

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

Item number: 8/2/7

7 Infantry Brigade

March - April 1943

SECRET.

WAR DIARY.  
OF  
7 AUST INF BDE.

FROM 0900 hours 1 MAR 43

TO 0900 Hours 1 APR 43.

(VOLUME 2 PART 3)

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit 7. AUST. INF. BDE.

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs. 1 Mar. 43 To 0900 hrs. 1 Apr. 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	1 Mar	0900	Location statement 7 Bde Group. Advance party enroute - main Body HAGITA HOUSE MILNE BAY ref 983993.	
PORT MORESBY	1 Mar	1700	Advance party disembarked PORT MORESBY.	
		1745	Advance party arrived area 6 Mile Valley ref PORT MORESBY (Special) 95153472.	
	2 Mar	1400	Recce of area by Capt Matheson and O.Cs units advance party.	
		1600	Allotment of areas.	
	3 Mar	1400	Detailed recce of allotted areas.	
	4 Mar	0915	61 Bn H.Q. established 1815 hrs L/1 ref 995341 P.M. (Special) Coy dispositions. Pl recce to PARI VILLAGE and tng.	
		1045	Inspection of Bde area by Gen Sir Iven Mackay G.O.C. N.G.F.	
		1300	7 Bde Group vehs delivered to Bde H.Q.	
	5 Mar	0300	Main Body 7 Bde left MILNE BAY.	
		0900	61 Bn Coy dispositions. Recce route marches, and tng.	
		1200	Layout of 7 Bde H.Q. Map attached.	Appx 1.
		1500	Bde Comd and I.O. arrived by air from MILNE BAY.	
	6 Mar	0910	61 Bn Coy dispositions. Working party and tng.	
		1200	Fd Return of Offrs. W 3008.	Appx 2.
		2200	9 Bn Coy dispositions. Bn less 1 Offr and 20 O.Rs working Party in area 2100 hrs. Working party remaining out overnight.	
	7 Mar	0900	7 Bde Location statement and Map.	Appx 3
	8 Mar	0820	61 Bn Coy dispositions. Coys tng own areas.	
		1200	7 Bde R.O. Serial 43.	Appx 4
		1200	Special Order by Brig John Field.	Appx 5.
	9 Mar	0930	Conference C.O's and Adjs Bde H.Q. also S.C. I.O., L.O's ans S.C. discussions defence role TAURANA Area. Recce made.	
		0930	61 Bn Coy dispositions. All coys tng in own areas.	
		1200	7 Bde O.O. No II	Appx 6
		1200	Numbering of Sec Posts TAURANA AREA	Appx 7.
		1400	Request to 30 Bde to supply one guide per coy for three Eds TAURANA AREA to indicate Sec Posts. Report this H.Q. 0900 1/10 7 Bde will supply midday meal.	

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Unit 7 AUSTINE BDE.

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 1 Mar 43 to 0900 hrs 1 Apr 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY.	10 Mar	0900	Recce TAURANA area defences. Guides supplied by 30 Bde.	
		1200	7 Bde Adm Order No 1A	Appx 8.
		1400	9 Bn recce minefields TAURANA AREA. Report attached.	Appx 9
	11 Mar	1300	Order of move of 7 Bde Group will be as follows;— 24 Bde Coy - 25 Coy A.A.S.C. - 9 Bn - 25 Bn - 61 Bn - 11 Bde Amb - H.Q. 7 Bde 7 Bde Defence Pl - L.A.D. - 'J' Sec Sigs, will move on 1st, 2nd and 3rd days 12 Mar. <i>MOVE TO DONADABU</i>	
	12 Mar	0830	61 Bn Coy dispositions. Coys working on defences.	
		1000	Conference of C.Os at Bde H.Q. re defence plan and arty tasks	Appx 10.
		1200	7 Bde advance party left area for DONA DABU.	
		1430	Advance party arrived DONA DABU.	
	13 Mar	0810	61 Bn coy dispositions. Coys tng in own areas.	
		1100	Main Body including 9 Bn - 25 Bn and Bde H.Q. left area.	
		1200	Fd return of offr. W 3008.	Appx 11
	14 Mar	1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 14 Mar 43	Appx 12
		1700	H.Q. 7 Bde in position DONA DABU 1400 hrs.	
	15 Mar.	1545	25 Bn less two pls B Coy and E Coy arrived DONA DABU 1440 hrs location 180397 remainder of Bn 943362 P.M. (Special) Map Attached	Appx 13
	17 Mar	1800	Rifle range ref para 46 R.O. 14 Mar 43	Appx 14.
	19 Mar	1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 19 Mar 43	Appx 15
		x 1200	7 Bde Orders for Bde Guard.	Appx 16
		1950	'X' list offr returned this H.Q. today reported that draft 'X' list offr and O.Rs for this Bde embarked Townsville for MIENE BAY 13 Mar. Request to 11 Aust Div action be taken to recover these personnel.	
	20 Mar	1200	7 Bde tng instruction No 13	Appx 17
		1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 20 Mar 43	Appx 18
		1200	Fd Return of offr. W 3008.	Appx 19.
	21 Mar	1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 21 Mar 43	Appx 20.
		1400	7 Bde Group aquatic Carnival. Results in 7 Bde R.O. dated 21 Mar 43. Programme attached.	Appx 21.
	22 Mar	1000	Bde Comd visited N.G.F. Tng School.	
		1200	Approval of rifle range positions by Camp Comdt DONADABU Camp.	Appx 22
		1705	7 Bde concur recommendation Capt Somerville for Sub Unit Comd	

