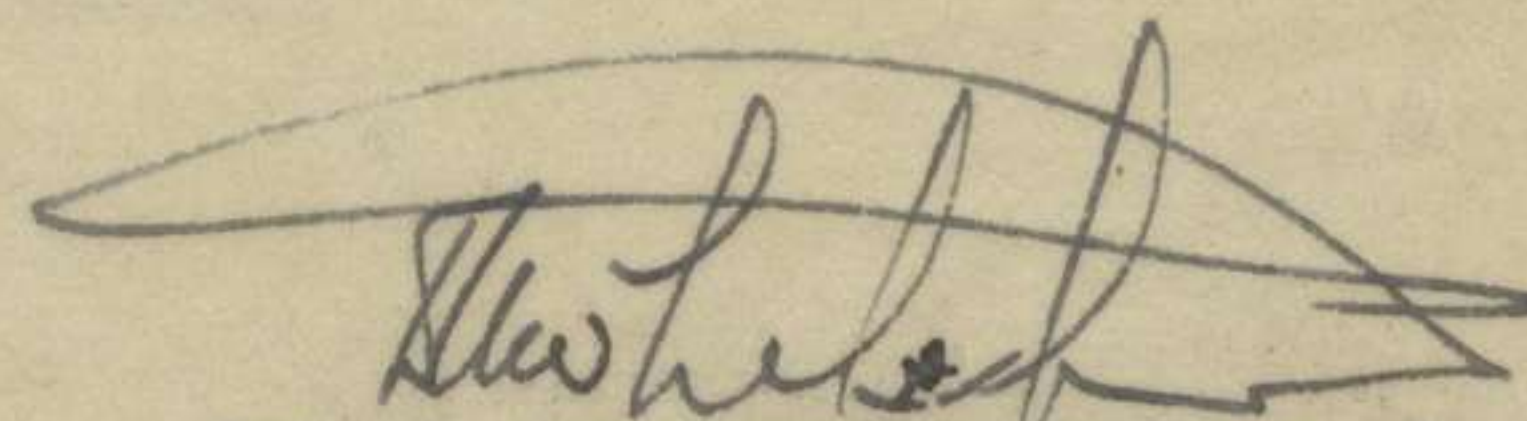
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AG/35A/1020  
19 Aug 45

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1. Ref your AG1320 of 1 Jun 45. Herewith tenth report on civil affairs on TARAkan for week ending 17 Aug 45.



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Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILED REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS  
TARAKAN

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1. PERSONNEL

Number of civilians controlled :-

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Europeans	-	-	-	-
Indonesians	3350	690	815	4855
Chinese	1067	415	884	2366
	4417	1105	1709	7221

2. MEDICAL

(a) General Medical Condition of Natives

Satisfactory.

(b) Predominating Diseases

Wounds and Ulcers  
 15 cases Malaria falciparum  
 10 " Malaria vivax  
 1 " Malaria quartani  
 3 " Bacillary dysentery  
 5 " Amoebic dysentery  
 12 " Hookworm  
 2 " Leprosy  
 16 " Tuberculosis  
 2 " Pneumonia

RAPs 400 patients daily

(c) Admissions to Hospital

51

(d) Number of Patients in Hospital

116

3. LABOUR

Unskilled

Employed by Force	1440
NICA	400
Oil Rehabilitation	660
Total available for employment	2500

4. ACCOMODATION

Completed during the week.  
 2 Kitchens DISTRICT IV  
 1 " DISTRICT VI

5. SUPPLIES

(a) Adequacy of Relief Supplies

Sufficient till end of November

(b) Special Requirements

Tobacco

(c) Captured Supplies

Nil

(d) Primary Produce

Fish 500 lb daily  
 Banana 2000 comb daily  
 Vegetables 1000 lb daily

6. OIL

	<u>Work done to date</u>	<u>Work still to be done</u>
(a) Pulling pumps and tubing	174	86
(b) Running feelers	185	88
(c) Cleaning	84	120
(d) Wells ready for pumping	137	123
(e) Repaired rodlines	105	
(f) Installed new rodlines	26	
(g) Repairs continued	MPH 5	
(h) Tank battery repair	24	11
(i) <u>Tank Farm</u>		
Cleaned out Tank H, strained tank, repaired bottom and repairing bullet holes.		
(j) <u>Repair Oil Lines</u>		
Repairing and relaying flow lines to PP 4.		
(k) <u>Gas Line System</u>		
Repairs continuing.		
(l) <u>Electrical</u>		
Continuing wiring for workshop. Installing light for hospital, store and District IV. Repairing Electric Motor for Workshop.		
(m) <u>Boilers</u>		
Completed repairs three boilers in tank farm area, installing fourth boiler for DJOEATA.		
(n) <u>Stationery Engines</u>		
Preparing engines for PPs 6, 8, 14 and 15. Gear box of PP 9 moved to PP 15.		
(o) <u>Workshop</u>		
Reconditioning gear boxes of Jensen pumping units and general repair work.		
(p) <u>Carpenter Shop</u>		
Preparing foundations for Jensen pumping units.		

(q) Buildings

	Completed
Warehouse	
Garage Repairs	45%
Tearing down Storehouse	90%
Repair Machine shop Main building	60%
bangsal District I	50%
Tearing down DJOEATA Storehouse	30%

(r) Drainage

Continuing Cleaning and deepening ditches.

(s) Laboratory

Continuing investigation water percentages at various depths of tanks left to settle.

(t) Production

Only two wells pumping 42 barrels per day.

(u) Surveying

Continuing to establish co-ordinates of original Dutch wells.

(v) LINGKAS

Commenced clearing up LINGKAS tank farm area.



Subject: REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
AG/35A/1071  
25 Aug 45

1 Aust Corps

1. Ref your AG1320 of 1 Jun 45.
2. Herewith detailed report on Civil Affairs on TARAKAN for week ending 24 Aug 45.



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Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde

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DETAILED REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS

TARAKAN.

1. PERSONNEL

Number of civilians controlled -

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Europeans	-	-	-	-
Indonesians	3350	690	815	4855
Chinese	1067	415	884	2366
	<u>4417</u>	<u>1105</u>	<u>1699</u>	<u>7221</u>

2. MEDICAL

(a) General Medical Condition Civilians

Satisfactory.

(b) Predominating Diseases

Wounds and Ulcers  
16 Cases Malaria Malignant Tertian  
16 Malaria Benign Tertian  
2 Bacilliary Dysentery  
3 Amoebic Dysentery  
26 Hookworm  
2 Pneumonia  
20 Tuberculosis  
3 Leprosy  
8 Yaws (from mainland)

400 treated daily at 4 RAPs.

(c) Admissions to Hospital

70

(d) Number of Patients in Hospital

131

3. LABOUR

Coolies employed by Force	1440 daily
NICA	400 "
Oil Rehabilitation	<u>660</u> "
Total available for employment	<u>2500</u>

4. ACCOMODATION

Completed during the week -

1 Barraek District IV  
2 Kitchens District VI  
2 Private Houses SIBENCOCK

5. SUPPLIES

(a) Adequacy of Relief Supplies - Sufficient till end of November.

(b) Special requirements - Tobacco

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- (c) Captured Supplies - NIL
- (d) Primary Produce - Fish 500 lbs daily  
Bananas 2000 combs daily  
Vegetables 1000lbs "

6. OIL

	<u>Work done to date</u>	<u>Work still to be done</u>
(a) Pulling pumps and tubing	184	76
(b) Running Feelers	195	78
(c) Cleaning Wells (incl 9 cleaned of those in production)	87	116
(d) Wells ready for pumping	155	105
(e) Repaired rod lines	108	
(f) Installed new rod lines	26	
(g) <u>Repair Pump Houses</u> - continuing repair MPH 5.		
(h) <u>Tank Battery Repair</u> (incl 14 in operation)	25	10
(i) <u>Tank Farm Repairs</u> - continued repair of Tank H in PAMOESIAN which is badly leaking. Commenced dis- mantling tanks in LINGKAS.		
(j) <u>Repair Oil Lines</u> - Repairing and relaying flow lines for wells connected to PP 4, 6, 16 and wells to be pumped electrically.		
(k) <u>Repair Gas Line System</u> - continuing.		
(l) <u>Electrical</u> - completed installation electric motor for wksp, moving electrical material to powerhouse in District III.		
(m) <u>Boilers</u> - Installing fifth boiler from DJOEATA in Boiler- house IV, levelling boiler stands.		
(n) <u>Stationary Engines</u> - completed engines for pumping powers 7, 15 and 16. Continuing repairs PP 1, 8 and 17. Preparing engine for PP 14.		
(o) <u>Buildings</u> - Garage repair 50%. Putting down storehouse com- pleted. Repair machine shop main building 65%. Bongsal District I 90%. Putting down DJOEATA storehouse complete.		
(p) <u>Drainage Road Repair</u> - continuing.		
(q) <u>Laboratory</u> - determining effect of dehydration chemicals on cold and heated oil samples.		
(r) <u>Production</u> - Started up PP 7, 16, 18 and 19 during the week. Owing to limited storage facilities on a few wells pumping from each PP. At the end of the week there were 9 wells in production pumping approx 140 barrels per day.		
(s) <u>Surveying</u> - continuing to re-establish co-ordinates of original Dutch wells.		

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SUBJECT : RELEASE OF LONG SERVICE PERSONNEL

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
AG/73G/942  
8 Aug 45

2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
2/24 Aust Inf Bn  
2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
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1. It is desired to have a farewell parade for those members of the bde being released on account of long service whose etd from TARAKAN is 16 Aug 45.

2. Each bn will supply two pls, one from the personnel being released - called the Old Guard - and the other from personnel remaining with unit - called the New Guard.

3. Composite coys so formed (1 pl per bn for each) will parade on Soccer Ground (adjacent to Swimming Pool) about 15 Aug 45 as Old and New Guards. After paying the respective compliments, there will be a short address and the Old Guard will march through and post the New Guard.

4. Bns will forthwith commence trg these pls. It is requested that the following offr be appointed to comd composite coys :

Old Guard - Maj J. DUDLEY - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
New Guard - Maj J.A.H. McGEOCH - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

These offr will have direct access to bns in the trg of their coys.

5. Dress

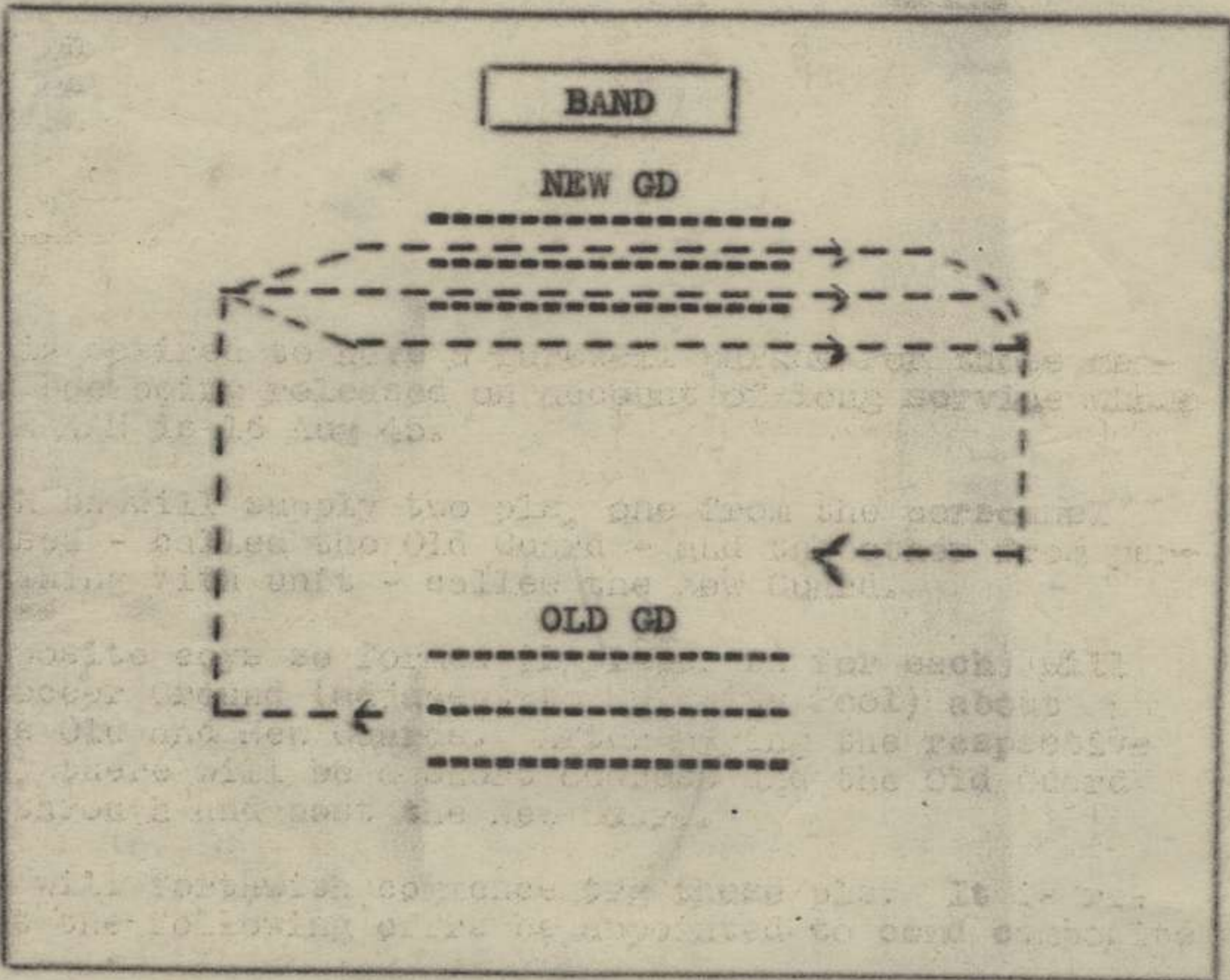
Jungle Greens, Belt and Side Arms, Hats turned up. Offrs will carry pistols in holsters on the left side below amn pouch.

6. Band

The unit to provide the band has not yet been selected.

7. A rough sketch of the area and orders to be given are attached at Appx "A".

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



WORDS OF COMMAND

1. As New Guard approaches entrance to Pde Ground -  

OLD GUARD -- SLOPE ARMS
2. When New Guard has formed up in line facing Old Guard --

<p><u>OLD GUARD</u> PRESENT ARMS SLOPE ARMS ORDER ARMS STAND AT EASE</p>	<p><u>NEW GUARD</u> PRESENT ARMS SLOPE ARMS ORDER ARMS STAND AT EASE.</p>
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3. After the addresses, Old Guard will march through and past the New Guard as illustrated in the above sketch.

