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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

April 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.
(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 APR 45</u>	
			1. On 1 Apr patrol of 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) returned to ANNANBERG and reported 5 enemy incl 1 offr encountered at GORD-UBODO. Patrol attacked but enemy escaped leaving eqpt and documents.	
			2. On Apr 5 tps of 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) withdrawn from PURPUR to VENUS PT owing to sup difficulties.	
			3. Tps of 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) at ANNANBERG given permission to patrol to NAGRABU H3282, TOBOW H2373 and BROKOTO H2457 on Apr 8.	
			4. On 14 Apr patrol of 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) from ANNANBERG were fired on by party well armed Japs dug in in vicinity of NAGRABU. Patrol withdrew. Enemy cas 1 killed, 1 wounded, own 3 wounded.	
			5. On Apr 15 2 BEAUFORTS bombed and straffed SCHILLINGS PLANTATION AND WERE engaged by MMG and rifle fire. Owing to mistake in navigation ANNANBERG also straffed killing 1 RPC and 2 natives.	
			6. Air strikes carried out by 12 BEAUFORTS over SCHILLINGS PLANTATION, BOSMAN - MENNEN area.	

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 APR 45

To 5 APR 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	Apr 1		Patrol from C Coy 35 AUST INF BN at ANNANBERG to BROKOTO returned to ANNANBERG and reported penetration as far as GORDUBODO where party of 5 Japs (incl 1 offr) encountered.	
			Patrol attacked at 310410K but Japs escaped. Considerable amount of eqpt and documents captured. Natives here reported 13 Japs (incl 2 offr) at BROKOTO. It was subsequently learned from native reports that both parties of Japs had withdrawn towards ANGETJI.	
		Instrs for conducting Gallup Poll within Bde issued.	Appx 1	
	Apr 2		SC visited RAN and RAAF and arranged for HMAS MILDURA, STAWELL and ARARAT to take stores to HANSA BAY.	
			Instrs re wearing of Allied Campaign Medals and Ribbons issued.	Appx 2
	Apr 3		35 AUST INF BN instructed to withdraw tps from PURPUR and to concentrate pl at VENUS PT because of difficulty of supply. HMAS MILDURA departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with stores.	
			Gallup Poll held on Malaria and Malaria Control within Bde. WAGOL and MEIRO river bridges on MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN rd closed to all except jeep traffic.	Appx 3
	Apr 4		HMAS ARARAT departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with stores.	
	Apr 5		Mortar Range Danger Area notified.	Appx 4
			35 AUST INF BN outpost at PURPUR withdrawn and 18 pl concentrated at VENUS PT.	Appx 5
		2 Australian type barges made available 050900K to supply rations to the DID at SIAR from MADANG, owing to the WAGOL R bridge, on MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN rd being impassable to all traffic.		

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 5 APR 45 To 12 APR 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	Apr 5		Instructions on MT matters issued.	Appx 6
	Apr 6 7		8 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr No 17 issued.	Appx 7
			Preliminary instrs on Military Gymkhana issued.	Appx 8
	Apr 8		CO 35 AUST INF BN applied for permission to actively patrol to NAGRABU (H3282), TOBOW (H2373) and BROKOTO (H2457) from ANNANBERG.	Appx 9
			Air dropping made at ANNANBERG of stores and POL by C47 from LAE.	
			RAAF small craft made available for trip to HANSA BAY with fresh rations.	
	Apr 9		13 Pl C Coy 35 AUST INF BN at ANNANBERG given permission to patrol to NAGRUBU and BROKOTO	Appx 10
			Units advised that MEIRO RIVER bridge closed to all traffic.	Appx 11
			90 men supplied to GDD MADANG for unloading ships.	
			Mr SQUIRE, Bde YMCA Rep, moved to LAE on Amenities business.	
	Apr 10		RAAF WALRUS A/C on routine ferry trip to ANNANBERG forced down on RAMU RIVER and taxied back to ANNANBERG, arrangements made for CATALINA to fly into ANNANBERG with petrol and mechanic on 11 Apr.	
	Apr 11		HMAS POTRERO departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with rations.	
	Apr 12		Information re C-inC's Cards issued.	Appx 12
			Patrol strength 1 Offr, 11 OR, 3 RPC, from 13 Pl C Coy 35 AUST INF BN, departed ANNANBERG for NAGRUBU duration 5 days.	

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 12 APR 45

To 16 APR 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	Apr 12		Patrol 2 RPC contacted 3 Japs at ZOMBEBU (ANNANBERG area). 2 Japs killed believed offr and Cpl and known to be some of party escaped from GODRUBODO.	
	Apr 13		Bde OI No 1 for AJAX exercise issued. Warning Order for mov of 2/4 Aust Armd Regt from MADANG to BOUGAINVILLE received.	Appx 13
	Apr 14		Fwd tps advised of armed tac R by BEAUFORT a/c of RAMU RIVER area at 150900K. MEIRO RIVER bridge opened to class 12 traffic	Appx 14
			Amended DRLS timetable issued. 5 x 100 cu ft refrigerators made available to the Bde.	Appx 15 Appx 16
	Apr 15		Preliminary report received from NAGRABU patrol that they had been fired on by party of Japs in vicinity of NAGRABU at 141300K. Armed Tac R flown of RAMU-KERAM rivers area by 2 BEAUFORTS which bombed and strafed enemy posn SCHILLINGS PLANTATION area and were engaged by enemy MMG and rifle fire.	Appx 17 Appx 18
			Owing to mistake in navigation ANNANBERG area strafed killing 1 RPC and 2 natives. FIRST AUST ARMY advised and advice sought as to action to be taken. AJAX exercise to commence 17 Apr 45 postponed to 25 Apr owing to tps still being used on ship loading	Appx 19
	Apr 16		Ketch AS11 departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with rations, stores and personnel	
			FIRST AUST ARMY advise that no further action necessary re strafing at ANNANBERG. Conference of Adjts at Bde HQ re Gymkhana.	Appx 20

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 16 APR 45 To 25 APR 45

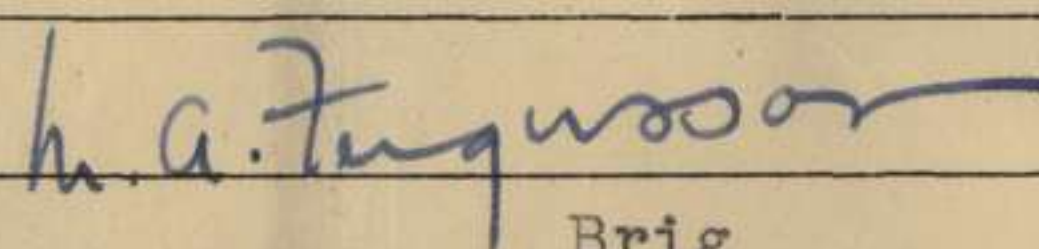
Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	16 Apr		Infm re Debit on Discharge of Rec Leave issued.	Appx 21
	Apr 17		Maj N R McLEOD moved in as BM	
	Apr 18		Patrol from C Coy 35 AUST INF BN returned from NAGRABU to ANNANBERG, and reported having been fired on in the vicinity of NAGRABU at 141200K by well armed Japs in well defended posns. Patrol withdrew with enemy cas 1 killed, 1 wounded and own 3 wounded. RAN LCM departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with petrol and a refrigerator.	
			Units warned of outbreak of food poisoning.	Appx 22
	Apr 19		Bde Comd flew to HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF).	
	Apr 20		Bde Comd returned from FIRST AUST ARMY	
	Apr 21		Bde Routine Orders Serial 9/45 issued. Ketch AS11 departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with rations	Appx 23
	Apr 22		Instrs for AJAX Exercise issued. Fwd tps advised of airstrike to take place on SCHILLINGS PLANTATION - MENNEN area at 231415K	Appx 24
	Apr 23		Air strike carried out by 12 BEAUFORTS over SCHILLINS PLANTATION - BOSMAN - MENNEN area Maj CLARKSON, LO from FIRST AUST ARMY visited the HQ and remained over night.	Appx 25
	Apr 24		Recommendations invited from units for C-in-C's Cards	Appx 26
	Apr 25		Advice received from ANNANBERG that bty charger had become US and that they only had 24 hours signal contact remaining.	Appx 27
			FIRST AUST ARMY advised of the posn at ANNANBERG and request made to them to supply bty charger direct.	Appx 28

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 25 APR 45 To 30 APR 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
NEW GUINEA	Apr 25		Bde AJAX exercise commenced. RO's re wearing of Identity Discs brought under notice of units. Amendment to Bde DRLS Timetable issued.	Appx 29 Appx 30	
	Apr 27		Air dropping of Bty Charger made at ANNANBERG Bde AJAX Exercise terminated.	Appx 31	
	Apr 28		Location Statement and OOB No 4 issued. ANNANBERG FORCE advised that an air dropping of mail, fresh rations and comforts would be made	Appx 32 Appx 33	
	Apr 29		WARNING ORDER recd for mov of 13 AUST INDEP BDE GP PRO PL (less det) to AITAPE Air dropping made by RAAF BEAUFORTS of fresh rations at ANNANBERG and HANSA BAY.	Appx 34	
	Apr 30		8 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instrs No's 18 and 19 issued. Lt-Col E W EGAN moved out and Maj W C STREAM assumed comd 35 AUST INF BN	Appx 35	
			Attached relevant SITREPS	Appx 36	
			" " SITMAPS	Appx 37	
			" W3008, W3009	Appx 38	
				 Brig (M A FERGUSSON) <u>COMD 8 AUST INF BDE</u>	

Subject: GALLUP POLL

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

1 Apr 45.

31/3113/626.

1. It is desired to conduct a type of Gallup Poll within the Bde and units will choose personnel to attend as follows:-

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>OR</u>
x 4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	4	15
30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	4	15
35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	4	15
x 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	3	8
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	3	8
x 13 Aust Indep Pro Pl (AIF)		2
x 133 Aust Bde Wksp AEME (AIF)	1	3
x 39 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	1	4
241 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)		4
x 242 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)		4
x 133 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)		2
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	20	80

2. The subject of the poll will not be advised until it is held and it is desired that as many different types of men be selected so that a cross section of the Bde will be questioned.

3. Personnel will report as follows:-

All Officers to Bde HQ	-	0900 hrs	3 Apr 45
OR from units marked x			
to Bn HQ 4 Aust Inf Bn	-	0900 hrs	3 Apr 45
OR from other units			
to Bde HQ	-	0900 hrs	3 Apr 45

4. Personnel attending will require a pencil only and it is anticipated the Poll will be completed in less than an hour.

J.W.C. Bester
 Capt
 (J.W.C. Bester)
 A/SC 8 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

DISTRIBUTION:

All units mentioned
 + Camp Comdt
 . 2/15 Aust Fd Amb

War Diary

Subject: ACCEPTANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE AMF OF CAMPAIGN MEDALS
ISSUED BY ALLIED NATIONS AND WEARING OF RIBBONS OF SAME

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

2 Apr 45.

6/3115/630

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FIRST AUST ARMY A14891 of 29 Mar refers.

LHQ memo 37056 of 19 Mar 45 is quoted hereunder for information:

"It has been brought to notice that individual members of the AMF or civilians attached thereto have been wearing the ribbons of campaign medals issued by Allied Nations.

Owing to the practical impossibility of reciprocation an inter change of campaign medals with Allied Forces is regarded by the United Kingdom and Australian Governments as being undesirable.

The policy has therefore been laid down that although in certain circumstances orders, decorations and medals granted as individual awards for gallantry or for distinguished or meritorious service may be exchanged, permission for the interchange of campaign medals and ribbons which are issued by Allied Nations to all members of forces engaged in a campaign, would not be given. It is considered that it would not be possible to make individual exceptions without compromising the whole practice.

It is advised therefore that permission is not given for acceptance of these campaign medals or the wearing of the ribbons of same by members of the AMF, or by approved representatives of philanthropic societies or civilians attached to the AMF in an official capacity."


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

3/4/45 Appx 3

EXAMINATION OF MALARIA CONTROL

Students are requested to 1. enter at top right hand paper:-

- (a) Unit
- (b) Rank
- (c) Length of Service in NG
- (Note - name is NOT required)

- 2. Answer all questions
- 3. Read ALL questions before commencing to write answers.

- QUESTION 1 Do you consider Malaria to be a serious disease ? - state reason.
- QUESTION 2 What is the method of transmission of MALARIA?
- QUESTION 3 Have you received any instructions in MALARIA precautions during the last six months?
- QUESTION 4 Detail the methods of PERSONAL protection against MALARIA
- QUESTION 5 What in your opinion is the most effective single measure for PERSONAL protection ? (Do not include ATEBRIN)
- QUESTION 6 Does ATEBRIN really stop you from getting infected with MALARIA?
- QUESTION 7 Is one tablet of ATEBRIN a day sufficient to SUPPRESS symptoms of ALL types of MALARIA.
- QUESTION 8 Do you consider ATEBRIN causes harmful effects to the Kidneys?
- QUESTION 9 Do you consider ATEBRIN has harmful effects to the Liver?
- QUESTION 10 Do you consider the use of suppressive ATEBRIN causes anaemia?
- QUESTION 11 Do you have any reason to believe that continual consumption of the usual dosage of ATEBRIN has any harmful effects ? (If answer YES, give reason)
- QUESTION 12 Are the beneficial effects of ATEBRIN effected adversely in any way by exertion, diet, or extremes of temperature?
- QUESTION 13 Why are ATEBRIN Parades necessary?
- QUESTION 14 Why are anti-mosquito precautions necessary if ATEBRIN will stop MALARIA?
- QUESTION 15 Why is it better to have a completely suppressed infection than to let MALARIA occur and have treatment in hospital?
- QUESTION 16 GRO A321/44 para 27 (f) states -
"Every unit in a non-malarious area which takes on its posted or holding strength from a MALARIOUS area will be responsible for ensuring that the member continues to take one tablet of suppressive ATEBRIN a day for a period of one month after the date which he left the MALARIOUS area"
Question - What is the reason for this?
- QUESTION 17 Does mosquito repellent cause skin disease?
- QUESTION 18 Is mosquito repellent poisonous when taken internally?

QUESTION 19 Is mosquito repellent absorbed into the blood when applied to the skin?

QUESTION 20 Is mosquito repellent effective against mites (Mokkas) ?

QUESTION 21 Why is it necessary to put mosquito nets down and tuck them in before sundown ?

QUESTION 22 How long should you continue to take ATEBRIN after going to the MAINLAND on leave when you know you will be returning to NEW GUINEA?

QUESTION 23 Do you think that ATEBRIN causes sterility?

QUESTION 24 Do you consider that ATEBRIN causes impotence?

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EXAMINATION MALARIA CONTROL.

