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

Item number: 8/2/8

8 Infantry Brigade

March 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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MIL. HIST. SECT. (S.D.9)
 16 APR 1945

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(adapted.)

Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Date and Time.—From To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<u>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES DURING MAR 45</u>	
			1. The first report of any enemy during this month was by the NGIB who killed 2 Japs at SCHILLINGS PLANTATION on 3 ⁺ Mar and then on 7 Mar a report was received from the NGIB that the estimated strength of the enemy in this area was 50.	
			2. On 8 Mar the enemy opened fire from SCHILLINGS PLANTATION across the RAMU onto our posns but caused no cas or damage.	
			3. The force of 30 Bn at ANNANBERG was relieved on 9 Mar by 35 Bn who were flown in by RAAF SUNDERLAND.	
			4. On 10 Mar an NGIB Patrol saw 6 pers in sq 4744 who were dressed in Aust clothing. No patrols were operating in the area at that time.	
			5. On 12 Mar it was decided to move C Coy NGIB to POTSDAM for trg and refitting and consequently MARANGIS (I) was evacuated on 13 Mar so that pers would be available to man posts previously occupied by NGIB.	
			6. On 17 Mar the relief of NGIB was complete and they moved out.	
			7. On 26 Mar owing to climatic conditions sups to the outposts on the RAMU became impracticable and troops were withdrawn to SEVEN BUNUM with patrols going fwd to the RAMU.	
			8. A number of reports were received at ANNANBERG of enemy activity but a number of them when investigated proved without foundation and patrols are still investigating some others.	

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 MAR 45

To 7 MARCH 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	MAR 1		Tank/Infantry exercise for 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) and 2/4 AUST ARMD REGT of six days duration commenced.	Appx 1
			Bde Shooting Competition concluded and Bde Comd presented prizes. Lt J. GREGORY marched in to take up appointment as B00.	
	MAR 3		NGIB outpost opposite SCHILLINGS PLANTATION killed 2 Japs. Notice of danger area during tk/inf exercise on 5/6 Mar issued.	Appx 2
	MAR 4		Bde Routine Orders serial 7/45 issued. Air strike sought on SCHILLINGS PLANTATION by 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) but refused by RAAF	Appx 2(a)
	MAR 5		Capt CLARKSON LO from FIRST AUST ARMY arrived at Bde	Appx 3
	MAR 6		HMAS POTRERO departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with stores and personnel. Request made by Capt CLARKSON to FIRST AUST ARMY for expediting of mail services to MADANG.	Appx 4
			Advice re P&RT School to be held in Bde area, by LHQ Mobile P & RT Team issued.	Appx 5
	MAR 7		NGIB report the estimated strength of Japs in SCHILLINGS PLANTATION to be 50. ANGAU report that Japs taken prisoner 3 young native men from PIRIA	Appx 6
			30 AUST INF BN & 35 AUST INF BN advised arrangements for relief of ANNANBERG by RAAF Walrus a/c.	Appx 7
			Reply received from FIRST AUST ARMY to Capt CLARKSON request re mail services.	Appx 8
			Itinerary of Bishop of NEW GUINEA during visit to Bde area issued to all units.	Appx 9

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 8 MARCH 1945 To 11 MARCH 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	Mar 8		30 AUST INF BN (AIF) and 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) advised that relief of ANNANBERG FORCE to be carried out by RAAF SUNDERLAND. 9 Pl 1 NGIB relieved 11 Pl 1 NGIB at outposts on RAMU RIVER.	Appx 10
			Ineffective fire was directed by enemy force in SCHILLINGS PLANTATION onto NGIB outpost across the RAMU.	
			Ketch AS29 departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with stores.	
	Mar 9		Relief of 18 Pl D coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) by 13 Pl C Coy 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) at ANNANBERG completed at 091200K. Relief was flown in by SUNDERLAND Flying boat which brought 18 Pl out. Lt C.N. MASON marched in as OC 39 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	Appx 11
			Capt CLARKSON marched out to FIRST AUST ARMY Instructions re entry of ARL in AB83 issued.	Appx 12
	Mar 10		Ketch AS25 departed MADANG for HANSA BAY en route AITAPE with stores and personnel NGIB patrol saw 6 unidentified personnel sq4744 who appeared to be Europeans so did not fire on them.	Appx 13
	Mar 11		NGIB outpost fired across RAMU RIVER on Jap occupied huts SCHILLINGS PLANTATION. 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) advised that they were evacuating MARANGIS (I) in order to relieve NGIB at outposts on the RAMU RIVER.	Appx 14
			Lt K. WILLIS and Lt C STEPHENS marched out - Lt WILLIS to attend Staff School and Lt STEPHENS to take up Ord Appointment on MAIN LAND. Capt J.W. CHESTER assumed duties of Acting Staff Capt in addition to those of A/BM. Arty Range ALEXISHAFEN area reded	

~~danger area~~

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 12 MARCH 1945 To 15 MARCH 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
NEW GUINEA	MAR 12		Composite Pl to be known as 15 Pl C coy 35 AUST INF BN (AIF)		
			formed, as relief pl, from personnel at AWAR.		
			Bde Comd agreed to withdrawal of 1 NGIB to POTSDAM for trg, refitting and administration for a period of not less than six weeks.		
			Arrangements made for 20 RPC to go to AWAR for duty with pl relieving 1 NGIB.		
	MAR 13		Bde Comd lectured NCO's of 4 AUST INF BN (AIF)		
			Lt BRINDLEY 1 NGIB marched in ex LAE for onward movement to C Coy 1 NGIB.		
			All troops withdrawn from MARANGIS (I) and daily patrols from PURPUR instituted.		
			Air dropping made ANNANBERG and LAE BASE SUB AREA advised.	Appx 16	
		MAR 14		BM visited ANGAU discuss refugee village at BOROI.	
				BASCO visited HANSA BAY to investigate NGIB ration position. RAAF WALRUS dropped rations and stores ANNANBERG.	
MAR 15		Maj PINCUS, FIRST AUST ARMY Unit Eqpt Inspector visited 4 AUST INF BN (AIF) and highly praised them.	Appx 17		
		Report on War Damage Commission issued promulgated.	Appx 18		
		15 Pl C Coy 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) left AWAR to relieve C coy 1 NGIB on RAMW RIVER outposts.			
		Bde Comd lectured 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) potential NCO School Lt DUNN, Catering Advisor from FIRST AUST ARMY marched in.			
		First Course Bde P & RT School commenced. FIRST AUST ARMY advise that 4 Tac R Sqn now available for Tac R in support of Ops.	Appx 19		

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 16 MARCH 1945 To 19 MARCH 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	MAR 16		Navy barge left MADANG for HANSA BAY with stores and personnel of RPC	
			SC discussed small ships posn and that of continuity of supplies to forward areas, which had become acute owing to the breakdown of a number of the ketches, with OC 16 Aust Small Ship Coy and Movement Control Officer.	
	MAR 17		FIRST AUST ARMY advised that Tac R not at present required.	Appx 20
			Rt Rev Phillip N.W. Strong, Bishop of NG arrived in area to conduct services. Relief of C Coy 1 NGIB complete and NGIB withdrawn to KOSAKOSA	
			for rest and training	
			Armed Tac R flown of SEPIK-KERAM-RAMU area by 1 BEAUFORT.	
			Plane fired on and hit in area of lower KERAM RIVER and gain over SCHILLINGS PLANTATION.	
			Lt-Col MILLS CO 2/4 AUST ARMD REGT left for TOROKINA	Appx 21
	MAR 18		Air droppings made at ANNANBERG by C47 from LAE with 30% recovery loss, medical stores and amenities dropped by RAAF	
			WALRUS from MADANG. Sig Mech flown to ANNANBERG by RAAF Moth	
			Conference of Bde and unit members of AACC held at Bde HQ and address given by Lt DUNN	
			Circular on conservation of rubber issued.	Appx 22
	MAR 19		Japanese sighted SCHILLINGS PLANTATION.	
			Conference held at Bde HQ of all QM's on accounting procedure and ordnance inspections. PADRE CORR m/i from 111 AUST CCS to 4 AUST INF BN (AIF) in place of Padre GRAYDON	

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Unit Date and Time.—From 20 MARCH 1945 To 26 MARCH 1945.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	MAR 20	Bde Comd	visited 4 AUST INF BN (AIF)	
			Padre NOBLE marched in to replace Padre PARSONS at 35 AUST INF BN (AIF)	
			Bishop of NEW GUINEA marched out to AITAPE Circular on misuse of blankets issued.	Appx 23
	MAR 22		Bde Comd flew to ANNANBERG in RAAF MOTH to remain several days Ketch AS11 departed MADANG for BOGIA and AWAR with supplies and stores.	
			Bde RO's serial 8/45 issued.	Appx 24
	MAR 23		Natives reported through ANGAU station at BOGIA that large party of Japs and armed natives had been sighted on WEST bank of the RAMU RIVER in the vicinity of TIMORAKA.	
	MAR 24		Instructions re designation of the French Forces issued.	Appx 25
	MAR 25		Bde Comd returned ex ANNANBERG. Armed Tac R of 1 BEAUFORT, with Lt-Col BINNEY on as observer missing during recce of SEPIK area. Fwd troops advised	Appx 26
	MAR 26		35 AUST INF BN (AIF) sought permission to evacuate troops from RAMU RIVER outposts because of difficulty of supply. Permission was granted.	Appx 27
			Fwd troops at BULIVA and PURPUR report parachute flares from direction of SEPIK RIVER.	Appx 28

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 26 MARCH 1945 To 30 MARCH 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	MAR 26		Lt HOSKINS (BM(L)) assisted in search for Col BINNEY and the missing BEAUFORT aircraft. Bde Comd's report on Ops, 6 Nov to 28 Feb issued	Appx 29
	MAR 27		Reliable native report received from ANNANBERG that 5 Japs with captured a/c MG at BROKOTO H2752 and 20 Japs at WEDHAR H1479 in the KERAM RIVER area. Bde Location Statement and OOB No. 3 issued Instructions re trg Malaria Control personnel issued. Instructions re return of unused Bren Blade Foresights.	Appx 30 Appx 31 Appx 32
	MAR 28		Outposts on RAMU RIVER withdrawn and defences destroyed. RPC personnel left in vicinity of outposts to report enemy movement. Instructions re wearing of gaiters issued.	Appx 33
	MAR 29		Fighting patrol from 13 Pl C Coy 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) left ANNANBERG for BROKOTO to investigate native report. Duration approx 6 days. Bde Comd interviewed NCO's going to Trg Bns. CO 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) (Lt-Col E.W. EGAN) interviewed Bde Comd RPC patrol returned from PIRIA. Advise native report without foundation.	Appx 34
	MAR 30		Ketch AS11 departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with stores. Bde Trg Instruction No 16 issued.	Appx 35
			Attached relevant SITREPS	Appx 36
			" " SITMAPS	Appx 37
			" W3008, W3009	Appx 38

M.A. Fergusson
(M.A. FERGUSSON) BRIG
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE.

HQ 8 Bde

Appx 1

30. Oct Inf Bn

TK-INF CO-OP EXERCISE

Ref Map: ALEXISHAFEN STRAT.

SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

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OBJECT.

1. To practice all pers in INF-TK CO-OP work under jungle conditions.

LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT.

2. (a) Necessity for thorough recon by Comds before undertaking op.
(b) Approach and first contact.
(c) Inter comm and control.
(d) Employment of Tks in support roles.
(e) TK capabilities over difficult terrain.

TPS TAKING PART.

3. (a) INF: A and C Coys combined.

Sec Pns

Sec. MG

2 Pls Mottors

Sigs ..

Int pers.

ARMOUR : 2 Tps Tks (A son 2/4 and regt.)

- (b) ENEMY.

(During Recon Only)

Lt. Harrod

Lt. Youden

Lt. Stephenson

To indicate by fire observation of any recon pt.

UMPIRES.

4. Lt. Harrod
Lt. Youden
Lt. Stephenson.

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NARRATIVE.

5. A landing by our forces has been made at MILILAT and South ALEXISHAFEN with 30 Bn on left. MILILAT area has been cleared up and incl MADANG RD. The right Bn has been successful and ALEXISHAFEN STRIP is in our hands. Estimated enemy strength in MILILAT - ALEXISHAFEN area was a bn gp incl light armour, but has since suffered 20-25% cas and his general line of withdrawal is WEST.

OPENING SITUATION D-1

6. Further patrols and Tac R reports on D-2 show that enemy has approx one Coy gp SOUTH of BIGES RIVER and movt has been seen in general area 702350.

On D-1 C.O. 30 Bn ordered C Coy to move as adv gd to the Bn.

OPENING SITUATION D DAY.

7. No 1 pl has cleared the enemy contacted on D-1 from ridge vicinity map ref 707351 and have advanced approx 100 yds where they were held up by heavy fire from left front.

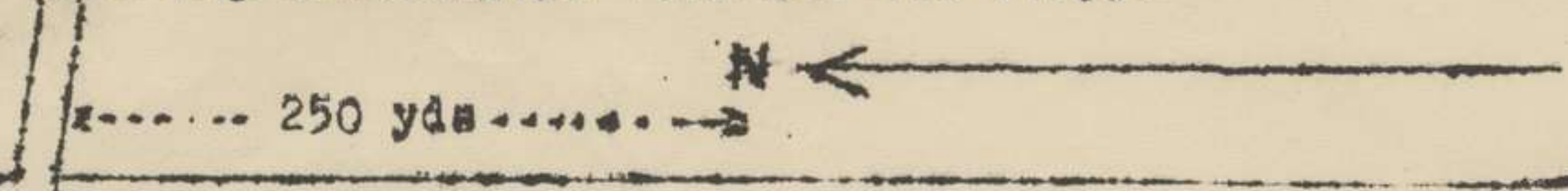
Remainder of Coy in perimeter posn which they occupied on night of D-1/D.

Patrolling and recce on afternoon D-1 revealed that enemy of str approx one depleted Coy gp with no evidence of Tks were in occupation of three ridges on left flank known as SOOT HILL, SNIFF HILL and PIN HILL.

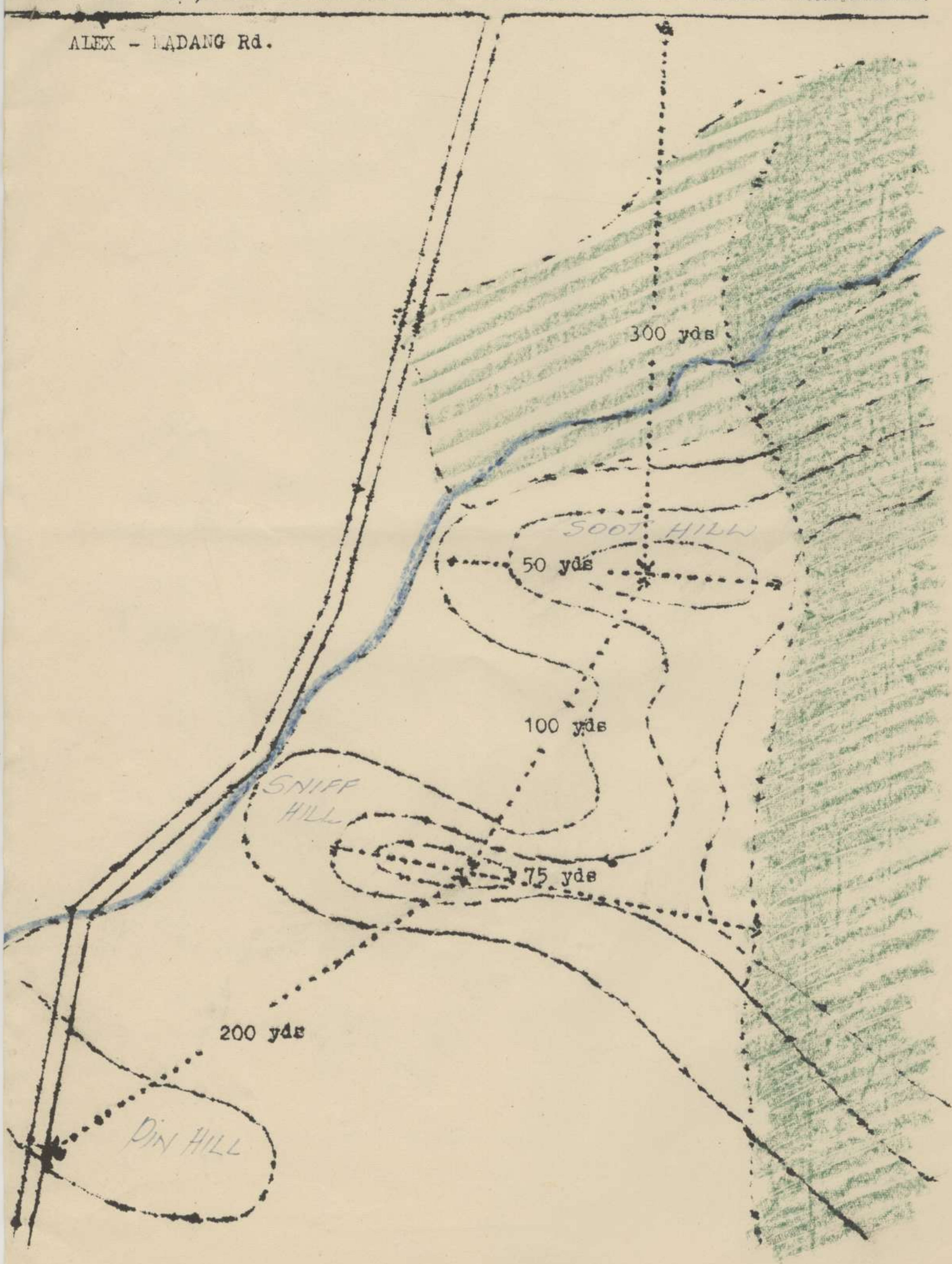
C.O. 30 Bn has ordered C Coy to capture SOOT HILL and SNIFF HILL by 1200 hrs D Day, but not before 0900 hrs.

SKETCH MAP ... TANK - INFANTRY EXERCISE

Ref Map ALEXISHAVEN 1:25 000 vic 712354



ALEX - MADANG Rd.



HQ & Side

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SECRET
COY. NO. 19

Date: 6 Mar 45.

"C" COY., O.O. No. 1.

Ref Map: ALEXISHAFEN 1/25000
SKETCH MAP ATT.

1. INFM.

(a) Enemy: Str estimated one depleted coy with possible lt armour in hurriedly prepared def posns on SOOT and SNIFF HILLS.