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SUBJECT : RELEASE LONG SERVICE PERSONNEL

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
AG/73G/953  
10 Aug 45

9 Aust Div (3)  
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1. Ref 1 Aust Corps AG3545, AG3640, our AG/73G/922 and confirming our AG516.
2. The following offr's are recommended for release under long service scheme :

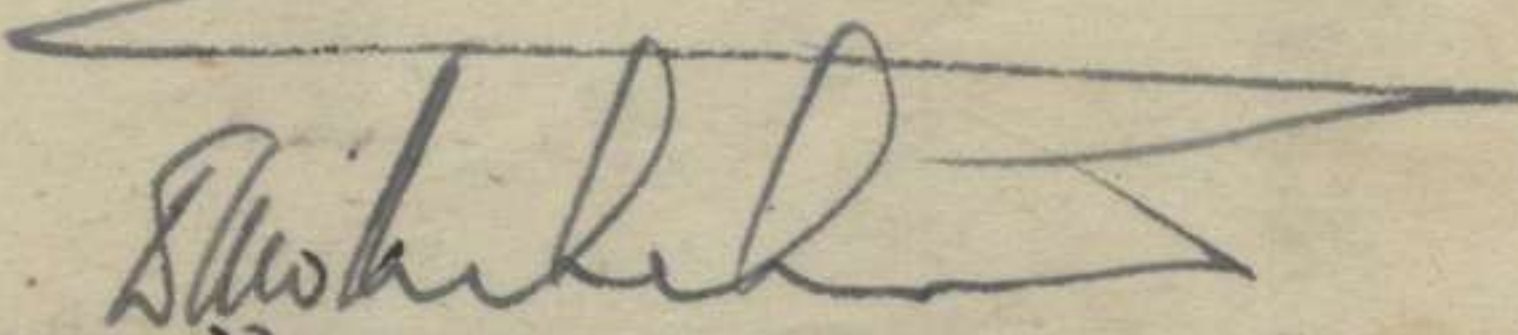
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY

WX 2688 Lt R.W. DUNN - 2/7 Aust Fd Regt  
WX 2633 Lt H. BEECH - 2/7 Aust Fd Regt

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY

VX 5087 Maj J. DUDLEY - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
VX 36046 Capt T.H. MATTHEWS - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
WX 432 Capt C.C. KNOTT - 2/3 Aust Par Bn  
WX 41084 Lt K.H. FRATER - 2/3 Aust Par Bn.  
(T/Capt)

3. One officer is still to be selected.

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

SUBJECT : RELEASE OF LONG SERVICE PERSONNEL

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
AG/73G/958  
10 Aug 45

9 Aust Div  
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1. Ref 1 Aust Corps AG3765 and confirming our AG522.
2. The following offr's are recommended for release to replace those who, providing your concurrence is received in the interim, will depart by REINJST 11 Aug 45. One additional offr has been included to replace the vacancy referred to in para 3 of our AG/73G/953 of 10 Aug 45 and our AG516.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY

WX 103	Lt Col	W.J. GREEN	- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
WX 3339	Maj	A.G. JONES	- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
WX 4592	Lt	S.C.D. IRVIN	- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
WX 3837	Lt	N.W. SVANBERG	- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
WX 2669	Capt	R.M. FAULKNER	- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
WX 3940	Lt	K.T. LUTZ	- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY

SX 7047	Lt	M. ROBINSON	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
	(T/Capt)		
VX 23882	Lt	D.H. SARGEANT	- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
SX 9038	Maj	P.E. SIEKMANN	- 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
VX 28713	Capt	A. BATESON	- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
VX 32828	Capt	E.J. SHATTOCK	- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
NX 35022	Capt	J.K. ADAM	- 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
SX 3260	Lt	G. LANDER	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
SX 7933	Lt	W.H. STEWIEN	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
VX 23475	Capt	F.K. LOVELL	- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
SX 8048	Capt	D.N. WALLIS	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
SX 9377	Capt	O.D. GOODEN	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
SX 6786	Lt	M.F. FARQUHAR	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
SX 3406	Capt	K.M. ESAU	- 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
NX 34687	Capt	J.F. LAVAN	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
SX 7054	Capt	N. McLELLAN	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
VX 12316	Lt	N.McK. TALBOT	- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
QX 5323	Lt	A.A. WOOD	- 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn

AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS

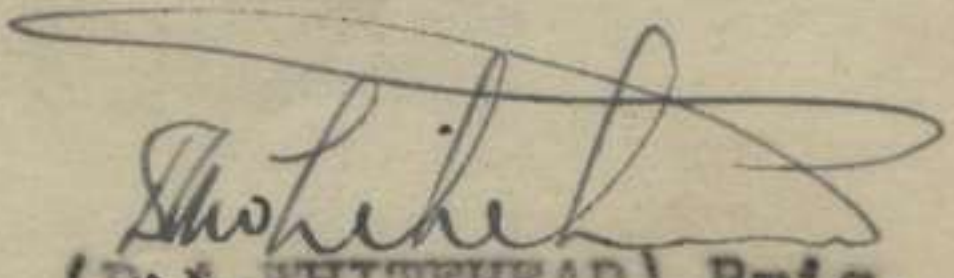
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AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

SX 7813	Lt	J.R. BELL	- 2/11 Aust Fd Amb
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MISCELLANEOUS

VX 44809	Capt	A.M. MURRAY	- 30 Aust Sqn AL Sec
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(D.A. WHITEHEAD) Brig.  
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde.

War Diary

Subject : CLASSIFICATION RIFLE RANGE DEMONSTRATION

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
GS/25A/060  
11 Aug 45

1. Ref 26 Aust Inf Bde GS Instr 6 (GS/25A/051) of 8 Aug 45.
2. The demonstration which was to be held at 1000I 12 Aug 45 has been postponed.
3. Units will be notified when the demonstration is to be held.

*H. J. KATEKAR*

(H J KATEKAR) Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution :  
As for GS Instr 6



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# VALEDICTORY TO TARAKAN

## LT-GEN. MORSHEAD'S ADDRESS

### At Presentation of Decorations Won Here.

At a ceremonial parade on the Tarakan Oval yesterday afternoon, the Corps Commander, Lt-Gen. Sir LESLIE MORSHEAD, KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO, ED, presented the ribands of decorations won by officers and men of the Brigade in the Tarakan operations.

Addressing the parade, Sir Leslie said:

"No one knows better, or is more appreciative - or is prouder - of the long and distinguished record of this Brigade than I. My mind turns back to those first days in Cyrenaica. Then to Tobruk. Then to Tel el Eisa, and that great battle, one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of this war - Alamein.

"After that came Sateberg - another epic - Wareo, and now Tarakan, your very own campaign, which has added lustre to your name.

"In all of these campaigns, you have had to fight hard, and from each you have emerged with honour to yourselves, and to our country. Battles and campaigns are won by leadership - leadership not only of senior but of junior commanders - by discipline, by that knowledge begotten of experience - knowing what to do and how to do it - and by hard work. And above all that, by courage, which we call "guts", gallantry, and devotion to duty.

"It has just been my privilege to pin the ribbons on those of the Brigade whose gallantry here on Tarakan, and in one case at Alamein, has been rewarded by decorations. Many others among you have also shown that fighting spirit, bravery and resolution. That these few should be singled out from so many makes their distinction so much the higher.

"Now that Japan has accepted defeat, and the cessation of hostilities will soon be ordered, our thoughts naturally turn homeward, to living once more a peaceful, normal life.

"But a word of warning. For obvious reasons - and some not so apparent - it will be some considerable time before we can all get home. Although we can rely on the Government doing its utmost to bring about the demobilisation of our forces as quickly as possible, it is not practicable for us just to up sticks and get away. We must contain ourselves in sensible patience. Be soldierly, and cheerfully and willingly perform the tasks set us.

"When eventually you do return to civil life, it is up to you to serve your country, our country, faithfully and well. Retain and cultivate that fellowship, that comradeship, which can be forged only in war. Keep fresh and green the memory of those, our fallen comrades, who gave their all, and be ever ready to say a kindly word, give a helping hand, to those near and dear to them. And to those other comrades of ours still afflicted by wounds.

"To you all I say, well done! It's been grand to have served with you. To you all I offer my warm wishes for your future welfare, health, happiness and success.

"Good luck, and may God bless you always".

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE

FROM : 26 INF BDE

150930I

TO : LIST B

AG 563

RESTRICTED (.) surrender of JAPAN (.) the C-in-C has issued an order of the day which is published separately (.) two days holiday have been ordered and will be held on TARAkan on 16 and 17 aug 45 (.) one additional bottle of beer will be issued to all ranks to mark the occasion (.) it has not been advised if this bottle is free or to be paid for but is available forthwith (.) units are requested to arrange with their chaplains to conduct thanksgiving services as practicable (.) owing to difficulties of space it is not intended to hold a general thanksgiving service

*[Handwritten signature]*

Capt

SDS

Adv LHQ  
BORNEO  
15 Aug 45

ORDER OF THE DAY

B.Y

GENERAL SIR THOMAS A. BLAMEY GBE KCB CMG DSO ED  
Commander-in-Chief Australian Military Forces

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The Japanese have surrendered. Our long and arduous struggle has ended in complete victory. The climax has come at the time when all six Australian Divisions are fighting strenuously each on its own area in the far-flung battle line.

No divisions amongst the Allies have contributed more to the downfall of our enemies than ours. Our general officers and our commanders and staffs of all grades, our regimental officers, our warrant and non-commissioned officers have led you unflinchingly to victory. Under their guidance the troops have been formed into a magnificent army to the pride and glory of AUSTRALIA.

We have fought through the burning day the and freezing night of the desert; we have fought through the ooze and sweat of the tropical jungles; we have defeated the Italians and the Germans and we would soon have destroyed completely the Japanese before us.

We will go to our homes, having done our part in ensuring freedom for all peoples. We will not forget this freedom for which we have fought so long and successfully: and so let us stand together in future years to ensure it remains the crowning heritage of the AUSTRALIAN people.

And above all, we give thanks to the ALMIGHTY for his greatest and crowning mercy that marks for all people the total downfall of tyranny.

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26 Aust Inf Bde  
List "B"

WAR DIARY (2)

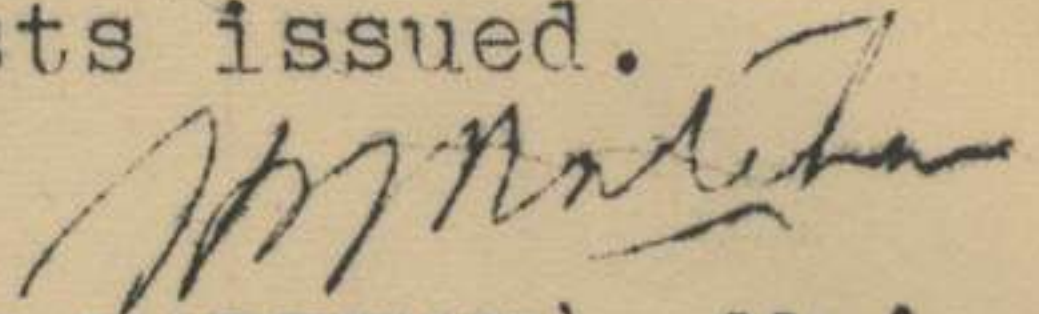
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Subject : DISTRIBUTION LIST

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
CO/113A/238  
18 Aug 45

1. Herewith 26 Aust Inf Bde Distribution List as at 2400I  
18 Aug 45.

2. This cancels all previous Distribution Lists issued.

  
(H. J. VATTAKAR) Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution :  
List B

26 AUST INF BDE DISTRIBUTION LIST

as at 2400I 18 Aug 45

Serial	Unit	List A (Coys etc)	List B (Units)
1	HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area B Det	18	18
2	2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn	1	1
3	C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	1	1
4	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	4	1
5	53 Aust Comp AA Regt	4	1
6	HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps	3	3
7	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	1	1
8	2 Pl 2/10 Aust Docks Op Coy	1	1
9	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	1
10	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	6	1
11	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	6	1
12	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	6	1
13	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	6	1
14	D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	1
15	4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Guard Regt	1	1
16	HQ Force AASC c/o 1 Aust Air Maint Coy	10	10
17	Two Sec 2/2 Aust MAG Pl	1	1
18	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	1	1
19	110 Aust CCS	1	2
20	2/7 Aust Malarial Control Unit	1	1
21	102 Aust Adv Med Stores	1	1
22	2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1	1
23	2/63 Aust LAD	1	1
24	2/78 Aust LAD	1	1
25	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp	1	1
26	det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	1	1
27	26 Aust Inf Bde Postal Unit	1	1
28	3 and 4 Secs 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	1	1
29	det 9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1	1
30	B Det AACS 1 Aust Corps	1	1

31	112 Aust Mob Cinema Unit		1	1
32	HQ 77 Wing		5	5
33	ALO c/o 78 Wing		7	3
34	1 ACS		2	2
35	NICA		1	1
36	FFLO		1	1
37	2 Coy 1 Bn NEI Inf		1	1
38	NEI Forces LOC I		1	1
39	RAN Port Directorate		1	1
40	Comd	) Local distribution		
41	BM		1	1
42	IO			
43	DIA&OWC			
44	Pde TO & Camp		1	1
45	File		2	2
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Subject : SECURITY OF MESSAGES

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
GO/102A/237  
18 Aug 45

1. The following is the text of a message received from 1 Aust Corps :-

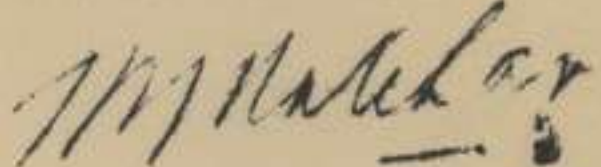
"In view of cessation of hostilities all messages classified as RESTRICTED and below for transmission between AMF formations and units located at MOROTAI and BORNEO and between both areas will be signed that transmission can be effected by any means INCLUDING wireless."

2. As a guide to the originating of RESTRICTED or lesser security messages it is pointed out that the following subjects should not be mentioned in the text :-

- (a) Movements of personnel and shipping.
- (b) Any operations in area under 1 Aust Corps.
- (c) Release of PsW.
- (d) Casualties.
- (e) Units of field formations - order of battle.
- (f) Meteorological information.
- (g) Adverse reports on general morale.
- (h) Matters referring to intelligence.

3. Necessary operating signals to ensure the handling of messages to be sent by wireless in clear are under review and will be promulgated to all signal offices when a decision has been made.

Distribution :  
All Army units

  
(H. J. KATEKAR) Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde



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PROGRAMME

.. A VICTORY REVUE ..

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*Presented by the combined efforts of the  
Army and Air Force on TARA KAN*

*at the*

**BOWL THEATRE**

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*On the occasion of the appearance of*

.. MISS GRACIE FIELDS ..



*Saturday, 25th August, 1945*

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# PROGRAMME

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|---|---|
| 1. OVERTURE   | THE ORCHESTRA   |
| 2. "SALUTE TO GRACIE" (Terence Crisp)   | THE CHORUS  |
| 3. "GOLDIE" and KEITH WILLIS  |   |
| 4. BAGPIPE SPECIALTY  | KEITH VIEWEY  |
| 5. "VODKA"<br>A Russian peasant woman<br>Her Husband                                      | ANDREW PARKER<br>"GOLDIE"   |
| 6. "WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?" (Irving Berlin)<br><br>"THE SOLDIER'S WINGE" ("Spike" Spice) | PHIL SPITTA and<br>THE CHORUS<br><br>"SPIKE" SPICE                              |
| 7. "THE PRICE"<br>The Woman<br>Passers-By   | ANDREW PARKER<br>KEVIN O'SULLIVAN<br>"BUZZ" FOSBERY<br>KEITH WILLIS<br>"GOLDIE" |
| 8. "JEALOUSY"—Tango (Jacob Gade)<br>Soloist<br>Dancers<br><br>Accordeonist                | BILL LANGRIDGE<br>DOUG GOLDMAN<br>PETER AITKEN<br>DENIS MORGAN                  |
| 9. "THE WHITEHALL WARRIOR"  | TERENCE CRISP   |
| 10. "RHAPSODY IN BLUE" (George Gershwin)  | ERIC AUBERT   |

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| 11. "MOTH-EATEN MARTHA" (Bert Norfolk)   | "GOLDIE"  |
| 12. "MY LITTLE GREY HOME IN THE WEST"<br>(Hermann Lohr)  | THE TARAKAN<br>TROUBADOURS  |
| 13. "AN ADVERTISEMENT DRAMA" (Ronald Jeans)<br>Compere<br>Annie<br>Rupert Christlethorp<br>Mrs Westerby<br>Jim Westerby<br>Scene — Mrs Westerby's Flat in South Townsville | TERENCE CRISP<br>ANDREW PARKER<br>"GOLDIE"<br>PAUL BULBECK<br>KEVIN O'SULLIVAN                              |
| 14. "I'VE GOT MY EYE ON YOU"   | COLIN CANNON<br>BERT HENSON   |
| 15. "GRANNY'S 102nd"<br>Granny<br>Tallulah   | ANDREW PARKER<br>"BUZZ" FOSBERY   |
| 16. YE TROPPO SISTERS<br>Prima Ballerina   | THE BALLET<br>DOUG GOLDMAN  |
| 17. "EVERYTHING AS USUAL"<br>The Husband<br>The Wife<br>Ah Poo   | "GOLDIE"<br>"BUZZ" FOSBERY<br>KEITH WILLIS  |
| 18. "NOBODY TAKES A PASS AT ME"  | ANDREW PARKER   |
| 19. "WHAT HIROHITO THINKS OF HIROSHIMA" (Terence Crisp)<br>The Emperor<br>Japanese Servants<br><br>The Geisha<br>The Army and the Air Force                                | VIVIAN OCTAMAN<br>PETER AITKEN, COLIN CANNON,<br>PETER MARTIN, "SPIKE" SPICE,<br>PAUL BULBECK<br>THE CHORUS |

## INTERVAL

## MISS GRACIE FIELDS

Supported by: Mr. ERIC FOX Pianist  
L. CAMPARA Accordionist F/Sgt. MORCOM Vocalist

The Committee desires to express grateful appreciation to all who took part and assisted in making the Revue possible.

SUBJECT: PASSWORDS

*War Diary*

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde,  
GO/113B/176  
3 Jul 45

The following passwords will be in use from 051200I to 121200I changing daily at 1200 hrs.

5/6	Jul	HUONVILLE
6/7	"	SHEFFIELD
7/8	"	OATLANDS
8/9	"	BELLERIVE

9/10	Jul	HAGLEY
10/11	"	GLENORCHY
11/12	"	BOTHWELL

*H J Katekar*

Distribution:

LIST A

(H J KATEKAR) Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

War Diary

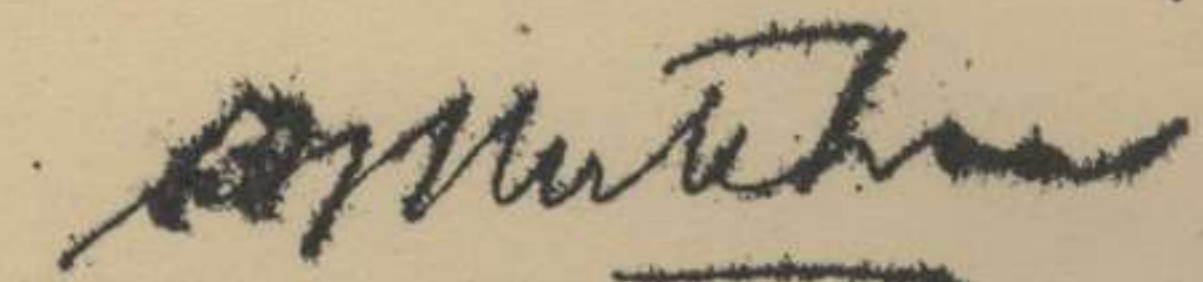
SUBJECT: SAFE HAND DESPATCHES

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde,  
GO/102A/175  
3 Jul 45

1. Because of its volume at the present time it is apparent that a misunderstanding exists as to what despatches are of Safe Hand Category.
2. The Safe Hand Service is provided for the handling of urgent operational despatches for which a special degree of care is required.
3. All despatches other than those which can be transmitted by wireless may be sent by means of the Special Despatch Service (SDS).
4. The SDS bags are carried by couriers in the same aircraft as the Safe Hand Bags so no loss of time or apparent safety occurs through using the former service.
5. Units will give this matter their close attention in future in order to avoid any abuses of the Safe Hand Service.
6. Safe Hand Despatches, franked by an offr, will be delivered to Int Sec, Force HQ while SDS despatches will be handled through sig channels.