OFFICIAL ANSWERS

- QUESTION 1 Yes. It can cause death or serious illness in individuals and great wastage in a force.
- QUESTION 2 By the bite of an infected anopheline mosquito.
- QUESTION 3 ?
- QUESTION 4 (a) Insect repellent lotion. (b) Mosquito nets.
(c) Clothing.
- QUESTION 5 Insect repellent lotion.
- QUESTION 6 No. It suppresses all malaria and cures MT malaria if continued for one month after being posted to a non-malarious area.
- QUESTION 7 Yes.
- QUESTION 8 No.
- QUESTION 9 No.
- QUESTION 10 No.
- QUESTION 11 No.
- QUESTION 12 No.
- QUESTION 13 To eliminate forgetfulness.
- QUESTION 14 Suppressives will not cure BT malaria. The more infections with BT sustained, the more relapses are likely. Atebrin does not prevent dengue.
- QUESTION 15 Because harm may be done to the body by an attack of malaria; suppression prevents this harm. Unless atebrin is taken, blackwater fever or death can occur. A man taking full atebrin is not a danger to others. A man on partial dosage or no atebrin can infect mosquitos and so other troops.
- QUESTION 16 To cure MT malaria and so ensure the safety of the individual, and to keep MT malaria out of Australia.
- QUESTION 17 No.
- QUESTION 18 Yes.
- QUESTION 19 No.
- QUESTION 20 Yes.
- QUESTION 21 In NEW GUINEA, malaria carrying mosquitos do not enter before sundown, and so one can put down one's net and tuck it in without fear of tucking in mosquitos.
- QUESTION 22 Until returning to unit.
- QUESTION 23 No.
- QUESTION 24 No.

COMMENTS ON QUESTIONNAIRE.

- QUESTION 1 This question was marked very leniently. Although there are only a few who are not convinced that malaria is a serious disease, the reasons given were frequently inadequate and sometimes remarkable. Malaria can be cured, uncomplicated does not cause rickets, sterility or "ill-health for the rest of ones life" but unsuppressed malaria can and does KILL as well as causing force wastage.
- % correct
95.2
- QUESTION 2 While most realise that a mosquito comes into the picture somewhere many do not realise that it results from a bite of a definite species of mosquito which has been infected.
- %66
- QUESTION 3 There are apparently a definite number who have not had recent instruction.
- %90.4
- QUESTION 4 Some left out one or more of the essentials and added DDT, Aerosol dispensers, spray etc.
- %78.9
- QUESTION 5 Many considered mosquito nets or clothing of greater importance than repellent lotion although not considered very important errors, this indicates insufficient use of lotion amongst personnel.
- %73.3
- QUESTION 6 On the whole answered well.
- %89.1
- QUESTION 7 There is apparently unnecessary confusion about this. The CAIRNS experiments had not been completed when the Bde first moved into this area and two tablets were ordered to be on the safe side. Limited taking of two tablets in RAMU area is a precaution against loss or destruction of tablets on patrol not because of number of mosquitos.
- %63.2
- QUESTION 8. The coloration of the urine is due to the staining effect of excreted atebtrin not a sign of kidney disease.
- %90.4
- QUESTION 9 The coloration of the skin is also due to the dye effect and not to jaundice.
- %89.1
- QUESTION 10 As a number pointed out atebtrin prevents anaemia by suppressing malaria which does cause anaemia by destruction of blood cells.
- %90.4
- QUESTION 11 Well answered.
- %94
- QUESTION 12 It has been conclusively shown that the beneficial effects of atebtrin are not adversely effected by these factors.
- %66.6
- QUESTION 13 Atebrin parades are NOT held so that "a man can't be crimed if he gets malaria" but to help the forgetful and stop the odd scheming gentleman who does not realise his responsibilities to himself and others.
- %96.4
- QUESTION 14 "Prevention IS better than cure" but even if not entirely successful in preventing nobody wants to be suffering "BT" relapses after return to civil life and mosquitos do convey the organisms responsible for dengue, elephantiasis etc.
- %24.5
- QUESTION 15 The anxiety which many expressed concerning the work thrown on the medical services by allowing malaria to develop and then treating it is touching, but not the reason. There is insufficient appreciation of the actual danger to life that malaria can cause, and that the millions of parasites which develop in the person with an attack of malaria form a large reservoir from which others may be infected
- %15.6

- QUESTION 16
%20.4 Deaths have occurred in Australia from MT MALARIA in cases where men have ceased taking atebrin too soon. The individual may be infected on the very day he leaves NG or other malarious areas. We cannot at present prevent all mosquitos in Australia from becoming infected with BT parasites, but we can and should prevent MT occurring in Australia and endangering the lives of those we care for.
- QUESTION 17
%88.4 Although repellent lotion stings some areas of the body no cases have been reported of disease of the skin due to its use.
- QUESTION 18
%44.2 It is fortunate that REPELLANT LOTION has an irritating action in the mouth. Many men have a touching faith that "the army wouldn't issue it if it were poisonous".
- QUESTION 19
%94.5 Apart from the "don't knows" answered correctly.
- QUESTION 20
%53 Repellent lotion is actually more effective against mites than Anti Mite lotion but it does not last as long and washes out of clothes easily.
- QUESTION 21
%72.1 There is not sufficient realisation, that nets erected after anopheline mosquitos are about and particularly those erected after dark might easily include mosquitos which would be undetected.
- QUESTION 22
%34.5 It is a matter not only of keeping well on the mainland, but of having sufficient concentration of atebrin in the blood on return to NEW GUINEA.
- QUESTION 23) -
%93.2)
- QUESTION 24) It is gratifying to learn, that these old boyeys are
%95.9) dying out. Malaria by the illness and debility which go
with it may cause temporary impotence.

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Appx 4

Subject: PERMANENT DANGER AREAS

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

4 Apr 45.

9/180/45.

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17, 15, 22, 23, 25, 27.

1. MORTAR RANGE as notified in our memo 85/2001/307 of 9 Feb 45 has been extended to include from 688317 to 708320 then along ALEXISHAFEN ROAD to 704304.
2. Units wishing to use range will now obtain permission from this HQ.
3. Range will be in use by 4 AUST INF BN (AIF) from 9 Apr 45.

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

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Appx 5*

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

35 Bn FWD.

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

051405

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

8 Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*I 81 Sitrep 40 to 051400 @ 041500K/ PURPUR completed
evacuation dependees kept intact 18 pl now
concentrated VENUS POINT*

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
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
<i>051530</i>		
Time Cleared		

Subject: MT Instruction

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) ^{Appx 6}
5 Apr 45.

107/3171/644

See day
Distribution: List E less Serial 21

1. Tyre Pressures as set down by NGF are:-

	Front	Rear
Jeep	30	30
15 cwt	35	42
3 ton	40	50

2. Vehicle Cleaning

The use of petrol and distillate for cleaning has, in many cases, ruined rubber, insulations etc. Care will be taken to avoid contact with all wiring and rubber fittings.

3. Transport for Padres

Units WILL at all times supply necessary transport for padres attached to them. Bde HQ will not be called upon for this unless none other is available.

[Signature]
Capt.
(J.W. CHESTER)
A/SC 8 Aust Inf Bde.

Appx 7

8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) INSTR NO 17

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

7 Apr 45

Ref Map ALEXISHAFEN 1 : 25,000

1. A tactical exercise will be held commencing 18 Apr 45 and lasting NOT longer than 3 days.

2. TPS TAKING PART

Own tps - Comd Lt-Col PARRY-OKEDEN
30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Sec 2/15 Aust Fd Amb

Enemy tps - Comd Lt-Col NEVILLE
4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
1 Coy 35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

3. OBJECT

To train own staffs and units in all phases of ATTACK and enemy staff and units in the DEFENCE.

4. DIRECTING STAFF

Director - Brig M.A. FERGUSSON
Asst " - Capt J.W. CHESTER
Umpires - Capt J.P. KNAGGS - HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)
Lt L. WATTS - " " " "
5 Offrs 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
5 " 35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Instrs to Umpires will be issued separately.

5. AREA OF EXERCISE

The exercise will take place in the area bounded on the SOUTH by the NAGADA RIVER, on the WEST by the 70 grid, on the NORTH by the 40 grid and on the EAST by the sea.

All native villages, camp areas and installations within this area are out of bounds.

6. COMMENCEMENT OF EXERCISE

The exercise will commence on receipt of instrs etc through normal channels.

Neither force will be required to move before 171200K.

7. DISTINGUISHING DRESS Etc

Pers - Enemy , normal eqpt and clothing with berets jungle green.
Own, tps normal eqpt and clothing with hats fur felt.
DS, normal with white hat bands.

Vehs - The Bde Comd's car and DS Vehs flying white flags will be neutral.

8. FORECAST OF EVENTS

A Forecast of events will be issued to umpires only after receipt of Enemy Comd's appreciation. An appx to this forecast will be issued to all taking part and will lay down

periods when the exercise will completely halt for any necessary re-organisation.

9. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

Enemy will only fire LMG's into safety pits.

Ballistite cartridges will represent 2 in Mortar fire by both forces.

Own tps will NOT carry any ball amn.

10. COMNS

Bde HQ will remain present location and own tps will communicate through normal channels.

A wireless link will be est between chief enemy umpire and Director.

All exercise messages will be prefixed by the word AJAX.

11. ADM


(a) Enemy force will move with sups for whole period and will draw water from NAGADA water point. Water trucks will be distinguished by white panels front rear and sides and will NOT be regarded as enemy vehs.

(b) Own tps will be supplied under unit arrangements.

(c) Any actual casualties will be evacuated through normal channels. Exercise casualties will be evacuated;

Enemy as far as RAP only;

Own tps as far as Fd Amb only.


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

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2/4 Aust Armd Regt
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4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
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2/15 Aust Fd Amb
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War Dia ry (2)
File.

ADDENDUM TO 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
TRG INSTR NO 17

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

7 Apr 45.

Ref Map: ALEXISHAFEN

INSTR FOR UMPIRES

1. Units supplying umpires as detailed in para 4 of Trg Instr No 17 will select suitable officers for the task and they will be required to attend a preliminary conference at ref 705307 at 170830K.

2. Prior to conference umpires will familiarize themselves with MTP 61 UMPIRING.

3. GENERAL IDEA (DS ONLY)

Enemy Comd will be given Warning Order on 13 Apr to prepare appreciation and plan to defend ALEXISHAFEN. Enemy force will move out and occupy def posn by 181200K.

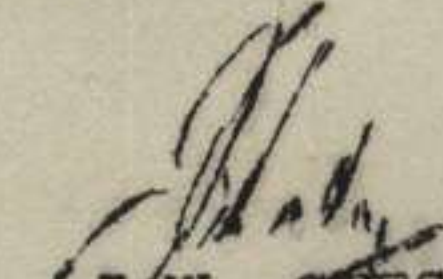
Own tps will receive Warning Order at 171400K to destroy the enemy and capture ALEXISHAFEN. No move before 181200K.

4. METHOD OF CONTROL

All umpires will know enemy def posns and will control the exercise with this knowledge and in accordance with instrs issued by DS from time to time.

5. TIME TABLE

130900K	-	Warning Order to Enemy Comd.
151400K	-	Enemy Comd submit appreciation.
161000K	-	Enemy Comd submit OO.
170830K	-	All umpires go over enemy posns.
171400K	-	Warning Order to Own tps.
181200K	-	Enemy to be in posn.
181200K	-	Own tps may move.


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WM 8 AUST INF BDE

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War Diary


Subject: TACTICAL EXERCISE
ALEXISHAFEN 1 : 25,000

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

7 Apr 45

108/3212/670

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ALEXISHAFEN 1 : 25,000

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War Diary

Appx 8

Subject: MILITARY GYMKHANA

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

7 Apr 45


21/3201/660

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1. It is proposed to hold a Gymkhana towards the end of the month embracing all types of Army activities with the object of increasing interest in training, cultivating a team and competitive spirit and also as an entertainment.
2. To decide on the conditions and general conduct of the Gymkhana, a preliminary conference of COs and Adjts will be held at Bde HQ on 10 Apr 45 at 1400 hrs.
3. As a basis for the conference it is suggested that consideration be given to the following proposed list of events:-

Guard Competition
Rifle Shooting
Pistol Shooting
LMG Drill
MMG Drill
Mortar Drill
Sig Competition
MT Fault finding
Cooking Competition
PT Competition
Sec Fire and Movement Exercise
Fd Sketching Exercise
Patrol Report Exercise

4. All units will not of course be able to enter for all events but an entry in even one event will help achieve the object as stated in para 1.


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

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FROM

(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

Annamb. Force

08 1530

For Action

TO

8 Bde

(*re*) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*568 rep map BOGIA STRAT @ 60 requests permits
now for active patrolling from ANNANBERG to W of
RAMU river @ patrol limit as far as general line
rep NAGRUBU H3282 to TOBOW 2373 to BROKOTO 2457*

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For Action

TO

Annanking Force

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0314 ref your 568 @ permission granted

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8 Bde

091025

For Action

TO

all units

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q 1526 MBEIRO RIVER bridge is closed to all traffic until 131700K. Vehicles are available on MADANG side for use by pers. visiting MADANG.

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War Day

Appx 12

Subject: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S CARDS

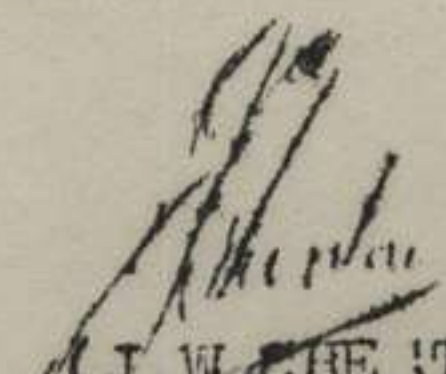
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

// Apr 45

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The following information received from LHQ in regard to the award of Commander-in-Chief's Cards is forwarded:

- (a) The award of a Commander-in-Chief's Card is made by the Commander-in-Chief only.
 - (b) It may be made to all ranks at any time.
 - (c) It is the Commander-in-Chief's expression of outstanding individual efforts and devotion to duty, but which have not reached the standard necessary for an award of a Mention-in-Despatches.
 - (d) The award of a Commander-in-Chief's Card is normally reserved for personnel serving in an operational area, or in contact with the enemy. In special cases, however, the Commander-in-Chief has recognised meritorious service in a non-operational area by presenting his card.
 - (e) No riband or emblem is worn.
 - (f) The award is published in General Orders, and an appropriate note made on the individual's Record of Service.
2. Although this is a personal award by the Commander-in-Chief, Formation commanders may submit recommendations should the occasion arise.


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

Appx 13

~~SECRET~~

Subject: EXERCISE - AJAX

Hq 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

12 Apr 45

4 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1. For the purpose of the exercise enemy force under command Lt Col HEVILLE will be known as 100 in part of 70 Bde.
2. Bde Op Instr is att and C O's appreciation is required at this Hq by 161400Z and In CO by 161000Z.
3. No movement will take place until ordered by this Hq.

Shen

Capt.