(b) Own Tps: "C" Coy plus att tps.

2. INTENTION.

"C" Coy and att tps will capture SOOT and SNIFF HILLS.

3. METHOD.

(a) Summary of Ops:

The attack will be in two phases.
Phase 1 - Capture SOOT HILL.
Phase 2 - Capture SNIFF HILL with sp from SOOT HILL.

(b) Preliminary Moves:

(1) No. 2 pl plus 1 tp tks will move round right flank on tks to a point due NORTH of re-entrant between features, and approx 300X from SNIFF HILL.

(2) 1 tp tks move to suitable fire posns for sp of attack of No. 1 pl on to SOOT HILL.

(c) Tps.

Phase 1.

fwd - No. 1 Pl with in sp 1 tp tks.
res - No. 3 Pl
Objective: SOOT HILL
SL - Creek foot of SOOT HILL.
Axis of Adv - WEST
Start Time - When tks in posn.
FUP - Present posn.
Rate of Adv - 100X - 4 mins.

Phase 2.

Tps fwd - No. 2 Pl.
Res - No. 3 Pl - present posn.
Sp - No. 1 Pl from SOOT HILL.
Objective - SNIFF HILL.
SL - Creek running NORTH of SNIFF HILL.
Axis of Adv - SOUTH.
Start Time - On success signal from SOOT HILL.
Rate of Adv - 100X - 2 mins.

Tks (a) No.tp sp No. 1 pl and be in posn to sp attack from track and creek.

Tasks: Enemy posns on SOOT HILL H-3 to..... cut out on order from pl.

(b) No.tp with No. 2 pl.

Tasks: Move SOUTH to creek three up on success signal from SOOT HILL and fire for 3 mins - cut out on movt of inf fwd of tks. Then ~~stay~~ move across creek and assist consolidation SNIFF HILL.

(d) Tasks:

Phase 1.

re-entrant from H-5 to H-Hr thence lift to SNIFF HILL from H to H plus 2. Normal Rate.

Phase 2.

PIN HILL from success signal SOOT HILL for 5 mins. Normal Rate.

(e) MMG: With Coy HQ for use on consolidation.

(f) PNRS: Remain with D8 tractor.

Action on Capture of Objective -

(g) Phase 1.

(a) No. 1 pl consolidate on SOOT HILL and occupy posn to give sp to phase 2.

(b) No.....tp withdraw to track as res.

Phase 2.

(c) No. 2 pl consolidate fwd slopes SNIFF HILL - MMGs report to No. 2 pl for consolidation purposes.

(d) No.....tp assist in consolidation SNIFF HILL. Hull down posns.

(h) Exploitation

No. 3 pl exploit along track 100X WEST of SNIFF HILL and take up posn astride track. Protect track and right flank.

4. ADM:

(a) <u>Arm</u>	Rifle	--	50 rds
	Bren	--	200 "
	Owen	--	200 "
	MMG	--	6 belts per gun.
	Mortars	--	24 HE - ea mortar. 6 Smoke.

(b) Rations - Normal.

(c) GAP - On track perimeter area.

5. ERCOLN:

(a) Coy HQ both phases - on track perimeter area and vic creek NE corner SOOT HILL.

(b) Inf to Tks - SCR 536B and I.C. phone.

(c) Runner.

(d) W/T Silence till H-Hr.

(e) BHQ - Junc M.DANG Rd and track.

(f) Success signal phase 1 - GREEN - RED - GREEN.
" " " 2 - RED - WHITE - RED.

(g) Synchronisation - 060730 hrs.

D. H. Bruce

Capt

(D. H. BRUCE)
OO "C" Coy.
30 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF)

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Signed at: *Obobook*

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Pnrs	" 4
MMG	" 5
Mortars	" 6
Coy HQ	" 7-8
CSM	" 9
BHQ	" 10-11
A-Sqn	" 12-13-14-15

For Exercise.

2/4 Armd Regt	" 16-17
8 Bde	" 18
War Diary	" 19-20

TK - INF CO-OPERATION.

30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
21 Feb 45.

TRG SYLLABUS.

Commencing 26 Feb 45. 1 MAR 45

	0830 - 0910	0915 - 0955	1010 - 1050	1055 - 1145	1330 - 1410	1415 - 1455	1510 - 1545
D	Opening Address	Individual Tk Inspection	Lecture. Tk Capabilities & characteristics	Individual Tk Inspection	Lecture - Fms Inf & Tks	Pract. Inf Fms	Practical Fms on Ground. Tks.
D1.	Lecture - Tk & Inf Tactics	Short lectures & practical. Tk & Inf fms on ground. To incl marrying up.		Tk - Inf comms	Lecture - Fire Orders & indication of targets.	Practical intercom & indication of targets.	
D2.	Tk mov	----- Practical Fms			----- SPORT -----		
		PIMPLE AREA					
D3.	----- APPROACH -----		----- CONTACT -----		----- RECCE -----		----- PLANNING -----
D4.	----- FINAL -----			----- EXERCISE -----		----- DISCUSSION OF EXERCISE -----	

NOTE: Morning Smoke 0955-1010
Break - Lunch 1145-1330
Afternoon Smoke 1455-1510

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ(G)	1	Comd	1	8 Bde	2
CO(A)	1	2 i.c.	1	2/4 Coy	
A	1	Adjt	1	Regt	6
B	1	IO	1	War Diary	2
C	1	Clk	1	File	1
D	1	RSM	1		

S. G. URE-SMITH
Lt
(S. G. URE-SMITH)
Adjt 30 AUST INF BN (AIF)

War Diary

Appx 2

Subject: FD FIRING - Tk MORTAR & MMG

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

3 Mar 45

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It is advised that a fd firing exercise will take place from 050800K to 051800K and from 060800K to 061800K.

Details of Danger Area are:-

<u>Ref Map</u>	ALEXISHAFEN	1 : 25,000
Firing Point	707353	
Arc of fire	225° - 290° (grid)	
Approx length of Danger Area	7000 yds from firing point	

Subject: FD FIRING

(J.W.CHESTER)
A/BM 8 AUST INF BDE

Capt.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART 1

by

BRIGADIER M.A. FERGUSSON.

COMMANDING 8 AUST INF BDE

FIRST AUST ARMY

3 Mar 45

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Capt.

(J.W. CHESTER)

A/BM 8 AUST INF BDE

"A" & "Q"

51. POSSESSION AND TRANSMISSION OF PERSONAL AND REGIMENTAL DOCUMENTS (Ref GRO A41/45)

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

52. ANIMAL MASCOTS AND PETS (ref GRO 53/45)

1. No animal or bird which is not on an authorised war establishment will be permitted to accompany troops or any member of the AMF.
2. The entry into Australia of animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulation under the Quarantine Act, owing to the risk of the introduction of rabies, piroplasmiasis and other diseases.
3. Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the Commonwealth of Australia (including islands adjacent to the coast) of -

- (i) animals or birds on the WE of a unit, whether allocated before or after embarkation from Australia; or
- (ii) living mascots, pets or other animals or birds, whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.

4. (a) ESOs and ATOs will take action with local civil quarantine authorities to have living mascots, pets, animals or birds, which disembark or deplane at a port or an aerodrome in Australia from outside the Commonwealth of Australia, destroyed forthwith.

(b) Birds or animals on the WE of a unit proceeding from an overseas port to another overseas port may enter an Australian port en route, providing that such animals or birds are kept securely on the vessel and are not permitted to land. The ESO will advise the local civil quarantine officer on arrival of the vessel and make necessary arrangements with him for inspection and security of the animals or birds.

5. When a unit or detachment is moved from one location to another, animals which have been permitted by the CO to be kept in unit lines by members during their stay in the locality should not be left to fend for themselves or starve, on departure of the unit or detachment, but suitable action should be taken for their disposal or humane destruction.

6. GRO A171/1943 is cancelled.

53. BATTERIES, SECONDARY, PORTABLE, LEAD-ACID: CARE, CONSERVATION AND SENTENCING (Ref GRO 0264/44)

Care and conservation

1. It is apparent that all ranks have not always been impressed with the seriousness of the present shortages of batteries, secondary, portable, for MT and wireless requirements. Every effort will be made to preserve and prolong the working life of this equipment.

2. The organization in the 4th echelon AEME workshops for re-conditioning batteries is designed to reduce both the time-lag in evacuation for repair over very long lines of communication and the present excessive breakage rate which is occurring while these stores are in transit. Replacement parts are in very short supply and new cases are unobtainable, which situation is further aggravated by the return of batteries from units with cell-covers broken and cases smashed.

3. It is the direct responsibility of all units to prevent this wastage and of ordnance depots to ensure that defective batteries are returned in such condition that the maximum reclamation can be effected. Batteries will only be returned through authorised ordnance service channels. Provision is now being made for the supply of a returnable battery container which will eliminate the present usage of non-standard ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and inefficient crating methods.

4. Cleanliness, regular maintenance, correct storage and use, supplemented by technical advice from RAE and Signal technical sections, AASC wksp and LADs will ensure that units obtain the maximum service from batteries and that sound, well-preserved stores are returned for reconditioning.

5. Adequate facilities exist for all units to maintain their battery equipment in a high state of efficiency and it is essential that COs of units rigidly enforce unit battery maintenance. All officers directly concerned with the operation or handling of batteries will take immediate action to reduce the present excessive usage rate of these stores and to impress upon all personnel the necessity for exercising the greatest care in handling and transportation.

6. The use of batteries, secondary, portable, for any unauthorised purpose, such as lighting of tents, huts and similar uses, will be discontinued forthwith, and such batteries will be returned to the nearest RSD immediately. COs of units will be held personally responsible for the implementation of this instruction.

 Lt.
(K.H. WILLIS)

A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *APPX 413*

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

35 Bn. Lwd

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

04 1900 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

8 Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*016. CO requests an strike on SCHILLINGS PLN probable
communications centre & bunkers @ strapping run to be followed by
bombing @ INFO will move back on command of strapping
bombline NOT EAST of RAMU @ best run north to south & east to
west @ CO requests permission to accompany mission @
advise date & time of strike.*

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MESSAGE FORM

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8 Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

061555

Office Date Stamp

TO

First Aust Army
(re) For Information (INFO.)

For Action

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*Q 1433 for Lt Col. KING from CLARKSON mail posn army & navy units
this area prior to 20g this received 6 hrs first delivery since 12 lbs 58 Feb
RAAF units & dets detached from army units in LAF receive mail daily via
FINSCHHAFFEN with little interruption @ 8 1/2 Bde & Area Comd consider affecting
morale @ confirmed by det 1 Fd censor ship boy @ Both comds would
appreciate any efforts to ensure more regular delivery*

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Appx 5

Subject: LHQ MOBILE TEAM P & RT

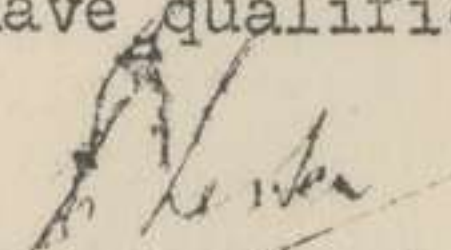
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

6 Mar 45

91/2691/457

1. The LHQ Mob team is in this area under comd Maj DIXON and will conduct courses for this Bde Gp in the Bde rest area SIAR 1.
2. OBJECT. To train instructors in P & RT, swimming and life saving.
3. STUDENTS. Will be selected from NCOs and ptes who have the necessary qualifications to assimilate the instruction and who will be capable of conducting similar courses within their units. It is emphasised that the object of the course is to train INSTRUCTORS and NOT solely for the purpose of bringing students to a high state of physical fitness.
4. DURATION. The first course will commence on 15 Mar 45 and run for 21 working days.
5. VACANCIES. Are allotted as follows:-

2/4 AUST ARMD REGT	-	6
4 AUST INF BN (AIF)	-	6
30 AUST INF BN (AIF)	-	6
35 AUST INF BN (AIF)	-	4
27 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	-	1
133 AUST BDE FD PARK (AIF)	-	1
133 AUST BDE WORKSHOP (AIF)	-	1
241 AUST SUP DEP PL (AIF)	-	1
242 AUST SUP DEP PL (AIF)	-	1
2/15 AUST FD AMB	-	1
		28
6. NOMINAL ROLLS. Will be forwarded to this HQ in duplicate by 12 Mar 45.
7. REPORTING. Students will report to C.I. at school HQ SIAR 1 at 1800 hrs on 14 Mar 45 and will return to units on 8 Apr 45.
8. EQUIPMENT. Students will bring personal gear and notebooks and pencils.
9. ACCN. Will be arranged by 35 AUST INF BN (AIF), and the school will be fed by LHQ Mob Cooking and Catering School also in the rest area.
10. SWIMMING. The instructional staff of the school are also willing to teach swimming and life saving to personnel not attending the school, and it is anticipated will take 15 personnel for 2 or 3 hours each day. Details will be advised as soon as the school itself is in operation.
11. INSTRS WITHIN UNITS. On return to units it is desired that every facility be given the instructors who have qualified at the school to conduct classes within the unit.


 (J.W.CHESTER) Capt.
A/BM 8 AUST INF BDE

DISTRIBUTION:-

- List E
- plus Maj DIXON OC LHQ MOB P & RT TEAM
- C/o AREA HQ MADANG
- Capt PULSFORD OC Tps Rest Area SIAR 1.

Appx 6

COPY OF REPORT BY O.I.C.
ANGAU SUB DISTRICT AT
BOGIA

B/DS/25/1
Sub District
ANGAU BOGIA
12 March 45

Subject: JAPANESE ACTIVITY

To: 35 AUST INF BN FWD

1. Ref map BOGIA 2081 4 miles to 1 inch.
2. Village officials from PIRIA (PUR) (W)5321 today reported that on 7 March 45 a Japanese patrol of unknown strength visited the vicinity of the village and took prisoner three young men.
3. Briefly the available facts of the visit are as follows:-
"On Wednesday 7 March 45 an old man together with three younger men went into the bush in the vicinity of PUR village to collect cane. Whilst the younger men were cutting cane the aged man went into the bush to defaecate. While so engaged he heard one of the younger men cry out that the Japanese had caught them and were taking them away. The old man did not pause to investigate but ran back to the village and reported the incident."
4. This is the first visit the Japanese have paid to this village for approximately six months and the taking prisoner of these young men would indicate that they are seeking information as to our troops activities and dispositions.
5. Four native constables have been sent to PUR with instructions to investigate further and report immediately.

Sgd. R.W. JOHNSTONE Lt.

O.I.C. BOGIA

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Apex 9/7/01*

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FROM

(A)

J Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

07/320

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

25 Br. p.w.d. rear Annanberg

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*0217 relief ANNAN. FORCE relief will commence 080700 by WAIKUS load
ex MADANG 11 to 5 ex ANNAN 2 to 30 trips as frequently as possible 025 Br rear
to have first plane load one hrs notice 0 subsequent trips about same warning
ETA. ETD both mas will be advised to all addresses by 35 Br rear ANNANBERG
FORCE EMERGENCY OPS priority 0 all ack*

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM
(A)

1st Lt. Army.
For Action

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

072115.

Office Date Stamp

TO

8 Bde.

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*Q 2410. your Q 1433 NOT to second addressee @ regular deliveries
mail to MADANG was anticipated on commencement MARINE
SERVICE via SALAMAUVA but this service unsatisfactory so
far @ investigating possibility route mail AUST. FINSCHEFFEN
MADANG but there are certain difficulties @ will advise
earliest.*

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War Diary

Subject: CHURCH NOTICES

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

7 Mar 45

17/1851/460

CHURCH OF ENGLAND - CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Rt. Rev. Philip N.W.STRONG, M.A., Bishop of NEW GUINEA, will administer the sacred Rite of Confirmation to a group of candidates from this Bde Gp in the Chapel of 4 AUST INF BN (AIF) at 1900 hrs on Saturday 17 Mar 45.

Members of all units are invited to attend the service, and transport will be provided by each unit concerned for personnel who desire to take part.

The Bishop of NEW GUINEA will be in this Bde's Area from Friday, 16 Mar to Monday 19 Mar, and will carry out the following programme:-

- FRIDAY, 16 Mar 1900 hrs, Bde HQ Chapel. Preach at Evensong.
- SATURDAY, 17 Mar 1900 hrs, Confirmation Service in 4 Bn Chapel.
- SUNDAY, 18 Mar 0815 hrs, Preach at the General Service in the Chapel of 30 AUST INF BN (AIF)

In addition to this programme, the Bishop will fill engagements arranged for him by the RAAF and RAN.

K.H. Willis
 (K.H.WILLIS) Lt.
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Appx 10*

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FROM	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
(A)	<i>S Bde</i>	<i>081400</i>	
TO	For Action		
<i>35 Bu FWD</i>	<i>Sunderberg Force</i>		
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*OSM relief will be expected by SUNDERLAND a/c will
 carry about 30 tps ETD MADANG 09000 K personnel from
 ANNANBERG will be on take for immediate return by
 same a/c Ob a/c will decide load for return journey
 but have 30 tps ready for further details & times later
 acts.*

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

(A)

8 Bde.

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

090925

Office Date Stamp

TO

Annaberg Force

For Action

(*re*) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*31440 relieving pl. from 75 Bde ETA LAKE VRABU 09/1030^h
by SUNDERLAND ensure all personnel for movement
from ANNANBERG are ready at that time*

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Subject: LEAVE SENIOR OFFICERS

Appx 12

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

2 Mar 45

59/2742/475

Distribution:

COs, OCs List E less serial 21

1. It is desired to point out that the same care which is applied to the recording of leave of other ranks in accordance with the GROs A598 and A127/44 should be observed in respect of the leave accruing and taken by general and other senior officers.
2. The Staff Captain on this HQ, will be responsible for the recording of leave for all COs and OCs, and it is desired that you will have your records brought up to date immediately.


(K.H. WILLIS)
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

Lt.

Abby 13

COPY OF REPORT BY 101 F.S.DET
WITH FWD 35 AUST INF BN
AT HANSA BAY

101 Aust F.S.Det.
Att HQ 35 Aust Inf Bn Fwd
13 March 45

Subject: ENEMY WEARING AUSTRALIAN CLOTHING.

To: Int Offr
35 Aust Inf Bn

1. Lt KEFT reported that on 10 March a patrol of NGIB sighted a party of six unidentified persons in the square 4744 (ref map NUBIA WEST 1:63360). The patrol did not fire as the boys observed that they were attired in Australian clothing.