Distribution:

List B.

  
(H J KATEKAR) Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS GROUP SIX  
U. S. Pacific Fleet  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

29 April 1945

STAFF NOTICE No. 23-45

Subject: Photographs of Commanders and Staff Officers.

1. Photographs of Army and Navy Commanders and staffs embarked will be taken at 1100/I on 29 April 1945 on the superstructure deck forward of the Admiral's cabin as outlined in the following schedule:

Plan A - CinC RAAF SWPA, ComGen 26th Aust. Inf. Bde., Com 1st Tactical RAAF, DepCom 13th AAF, and Senior Observers.

Plan B - Officers of the staff of ComPhibGrpSIX and ComGen 26th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Plan C - Officers of staff of ComGen 26th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Plan D - CinC RAAF SWPA, ComPhibGrpSIX, ComGen 26th Aust. Inf. Bde., Com 1st Tactical RAAF, DepCom 13th AAF, and senior officers of staffs.

Plan E - Commanders and War Correspondents.

2. Uniform for naval personnel will be working khaki with garrison caps.

*P. F. Dugan*  
P. F. DUGAN,  
Chief of Staff.

Plan A

28	26	25	27	29				
24	22	20	18	16	17	19	21	23
14	12	10	8	9	11	13	15	
6	4	2	1	3	5	7		

1. Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK
2. Brigadier WHITEHEAD
3. Air Commodore COBBY
4. Brigadier General WHITE
5. Colonel AGNEW
6. Colonel LIVINGSTONE
7. Group Captain MUNRO
8. Lieutenant Colonel WATCHORN \*
9. Lieutenant Colonel FLETCHER
10. Lieutenant Colonel DAVIS
11. Lieutenant Colonel MEYER
12. Wing Commander MARKS
13. Wing Commander DOUGHTY
14. Wing Commander PARKER
15. Major VICKERY
16. Major RIDLEY
17. Major LONG
18. Squadron Leader SHEPPARD
19. Squadron Leader McKEW
20. Squadron Leader MORNAMENT
21. Lieutenant REID
22. Captain POMROY
23. Captain BRAYE
24. Captain deWINTER
25. Captain LOVERIDE
26. Flight Lieutenant RILEY
27. Lieutenant GIVEN
28. Lieutenant ANTHONY
29. Lieutenant STRIK

\* Lieutenant Colonel WATCHORN is requested to muster the above officers in place at 1055I.

Plan B

28/26/24/22/23/25/27  
20/18/16/14/15/17/19/21  
12/10/8/7/9/11/13  
6/4/2/1/3/5

1. Rear Admiral ROYAL
2. Brigadier WHITEHEAD
3. Captain DUGAN
4. Colonel HODGSON
5. Captain HAINS
6. Captain HARDESTY
7. Lieutenant Colonel GREEN
8. Commander WILFONG \*
9. Commander LAMPMAN
10. Commander DECKER
11. Commander BRUNNER
12. Commander POTTER
13. Commander SULLIVAN
14. Lieutenant Commander CHRISTIE
15. Lieutenant Commander HANNAN
16. Lieutenant Commander WALTER
17. Major SMITH
18. Major NICHOLLS
19. Lieutenant Commander PEERY
20. Lieutenant Commander MORRIS
21. Major RUST
22. Captain GEDDES
23. Lieutenant BROWN
24. Lieutenant SOUTHWORTH
25. Captain PROSSER
26. Captain NELSON
27. Captain WILLIAMS
28. Captain BLACKBURN

\* Commander WILFONG will muster the above group on the starboard side forward near Brigadier WHITEHEAD'S cabin at 1100I .

Plan C

10	8	9	11
6	4	5	7
2	1	3	

1. Brigadier WHITEHEAD
2. Colonel HODGSON
3. Lieutenant Colonel GREEN
4. Major SMITH
5. Major NICHOLLS
6. Lieutenant Commander MORRIS
7. Captain GEDDES
8. Captain PROSSER
9. Captain NELSON
10. Captain WILLIAMS
11. Captain BLACKBURN

Plan D

10	8	6	7	9
4	2	1	3	5

1. Rear Admiral ROYAL
2. Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK
3. Brigadier WHITEHEAD
4. Air Commodore COBBY
5. Brigadier General WHITE
6. Captain DUGAN
7. Colonel HODGSON
8. Captain HAINS
9. Colonel AGNEW
10. Colonel LIVINGSTONE

Plan E

6	4	2	1	3	5	7
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1. Rear Admiral ROYAL
2. Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK
3. Brigadier WHITEHEAD
4. Air Commodore COBBY
5. Brigadier General WHITE
6. Mr. HIPPLE
7. Mr. CASWELL

Between pictures the above groups are requested to wait on port side near Admiral's cabin. Lt. Comdr. PEERY will check the above groups.



26 AUST INF BDE OUTLINE PLAN

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Alternative plan for CAPTURE OF TARAKAN

26 Apr 45

Ref Maps: ISLAND OF TARAKAN 1:50000  
 TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH SPECIAL 1:25000  
 TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH SPECIAL 1:25000

INFM

See 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review 2 - OBOE ONE

1. INTENTION

26 Aust Inf Bde will land on DJOEATA Beach and move South to capture the airfield and LINGKAS PORT

2.

METHOD3 Summary This op will be carried out in three phases -

(a)

Phase I - Secure a beach head at DJOEATA and capture Mt TANGKOLPhase II - Capture DJOEATA oilfields.Phase III - Capture the airfield and LINGKAS PORT

(b) For considerations affecting the implementation of this plan see Appx A

(c) The units to carry out the phases of this op will be advised by sig.

(d) Each unit will be prepared to carry out any of the tasks designated in this plan.

4. Phase I - Securing of beach head.(a) Tps(i) Aslt 2/ Aust Inf Bn Gp(ii) Follow up 2/ Aust Inf Bn Gp(iii) Reserve 2/ Aust Inf Bn Gp(b) Tasks(i) Aslt Bn Land at H hour at DJOEATA on beach to be designated and secure a covering posn.(ii) Follow Up Bn Land at DJOEATA on beach to be designated - pass through the aslt Bn and capture Mt TANGKOL.(c) Beach )(d) Covering Posn )(e) Objectives )

to be notified

(f) Naval

(i) Preliminary Naval Bombardment will be provided. Details will be notified if and when decision has been made to implement this plan.

(ii) One SFCP will be allotted to each Bn.

(g) Air

(i) Aircraft will provide close support by bombing with fragmentation bombs the beach head area prior to the ldg. Details will be notified if and when decision has been made to implement this plan.

(ii) One Air Sp Party will be allotted to each Bn.

(h) Fd Arty

- (i) One bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt on SADAU ISLAND will sp the ldg and subsequent ops.
- (ii) One bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt will land at DJOEATA and provide further sp.
- (iii) 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (less two btys) will be landed at DJOEATA if required.
- (iv) One FOO will be allotted to each Bn.

(i) AA

One Sec LAA Tp 53 Comp AA Bty will land at DJOEATA to provide AA protection for the fd arty and the beach head.

(j) Allotment of Craft

Aslt Bn	LVTs (ex LSTs)
Follow Up Bn	LCV(P)s (ex LSI) and LCMs
Res	LCV(P)s (ex LSI) and LCMs.

Remainder of the Force will be carried in LSTs and LCTs.

(k) Ldg Diagram

To be issued.

(l) H Hour

To be notified by sig.

5. PHASE 11 - Capture of DJOEATA OILFIELDS

- (a) Tps
  - (i) 2/ Aust Inf Bn with in sp Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt .
  - (ii) 2/4 Cdo Sqn (less one tp) with in sp Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt

(b) Tasks

- (i) 2/ Aust Inf Bn Gp

Adv along the axis of the rd to capture DJOEATA OILFIELDS.

- (ii) 2/4 Cdo Sqn (less one tp)

Embark from SADAU ISLAND in LCV(P)s land at H hour (for Phase 1) at the head of the tidal waters of BENGAWAL RIVER and adv on DJOEATA OILFIELDS.

(c) Arty

One Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt will be in sp of each 2/ Aust Inf Bn and 2/4 Cdo Sqn.  
One FOO will be allotted to the Bn and Cdo Sqn.

(d) Engrs

Tps 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.

Tasks

- (a) To construct a jeep and tracked veh rd from DJOEATA to the DJOEATA OILFIELDS.
- (b) To establish water pts along the axis of adv.

- (e) Res 2/ Aust Inf Bn.

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6. PHASE 111 - Capture of the Airfield and LINGKAS PORT

- (a) Tps 2/ Aust Inf Bn with in sp 2/7 Aust Fd Regt less one bty and one tp 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.
- (b) Task Capture the airfield and then LINGKAS PORT.
- (c) Res 2/ Aust Inf Bn.

ADM7. Gen

The adm arrangements for the LINGKAS ldg will be implemented as far as practicable and necessary.

8. Water

All available cans will be landed.

9. Sups(a) Rations

5 days initial reserve sups will be landed.

(b) Amn.

First Line.

10. Med.

(a) One ADS from 2/11 Aust Fd Amb will be allotted to the aslt and follow up bns for Phase 1.

(b) 2/11 Aust Fd Amb will establish an MDS in the Beach Maint Area.

11. Unloading Stores

(a) To land essential stores and vehs it may be necessary to off load certain vehs not required.

(b) These will be reloaded immediately.

INTERCOMN

12. As for main ldg LINGKAS area.

ACK

*H. J. KATEKAR*  
(H J KATEKAR) Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 261200 1

Issued by LO

Distribution:

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2/24 Aust Inf Bn	2	2
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	3	3
2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn	4	4
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	5	5
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	6	6
53 Comp AA Bty	7	7
2/13 Aust Fd Coy	8	8
2 Aust Beach Gp.	9	9
Comd	10	10
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SECRET

Appx A to 26 Aust Inf Bde  
Alternative Plan for Capture  
of TARAKAN.

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CONSIDERATION AFFECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN

1. The plan assumes that the bty is in action on SADAU ISLAND.
2. The third bty of the Regt to be landed on DJOEATA beach or SADAU ISLAND as circumstances dictate.
3. The bty landed on DJOEATA beach can only sp to the Southern edge of the Airfield with Super. This bty will be "longs".
4. For sp of ops to capture LINGKAS and TARAKAN arty landed as in para 3 will require to move forward to DJOEATA OILFIELDS.
5. Engrs estimate that the development of the track (on the information available) for arty tracked tractors will take three days.
6. The bns employed will depend on the effect of the ops at LINGKAS. It may be necessary to employ 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
7. The actual loading of bns in LVTs, LCV(P)s, LCIs or other craft would have to be decided on the spot. It is assumed the LSIs could not stand off DJOEATA beach.
8. The role allotted to the Cav is dependant upon the Naval (Amphibious Scouts) recce of the tidal waters at the mouth of the BENGAWAN RIVER.
9. The 7 LST (causeways) and 17 LCMs ex the LSD carry the bulk of the op guns, vehs and mechanical equipment necessary for this alternative plan. Certain equipment, mainly Engr Mechanical vehs will not be required. These would be re-loaded immediately and be available for landing in the LINGKAS area when captured.
10. All information available suggests that the causeways would not be required for this landing. If any have to be used they could later be towed to LINGKAS.
11. LCTs would be available for transfer of certain cargoes (vehs and stores on LSIs) if required.
12. Only a proportion of the beach gp and its equipment would be required.

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SUBJECT : RAINFALL DATA - AUG 45

HQ RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS  
6 SEPT 45.  
REC 891

26 AUST INF BDE.

1. Hereunder daily rainfall recordings for Aug 45.

1	Aug	54 points
2		50
3		nil
4		nil
5		12
6		nil
7		112
8		118
9		52
10		nil
11		nil
12		nil
13		nil
14		nil
15		nil
16		nil
17		110
18		nil
19		64
20		20
21		nil
22		44
23		nil
24		30
25		nil
26		223
27		nil
28		nil
29		18
30		45
31		12

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Average for Aug : 12.00 inches

(Sgd) A. W. BRENNAN CAPT.  
for CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS

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ROUTINE ORDERS  
OBOE ONE FORCE  
PART I

Serial B24/45  
Nos 206/216

BY  
BRIG D. WHITEFIELD CBE DSO MC ED COMMANDING OBOE ONE FORCE

In the Field

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

206. RANGES - 30 YARD

The following additional 30-yd ranges have been declared and may be used by units when modifications as indicated by CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps have been complied with.

Unit	Map ref firing pt	Direction of fire
2 Aust Fd Coy	430637	95°
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	400714	90°
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	413683	110°
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	446662	30°
2 Coy 1 Bn NEI Inf	433643	29°
NEI Forces LOC 1	440645	17°

207. USE OF TIRAKAN ARTY RANGE

1. TIRAKAN ARTY RANGE will be used by 53 Comp AA Regt on 3 Aug 45 between 0900 and 1230 hrs.
2. The 3.7 guns will be firing from posns in vicinity of CROYDON AIRSTRIP.
3. All personnel are warned to keep clear of the Range and the gun posns during the period of firing.

208. CLASSIFICATION RANGE

1. The TOWN RANGE will be ready for use on 6 Aug 45.
2. The following is the allocation to units for the first two weeks :
 

Unit	Period
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	6 to 11 Aug 45
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	13 to 18 Aug 45
3. Units requiring use of the range may make application to this HQ, stating duration required and number of personnel to fire.
4. Until further notice, rifle practices only will be fired.
5. The range hours are from 0800I to 1630I daily.
6. The area is proclaimed as a prohibited and NO tps will approach closer to the flanks of the range than 200 yds, except those personnel engaged in the firing practice.
7. Separate detailed instrs are being issued.

*W. H. T. C. H.* Maj.  
BM OBOE ONE FORCE.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH

209. ROADS TARAKAN

1. By continual hard work and maintenance, the engineers have improved the road surfaces on TARAKAN.
2. The further improvement of the roads is dependent on careful driving and observance of rules of the roads and road courtesy.
3. The following speed limits will apply forthwith.

Cars DS	-	30 mph
Jeeps	}	25 mph
Jeeps & trailers		
All other vehs	-	20 mph.
4. As from the date of this order, the one-way traffic circuit is cancelled, and on all main roads two-way traffic is authorised.
5. Force RO<sup>22</sup> and RO<sup>23</sup> as amended are cancelled.

210. PERSONAL WEAPONS AND CONTROLLED STORES

1. Owing to the shortage of Pistols on the island, personnel moving from TARAKAN for discharge etc will have pistols withdrawn and, where necessary, rifles issued in lieu before leaving units.
2. Particular care will be taken to ensure that binoculars, compasses, watches and other controlled stores are withdrawn prior to personnel marching out.

211. SAND PIT

There is a sand pit at 447655 which is open to all units. Loading is by hand.

212. SPORT AT NIGHT

1. The only permission which may be granted for relaxation of orders for dress regarding malaria precautions at night is for boxing or basketball. If other sports are played at night, full malarial precautions will be observed.
2. Boxing and Basketball may be played at night and shirts may be removed providing --
  - (a) that mosquito-proof showers and changing rooms are available;
  - (b) personnel NOT actually engaged in the sport be fully dressed or inside the changing room;
  - (c) mosquito spray be used freely in the playing area;
  - (d) an offr is detailed to supervise the application of these orders.

213. HOOKWORM

This disease is prevalent on TARAKAN and is contracted most frequently through the feet. Therefore, boots or shoes will be worn by all persons at all times except when in shower and ablution enclosures or at the TARAKAN swimming pool. Footwear will be worn on tennis courts and other playing areas.

214. NATIVES

Attention is drawn to Force RO 6. Higher authority has prescribed that natives will NOT be used for domestic purposes, but despite this order natives are still to be seen in the vicinity of cookhouses. COs and OC's of units are requested to ensure that this practice ceases forthwith.