(J. W. CHAMBERLAIN)

Hq 8 AUST INF BDE

Copies to:-

- Comd
- BN
- CO
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- War Diary - 2 ✓

Appx 13

12 Apr 45

Ref Map ALEXISHAFEN 1:25,000

To Lt-Col NEVILLE 100Bn

INFO

- ENEMY 1 Captured orders show that enemy will land an inf bde unsupported in MADANG AREA at an early date.
- 2 Deduction from factors in the order is that some portion of his force will land at MILILAT.

Own Troop

- 3 Remainder of 70 Bde will reach NORTH ALEXISHAFEN on approx 21 Apr 45, 101 Bn by rd from HANDA BAY and 102 Bn by barge.
- 4 Navy will sp from 21 Apr 45 onwards.

INTENTION

- 5 You will prevent enemy approach to ALEXISHAFEN as far SOUTH as possible.

GENERAL

6. You are warned that movement SOUTH of MILILAT rd may jeopardise the maint of your object.
7. If you are met by superior strength you will ensure that no portion of your force is isolated at ALEXISHAFEN SOUTH.

Susuku

Brig
Comd 70 Bde.

ACK

Issued by LO

Signed at 1230 hrs.

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM	Originator	Date—Time of Origin
(A)	<i>F. A. A.</i>	<i>130935</i>

Office Date Stamp

TO	For Action	
	<i>8 Bde</i>	
	(w) For Information (INFO.)	

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.
*3DU489 out 02500 30 of 12 hrs Appx B add new part 2 MADANATO
 BOUGAINVILLE insert priority 5/4 Arma Regt (less 2 Sqs) with
 Sigth (less det) ORD FD PK (less 2 Sqs sub pd k) * WKSPS (less
 2 Sqs 5 WKSP Secs) (c) 8 Bde (D) 2 Corps (E) FD TRPS (F) US (G) 405
 (H) 64 plus 38 tals (K) Sp (I) plus 56 MATILDA tks 1 tractor
 1 transporter*

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Appx 15*

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
	<i>8Bde</i>	<i>14 1200</i>	
	<i>For Action</i>		
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions
	<i>35 Bn FWD</i>		GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. *0316* *main port op. will carry out armed*
task R/ 15 Apr @ area WEST bank of RAMS power
coast to YOUNG'S CAMP @ opportunity targets
will be engaged @ approx time when target
0900 H

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FROM

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(A)

S Bde

14 0835

For Action

TO

All units

(i) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q 1531 Bridge over MEIRO RIVER will be completed by 14:00 except to class 12 traffic. Vehicles must NOT travel over bridge in this area over 5 MPH @ all times.

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7/11/45

Appx 17

C O N F I D E N T I A L

8 AUST INF BDE DAILY DRLS TIMETABLE

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

1/4 Apr 45

22/364/297.

1. Hereunder 8 AUST INF BDE Air Letter Service and DRLS Timetable, effective as from 13 Apr 45 (all times K):-

2. ALS - FIRST AUST ARMY

Closing times at Sig Office 0800 hrs daily.

Arrives at Sig Office 1630 hrs MON, WED and SAT.

3. DRLS - UNITS SOUTH OF SIAR PLANTATION

<u>U N I T</u>	<u>A F T E R N O O N</u>	
	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
H Q 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	-	1500
2/15 Aust Fd Amb	1507	1510
133 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	1530	1533
133 Aust Bde Wksp (AEME (AIF)	1540	1543
13 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl (AIF)	1550	1553
242 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	1556	1600
133 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	1607	1610
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1630	-

4. DRLS - UNITS NORTH OF AND INCL SIAR

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MORNING</u>	
	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	-	1030
2/4 Aust Armd Regt	1045	1048
ANGAU MALMAL	1100	1103
4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1115	1118
39 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	1123	1126
35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1128	1131
251 Aust LAD (AIF)	1134	1137
30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1140	1143
27 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1146	1148
241 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	1151	1154
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1200	-

5. CLOSING TIMES AT 8 AUST INF BDE SIG OFFICE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MORNING</u>	<u>AFTERNOON</u>
Area Comd LADANG	0800	-
UNITS SOUTH OF SIAR PLTN see DRLS 3	-	1430
UNITS NORTH & INCL SIAR PLTN See DRLS 4	1000	-
ALS FIRST AUST ARMY	0800	

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

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) 35 Bn FWD **Date—Time of Origin** 15 1415

Office Date Stamp

TO 8 Bde **For Action**
(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*1st observation of air strike from SCHILLINGS POST
150902K plane did 6 runs dropping 3 bombs on
run 3 machine appeared to be fired at plane only
observation of bombs on target was heavy smoke for
approx 50 mins 6 plane last seen heading NORTH
at 150925K*

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FROM (A) <i>8 BDE</i>	Originator	Date—Time of Origin <i>15/15/30/4</i>	Office Date Stamp
For Action <i>FIRST ARMY</i>			Message Instructions <i>GR-</i>
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*0 341 secret (c) beautiful a/c from 15 sqn on
tac/R 15 apr 45 through mistake in navigation
apparently straffed ANNANBERG AREA (c) 3064
R PC MEKUL drowned in RAMM when canoe
capsized result straffing (c) natives report 2
natives killed SITEBU WH 4852 both pilots
and liaison offrs in a/c were all aware our
dispositions ANNANBERG (c) apparently low
cloud base made navigation difficult and
all crews thought they were NORTH of
ANNANBERG (c) please advise action to be
taken*

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Ap/x 20*

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

First Aust Army

16 1020K

For Action

TO

8 hde

(*re*) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 1000 sent you 0341 of 15/500K O if you have informed NORCOM NO action other than normal reporting. Casualties necessary.

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War Diary

A/bx 21

Subject: RECREATION LEAVE - DEBIT ON DISCHARGE

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
16 Apr 45
60/3326/694

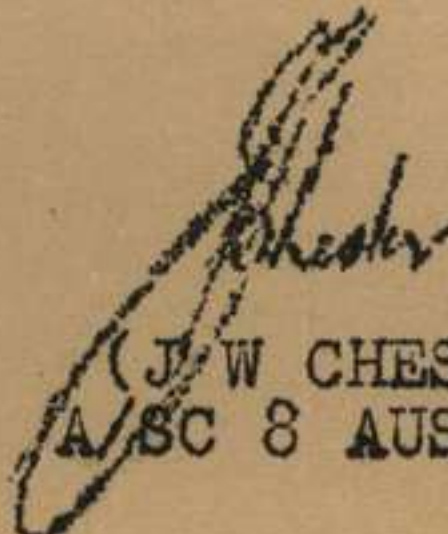
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Subtended for your information is LHQ 44548 of
3 Apr 45:-

" An adjustment of any final leave recreational debits against a member due to the grant of anticipatory leave on compassionate or emergency grounds or to meet the requirements of the service will be made on the discharge of a member only if he has been convicted of an offence involving misrepresentation of the circumstances upon which he based his application for, and was granted, anticipatory leave.

Any adjustment under para 1 will be effected by setting off the number of days of the member's final recreational leave debits and to the extent of his credits (if any) of war service leave. It will not be effected by debiting his final pay account with the amount of pay for the number of days of his final recreational leave debits.

An instruction to DFOs through service channels has already been issued on this matter and will be applied in accordance with the above."


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

War Diary

Appx 22

Subject: FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

18 Apr 45

65/3373/704

1. Repeated outbreaks of food poisoning have recently been reported in NG.
2. In order to prevent the occurrence of such attacks in this formation units will carefully review their methods of food preparation and storage, particularly by seeing that safes etc are clean, flyproof and that rat droppings and dirt cannot fall through any cracks on the top.
3. Attention is drawn to GRO Q105/43.

J. O'Sullivan Lt
for (J W CHESTER) *AOD*
Capt
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

BRIGADIER M.A. FERGUSSON

COMMANDING 8 AUST INF BDE

FIRST AUST ARMY

20 Apr 45

"G"

N I L

N. R. McLeod Maj
(N R McLEOD)
BM 8 AUST INF BDE.

"A" & "Q"

56 HOUSEWIVES FS - COMPONENT PARTS - SCALE OF ISSUE

(Ref FAA Order Q63)

1. Arrangements have been made for the supply of component parts of Housewives FS and for inclusion of the components on the scale of issue.
2. Packing and tropic-proofing will delay stocks being available for some time. In the interim, units will draw sufficient quantities of complete Housewives FS for conversion to components to meet immediate requirements.
3. Components will be regarded as expense stores and will be issued as required by to personnel in accordance with the following scales:-

Needles Sewing1
Needles darning..1
Wool drab darning cards1
Cotton sewing khaki spools1
Buttons plastic Khaki Line 226
Buttons plastic Khaki Line 276

(A replacement issue to all ranks (as required)).

57 WASHING OF ISSUE CLOTHING (Ref GRO 103/45)

1. Due to the short supply of all raw materials involved, it is necessary that the maximum life be obtained from all items of clothing on issue to AMF personnel.
2. Incorrect methods of washing, exposure to strong sunlight, excessive sweating and using too much of certain soap powders, may seriously effect dyes and weaken the fibre of clothing. Failure to remove all soap and perspiring by thoroughly rinsing after washing, is one of the reasons for the breakdown of fabrics.

3. Neglect to pay due attention to regular and efficient washing of garments has been responsible for many cases of dermatitis. Observance of the following instructions will assist in decreasing the incidence of all skin complaints.

4. Washing flannels and woollens -

- (a) Worsted shirts, socks, wollen draws, etc, should be washed in lukewarm water, and never in boiling or hot water, as this shrinks the material. A tablespoon of amonia added to every two gallons of water will remove grease and perspiration stains.;
- (b) Good quality yellow soap only should be used, and, after washing, the garments should be well rinsed in clean, tepid water and stretched by hand before drying.

5. Washing of cottons -

- (a) If cotton garments are boiled, the washing compound or soap will be added to the water prior to putting in the garments to be washed;
- (b) If washing compounds, which are usually sold in packets under well-known brands and frequently known as soap powders, are used, not more than one tablespoon of the compound will be added to each gallon of water to be boiled.
- (c) If ordinary soap is used, 1 oz (approx a 1 in cube) should be added to each gallon of water to be boiled.
- (d) It is most important that, after washing, the garments are thoroughly rinsed to remove all traces of soap.

6. It is realised that washing facilities and an adequate supply of water are not always available. Nevertheless, the hints and instructions contained in this order will be carried out whenever possible, especially in regard to rinsing thoroughly after washing

58

SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS PROCEEDING ON LEAVE
(Reference GRO 105/45)

1. Commencing on the 25th April, 1945, a member proceeding on leave will be credited with and paid subsistence allowance, to which he is entitled, through the medium of his paybook.

2. The credit will ~~not~~ be raised by means of a "Subsistence Allowance Credit Roll" (WF241), supplies of which are being printed with provision for 250 entries to a book, and will be available in all cash offices by the 15th April, 1945. Units will requisition on paymasters for requirements be that date. The Subsistence Allowance Credit Roll will be prepared, and the entry in the member's paybook of the credit for subsistence allowance will be made, prior to the member's departure from his unit for leave.

3. Payment to a member proceeding on leave will be effected on acquittance rolls, in the same manner as for normal pay on the authority of excess credit earnings over the net progressive debits, provided that, where a member's paybook is overdrawn he will be entitled to a payment not less than the amount of subsistence allowance entitlement for the period of leave granted. The effect will be that a member may draw his subsistence allowance either in conjunction with pay, or separately, or may leave it undrawn. The payment and the entry on the acquittance roll will be identical with a normal drawing of pay.

4. Unit pay representatives have been advised of the detailed procedure to be observed in the preparation of subsistence allowance credit rolls and for making the entry in the member's paybook.

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

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GIFT PARCELS FOR UNITED KINGDOM ADDRESSEES = DUTY
FREE CONCESSION

1. The conditions ~~announced~~ of the concession announced in the Notice appearing in GROs dated 20th October, 1944, pages 26 and 27, under which members of the AMF and of the British Army serving in Australia and in other places within the SWPA are permitted to send to their relatives and friends in the United Kingdom a maximum of four gift parcels per year, duty free, have been amended. The notice is, therefore, cancelled.
2. The following are the conditions applicable as from 16th April 1945:-
 - (a) The usual postage rates are payable.
 - (b) Parcels must not weigh more than 5 lbs each and must not include:-
 - (i) any drinkable spirits;
 - (ii) more than $\frac{1}{2}$ lb weight of tobacco, including cigarettes (50 cigars or 200 cigarettes) or any tobacco goods marked "H M Ships only";
 - (iii) more than $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of scent;
 - (iv) more than 2 lbs of any one foodstuff.
 - (c) The maximum value of the contents of parcels which can be sent by one person in any one year is £12, and this value may be made up as follows:-
 - (i) one parcel of £12 value; or
 - (ii) two or more parcels up to a maximum of six parcels aggregating £12 value.
 - (d) Special Customs Declarations (AFs W5192) must be affixed to all parcels in order to secure the duty free concession. These declarations, where not already in possession of units, are obtainable through normal stationery channels.
 - (e) Issues to personnel will be under unit arrangements, on the basis of a maximum of six AFs W5192 per year to any one sender. Comparatively few forms should, therefore, suffice for the needs of any unit.
 - (f) Each AF W5192 issued will have entered upon it the senders number and name and be signed by the issuing officer in the space provided.
 - (g) Each Customs Declaration represents a permissible value of £2 within the parcel to which it is attached.
 - (h) Where the value of the contents of any one parcel exceeds £2, a further declaration for each additional £2, or fraction thereof, up to the maximum of £12 must be attached, e.g. a parcel containing goods to the declared value of £6 would require three labels attached.
 - (i) Gifts under this concession arrangement may also be forwarded by letter post. In such cases normal letter postage rates will be payable and, if the sender so desires, the article may be tendered for transmission by registered post. To be eligible for the concession, articles forwarded by letter post must conform to the same conditions as those set out above for parcels, with the exception that the maximum weight for letters ($4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs) will apply.

3. It is stressed that full duty will be levied in the United Kingdom (for collection from the addressees) in respect of parcels and packets which infringe the restrictions contained in para 2 (b) above. In addition to these duty charges, the contents of any parcel or packet not bearing the customs declaration, received in the United Kingdom, are subject to purchase tax amounting in many cases to 100% of the value of such contents. This tax is chargeable on most manufactured articles, but tobacco and foodstuffs are excluded.

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HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde
108/4015/720
21 Apr 45

INSTRS FOR THE EXERCISE

Ref Map : 1 : 25,000 ALEXISHAFEN

GEN

- 1. These instrs are issued in amplification of 8 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 17 of 7 Apr 45.
- 2. The above exercise will now commence on 25 Apr 45 and will terminate on 27 Apr 45.

OBJECT OF THE EXERCISE

- 3. To train Aust Force Staff and units in all phases in the approach/and Jap Force Staff and units in all phases in the def. and attack/

TPS TAKING PART

4. Aust Force

- (a) Comd : Lt-Col W N PARRY-OKEDEN - 30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- (b) Tps : 30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and one sec 2/15 Aust Fd Amb.