2. The outfit worn was stated to be:-
jungle greens)
gaiters) all
boots) Australian
berets) type

No information is available as to the arms carried (if any)

3. No 35 Aust Inf Bn patrols were in the area.

4. A possible solution as to the origin of this clothing is that it may be from supply dropped by a/c in the area of the Ramu River mouth in May 44. At that time assistance was being given to a party of British Indians behind the Jap lines. All types of personal clothing and gear, as well as rifles, were dropped.

Sgd A.M.GILES L Cpl

101 AUST F.S.DETION

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Apky 14*

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

25 Bn

FWD

12 1445

For Action

TO

8 Bde.

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0555 evacuate MARANGIS for thru with 2 pl with its support. Arms to concentrate FWDK earliest @ MARANGIS defences to be destroyed @ line comes to remain @ C.O. will arrive FWDK 13 Mar to give additional instr @ Act.

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Subject: DANGER AREA - ARTY RANGE

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

// Mar 45

85/2291/491

Distribution:

List A less serials 17, 22, 23, 25

1. An arty range in ALEXISHAFEN area was notified to all addressees by HQ 5 AUST DIV, and as this range will be used again details of the danger area are amended and promulgated.

2. Ref Map 1:25000 ALEXISHAFEN

NORTH BOUNDARY	674390	-	710390
EAST "	710390	-	7213 3
SOUTH "	722378	-	674330
WEST "	674330	-	674390
F.P.	717375		
ARCS OF FIR	290°	grid	
	230°	"	

3. The range will be in use from 14 Mar 45.

Chester Capt.
 (J.W.CHESTER)
A/BN 8 AUST INF BDE

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Apply 16*

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FROM

(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

Ammanbury Force

13 1105

For Action

TO

8 Bde

(i) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*59 litrep to 131100 @ ration, dropped 130900 K @
WAI RUS did NOT arrive @ 1 day patrol to 407360
to 415660 ETD 40700 @ Sitube.*

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

(A)

8 Bde.

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

13 1430

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

Lae Base sub area.

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*2 1467 ANNANBERG advise rations dropped
130900 K. @ please advise details of supplies
dropped.*

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War Diary

Appx 17

Subject: ORDNANCE INSPECTION

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

15 Mar 45.

95/2844/518.

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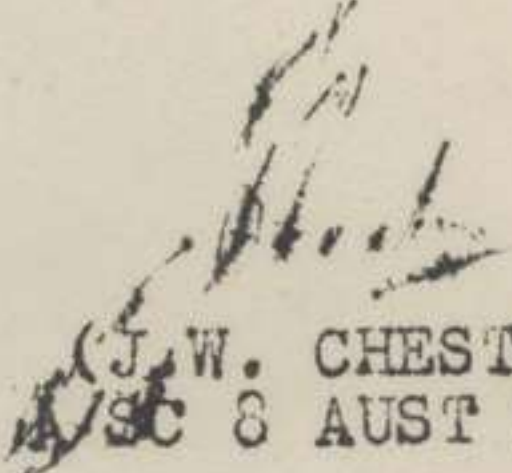
1. Major PINKERS from Army Ordnance Staff yesterday inspected the 4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

A similar inspection of all units of the bde will be carried out by representatives from Army HQ during the next few weeks.

2. A conference of all Quartermasters will be held at this HQ at 1100 hrs on 19 Mar 45. Lt-Col NEVILLE will preside.

3. The purpose of the conference is to inform all units of the methods adopted by the Inspectorate and to ensure that all the Inspectorates requirements are fulfilled.

4. The Report on 4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) methods is excellent. It is not necessarily suggested that other units' methods are not equally good.


Capt
(J.W. CHESTER)
ASC 8 AUST INF BDE

Appx 18

HQ AUSTRALIAN AREA CO D. PADANG.

Ref No. Q16/1864

14 Mar 45.

ALL UNITS UNDER COMMAND

WAR DAMAGE COMMISSION

Subtended is copy of letter received from Inspector of the War Damage Commission for information of all units.

" On behalf of the War Damage Commission I should like to bring before you a matter which has caused me considerable concern in this District during the last few months and would ask if it is possible to secure some assistance from your Base.

1. Firstly is the question of the removal of a number of original buildings by the units marching out. In a number of instances these buildings had already been assessed in regard to depreciated and compensating value by War Damage.

2. In Alexishafen recently two original buildings were removed having cement or brick floors with tile roof apparently their only value would have been the walls and frame whereas they were of considerable value at their original site.

3. Secondary is the indiscriminate cutting out of palms by units chiefly requiring green coconuts. In a recent report on a plantation to Headquarters Production Control Board - PORT MORESBY and War Damage Commission I report, inter alia: "loss of palms by bombing is about one hectare, cut out by Army in the vicinity of 42 hectares, and unfortunately these comprise the highest producing areas on the east side of the road, though a check has been made there is no guarantee that some hundred or more palms will not be cut out by mostly units, requiring coconuts for drinking purposes. It can be understood when sport ground or ranges etc., are required palms should possibly be cut down but it is a great pity some check cannot be made on indiscriminate cutting out of palms by units. The value of this plantation is in the vicinity of £25 000 and already I estimate production has decreased 70 tons but with a little more cutting out of palms this plantation may then be valueless."

4. Naturally the palms cut down and buildings removed by units will result in the Commonwealth Government having to pay out a much larger sum than really necessary and this money could be used in other avenues in AUSTRALIA."

The substance of this memo will be promulgated to all ranks and action taken to ensure that there will be no unnecessary damage to plantations and buildings.

ACK.

[Handwritten Signature]
.....Capt

C F DOLAN
Staff Capt. HQ AUSTRALIAN AREA CO D. PADANG.

War Damage

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *466X19*

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1st Aust Army
Originator

Date—Time of Origin

15 1500

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TO

HQ 8 Bde
For Action

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A0550 4 sqd RAAF now available for TacR in support your ops @ please advise earliest details so this required incl. turnings & area @ ack

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Apkx 20*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.
0553 your A0550 @ nil to CR required at present will advise if desired.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) <i>2/4</i>	Originator <i>Armd Regt.</i>	Date—Time of Origin <i>17 0930</i>
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TO <i>8 Bde</i>	For Action <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>
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Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*A286 Co. departed for TOROKINA today a adv
 could not be returned of MAJ MACKAY will be
 MAJ WH. COCHRANE*

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War Diary

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Subject: CONSERVATION OF RUBBER

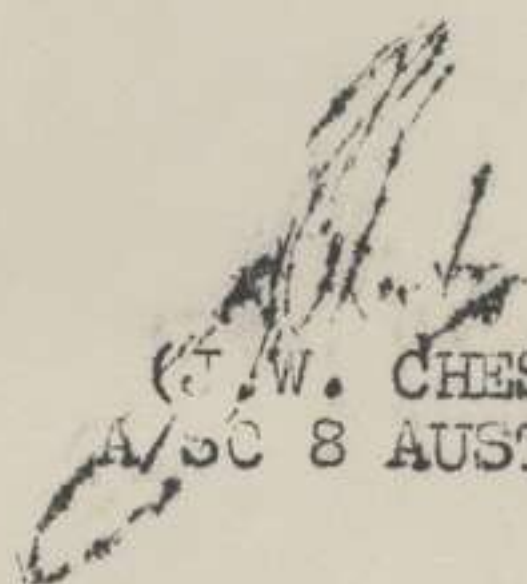
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

12 Mar 45.

107/2891/532

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1. The shortage of tyres in this area is again becoming very serious and so far as can be ascertained no relief can be expected for some time.
2. Evidence of the gravity of the position overseas is provided by the fact that vehs are now arriving in AUSTRALIA without spare tyres and in the near future may arrive without tyres and tubes at all.
3. The attention of COs is drawn to this matter and in an effort to cut down on the wear of tyres the following restrictions must be enforced:-
 - (a) Further efforts must be made to co-ordinate Unit tpt, particularly trips to MADANG.
 - (b) Vehs may only be used to carry personnel to pictures within the Bde area. Jap vehs may be used for other areas.
 - (c) Constant checks made on tyre pressures by units.
4. It is suggested that the maximum use be made of Jap vehs for which tyres are available.


Capt
(C.W. CHESTER)
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

War Diary

Apby 23

Subject: ORDNANCE INSPECTION

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

20 Mar 45.

74/2844/539

DISTRIBUTION: List "E" Less serial 21.

1. Further to this HQ memo 74/2844/518 of 15 Mar 45 and conference held 19 Mar 45, the following instructions will be put into effect forthwith:
 - (a) All blankets other than those in use for sleeping with, will be withdrawn to Q Stores and returned to Ordnance when ordered.
 - (b) Surplus blankets may be held in Q Stores at CO's discretion for the purpose of supplying personnel marching into unit.
 - (c) Tools, axes and shovels etc will be maintained weekly and sharpened when applicable.


Capt
(J.W. CHESTER)
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

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Appy 24

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SERIAL NO. 8/45

Nos 54 - 55

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

BRIGADIER M.A. FERGUSSON

COMMANDING 8 AUST INF BDE

FIRST AUST ARMY

22 Mar 45.

"G"

NIL


Capt
(J.W. CHESTER)
A/BM 8 AUST INF BDE

"A" & "Q"

54. THIRD VICTORY LOAN (Reference GRO 83/45)

1. The Third Victory Loan of £100,000,000 cash will open for subscription on 13 th March 1945 and close not later than 27th April 1945.

2. Arrangements have been made for paymasters to accept applications for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the AMF who desire to invest their savings in the loan.

Particulars of Loan

3. Loan applications made be made to an amount of £10 or a multiple of £10.

4. Treasury Bonds are payable to bearer and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100, £500 and £1,000.

5. Inscribed stock may be purchased at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100.

6. Interest is payable at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum if invested for five years and at 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % per annum if invested for sixteen years, and will be credited half-yearly to a member's savings bank account or current account, if desired.

7. Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation but not to any income tax under the law of a State. During the period of uniform tax, a rebate of 2/- in the pound on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from State taxation.

8. Any bank nominated by a member will, if desired, hold the bonds in safety custody.

Procedure for lodging applications:-

9. Application forms will be available from paymasters and unit pay representatives and are required to be completed in duplicate. An applicant's signature will be witnessed by an officer.
10. Sufficient credit must be available in a member's paybook to cover the amount he or she desires to invest in the Loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the paybook.
11. Cash may be accepted in payment of a loan subscription, in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the pay book to establish the necessary credit and a pay sergeant's or cash office receipt issued and pasted in the pay book.
12. Deposits on account of loan subscriptions will not be accepted. Where members desire to subscribe by instalments, the procedure set out in GRO F303/1944 will be observed. Supplies of "Bank Advice of Service Allotment" forms (vide appendix to GRO F.303/1944) will be available from Paymasters.
13. The Commonwealth Bank will forward to a member an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.

General

14. Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed stock are readily realisable and may be sold at any time. Any bank will arrange this for a member, if desired.

15. GRO F.334/1944 is cancelled.

55. APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, REVERSION AND REDUCTION OF WOs AND NCOs
(Reference GRO 87/45.)

1. Whenever a member is appointed to acting Warrant or Non-commissioned rank, then, unless para 6 of this order applies, such acting rank will either be confirmed as substantive rank or be terminated not later than three months from the date of appointment.

2. Retention of acting warrant or non-commissioned rank:-

(a) Unless reverted as punishment for an offence, a member holding acting warrant or non-commissioned rank will retain that rank whilst he is:-

- (i) posted as missing;
- (ii) a prisoner of war or, if a protected person, in enemy custody;
- (iii) Under treatment for sickness, wounds or injuries not involving his posting to the X List (special provisions relating to those wounded in action are contained in the provisos to para 11 (a) (iii) of this order);
- (iv) attending a school or course of instruction as a student;
- (v) on leave which does not involve posting to the X List.

(b) A member holding acting warrant or non-commissioned rank may be permitted to retain that rank when -

- (i) marched out of his unit on temporary detachment;
or
- (ii) transferred in his acting rank to another unit in the WE of which a vacancy exists for that rank.

(c) Except as provided in sub-paras (a) and (b) of this paragraph, a member who is holding acting warrant or non-commissioned rank will be reverted to his substantive rank on being marched out of his unit.

(d) His CO will be responsible for notifying the member and ensuring that the necessary casualty return is submitted and the necessary entry is made in the member's paybook before he is marched out.


Automatic Reversion from acting warrant or non-commissioned Rank -

3. (a) The grant of acting warrant or non-commissioned rank or of a lance appointment is subject in all cases to the condition that the holder will be automatically reverted to his substantive rank on the happening on any one of the following events:-

- (i) if he is declared an illegal absentee by a Court of Inquiry held under AMR & O 445 or by an Investigating Officer appointed under AMR & O 448A - as from the date of the declaration;
- (ii) if he is sentenced to penal servitude, imprisonment, detention or field punishment by a civil court or Court Martial - as from the date of the sentence;
- (iii) if he is evacuated on medical grounds beyond a field ambulance or camp hospital or retained in a field ambulance or ~~field~~ ^{camp} hospital for a period longer than seven days - as from the date of evacuation beyond a field ambulance or ~~field~~ ^{camp} hospital or as from the eighth day in the field ambulance or camp hospital;

provided that a member who is holding acting warrant or non-commissioned rank on the date on which he becomes a battle casualty (i.e. is wounded or injured in consequence of action by or against the enemy) shall retain such acting rank until return to his former unit or posted to a new unit; and

provided further that, when a member is returned to his former unit, he will continue to hold his acting rank if an appropriate vacancy exists within unit WE. In such cases, his acting rank will be confirmed as a substantive rank, or terminated in accordance with para 9 of this order, not later than three months from the date of his return or posting.


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Subject: CONTROL & DESIGNATION OF THE FRENCH ARMED FORCES
(Abolition of terms "Free" and "Fighting")

Appt 25

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

24 Mar 45

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Subtended is LHQ memo 34473 of 13 March 45:-

"Between the middle of 1940 and the latter part of 1944, the French Armed Forces that were under command of General De Gaulle, were called "Free French", and subsequently "Fighting French", but when the Provisional Government of the Republic of France was established on the liberation of Paris, the elimination of the Vichy French Forces made it possible to designate the "Fighting French" Forces as the French Armed Forces.

The designations "Free" and "Fighting" are therefore now obsolete; and the Staff of the Australian Army will forthwith discontinue the use of those terms, designating units or personnel of the French Armed Forces as French.

The foregoing instruction does not apply to entries in records of a historical nature which refer to the Free, Fighting or Vichy French Forces at times when those terms were in current and correct use."

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Appx 26

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM

(A)

8 Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

25/7/30 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

35 Bw FWD

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

Innanberg.

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0547 Beauport ac on tac/R unit AID

over due @ pre-arr area SEPIK - KERAM @

Keep look-out & advise any info

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means { except

..... } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

Signed

Originator's Instructions
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MESSAGE FORM

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Sept 27

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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

35 Bn FWD.

26 1830

For Action

TO

8 Bde

(*re*) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*028 nature of track FWD of SEPEN & FWD TUMUNUM very
slippy frequently impassable. maintenance
improbable to maintain FWD of these posts most
unreliable intend moving back to SEPEN & TUMUNUM
& patrolling when possible do you concur*

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means { except

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If liable to be intercepted or fall into
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sent **IN CIPHER**

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TO	For Action <i>35 Bde FWD.</i>
	(i) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No. *your OS & cover*

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means { *except* } Wireless

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER**

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MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

35 Bn FWD

262125

For Action

TO

8 Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Msg. ref your 0247 @ 262010 K, white parachute plane seen at bearing 285° magnetic from BUHVA @ same time 2 planes seen at 270° magnetic from PURPUR @ also confirmed from BOROI @ RADAR BOGIA unperfmed.

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means { except

..... } Wireless

Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER**

Signed

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Placed at War

8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

REPORT OF OPERATIONS

SEPIK - RAMU RIVER AREA

6 NOV 44 - 28 FEB 45

Consisting of:

PART I

Chronological Summary of main activities.

PART II

Operations.

PART III

Lessons learned from Ops.

APPENDIX "A"

Separate Report submitted by OC ANNANBERG FORCE.

APPENDIX "B"

Tracing of 1 in to 1 mile map showing places mentioned.

PART I

1944

- Nov 5 HANSA BAY evacuated by 35 AUST INF BN leaving only Salvage Det and ANGAU reps in area.
- 11 "B" Coy 4 AUST INF BN moved to HANSA BAY to re-occupy area on instrs from FIRST AUST ARMY and established base at SAKULA.
- 26 "C" Coy 1 NGIB allotted to 8 AUST INF BDE and moved to HANSA BAY.
- Dec 4 Combined 4 AUST INF BN and NGIB patrol of 40 moving from RAMU to WATAM and WANGAN were attacked by 80 to 100 Japs.
- 10 Further patrol clashes in same area, again resulting in casualties to both forces.
- 15 Natives evacuated from WEST of RAMU stated Japs in occupation WATAM and WANGAN with HQ at SINGARIN.
- 17 A Pl from "C" Coy 1 NGIB arrived at ANNANBERG to relieve PIB.
- 18 FIRST AUST ARMY ordered all tps to be withdrawn EAST of RAMU with patrols to RAMU RIVER.
- 23 Instrs received to permit patrolling to WARANGIS (I).

1945

- Jan 3 30 AUST INF BN relieved 4 AUST INF BN.
- 6 BOSMAN occupied by 30 AUST INF BN.
- 13 Pl of 30 AUST INF BN flown to ANNANBERG to augment NGIB Force.
- 13 BOSMAN evacuated.
- 19 Approx 30 Japs attacked WARANGIS (I).
- 20 NGIB patrol killed 22 JAPS at BOSMAN (I). Bodies clothed new green clothing and American gaiters.
- 23 Air strike made on WATAM track June. Ground forces report no signs of enemy except 1 wounded.
- Feb 4 Permission granted by FIRST AUST ARMY to attack WANGAN, WATAM.
- 7 Enemy were encountered in strong posns in both areas but after air strike they evacuated.
- 10 The Coy was ordered to discontinue the pursuit and were withdrawn.
- 12 NGIB Pl struck 100 Japs at MENNEM
- 17 Definite evidence enemy in occupation SCHILLINGS PLANTATION.
- 18 Pl NGIB left ANNANBERG for AWAR.
- 24 35 AUST INF BN relieved 30 AUST INF BN.