215. COMPUTATION OF LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS - AAB's 83 and AAF's 63

1. A recent check of AAB's 83 and AAF's 63 disclosed many errors, the most frequent of which were :-

- (a) Grant of recreational leave entitlement for periods of service in ME prior to 1 Jul 42, contrary to GRO A598/43 para 22;
- (b) Grant of leave entitlement for public holidays to other than members of the PMF, contrary to GRO A127/44 para 10(b)(viii);
- (c) Grant of additional leave entitlement for service in certain areas without regard to the restrictions contained in GRO 598/43 paras 39 and 40, viz, that the additional leave could only be granted for service before 1 Jul 42 and then only for a period for which the member has not received and will not receive ARL, under AMR & O Part VI;
- (d) Grant of leave entitlement contrary to GRO A598/43 para 96(a) for periods during which member was on LWOP;
- (e) Grant of war service leave entitlement for service in Australian New GUINEA and PAPUA contrary to GRO A598/43 paras 3 and 91;
- (f) Arithmetical errors in addition and/or subtraction.

2. It was further reported that a general survey of a number of AABs 83 and AAFs 63 revealed that the compilation of leave records was unsatisfactory and showed little application of the provisions of GROs A598/43 and A127/44. Many entries were found recorded in AAB 83 and not on AAF 63 and vice versa: other entries had been signed carelessly with failure to detect obvious errors, while a very large number of entries had not been signed at all. The general neatness of the entries was considerably below what may be considered a reasonable standard.

3.3. The importance of correct and up to date leave credits is now increased by the possibility of the release of personnel under the five years plan in the immediate future. Incorrect entries will cause hardship to the individual soldier by delaying his discharge and will reflect discredit upon the administration of the unit resulting in complaints and enquiries from higher authority.

4. It is considered that insufficient attention is being given to GROs A598/43 and A127/44. All units will therefore check the entries in AABs 83 and AAFs 63 of their personnel and ensure that all leave credits are brought up to date and that no leave credits are shown which are not in accordance with the provisions of those GROs and that leave entries in AAB 83 and AAF 63 agree.

5. Disciplinary action will be taken in future against any officer whose signature appears against an incorrectly compiled leave entry in an AAB 83 or AAF 63. It is directed that COs give this matter their immediate personal attention.



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**216. MAIL CLOSING TIMES**

Force RO 191 of 25 Jul 45 is amended as follows :-

Mails for MOROTAI and AUSTRALIA will close at APO 509 (Base Post Office) at 1800 hrs daily. Units lodging mail with FPO 036 will do so by 1730 hrs daily. Plane departs 0900 hrs the following morning.

*Arthur [Signature]*  
Capt.  
DAA & QMG OBOE ONE FORCE.

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NOTICES

AMENDMENTS : Ref Force RO 193 para 2. Town Range direction of fire 60 degrees should read 325 degrees.

Ref Force RO 186 of 25 Jul 45. Amend sub para (b) last line - delete SNAGS TRACK and substitute SYKES TRACK.

18 drums (44 gal) of LATEX were removed, apparently in mistake for MT fuel, from ANZAC HIGHWAY near bridge on 27/28 Jul 45. Any unit knowing the whereabouts of these drums please contact Salvage Depot. LATEX is valuable salvage material which is in short supply in AUSTRALIA.

Jewish Religious Service will be held at YMCA on ANZAC HIGHWAY at 0900 hrs Sunday 5 Aug 45.

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Ref Force RO 186 of 25 Jul 45. Amend sub para (b) last line - delete SNAGS TRACK and substitute SYKES TRACK.

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3 Aug 45

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GENERAL STAFF BRANCH  
217. PARCS - 30 YD

The following additional 30 yd ranges have been declared subject to modifications being carried out as indicated by CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps :-

Unit	Location of Firing Rt	Direction of Fire
2/7 Aust Td Regt	415648	212 degrees
	406726	20 degrees
	404717	200 degrees
	443666	35 degrees
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	424661	NORTH
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	438663	NORTH
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	427653	10 degrees
2/78 Aust LAD	425636	45 degrees
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn		

218. USE OF TARAKAN TANK RANGE

1. TARAKAN TANK RANGE will be used by C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt on 10 Aug 45 between 1200 and 1400 hrs.
2. 7.9mm guns will be firing NE in the direction of SYKES from a pt on SYKES TRACK approx 437665.
3. All personnel other than tps participating will keep clear of the range during the above period.

219. PRIORITY OF MESSAGES

It has been disclosed that officers have been originating priority messages which are held in the unit orderly room for some hours prior to delivery to a signal office. Consequently, the delay on these messages is viewed with concern at higher formations and a routine investigation is made through the signal service to ascertain the cause.

Units will ensure that the privilege of originating a priority message is not abused and that such messages are delivered to signal office without delay.

*M. J. Crossin Capt*  
for Maj  
BM OBOE ONE FORCE

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH

220. NATIVES

In all orders issued by this force unless specifically mentioned to the contrary "natives" shall include all coloured civilians.

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221. APPLICATIONS FOR SHIPPING SPACE ex BARMAN

1. All units and services requiring shipping space in vessels leaving the area will submit each Fri to D Det 11 Aust MC Gp AAF T58 in triplicate. Once a return has been submitted there will be no need to resubmit unless additional space is required.
2. For units moves AAF T58s are NOT required but GRO 318/43 particulars will be submitted as required in the GRO on receipt of warning order.

222. MT VEHs - TRAILERS TWO WHEELED 'JEEP' 3 CWT

1. To assist in the compilation of records of MT Vehs, all units, subunits and dets under comd are required to supply infm on Trailers Two wheeled JEEP 3 cwt.
2. Returns will be submitted to this HQ by 14 Aug 45 showing the following details (nil returns required) :-

Army Number  
 Make  
 Year of manufacture of all Trailers on charge.

3. The following points will assist in the identification of makes :-

Dodge No. 3 - Short draw bar and square cut guards.  
 Buick - Extended draw bar, circular guards, hand brake and maker's name plate on front top left side.  
 Willys - Extended draw bar, circular mudguards, hand brake and maker's name plate on front top left side.

223. MECHANICAL VEHICLE FIELD SPECIFICATIONS

All units under command will submit indents for MVFS to BCO this Bce by 12 Aug 45. Indents must show MVFS index number, make and type. Sealings and index numbers are shown hereunder, any number not appearing may be obtained from BCO.

1. Sealings

(a) ASAC Wksp Pls, LADs and Wksp AEME :-

1 copy for each make and type of vehicle applicable to formation.

(b) all other units :-

1 copy for each type and make of vehicle on charge.

Note : 1 copy for each type and make, NOT 1 copy for every vehicle on charge.

2. Index to MVFS

<u>MVFS Number</u>	<u>Make and Type</u>
	<u>Motor Cycles</u>
1001	500 cc Solo WD Pattern BSA
	<u>Trucks 1/2 ton</u>
1027	Trucks 1/2 ton USA Ford 4 x 4
1028	" 1/2 " " Willys 4 x 4
	<u>Trucks and Lorries 3 ton and over</u>
1301	Trucks 3 ton GS (Aust) No 1 Ford 4 x 4
1302	" 3 " " " No 1 Chev 4 x 4
1304	" 3 " " " No 2 Chev 4 x 4
1308	" 2 1/2 " " (USA) GMC 6 x 6 CCKW 352
1309	" 2 1/2 " " w/winch (USA) GMC 6 x 6
1310	" 2 1/2 " " (USA) GMC 6 x 6 CCKW 353

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1311	Trucks	3 ton	GS w/winch (Aust)	No 1	Ford	4 x 4
1312	"	3 "	" w/winch "	Nos 1 and 2		
					Chev	4 x 4
1313	"	2½ "	Amphibious (USA)	GMC	6 x 6	
1314	"	3 "	GS w/winch (Aust)	No 2	Chev	4 x 4
1317	"	3 "	" Drop sides (Aust)	No 1	Ford	4 x 4
1318	"	3 "	" " " "	No 1	Chev	4 x 4
1319	"	3 "	" " " "	No 2	Ford	4 x 4
1320	"	3 "	" " " "	No 2	Chev	4 x 4
1325	"	3 "	Water 400-gall	No 1	Ford	4 x 4
1326	"	3 "	" " " "	No 1	Chev	4 x 4
1327	"	3 "	" " " "	No 2	Ford	4 x 4
1328	"	3 "	" " " "	No 2	Chev	4 x 4
1329	"	3 "	" " " "	No 3	Chev	4 x 4
1330	"	3 "	Stores (Aust)	No 2	unbinned Ford	4 x 4
1331	"	3 "	" " " "	No 1	binned Ford	4 x 4
1332	"	3 "	" " " "	No 1	binned Chev	4 x 4
1343	"	3 "	" " " "	No 2	unbinned Chev	4 x 4
1359	"	3 "	Machinery (Aust)	Ford	4 x 4	
1360	"	3 "	" " " "	Chev	4 x 4	
1365	"	3 "	Garage (Aust)	Ford	4 x 4	
1366	"	3 "	" " " "	Chev	4 x 4	
1380	"	2½ "	Searchlight (USA)	GMC	6 x 6	
1381	"	2½ "	" " " "	Control (USA)	GMC	6 x 6
1410	"	4 "	Wrecker (USA)	Diamond "T"	<del>6 x 6</del>	

Tractors Artillery

1476	Tractors Artillery	Caterpillar	D8			
1478	"	"	Med and Heavy AA (USA)	Mack		6 x 6

Trucks and Lorries Semi Trailers

1501	Trucks S/Tlr	Disinfector (Aust)	Chev	4 x 4		
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Transporters

1701	Transporters	Tank 40 ton (USA)	Diamond "T"	6 x 4		
1702	"	" S/Tlr (USA)	Federal	6 x 4		

Trailers

1714	Trailers	2 wh Water 150 gall (Aust)	No 1	Chev	4 x 4	
1721	"	2 wh Jeep (Aust)	No 3 and 3A	Ford	4 x 4	
1726	"	2 wh 2 cwt (USA)	No 2	Chev	4 x 4	
1743	"	4 wh Laundry LB (Aust)	W/Machine			

Kits - for Trucks 2½ ton and 3 ton GS

1829	Battery Charging		No 2	Chev	4 x 4	
1830	" Storage		No 3	Chev	4 x 4	
1831	AA Searchlight		No 2	Ford	4 x 4	
1832	AA Instruments		No 1	binned Ford	4 x 4	
1833	Wireless Generator		No 1	binned Chev	4 x 4	

For Trucks ½ ton

1842	Kits Recovery					
1844	" Welding					
1845	" Generator 5 KVA					
1846	" Gear Supporting Stretcher Light (Aust)	No 3				

For Trailers 2 wh 8 cwt

1866	Kits Tank 80 gall Water					
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For Trucks Derrick

1891	Kits 1½ to 4½ tons Conversion					
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224. NATIVES

When natives are allotted to units, they will NOT be permitted to leave the area in which they are working before 1700 hrs. Any instances detected of natives being permitted to finish work before 1700 hrs will automatically cancel any further allotment of natives to that unit.

225. CHOOFERS

1. With the supply of Jap petrol diminishing, in order to continue to use choofers type burners, MT80 petrol will have to be used. Obviously this fuel cannot be used in the lavish scale in which the Jap petrol was used.

The following provisions will apply for the use of choofers.

- (a) Unless burning local oil, they will be used only for incinerating refuse and latrines or for use at cookhouses or for "community" heating water under unit arrangements.
- (b) Choofers for private or individual use will not be permitted.
- (c) When burning refuse, the waste to be incinerated should be literally covered with local oil some 5-10 mins before firing the choofer. Once the mass is alight, the choofer will be turned off and not re-lit until the oil has ceased burning.
- (d) Every effort will be made to cut down the expenditure of MT80 petrol.

2. Unless the spirit of these orders is complied with, it will be necessary to prohibit the use of MT80 in choofers. Range fuel and distillate will not be used for burning.

226. TENTAGE RETURN

All AMF units will submit to this HQ by 15 Aug 45 a tentage return as under :

Type	Entitlement Scale "A"	Held				Poles Deficient
		Serviceable Tents	Unserviceable Tents	Serviceable Flies	Unserviceable Flies	

227. DJOEATA AREA

A duty unit for DJOEATA area will be appointed each week commencing Monday.

The duties will be :-

- (a) to prevent gambling in any common areas outside of unit lines, especially in the cinema area;
- (b) to provide a picquet at the cinema on nights when programmes are being screened to preserve good order and military discipline;
- (c) to clean up the cinema area after each cinema night and remove all debris clear of the site and keep the area clean during their tour of duty
- (d) to provide working parties for any common work in DJOEATA area;

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(e) to do any other common duty as prescribed by this HQ.

Duty units appointed are --

for week ending	29 Jul 45	-	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
"	5 Aug 45	-	2/23 Aust Inf Bn
"	12 Aug 45	-	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
"	19 Aug 45	-	2/7 Aust Fd Regt

etc.

228. CURRENT AFFAIRS BULLETIN

All AMB units will submit a return weekly on Mondays showing number of current affairs bulletins (CAB) discussions held during the week ending on Sunday. Nil returns will be submitted if applicable with an explanation as to the reason for no discussions being held.

*Arthur ...*  
Capt.  
DAA&QMG OBOE ONE FORCE.

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NOTICE

NICA FRUIT SHOP -- PRICE LIST

Bananas

Menurun.....	15 cents per comb
Hidjau.....	12 cents per comb
Susoe.....	10 cents per comb
Male.....	8 cents per comb
Bodjok.....	6 cents per comb

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In the Field

14 Aug 45

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

229. TOWN RANGE

Appended is allocation to units for use of TOWN RANGE for period 20 Aug to 1 Sep 45.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	20 Aug 45
	21 Aug 45
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	22 Aug 45
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	23 Aug 45
2 Aust Fd Coy	24 Aug 45
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	25 Aug 45
	27 Aug 45
	28 Aug 45
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	29 Aug 45
	30 Aug 45
2 Aust Fd Coy	31 Aug 45
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	1 Sep 45

*W. Wright* Maj. C. A. P.  
for BM OBOE ONE FORCE

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH

230. RETURN OF EMPTY BEER BOTTLES

When returning empty beer bottles to the canteen units will in future ensure that branded and unbranded bottles are packed separately and cases marked indicating contents.

231. HOOKWORM

It has been established that the majority of the HOOKWORM infection on the Island is passed from the natives through their faeces. It is therefore imperative that all units employing natives prepare adequate native latrines and thoroughly police the using of them. Indiscriminate fouling of the ground by natives creates a great danger to infection by Hookworm.

232. MODIFICATION TO EQUIPMENT - SMALL ARMS

Modifications in the field to service and experimental equipment will not be carried out without appropriate authority of LHQ. It is pointed out that the practice of making unauthorised modifications is considered dangerous, in that non-standardization between Australia and the Dominions etc may result. In addition experimental and other weapons are very difficult to replace.

233. WATER

The supply of water from the TARAKAN and DJOEATA sources is limited by the availability of chemicals for purification - these are in short supply. It is essential that units conserve water, and water from engineer sources will not be used for washing of vehicles and other similar purposes. Vehicles will be washed only at streams etc using "raw" water. The practice of standing in streams without boots on during washing of vehicles creates a danger of infection by hookworm.

234. HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. Although it is normal to call for periodic awards as at 30 Apr and 31 Oct each year, it is desired at this juncture to call for such recommendations before any further dispersal of unit etc commences takes place. Units will therefore prepare recommendations for periodic awards incl Mentions in Despatches forthwith for the period since 1 May 45 and submit them to this HQ by 21 Aug 45.
2. It is suggested that draft copies be submitted first in order to avoid re-typing through technical errors. 5 copies of AF W.3121 are required by this HQ. Recommendations for Mention in Despatches do NOT require a citation. Each unit should submit number, rank and name on one copy in order of priority.
3. Attention is invited to GRO 281/44.

235. AAMC PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO NON-MEDICAL UNITS

1. AMF units (other than Medical units) will forward to this HQ by 1800 hrs 16 Aug 45 a return of all AAMC personnel attached by W.E. as follows :
  - (a) Army No.
  - (b) Rank
  - (c) Name
  - (d) Age
  - (e) Full time continuous service in months.
  - (f) Whether eligible for release.
  - (g) Priority points if elects release
  - (h) Posting in unit
2. Units will also include particulars of any personnel in the unit considered suitable as a replacement for AAMC personnel released under the long service release plan.

236. MEDICALLY DOWNGRADED PERSONNEL

On receipt of AAF D20 in respect of any medically downgraded personnel, units will immediately advise this HQ the following particulars :

- (a) Army No, Rank and name of personnel concerned.
- (b) Present posting in unit
- (c) Nature of disability
- (d) New medical classification
- (e) Any remarks or recommendations of medical board
- (f) Whether can be retained in present unit
- (g) If not, recommendation as to future employment.

237. SWIMMING POOL

The allotment for the Swimming Pool w.e.f. Wed 15 Aug 45 is shown at Appx "A".