5. Jap Force

- (a) Comd : Lt-Col C H NEVILLE - 4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- (b) Tps : 4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and one pl 35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

AREA OF THE EXERCISE

- 6. The exercise will take place in the area bounded in the SOUTH by the NAGADA RIVER, in the WEST by the 70 grid, in the NORTH by the 40 grid and in the EAST by the sea.
- 7. Tps will NOT enter native villages, bamp areas and other installations within the exercise area. Areas immediately adjacent to the above however may be used.

DIRECTING STAFF

- 8. Director - Brig M A FERGUSSON
- 9. Assistant Director - Maj N R McLEOD
- 10. Umpires:
 - (a) Chief Umpire - Capt KNAGGS HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde
 - (b) LO to Chief Umpire - Lt OSBORN " " " "
 - (c) Senior Umpire - Capt LAMBERT 35 Aust Inf Bn Aust Force
 - (d) Senior Umpire - Capt ROBERTS 30 Aust Inf Bn Jap Force
 - (e) Sub-unit Umpires- See Appx "A"

NOTE: Umpires will join forces to which allotted by 0900K 25 Apr.

DISTINGUISHING DRESS AND MARKS

11. Aust Force

Normal eqpt and clothing with hats khaki fur without pugarees.

12. Jap Force

Normal eqpt and clothing with berets JG or hats khaki fur with white pugarees.

13. DS

Normal dress with white Arm band each arm.

14. Vehs

- (a) Aust Force : White diamond sticker 4 in sides on windshield.
- (b) Jap Force : White circle sticker 4 in diameter on windshield.
- (c) DS Neutral Vehs: White Sig Flag.

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

15. LMGs and MMGs will fire ball amn into prepared safety pits only.

16. Both forces will prepare blank rifle amn from ball amn prior to the commencement of the exercise. Ball amn will NOT be fired from rifles, SMGs or pistols.

17. 2 in Mortar smoke only may be used.

DS INTERCOMN

18. 3 Aust Inf Bde will sup DS Intercomn vide appx "B".

19. All means of intercomn used by both forces may be used by DS as required to assist control of the exercise.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXERCISE

20. Jap Force

Will move to area vide Op Instr issued as Appx "C" on 24 Apr 45 and will be in posn by 1200K 25 Apr.

21. Aust Force

Will commence exercise at 1200K 25 Apr vide Op Instr issued as Appx "D".

DS CONFERENCES

22. Umpires vide Appx "A" will assemble at HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde at 0900K 24 Apr. Cut lunches will be carried.

Prior to conference all umpires will familiarise themselves with MTP 61 "UMPIRING".

23. Instrs re conferences on completion of the exercise will be issued later.

AIRCRAFT

24. WALRUS Aircraft will be considered as friendly to Aust Force. All other aircraft will be considered hostile to both forces..

CAS

25. Umpires will create cas throughout the exercise and will issue cas slips to persons concerned. These cas will be evacuated as follows:-

- (a) Aust Force as far as fd amb.
- (b) Jap force as far as RAP.

26. Real cas will be evacuated through normal channels.

INSTRS TO UMPIRES

27. Issued as Appx "E".

NEUTRAL VEHS

28. Vehs being used for adm duties only and required to pass through area occupied by both forces, e.g. water trucks, YMCA etc vehs will display a white sig flag when moving through the exercise area. Tps actually taking part in the exercise will not make use of these vehs in any manner to influence the outcome of the exercise.

DS VEHS

29. HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde will sup the following vehs for D.S.:-

- Director - 1 x 1/4 ton 4 x 4
- Assistant Director - 1 x 1/4 ton 4 x 4 (filled with No 11 set)
- Chief Umpire - " " " " " (" " " ")
- Senior Umpire - 1 x 15 cwt GS 4 x 4
- Aust Force or 1 x 1/4 ton 4 x 4
- Senior Umpire
- Jap Force - " " " " "

ADM

30. Sups

- (a) Jap Force will move self-contained with sups up to and incl midday meal 28 Apr 45.
- (b) Aust Force will draw normal sups daily from DID.
- (c) Units will arrange to sup rations etc for umpires att during exercise vide Appx "A".

31. POL

All vehs of both forces will move out with full tks and will carry a res of 4 gals. Replenishment of POL will be done from DID by use of neutral vehs where necessary.

32. Malaria

8 Aust Inf Bde Standing Orders for the Prevention and Control of Malaria will be strictly adhered to.

33. Scrub Typhus

Units taking part in the exercise will arrange for all clothing etc to be taken on the exercise to be treated with anti-mite lotion prior to the commencement of the exercise.

A certificate to this effect will be rendered to this HQ by 1200K 2 5 Apr.

N. R. McLeod
 (N R McLEOD)
 BM 8 AUST INF BDE

DISTRIBUTION:

	<u>Gen Instr</u>	<u>COPY NO</u>				
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2/4 Aust Armd Regt	1	1	-	-	-	-
4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	2	2	2	1	-	-
30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	3	3	3	-	1	-
35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	4	4	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	5	-	4	-	-	-
2/15 Aust Fd Amb	6	-	-	-	-	-
Comd	7	5	5	2	2	1
BM	8	6	6	3	3	2
SC	9	7	7	4	4	3
IO	10	8	8	5	5	4
Chief Umpire	11 - 12	9 - 10	9 - 10	6 - 7	6 - 7	5 - 6
Senior Umpire AUST FORCE (x)	13 - 33	11 - 30	11 - 30	8 - 28	8 - 28	7 - 17
Senior Umpire JAP FORCE (x)	34 - 54	31 - 51	31 - 51	29 - 49	29 - 49	18 - 38
War Dia ry	55 - 56	52 - 53	52 - 53	50 - 51	30 - 31	39 - 40
File	57 - 58	54 - 55	54 - 55	52 - 53	32 - 33	41 - 42

(x) Senior Umpires will distribute these copies to sub-unit Umpires.

"APPX A" to
8 AUST INF BDE
Exercise 'AJAX'
Copy no 52

ALLOTMENT OF UMPIRES

AUST FORCE

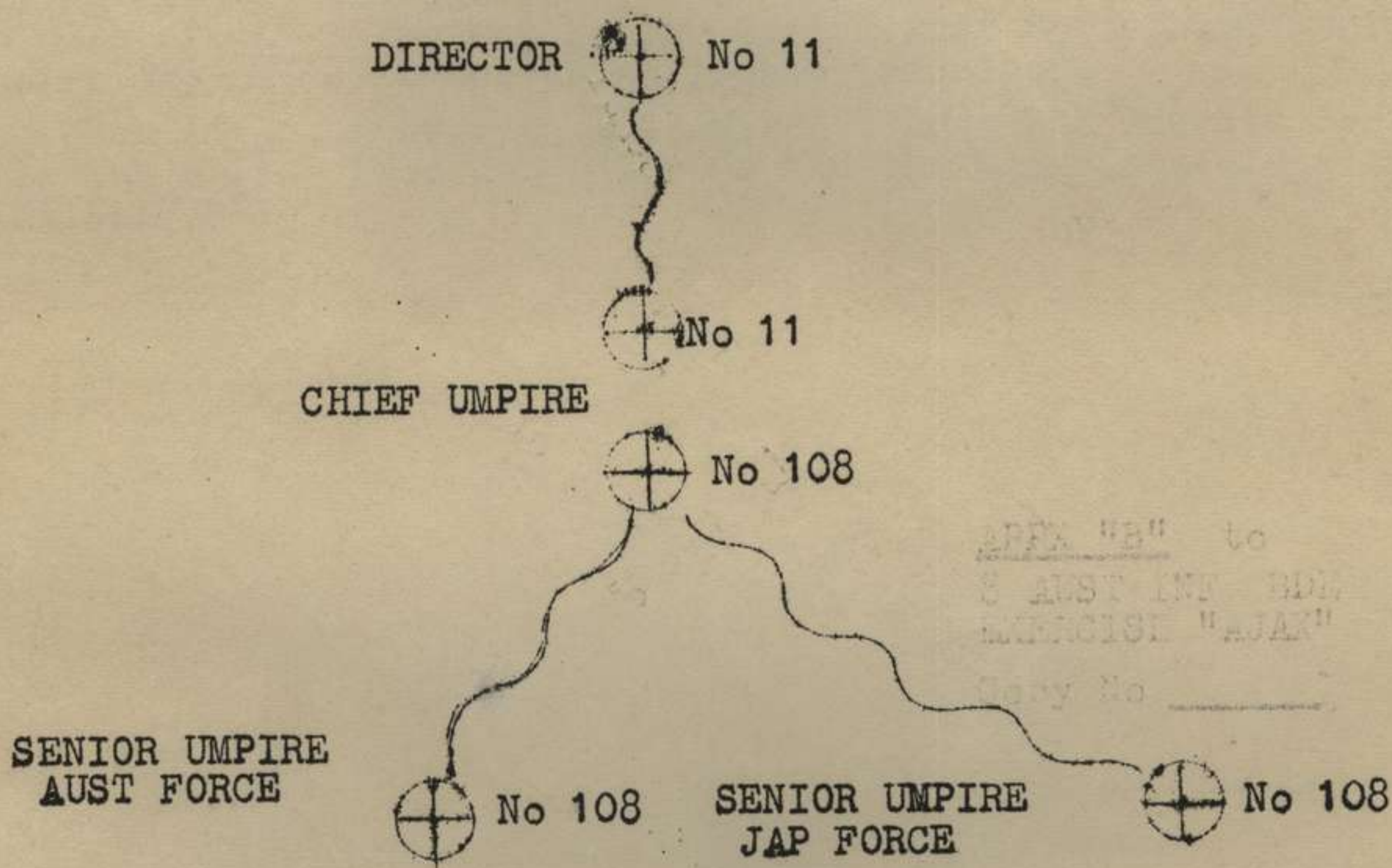
Senior Umpire : Capt LAMBERT 35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Coy Umpires : Lt ROBINSON " " " "
Lt SEARSON " " " "
Lt HOSKINS HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Lt SALMON " " " "
Pl Umpires : 5 NCOs to be supplied by 35 Aust
Inf Bn (AIF).
8 NCOs to be supplied by 4 Aust
Inf Bn (AIF)
(NCOs will be allotted to pls
as required by Senior Umpire
Aust Force)

JAP FORCE

Senior Umpire : Capt ROBERTS 30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Coy Umpires : Capt SUFFREN 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
Capt STONE " " " "
Lt HUMPRIES " " " "
Lt STINGEMORE 30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Pl Umpires : 12 NCOs to be supplied by 30 Aust
Inf Bn (AIF). (NCOs will be allotted
to pls as required by Senior Umpire
Jap Force)

UMPIRES INTERCOMM

WIRELESS



LINE

8 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will lay a line from HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde along the main rd to ALEXISHAFEN which will be available for DS use during the exercise and will NOT be used by tps taking part in the exercise. One phone will also be supplied to each of Chief Umpire, Senior Umpire Aust Force, and Senior Umpire Jap Force to tee in on line as required.

When location of Jap HQ is fixed 8 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will lay a line from Jap Force HQ to the main line along the ALEXISHAFEN rd.

SENIOR UMPIRE
AUST FORCE

SENIOR UMPIRE
JAP FORCE

No 108

~~SECRET~~ SECRET

Appx "C" to 8 AUST INF
BDE EXERCISE "AJAX".

Copy No 20

INSTRS TO JAP FORCE

1. For the purpose of the exercise 4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will be known as 100 Bn part of 70 Bde.
2. 100 Bn moved from HANSA BAY to ALEXISHAFEN by rd and concentration was completed by 23 Apr 45.
3. 70 Bde Op Instr to Comd Jap Force is shown below.

SECRET

24 Apr 45

70 BDE OP INSTR 1

Ref Map : 1 : 25,000 ALEXISHAFEN

To : Lt-Col C H NEVILLE 100 Bn

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Captured orders show that the enemy will land an Inf Bde unsupported in the MADANG Area at an early date.
- (b) My deduction from the orders is that some portion of his force will land at MILILAT.

2. Own tps

- (a) The remainder of 70 Bde will reach NORTH ALEXISHAFEN on approx 28 Apr 45, 101 Bn by rd from HANSA BAY and 102 Bn by barge.
- (b) Navy will sp from 28 Apr 45 onwards.

TASK IN GEN:

3. You will prevent enemy approach to ALEXISHAFEN as far SOUTH as possible.

TASK IN PARTICULAR:

4. You will NOT move from your present posn before 1200K 24 Apr 45 and will be in posn to carry out your task by 1200K 25 Apr 45.
5. You are warned that mov SOUTH of MILILAT rd junc 7035 may jeopardise the maint of your object.
6. If you are met by superior str you will ensure that no portion of your force is isolated at ALEXISHAFEN SOUTH.

ACK

Brig
COMD 70 BDE.

Issued by LO

Signed at _____

EXERCISE "SECRET"

APEX 'D'

to 8 Aust Inf Bde Exercise
'AJAX'. Copy No 50

INSTRS TO AUST FORCE

GEN

1. For the purpose of the exercise 30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will be known as 197 Aust Inf Bn part of 90 Aust Inf Bde.
2. HQ 90 Aust Inf Bde, 195 and 196 Aust Inf Bns and one tp fd arty are at LAE embarking.
3. 197 Aust Inf Bn landed without opposition in its present area on morning 24 Apr with 10 days maint stores.
4. 90 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr received by Comd Aust Force at 2000K 24 Apr is shewn below.

SECRET

90 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 15

24 Apr 45

Ref Map: 1 : 25,000 ALEXISHAFEN

To : Lt-Col W N PARRY-OKEDEN 197 Aust Inf Bn

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) 100 Bn of 70 Bde arrived at ALEXISHAFEN by rd from HANSA BAY and concentration was completed on 23 Apr 45.
- (b) It is suspected that the remainder of the Bde has been ordered to ALEXISHAFEN.
- (c) It is known that the enemy is concentrating a naval force at WEWAK and the deduction is that he will endeavour to secure local superiority long enough to bring tps from HANSA BAY by sea and cut your L of C. It is unlikely he can maintain local superiority at sea later than 28 Apr 45.

2. Own Tps

- (a) 195 Aust Inf Bn with under comd one tp fd arty will be the first tps to disembark but no date can be fixed until the sea lane can be assured.

3. Air

- (a) The CO 8 Comn Flt reports that he will est a Liaison Post at the MADANG Aerodrome on 25 Apr.
- (b) The post will be responsible for its own protection and will be secured by air evacuation.
- (c) One WALRUS plane will be available to you for NOT more than one hr each day. Contact Liaison Post.

TASK IN GEN:

4. You will prevent enemy mov SOUTH from ALEXISHAFEN.

TASK IN PARTICULAR:

5. You will endeavour to secure comd over the harbour entrance.

6. You are warned NOT to risk being isolated at ALEXISHAFEN SOUTH if the enemy is reinforced by land or sea before 195 Aust Inf Bn is disembarked.