PART II

OPERATIONS

1. When HANSA BAY was reoccupied reports had been received from natives to the effect that the enemy were moving towards the RAMU and the Coy Comd had been instructed to dispose his force so that his mobility would not be threatened by any strong enemy force.
2. The force was accordingly disposed on the line SAKULA RIVER with HQ at POTSDAM.
3. The Bde Comd made several air reces over the area bounded on the NORTH by the sea, the EAST by the RAMU but incl HANSA BAY area, the SOUTH by ANNANBERG and the WEST by the KERAM and SEPIK RIVERS and as a result of the reces made 3 appreciations, the objects being:
 - (a) To deny enemy recce and native sups EAST of RAMU
 - (b) To deny enemy recce and native sups EAST of SEPIK and incl BIEN RIVER.
 - (c) To force the enemy to deploy portion of his force towards the SEPIK.
4. Originally it appeared that the coy gp incl one coy of NGIB less a pl at ANNANBERG and a pl drawn from the parent bn and stationed at ANNANBERG would be an adequate force to secure the second object.
5. However it soon became apparent that if aggressive action was not to be permitted the solution submitting the least strain on the troops involved was to hold MARANGIS on the coast and BOSMAN inland, thus preserving the RAMU as a safe and very mob transverse line of comm.
6. However early in 1945 the enemy cleared a canoe passage up the BIEN RIVER and then EAST to SENAI, BOSMAN and RAMU RIVER. It becomes doubtful that our present strength would be adequate for an attack along the coast and along the SENAI CANAL but if the task is attempted with inadequate strength and reinfts are not permitted it is quite certain that neither the inland force nor the coastal force could be immobilised by the enemy even if he is in superior strength.
7. On two occasions permission was granted by FIRST AUST ARMY to clear the WATAM peninsula of the enemy, adequate force was concentrated and very efficient sp was secured from the sea by arming a ketch with a $\times 3$ in Mortar and an MMG. On the second attack an air strike was led in by the Bde Comd who had reced the area on foot and from the air.
8. Lt-Col PARRY-OKEDEN, an officer of wide experience, who was on board the ketch reported that the bombardments were the most accurate he had seen, and as a result of these strikes the enemy evacuated TRACK JUNCTION.
9. On both occasions when the enemy had been isolated at the tip of the WATAM Peninsula our force was withdrawn under orders from FIRST AUST ARMY.

10. The enemy had maintained tps on both the NORTH and SOUTH headlands DANON ENTRANCE the reasons for which are considered to be firstly the garden area on the Peninsula and secondly the fear of an attack by water into the lagoon area on his communications from SINGARIN to WANGAN.
11. During the second attack on the Peninsula an attempt was made to move into the lagoon by ketch, but the bar proved impassable. The enemy's reaction to this was to withdraw his tps from the Peninsula and to establish a post on the track running NE from WANGAN to the coast at a point where it could not be out-flanked.
12. It is unlikely that the enemy strength in the WANGAN - WATAM Area ever exceeded 100 tps of which about 30 were killed and it is not known yet whether he has again stationed tps on the Peninsula. It is considered probable that he has because of the sups available from the gardens but it is thought that he is unlikely to fight there in the future; the more likely course is for him to withdraw by canoe to WANGAN.
13. In order to protect the rear of the force moving into the Peninsula it was necessary to immobilise the enemy at BOSMAN by patrolling and during the second attack on the Peninsula a pl was maintained at BOSMAN. This pl made lt contact with the enemy (about 30 - 50 in number) est EAST of BOSMAN on the SEPEN PASSAGE. At the time a decision was made to move the pl back from BOSMAN by barge it was not known that the enemy had more than a sec in the area.
14. The American Barges which were used to evacuate our tps came under heavy fire when moving up the SEPEN PASSAGE, loaded the tps under lt fire and fought their way back to the RAMU. The American crew, 2 of whom were wounded, proved themselves to be resolute and courageous men and it was later found that 24 enemy were killed during the evacuation.
15. With the enemy cleared from the area SOUTH and EAST of BOSMAN to incl SCHILLING PLANTATION a pl stationed at BOSMAN and supplied by river and the SEPEN PASSAGE could deny mov to the enemy EAST of the RAMU much more competently and with less strain on the tps than recce fwd to the EAST bank of the RAMU from HANSA BAY.
16. During the whole of the period light contacts only were made in the ANNANBERG area and it is thought probable that the sups by the KERAM RIVER are not as plentiful as was thought at first and the long trip by canoe proves too great a strain for considerable enemy movement to be made down the KERAM.
17. It is considered that holding ANNANBERG with white tps is justified as the enemy has been less aggressive since they have been there and if a deterrent to movement SOUTH along the KERAM is required the pl is probably adequate. there/

PART III

LESSONS LEARNED FROM OPERATIONS

ENEMY

1. The JAP proved to be stupid in his planning of attacks but the individuals were good shots and generally alert scouts although on three occasions scouting parties were surprised and either killed or wounded.
2. The two attacks on the force (one white Pl and 1 NGIB Pl) holding the TRACK JUNCTION had no form and revealed the crudest ideas of fire and movement. The same is true of the three attacks made upon the pl holding MARANGIS.

NATIVES

1. Throughout the whole of the operations it was apparent that the enemy received accurate reports of strength and movements. Probably the chief culprit was a native of BOROI who was not detected until Feb 45 but it is quite certain that this was not the enemy's only source of infm.
2. The native reports to us of enemy strength and movement were surprisingly accurate and on several occasions the estimate of enemy strength proved to be almost exactly correct. One example is that in Dec 44 BOSMAN natives reported that an enemy party of thirty under a Capt would move to BOSMAN in January and more JAPS would come later. The movement took place and eventually approx 50 JAPS were killed in the area.

NGIB

1. One Pl of this Coy has distinguished itself by its aggressive action and the wise planning and leadership. Like all other tps the greener they are the more important it is that the leadership be of the highest quality, and it is suggested that the policy should be to ensure that only the best Offrs and NCOs are posted to these Bns.
2. In future years the importance of these native tps to AUSTRALIA can be of much higher value than their importance today and it is reasonable to envisage, at some distant date, a large corps giving AUSTRALIA very valuable service.
3. It is considered that they can be made into first class infantry for all infantry tasks and excelling in the Jungle.

OWN TROOPS

INF

1. The proportion of amm fired from the hip, in trg, compared to that from the shoulder should be reversed. It remains true that one aimed shot is worth many unaimed and that the best way to prevent casualties is to kill the enemy in preference to frightening him.

2. A great deal of work has been put into trg riflemen in the Bde and the standard has improved some 20% to 30% but is still below the desired standard and this together with the Bde Comd's experience with other inf units makes it quite obvious that after five years of war the standard of musketry is far below what it should be.
3. The insistence that an appreciation be written for all ops however small, has had good results. The Offrs and men moved out full of confidence in the plan each man knowing every detail of it.

RAAF

1. Co-operation by the RAAF has been all that could be desired.
2. The air strikes have all been very accurate due to the fact that added to the indication of the target by mortar smoke an officer who knew the ground thoroughly went in the aircraft which made the first strike. On each occasion the enemy evacuated the posn.
3. The WAPALM Bomb is highly effective provided it has not rained for a few hours previous to the strike. This lesson, however, may apply only to similar areas to the SEPIK Area where all the ground but very narrow strips is waterlogged or has up to 5' or 6' of water.

SUPPLIES

1. Rationing of tps in HANSA BAY Area has presented various problems which were aggravated somewhat by the lack of sufficient small sea going craft to maintain efficiently both the base at AWAR and outposts.
2. At no stage throughout the period under review was anything else but a full hard PACIFIC ration scale issued and it was not until Jan 45 that any fresh commodities, excluding vegetables, could be supplied.
3. The inauguration of a tri-weekly plane service to AWAR relieved the shortage of fresh commodities and regular deliveries are now made to AWAR and ANNANBERG.
4. Difficulty has been experienced with white offrs and NCOs with NGIB dets. Where there is say 1 European and a number of natives, the rations for the European naturally suffer in variety and it is suggested that consideration be given to a special ration with various commodities in smaller containers suitable for consumption by one or two men.

INTERCOMM

Line

1. (a) Owing to the general unreliability of portable wireless eqpt, fd cable has been the primary means of comm even for an approach march up to 20 miles.
(b) It is considered necessary to maintain larger res of cable as far fwd as FOD.
(c) A reliable hand cable layer is a necessity and the major consideration in its design is the fatigue of linesmen.

2. It is considered that no line is complete without having a Fullerphone superimposed for the following reasons:-
 - (a) Provides a secure means of passing secret traffic.
 - (b) Increases the traffic handling capacity of the line.
 - (c) On long lines the Fullerphone circuit will work at night when the line may be "out" for telephony.
3. Generator Telephones - It is essential to have these well forward where long lines and difficulties of sup of batteries make buzzer type phones unreliable.
4. Insulators - Extensive use has been made of 2 in sections of US motor tyres. These are a distinct improvement over any known insulator for semi-permanent lines.
5. Frames D & P - Frames must be installed as a normal drill under all circumstances. It is too late to instal them during a storm.

WIRELESS.

6. Aerials - Good results have been achieved with wireless sets 108 MK III and 208 using experimental aerials of various wavelengths. $\frac{3}{4}$ and $1\frac{1}{4}$ wave end fed aerials appear to give the best results.
7. Portable Wireless Eqpt - Generally unreliable although on one occasion a 108 "net" was the only available means of passing operational traffic in the RAMU RIVER area. It is considered that these sets must be operated from static positions and using often wire aerials.
8. Native carried sets - A non-spillable type of accumulator is required.
9. Battery Charging Sets - All wireless operators must be able to affect running repairs and maintenance.

VISUAL

10. Helio has been fairly reliable as a supplementary means of comn between fixed stas and the Lamp Signalling Aldis is considered ideal for A/C and ship comn but is not easily portable.

PIGEONS

11. Excellent results have been obtained provided patrols are instructed in the care and handling of them before moving out.

GENERAL

12. It has been found necessary for Bde Sig Sec to exercise some control over Sig Expense Stores owing to a general shortage of most items and it is suggested that packages of such stores be clearly marked with blue and white paint to prevent loss .
13. It is considered essential to have a "learner" Sig Offr trained in each Bn at all times as in the event of the Sig Offr becoming a cas it is difficult for the Sig Sjt to maintain the necessary close liaison with Staff Offrs.

14. A line was laid across the RAMU. Sunk to the bottom, weighted with sandbags about every nine feet. This was only maintained for a few hours and it is assumed that either the soil was washed out of the bags, allowing the cable to rise and be broken by logs or the drag of the current or that a certain amount of debris rolls along the river bed.

MEDICAL

1. A review of the medical side of the ops may be conveniently be divided into three phases (a) 11 Nov 44 to 13 Dec 44 with the Lt Sec "B" Coy 2/15 Aust Fd Amb at POTSDAM (b) 13 Dec 44 to 28 Feb 45 when the Lt sec was situated at AWAR and (c) ANNANBERG.
2. The main difficulties concerned transport as regards method, availability and time involved. At POTSDAM there was neither jetty for unloading from ketch or launch nor were there any facilities for unloading the WALRUS A/C. A raft was improvised from 44 gal drums and the patients floated out but this was hazardous and very disturbing to the patient's peace of mind. Aircraft would only land at POTSDAM in an absolute emergency.
3. The rd between AWAR and POTSDAM was rough, with bridges subject to washaway and with patients, took over an hour to traverse. These factors were strong considerations in deciding to move the Lt sec to AWAR and were overcome by that move.
4. The problem of availability of tpt however was not solved. It so happened that battle cas only occurred at periods when launch and aircraft were available but had they occurred at other times when the launch and/or aircraft were unserviceable, the patients would have been jeopardised.
5. The time of evacuation from WATAM Area was too long. It was somewhat shortened by running the launch into the beach at MARANGIS and wading out with patients - a procedure only possible in calm weather. A cas occurring in the morning at or beyond the FRACK JUNCTION did not arrive at AWAR sufficiently early to allow air evacuation the same day. This meant he had to be held overnight and as refrigeration was not available Penicillin could not be used.
6. Another difficulty was the size of the MK II stretcher in relation to the WALRUS A/C. It was necessary to cut the handles off the stretcher but experiments have since been made with a modified Naval cane and canvas folding litter and it is considered that this should prove satisfactory.
7. Patrols were authorised to take two tablets of Atebrin daily as a precaution against loss or destruction of Atebrin by water and Aerosol dispensers issued to them. All clothes were treated with mite fluid. Only one case of Malaria unconfirmed and one Scrub Typhus amongst whites were evacuated and these were ANGAU or NGIB pers.
8. Supplies and eqpt - It was possible to maintain these in adequate quantities though air dropping of Medical supplies to ANNANBERG was not a success. The outfit supplied to RMOs going fwd which was fitted into 1 box bondwood and 1 4 gal flour drum proved adequate, easily transportable by carrier and reasonable protection against water. The provision of a small Lt refrigerator would enable Penicillin to be used by fwd med dets.

30 AUST INF BN (AIF)

REPORT ON ANNANBERG FORCE

1. Occupied by 1 Pl D Coy 30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) plus 1 Pl 1 NGIB as from 13 Jan 45 to 8 Mar 45.

2. Total strength of Force:-

2 Officers 31 OR 30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
1 Officer 2 NCOs 39 OR 1 NGIB
1 ANGAU WO2 and a work line of 55 natives
including 7 RPCs.

ENEMY

3. It was estimated that a force of 200 Japanese were dispersed along the KERAM RIVER from the head water to the SEPIK RIVER. From Tac R and Kanaka reports it was ascertained outposts were situated at GROKOTO, NOGRUBU and BUMBRA, BRUNGO and GRUBU. These outposts formed defensive perimeter and covered all tracks leading to ANGETJI believed to be enemy patrol Headquarters. In the latter portion of the year 1944 a force of PIB and ANGAU special police moved to ANGETJI where the Japanese surprised them and forced them to withdraw. It is believed that much of the arms and amm carried by our force were captured by the enemy, and it is now believed that they are in possession of a Browning MG .50 and Brens and Thompson Sub Machine Guns, one of which was recaptured by a fighting patrol to NAGRUBU.

During our occupation of the area the enemy appeared to be quite content to hold the outposts already mentioned. The reasons in my opinion for the difficulty in contacting the enemy was brought about by the co-operation of the natives with the Jap. On each occasion our troops crossed the RAMU RIVER Garamuts were heard sending messages along the KERAM RIVER. Consequently the enemy was warned of all our movements. This fact when a patrol was sent to NAGRUBU, was brought ^{out} when they only contacted one Jap. He was fired upon but escaped. The patrol brought back two samples of badges of rank issued to the natives by the Jap. They were in the form of armbands. They also sank a canoe on the WEST bank of the KERAM RIVER.

Later information came from the Kanakas stated that on the day of our attack on NAGRUBU the enemy main body had moved across the river to BUMBRA. Towards the end of our occupation, there appeared to be a general move of the KERAM RIVER natives to the RAMU RIVER, and most of the villages in the vicinity which have been deserted for many months are now occupied. Finally Kanaka information from the whole area stated that the Jap said that he was sick and starving and they were willing to come to BURAU whence they would turn their backs for us to shoot them. Surrender leaflets were sent by Kanakas but no developments were expected before 13 March 45. My own opinion of this move by the enemy was for the purpose of recce on ANNANBERG and I had planned to put into effect for the placing of ambushes on further information from the natives of NODABU who were to be trusted. The above information was passed to the relieving Commander.

4. TOPOGRAPHY

The area on the WEST bank of the RAMU RIVER consists mainly of ^{sac} swamps and in flood seasons can only be traversed by canoe. In exceptional conditions it is possible to move from the RAMU RIVER to the KERAM RIVER by canoe. The topography therefore renders foot movement slow and difficult. Track times are slow and the general rate of movement can be estimated at slightly over one mile an hour.

ANNANBERG rises to 200 feet from the RAMU RIVER and consists of four main spurs. It is almost completely surrounded by the RAMU RIVER except to the SOUTH which consists of high jungle and kunai. In my opinion ANNANBERG is a natural fortress and two pls would be ample to defend it. Apart from that any crossing of the RAMU would be reported by the natives on the EAST bank and ambushing parties could be sent to intercept the enemy before reaching ANNANBERG.

5. NATIVES

The natives generally in this area are a poor physical type as their main source of food is sac sac. They are very susceptible to the diseases found in the area. Thrombusia and tertiary yaws are very prevalent and in my opinion if these diseases are to be checked ample supplies of NAB should be provided for the use of ANGAU representatives. There is also believed to be Cholera in the area and there were four undiagnosed deaths in the area during our own occupation. There is also a dysentery epidemic of a very virulent type. This disease is now under control owing to strict sanitary regulations set down by ANGAU representative.

Owing to the presence of white troops in the area more confidence is being shown by the natives and has enabled contact to be made with villages, which up to that time had been pro Jap. The natives are also refusing to supply the enemy with food, and on one occasion it was reported that a party of Japs had been ambushed by the MOUNT IOHME pigmies. There was no confirmation of this report. Greatest co-operation was given by the natives through the liaison of ANGAU. This enabled many improvements to be made on the area, and construction of a canal capable of taking the power canoe through to LAKE VRABU. This will greatly assist the carriage of stores from the planes landing on the Lake.

6. WATER

Although there is plenty of water in the area it is NOT fit for drinking without chlorination. All water flows through swamp country and the ground is very sour. Greatest care should be taken in regard to water as dysentery may result from neglect to chlorinate.

7. FOOD

Although food is not over plentiful a small force could live for a period on the country. There is a fair amount of Tare, Kau Kau, Paw Paw, Spinach, Bananas etc. The rivers are full of fish Kindams (prawns).

8. MEDICAL

Owing to the difficulty of speedy evacuation from the area in my opinion it is necessary to keep a large supply of medical supplies. Also it is necessary to have fully trained medical orderly in attendance.

9. AIR STRIPS

(a) ANNANBERG ELG - Approx 800 yds long and 60 yds wide. Suitable only for light aircraft. Excellent dropping ground. Average recovery during our occupation 70%. As a low mist covers ANNANBERG up to 0800 it is advisable for all drops to be made at midday or later.

(b) LAKE VRABU - Long stretch of water with three possible lines of take off. The longest approx 2800 yds the other two 1250 and 1000 yds respectively.

The average depth is approx 30 feet.

(c) RAMU RIVER

It is possible to land aircraft during flood season. Flowing at approx 4 knots per hour and has many snag areas and sand banks. NOT advisable unless in emergency.

(d) ATEMBLE

Time did NOT permit a recce but from reports is suitable for light aircraft^{only}. Excellent dropping ground.

10.

DISCIPLINE

The discipline was generally fair. Trouble was experienced with native troops under comd and would suggest that native troops where possible be kept away from ANGAU stations as it leads to trouble with the Marys.