SWIMMING POOL ALLOTMENT

Period	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
0800 - 0900	2/23	2/48	53	RAAF	RAAF	0800-0900	53 ACS
1200 - 1600	2/24	2/3	2/7	RAAF	1200-1400	0900-1000	III
					RAAF	1000-1100	ACS
					1400-1600	1100-1200	II
					III	1200-1300	II
1600 - 1700	III	IV	II	III	IV	1300-1400	II
					1400-1500	Spare	
					1500-1600	Spare	
					1600-1700	IV	

I.	HQ 1 Aust Corps Tps RAE	6	IV.	1 Aust Air Maint Coy	48
	2/13 Aust Bd Coy	45		2/30 2/31 Sup Depot Pls	12
	2 Aust Fd Coy	45		2/15 2/18 Aust Tpt Pls	15
	5 Aust Mech Sqd Coy	8		4 Aust EPS Coy	3
	C Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt	36		64 Aust BIPOD Pl	6
	D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	21		2/3 Fd Baking Pl	6
				AACS	3
				9 Div Sal Unit	2
				Base Sub Area Tps	66
II.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	57	2/23	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
	2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn	45	2/24	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
	2/123 Bde Fd Pk & Wksp	27	2/48	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
	Port Directorate	30	2/7	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	
	Coy B 593 EB & SR	6	53	53 Aust Comp AA Regt	
	NICA (white personnel)	6	2/3	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	
III	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	45	RAAF	All RAAF units under comd Comd	
	2/5 2/8 Dental Units			Post HQ 77 (Fighter) Wing.	
	110 Aust CCS	27	75	PT sqn 75	
	102 Adv Depot Med Stores			1 ACS	
	2/7 AMCU	3			
	2/2 Aust MAC Pl	5			
	Convalescent patients	66			

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**238. LIST OF QUALIFIED UNIT TESTING OFFERS AND NCOs FOR DRIVERS MT**

The following is a list of qualified Unit Testing Offers and NCOs for Drivers MT at present on TARAKAN :-

Army No.	Rank	Name	Unit
VX114201	Maj	R. T. ELDRIDGE	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
VX 48603	Capt	J. S. ROSEL	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
VX 85098	Lt	J. GIBSON	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
VX133307	Lt	S. E. HILLS	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
WX 2669	Capt	R. M. FAULNER	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
QX 23888	Lt	S. B. GIBSON	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
SX 3321	Lt	J. BRUCE	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
WX 4049	Sgt	H. A. POOLE	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
SX 4450	L/Bdr	J. W. FLANAGAN	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
SX 3343	L/Bdr	V. C. MAYNARD	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
WX 25293	Lt	J. S. PEARCE	2/7 Aust Fd Regt
(Tracked tractors only)			
NX100924	Capt	J. L. MAIR	53 Aust Comp AA Regt
VX 51449	Lt	G. F. NASH	53 Aust Comp AA Regt
VX 31491	Lt	T. L. RANSOM	53 Aust Comp AA Regt
VX114676	Sgt	R. SHEPPARD	53 Aust Comp AA Regt
NX118650	L/Sgt	L. H. WHITE	53 Aust Comp AA Regt
NX101798	Bdr	M. C. HOWARD	53 Aust Comp AA Regt
SX 12680	Lt	E. PACKARD	2/13 Comp AA Regt Wksp
QX 42523	WOII	W. WILMOTT	2/13 Comp AA Regt Wksp
VX113513	Sgt	S. J. NELSON	2 Aust Fd Coy
(Wheeled and tracked)			
VX 87970	Cpl	R. W. NICHOLSON	2 Aust Fd Coy
SX 20703	Sgt	L. R. IRVINE	5 Aust Mech Egmt Coy
NX140446	Lt	D. P. LESLIE	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
NX 26276	Capt	H. M. WRIGHT	51 Aust Tpt Pl
NX151317	Lt	J. C. HUMPHREY	51 Aust Tpt Pl
VX 44727	Sgt	G. A. HOSIE	51 Aust Tpt Pl
VX 2249	Lt	J. C. DAVES	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl
SX 22604	A/Sgt	R. M. LANE	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl
VX119307	Cpl	J. A. S. NOROUAY	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl
NX 68124	Lt	D. H. NICHOLSON	246 Aust Sup Depot Pl
VX 30310	L/Sgt	J. I. BAXLEY	2/11 Aust Fd Amb
NX 23299	Maj	S. H. COLEMAN	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp
VX 1210	S/Sgt	T. H. CURWEN	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp
NX 79458	WOII	H. J. WOODCOCK	2/78 Aust LAD

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239. ANTI-MITE PRECAUTIONS

Owing to the absence of mites on TARKMAN, the procedure of treating old clothes with anti-mite fluid is NOT now required. Force RO 50 is cancelled.

240. PAYMENT FOR AMENITIES GOODS

Units are requested to pay for equipment purchased from AA Amenities Service within seven days from receipt of goods. Accounts are payable to 1 Aust Corps Special Amenities Trust A/c No. F.1239 through local cash offices.

241. CANTEEN

The bulk canteen will be closed on Sat 1 Sep 45 for stock-taking. Units whose normal drawing day is Sat will draw on Thu 30 Aug.

242. FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

To ensure freedom from dysentery infection on eating fruit and vegetables, the following instructions will be strictly enforced :

Skin Fruits (Bananas, Paw-Paws, Pineapples, Mangoes etc) must be dipped in vigorously boiling water for 30 seconds on receipt by units. Hands must be thoroughly washed between handling undipped and dipped fruit.

243. STRENGTH RETURNS

In future, daily strength returns are required only on Wednesday and Saturday as at 0600 hrs on the day of the return.

244. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY - OFFICERS

1. Units will forward to this HQ by 25 Aug 45 a return of all officers at present on leave without pay.
2. The return will include the following :-
  - (a) Number, Rank (Substantive and/or temp), Name
  - (b) Age
  - (c) Medical classification
  - (d) Particulars of service
  - (e) Date of commencement and duration of leave without pay
  - (f) Whether eligible for release under five years' plan
  - (g) Whether, in any case, the unit would be prepared to concur in his release from the AMF.
  - (h) The present address of the officer concerned.
3. NIL returns are NOT required.

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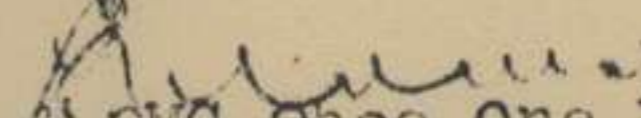
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245. LOSS OF FLAGS

1. On Friday evening 17 Aug 45, A Victory Party was held at Bde.HQ for other ranks of Bde HQ and attached units.
2. On the following day it was discovered that a White Ensign Flag and four naval signal flags, which had been lent to Bde HQ by the Port Director for the occasion, were missing.
3. A search has been made for the missing flags but without success.
4. It is requested that any personnel having in their possession the flags in question, or knowing of their whereabouts, return same to Bde HQ forthwith.

246. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF 2 AUST ADV 2 ECH (AIF)

1. With effect from 27 Aug 45, "A" Det 2 Aust Adv 2 Ech (AIF) will close at MOROTAI and will re-open as 2 Aust Adv 2 Ech (AIF).
2. With effect from 27 Aug 45, 2 Aust Adv 2 Ech (AIF) MOROTAI, will assume the functions and responsibilities as a major component of the 2nd Echelon organisation. Records Instr No.1 of 27 Apr 45 refers.
3. A large number of members' personal records of service are now held at MOROTAI and Part II Orders for units concerned will be issued from this location. It is hoped that the balance of members' records will arrive in the near future.
4. Although it is not practicable to advise what units' records are held at MOROTAI at present, it will be possible to clear up a number of queries affecting casualties, without further reference to AUSTRALIA. Reference to AUSTRALIA will of course be necessary for those unit records that have not yet been despatched.
5. It will be appreciated that the records at present at MOROTAI have been closed for several months and as a result a large number of casualty etc returns have accumulated. This unit will make every effort to bring these records up to date as quickly as possible, having regard to discharge of personnel with long service and other qualifications.
6. It is essential that casualty and other returns affecting members' personal service be rendered through dets 2 Aust Adv 2 Ech in the respective areas with as little delay as possible, and it is requested that such returns be forwarded as soon as the casualties occur and are not allowed to accumulate in units. Queries in regard to members' personal records, e.g. dates of embarkation, promotions, reversions etc, may be forwarded direct to 2 Aust Adv 2 Ech MOROTAI without the necessity of going through dets.

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**LOST** : The following musical articles were lost by a civilian early in May. Any units knowing the whereabouts of these articles are requested to notify this HQ :-

- (1) Saxophone (tenor), make Cueson Super, manufactured in Paris, France
- (2) Clarinet, B-Scale, also Cueson Super.

PERSONNEL VACANCIES - BDE HQ

The following personnel deficiencies have been or will be occasioned on Bde HQ owing to releases under the Five-Years' Plan :

Batmen.....	3
Drivers MT.....	3
Int duties.....	1
Canteen (L/Cpl).....	1
Transport Cpl.....	1
Sig orderlies.....	2
Cook.....	1

Nominations to fill these vacancies are requested from units by 28 Aug 45.

**LOST** : Rifle No. F12050.  
Finder please return to 53 Aust Comp AA Regt  
Novelty cigarette lighter vicinity SHELL Theatre -  
brass with convex pennies set in sides. Finder please  
return to Orderly Room Bde HQ

**FOUND** : Paybook belonging to WX 30915 Walter McKenzie GRANT.  
Owner may obtain same from this HQ

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OBCE ONE FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS  
PART I  
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Serial. B18/45  
Nos. 145/153

BRIG D. A. WHITTAKER CBE DSO MC ED COMMANDING OBCE ONE FORCE

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145. GAMBLING

1. Gambling by any member of the Forces (Army, Air Force or United States) in any part of TARAKAN is prohibited.
2. Gambling includes bookmaking and the conduct of any game of chance.

146. CANTEEN MONIES

1. Attention is directed to the provisions of GRO 111/45 and in particular to para 23 re deposit of cash at Cash Office.
2. All AMF units will ensure that all canteen monies (other than cash required for change) are deposited with the appropriate Cash Office each day.

147. OVERAGE OFFICERS

1. Ref GRO 139/44 Part III.
2. Units will render return required by the above to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 8 Jul 45.
3. NIL returns are NOT required.

148. POSTAL

1. FPO 034 ceased to operate as from 1800 hrs 3 Jul 45.
2. With the exception of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn, all units previously serviced by FPO 034 will be serviced by APC 509. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will be serviced by FPO 036.
3. Outward mails will close as under :-  

FPO 036 - 0930, 1330 and 1800 hrs daily.  
APO 509 - 1000 hrs daily.
4. APO 509 will despatch inward mail to FPO 036 at 1330 and 1730 hrs daily.

149. REQUEST HOUR

Returns for quarter ending 30 Jun 45 in accordance with GRO 492/43 will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 14 Jul 45.

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150. SWIMMING POOL.

The allotment of users to the swimming pool for week commencing 9 Jul 45 will be :

- (a) As for week commencing 2 Jul 45, i.e., 50% increase in allotments shown in 26 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr 18 of 16 Jun 45.
- (b) 61 ACV allotment will be deleted, and in lieu the following allotment will be inserted :

ACS - 1 ACS } includes 50% increase.  
 US PT Sqn 75 }

Note : The pool will NOT be closed for cleaning this week.

151. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES

Action will be taken by COs forthwith -

- (a) To explain to all personnel under comd the provisions of MR & O Part IV Div I;
- (b) To impress upon all ranks the consequences of making complaints otherwise than through the correct channels.

152. AMENITIES


There is a limited quantity of fishing gear available at Amenities Bulk Store HOROTAI. MF units requiring any of the gear as set out hereunder will submit immediately applications, in duplicate, to Amenities Offr HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Cotton fishing lines No.346 25 yds.....	11/6d doz.
Cotton fishing lines No.347 25 yds.....	17/6d doz.
Mercerised " " Green 100 yds.....	5/6d each.
Fishing hooks 2/0.....	2/3 per 100.
Fishing hooks 4/0.....	2/9 per 100.
Fishing hooks 5/0.....	3/3 per 100.
Fishing hooks 8/0.....	5/9 per 100.
Fishing hooks 10/0.....	7/9 per 100.

153. TRACKED VEHICLES

Movement of tracked vehicles on roads will be restricted to an absolute minimum. When such movement is necessary, vehicles will proceed at a speed that will do least damage to the road.

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The C in C has issued the following Order of the Day :

"The C in C regrets to announce to ARMY the death of PRIME MINISTER the RIGHT HON JOHN CURTIN MP PC (.) the removal of executive head of nation at hour when victory is approaching is deep and momentous loss to the ARMY to which he has ever given the greatest support and assistance and in which he took great pride (.) the state funeral will take place on 8 jul at PERTH at 2.30 pm (.) interment at KARRAKATTA cemetery will be at 3 pm (.) wherever possible tps will be relieved of duty from midday until sunset on 8 jul (.) flags will be flown at half mast for that day "

The following equipment has been lost. Any unit holding same please advise 2 Pl 2/10 Docks Co Coy RAN :

1 Rifle No. D58947  
Chest Bren  
Spare barrel (Bren)

Identity discs VX 76588 WILSON M, J, have been found and may be obtained from Orderly Room HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde.



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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - No 143 31 Jul '45.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 323.
Name	MATSUMOTO, Saichiro.
Rank	1/Lt.
Unit	Rifle and Gun Unit,
Where captured	Dist VI. TOKOI Force.
When	31 Jul '45.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

2. HISTORY AND MOVEMENTS

PW arrived in TARAKAN with the TOKOI Force in Dec '44 from JOLO Is. In Mar, after the reorganization of the Bn, he took his unit to AMAL to prepare defence positions. In the same month, SUDA Pl was ordered to LINGKAS to be attached to the 2 Coy, and a little later, SHIMADA Pl was sent to the 105 area and came under the command of the 2 Guard Unit. In 5 Apr, one half of SASAKURA Pl was attached to the 2 Guard Unit and sent to the 105 area also. PW stayed with his remaining forces at AMAL until 10 May, and then moved to 102 leaving two sections of mortars with the FUDAKI Unit. At 102, he was put in command of about 50 civs from the 101 Fuel Depot, and was also reinforced with a MG section from the SHIMADA Pl. On 16 May, he was ordered by the Bn comdr to go to AMAL and liaise with the FUDAKI Unit, but when he reached there he found that the unit was retreating. He met FUDAKI at No.5 posn and found out that he was taking half his forces to BEECH and leaving the other half at LINDA. PW went back to 102 and resumed command of his tps. In end May, he was taken ill with liver trouble and went to the FUKUKAKU hosp for a week and then returned to his unit but did not do any work as he was still weak. (PW's unit at 102 was only engaged in sector recce and did not see any heavy fighting) On 14 Jun, he received orders from the Bn comdr to retreat his forces. He broke them up into three groups and sent the first group of 25 towards LANKY that day. The following day, he left with 17 men and left instructions for the third group to leave later that same day. He did not see any of these groups again. He took his group to No.5 posn and then to ESSIE, thence via 65 feature till he reached the upper stream of the SELAJANG River (sq 4477) on the 22nd. He then told all his tps to go down to the coast and try to get to the mainland on rafts. He kept one man and joined the 2 Guard Unit Hq group which was in the same area. On 25 Jun, he was ~~two men~~ given from the Naval Adjnt (MATSUSHIGE) and 5 Formosans from the NODA Unit and with these, he proceeded south again. (PW saw KAHARU in this area on the 25th and heard that the Comdr intended to go back to FUKUKAKU with his group of 6 men) PW reached SHORT on 2 Jul with his party and sent them all to No.6 posn to seek for some food. They came back three days later with a little rice, but on the way had been attacked by Aust tps and one of their party was killed. On 7 Jul, he again took his party back to the SELAJANG River and were joined by three others on the way. Reaching there on the 10th, he instructed the rest to try and get away on rafts, so nine

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of them followed the river down to the coast. PW and the remaining men went South again and on the way met PW No. 322. They went towards AMAL and on the way met two other soldiers at LANKY. They went to the hill behind Dist VI and stayed there for a while. On 25 Jul, the two soldiers decided to surrender due to lack of food and descended down to Dist VI. PW and his companion stayed on for six days and decided on the same fate as their former companions. They came down to the Dist and surrendered to NEI troops. (the first two soldiers that surrendered were PW Nos. 295 and 296)

3. UNIT STRENGTHS AND CASUALTIES

Rifle and Gun Unit, TOKOI Force:

On 1 Mar, after the reorganization of the Bn, his unit strength was 134 all ranks and were composed as follows:

1 Pl 2/Lt SHIMADA	and 26 men.	3 Type 92 HMGs.
2 " " SUDA	" 32 "	2 " 92 " and 2 mortars.
3 " " SASAKURA	" 42 "	2X70mm Bn guns, 2 Flat trajectory guns and 2 mortars.
Comd Pl 1/Lt MATSUMOTO	" 20 "	(rifles).

The other men were sent to Navy units as runners. At AMAL PW did not get any Army or Navy reinforcements, but at 102 he was given about 50 101 Fuel Depot civilians to command. The strength of his unit at 102 was 70 incl the 50 civs.

Casualties:

From his forces at AMAL, 5 were killed mostly due to mortar and arty fire. At 102 he suffered 20 killed incl 10 civs. He did not know the cas in his other pls as he lost contact with them when they were detached, but he heard that they had suffered very heavy casualties.

NOTE The following PW was captured together with MATSUMOTO:

PW No.	JA-T 322.
Name	YONEDA, Minoru. (Formosan)
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

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2 Aug '45.