Wing L.H.Q. Tactical course 50. CAPT. SOMERVILLE ACTING  
D.A.Q.M.G. 5 AUST DIV. MIENE BAY

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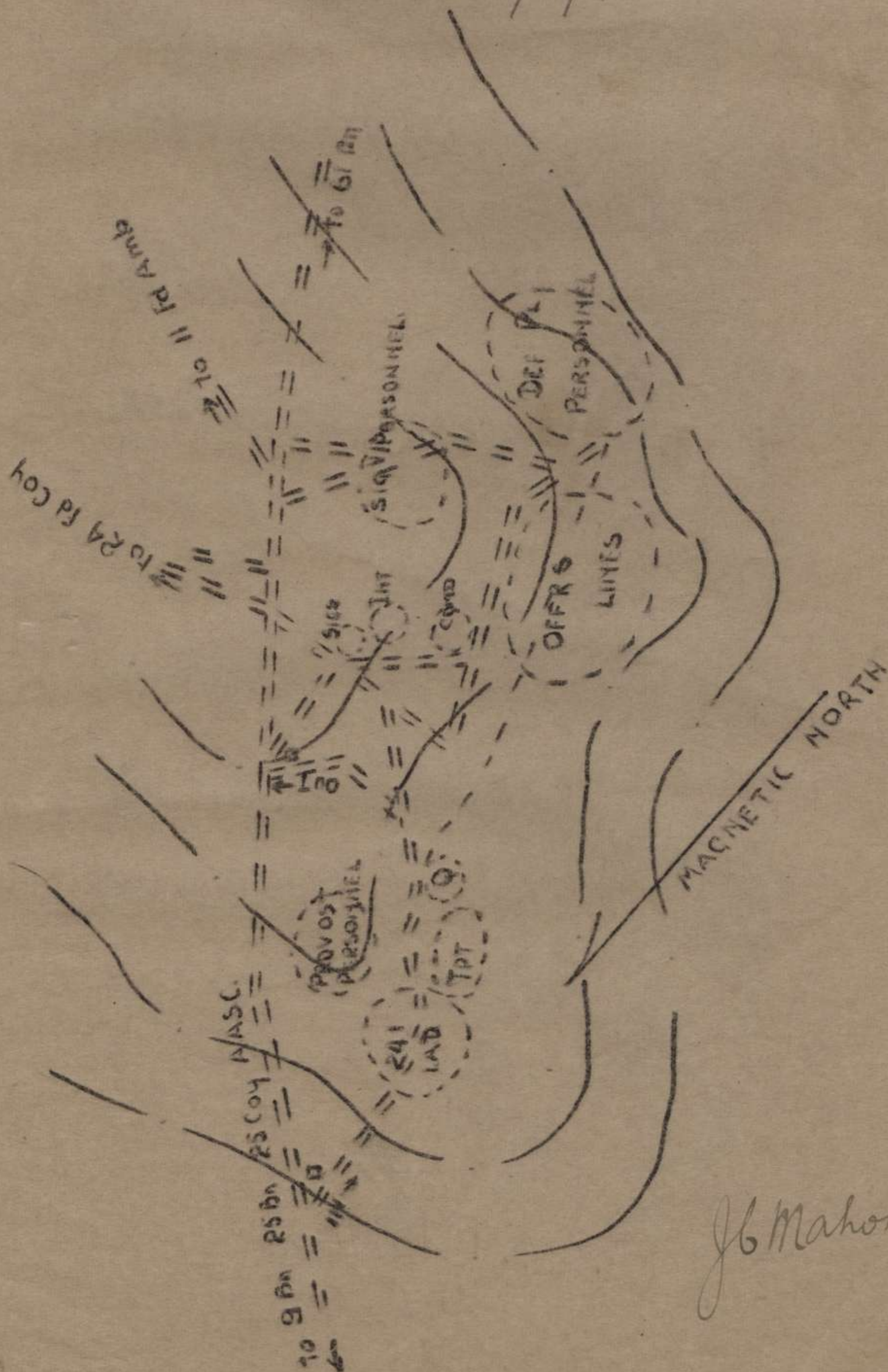
Unit 7 AUST INF BDE.

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 1 Mar 43 to 0900 hrs 1 Apr 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	23 Mar	1200	<i>Instn per</i> <del>Screen</del> for march past 7 Bde Group.	Appx 23
	24 Mar	1000	Brig Fields - Lt-Col Miles - Capt McInnes - Lieut Cochrane reported BERRY DROME and made Plane recce TAURANA Area.	
		1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 24 Mar 43	Appx 24
			7 Bde Adm Order No 2	Appx 25
	25 Mar	0800	March past 7 Bde Group postponed until 26 Mar due to unfavourable weather.	
	26 Mar	1100	March Past of 7 Bde Group salute taken by Maj-Gen Clowes G.O.C. 11 Aust Div.	
		1400	O.C. 11 Aust Fd Amb Maj Mainland - O.C. 25 Coy A.A.S.C. Maj Duncan met G.O.C. 11 Aust Div at Bde H.Q.	
	27 Mar	1000	7 Bde Group Rifle Shoot Competition. Results in R.O. dated 31 Mar 43.	
		1200	24 Fd Coy - 25 Coy A.S.C - 1 Coy 11 Fd Amb came under comd N.G.F.	
		1200	Fd return of Offrs. W 3008	Appx 26
		1400	7 Bde Group Athletic Carnival. Results in R.O. dated 31 Mar 43 pro grame attached	Appx 27
	28 Mar	1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 28 Mar 43	Appx 28
	30 Mar	1000	Maj Webster - Maj Bicks - Capt Duggan and Lieut Radford made recce Flight TAURANA area	
	31 Mar	1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 31 Mar 43	Appx 29
	x 19 Mar	1200	B.M. 7 Bde Aerial recce TAURANA area.	
	24 Mar	1900	Lecture by Capt Umphelby to Offrs 7 Bde on LAE SALAMAUA WAU.	