11.

SUMMARY

The presence of white troops had a large effect on the morale of the natives and although no actual contact was made with the enemy the presence of troops appeared to have them guessing and kept them in the bad country on the WEST bank of the KERAM RIVER. If any offensive action were to be taken in my opinion it would be necessary to have a strength of at least one Coy. With the strength the firm base would be secure and a patrol base for a pl established on the KERAM RIVER in the vicinity of GLERA.

(Sgd) G.S. RENNIE Lt
OC ANNANBERG FORCE.

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Appx 30.

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Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 3
AS AT 2359 HRS 26 MARCH 1945

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

27 Mar 45

13/163/45

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COMD 8 AUST INF BDE.

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Statement and OOB No 3 as at 2359 hrs 26 March 1945.

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Date

8 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 3
AS AT 2359 HRS 26 MAR 45

Ref Maps:

NUBIA EAST	1 : 63360	NE
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Letter Prefix

Serial No.	Arm or Service	Unit	Letter Prefix	Location	Remarks
1	HQ	HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	MA	72652905	
2		27 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	MA	72652905	
3	Armd	2/4 Aust Armd Regt less C Sqn & B Sqn Gp	A	720349	C Sqn Gp AITAPE B Sqn Gp BOUGAINVILLE
4	Sigs	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	A	718351	
5		8 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	MA	72652905	
6	Inf	4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	A	707323	
7		less C Coy	A	699340	
8		30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	MA	732295	
9		35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	MA	718293	
10		Tac HQ	NE	683437	
11		D Coy HQ	NE	605502	
12		16 Pl D Coy	NW	498483	
13		17 Pl D Coy	NE	683437	
14		18 Pl D Coy	NW	482563	
15		13 Pl C Coy	AW	448595	
16		15 Pl C Coy	NE	605342	
17		C Coy 1 NGIB	NE	765342	
18	AASC	39 Aust Indep Tpt Pl & RDI	MA MA	704298	
19		241 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less one sec	NE	724290 683437	
20		242 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	MA	736240	
21	Med	2/15 Aust Fd Amb less Lt sec	MA NE	718293 683437	726280
22	Dental	A Sec 83 Aust Dental Unit	MA	718293	
23		B Sec " " " "	A	707323	
24		C Sec " " " "	MA	732296	
25	AAOC	133 Aust Bde OFP (AIF)	MA	718224	

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26	AAOC	2/4 Aust Armd Regt	OFP A	719350	
27	AEEME	133 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	MA	733247	
28		2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	A	720349	
29		251 Aust LAD (AIF)	MA	722293	
30	Pro	13 Aust Indep Pro Pl	MA	731251	
31	Postal	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit	MA	727236	
32		Det ANGAU	A	725343	

Wag Diary

Appx 31

Subject: TRAINING MALARIA CONTROL PERSONNEL

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

27 Mar 45

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1. With the introduction of DDT Insecticide and the classes being conducted thereon, it becomes apparent that units are deficient in trained Malaria Control personnel.
2. This shortage has been brought about through leave, sickness and other wastages but it is imperative that the full scale of trained personnel operate on this task at all times.
3. Consequently units will have sufficient trained reserves to offset the inevitable wastage and at NO time in the future should there be any deficiency of personnel actually on the job.
4. The normal Malaria control work will be imparted to any additional personnel required under unit arrangements and when trained a further class in the use of DDT will be held for such personnel. Details will be advised later.

J.W. Chester
(J.W. CHESTER) Capt
AIF 8 AUST INF BDE

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Appx 32

Subject: GUNS MACHINE BREN .303 in - BLADES FORESIGHT

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

27 Mar 45

115/3045/599

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No 1 Area LHQ memo B18138 of 8 Mar 45 is subtended:

"Although the maintenance rate of the above has been increased 300% within the last twelve months, and the additional foresights thus required delivered to ordnance depots and thence to units, demands are still being submitted to AOD's.

It is requested that CO's of units holding Bren Guns and Boxes Battalion Spares Bren "A" or "B", check the contents of same and return to RSD's before the 28 April, and by the end of each month thereafter, all foresights surplus to the following table.

Blades Foresights	Box "A"	Box "B"
Subject: GUNS MACHINE BREN .303 in - BLADES FORESIGHT		
.25 in	2	3
.28 in	8	15
.31 in	4	8
.34 in	2	4
.37 in	2	4
.40 in	3	5
.43 in	1	2
.46 in	1	2
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Whilst it is appreciated that the entitlements shown are small, it is pointed out that, if unused foresights are promptly returned, AOD's will be able to both satisfy demands for foresights quickly and forward to this Branch an accurate return of stocks held by Formations, thereby enabling any necessary provision action to be taken." to ordnance depots and thence to units, demands are still being submitted to AOD's.

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Subject: GAITERS AND SKIN DISEASES

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF).

28 Mar 45

65/3052/607

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1. Subtended is copy of LHQ memo SM2364 of 16 Mar 45:

"It has been brought to notice that there is a growing opinion amongst senior officers (non-medical) serving in the tropics that the wearing of gaiters has a considerable influence in the causation of skin diseases.

2. Latest reports from INDIA, from RAAF, the opinions of medical authorities, and a close examination of statistics which all strongly suggest that gaiters do not increase the incidence of skin diseases, are briefly as follows:-

(i) During the year ending Mar 44 the incidence of skin diseases has been lower in New Guinea than in Northern Territory. Slacks and Gaiters were worn in New Guinea, Shorts without Gaiters in Northern Territory.

(ii) The incidence of skin diseases in RAAF in INDIA is the same as in NEW GUINEA, but the incidence of Malaria is much higher. Slacks and Gaiters are obligatory in RAAF in NEW GUINEA - they are not worn in INDIA.

(iii) Gaiters protect the ankles against cuts and scratches, in which tropical sores originate.

(iv) Gaiters protect against Mosquito bites and therefore against Mosquito borne diseases, malaria and Dengue. Although Anophelines are night biters, aedes scutellaris the dengue vector, is a fierce day biter.

(v) Mosquito bites cause irritation of the skin and consequent scratching and abrasions which are frequently the causative factor of skin diseases.

3. It is directed therefore, that Formation Commanders ensure that in areas so prescribed in GRO 321/44, gaiters are worn by personnel except when protected by a Mosquito net.

4. Care should be taken that gaiters are so adjusted when worn as not to be tight fitting.

5. The term gaiters used in this instruction includes Army issues such as gaiters SD, anklets web, puttees short, gaiters canvas - American pattern."

2. For information and action.

J.W. Chester
Capt
(J.W. CHESTER)
A/SC 8 Aust Inf Bde

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	<i>For Action</i>		
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions
	<i>8 Bw</i>		GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 71 result of PIRIA patrol 4 RPC stationed at PIRIA stated no movement seen EAST side of RAMVO native story of large party WEST of RAMVO opposite MINUNA without substantiation no evidence of this party. Our I 69 017 pl should read 15 pl.

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3 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION GENERAL TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 16

HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

30 Mar 45

TRG POLICY APR 45

1. The trg during Mar has been of a high standard particularly the work done by the various courses ^{conducted} within units. It is desired that these schools continue specially Potential NCO's courses owing to the drain on NCO's to staff Recruit Trg Bns.
2. Tactical trg both within such schools and generally throughout units will be continued and constant practice in making mental appreciations and the issue of verbal orders will be given to all junior comds. The standard in both these important phases is high and by practice the maintenance of this standard will be assured.
3. All sub-units will prepare and man a Coy defensive perimeter and in view of the importance attached to this phase of trg details of the exercises will be submitted to this HQ.
4. The Rifle Range will be allotted to units in accordance with demands submitted and apart from the usual range practices fire and movement exercises will be conducted. This exercise is intended as a sec movement and with careful planning the importance of the various gps within the sec can be taught and the practice of verbal fire orders by the sec comd will be valuable trg.
5. The LHQ Mobile P & RT Wing is still operating in this area and qualified students will, on return to units, be given every opportunity to pass on the work they have learned. It is particularly desirable that time be allotted on trg syllabi for swimming instr and the aim must be to have every man in the unit a swimmer.


Capt
(J.W. CHESTER)
A/BM 3 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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(w) For Information (INFO.)	
<i>6 dia</i>	

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*0202 report setup 62 to 032100K @ HANSA BAY AREA
030630K outpost 11 pl NG13 killed 2 Japs SCHILLING'S
PLANTATIONS @ alhannise no change @ MADANG AHNANBERG
AREAS @ silman.*

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072100 K

For Action

TO

first aust army
(w) For Information (INFO.)

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0220 Secret pitref 66 to 072100K O HANSA
BAY AREA O Disposens NGIB O 10 pl est outpost
510345 O 11 pl now at TUMUNUM 609404 with
outpost at MAL(U) 532392 MONGAI 498398 and at
489384 O NGIB reports estimate fifty gaps SCHILLINGS
PLANTATION O ANSAU interrogation native states
JAP staging camp on track from ASAU 423326
to SCHILLINGS PLANTATION O MADANG ANNANBERG AREAS
O pitref

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0225 secret ptref 68 to 092100K
 HANSA BAY AREA 0 080930K NGIB reports
 ineffective enemy fire across RAMPA from
 506396 and 495360 0 local patrol destroyed
 JAP ammo at 502231 0 081500K 9 pl NGIB
 relieved 11 pl NGIB and outposts 0 11 pl now
 at NUBIA PLANTATION 678384 0 MADANG-ANNANBERG
 AREA 0 091200K 13 pl C Coy 35 bn relieved
 18 pl D Coy 30 bn at ANNANBERG 0 091600K 15 pl
 D Coy 30 bn arrived MADANG 0 otherwise no
 change

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FIRST AUST ARMY

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0227

Secret

SITREP

70

to 112100K

(1)

HANSA

BAY AREA (1)

10 mar (1)

1 NGIB patrol saw 6 unidentified

personnel

square 4744 (1) bay reported personnel

appeared to be Europeans so did NOT shoot (1)

NO 35 bn patrol this area (1)

NGIB furnishing

written report (1)

MADANG ANNANBERG AREAS (1)

SITREP

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TO	First Aust Army (w) For Information (INFO.)		
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0228 Secret sitrep 71 to 12 2100K 0
 HANSA BAY AREA 0 composite pl to be known
 as 15pl C Coy formed from TK/A reserve
 personnel at present AWAR 0 11400K 15pl C Coy
 relieved 16pl D Coy 0 16pl D Coy now at AWAR 0
 rec prisoners ambushed AWAR ex SAKULA 712371
 0 local patrols active NMS 0 111720K NG13 patrol
 fired across RAMU on JAP occupied huts in
 SCHILLINGS PLANTATION 506345 casualties
 unknown 0 121100K helix AS25 departed AWAR
 for AITAPE 0 MADANG ANNANBERG 0 sitrep 0
 otherwise no change

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0229 secret sitrep 72 to 132100K (1) HANISA

BAY AREA (1) 131900K 15 pl C Coy 35 bn plus one

10 sec M77 G arrived AWAIR ex MARANGIS (1) 422572

7 MARANGIS (1) now unoccupied (1) standing patrol

9 pl INGIS MONGAI ref 498398 now est

496409 (1) local patrols report N75 (1) MADANG

ANNANBERG AREAS (1) SITNDR

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g lde

152100K

For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

*front army
g lde*

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*0231 Permit sent 74 to 152100K UHANSIA 1517
1517 0157C 0157C 35 hr departed AWAK 150600K to
return NSGIB 0157C daily patrol from PIR PIR 0157C
to MARANGIS (1) 4225720 MADANG - HANANBERG 0157C*

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TO

head and arm

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0232 secret situp 72 to 162100K @ HANSA BAY AREA @
150800K 15th C Coy 32 hrs less see assumed SEVEN 602342
see on route MAW 232392 @ local patrolling with
enemy @ MADANG ANNAMBERG AREAS @ sitnow

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17 0900

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TO

front camp

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0233 Secret special patrol @ 12 Mar natives
from PIRIA 529216 BOGIA WEST one such reported
JAP patrol unknown strength visited vicinity
village took prisoner three young men @
sent native police sent to investigate @ with
report to follow.

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172100K

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0234 secret sitrep 76 to 172100K (1) HANSA
AY AREA (1) IS pl C way 35 by less two secs SEVEN (1)
no sec MAL (1) one sec 509345 (1) 9 and 11 pl
LINGIB relieved and en route MUDIA PLANTATION
78384 (1) MADANG ANNANBERG AREAS (1) SITREP

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TO (w) For Information (INFO.) 6 DIV		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. 0260 secret sitrep 77 to 182100K W HANSA
 BAY AREA W 171900K 16 pl D Coy relieved 18 pl
 D Coy BULIWA 498983 W 171700K sec now complete
 VENUE PT 495562 W 171100K outpost 509345
 report enemy fired on BEAMFORT flying over SCHILLINGS
 RANTATION W 171700K outpost BULIWA fired across RAMU at
 two Kanakas W result unobserved MITADANG

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0261 Secret return 78 to 192100K O HANSA
 BAY AREA 0/ Propoz NGIB 0 find HQ 6:77385
 remainder concerned KOSA KOSA 765342 0 local
 patrolling one JAP sighted SCHILLINGS PLANTATION 0
 MADANG - ANNANBERG 0 return

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0262 secret rltup 79 to 202100K @ HANSA BAY AREA @
HQ D Coy 35 km wt BOROI 581483 @ 18 pl D Coy now at
AWAR @ local patrolling nil enemy @ MADANG ANNANBERG
AREAS @ sitnet

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TO	For Action FIRST ARMY	Message Instructions	GR
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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0263
 0263 Spent 21st 80 to 212100K (1) HANSA
 BAY AREA (1) 201430K one sec 17pt 35 bn armed VENUS
 PT 475562 ex 30401 (1) 210700K CO 35 bn and 20 RPs
 left aware for SEVEN (1) MADANG AREA ref map
 ALEXISHAFEN 1/25000 (1) RMQ and A sqn 3/4 armed regt
 for expense) 732384 (1) ANNANBERG AREA (1) local patrolling
 Nil enemy

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THI or TOR		
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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM	Originator	Date—Time of Origin
(A)	8 BDE	222100K

Office Date Stamp

TO	For Action
	FIRST ARMY

Message Instructions **GR**

	(w) For Information (INFO.)
	6 Div

ORIGINATOR'S No. 0 264 secret sitrep 81 to 222100K (1) HANSA BAY AREA (1) 211210K CO 35 bn and 20 RPC arrived SEVEN (1) natives report JAPS at PIRIA 528216 requesting boys to carry to GIRI 585271 (1) 220700K patrol strength 1 NCO 5 OR 4 RPC departed SEVEN for GIRI to investigate report (1) MARANG ANNANBERG AREAS (1) SITNOR

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Signed

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Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

8 hde

23 2100K

For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

6 dw

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0265 Recnet pitney 82 to 232100K 0
 HANSA BAY AREA 0 NIGIB find HQ est KOSA KOSA
 765342 0 ref on pitney 81 of 232100K 0 native
 report JAPS at PIRIA 528 716 incorrect 0 true
 report from ANGAN at BOGIA states THE TIL of
 MINUNG 552249 and doctor boy of PIRIA
 reported large party of JAPS and armed
 KANAKAS sighted west bank RAMU vicinity
 469200 on 20 Mar 0 amend strength of patrol
 from SEVEN to GIRI to read CO 35 Bn 90R
 6 police boys 0 duration of patrol four days
 0 other outposts local patrols 0 two JAPS
 sighted SCHILLINGS PLANTATION 0 ANNANBERG
 AREA 0 221030K Pde Comd arrived 0 expects
 return MADANG 24 Feb 0 MADANG AREA 0
 return

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	8 BDE	252100K	
TO	For Action	Message Instructions	GR
	FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (re) For Information (INFO.) 6 DIV		

ORIGINATOR'S No. 0267 secret sitrep 84 to 252100K () HANSA BAY AREA () 251130K patrol reported own sitreps 81 and 82 returned SEVEN NMS () NO detail to hand regards investigation () MADANG ANNANBERG AREA () 251700K bde commd returned re ANNANBERG

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority Immediate

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
	8 hde	26 2100K	
TO	For Action	Message Instructions	GR
	(i) For Information (INFO.)		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0268 secret pitrep 85 to 26 2100K O HANSA
 BAY AREA O 261115K CO 35 h and party arrived
 SCHILLINGS PLANTATION O MADANG - ANNANBERG AREA
 O pitrep

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

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	8 BDE	272100K	

For Action

FIRST ARMY

TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR
	6 DIV		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0269 secret pickup 86 to 272100K 11 HANSA
 BAI AREA 11 35 br 11 18 pt low one sec PURPUR
 482563 one sec VENUS PT 495562 11 17 pt now
 at AWAR 11 27 Feb C O and party returned
 AWAR ex RAN 11 509395 11 4 RPC from 17AL
 532392 to est daily standing patrol at 495410 11
 ANNAMBERG AREA 11 reliable active report
 received 26 mar states 5 TAPS with captured
 AC 176 at BROKOTO H2752 11 20 TAPS at
 H 1479 11 MADANG AREA 11 SITNOB

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

8 hde

28 2100K

For Action

TO

first Army
(w) For Information (INFO.)

6 Div

Message Instructions

GR-

ORIGINATOR'S No.

O 300 Recruit strength 87 to 28 2100K
HANSA BAY AREA O 280800K outpost at MAL
withdrew to BUNUM 613392 O outpost at
509345 withdrew to SEVEN O ANNANBERG AREA
O 280800K two APC left for RORITO MISSION
309533 to impound for JAP natives in
advance of fighting patrol to BROKOTO
M 2752 O MADANG O piton

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Originator's Instructions
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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) 8 BDE <i>Originator</i>	Date—Time of Origin 292130K	Office Date Stamp
For Action		
TO FIRST ARMY 6 DIV (w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.
 301 Secret camp 88 to 292180K (1) HANSA BAY AREA (1) SITNOR (1) MADANG
 EA (1) ref map ALEXISHAFEN 1/25000 (1) 28 Nov RHQ and A sqn
 and regt returned normal camp area ref 720349 (1)
 INANBERG AREA (1) 290745K patrol 1 offr 10 DIR 35 bn one ANGAN
 to 8 RPC and carriers departed ANNANBERG for BROKOTO H2752
 duration approx 6 days (1) 290730K patrol 1 sgt 502 departed
 ANBERG for NAVRINGEBU 900737 duration 2 days

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 { } Wireless
 Signed

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 enemy hands, this message must be
 sent **IN CIPHER**
 Signed *[Signature]*

Originator's Instructions
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Priority

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

8 hds

31 2100K

For Action

TO

first army
6 div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S NO.