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 144

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 324.
Name	YAMAMOTO, Yoichi.
Rank	Sup Pte.
Unit	Rifle and Gun Unit, TOKOI.
Where captured	Near POMPO AIRU.
When	1 Aug '45.
By whom	P/48 Bn.
Civil occupation	Barber.

PW No.	JA-T 325.
Name	SAKANO, Haruo.
Rank	Pfc.
Unit	Rifle and Gun Unit, TOKOI.
Civil occupation	Student.

PW No.	JA-T 326.
Name	NISHIHARA, Kawao.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

2. HISTORY

During the operation, PSW 324 and 325 were with the SASAKURA Bn gun Pl at 416684. After spending about two weeks in this area, they moved back to a posn behind FUKUKAKU. On 14 Jun, the unit retreated to ESSIE where they buried one Bn gun, and then disbanded the unit. Most of the groups headed for the Swamps towards AMAL, and it was here that the three PSW met each other. In a party of eight, they stayed in the swamps eating what little rice they had and also sago. About ten days ago, five of them left the swamps near the INDOELANG River, leaving the other three behind as they were too weak to walk. They came down to POMPO AIRU via FUKUKAKU reaching there three days ago. They stayed here eating topioca and ferns found in native gardens until 1 Aug when Aust tps sighted them and took the three prisoners. The other two (civs from 101 Fuel Depot) managed to get away.

PSW stated that there still were 20 to 30 Japs wandering about in the swamps near ESSIE and HOPEFUL when they left that area three days ago.

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4 Aug '45.

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 145

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 329.
Name	YOSHINAGA, Shigeo.
Rank	Lt(jg).
Unit	1 Coy SNLP, 2 Guard Unit.
Where captured	SESAYAP Village.
When	" 2 Aug. '45.
By whom	" Natives.
Civil occupation	Permanent Navy.

2. HISTORY

PW was originally with the 33 Spec Base Force on their way from MANILA to LEYTE in Oct '44, but their ship was damaged by a submarine enroute and all their equipment of 6 15cm guns damaged. They changed direction to SINGAPORE to have the guns repaired, but upon arrival there, he was ordered with his men to proceed to TARAKAN. He reached here in Jan '45 with 90 men and was immediately assigned as CO 1 Coy SNLP. From then on, up to the time of landing, he supervised the building of defences in the 105 and FUKUKAKU area. During the early part of the fighting, he was at the Coy Ho tunnel at 105, but at the end of May withdraw his Ho to LASSIE. On 14 Jun, he was ordered to evacuate to 90 feature, and left that night with a few Hq personnel and civs. He travelled via ESSIE and SHINY reaching 90 feature on the 17th. They were shelled here by our arty and pulled out again the following day to SNAKE. On the 23rd, they reached sq 4376 where all the Guard Unit Ho were assembled, incl KAHARU. The Hq broke up into small groups on the 25th and departed into various directions that day. PW and 18 others incl Formosan coolies, wandered around in that area till 14 Jul when he told them to break up into small groups and try to get to the mainland on rafts. He and two others (Lt(jg) NODA and WO FUJIMOTO) left the rest and went down to the coast near the SELAJANG River where they constructed a raft. They left on the following night but the raft broke in mid-stream, so they clung to pieces of wood and were separated in the dark. PW managed to reach the North coast of BOENJOE Is the following morning and stayed there till the 18th. He then left on a log and drifted with the current up to the SESAYAP River. Travelling with the current by night, and eating shoots from nipa palms and crabs, he managed to float up to SESAYAP village reaching there on 2 Aug. He tried to get food from the natives, but they captured him instead and brought him back to TARAKAN.

3. UNIT

1 Coy SNLP, 2 Guard Unit.

The strength of the Coy just prior to the landing was approx 300, composed of three rifle pls, one MG pl, one mtn gun pl, and a command pl.

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Each pl had a strength of approx 50 and were, during the operation disposed as follows:

- Comd Pl - First at MARGE, then withdrew to JOYCE.
- 1 Pl - At BUTCH then back to SNAG's track.
- 2 Pl - Went to MALINAU early in April '45.
- 3 Pl - At RIPPON then back to CRAZY RIDGE.
- Mt Pl - Near airfd, then back to TIGER and MARGY.
- Mtn gun Pl - At Mt API and airfd, then to MARGY, then back to MELON.

Casualties: Out of the original 300 SNLP tps, about 70 remained on 14 Jun. Approx 130 were killed in action and 100 wounded. Most of the casualties caused were in the 3 Pl, and MG pl. Later, the Coy was reinftd with civs and army personnel.

Intention: The intention of the SNLP was defend any enemy threat to the Ho at FUKUKAKU.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 146

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Pw No.	JA-T 331.
Name	YAMAMOTO, Katsuichi.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Where captured	BERBATOE.
When	" 4 Aug '45.
By whom	" Natives.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

Pw No.	JA-T 332.
Name	SUZUKI, Katsumi.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Dept.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

Pw No.	JA-T 333.
Name	NAGANO, Yoshio.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

Pw No.	JA-T 334.
Name	TANAKA, Kimiyo.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

Pw No.	JA-T 335.
Name	YAMADA, Kazuo.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Odd duties.

2. HISTORY

During the operation, the PsW were in a def posn at FUKUKAKU. They evacuated to the North coast with the Hq staff on 13 Jun, and were broken up into small groups near the SELAJANG River about the 25th. The five PsW stuck together and left the coast on a raft about three days later. They landed on TIBI Is where they stayed for about a week. They then boarded the raft again and drifted up and down the SESAYAP River for fourteen days. Eventually, they landed on an island on the river and stayed here till the 3rd of Aug too weak to move on. On this day a native came in a prahoe and took them to BERBATOE where they were held prisoners.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 147

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 336.
Name	TAKENAKA, Suteo.
Rank	Capt (Med)
Unit	MO Hq TOKOI Force.
Where captured	SESAYAP River.
When	3 Aug '45.
By whom	Natives.
Civil occupation	Medical practitioner.

PW No.	JA-T 337.
Name	YOSHIDA, Tadashi.
Rank	L/Pte. (Med)
Unit	TOKOI Force.
Civil occupation	Draftsman.

PW No.	JA-T 338.
Name	SHIMURA, Tokichi.
Rank	Pte (Med).
Unit	TOKOI Force.
Civil occupation	Welder.

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARAKAN with the TOKOI Force in Dec '44. TAKENAKA was the senior MO in TOKOI Force and during the operation was at the FUKUKAKU hosp attending to the wounded. On 14 Jun, he evacuated from FUKUKAKU and joined FUDAKI Unit on their way to AMAL. On 18 Jun, the unit broke up and PSW in a party of 14 incl FUDAKI proceeded North along the AMAL coast. Reaching the vicinity of BINALATOENG River they made four rafts, and on the 27th, left the coast with the intention of reaching TANAMERAH. The three PSW were on one raft but lost contact with the others soon after. They drifted North and landed on the TARAKAN coast again the following day. They left again the following night but were drifted back to the BINALATOENG coast again. Leaving again the following night, they reached the coast opposite TIBI Is and then drifted down to PAYAU Is. They stayed in the swamps for a while and put to sea again only to be drifted up and down the SESAYAP River. On 3 Aug, they met a native prahoe and asked to be taken to TANAMERAH. The natives agreed to take them but said that they had to stop at TARAKAN to sell their fish first. On arrival at Scout pier, they were told to stay hidden in the prahoe but a little later were taken prisoners by Provosts.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 148

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 339.
Name	YAMAGATA, Shigeji.
Rank	Cpl.
Unit	1 Coy, TOKOI Force.
Where captured	Cape BATON.
When	6 Aug '45.
By whom	RAAF.
Civil occupation	Farmér.
PW No.	JA-T 340.
Name	KATO, Hiroshi.
Rank	L/Seaman.
Unit	2 Guard Unit Sigs.
Civil occupation	Student.
PW No.	JA-T 341.
Name	YONEMURA, Ken.
Rank	Sup PO.
Unit	2 Guard Unit Mech Dept.
Civil occupation	Wood carver.
PW No.	JA-T 342.
Name	EBARA, Minoru.
Rank	Sup PO.
Unit	2 Guard Unit Mech Dept.
Civil occupation	Asst Police chief.

2. HISTORY

PW 339 retreated from Beech with the FUDAKI UNIT and proceeded to AMAL. The unit was disbanded on the 18th, so PW and two others went to AMAL to look for rice. They were attacked by Aust tps and the other two killed. PW fled North and met Psw 340, 341, and 342 who had come from FUKUKAKU. They found a little rice and proceeded South to the AMAL coast on the 24th. Moving very slowly as one of their party was wounded, they reached a river mouth at Cape BATON about ten days ago. They stayed here until four days ago when their rations ran out. They then decided to surrender and walked into the RADAR Station with their hands up.

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13 Aug '45.

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 150

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JAPT 351.
Name	KURACHI, Shogo.
Rank	Lt (sg).
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Where captured	437662.
When	11 Aug '45.
By whom	2/48 Bn.
Civil occupation	Student.

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARAKAN in Sept '43 as an oil technician for the 101 Fuel Depot. During the operation, he was sent up to FUKUKAKU as Oi/c General Duties. On 14 Jun, he left the Hq together with KAHARU and a party of 27. They proceeded NE to ESSIE and then SHINY, and further North to SNAKE. They reached the upper stream of the SELAJANG River about the 20th when PW left KAHARU and with a party of eight went down to the coast to build a raft. They planned to leave when the tide was favourable and try to reach TANAMIRAH village, however they abandoned this scheme as the LCM patrols were too active. On 5 Jul, they left the North coast and proceeded South to BIRCH and then on to the Old Dutch track, then to PUNCH arriving here on 7 Jul. On the 11th they left again and circled west of DJOBATA islands reaching the Southern end of SESANIP on 24 Jul. Here, his party separated and PW continued with three others to the vicinity of KARANGANJAR. They were attacked here by our patrols on the 30th and two of the party were killed. PW escaped with the other and soon after met two other Japs in the area. They stayed in this vicinity until 10 Aug when PW heard shouting and gunfire from the town area. He sensed that it might have had something to do with the cessation of hostilities, so he reconnoitered down to 437662 and heard Aust soldiers discussing the end of the war. (PW can speak a little English) He went back to tell the rest of his party of the news but could not find them, so he came down that evening and surrendered.

NOTE: The three others were captured on 12 Aug at 437665 by 2/48 Bn. The following are their personal details:

<u>PW No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Civ occupation</u>
JAPT 352	BANNAI, Kokichiro	2nd Pte	Att Hq KAHARU Unit	Clerk.
353	YOSHIMURA, Tsukasa	2nd S/mon	101 Fuel Depot	Driver.
354	OTSUBO, Tokumetsu	1/Sman	101 Fuel Depot	Motorman.

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ATIS DETACHMENT

13 Aug '45.

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 149

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 348.
Name	KATSUMOTO, Eichi.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Where captured	SELAJANG River.
When	11 Aug '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Cook.

PW No.	JA-T 349.
Name	KATAYAMA, Junichi.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Labourer.

PW No.	JA-T 350.
Name	OTAKE, Sadao.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Accountant.

2. HISTORY

All three PSW were in the FUKUKAKU area during the operation. PW 349 left there about the middle of Jun in a party of five and went up to the SELAJANG River. They bivouaced a little way up the river eating clams and seaweed when their rations ran out. On 23 Jul, three left the party and went South. PW and the other went a little further up the river and met PSW 348 and 350 who had also been living in the area for quite some time. They stayed on until 8 Aug when the fourth man died of previous wounds. They then went down stream and on 11 Aug heard an LCM approaching. Due to hunger, they decided to surrender and went out on the beach with their hands up.

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GSI Hq 1 Aust Corps.  
1 Aust Corps ATIS Adv Ech.  
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2 Aug 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 90

Period : 312400I to 012400I.

Ref Maps: TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH and SOUTH (SPECIAL) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

Light showers at 0530I.

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

(a) 5 Japs were seen by 2/48 Aust Inf Bn at 442659. 3 were taken PW and the remaining 2 escaped into the bush.

(b) The LCM patrol killed 1 jap at 445797.

(c) Other patrols made no contact during the day.

3. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

Own cas for 24 hrs to 010600I:-

EVACUATED SICK 7 ORs

Enemy cas for 24 hrs to 012400I :-

COUNTED DEAD	1	Progressive Totals	1522
ESTIMATED			
ADDITIONAL DEAD	-	" "	235
GUERILLAS	-	" "	39
PW	3	" "	325

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3 AUG 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 91

Period : 012000Z to 022400Z

Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (SPECIAL) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY.

Scattered showers fell in the early morning.

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

(a) 2/3 Aust PNF Bn LOM patrol captured one PW at 427798.

(b) No enemy were contacted by land patrols today.

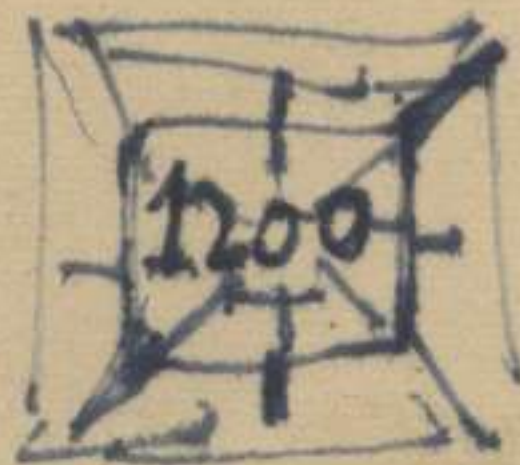
3. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 020600Z :-

Evacuated sick 15 OR

(b) Enemy cas to 021900Z :-

Counted dead	Progressive totals	1522
Estimated additional dead		255
Killed by guerillas		39
PW 1		326



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4 AUG 45

DAILY LATER OPERATION REPORT No 92

Period : 0224001 to 0324001

Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (SPECIAL) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

Showers during night and morning. 31 points were recorded.

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

(a) One PW was captured at 397717 by D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn today.

(b) Other patrols made no contact.

3. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 0306001 :-

Evacuated sick 10 OR

(b) Enemy cas to 0319001 :-

Counted dead 1522

Estimated additional dead 235

Killed by Guerrillas 39

PW Today 1 326

7 Aug 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 94

042400I to 052400I

Period : 052400I to 062400I

Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH &amp; SOUTH (SPECIAL) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

6 Aug : Light showers fell during the early morning, otherwise chiefly fine.

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

- (a) Sunday was observed as a day of rest.
- (b) One PW was taken in the DJOBATA area on 5 Aug 45.
- (c) During the night 5/6 Aug one Jap was killed by 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn at 455624.
- (d) 5 PW who were captured by natives at BERBATOR, were brought to TARAKAN today.
- (e) A further 3 were taken on the island in the LINGKAS area.
- (f) Personnel manning radar installations at CAPE PASIR took 3 PW.
- (g) Chinese reported approx 30 Japs in the DINGO area. One Jap armed with a grenade and carrying some rice was killed.

3. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

- (a) Own cas for 48 hrs ending 060600I :-

Evacuations - 24 sick

- (b) Enemy cas for 48 hrs under review :-

Counted dead	2	Progressive total	1528
Estimated additional dead			235
Killed by guerillas			39
PW	13		340

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) During the week to 051800I :-

- (i) 1,138,200 gals were produced by town water supply.
- (ii) The timber mill output was 9,970 linear ft and 4,445 super ft.
- (iii) 124 pts of rain were recorded.
- (iv) The cemetery was 30% completed.

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5 AUG 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 93

Period : 032400Z to 042400Z

Ref Maps : TARAWAI ISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (SPECIAL) 1:25000

1. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

- (a) During the night 3/4 Aug 45 approx 20 Japs approached the Chinese village in the DINGO area and took vegetables and some rice from the inhabitants.
- (b) A patrol from 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn and several scouts from the HEM searched the area and found tracks leading to DINGO and towards PENINGKI and at 465624 located a bivouac area for approx 10 men and 24 hrs old but were unable to track down the Japs.
- (c) 4 Japs were killed today on the island, at 425665, 430693, 394721 and in the airstrip area.
- (d) One PW was captured by natives at BESAJAP village.

2. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 040600Z :-

Evacuated Sick 11 OR

(b) Enemy cas to 041900Z :-

Counted Dead	4	Progressive totals	1526
Estimated Additional Dead			235
Killed by Guerillas			39
PW	1		327

War Diary (2)

SECRET

8 Aug 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 95.

Period : 062400I to 072400I

Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (Special) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

Light showers fell at 0910I otherwise fine.

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

(a) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn took one PW today at 426624.

(b) During the night 6/7 Aug a booby trap set by D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn killed 3 Japs at 421661.

(c) One Jap was killed by the MG Bn at 415669.

3. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 070600I :-

Evacuated Sick 17 OR

(b) Enemy cas to 071900I :-

Counted dead	4	Progressive totals	1532
Estimated additional dead			235
Killed by guerillas			39
PW	1		341



SECRET

9 Aug 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 96

Period : 072400I to 082400I

Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (Special) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

Scattered showers in the early morning.

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

- (a) One Jap was killed by native police in DISTRICT I.  
(b) A patrol from 2/23 Aust Inf Bn killed one Jap at 422687.

3. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 080600I :-

Evacuated Sick                      1 OFFR   11 OR

(b) Enemy cas to 081900I :-

Counted dead	2	Progressive total	1534
Est additional dead			235
Killed by guerillas			39
PW			341

SECRET

10 Aug 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 97

Period : 082400I to 092400I

Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (Special) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

Some rain from 0315 to 1300. 104 points were registered.

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

(a) 2/3 Aust Par Bn found one dead Jap on THORN.

(b) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn patrol engaged 2 Japs at 487693, killed one and wounded the second who escaped.

(c) 3 PWs were captured yesterday, one at CAPE PASIR, one at LINGKAS and the third at MOUNT LOIMPOER. These were not reported in our sitrep 223 of 091945I.

3. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 090600I :-

Wounded	1 OR
Evacuated Sick	16 OR

(b) Enemy cas to 091900I :-

Counted Dead	2	Progressive totals	1533
Estimated additional Dead			235
Killed by guerillas			39
PWs	3		344

SECRET

11 Aug 45

DAILY OPERATION LETTER REPORT No 98

Period : 092400I to 102400I

Ref Maps : TARAKANISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (Special) 1:25000

1. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

- (a) A 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn patrol found a recently evacuated bivouac site for one man at 511755. Some food and clothing found in the area was destroyed.
- (b) D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn killed 2 Japs at 423671. Both were in good condition and were carrying 2 bags of vegetables, wax matches and Aust cigarette papers.

2. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 100600I :-

Evacuated sick 12 OR

(b) Enemy cas to 101900I :-

Counted dead	2	Progressive totals	1538
Estimated additional dead			235
Killed by guerillas			39
PWs			344

SECRET

13 Aug 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 99

Period : 102400I to 122400I

Ref Maps : TAPAKAN ISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (Special) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

12 Aug : Fine throughout.

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

- (a) A booby trap set by D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn wounded one Jap during the night 10/11 Aug 45. The following day his tracks were followed and he was killed at 420660.
- (b) On the day of rest (Sunday) a party from 2/48 Aust Inf Bn engaged in entomological research captured 3 PW on OTWAY.
- (c) The LCM patrol took 3 PW on 11 Aug 45 at 458795.

3. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 48 hrs ending 120600I :-

Evacuated Sick                      1 Offr    24 ORs

(b) Enemy cas (for 48 hrs) to 121900I :-

Counted dead	1	Progressive totals	1539
Estimated additional dead			235
Killed by guerillas			39
PW	7		351

SECRET

14 Aug 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 100

Period : 122400I to 132400I

Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH AND SOUTH (Special) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

Chiefly fine

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

(a) One Jap was killed by a prahoe patrol from  
2/2 Aust MG Bn D Coy.

(b) A PW was taken in CHINATOWN today.

3. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 130600I :-

Evacuated sick	4 Or
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(b) Enemy cas to 131900I :-

Counted dead	1 Progressive total	1540
Estimated additional dead		235
Killed by Guerillas		39
PW		252

SECRET

15 Aug 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 101  
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Period : 132400I to 142400I

Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (Special) 1:25000

1. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

- (a) 2 Japs were killed by Radar personnel in the area of CAPE PASIR.
- (b) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn captured one PW today.

2. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

(a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 140600I :-

Evacuated Sick 16 OR

(b) Enemy cas to 141900L :-

Counted dead	2	Progressive totals	1542
Estimated additional dead			235
Killed by guerillas			39
PW	1		353

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SECRET

17 Aug 45

DAILY LETTER OPERATION REPORT No 102

Period : 152400I to 162400I

Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH & SOUTH (Special) 1:25000

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

Light showers fell at 152300I, otherwise fine.

2. REPORT ON OPERATIONS

- (a) A new and vigorous patrolling policy was instituted today following the proclamation of the Imperial rescript on 15 Aug 45.
- (b) The island has been again divided into sectors and volunteers (formerly members of the Imperial Japanese Army) have been allotted areas in which to contact those of the enemy who are out of touch with Radio Tokyo.
- (c) Lt (sg) OBUCHI and a party of 4 from the SNLF combed "HIROSHIMA" sector (which embraces BUTCH, ESSEX and SYLVIA) and returned with 13 PW.
- (d) A further 6 PW (FORMOSANS) were taken on SADAU ISLAND today.

3. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

- (a) Own cas for 24 hrs ending 160600I :-
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|----------------|------|
| Evacuated Sick | 9 OR |
|----------------|------|
- (b) Enemy cas to 161900I :-

PW

19 Progressive total 370

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
15 Aug 45

26 AUST INF BDE G3 INSTR 6

SURRENDER OF REMNANTS OF JAP GARRISON

1. OBJECT

To accept surrender of the remnants of the Jap garrison on TARAKAN.

2. METHOD

In order to implement the object, it has been decided --

- (a) to use Jap prisoners at present in our hands;
- (b) to avoid using and thereby sustaining casualties among our own troops;
- (c) the Japs will be released in small parties to search in certain allotted sectors.

3. SEARCHES

- (a) The first search will be made on 16 Aug 45 in the area SYLVIA - BUTCH - FRANK - WILLS.
- (b) Subsequent searches will be made in other sectors at dates to be notified.
- (c) All searches will be carried out by the Japs only: none of our own tps will be included in the search parties.

4. COLLECTING POINTS

- (a) In each sector to be searched, a well known landmark will be selected as a collecting point and RV for the Japs as they are brought in or report for surrender.
- (b) Collecting points will be manned by our own troops.

5. DRESS OF JAP SEARCH PARTIES

- (a) The Japs engaged in the task of finding and collecting stragglers will be dressed as follows :

Aust pattern shirts and trousers.  
Hats KFF with white band  
White armbands.

- (b) Each Jap will carry a pass issued by Force HQ, written in English and Malay.

6. LEAFLETS

Each search party will carry surrender leaflets which will be distributed along tracks and likely hiding places.

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7. CONDUCT OF OWN TROOPS

- (a) The above instruction will be promulgated to all troops.
- (b) It will be stressed that under no circumstances will our troops interfere with any Jap personnel engaged in the above tasks.
- (c) Any personal property of intrinsic value such as watches, pens, photos etc, will NOT be removed from Japs who have surrendered.

8. CONDUCT OF NATIVES

- (a) NICA will ensure that all natives are warned of the above plan.
- (b) Natives will be strictly forbidden to molest or interfere in any way with either Japs engaged in searches, or others who are wishing to surrender.

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
GS/25A/051  
8 Aug 45

26 AUST INF BDE GS INSTR No 6

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CLASSIFICATION RIFLE RANGE DEMONSTRATION

- 1. (a) A demonstration of rifle range procedure of approx 90 mins duration is to be conducted at the TOWN RANGE at 1000I 12 Aug 45.
- (b) The demonstration will take the form of the "WRONG" and "RIGHT" methods of firing Rifle Practices 1 and 2 (Grouping and Application) of the Rifle Course Part I Preliminary vide SAT Vol 1 Pam 14 SMALL ARMS PRACTICES 1943.

OBJECT

- 2. (a) To instruct unit representatives in the correct method of conducting a range practice with a view to enabling units to conduct similar demonstrations.
- (b) To ensure that in future all firing practices are carried out in accordance with correct Range Procedure.

TPS TAKING PART

3. (a) Directing Staff and Fatiguemen

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Capt A J PROSSER	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	OC Firing Pt
Capt E M ALLISON	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl	OC Butts
Lt B J STONE	2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn	} Coaches
Lt S E HILLS	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
Lt R KIDSTON	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	
WO I G L HART	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
WOII E J REILLY	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	
One OR	4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	Tele Orderly (Firing Pt)
One OR	"	Ann Orderly
One OR	"	Salvage Orderly
Four ORs	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl	Butt party
One OR	"	Tele Orderly (Butts)
Four ORs	Coaches to supply one each from own unit	Firing Detail

(b) Observers (Offrs only to attend)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number</u>
2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn	1
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	1
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	1
55 Aust Comp AA Regt	1
RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps	1
26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	5 (1 from each Coy)
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	5 "
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	5 "
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	5 "
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	1
4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1
HQ Comd AASC FORCE	1
2 Coy 1 Bn NEI Inf	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30 Offrs</b>

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ASSEMBLY

4. (a) Directing Staff will assemble at a time to be advised separately.
- (b) Observers will assemble in rear of the 100 yd firing pt NO later than 1000H 12 Aug 45.
5. Detailed instrs and DS Notes are att as Appendix "A" NOT to all addressees.

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- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
- D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- 4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
- Hq Comd AASC FORCE
- 2 Coy 1 Bn NEI Inf
- Staff (7)
- Range Caretaker
- Comd
- BM
- SC
- File (2)
- War Diary (2)

War Diary

Appendix "A" to 26 Aust Inf  
Bde GS Instr No 6 dated  
8 Aug 45

STAFF INSTRS AND DS NOTES  
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PART I

1. Except for gen dutymen all members of the Staff will make themselves thoroughly conversant with the following :-

- (a) SAT Vol 1 Pamphlet 1 1944 (with particular reference to Appx II - Coaching).
- (b) SAT Vol 1 Pamphlet 14 1943 - Rifle Course - Part I Preliminary.

2. Assembly

- (a) 1345 hrs 11 Aug 45 at 100 yd firing pt for the purpose of conducting a rehearsal of the demonstration.
- (b) 0930 hrs 12 Aug 45 at 100 yd firing pt.

3. Stores

The following stores will be provided and are the responsibility of the personnel so named :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stores</u>
Lt STONE	1 Tele
Lt KIDSTON	1 Tele
Range Caretaker	White aiming marks on targets 2, 3, 4 and 5
Range Caretaker	6 empty sandbags
Each Coach	50 rds .303 SAA
Each Coach	One range register each with hard cover and pencil attached
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4. Firing Detail

- (a) The four coaches will select and brief one NCO each. These NCOs will comprise the firing detail.

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PART II

1. The first demonstration will be the "WRONG" manner in which to conduct the Grouping Practice from the 100 yd firing pt.

2. The demonstration will follow along the general lines as listed :-

- (a) Firers NOT behind targets on mound.
- (b) NO detailed instr given as to practice to be fired. Amn Orderly issues amn without orders.
- (c) Firers adopt incorrect firing posns.
- (d) Coaches adopt incorrect firing posns.
- (e) Practice commences  
Firers fail to declare pt of aim; coaches don't insist on it but hinder, e.g. talk constantly on irrelevant matters, make NO effort to ensure firer is comfortable or sandbag is to his liking.
- (f) OC firing pt suddenly realises flag has NOT been lowered. Nearest coach attempts to do so, resulting in slight confusion.
- (g) Some firers rest rifles on sandbags others don't use sandbags at all.
- (h) Incorrect marking and constant checks by phone.
- (i) OC firing pt attempts to coach.
- (j) Coaches more concerned that firer gets all shots in the "bull" overlooking the fact that the practice is Grouping.
- (k) Firing ceases by detail raising barrels in the air as indication to OC firing pt.
- (l) Unloading done slovenly.
- (m) Salvage orderly collects empties before arms are examined and before he is ordered to do so.
- (n) Arms examined - detail point rifle muzzles to the ground when "Port Arms" ordered.
- (o) Detail move off mound slovenly.
- (p) Flag again forgotten.
- (q) Demonstration concludes.

3. The following faults will be drawn to the attention of the observers:-

- (a) Firers and coaches to be behind mound and covering their targets.
- (b) While OC Firing Pt is giving a clear description of the practice to be fired coaches arrange comfortable firing posns for the detail and amn orderly issues amn on orders/

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- (c) Flag lowered by a previously detailed orderly.
- (d) Detail must do all movements smartly otherwise orders will be repeated.
- (e) Coaches to be on right of firer.
- (f) Before firing commences coaches discuss practice with respective firers and in particular the firers grouping capacity on the 30yd range and posn of MPI of previous groups.
- (g) Sandbags are to support wrist and forearm NOT the rifle.
- (h) Each shot to be marked by value then spotting disc. Scorers also mark on own register. Explain difference between groups for coaching purposes and groups for scoring purposes.
- (i) OC firing pt must NOT coach.
- (j) Barrels will NOT be raised to indicate completion of individual practice. Adhere to SAT Vol 1 Pamphlet 3. This equally applies to the "PORT ARMS".
- (k) NO personnel, other than OC, allowed on mound until rifles examined and flag raised. Salvage orderly will wait until instructed.
- (l) Detail should have been taken fwd to examine targets.
- (m) General - Flag man should be detailed also to be constantly on the alert in case Butt flag is raised.

4. "RIGHT" demonstration follows

5. Points to be brought out :-

- (a) Full details of the practice and the reasons - remind rules of aiming and aids to good shooting.
- (b) Coaches move forward arrange sandbags etc then move back and obtain full particulars No rank and name of respective firers.
- (c) Amn put out correctly on instrs.
- (d) Flag raised and butts informed.
- (e) Detail ordered to load.
- (f) Coaches take up posns on the right (No binoculars) with register board and ensure firers are comfortable. Speak to them to put them at ease and to give them confidence. Ask questions ref their grouping capacity on the 30 yds range comparing the various groups with the miniature and small targets also the MPI of previous grouping practice. Has rifle been zeroed and sight harmonised etc.
- (g) Practice commences - correct marking of shots for grouping. Each shot marked for value and indication of strike - target lowered spotting disc inserted and target raised.
- (h) Until completion of practice coaches assist in every way and correct obvious faults. Insist on truthful declaration of aim and the reasons for it. Explain why shots are high or low etc.

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- (i) On completion (barrels down) smart "UNLOAD"-"RIGHT TURN"-"PORT ARMS"-"LEFT TURN"-"GROUND ARMS"-Flag raised on orders - Butts informed.
  - (j) Detail and coaches move forward to butts. Salvage collected, on orders. Targets raised NOT patched out. Each target examined by coaches scores taken. First explanation given to the firer, Move back to firing point. TAKE UP ARMS -
6. Firing detail is then marched back by CSM to 200 yds firing point,
  7. "RIGHT" demonstration 200 yd application practice commences.
  8. Points to be brought out. Same details as for grouping practice except as follows :-
    - (a) Coaches explain the meaning of an application practice is the soldier firing each shot up to his best capacity and trying to keep the MPI of his series of shots on the centre of the target. Explain what his grouping should be in relation to his known grouping at 100 yds. During this practice bring out by questions and answer how incorrect it is to make alterations in the elevation or point of aim if the firer is firing within his grouping capacity.
    - (b) Detail initially loads with 2 rounds.
    - (c) On the comd "GO ON" reload with 5 rounds and continue firing.
    - (d) First two shots fired, although NOT counted in the score, are marked for value and posn of strike, target lowered into gallery and spotting disc inserted, target is then patched out. Remaining five shots are similarly marked except that patching out is NOT done until butt check has been given.
    - (e) On completion of practice and after arms have been examined the recorder moves to each firer in turn and scores from the visible butt check previously requested. He then returns to the telephone and requests a verbal butt check.
    - (f) Firing detail is then marched off the mound by the CSM.
  9. Demonstration concludes with closing remarks by DS.

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17 Aug 4526 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 1

Ref map SANDAKAN 1 in to 25,000

TO : Capt O'NEENE AIF (SRD)

Copies for infm :

Maj IRVING Comd 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn  
Lieut PEEL Comd HMAS GASCOYNE  
Comd PT Force TAWI TAWI  
F/Lt NORTH AIF (SRD)  
File (2)  
War Diary (2) ✓

1. All available infm regarding the enemy and Allied PW in the SANDAKAN area is contained in 1 Aust Corps Special Int Summary - SANDAKAN.
2. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp has been given the task of recovering Allied PW at present in Jap hands in the SANDAKAN area.
3. Maj IRVING, Comd 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn, has been appointed to comd a composite force to carry out this task.
4. The force will proceed to SANDAKAN on the HMAS GASCOYNE, departing TARAKAN not before 1200I on 18 Aug 45.
5. PT boats and river boats based on TAWI TAWI will assist in the operation.
6. You will assist in the operation and will carry out the following instrs regarding mov to objective area :
  - (a) Accompanied by two wireless operators with special wireless eqpt, depart TARAKAN in a PT boat at 180600I;
  - (b) Transfer to another PT boat at SEMPORNA and proceed to TAWI TAWI;
  - (c) Contact comd PT boats TAWI TAWI who has been instructed to move you and your party to LIBARAN ISLAND forthwith;
  - (d) On arrival LIBARAN ISLAND, establish wireless comm with TARAKAN, TAWI TAWI and HMAS GASCOYNE.
7. Your tasks in particular are as follows :-
  - (a) Collect and despatch all infm regarding strength, location and condition of Allied PW;
  - (b) Ascertain the effect of allied leaflets regarding the Jap surrender on Jap forces in area - also natives and Allied PW;
  - (c) Collect all details regarding waterways in the area which might be of use in contacting and evacuating Allied PW. In this connection, obtain details as to depths of streams suitable for both PT boats and River Gun Boats - also native craft.