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Layout of 7 Bde H.Q.  
6 mile Valley  
Port Moresby area  
5/3/43.



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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W. 3008.  
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WE Ref AMF 11/2/3

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

WE 12 & 60

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

(Unit)

6 Mar 43.

WE(att) 5 & 12

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
<b>Brigadiers</b> <b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..			
Majors ... ..	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>
Captains ... ..	<b>2</b>	-	<b>3</b>
Lieutenants ... ..	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b> -
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
<b>Capt.</b>	<b>JACKSON      W.J.E.</b>	<b>HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.</b>	<b>At First Aust Army Junior Staff School, Ashgrove, Bris.</b>

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials		<del>Corps</del> Appointments	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col T/Brig	TX2002	FIELD	J.	Ede Comd	Yes	
Capt T/Maj	Q15602	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.M.	"	
Lieut T/Capt	Q21972	MATHISON	T.W.	L.O.1	"	
" "	Q21661	McINNES	R.D.	L.O.	"	
"	QX40880	KREBS	A.A.	S.C.	"	
"	QX40856	RAD FORD	D.P.	L.O.2	"	
"	QX40881	BLACKBURNE	S.T.	L.O.3	"	
"	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen.O.	"	
"	N205407	CONWAY	W.A.	Educ.O.	"	
<b>OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS</b>						<b>Allowed by W.E.- yes or no</b>
Lieut T/Capt	Q44829	NELSON	C.A.	AASC	BASCO	yes
"	Q112877	COOK	R.M.	AAMC	Hyg.O.	"
Chaplain	QX40347	COUPE	C.J.C.	AA Ch D	Att 9 Bn	"
"	Q123369	ROSENSKJAR	J.M.	"	" 25 Bn	"
"	Q123505	JAMES	G.	"	" 61 Bn	"
Ion Lieut	B257	GRAHAM	E.J.	YMCA		No

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		as above			

H.Q. 7 AUST INF BDE

(Unit.)

6 Mar 43

(Date of Despatch.)

*A. Krebs*

(Signature of Commander.)

Staff Capt., 7 Aust Inf Bde.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