302

Secret pitref 90 to 232100K O HANSA
 BAY AREA O 17pl less one see now est SEVEN
 O one see 17pl now est BUNUM 613392 O 15pl
 now est AWAR O ANNANBERG AREA O MAHAYAS O
 NAVRINGEBU patrol returned NMS O MAHAYAS O
 Action

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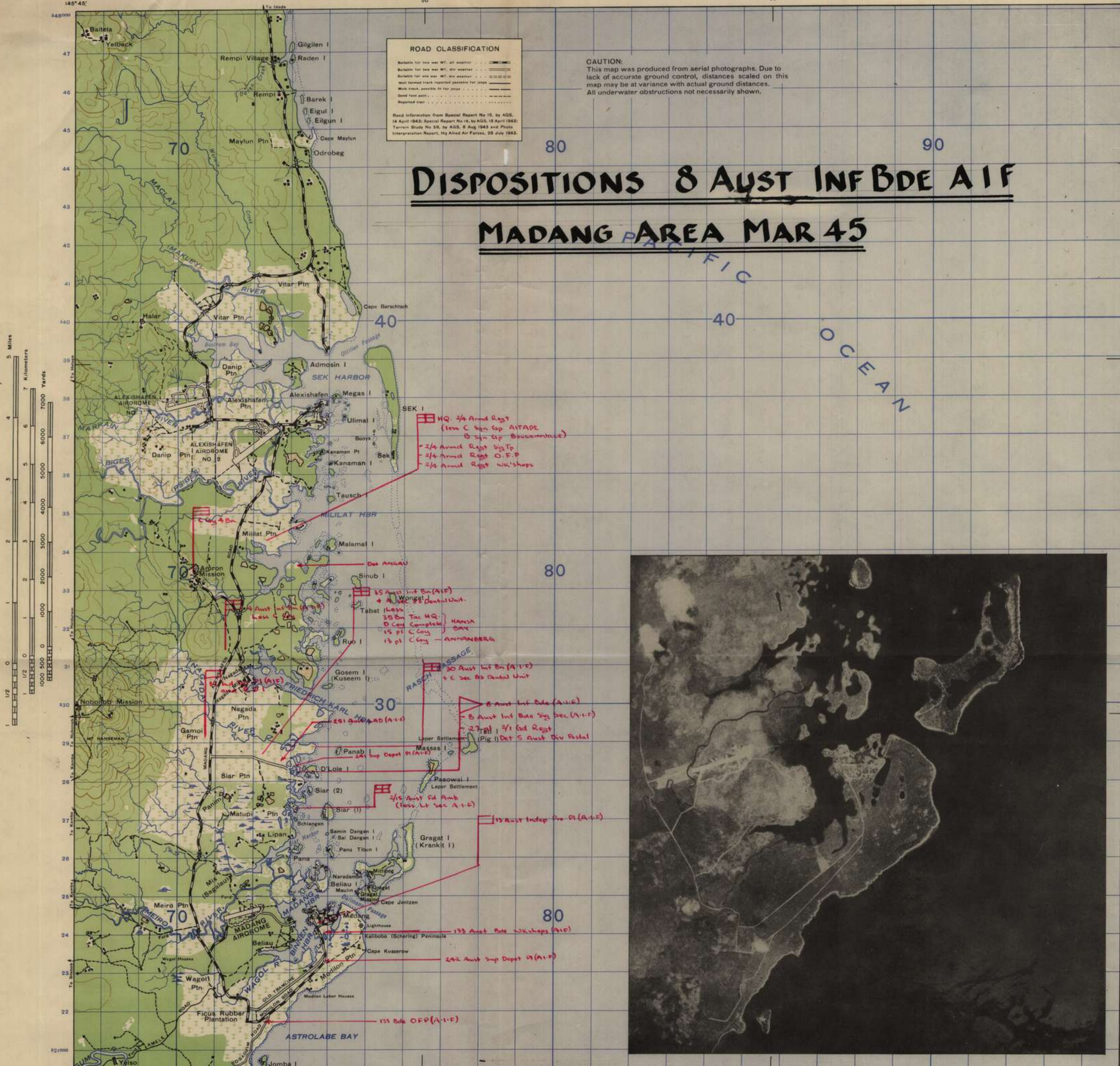
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MADANG EAST
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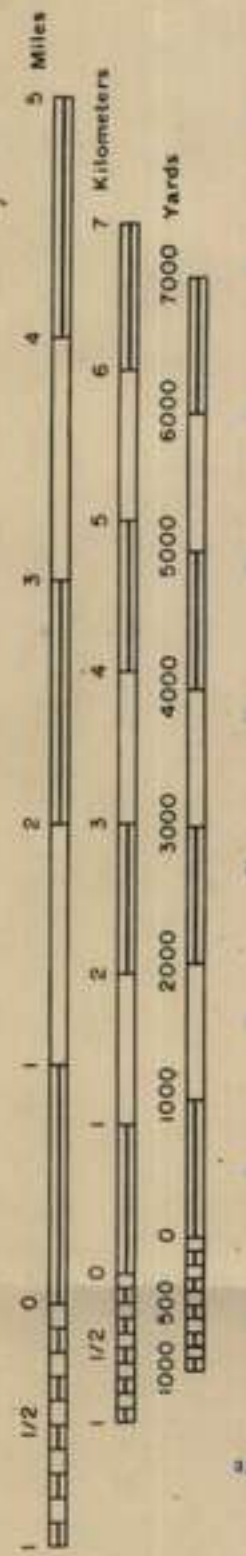
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- Route for two way traffic, dry weather
- Route for one way traffic, dry weather
- Wash track, possibly for use by jeeps
- Mule track, possibly for use by jeeps
- Good foot path
- Unimproved road

ROAD INFORMATION FROM SPECIAL REPORT NO. 12, BY AGS, 18 APRIL 1943; SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14, BY AGS, 18 APRIL 1943; TERRAIN STUDY NO. 18, BY AGS, 8 AUG 1943 AND PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT, HQ ALLIED AIR FORCES, 25 JULY 1943.

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DISPOSITIONS 8 AUSTR INF BDE A I F MADANG AREA MAR 45



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Orientation and scale by use of Astro-fixes from Australasian Oil Co.
Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.

LEGEND

- Streams, intermittent
- Mangroves
- Swamps
- Jungle
- Plantations
- Buildings
- Form lines, interval approx 100 ft
- Underwater obstruction
- Native Gardens

Scale 1/63360 (Approx) or 1 inch equals 1 mile

1 1/2 0 1 2 3 4 5 Miles

1 1/2 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Kilometers

1000 500 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 Yards

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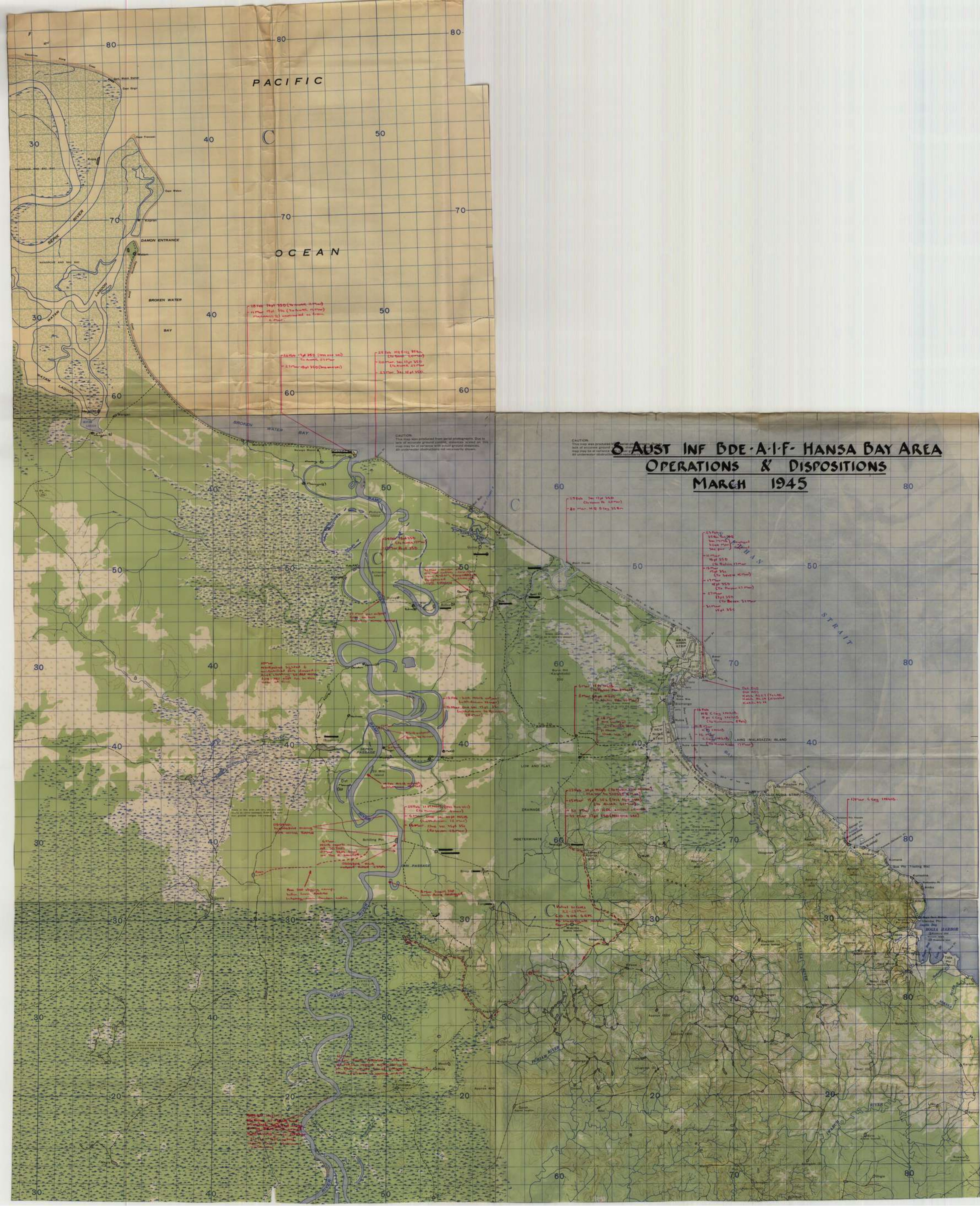
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1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM
N. E. J. EQUATORIAL ZONE
Origin of area Lat Ecuador-Lines 10° E, whose coordinates are X 3,800,000 M and Y 800,000 M
To give the coordinates of a point use only larger figures on the grid lines, and add estimated tenths of kilometers. The small numbers at the corners are the full coordinates referred to the origin of the grid zone.
ALWAYS indicate grid letter in giving a reference on this grid.
Nearest similar reference on this grid is 500 km distant.