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- (d) Ascertain availability of native porters in easily accessible areas and make necessary arrangements for these to be placed at the disposal of the Allied force as and when required;
- (e) Ascertain availability of native carriers who may be required for evacuating sick PW and carrying supplies, and make necessary arrangements for these to be placed at the disposal of the Allied force as and when required;
- (f) As early as possible, secure the services of suitable native guides who can be ready for use immediately after the arrival of the Allied Force;
- (g) Determine the location of most suitable collecting points to which Allied PW can be brought bearing in mind the fact that land carries for or marches by the PW must be reduced to the minimum.
8. Immediately you obtain any of the information required under paragraph 7 hereof, you will despatch the gist of such information to TARAKAN and HMS GASCOYNE.
9. Detailed information will be collected and collated ready to be handed over to Maj IRVING on his arrival.
10. To enable Maj IRVING to contact you personally on LIBARAN ISLAND, you will make the following arrangements on arrival :-
- (a) Set up a fluorescent panel vertically on the most suitable landing beach, ensuring that the panel can be clearly seen from the seaward;
- (b) If contact is to be made at night, be prepared to display a red light in lieu of the panel;
- (c) In any case, use the current small craft identification signs as they apply both by day and night.
11. You will establish the following wireless listening watches.
- (a) With TARAKAN:  
18 2100  
19 0900  
19 1300  
19 1500  
19 2100  
and thereafter the same four-hourly watches as for 19 Aug 45.
- (b) With HMS GASCOYNE:  
19 0700  
19 1100  
19 1500  
19 1900  
and thereafter similar times each day until no longer required by Comd Allied Force.
- (c) Bde Sig Offr is arranging frequencies and call signs for all wireless nets.

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Issued by LO.

Signed at 171920I

*H. J. KATEKAR*  
(H. J. KATEKAR) Maj.  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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26 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 2  
(issued in conjunction with 26 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 1  
of 17 Aug 45 - limited distribution)

Ref Map : SANDAKAN 1:250,000

INTENT

1. Enemy

For strengths, disposns, condition and morale - see 1 Aust Corps Special Int Summary - SANDAKAN (inform to 1612001 Aug)

2. Likely enemy action

- (a) Most enemy tps are reported to be ill with malaria or beri beri and it is not considered likely that they will offer any resistance by disobeying their Emperor's instrs.
- (b) However it is considered unlikely that the Emperor's orders will reach outlying comds such as SANDAKAN before 22 Aug 45.
- (c) In any case whatever attitude the Japs adopt, our tps must be constantly alert and prepared to counter any treacherous action; the enemy should never be trusted.
- (d) Leaflets notifying the pact and terms of surrender written in Jap, Malayan and English have been dropped by RAAF in the SANDAKAN-TAMPIAS area on 17 Aug 45.

3. Allied PW

- (a) For strengths locations and condition of Allied PW in the area, see 1 Aust Corps Special Int Summary - SANDAKAN
- (b) Further and more recent details may be obtained from SRD dets and natives and will be promulgated as and when received.

4. Own Tps

- (a) Additional tps under comd  
det Allied Int Bureau (SRD)  
det ATIS
- (b) Tps co-operating  
HMAS GASCOYNE  
HMAS KAPUNDA  
PT Force (US) - TAWI TAWI

INTENTION

5. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will

- (a) Unless actively opposed by the Japs recover all Allied PW at present in their hands in the SANDAKAN area.
- (b) If not with the agreement of the Jap comd then only if reconnaissance shows that release can be effected without danger to the Allied PW and the security of the Allied Force.

METHOD

6. Tps

2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn (less det)	Det FELO
LO HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Det SRD
Det 2 Aust Fd Coy	HMAS GASCOYNE
Det 2/11 AustnFd Amb	HMAS KAPUNDA
Det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	PT Force TAWI TAWI
Det ATIS	one Jap Offr PW ex TIRAKAN

7. Comd

- (a) Maj J IRVING - Comd 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn
- (b) Maj IRVING will comd all naval and army forces participating in the ops.

TASK

8(a) Tasks in General

- (i) Contact the Jap Comd in the SANDAKAN area and if he is agreeable, recover all Allied PW at present in his hands.
- (ii) If not with the agreement of the Jap Comd then recover such Allied PW as reconnaissance discloses can be freed without danger to them and without risking the security of the Allied Force.
- (iii) In conjunction with the SRD obtain additional infm to establish the possibility of releasing Allied PW in the SANDAKAN-TAMPILAS area.

(b) Tasks in Particular

- (i) Be prepared to move from TARAKAN on two hrs notice as from 191000I.
- (ii) Proceed to SANDAKAN on HMAS GASCOYNE and HMAS KAPUNDA together with such PT boats and other craft as may be provided by Comd PT Force TAWI TAWI.
- (iii) On arrival SANDAKAN contact Capt O'KEEFE and his SRD party on LIBERIN ISLAND and obtain from him such detailed infm as may be in his possession at that time.
- (iv) Attempt to contact the Jap Comd in accordance with the terms laid down in Special Leaflet (see para 9 hereof).
- (v) In the event of contact not being established, at comd's discretion and if cas not likely to be sustained carry out ops to release Allied PW with available forces.
- (vii) If and when contact has been made with Jap Comd arrange with him for all Allied PW under his control to be brought to SANDAKAN. To implement this task make use where necessary of natives, native craft, US PT and gun boats.
- (viii) Concentrate and care for all recovered PW at SANDAKAN until such time as they can be evacuated.

9. LEAFLETS

A leaflet containing specific instrs regarding the method of establishing contact between Allied and Jap Comds will be dropped by RAAF over enemy occupied territory before the ops are commenced.

10. COLLECTION OF PW

Maximum use will be made of water craft where it is considered to be the best method of evacuating PW.

11. CARE OF PW

Until PW can be evacuated they will be placed under the care of the 2/11 Aust Fd Amb.

12. ATTITUDE OF JAPS

- (a) In all dealings with the Japs particular precautions will be taken to avoid cas through treachery or deception.
- (b) It will be made clear at all times that the force has one purpose only and that the recovery of Allied PW.
- (c) It is not within the functions of the Allied Force at this

stage to accept the surrender of any Japs or to make arrangements for their repatriation.

### 13. REPORTS

- (a) Regular and detailed reports will be forwarded to this HQ by the Force Comd.
- (b) These reports will include complete details regarding the number, names, units and condition of all Allied PW recovered; also similar details where available concerning other PW still in Jap hands.

ADM.

### 14. Supps

The following supps are being placed on board shipping by this HQ :-

#### SANDAKAN FORCE

25 days SWPA ration, incl Bread and Cake Making materials for 275  
 5 days ABL (6) 275  
 30 days expense stores for 275  
 100 FOR

#### ALLIED PW

15 days special scale for 250  
 15 days expense for 250

#### Native Porters

30 days for 100

#### VOYAGE

Voyage rations will be placed on board by this HQ.  
 OC 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn will be responsible for landing, holding and issuing these supps. Ration scale will be provided by ASC

### 15. POL

Although no vehs are being taken by the force there are a number of vehs at SANDAKAN and 10 x 44 galls petrol and equivalent POL will be placed on board.

### 16. CANTEEN SUPS

- (a) OC 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn will ensure canteen supps for the force are provided.

(b) Allied PW

The following canteen supps are being placed on board by this HQ for 250 personnel (to the nearest case) :-

6 cases Beer x 48 bottles  
 22 " Cordial x 12 bottles  
 1 " Chocolate x 288 pkts  
 1 " Minties x 240 pkts  
 2 " Shaving Soap x 144 tubes  
 2 " Tooth Paste x 144 tubes  
 1 " Chewing Gum 26 ctns  
 1 " Mirrors x 144  
 2 " Powder x 144  
 1 " Tobacco x 480 2 oz  
 2 " Cigarettes x 600  
 1 " Matches x 864  
 5 ctns Cigarette papers x 100 pkts  
 2 boxes Combs

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17. Ord

The following will be placed on board by this HQ for 250 personnel :-

- 1 shelter half
- 1 tent mosquito
- 2 blankets
- 1 Cots folding
- 1 Pair Trousers, Boots and Socks
- 1 Shirt and hat

18. MED

- (a) Med and Red Cross stores are being incl with det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb.
- (b) Pyjamas are being placed on board by this HQ for 200 ex PW.
- (c) Stretchers Amb Det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb will carry sufficient stretchers and considered necessary.

19. LABOUR

SRD will make arrangements for native labour for portage.

20. WATER CONTAINERS

OC 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn will take all available water containers. These can be filled by the RAN prior to disembarkation. Sufficient materials will be taken to ensure that all water is chlorinated.

21. MALARIA AND MITE

Full anti-malarial and anti-mite measures will be effected.

INTERCOMN

22. See 26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Instr 1 of 18 Aug 45 issued seperately.

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Signed at 18/18/45

*M. J. H. T. H.*  
Maj  
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26 AUST INF BDE SIG INSTR 1  
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(Issued in conjunction with 26 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 2)  
(of 18 Aug 45.)

INFORMATION

1. As per 26 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 2.

INTENTION

2. To provide communications from :-
- (a) SRD party to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.
  - (b) SRD party to HMAS GASCOYNE.
  - (c) HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde to HMAS GASCOYNE.
  - (d) 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.

METHOD

3. SRD Party to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

By 182100I SRD station will have set up on LIBARAN ISLAND and will establish communication with HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde as follows :-

- (a) Call Sign

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	FNW (Control)
LIBARAN ISLAND	XCR

- (b) Frequencies

Day	6495	J
Alt	6515	P
Night	4290	Z
Alt	4695	L

The first two letters of Call Sign plus frequency indicating letter plus one dummy letter - "You will change frequency to --". Last two letters of call sign plus frequency indicating letter plus one dummy letter - "I am changing frequency to--". Change of frequency will not be made by means of Q signals.

- (c) Calling Procedure

At schedule times each day the base station will listen for the outstation and call, using call sign FNW for 9 minutes or until the outstation answers. If communications are not established the base station will remain on listening watch for a further 10 minutes. The outstation will call only if it has traffic to offer or if the base station offers a message.

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(d) Schedules

2400Z	frequency	6495
0400Z		6495
0800Z		6495
1200Z		4290

(e) If during any transmission it appears necessary to arrange extra schedules this will be done by transmitting a five letter group obtained as follows :-

Write down the time followed by the day of the week substituting a figure for the day, as per day indicating figures and the substituting letters for the five figures using substituting table below.

DAY INDICATING FIGURES

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
4	7	9	2	6	1	3

SUBSTITUTION TABLES

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
C	K	X	F	O	I	R	U	H	N
F	S	J	P	A	M	W	G	V	D
L	Y	T	B	Z					Q

(f) F Procedure

If either the base station or outstation has a message to send and has been unable to make contact after 9 minutes, it will send the message "blind". Every effort should be made at the next schedules time to make contact and obtain acknowledgement.

4. SRD Party to HMAS GASCOYNE

(a) As from sailing time HMAS GASCOYNE will establish communication with SRD Party on the following schedules :-

2200Z	frequency	6495
0200Z		6495
0600Z		6495
1000Z		6495

(b) Call Signs

HMAS GASCOYNE	FNW (Control)
SRD Party	XCR

(c) Procedure etc will be as in para 3.

5. HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde to HMAS GASCOYNE

(a) Frequency 5150  
4695 alternate

(b) Call Signs

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	UI5 (Control)
HMAS GASCOYNE	RX4

(c) Procedure

Combined WT Procedure.

....(d)/

(d) Schedules

From four hours prior to sailing :-

- 2300Z
- 0300Z
- 0700Z
- 1100Z

(e) Calls will be made by control for a period of 9 minutes, in the event of communication not being established at this time messages will be passed by F Method and receipt acknowledged at the next schedule.

6. HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde to 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn

(a) Frequencies and Code Signs

As per Appendix "A".

(b) Schedule

2100Z	frequency	1
0100Z		2
0500Z		2
0900Z		3
1300Z		3

Calls will be made as in para 5(e).

(c) Normal AMF Procedure will be used.

(d) Communication will be established at the first schedule after landing.

7. General

(a) Any communication required from HMAS GASCOYNE to 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn will be arranged by Sig Office 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn direct with ship's staff.

(b) In the event of HMAS GASCOYNE leaving area of operations Sig Officer 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn will arrange for the HMAS KAPUNDA to take over necessary wireless links.

(c) All links will remain in operation until closed on instructions from this HQ.

8. Ciphers

The following ciphers will be used :-

- SRD Party to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde - OTLP
- SRD Party to HMAS GASCOYNE - DOUBLE TRANSPOSITION
- HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde to HMAS GASCOYNE - G33 G59C
- HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde to 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn - TRFNCODE

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CALL SIGNS CODE NAMES - 26 AUST INF BDE -  
2/4 AUST CDO SON  
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A FREQUENCY

	A	B	C	D	E
F1	4435	4490	4480	4470	4460
F2	7810	7800	7750	7880	7850
F3	5585	5755	5726	5695	5475

B CODE SIGN

Column No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Link Sign	XP6	PI9	5ET	UX54	UD82	6OP	LAI	ZL38	WV42	D851
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	INI	LI1	5GT	TX54	4QY3	I15	2HG	4DU	LP84	EK62
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	ZZ1	QG2	VU4	K61B	2YG	2KG	4BU	6BK4	4FC8	AG2
	31	32								
	HU4	JP88								

SEQUENCES AUGUST

Date	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Frequency	E	D	C	D	A	E	B	A	B	C	D	E	C
Code Sign	10	9	2	26	13	5	4	24	25	18	6	20	32

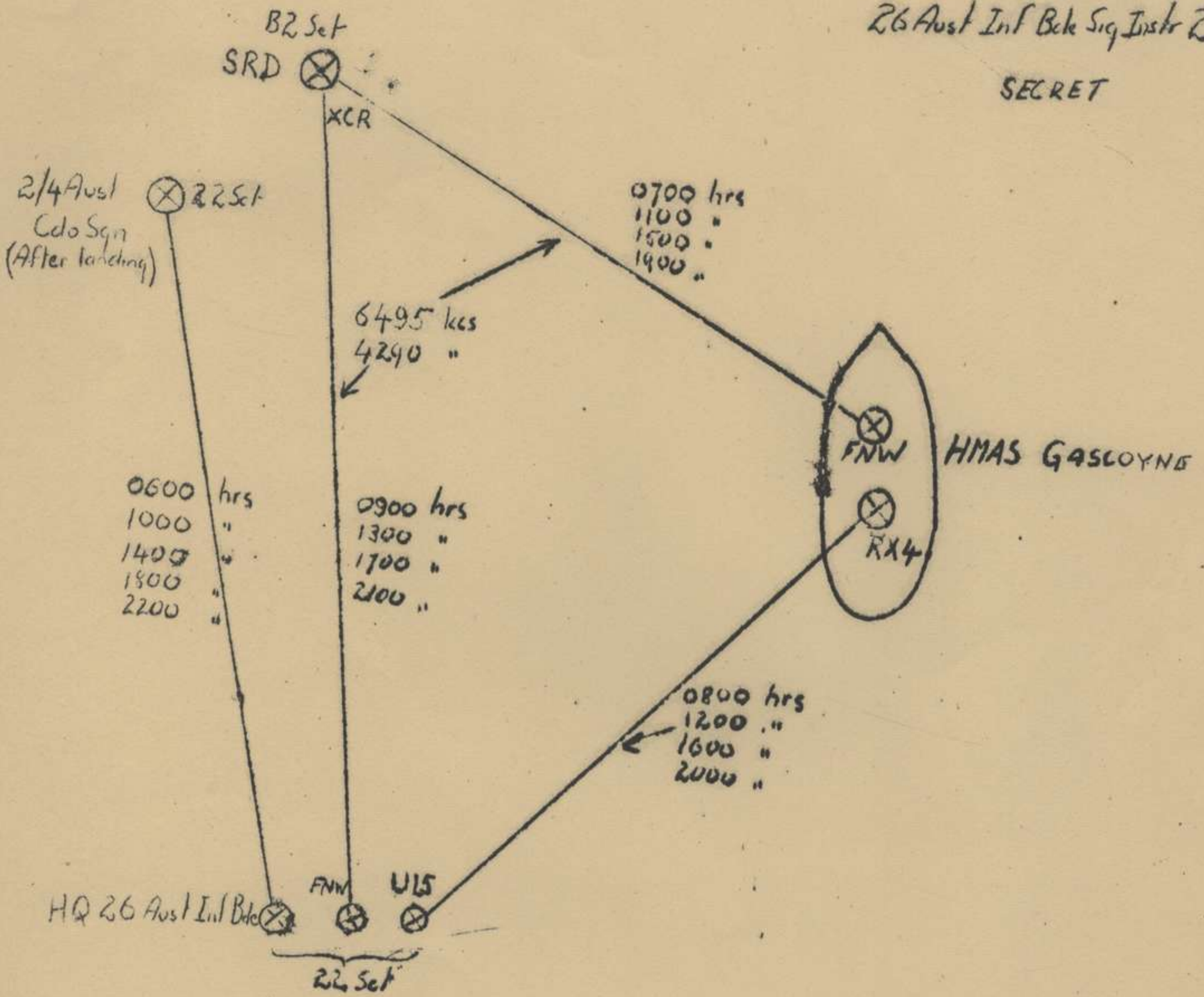
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# SIGNAL DIAGRAM

SANDAKAM OPERATION

Appx B' to  
26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Instr 2

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All times shown "Item"

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