11 Aust Div.

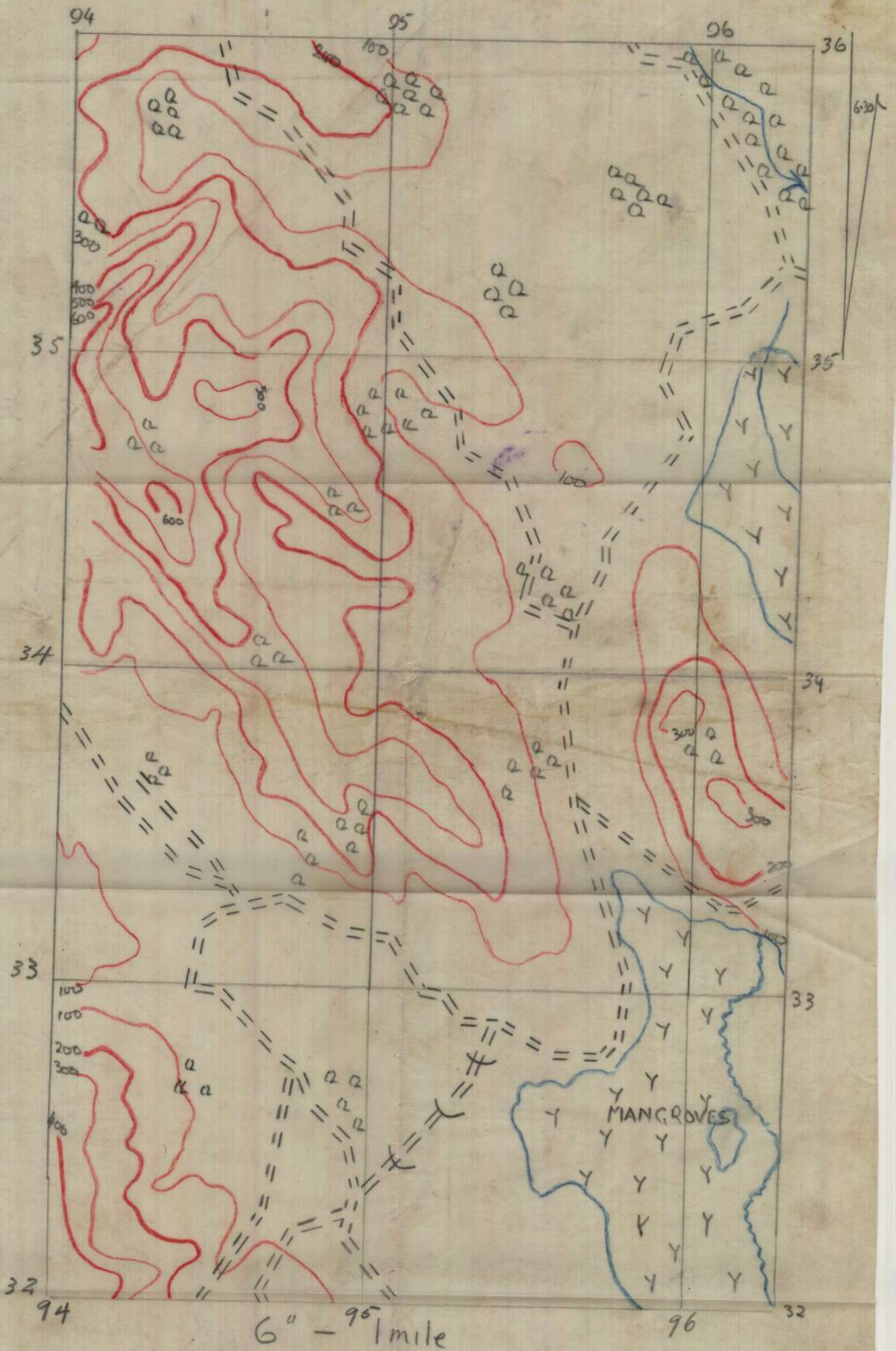


LOCATION STATEMENT.As at 0900 hrs L/7Ref Map Pt Moresby (Special) 1" - 1 mile.

UNIT.	MAP REF.	UNIT No.	COMMUNICATION.
H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.	95203470	88	Through 11 Div Switch.
'J' Sec Sigs.	"	88	"
241 L.A.D.	95153485	88	"
3 Sec 5 Div Provost Coy	95163484	88	"
9 Aust Inf Bn H.Q.	95073510	53	L/T to 7 Bde.
25 Aust Inf Bn H.Q.	94523593	50	"
61 Aust Inf Bn H.Q.	95503410	99	"
11 Aust Fd Amb.	95553460	52	"
24 Fd Coy R.A.E.	95403470	86	Runner to 11 Fd Amb.
25 Coy A.A.S.C.	95053500	97	Runner to 9 Bn.

*[Signature]* Capt.,  
I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

MORESBY (special) 1" - 1 mile. *Copy 3*



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8 Mar 43.

Serial No 43  
Nos. 45 - 48H.Q. 7 AUST INF BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

## PART I

by

Brigadier J. FIELD  
Comd. 7 Aust Inf Bde

"G"

Nil.

*Shackburne* Lieut.  
for Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

"A" and "Q"

45 TURN OUT AND DRESS

1. Attention is drawn to memo from G.O.C. N.G. Force to all C.O's of Aust tps : "Turn Out, Dress and Undress", 22 Feb 43. This memo will be read by all offrs.
2. The following action will be taken:-
  - (a) Tents and unit lines are the soldiers' home and the order of dress there is the business of the unit commanders. (In New Guinea, however, this is qualified by the order of dress, especially at night, already imposed for medical reasons.)
  - (b) Whenever soldiers move from their own unit lines to other localities, or to any public place, they must wear the prescribed uniform.
  - (c) Removal of uniform in working parties is permissible, but should be ordered by the Officer or N.C.O. in charge.
  - (d) It is permissible, also, on other occasions, for special reasons, for the officer in charge to order removal of articles of uniform.
  - (e) No general permission, however, to dispense with articles of uniform is to be given, but definite orders must be given on each occasion.
  - (f) The practice of individuals, or groups, wandering on the roads, or in motor vehicles, in a state of undress is especially to be prevented.
3. All working parties must proceed to work in uniform with weapons and eqpt so as to be ready at all times to deal with sudden attacks of any kind (e.g. by paratps). While working, parties may remove eqpt and clothing as ordered by the director of the work, but weapons must be kept close at hand. At the end of the work men must put on clothing and eqpt for return to camp or to site of other work, whether by march route or in M.T.
4. Drs of M.T. vehs must always be accompanied by their rifles and eqpt and must wear the prescribed uniform except when engaged in hard physical labour.

*Shackburne* Lieut.  
for A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

Found: One unmarked bundle wrapped in canvas. Owner may collect same by giving ~~names~~ describing contents to Q.M. 11 Aust Pd Amb. Rifle No E 8375 is being held at H.Q. 7 Bde in place of rifle No 2337. Will holder of the above rifle communicate with this

over/

H.Q. immediately.

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	14	File

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For the 11th Aust Div  
11th Aust Div

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SPECIAL ORDER

by

Brigadier John FIELD  
Comd. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Appx 5

8 Mar 43.

On the withdrawal of the 7 Aust Inf Bde Group from Milne Bay the Comd desires to express his appreciation of the consistently good work which has been done by all ranks both during the fighting and consolidation periods. The cheerful spirit and esprit de corps which have been evident in the face of various trials and difficulties have added to the reputation of all Units and have been in accordance with the best military standards.

All ranks can look back with satisfaction on a job well done and with the knowledge that their efforts have been an important contribution to the safe-guarding of an area which is destined to play a most important part in the conduct of future operations in the S.W.P.A. Their share in the New Guinea campaign up to the present date has done much to provide security for Australia and the homes and families we are fighting to protect. It is cause for satisfaction that the Brigade Group was identified in no small way with an action which the Commander-in-Chief referred to in his Order of the Day as "a clear victory at Milne Bay - our first Australian victory on land against the barbarian invader".

The Bde Comd trusts that, whatever may be the tasks confronting us, all ranks will spare no effort in building up a high standard of fighting efficiency and by good discipline, training and soldierly fortitude will maintain the good name of the Brigade.

He looks to each individual to develop the team spirit and to be filled with a resolution to do nothing which will let his comrades down. Only in this way will we be able to prove again our superiority to the enemy, effectively co-operate with other Brigades and services and move nearer to the achievement of final and decisive victory.

*John Field* Brig.  
Comd. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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9 Mar 43.