MADANG EAST
S500 - E14545/15



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**8 AUS INF BDE A-I-F HANSA BAY AREA
OPERATIONS & DISPOSITIONS
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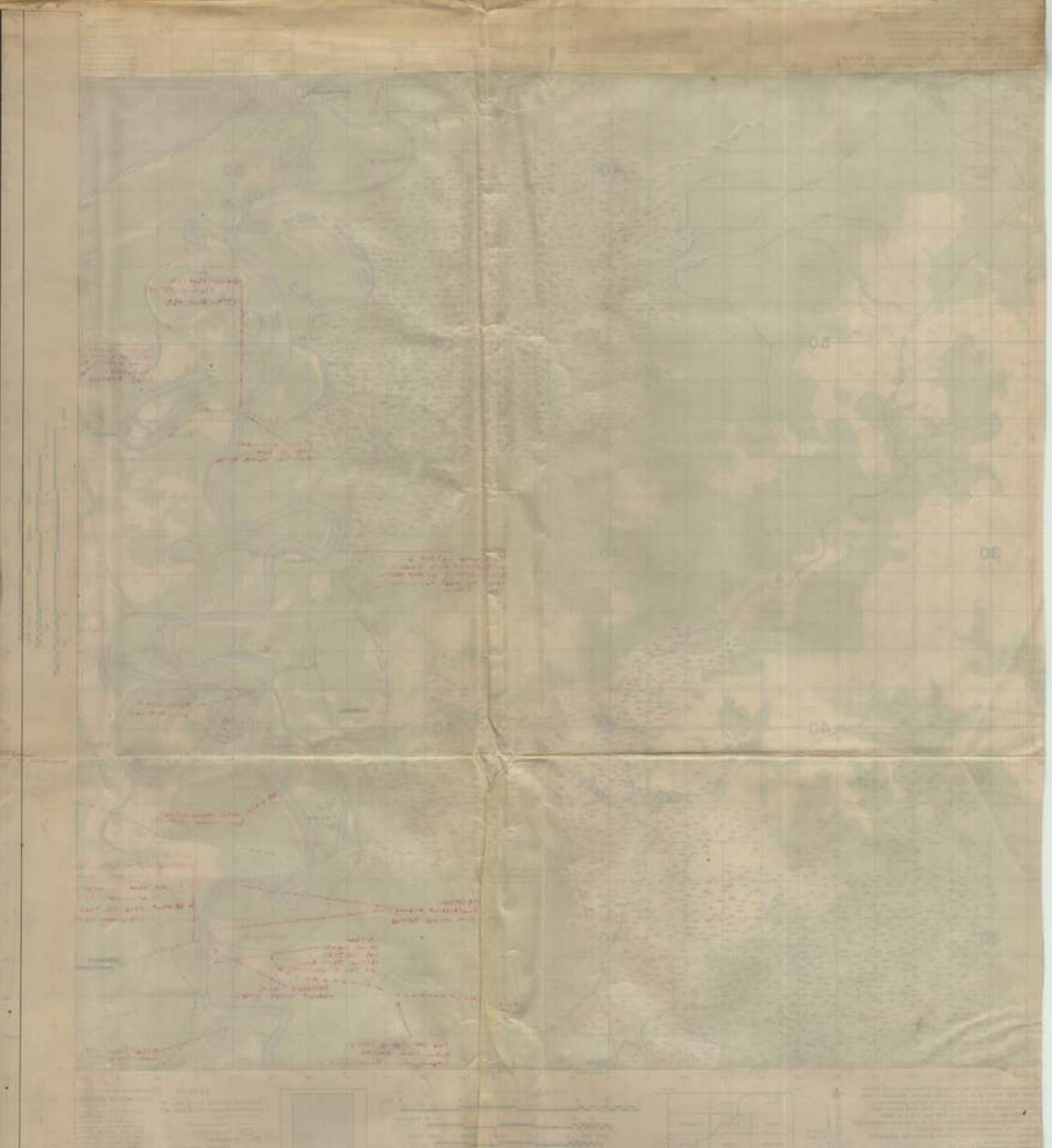
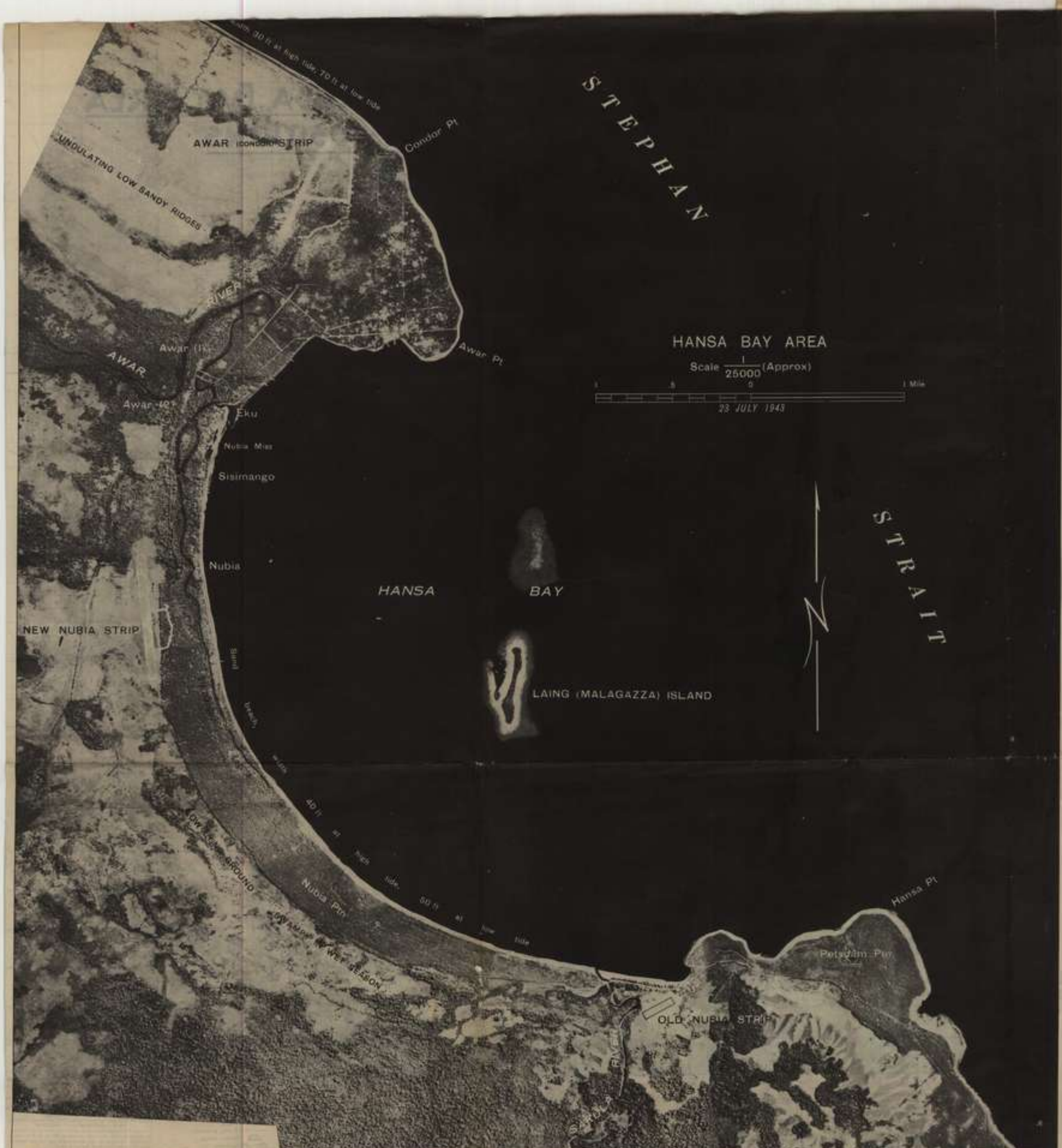
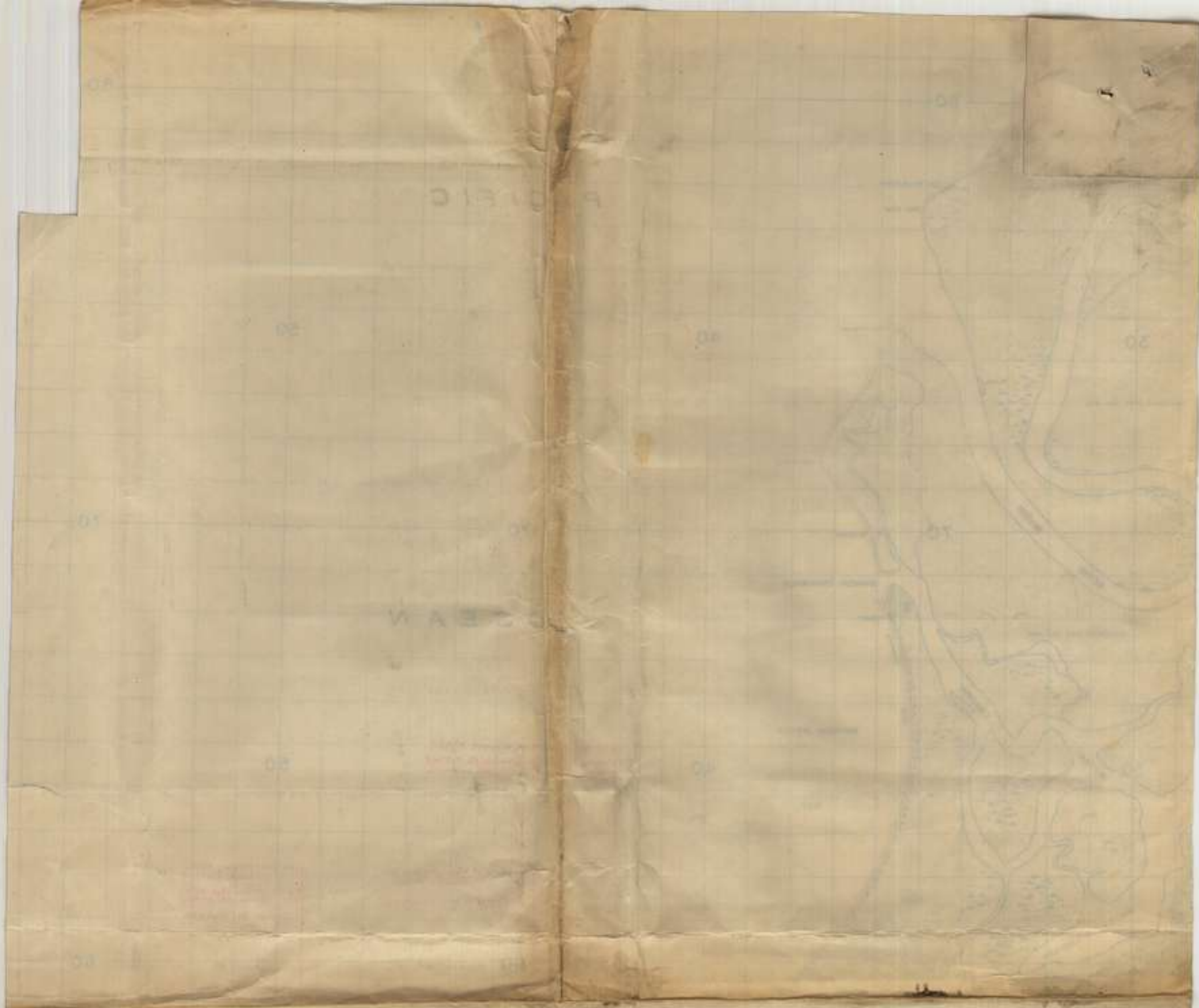
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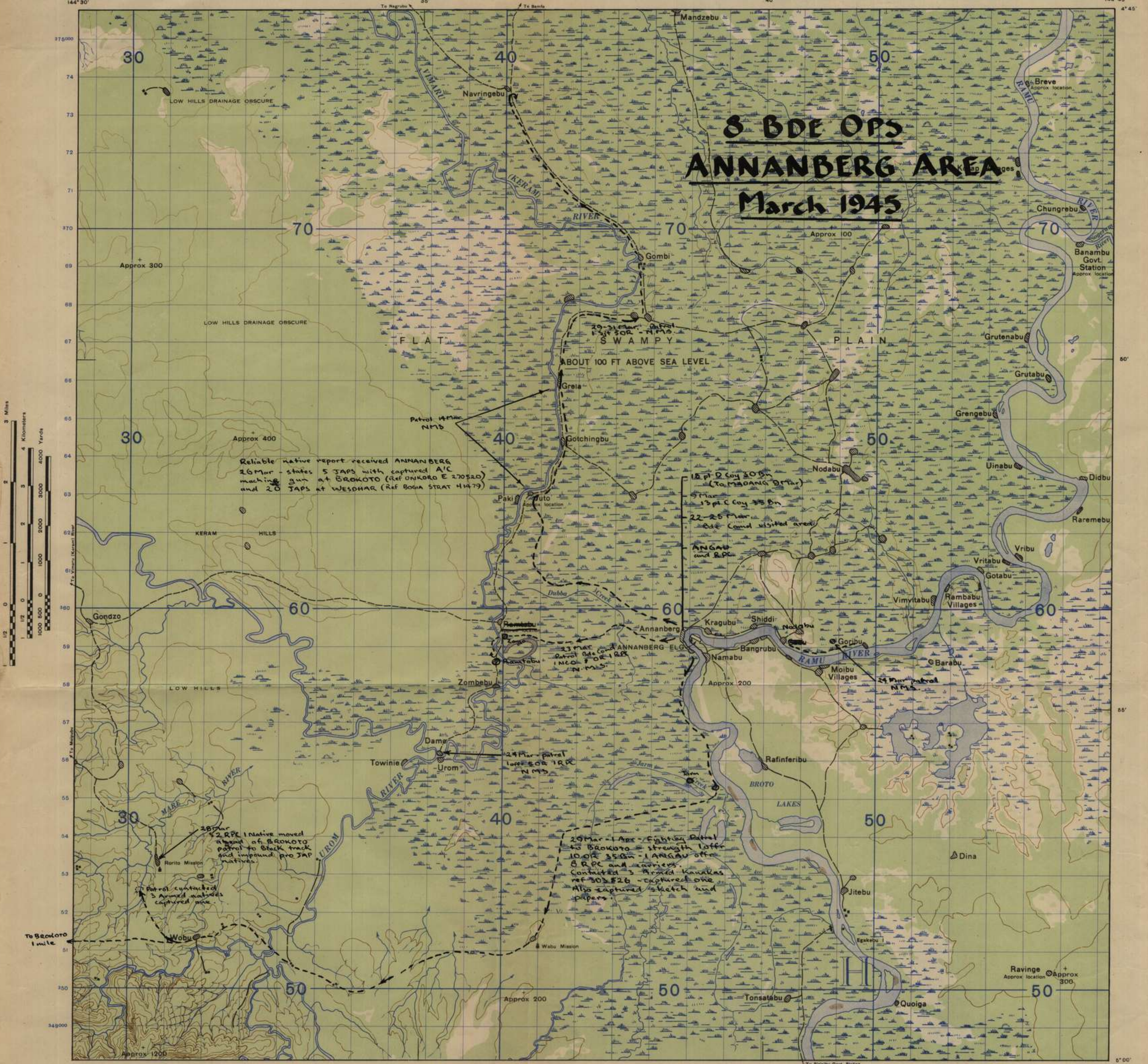
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Reliable native report received ANNANBERG
26 Mar - states 5 JAPS with captured A/C
machine gun at BROKOTO (REF UNKORO E 270520)
and 20 JAPS at WESDHAR (REF BOGIA STRAT H1479)

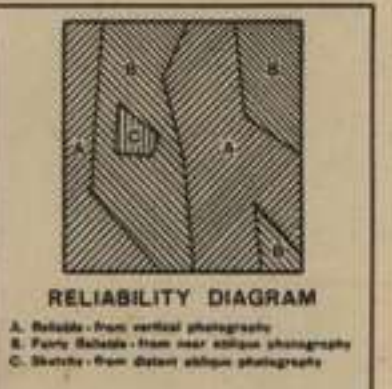
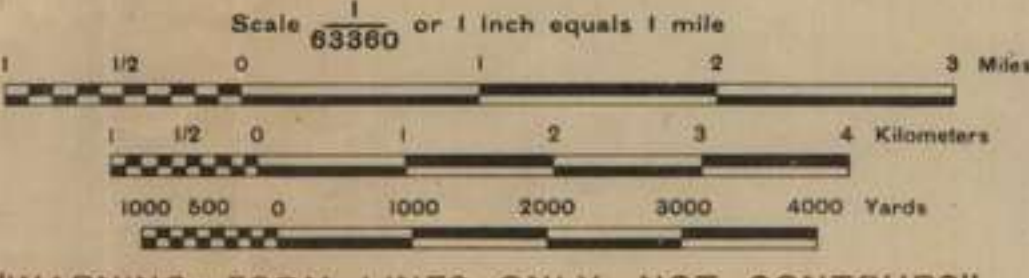
29 Mar - 1st Lt. ...
to BROKOTO - strength 100
10 OR 35 OR - 1 ANGAU off
8 RPC and carriers.
Contacted 3 Broto Kawakas
ref 303 526 - captured one
Also captured sketch and
papers

26 Mar - 2 RPC native moved
patrol to Black track
and impound pro JAP
natives.

Patrol contacted
3 Armed natives
captured one

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Additional information from Terrain Study No. 88 and local
informants. Form lines determined using Fairchild Stereoscope.
Controlled from position at Atemby by the Wattle Expedition
being 6°05'20" S in latitude, 144°40'45" E in longitude, and a
position at the Mouth of the Ramu River from Admiralty Chart
No. 2756. Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.

BANARO	TAMOL	UVO
ONKORO	ANNANBERG	ADOU
SCHRADER	RAMU	AMAIMON



LEGEND
Suitable for 2 way MT
Suitable for 1 way MT
Trails
Trails, probable
Native village
Swamps
Streams, intermittent
Underwater obstruction
Forest
Plantations
Mangroves
Farm lines, interval approx 100 ft
Grassland

ANNANBERG WEST
S445 - E14430/15

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9./45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 3 / 1945 HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R.'s 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R.'s 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Appx 38

TROPICAL 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'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			1	Brigadier					
2 NR	2		-	Lieut.-Colonels					
10 NR	3		2	Majors					
6		1	3	Captains	AALC, AASC	2			
				Lieutenants	AAAS AAES AAOC AAIC	3		1	NR
				Quarter-masters					
		2	2	A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.	AACHD	3			
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
19	5	3	8			8		1	

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	O.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	14					2				16
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX43357	Lt	J.H.GREGORY	1 AUST B.O.D.	28/2/45	N/In taken on strength as O.O. vice Lt C.L. STEPHENS. Authority Vic Ech & Rc 4690 of 17 Jan 45. Posting Order 5/45
NX116317	Lt	C.L.STEPHENS	NSW GDD	28/2/45	attached for duty

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX116317	Lt	C.L.STEPHENS	NSW GDD	28/2/45	N/O to NSW GDD for reallocation. Transferred Authority Land Forces 052612 and FAA A6694 of 20 Feb 45
NX120525	Lt	J.F.BUDGEN	N/O	25/2/45	Granted 24 days ARL Authority FAA A2595 of 23 Nov 44

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 3 / 3 / 1945 (Unit) IS HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123445	Capt	R.J.LAWRENCE	X LIST Grade 3 Wing Staff Course (Aust) No 3 War Course

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 3 / 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.
Brig	VX23	FERGUSON	M.A.	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX112118	CHESTER	J.W.	BM(L)	Yes		
Capt	VX112142	KIAGGS	J.P.	LO 1	Yes		
Lt	DX112417	ROSS	A.J.	LO 2	Yes		
Lt	DX120697	OSBORN	S.J.	LO 3	Yes		
Lt	DX136391	WILLIS	K.H.	SC(L)	Yes		
Capt	QC36061	HAMMOND	L.E.	BASCO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	DX125724	CALLAN	E.J.	LSO	No	24 days ARL	16/1/45
Lt	DX43357	GREGORY	J.H.	OO	Yes		
Lt	DX120525	BUDGEN	J.F.	AO	No	24 days ARL	25/2/45
Lt	DX131658	WATSON	C.F.	BO	Yes		
CF	PX55	GRAYDON	K.	CF	No	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
CF	QC60068	SMITH	G.D.	CF	No	Det 30 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
CF	DX157165	WAUGH	M.M.	CF	No	Det FAA	31/1/45
Mr	B508	SQUIRE	G.	YMCA	Yes		
Mr	B2/414	CLARK	S.	Salv Army	No	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	24/1/45

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.
Lt	DX116657	HOSKINS, R.	4 bn	20/12/44	Att for duty
Lt	DX120690	BROWN, G.W.	35 bn	8/2/45	"
Lt	DX112683	HEAY, C.H.	4 bn	17/2/45	"
Lt	DX116317	STEPHENS, C.L.	NSW GDD	28/2/45	"

3 Mar 45
Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

M.A. Ferguson
Brig.
(M.A. FERGUSON)
Signature of Commander
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

9 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 3 / 1945 (Unit) IR 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

TROPICAL

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
4		1	2	Sergeants		2		1	1
10 NR	1		5	Corporals		4	1	1	NR
48			40	Troopers, Privates, etc.		9	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
66 *	1	1	51 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		15 *	2	2	1 *

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	61		5							66
B(1)										
B(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	4 Bn			14	Leave		
13	30 Bn			1	School of NI		
6	35 Bn			1	2/15 Pd Amb		
2	5 Div Postal						
1	251 LAD						
1	133 Bde GPP						
1	8 Pd Coy						
1	LHQ Mobile Cooking & Catering att FAA.						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 3 / 3 / 1945

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NY84716	Sgt	HUGHES S.J.	X List

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3/ 3/1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	-	1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians	2	2		Cooks	3	3		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Dyke MT	9	8	NR
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	9	9	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		Gen Duties	3	5	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Hygiene	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	NR	Coach Trimmers				Storeman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Water Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Batmen	13	13	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACID	3	3	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AASC	2	1	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AASG	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AASG	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AADC	1	3	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AASG	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AASG	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	7	1	CARRIED FORWARD	14	11	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	66	1

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

3 Mar 45
Date of Despatch

SEE BACK

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

10 45
..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 3 / 1945. Hq 3 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R.'s 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R.'s 15 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		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.							
1			1	Brigadier												
				Lieut.-Colonels												
2	NR		-	Majors												
10	NR		2	Captains	AALC, AASC	2										
6			2	Lieutenants	AAAS AABS AAMC AAOC	3		1	NR							
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
		2	2	Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AACID	3										
19	5	2	7			8		1								
				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.						2				15		
				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.
NX113417	Lt	A.J. ROSS	RAAF School of Army Co- operation Course No 35 21 Mar/22 Apr	4/3/45	Authority:- FIRST AUST ARMY G793/1610/Trg of 12 Feb 45

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. Hq 3 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) 10 / 3 / 1945.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123445	Capt	R.J. LAWRENCE	X List Grade 3 Wing Staff Course (Aust) No 3 War Course

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 3 5 /194..... (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	VX23	FERGUSON	M.A.	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX112118	CHESTER	J.W.	BM(L)	Yes		
Capt	VX112142	KNAGGS	J.P.	LO 1	Yes		
Lt	NX120697	OSBORN	S.J.	LO 3	Yes		
Lt	NX136391	WILLIS	K.H.	SC (L)	Yes		
Capt	QX36061	HAMMOND	L.H.	BASCO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	NX125724	CALLAN	H.J.	LSO	No	24 days ARL	16/1/45
Lt	NX43357	GREGORY	J.H.	OO	Yes		
Lt	NX120525	BUDGEN	J.F.	AO	No	24 days ARL	25/2/45
Lt	NX131656	WATSON	C.F.	EO	Yes		
CF	PX55	GRAYDON	K.	CF	No	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
CF	QX60063	SMITH	G.D.	CF	No	Det 30 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
CF	NX157165	WAUGH	M.M.	CF	No	Det First Aust Army	31/1/45
MP	B50B	SQUIRE	C.	YMCA	Yes		
MP	B2/414	CLARKE	S.	Salva Army	No	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	24/1/45

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.
Lt	NX116657	R.HOSKINS	4 Bn	20/12/44	Att for duty
Lt	NX120699	G.W.BROWN	35 Bn	8/2/45	"
Lt	NX112683	C.H.REAY	4 Bn	17/2/45	"
Lt	NX116817	C.L.STEPHENS	NEW BDD	23/2/45	"

10 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/45.