7. You will move from your present area at 1200K 25 Apr.

Brig
COMD 90 AUST INF BDE

Issued by L0

Signed at _____

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

8 hde

22 0900K

For Action

TO

35 hq fwd

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

35 hq

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*0355 Secret O an strike will take place
morning 23 apr at MENNEM and SCHILLINGS area
NOT EAST of RAMU river O time of strike
to be advised*

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
Degree of Priority

Immediate

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(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

8 hde

22 1115K

For Action

TO

35 hwr fwd

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

35 hwr

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*0356 Recret 0 ref ans 0555 0 time over
target 231415K*

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[Signature]

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Subject: COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CARDS

DISTRIBUTION: List "E" Less serial 21

Reference our 6/3231 of 11 Apr 45.

1. Recommendations for Commander in Chief's Cards are invited.
2. Recommendations to reach this HQ by 6 May 45.

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

24 Apr 45

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 19

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

W/T ANNANBERG

25 1000K

25 Apr 45

For Action

TO

C BDE SIGS.

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*Sup 51. RESTRICTED @ New chorchouse
required urgently @ approx 24 hrs
communications @ back.*

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

Wireless

Signed

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Important

Time	System	Op
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<i>1055</i>		
Time Cleared		

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

8 lde

25/2/44

For Action

TO

First Army

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

91576 confidential @ CHORSEHORSE 12V 300W. hly
charger at ANNANBERG 11/5 can keep coming going
until 26 Apr 44 only @ no spc available this has
to replace charger @ request you arrange supply either
parachute drop or landing strip land take VRAAU
or land MOTH on ANNANBERG slip @ plan advise
earliest

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**

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time System Op
THI or TOR

Signed

Signed

J. CHESTER CANT

Time Cleared

war diary

25 Apr 45.

APP. 29

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

95/4066/735

Subject: FAILURE OF ARMY PERSONNEL TO WEAR IDENTITY DISCS

DISTRIBUTION: List E Less serial 21.

1. In a number of fatal aircraft accidents in recent months involving AMF personnel, difficulty has been experienced in identifying the bodies of the victims because of the absence of identity discs.
2. Attention is directed to GRO A700/43, Part IX, and First Aust Army Routine Order A310/44, in which are set out instructions relative to the wearing of identity discs.

[Signature]
 (J W CHESTER) Capt
 A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

Ward Day

25 Apr 45.

Apply 30

C O N F I D E N T I A L

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
93/864/736

Subject: AMENDMENT TO 8 AUST INF BDE DAILY DRLS TIMETABLE
93/864/297 of 14 APR 45.

Para 2 - ALS - FIRST AUST ARMY

arrives at Sig Office 1630 hrs TUES, THUR,
SUN.

[Signature] Maj
(N R McLEOD)
BM 8 AUST INF BDE *HOA*

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List D (Serial 1 - 10 copies)
+ serial 32 (2)

25 Apr 45

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Appx 31*

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Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

Linnahberg Force 27 1640.

For Action

TO

8 Bde

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

35 Bw FWD 35 Bw rear.

ORIGINATOR'S No.

5155 C47 dropped supplies 27/530K

recovery 100% @ chowhouse rd cover 100%.

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
Degree of Priority

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<i>280755</i>		
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Appx 32

COPY NO 15

S E C R E T

Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 4
AS AT 2359 HRS 26 APRIL 1945

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
13/224/45.

<u>DISTRIBUTION:</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
FIRST AUST ARMY	1 - 6
4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	7
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35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	9
2/15 Aust Fd Amb	10
1 NGIB	11
NGDD MADANG	12
Area Comd MADANG	13
Movements MADANG	14
War Diary	15 - 16
File	17 - 18

Please acknowledge on pro-forma below.

M A Fergusson

Brig
(M A FERGUSSON)
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE

27 Apr 45.

HQ 8 AUST INF BDE

Received Copy No(s) 15 of 8 AUST INF BDE Location
Statement and OOB No 4 as at 2359 hrs 26 April 1945.

All previous Location Statements issued by 8 AUST INF BDE
have been destroyed.

Signature

Appointment

UNIT DATE _____

SECRET

8 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 4
AS AT 2359 HRS 26 APR 45

Ref Maps:

NUBIA EAST	1	:	63360		NE
NUBIA WEST	1	:	63360		NW
ANNANBERG WEST	1	:	63360		AW
ALEXISHAFEN	1	:	25000		A
MADANG AIRDROME	1	:	25000		MA

Letter Prefix

Ser 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 Gp AITAPE	A	720349) HQ & A Sqn +) Sig Tp, OFP.) and Wksp to) move BOUGAIN-
4	Sigs	B Sqn Gp BOUGAINVILLE 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	A	720349	
5		8 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	MA	72652905	VILLE (FAA SD4489).
6	Inf	4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	A	707323	
7		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	495562	
13		17 Pl D Coy	NE	683437	
14		18 Pl D Coy	NW	605342	
15		13 Pl C Coy	AW	448595	
16		15 Pl C Coy	NW	498483	
17		C Coy 1 NGIB	NE	765342	
18	AASC	39 Aust Tpt Pl & RDI	MA	704298	
19		241 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less one sec	MA NE	724290 683437	
20		242 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	MA	736240	
21	Med	2/15 Aust Fd Amb less Lt Sec	MA NE	726280 683437	
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	719224	

Ser No	Arm or Service	UNIT	Letter Prefix	Location	Remarks
26	AAC	2/4 Aust Armd Regt OFP	A	719350	See Serial 3
27	AEME	133 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	MA	733247	
28		2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	A	720349	See Serial 3
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	725292	

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Appx 33*

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FROM

(A)

8 hde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

282005H

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

Annanking Force

(i) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*Q 1585 confidential @ transport will drop
mail post meat and comforts officer 290930H*

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

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *Apbx 3A*

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Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

1st Aust Army
Originator

Date—Time of Origin

25/2/54

Office Date Stamp

TO

8 hde

(w) For Information (INFO.)
For Action

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*SD4746 secret @ WARNING ORDER @ time 92200SD of 12 Apr
Apbx B part 3 @ insert @ priority 3 13 include how @ PLO
PL (less det) (c) 8 hde (d) 3 BSA (f) fus (g) 23 see remarks
(h) 7 (k) apt (L) 16 fus with fus arms and eqpt
only to move by air as space available 7 fus
with unit eqpt and vehs to move by sea.*

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**

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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8 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR 18
SEC AND PL TACTICS IN THE ADV

1. This instr is not intended to embrace and discuss all the lessons learned from Exercise "AJAX". It is confined to the action of fwd secs and pls. On several occasions these faults were observed -
 - (a) Lack of alertness by the scouts.
 - (b) Failure to maintain all round recce.
 - (c) Failure to notice unnatural objects.
 - (d) Failure of sec and pl comds to move fwd immediately contact was made.
 - (e) Halts at the termination of each outpost action instead of resolute action to implement the plan.
 - (f) A complete cessation of scouting activities for a period after a successful action.
 - (g) No evidence of ordered planning by the scouts and sec comds.
2. First contact was made at the Chinaman at 4 Aust Inf Bn permanent camp.
3. This is the story of the action:

The fwd pl with one sec fwd under a pte was moving in line ahead fmn in the drain on the left of the road.

When the fwd scout was about 150 yds from the Chinaman the fmn was:- Scout 100 yds to leading sec; about 30 or 40 yds to second sec.

The fmn was halted when the leading sec comd signalled the scout to move.

I pointed out to the sec leader that his scout should be supported more closely by another scout. The sec scout was ordered fwd.

The sec scout should have moved to within 4 or 5 yds of the leading scout as he approached the ridge. The reason for this being that the top of the ridge gave good comd and the sec scout could cover the mov fwd of the pt scout.

The pt scout halted about 10 yds short of the Chinaman and signalled the sec fwd.

This was a fatal mistake both on the part of the scout and the sec leader because there was no assurance that the posn was not occupied by the enemy. It was the duty of the pt scout to ensure the safe mov fwd behind the crest of his sec, instead he lead it into an ambush.

The sec moved fwd to within 4 or 5 yds of the scout and the whole fmn then moved as if to go under the Chinaman when fire was opened at a range of 5 to 10 yds. It was extremely unlikely that anyone would have escaped.

The ambush party was nearly 100% efficient, they made one mistake but the responsibility for that mistake may rest with the offr who gave them the task.

The mistake was this:- Time was of the highest importance to the Jap Force. Had the leader of the Ambush Party been fully aware of this there was no need for him to make such a rapid get-away.

He had such good comd that a flanking mov to either flank could have been detected and he should ^{have} calculated to get away with only secs to spare.

It is extremely probable that he would have delayed enemy mov for 20 mins.

4. It is desired to stress the fact that no time need have been lost in thinking; all the thinking and planning could have been done during mov. Even had it been necessary to sit down and plan for 5 mins the reward would have been great.

5. After I spoke to the sec leader seeing that the pt scout's action was unwise I moved fwd at a faster pace to advise him. I moved a distance of about 100 yds and during that mov perfected my plan. However, when I saw the scout sig the sec fwd I considered that it would be unfair to Jap Force for me to interfere.

6. This is the story of how the pt sec should have moved.

7. The decision to move it on the left of the rd was unwise. The fd of view from the right being better.

The remainder of the pl could have moved on the left as the cover was better.

It is debatable whether the leading scout should have moved on the left covered by the remainder of the sec on the right of the rd or whether he should have been on the right.

Assume that he moves on the left.

I will put myself in the place of the scout moving on the left covered by the sec on the right with a sec scout moving to within 4 or 5 yds of me as I approached the crest and at a distance of about 150 yds.

This is the plan I made before I knew or suspected there was an ambush there.

Factor - Shallow spur runs from Chinaman across rd. Spur defilades all my view beyond the crest. Jungle on right opens out and looks easy travelling.

Deduction - Mov to right around spur will give me view of posn from the rear but may not give me view of top of quarry.

Sec scout can recce Quarry.

Note: At this stage I was not aware that there was a clearing running from the left of the rd along the SOUTH slope of the Quarry.

Factor - Jungle on my left very thick but this is shortest approach to top of quarry.

Deduction - I will have to move much closer to the posn in jungle therefore my mov slower and more easily detected. I will have to put my head over a well defined crest.

(About 100 yds short of Chinaman).

Consideration - If I move across the rd now and there is any enemy at Chinaman he may decide he has been detected and open fire.

If I dash across the rd as if I had detected something and open fire he may reveal his posn.

(This is a ruse the Light Horse used in PALESTINE and it seldom failed..

When reconnoitring a posn difficult to approach in safety a sec used to canter fwd as if it was quite unsuspecting and when within 3 or 400 yds dismount in a scurry and open fire. It seldom failed in forcing the enemy to reveal himself.)

Decision. Move to my right after telling sec scout to move to the left. I will act as if I had seen mov and open fire. If this is not returned I will move around the spur to the right and view the posn from the rear.

8. Excl the note and sentence in brackets it takes 65 secs to read that plan.

You can think it in about 30 secs.

It is quite obvious that a few secs thought would have saved the leading sec.

9. Bns will arrange that each pl comd will take his pl to the area.

This instr to be read and explained.

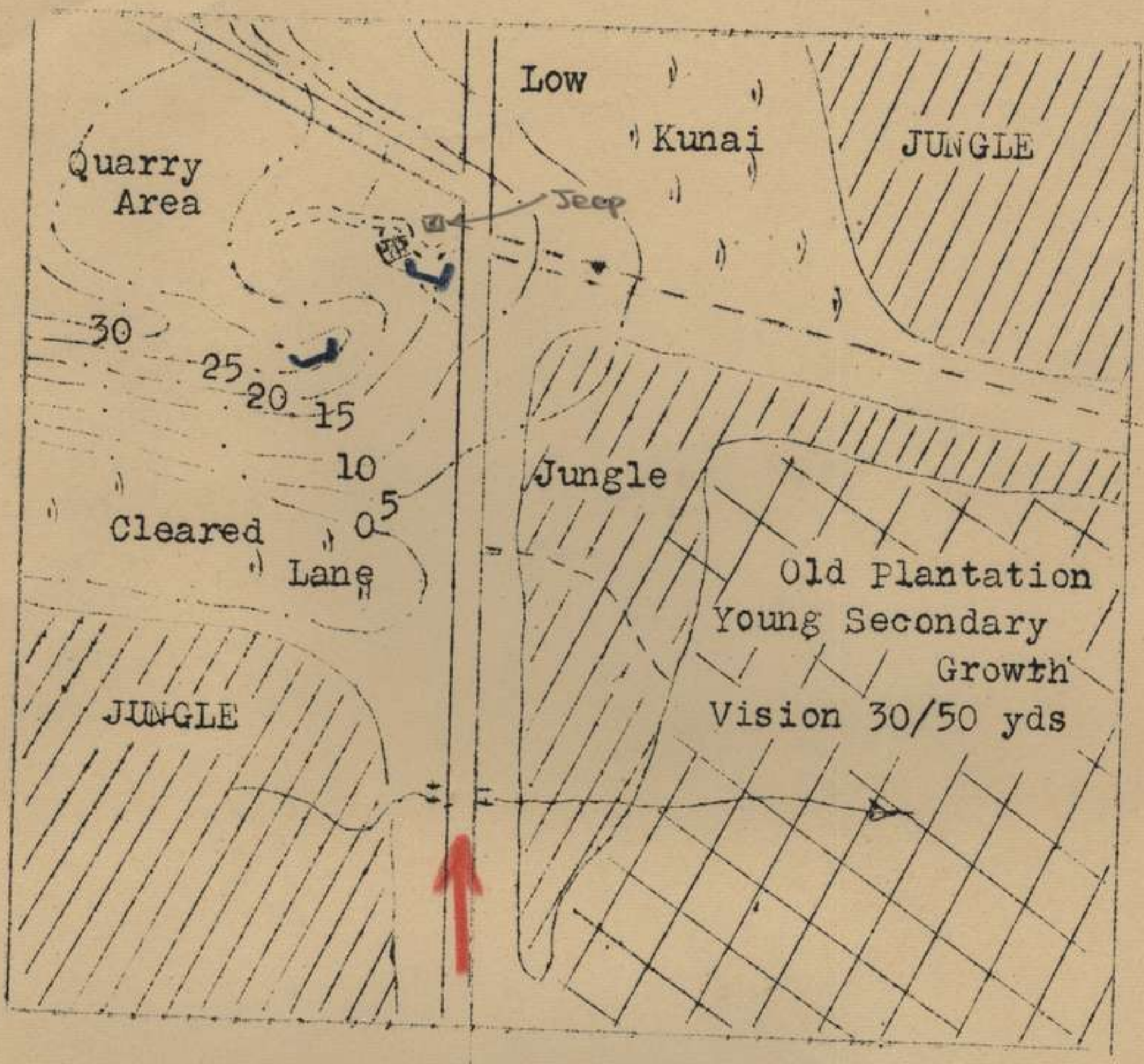
The pl is then to perform the task the wrong way, then it will perform it the correct way.