## 7 AUST INF BDE O.O. II

Role of TAURANA Bde.

Ref map PORT MORESBY (special): 1 inch to 1 ml and enlargement  
8 ins to 1 ml.

## INFM.

1. Copy of PORT MORESBY AREA DEF SCHEME is held at this H.Q.  
for study by all bn offrs down to incl coy comds.

## INTENTION

2. 7 Aust inf bde will prepare to occupy TAURANA area.

## METHOD

3. Area of responsibility

TAURANA area - S.E. of track running N.E. and S.W. through  
EGGY CORNER 949323 from OYSTER BAY 9632 to coast at 931317.

4. Role of TAURANA bde.

(a) Close def of beaches -

SURFERS' PARADISE	9529
KIRRA BEACH	9629
FINGAL BEACH	9830

(b) To prevent any movt to the N.W. of track defined in para 3  
of any enemy who may succeed in landing in bde area.

(c) To be prepared to move, on orders from Div H.Q., whole or  
part of bde to assist in destroying JAPS who may have landed in  
other areas.

5. Allotment of tps.

(a) BEACH area	:	61 bn
(b) FLAGSTAFF HILL (952306) area	:	9 bn
(c) LONE TREE HILL (969309) area	:	25 bn

6. Boundaries

(a) rear bdy BEACH area all incl 61 bn : coast at 950300 -  
rd bend 962303 - headland 984305

(b) bdy between (b) and (c) all incl 9 bn : rd bend 962303 •  
rd to EGGY CORNER 949323.

7. Roles

(a) 61 Bn : BEACH area - destruction of enemy landing parties on  
the beaches.

(b) 9 Bn : FLAGSTAFF area - primary: hold high ground and prevent  
enemy penetration through area; secondary counter-attack in any part  
of bde area.

(c) 25 Bn : LONE TREE HILL area - bde res; primary: destruction  
of enemy in own area; secondary: counter-attack on BEACH area.

8. Occupation of posns

Posns will be occupied on orders from this H.Q.

9. Recce.

Recce of areas by unit and sub-unit comds down to see comds  
will be completed by 1800 hrs 11 Mar. Present lay-out of prepared  
posns will NOT be altered.

10. Supporting fire

(a) Beach guns : see fire-plan held at this H.Q.

(b) Beach M.M.G's: guns of 7 M.G. bn less dets as allotted - see  
fire plan held at this H.Q.

(c) Fd Arty : not more than one fd regt in support of 7 inf bde.  
C.O's will each submit proposals for two S.O.S. tasks by  
1800 hrs 11 Mar.

(Note: Registration of targets in TAURANA area has been carried out  
by all above. B.E.L's are provided for (a) and (b)

11. A.Tk. Chart of proposed minefields is held at this H.Q.  
Units will check survey and pegging of fds in own areas.

ADM.

12. Amn. (a) Units will make provision for storing 1st and 2nd line amn in sec areas when ordered.

(b) A.A.Ds are at 032438 and 060414 and A.P's are to be established when required. Posn of these will be made known.

13. Sups and P.O.L. Units will prepare storage space for laying down eight days' sups when ordered. As long as ops permit, sups will be delivered daily from F.S.D., MURRAY BARRACKS.

14. Water (a) Units will prepare to stock sec areas, when ordered, with tanks, 44 gal drums and 2 gal containers holding water for 8 days at 1 gal per man per day.

(b) Water pts are at 935369 and 909339.

15. Medical A.D.S. 958350

INTERCOMN.

16. Bde to Bns. L/T and W/T. Bns will submit by 1800 hrs 11 Mar report on signal comms existing in area.

17. C.O's will submit map ref of Bn H.Q. by 1800 hrs 11 Mar.

18. Bde H.Q. 968307.

ACK.

Signed at 1940 hrs.

Issued by L.O's.

*J. C. Mahoney*  
Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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	8	B.M.
	9	S.C.
	10	Sig Offr.
	11	Staff
	12	11 Aust Div for infm.
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JCM/WEM (9/3)

SECRET M. 134

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

9 Mar 43.

Subject : NUMBERING OF SEC POSTS

9 Aust Inf Bn  
 25 Aust Inf Bn  
 61 Aust Inf Bn  
 24 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.  
 Copy to 11 Aust Div.

To facilitate recognition and indication of sec posts in TAURANA defensive area, a system of numbering posts similar to that adopted at MILNE BAY will be used.

2. Boards are being prepared by 24 Fd Coy and will be set in place immediately they are received. Boards will be att to trees or stakes 3' 6" from ground level so as to be clearly visible facing the rear entrance to the post.

3. Blocks of numbers are allotted below. Bns will submit to this H.Q. by 1800 L/11 traces to cover 8 ins to 1 ml map showing allocation of numbers to posts. All sec posts (incl Coy H.Q.), bn M.M.G. posts and 3" mortar pits - incl alternative posns - will be numbered.