M.A. Ferguson
Brig

(M.A. FERGUSON) Signature of Commander

COMD 8 AUST INF BDE

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

10 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 3 / 1945 (Unit) HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 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
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
4		1	2	Sergeants AAOC, AAES, AAAS		2		1	1
10 NR	1		5	Corporals AALG, AACG, AASC, AANC		4	1	1	NR
48	1		39	Troopers, Privates, etc. AACHD, AAOC		9	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R. AAC, AASC, AALC					
66	*	2	50	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		15	*	2	2

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
	A	60		5							65
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.				Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.			
Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	4 Bn			14	Leave		
11	30 Bn			1	School of MI		
6	35 Bn						
2	5 Div Postal						
1	251 LAD						
1	133 Bde OPR						
1	8 Pd Coy						
1	LHQ Mobile Cooking and Catering att PAA						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 10 / 3 / 1945

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10/3/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	-	1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stvedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	1	1	Carpenters and Joiners	3	3		Wireman				CSM	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				COIS	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								TPT Sgt	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Cpls	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Dvrs HT	9	8	NR
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	9	9	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		Gen Duties	2	5	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mass Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Hygiene	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	NR	Coach Trimmers				Storemen	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Water duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Datoon	13	13	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACHD	3	3	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AASC	2	1	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AANC	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				AAIC	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	3	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAIS	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAIS	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	2	CARRIED FORWARD	10	6	2	CARRIED FORWARD	14	10	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	65	2

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
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10 Oct 45
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

TRADES
CLERKS
INTELLIGENCE
CSM
COQS
TRANSPORT
MESS
GENERAL
CANTEN
ATTACHED
AAAS
AABS
AAOC
AASC
AAMC
AACO
AALC

Part of United Form W-3003 at 0800 Hours Saturday 10/3/1945

			<u>DETAILS - MCOE</u>		<u>SURPLUS</u>		<u>Regtl No</u>		<u>Rank</u>		<u>SURPLUS PRISONER</u>		<u>Age</u>		<u>Med Class</u>		<u>Remarks</u>		
<u>RANK</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>Regtl No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Med Class</u>											
WO2 Sjts Cpls	1 1 1	1 1 1	1	WX32003	Sgt	BURKETT R.H.	21	A1									Filling position Orderly Room Cpl		
Sjts Cpls	1 2	1 1																	
WO2 Sjts Cpls Cpl Cpl Cpl	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1	1	WX112741	Cpl	WARE E.A.	30	A1									Acting as Canteen Cpl. Recommend retain.		
Sjts Sjts Cpl Cpl Cpl Cpl Cpl	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1	WX157222	Cpl	POURLINGTON D.G.	35	A1									Clerk to BCO. Authority to hold supernumerary LHQ.		
		10	17	4	3														

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Signature of Commandant

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Serial 2-A

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

11 45
..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 3 / 1945 HQ 8 ASST INF BRG (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

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

TROPICAL

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.							
1			1	Brigadier*												
				Lieut.-Colonels												
2 NR	2		-	Majors												
10 NR	3		2	Captains	AALC AASC	1		1	NR							
6 NR	1		1	Lieutenants	AALS AASL AASC	4										
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
		2	2	Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AACDD	3										
19	6	2	6			8		1								
				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.						2				14		
				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.E. 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.
NX131081	LT	N. MARSHALL	2/15 RI Amb	13/3/45	Rejoined unit.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX156309	LT	K.H. WILLIS	No 4 War Course Staff School (AIF)	10/3/45	Authority FAA 6789/1527/Trg of 4/2/45.
NX116317	LT	C.L. STEPHENS	Aust C.O.D. Melbourne.	10/3/45	Trans. auth. FAA A.H.S. 2097 of 2 Mar 45.
NX125781	Capt	E.J. CALLAN	RSL (Reposting) AIF	15/3/45	Trans to date 6 Mar 45. AUTH AIF 2479 of 13/3/45.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123445	Capt	R.J. LAWRENCE	"X" List Grade 3 King Staff Course (Aust) No 3 War Course.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 3 5 /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.
BRIG	VX23	FERGUSON	M.A.	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX112118	CHESTER	J.W.	EM(L)	Yes		
Capt	VX112142	KNAGGS	J.P.	LO 1	Yes		
Lt	NX120697	OSBORN	S.J.	LO 3	Yes		
Capt	QX36061	HAMMOND	L.R.	WASCO	Yes		
Lt	NX43357	GREGORY	J.H.	CO	Yes		
Lt	NX120525	FUDGEN	J.F.	AO	No	24 days ARL	25/2/45
Lt	NX131656	WATSON	C.F.	BO	Yes		
Lt	NX131081	MARSHALL	H.	HD	Yes		
CF	PX55	GRAYDON	K.	CF	No	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
CF	QX60068	SMITH	G.S.	CF	No	Det 30 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
CF	NX157165	WAUGH	M.H.	CF	No	Det FIRST AUSTA	REY 31/1/4
MP	D508	SQUIRE	G.	YMCA	Yes		
Mr	B2/414	CLARKE	S.	Sal Army	No	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	24/1/45

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.
Lt	NX116657	R. HOSKINS	4 Bn	20/12/44	Att for duty
Lt	NX120690	G.W. BROWN	35 Bn	8/2/45	Att for duty
Lt	NX112683	C.H. REAY	4 Bn	17/2/45	Att for duty

M.A. FERGUSON
BRIG

(M.A. FERGUSON) Commander
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE

17 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

(Revised Jan., 1943.)
11 45 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 3 / 5 17 3 / 194 (Unit) HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

W.E. 11 2 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

TROPICAL

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
4		1	2	Sergeants	AAOC AAAS AAAS	2		1	1
10 NR	1		5	Corporals	AAOC AAOC AAOC AAOC	4	1	1	NR
48	1		39	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AAOC AAOC AAOC AAOC	9	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.	AAOC AAOC				
66 *	2	1	50 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		15 *	2	2	1 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	60		5							65
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	4 Aust Inf Bn			10	Leave		
10	30 Aust Inf Bn			1	School of MI		
5	35 Aust Inf Bn			1	4 Aust Inf Bn		
2	5 Div Postal Unit						
1	251 Aust LAD						
1	133 Bde ODP						
1	8 Aust Pf Coy						
1	LHQ Mobile Cooking & Catering att FAA						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 17 3 / 194

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17 / 3 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	-	1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Whealers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	1	1	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				CSM	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				COMS	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Tpt Sjt	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Cpls		1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	NR								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	2	CARRIED FORWARD	10	6	2	CARRIED FORWARD	14	10	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	66	*65*	1

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

17 Nov 45
Date of Despatch

SEE BACK

Signature of Commander

(M.A. FERGUSSON)

State of Detail

L.H.O. Form-214-10/52-1100

Signature of Commandant

TRADES	RANK	WE	POSTED	DETAILS - NCOs		REGTL NO	SURPLUS PERSONNEL			REMARKS	
				DEF	SURPLUS		RANK	NAME	AGE		MED CLASS
CLERK	WO2	1	1		1	WX32003	SJT	BURKETT	21	A1	Filling position Orderly Room Cpl.
INTELLIGENCE	S Sjt	1	1		1						
CSM	WO2	1	1		1						
COMS	S Sjt	1	1		1						
TRANSPORT	Sjt	1	1		1						
MESS	Cpl	1	1		1						
GENERAL	Cpl	1	1		1						
CANTEEN	Cpl	-	1		1	NX112741	Cpl	WARE, E.A.	30	A1	Acting as Canteen Cpl. Recommend retain.
AAAS	Sjt	1	1		1						
AAES	Sjt	1	1		1						
AAOC	Sjt	1	1		1						
AASC	Cpl	1	1		1						
AAMC	Cpl	1	1		1						
AACC	Cpl	1	1		1						
AALC	Cpl	1	1		1						
		18	17		4						
					3						

Notes - (1) This column is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit. (2) The remarks column is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit. (3) The name of the unit is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit. (4) The date of the report is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit.

A. unclassified and 1 out of 2 of each subject to be released to the public in 20 years unless otherwise indicated.

TRADES
CLERK
INTELLIGENCE
CSM
COMS
TRANSPORT
MESS
GENERAL
CANTEEN
ATTACHED
AAAS
AAES
AAOC
AASC
AAMC
AACC
AALC

Form 214
L.H.O. Form 214-10/52-1100

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

12 45

24 3 5 HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 (Unit)

W.I. 11 2 4 / 10 51 / 9 15 OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

TROPICAL

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				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.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
1			1	BRIGADIER										
2 NR	2		-	Lieut.-Colonels										
10 NR	3		2	Majors	AALC AASC	1		1	NR					
6 NR	1		1	Captains	AAAS AABS AANC AAOB	4	1							
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
			2	A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.		4	1							
			2	Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAC/D	4	1							
19	6	2	6			9	1	1						
				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.	13					2				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.
NX145244	CF	J.L. NOBLE	Gen Rfts AACHD	20/3/45	M/I Taken on Strength Auth: Posting Order No NG/17/45 of 21 Feb 45.
PX55	CF	K. GRAYDON	4 Aust Inf Bn	"	ex attachment
NX142933	CF	W.L. CORR	4 Aust Inf Bn 111 AUST CCS	19/3/45	Attached for duty Authority: FIRST AUST ARMY SIGNAL MS1038 of 12 Mar 45

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX145244	CF	J.L. NOBLE	35 Aust Inf Bn	20/3/45	Det for duty
PX55	CF	K. GRAYDON	Granted 24 days APL	"	Auth: FAA SIGNAL MS1038 of 12 Mar 45.
NX142933	CF	W.L. CORR	4 AUST INF Bn	19/3/45	Attached for duty Auth: FAA SIGNAL MS1038 of 12 Mar 45.

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

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

HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

24 3 5 / 194

Unit

1249
...../.....(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday/...../194..... (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.	Surnames.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
BRIG	VX23	FERGUSSON	M.A.	BDE	YES		
CAPT	VX112118	CHESTER	J.W.	COMD BN(L)	YES		
CAPT	VX112142	KWAGGS	J.P.	LO(I)	YES		
LT	NX120697	OSBORN	S.J.	LO(3)	YES		
CAPT	QX36061	HAMMOND	L.E.	BASCO	YES		
LT	NX43357	GREGORY	J.H.	OO	YES		
LT	NX120525	BUDGEN	J.F.	AO	NO	24 days ARL	25/2/45
LT	NX131656	WATSON	C.F.	EO	YES		
LT	NX131081	MARSHALL	NT	HO	YES		
CF	PK55	GRAYDON	K.	CF	NO	Det 24 days ARL	20/3/45
CF	QX60068	SMITH	G.D.	CF	NO	Det 30 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
CF	NX157165	WAUGH	M.M.	CF	NO	Det FIRST AUST ARMY	31/1/45
CF	NX145244	NOBLE	J.L.	CF	NO	Det 35 Aust Inf Bn	20/3/45
MR	B503	SQUINE	G.	YMCA	YES		
MR	B2/414	CLARKE	S.	SAL ARMY	NO	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	24/1/45

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.
LT	NX116657	R. HOSKINS	4 4 BN	20/12/44	attached for duty
LT	NX120590	G.W. BROWN	35 BN	3/2/45	" " "
LT	NX112683	C.H. BAY	4 Bn	17/2/45	" " "

24 MARCH 1945

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

M.A. FERGUSSON
Signature of Commander
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE. 1100

BRIG

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

12/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/3/1945 HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

TROPICAL

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
2			2	W.Os. Class I.						
1			1	W.Os. Class II.						
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
4		1	2	Staff Sergeants			2		1	1
10	1		5	Sergeants			4	1	1	NR
48	1		39	Corporals			9	1		
				Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
66	2	1	50	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.			15	2	2	1

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		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	60		5							65
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	4 Aust Inf Bn			12	LEAVE		
12	30 Aust Inf Bn			1	SCHOOL OF MI		
6	35 Aust Inf Bn			1	4 Aust Inf Bn		
2	5 Aust Div Postal			1	2/15 Aust Pd Amb		
1	251 Aust LAD						
1	8 Aust Pd Coy						
1	LHQ Mobile Cooking & Catering att FAA						

HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 24/3/1945

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24 / 3 / 1945 .

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Ammunition Examiners	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangotakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheeler				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2		2	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				CSM	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				COXS	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Tpt Sjt	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Cpls		1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESME			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DVRS	9	8	NR
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	9	9	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		Gen Duties	3	5	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Pls Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Hygiene	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	NR	Coach Trimmers				Storeman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Water Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Batmen	13	13	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACID	3	3	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AASC	2	1	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAMC	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AALC	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	3	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAAS	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAES	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	-	3	CARRIED FORWARD	10	6	3	CARRIED FORWARD	14	10	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	65	3

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24 MARCH 1945
Date of Despatch

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L.H.Q. Press-516-10/43-416m.

Signature of Commander
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE.

BRIG

Date of Discharge

REMARKS

MED CLASS

AGE

NAME

RANK

REGTL NO

SURPLUS

DEF

POSTED

WE

RANK

	RANK	WE	POSTED	DEF	SURPLUS	REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	AGE	MED CLASS	REMARKS
CLERKS	W02	1	1		1	WX32003	Sjt	BURKETT R H	21	A1	Filling posn Orderly Room Cpl
	Sjts	-	1	1 NR							
	Cpls	1	-								
INTELLIGENCE	S sjts	1	1								
	Cpls	2	1								
CSM	W02	1	1								
CQMS	S sjt	1	1								
TRANSPORT	Sjt	1	1								
	Cpl	1	1								
	Cpl	1	1								
	Cpl	1	1								
MESS	Cpl	1	1								
GENERAL	Cpl	1	1								
CANTEEN	Cpl	1	1		1	NX112741	Cpl	WARE, E.A.	30	A1	Acting as Canteen Cpl Recommend Retain
	Cpl	1	1								
	Sjt	1	1								
	Sjt	1	1								
	Sjt	1	1								
	Cpl	-	1		1	NX157222	Cpl	POWELLINGTON R.G.	35	A1	Clerk to B00 Auth to hold supernumerary LHQ.
	Cpl	1	-								
	Cpl	1	1		1 NR						
	Cpl	1	1								
	Cpl	1	1								
	Cpl	1	1								
		18	17		4						
					3						

TRA
CLERKS
INTELLIGENCE
CSM
CQMS
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MESS
GENERAL
CANTEEN
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

13/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/3/45 HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

Authority to carry 1 Cpl 1 OR AAOC surplus LHQ memo 581320 of 20 Dec 44.
W.I. 11 2 4 OFFRS. 11 O.R.'s. 52 + OFFRS. 9 O.R.'s. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
1			1	Brigadier					
2 NR	2		-	Lieut.-Colonels					
11 NR	4		2	Majors					
6 NR	1		1	Captains AALC AASC	1		1	HR	
				Lieutenants AAAS AARS AANC AAOC	4				
				Quarter-masters					
		2	2	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Oftrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Oftrs.	AACHD	3			
20	7	2	6			8		1	

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	12					2				14
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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX157165	CF	WAUGH H.N.	ACCIDENTALLY KILLED	18/2/45	Struck of strength 25/3/45 cessation of attachment to FIRST AUST ARB Notified by LAE area Wksy in APW W3012 of 19/2/45 & HQ 8 Bde W3010 Ser 12/45 of 26 Mar 45.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO HQ 8 Aust Inf (Unit) Bde (AIF) PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 31/3/45

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 31 / 3 / 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.
Brig	VX23	FERGUSON	M.A.	Bde	Yes		
Capt	VX112118	CHESTER	J.W.	CO(1)	Yes		
Capt	VX112142	KHAGGS	J.P.	LO(1)	Yes		
Lt	NX120697	OSBORN	S.J.	LO(3)	Yes		
Capt	QX36061	HAMMOND	L.E.	BASCO	Yes		
Lt	NX43357	GREGORY	J.H.	OO	Yes		
Lt	NX120525	BUDGEN	J.F.	A0	No	24 days ARL	25/2/45
Lt	NX131656	WATSON	G.F.	EO	Yes		
Lt	NX131081	MARSHALL	H.	HO	Yes		
CP	PX55	GRAYDON	K	CV	No	24 days ARL	20/3/45
CP	NX145244	NOBLE	J.L.	CP	No	Det 35 Aust Inf Bn	20/3/45
CP	QX60063	SMITH	G.D.	CP	No	Det 30 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
MP	B503	SQUIRE	G.	YMCA	Yes		
MP	B2/414	CLARKE	S.	S.A.	No	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	24/1/45

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.
Lt	NX116657	HOSKINS R.H.	35 Bn R.H.	20/12/44	attached for duty
Lt	NX120590	BROWN G.W.	35 Bn	8/2/45	" " "
Lt	NX112683	HEAY C.H.	4 Bn	17/2/45	" " "

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Date of Despatch

Truth—7/48.

M.A. Ferguson
 (M.A. FERGUSON) CO(1) 8 AUST INF BDE
 Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/3/52 HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. / Authority OFFRS. O.R.'s 1 Cpl OFFRS. AAOR's HQ SATT. BY W.E. 20 Dec 44.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
4		1	2	Sergeants		1		2	2
10	1	1	5	Corporals		4	1	1	NR
49	NR	3	38	Troopers, Privates, etc.		9	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67	1 *	4	49 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		14 *	2	3	2 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.							
A	58	5							63
B(1)									
B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
6	4 Aust Inf Bn			12	Leave		
10	30 Aust Inf Bn			1	School of MI		
6	35 Aust Inf Bn			1	4 Aust Inf Bn		
2	5 Div Postal Unit						
1	251 Aust LAD						
1	133 Bde OFF						
1	8 Aust Fd Coy						
1	LHQ Mobile Cooking and Catering att FIRST AUST ARMY.						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 31/3/52

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

TABLE. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 31 / 3 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)	2	-	1	Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths	1	1	
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	3	3		Wireman					1	1	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners					1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics									1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)									1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors					9	8	NR
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	4	4			9	9	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks					3	4	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply					1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	4	3	NR	Clerks, Technical					1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers					1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors					1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks					13	13	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals					3	3	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.					2	1	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics					1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant					2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.					1	3	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers					1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers					1	-	1
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	-	2	CARRIED FORWARD	10	6	2	CARRIED FORWARD	14	10	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	63	3

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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TRADES
CLERKS
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CSM
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ATTACHED
AAAS
AAES
AAOC
AASC
AAMC
AACC
AALC

TRADES	RANK	WE	DETAILS NCOs			REGT NO	SURPLUS PERSONNEL			REMARKS		
			POSTED	DEF	SURPLUS		RANK	NAME	AGE		MED CLASS	
CLERKS	WO2	1	1			WX32003	SJT	BURKETT R.H.	21	A1	Filling position of Orderly Room Cpl. Recommend Retain.	
	Sjts	-	1	1 RR	1							
	Cpls	1	-	1 NR								
INTELLIGENCE	S Sjts	1	1									
	Cpls	2	1	1								
CSM	WO 2	1	1									
CQMS	Sq Sjt	1	1									
TRANSPORT	Sjt	1	1									
MESS	Cpl	1	1									
GENERAL	Cpl	1	1									
CANTEEN	Cpl	1	1			NX112741	CPL	WARE E.A.	30	A1	Acting s Canteen Cpl. Recommend retain.	
	Cpl	-	1									
ATTACHED	Sjt	1	1			NX157222	CPL	POCKLINGTON R.G.	35	A1	Clerk to BOO. AUTH to hold supernumerary LHQ SM13120 of 20 Dec 44.	
AAAS	Sjt	1	1									
AAES	Sjt	1	1									
AAOC	Cpl	-	1									
AASC	Cpl	1	-	1 NR								
AAMC	Cpl	1	1									
AACC	Cpl	1	1									
AALC	Cpl	1	1									

Authority to hold Supernumerary NX112751 Pte THOMPSON J.R. - Authority: LHQ SM13120 of 20 Dec 44. AAOC

REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED: 1 SJT Ammunition Examiner AAOC
1 CPL Draughtsman Topographical
1 SJT Education AAES.

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