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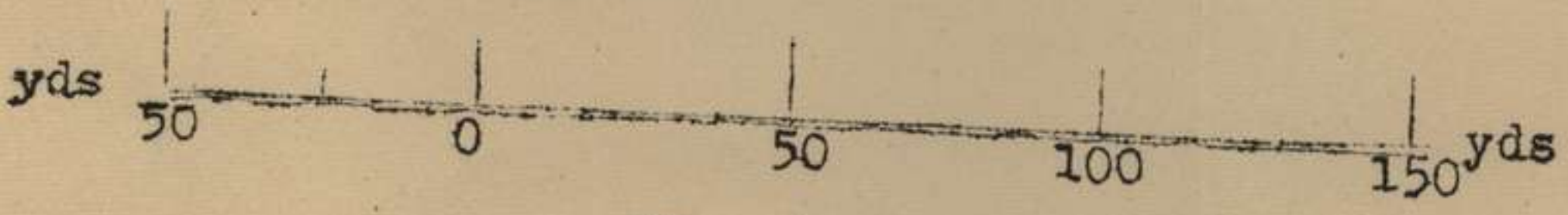
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SCALE 1 in : 50 yds



VI : 5 ft

Ambush posn (enemy) 

Direction of advance 

8 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR 19

GEN:

1. This instr covers the trg of all units under comd 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) during the month of May 45.
2. Subjects to be covered incl:-
 - (a) Preparation for Gymkhana.
 - (b) Preparation and development of def posns.
 - (c) Conduct of reliefs.
 - (d) Sec and pl tactics in the adv.
 - (e) Hyg.
 - (f) Maint of interest during trg.
 - (g) Weapon Trg.

GYMKHANA:

3. The week ending 6 May 45 may be used by all units in preparation of teams etc for the forthcoming bde gp gymkhana.
4. The conditions governing the various competitions for the gymkhana have already been iss ued and final times and dates will be the subject of another instr to be issued shortly.

PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEF POSNS

5. From observations made on the recent exercise "AJAX" it is appa rent that the preparation and development of def works is NOT taken seriously enough by offrs and tps during trg. This is most important and all ranks must be impressed of its necessity.
6. Inf bns will prepare exercises for each rifle coy plus dets of HQ Coy, involving the occupation of a def posn and its devel- opment. Particular attention will be given to the siting and digging of weapon pits. Coy Comds and Pl Comds will personally inspect each weapon pit dug and in cases where the pits have NOT been properly constructed or sited, offrs will explain the faults to the tps concerned and have the pit redug or altered as required under the circumstances.
7. In addition fds of fire, obstacles, alternative posns for MMGs etc will be made and when the posn has been fully completed all tps will be taken around the def locality, each sec locality being occupied in turn in order that all ranks will grasp the im- portance of fd works.
8. Areas to be used will be notified later.

RELIEFS

9. Exercises involving the relief of coys by day and night in def localities while in contact with the enemy will be practiced. It is required that units evolve a battle drill for this phase of ops, incl size and composition of recce parties, guides etc.
10. In order that interest will be maintained throughout these exercises it is important that an active enemy be used during the relief, suitably controlled by umpires, to maintain a degree of pressure on the locality during the relief.

11. It is suggested that once the Coy def localities have been completed vide paras 5 - 7 above these be used for the relief exercises.

SEC AND PL TACTICS.

12. This phase of trg is covered in 8 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR 18.

HYG

13. Hyg during exercise "AJAX" was poor. In many instances

latrines were NOT filled in after use, tins and food refuse were left unburied.

14. The extreme importance of a high hyg discipline cannot be over emphasised and during all forthcoming periods in the fd all units will ensure that hyg discipline is maintained at the highest possible level. Unit and Bde Hyg pers will pay frequent visits to all units to ensure this is being carried out.

MAINT OF INTEREST DURING TRG

15. During exercises in the fd, owing to their nature, periods of inactivity occur for sub-units while awaiting the results of some action further fwd, while in assembly areas etc. Although these periods of inactivity cannot be eliminated, junior leaders should make the maximum use of them to maintain the interest of their tps. Lecturettes, discussions on various tactical and adm matters etc can always be introduced.

WEAPON TRG

16. Musketry practices and TOETS will be continued by all units incl the services. Results from practices during Apr/that a gen all round improvement has been made.
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ANGAU MADANG*

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0303

*special sit rep (1) RAAF report (1) Ketch
returning to MADANG from AITAPE reports (1)
301300K sailing SE four miles WEST of
MANAM ISLAND sighted light flashing from
northern coast (1) proceeded to investigate and
net by natives (1) NO trace of light (1)
asked if white tps on island told NO (1)
asked if JAPS on island one native said YES
in hills another native corrected said NO (1)
natives offered to pay RAAF for stores
with new JAP money*

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Secret ref 92 to 022100K

HANSA BAY AREA 31 mar 45 number of pro
 JAP natives previous deserters from
 recaptured DAMIR 549485 0 local patriots
 N.M.S. 0 ANNANBERG AREA 0 011605K BROKOTO patrol
 returned 0 contacted three armed KANAKS
~~303523~~ 303523 0 CAS NIL KANAKH taken
 prisoner 0 MADANG 0 return

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 Secret pitrep 93 to 032100K DHANSA BAY
 AREA 0 RPC stationed at PIRIA 528216 states 0 native story
 JAPS at 469200 reported our setref 82 without
 foundation 0 No trace this party 0 ~~MADANG~~
 ANNANBERG AREA 0 one NCO two OR one native
 est outpost WOBU MISSION 409513 0 MADANG 0
 pitrep

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0308 secret setup 95 to 052100K (1) HANNA BAY
 AREA M output PURPUR 482563 with down (1) 18 35B
 now concentrated VENUS PT 495562 (1) 11/10/43
 ANNANDERG AREA 5 (1) SITNOR

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0309 secret sitrep 96 to 062100K U
 HANSA BAY AREA U 060900K 17 pl 35 br
 est sec outpost BIROP 556327 U
 ANNAMBERG AREA U ref our sitrep 92 U further
 to report BROKOTO patrol U patrol penetrated
 to GORDUBODO 322504 U 310910K acting
 on native infan patrol attacked party
 JAPS in village U JAPS escaped leaving
 personal eqpt aust mosquito nets and
 blankets small arms and both maps & maps
 and documents recovered U being fwded
 earliest U one Kanaka captured proved to
 be Lutai RORITO 309533 and supplied
 following infan U confirmed 5 JAPS incl
 one offr at GORDUBODO and report further
 13 incl 2 offrs at BROKOTO H2752 U
 native under compulsion had shown JAPS
 rd from ANGETTI H0391 U MADANG
 AREA U SITNOR

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Secret

pitney

97 to

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OMTVA SA

AV AREA

071730K

15 pl

relieved

16 pl

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0336 Secret wherp 102 to 122100K (1) HANSA BAY
17ADANG (1) SINDOR (1) ANNANBERG (1) 120715K patrol
1 offer 11 OR 3 RPC and carriers departed ANNANBERG
for NAGRUBU 310810 duration five days

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 336 secret sitrep 103 to 132100K (1) HATSA
 BAY MADAND (1) SITNOIR (1) ANNANDERG (1)
 121600K patrol 2 RPC contacted 3 JAPS at 2017BERU
 398580 (1) cas 2 JAPS killed believed to be offr and cpl
 (1) 6176 captured (1) enemy known to be that
 escaped from GOROURBODU (1) ref sitrep 96

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TO *head army* **(w) For Information (INFO.)**

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6 dwt

ORIGINATOR'S No. *337* *Recvt ptch 104 to 14 2100K @ MADISA BAY*
16 pl released 18 pl of VENUS PT 495562 @
18 pl now est AWRAR @ MADANG - ANNANBERG @
ptch

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17 2160 K

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 350 Recruit patrol 1075 172160K 0 H11154

BAY MADANG AREA 0 RETURN 0 ANNANBERG

0 standing patrol word mission returned

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0351 secret sitrep 108 to 2100K @ HANSA
 BAYO routine patrol reports our deserted
 posns at MAL 532392 have been rifled and
 installations destroyed. I believed carried out
 by enemy and local natives @ ANNANBERG
 @ Patrol reported our sitreps 102 and 105
 returned 181130K @ reports @ 141200K patrol
 fired on at 335800 by approx 15 JAPS @
 enemy dug in and well armed incl two
 LMGs @ patrol withdrew S.E. @ total cas
 enemy one killed one wounded own three
 wounded @ MADANG @ sitrep

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*0353 permit return HQ to 202100K 0 HANSA
 BAY and MADANG 0 siting 0 ANNANBERG 0 one
 NK 0 planer ORS reestablished standing patrol
 WOBU MISSION 409513*

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0354 Secret pitney III to 21 1900K O HANSA BAY
 AREA O 18 pl relieved 17 pl at SEVEN 615339 O
 17 pl now at AWAR O MADANG ANNANBERG O
 return

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0358 secret stamp 113 to 232100K 01

WANSAN BAY (1) air (1) 231400K 12 BEAUFORTS

connected out strike MENNEM SCHILLINGES PLANTATION
areas (1) result not yet to hand (1)

ANINANBERG MADANG (1) submer

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0363 secret ptref 118 to 281900K (C)

HANSA BAY (C) 17 pl rehearsed 15 pl at BULIVA

(C) 15 pl established ANWAR (C) MADANG ANNANBERG (C)

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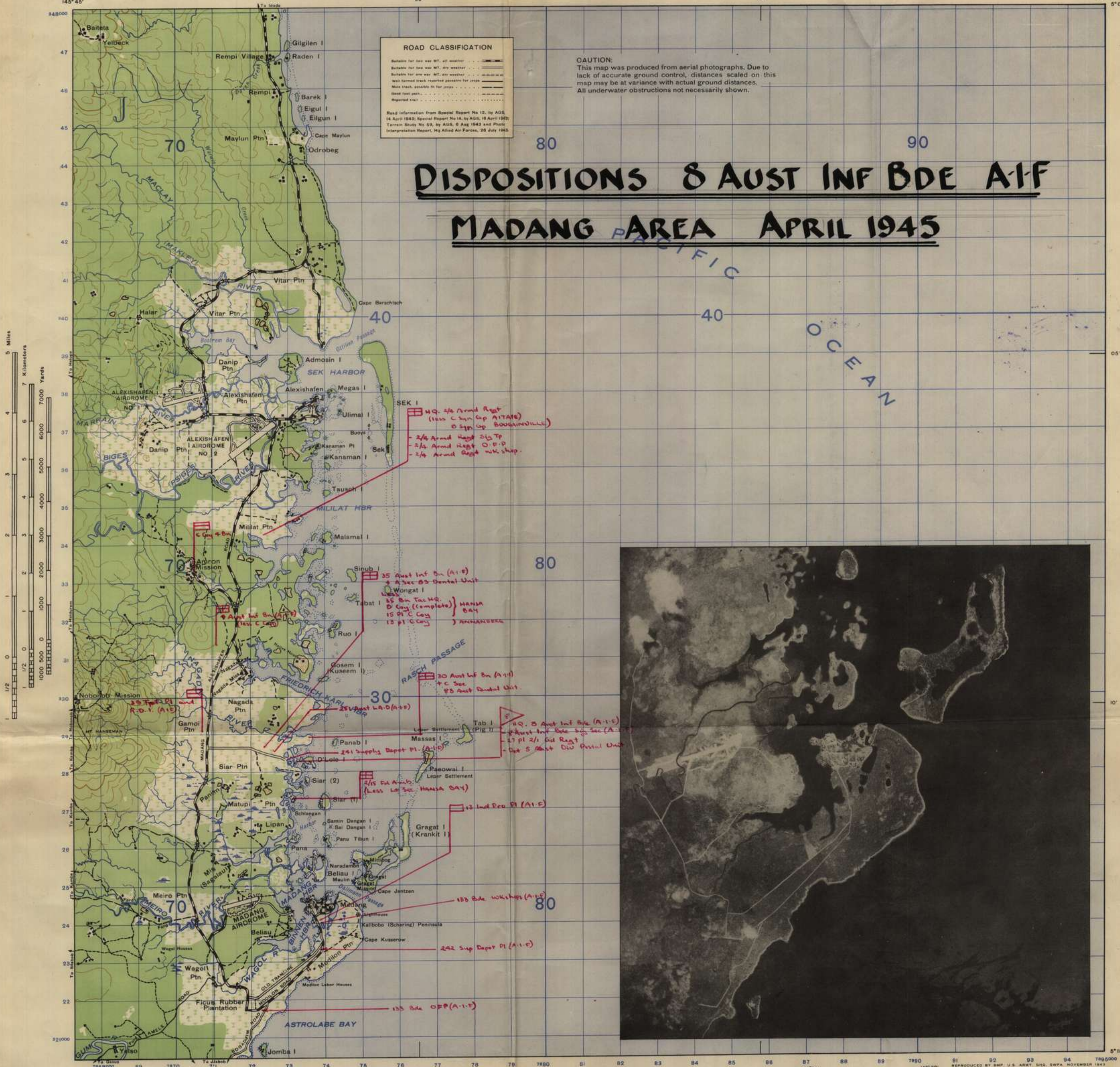
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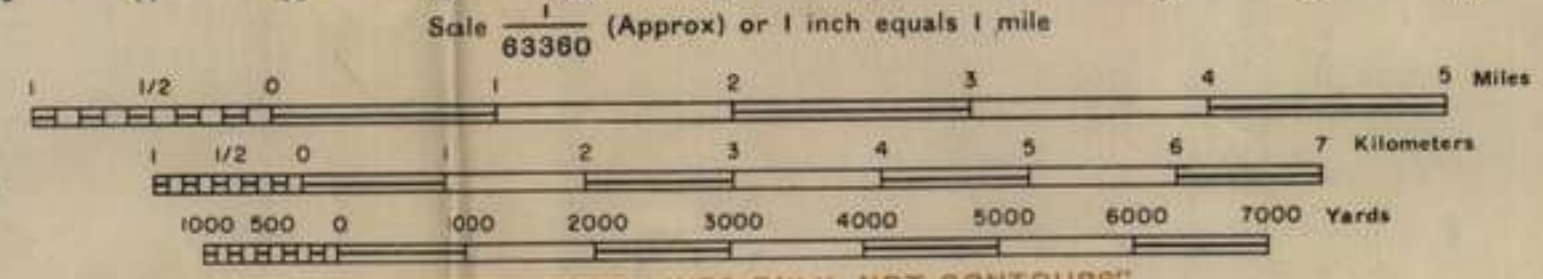
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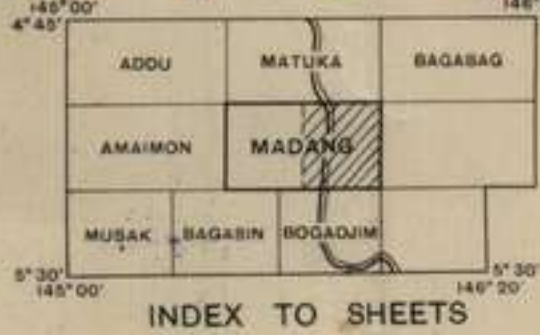
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Streams, intermittent
Mangroves
Swamps
Jungle
Plantations
Buildings
Form lines, interval approx 100 ft
Underwater obstruction
Native Gardens