4. Index letters are :-

T (TCC) : sec post  
 V (VIC) : M.M.G. post  
 D (DCB) : 3 inch mortar post

5. Numbers are allotted thus

(a) Sec posts

	9 Bn.	25 Bn	61 Bn
A Coy	T 13 - 24	T 85 - 96	T 49 - 60
B Coy	T 75 - 84	T 1 - 12	T 121 - 132
C Coy	T 109 - 120	T 133 - 144	T 25 - 36
D Coy	T 37 - 48	T 61 - 72	T 97 - 108

(Reserved : T 145 - 150)

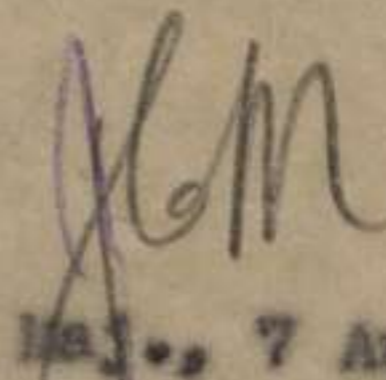
(b) M.M.G. posts

9 Bn V 5 - 8 ; V 21 - 24  
 25 Bn V 1 - 4 ; V 15 - 16  
 61 Bn V 9 - 12 ; V 17 - 20

(c) 3" mortar pits

9 Bn D 17 - 24 ; D 29 - 32  
 25 Bn D 9 - 16 ; D 25 - 28  
 61 Bn D 1 - 8 ; D 33 - 36

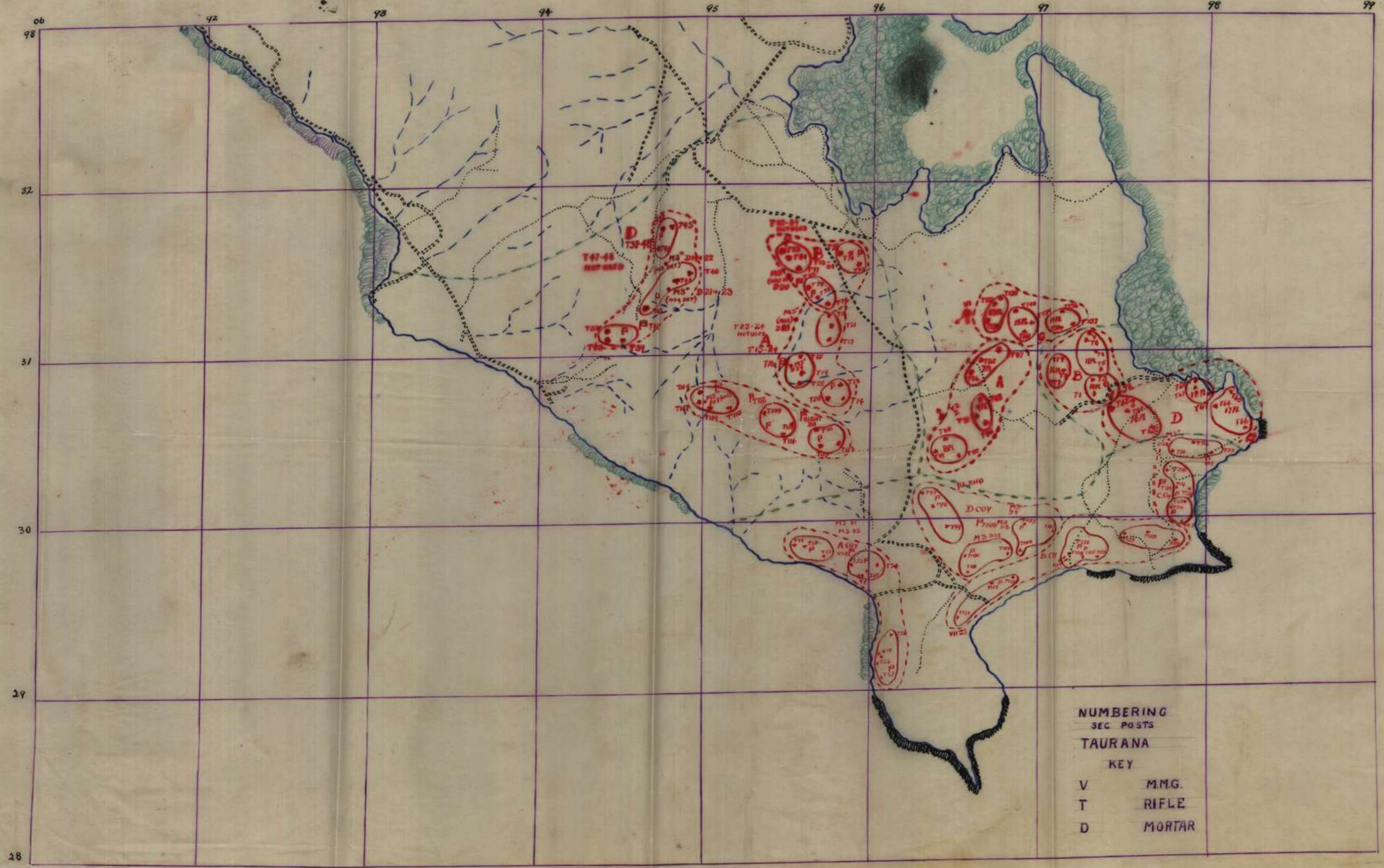
6. Requests for further numbers will be made to this H.Q. as required.

  
 Maj.  
 Bde Maj., 7 Aust. Inf Bde.

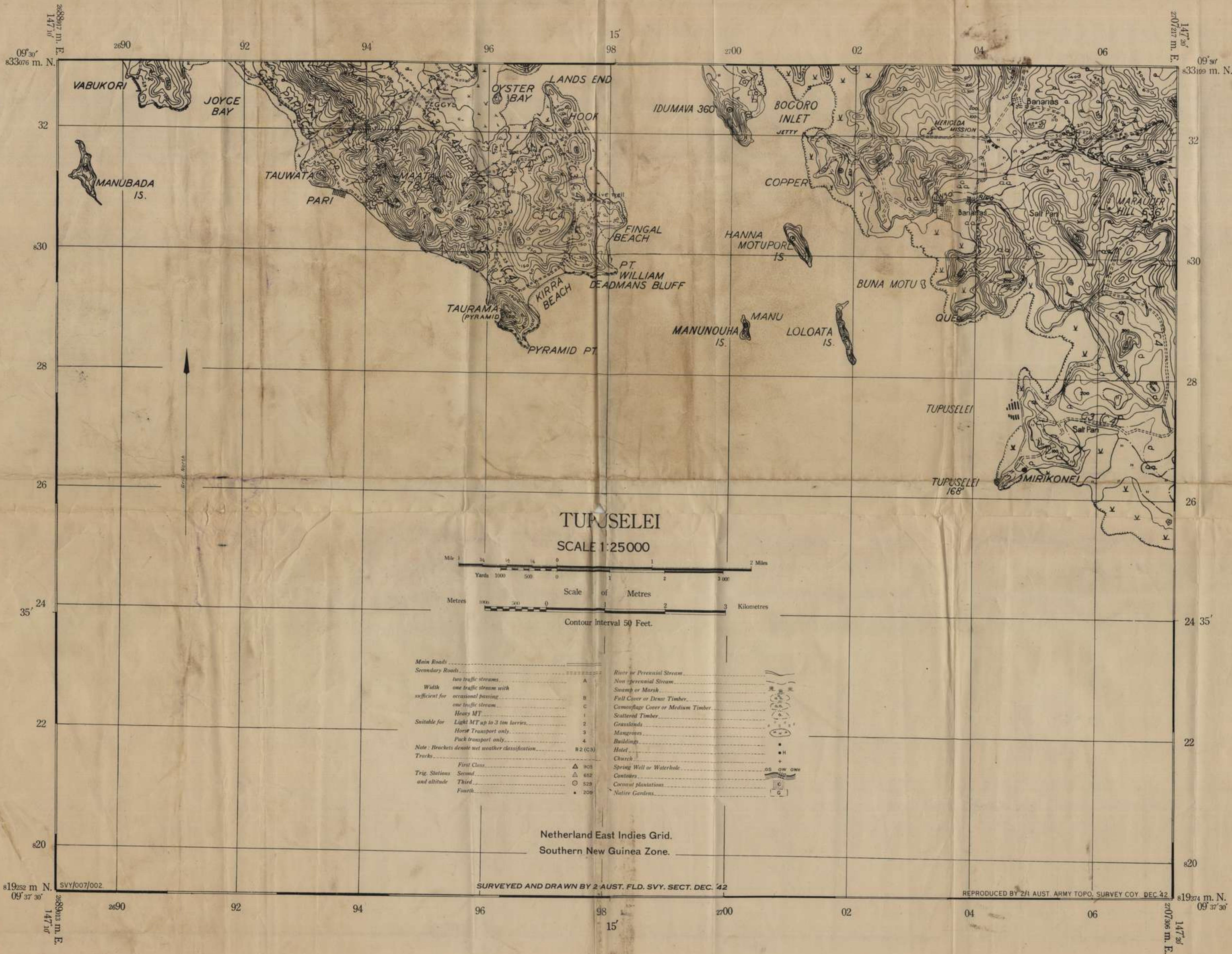


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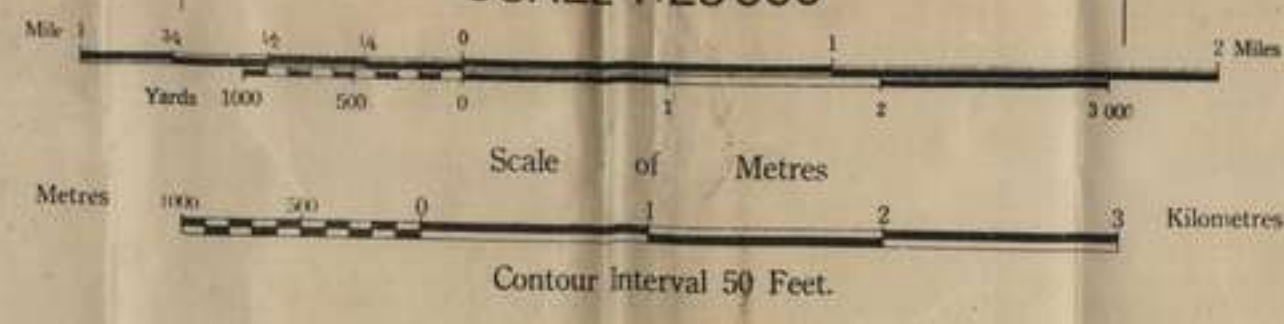
APPX. 7



SCALE: 1" = 100 YDS



TUPUSELEI  
SCALE 1:25000



<b>Main Roads</b> .....	—————	<b>River or Perennial Stream</b> .....	
<b>Secondary Roads</b> .....	-----	<b>Non-perennial Stream</b> .....	
<i>two traffic streams</i> .....	A	<b>Swamp or Marsh</b> .....	
<i>sufficient for occasional passing</i> .....	B	<b>Full Cover or Dense Timber</b> .....	
<i>one traffic stream</i> .....	C	<b>Camouflage Cover or Medium Timber</b> .....	
<b>Suitable for</b> .....		<b>Scattered Timber</b> .....	
<i>Heavy MT</i> .....	1	<b>Grasslands</b> .....	
<i>Light MT up to 3 ton lorries</i> .....	2	<b>Mangroves</b> .....	
<i>Horse Transport only</i> .....	3	<b>Buildings</b> .....	
<i>Pack transport only</i> .....	4	<b>Hotel</b> .....	
<b>Note:</b> Brackets denote wet weather classification .....	B 2 (C 3)	<b>Church</b> .....	
<b>Trigs</b> .....		<b>Spring Well or Waterhole</b> .....	
<i>First Class</i> .....	△ 905	<b>Contours</b> .....	
<i>Second</i> .....	△ 652	<b>Coconut plantations</b> .....	
<i>Third</i> .....	○ 528	<b>Native Gardens</b> .....	
<i>Fourth</i> .....	• 209		

Netherland East Indies Grid.  
Southern New Guinea Zone.