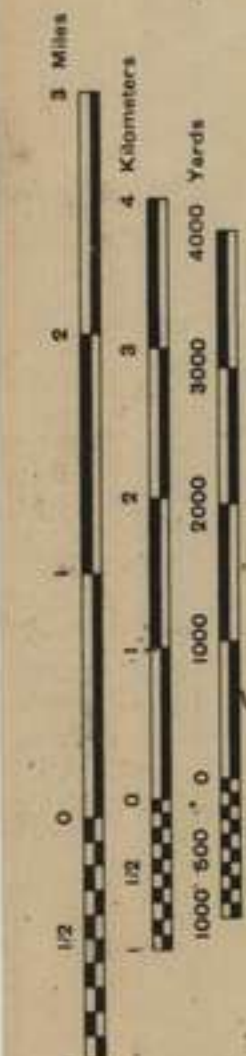
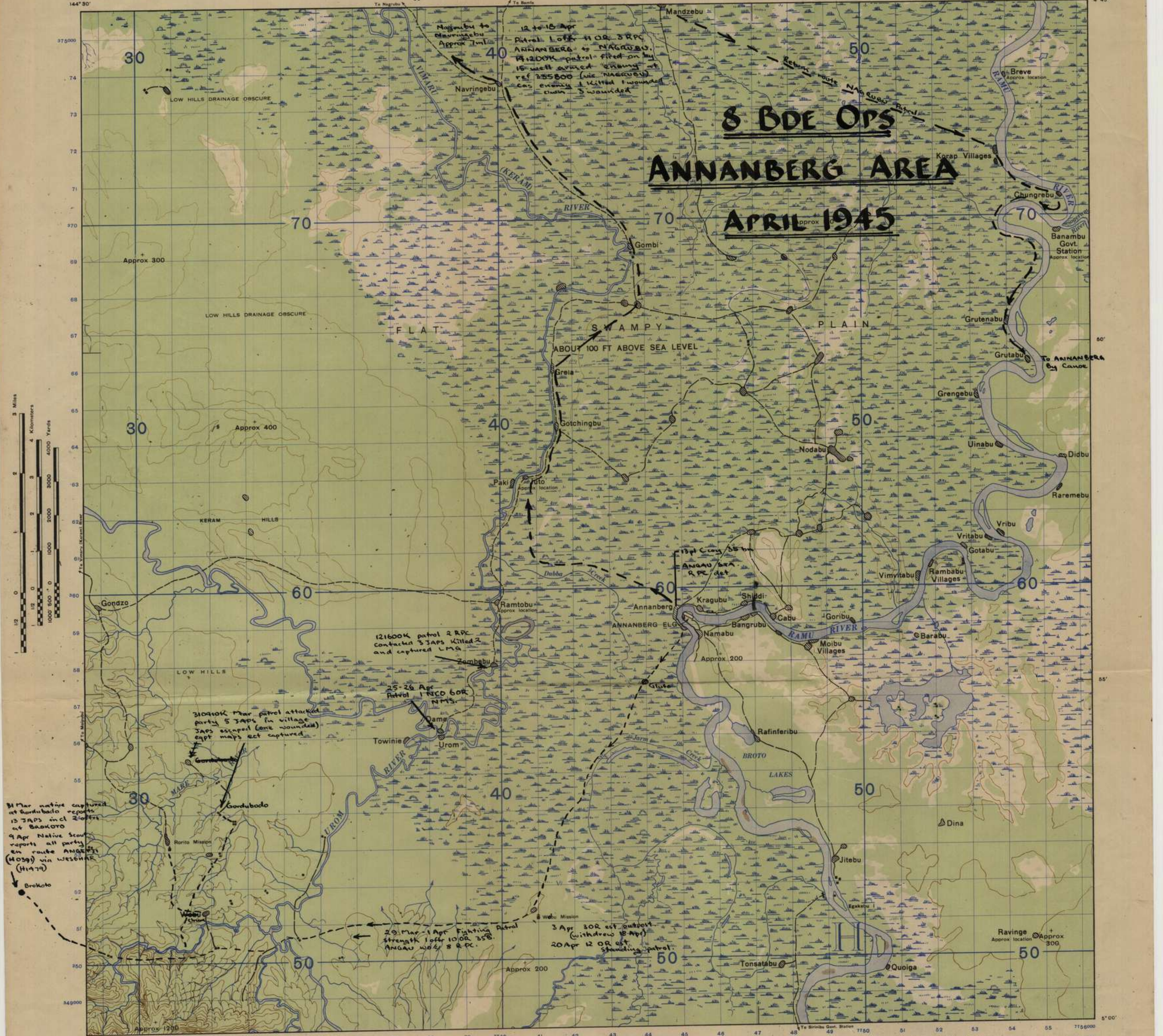
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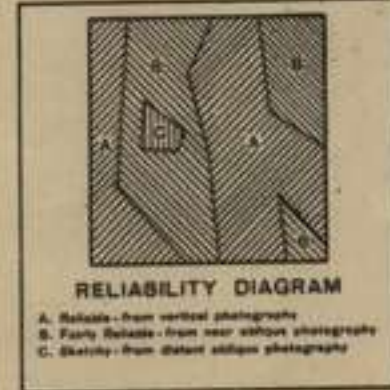
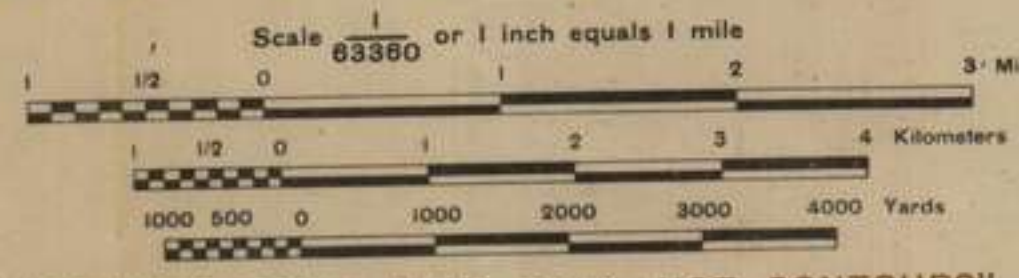


31 Mar native captured at Sandubodo reports 12 JAPS incl 2 officers at SAOKOVO
4 Apr Native Scout reports all party en route ANNANBERG (4059) via WESOWAR (4147)
Brokoto

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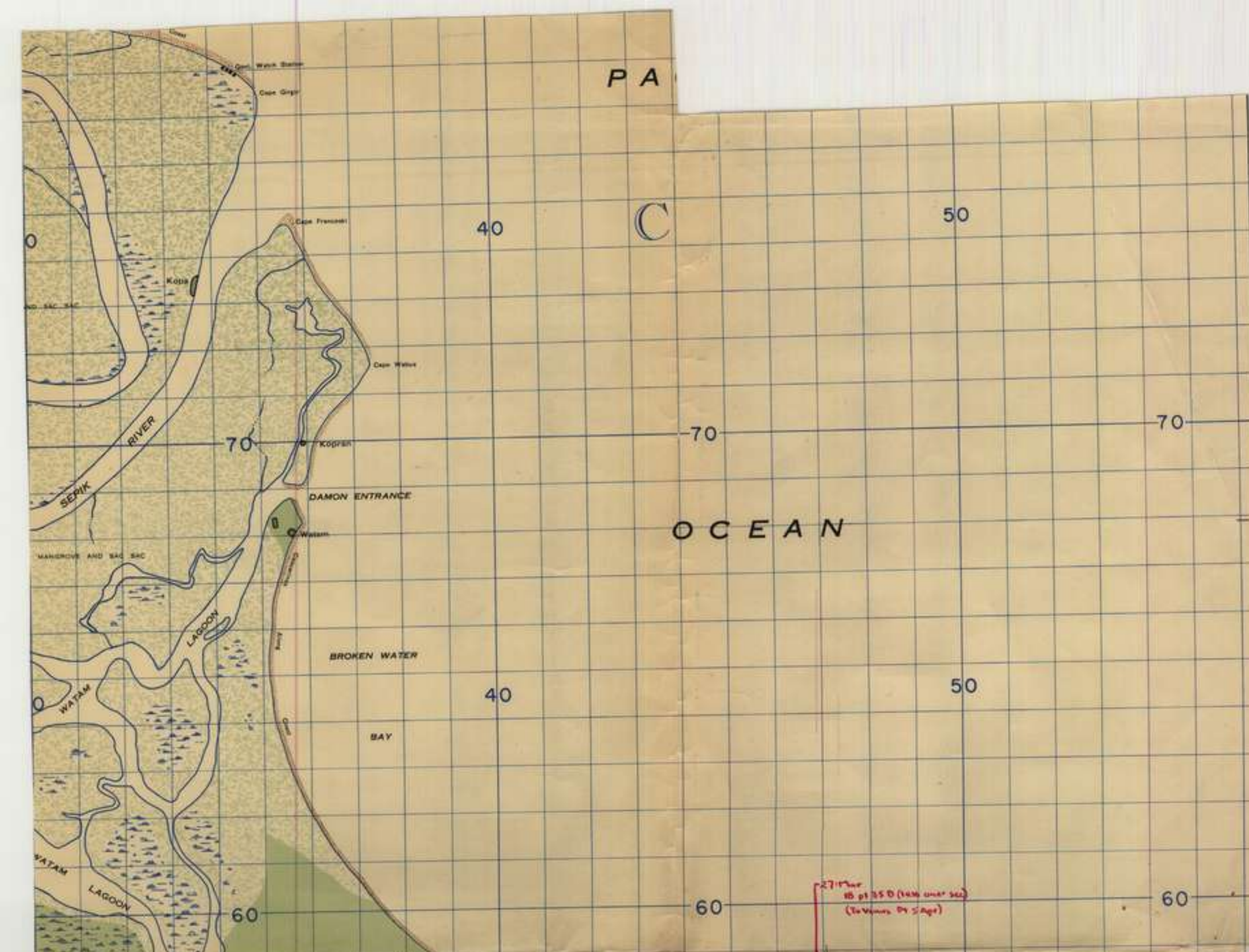
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SCHRADER	RAMU	AMAMON



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

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ANNANBERG WEST
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**8 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION HANSA BAY
OPERATIONS & DISPOSITIONS
APRIL 1945**

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8 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
OPERATIONS & DISPOSITIONS
APRIL 1945

27 Mar
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(To Nubia 29 Apr)

27 Mar
2 pl 10 pl 350
15 Apr
1 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)

17 Mar
10 pl 350 (To Nubia 7 Apr)
7 Apr
1 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)

18 Apr
10 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)
19 Apr
1 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)

15 Apr
10 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)
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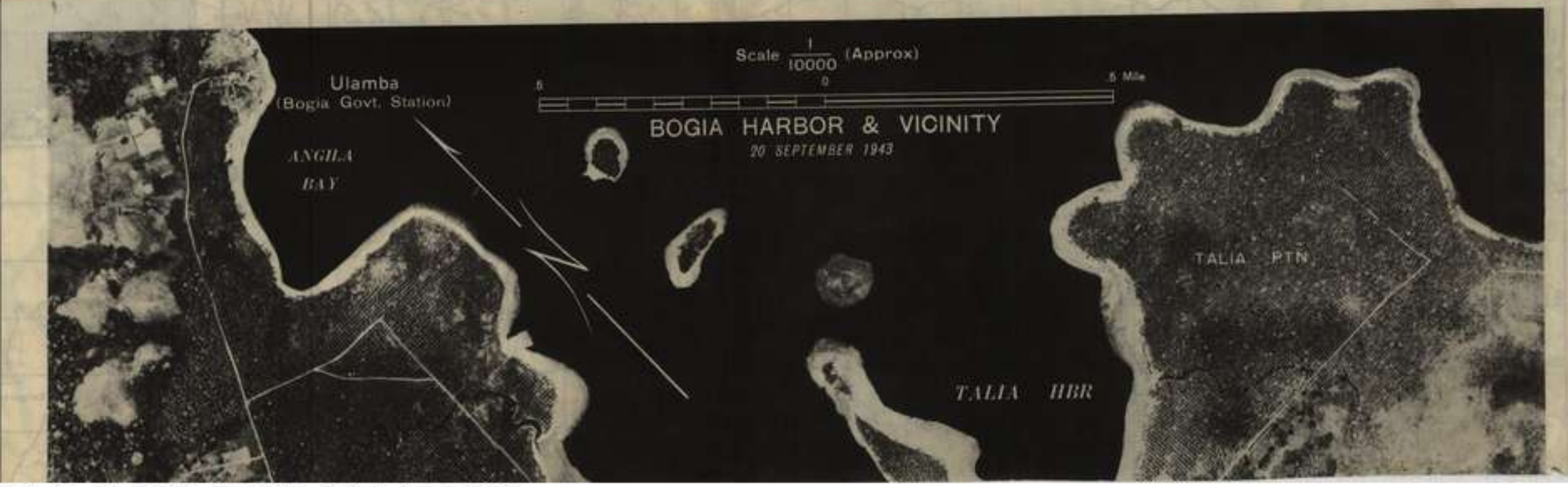
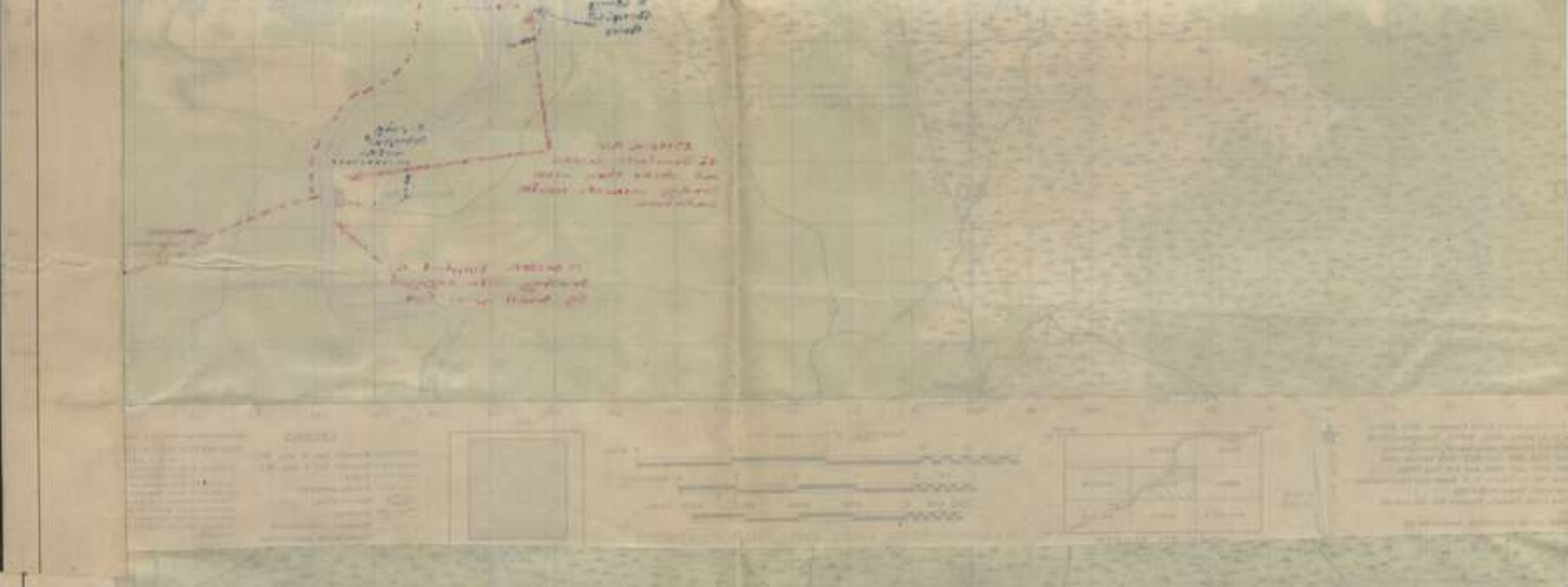
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24 Feb
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7 Apr
10 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)
14 Apr
1 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)
21 Apr
1 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)
28 Apr
1 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)

29 Apr
10 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)
30 Apr
1 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)

17 Mar
10 pl 350 (To Nubia 29 Apr)



FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

14 45

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 4 5 HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) (Unit)

(Serial No.)

Appx 38

Authority to carry 11 2 4 W.E. / OFFRS. 11 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E. 44.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2 NR	2		-	Majors					
11 NR	4		2	Captains AALC AASC		1		1	NR
6 NR	1		1	Lieutenants AAAS AABS AOC AHC		4			
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
		2	2	Civilians Counting as Offrs.	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.
			"I.I.I."		

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 4 / 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.	COQB BM(L)	YES		
Capt	VX112142	KNAGGS	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.	AO	NO	24 days ARL	25/2/45
Lt	NX131656	WATSON	C.F.	EO	YES		
Lt	NX131081	MARSHALL	N.	HO	YES		
CP	FX5 5	GRAYDON	K.	CP	NO	24 days ARL	20/3/45
CP	NX145244	NOBLE	J.L.	CP	NO	Det 35 Aust Inf Bn	20/3/45
CP	QX60068	SMITH	G.D.	CP	NO	Det 30 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
Mr	B508	SQUIRE	G.	YMCA	YES		
Mr	B2/414	CLARKE	S.	SA	NO	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	28/1/45

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

7 April 45

Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

BDE (AIF) (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/2/1945 (Unit)

Authority: W.E. to carry 1 OFFRS. O.R.'s. + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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.
2			2	W.Os. Class I.					
1			1	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
4		1	2	Staff Sergeants		1		2	2
10	1	-	5	Sergeants		4	1	1	NR
49	NR	2	39	Corporals		10	2		
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
67	1	3	50	Civilians counting as O.R.		15	3	3	2
*			*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 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	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	59									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.
6	4 Aust Inf Bn			13	Leave		
9	30 Aust Inf Bn			1	4 Aust Inf Bn		
6	35 Aust Inf Bn			1	2/15 Aust Fd Amb		
2	5 Aust Div Postal						
1	251 Aust LAD						
1	133 Aust Bde OPP						
1	3 Aust Fd Coy						
1	LHQ Mobile Cooking and Catering att FAA.						

HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7 / 4 / 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			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Eefitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	-	1	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				CSM	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				CQMS	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Ipt Sjt	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Cpl	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				Drivers	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	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				AAC/D	3	3	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AASC	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AANC	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AALC	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	3	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAAS	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAS	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	65	2

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.

7 April 1945

Date of Despatch

(M.A. PERS) Signature of Commander
COND 8 AUST INF BDE

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

14 4 5 HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 (Unit)

Authority W.E. / 7 OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
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	AAIC AASC	1		1	NR					
6 NR	1		1	Captains	AAIC AASC AAOC	4								
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
		2	2	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAICD	2		1						
20	7	2	6			7		2						
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	11					2				13
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 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.
NX142933	CP	CORR W.L. (AACH)	111 AUST CCS	10/4/45	Ceases to be attached to 4 Bn on evacuation to date 27/3/45 Authority: PAA 253262 of 4 Apr 45.
<u>OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK</u>					
NX145244	CP	NOBLE J.L. (AACH)	35th Australian Infantry Bn 2/45 Aust PD Amb 4 Aust Inf Bn	5/4/45	Ceases to be attached to 25 Bn on evacuation to 2/15 Aust PD Amb
NX142933	CP	CORR W.L.	111 AUST CCS	10/4/45	detached for duty to 4 Bn

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
PA55	CP	GRAYDON R. (AACH)	Pacific Islands Regiment on completion of leave.	10/4/45	Transferred to date 27 Mar 45. Authority: FIRST AUST ARMY PAA 253262 of 4 Apr 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).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 / 4 / 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	123	FERGUSON	M.A.	CDR	YES		
CAPT	112118	WEBSTER	J.W.	LT(L)	YES		
CAPT	112142	KNAGGS	J.P.	LT(L)	YES		
LT	120697	OSBORN	S.J.	LT(3)	YES		
CAPT	36061	HARRISON	L.E.	ASCO	YES		
LT	43357	GREGORY	J.H.	NO	YES		
LT	120525	BULGER	J.P.	NO	NO	24 days ABL	25/2/45
LT	131656	WATSON	C.F.	NO	YES		
LT	131001	MARSHALL	S.	NO	YES		
CF	142933	CONN	S.L.	CF	NO	Det to 4 Bn	10/4/45
CF	60068	SMITH	S.D.	CF	NO	Det 30 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
LT	503	SQUIRE	S.	YBCA	YES		
LT	2/414	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	116657	HOSKING R H	4 Bn	20/12/44	attached for duty
Lt	120590	BROWN G W	35 Bn	3/2/45	attached for duty
Lt	112683	REAY C H	4 Bn	17/2/45	attached for duty

14 APR 45
Date of Despatch

M. A. Ferguson
Signature of Commander
M.A. FERGUSON CDR 8 AUS INF BDE

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14 / 4 / 1945

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, B.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radlographers			Stevedores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identifa. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
	2	- 1	Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman					
			Cooks	3	3	Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			Drivers H.T.	9	8
			Hatchman			Butchers			Orderlies	9	9
			Height Taker			Clerks	4	4	Gen Duties	3	2
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			mess cpl	1	1
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			Hygiene	1	1
			Intelligence Duties	4	3	Coach Trimmers			storeman	1	1
			Joiners			Concretors			water duty	1	1
			Lineman			Cooks			batmen	14	13
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			AACD	3	3
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			AASC	2	2
			Masons			Driver Mechanics			AAMC	1	1
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			AALC	2	2
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			AADC	1	3
			Miners			Equipment Repairers			AAAS	1	-
			Moulders			Farriers			AAS	1	-
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	3	- 2	CARRIED FORWARD	10	6	CARRIED FORWARD	14	10	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	64
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NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
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14 APRIL 1945

Date of Despatch

(M.A. FERGUSON) Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 4 5 HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) (Serial No.)
/ / 194 (Unit)

Authorised W.E. / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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	1st Lt					
2 NR	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
11 NR	4		2	Majors	AALC AASC	1		1	NR
6 NR	1		1	Captains	AAAS AASC AABS AAC	4			
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
		2	2	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAC, D	3			
20	6	2	7			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.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.	13					2				15
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 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.
NX102388	Maj	McLEOD N R	26 Aust Inf Bde	17/4/45	N/I as BN to date 13/2/45 A & P LIST NO 72.
NX145244	CP	ROBLE J L	2/15 Aust PG	15/4/45	N.In from 2/15 AFA struck off X-LIST.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX145244	CP	ROBLE J L	35 Aust Inf Bn	15/4/45	Detached to 35 Bn for duty
NX43357	LT	BRIDGES J H	2/15 Aust PG	20/4/45	Evacuated (sick)

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).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ^{21 4 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	H A	Dir	Yes		
Maj	VX102583	HOLBO	E R	COAL	Yes		
Capt	VX112113	OSWALD	J W	BN(L)	Yes		
Capt	VX112142	FRAGGS	J P	LO(1)	Yes		
LT	VX120697	OSBORN	S J	LO(3)	Yes		
CAPT.	QT36061	EMMONS	L E	DASCO	Yes		
LT	VX43357	GRISON	J H	OO	NO	2/15 Aust Inf Amb	20/4/45
LT	VX120525	DUBOIS	J P	AO	NO	24 days AIL	25/2/45
Lt	VX131656	WATSON	C P	BO	Yes		
LT	VX131081	MARSHALL	H	NO	Yes		
CP	VX142933	COHR	H L	CP	NO	Det 4 Bn	10/4/45
CP	QX6006 E	SMITH	G D	CP	NO	Det 30 Bn	12/7/44
CP	VX145244	NOBLE	J L	CP	NO	Det 35 Bn	5/4/45
Br	B503	SQUIRES	G	ENCA	Yes		
Br	B2/414	CLARKE	B	HAL ANNY	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	VX116697	HASKINS H H	4 Bn	20/12/44	attached for duty
Lt	VX120590	BROWN G W	35 Bn	5/2/45	attached for duty
Lt	VX112633	REAY G H	4 Bn	17/2/45	attached for duty

21 Apr 45

Date of Despatch

H. A. Ferguson
Signature of Commander
(H A FERGUSON) CAPT 8 AUST INF BDE

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1 / /194 .

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				Sangetakers			
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								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifa. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	-	1	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics	3	3	-								
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							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners	4	3	NR	Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masscurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
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.	67	64	4

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commanding Officer

DETAILS OF NCOs										SURPLUS PERSONNEL			
TRADES	RANK	WE	POSTED	DEF	SURPLUS	REGT NO	RANK	NAME	AGE	MED CLASS	REMARKS		
CLERKS	WO2	1	1										
	Sjt	1	1										
	Cpl	1	1										
INTELLIGENCE	S Sjt	1	1										
	Cpls	2	1										
CSM	WO2	1	1										
COMS	S Sjt	1	1										
TRANSPORT	SJTs	1	2		1	NX112747	A Sjt	GREGORY H J	32	A1	Filling posn Room Cpl. Reco retain		
	Cpl	1	1										
MESS	Cpl	1	1										
GENERAL	Cpl	1	1										
ANTEN	Cpl	1	1										
ATTACHED													
LAAS	Sjt	1	1										
LAES	Sjt	1	1										
LAOC	Cpl	1	1										
ASC	Cpl	1	1										
AMC	Cpl	1	1										
ACC	Cpl	1	1										
ALC	Cpl	1	1										
		18	17										
				5	4								
Authority to hold supernumerary NK112751 Pte THOMPSON JR - Auth LGQ SM12130 of 20 Dec 44 (AAOC)													
REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED: 1 Sjt Ammunition examiner AAOC, 1 Cpl Draughtsman Topographical, 1 Sjt Edn AAES, 1 Sjt Amenities													
	NK112747	A/Sjt	GREGORY H J	32 yrs	A1	- Skin troubles (feet) Warehouse Manager MT and Clerk 3 AUST DIV Jungle Trg School - Q Good type of NCO suitable as MT Sjt or Clerk.							

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Operating as the HQ of an Inf Bde

17 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 4 / 194 5 HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 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.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
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 *									
					Lieut.-Colonels									
2 NR		1		1	Majors									
11 NR		4		2	Captains AALC AASC			1	1 NR					
6 NR		1		1	Lieutenants AAAS AAS AAMC AAOC			4						
					Quarter-masters									
					A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
			2		Civilians Counting as Offrs. AACHD			3						
20		6	2	7				3	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)										

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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	GREGORY H E J H	2/15 Aust Pd Amb	24/4/45	Discharged

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO HQ 8 Aust Inf (Unit) (AIF) PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 28 / 4 / 194 5

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

Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/4/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col of Brig	VX23	FREGUSSON	M A	BDE COMD	YES		
Maj	NX105508	McLEOD	N R	BM	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		
Capt	VX36061	HAMMOND	L E	DASCO	YES		
Lt	NX43357	GREGORY	J R	OO	YES		
Lt	NX120525	DUDGEN	J P	AO	NO	24 days APL	25/2/45
Lt	NX131656	WATSON	C F	BO	YES		
Lt	NX131081	MARSHALL	H	HO	YES		
CP	NX142933	CONN	W L	CP	NO	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	10/4/45
CP	VX60068	SMITH	G D	CP	NO	Det 30 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/45
CP	NX145244	NOBLE	J L	CP	NO	Det 35 Aust Inf Bn	15/4/45
Mr	B503	SQUIRE	G	INCA	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	HOSKINS R	4 Bn	20/12/44	attached for duty
Lt	NX120590	BROWN G W	35 Bn	3/2/45	attached for duty
Lt	NX112683	NEAY C H	4 Bn	17/2/45	attached for duty

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(M A FREGUSSON) COMD 8 AUST INF BDE
Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

DETAILS NCOs

TRADES	RANK	W.E.	POSTED	DEF	SURPLUS	REGT NO	RANK	NAME	AGE	MED CLASS	REMARKS
CLERKS	W02	1	1								
	Sjt	1	1		1	WX32003	Sjt	BURKETT R H	21	A1	Filling posn of O/Room Cpl. Recommend retain
	Cpl	1	-	1 NR							
INTELLIGENCE	S Sjt	1	1								
	Cpl	2	1	1							
CSM	W02	1	1								
COMS	S sjt	1	1								
TRANSPORT	Sjt	1	1								
	Cpl	1	1								
MESS	Cpl	1	1								
GENERAL CANTEN	Cpl	1	1		1	NX112741	Cpl	WARE E A	30	A1	Canteen Cpl. Recommend retain
	Cpl	4	1								
ATTACHED											
AAAS	Sjt	1	-	1							
AAES	Sjt	1	-	1							
AAOC	Sjt	1	-	1							
	Cpl	-	1		1	NX157222	Cpl	POCKLINGTON R G	35	A1	Clerk to B00. Auth to hold supernum. LHQ SM12120 20/12/44
AASC	Cpl	1	1								
AAMC	Cpl	1	1								
AACC	Cpl	1	1								
AALC	Cpl	1	1								
TOTALS		18	16	5	3						

Authority to hold supernumerary NX112751 Pte THOMPSON J R - Auth LHQ SM12130 of 20 Dec 44 (AAOC)

REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED:

- 1 Sjt Ammunition examiner AAOC
- 1 Cpl Draughtsman Topographical
- 1 Sjt Amenities AAAS
- 1 Sjt Edn AAES

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28/4/1945.

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				Rangefinders			
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			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfm. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bellermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	-	1	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)											
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				Drivers MT	9	9	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	9	9	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		Gen Duties	3	3	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Less 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				Ratmen	14	13	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACld	3	3	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AASC	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AANC	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AALC	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AALC	1	3	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AALC	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAS	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AAS	1	1	
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.	67	63	4

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Signature of Commander

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