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5 Mar 43.

SUBJECT - HEALTH AND FITNESS OF 7 AUST INF BDE.

D.D.M.S., N.G.F.

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Food was lacking in variety and deficient in vitamin content during the first two months.

The factors militating against good health were consequently:

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- (3) A hyper-endemic malarial area.
- (4) A monotonous diet deficient in vitamins for a prolonged period.
- (5) Lack of amenities.

MALARIA. Investigations carried out showed a basic rate of 33 per 1000 malarial infections per week in Milne Bay covering a period from 12 Jul 42 to 21 Feb 43.

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CONCLUSIONS.

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MALARIA. Investigations carried out showed a basic rate of 5% per 1000 malarial infections per week in this area covering a period from 12 July to 21 Feb 44.

For troops who had been in the area for 21 weeks (the average duration for this Bde.) this shows a malarial rate of 101.5%.

Regimental Medical Officers have reported that during the last three months, parties on patrol have returned showing a higher percentage incidence of malaria than those who have not been so strenuously engaged.

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Investigation carried out showed a daily rate of 100 malarial infections per week in this area covering a period from 12 Feb 42 to 21 Feb 42.

For troops who had been in the area for 21 weeks (the average duration for this Bde.) this shows a malaria rate of 100%.

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A "snatch" exercise before dawn was carried out on 28. June and showed 5% of the men efficient. It has been noted that although the majority of the men appear to be fit, a high percentage of them are not capable of any sustained effort.

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The following table shows the percentage of malaria in the Bde. during the period from 1st July to 31st August 1942.

For those who had been in the Bde. for 12 weeks (the average duration for this Bde.) the average percentage of malaria was 101.3%.

Medical officers reported that during the last three weeks, cases of malaria have remained at a higher percentage of malaria than those who have not been so extensively exposed.

A "malaria" epidemic is reported to have occurred in the Bde. during the last month and a total of 50% of the Bde. is reported to have been infected. It is suggested that the Bde. should be gradually staged to cooler climates and that the Bde. should be gradually staged to cooler climates and that the Bde. should be gradually staged to cooler climates.

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Commanding 11 Aust Fd Amb.

2 31 JUL. 1943

Adv HQ 5 Aust Div  
M43/08/1010  
30 Jul '43.

SUBJECT: HEALTH SURVEY  
7 AUST INF BDE.

C O  
11 Aust Fd Amb  
Copy to DDMS NGF (for infm) ✓

1. DDMS NGF has requested a survey & report on possible Vitamin deficiencies in 7 Aust Inf Bde.
2. Please arrange after discussion with RMOs concerned, for each to conduct as soon as possible, a survey on standardised lines within units under his medical charge. If thought necessary, Physician from 2/2 Aust CCS could be consulted as to details of survey.
3. On completion of survey RMO' reports with comments of CO 11 Aust Fd Amb will be forwarded to ADMS 5 Aust Div.

*Donald Mackenzie*  
Major Colonel.  
ADMS 5 Aust Div.

11 27 JUL. 1943

2/2 Aust. C.C.S.  
New Guinea Force.  
26 Jul 43.

Ref.- 43/727/4.

D.D.M.S.  
N.G.F.

Health & Efficiency of Troops of 7th Brigade.

1. It has been noted that quite a number of troops admitted to the 2/2 C.C.S. from the 7th Brigade are showing definite clinical signs of vitamin Bi deficiency.
2. In the last two weeks approx 6 cases from the same Brigade have shown signs of early scurvy.
3. These facts suggest that a sub-clinical deficiency state may be widespread.
4. It would seem desirable that the Medical Officers of these units should conduct a survey of the troops to detect early cases.
5. The desirability of adding a definite supplementary vitamin ration to the diet could then be assessed.

Talk to Brig Field. 5 Aust SW  
arranging survey of  
personnel

..... Ch. Antson ..... Maj.  
O.C., 2/2 Aust. C.C.S.

7 AUST INF BDE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO 1.Ref Map- P.M.  
1<sup>st</sup> to 1 mile.

1. (a) 7 Aust Inf Bde will move from present unit areas to DONADOBU by M.T. Units moving are given hereunder:-

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Bde H.Q. Def Pl  
'J' Sec Sigs  
241 L.A.D.  
9 Aust Inf Bn  
25 Aust Inf Bn  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
24 Aust Fd Coy  
25 Coy AASC  
11 Aust Fd Amb  
Sec 5 Aust Div Provost  
Det Postal

- (b) The following units will move on 11 Mar

24 Aust Fd Coy	6	-	171
25 Coy AASC	7	-	215
Adv HQ 7 Bde	11	-	5
Adv Party 9 Aust Inf Bn	1	-	5
Adv Party 25 Aust Inf Bn	1	-	5
Adv Party 61 Aust Inf Bn	1	-	5
Adv Party 11 Aust Fd Amb	1	-	5
TOTAL	<u>18</u>		<u>411</u>

- (c) Remaining units and personnel will be placed under 24 hours notice as from 0800 hrs 11 Mar.

2. O.C. Convoy will be Major Simpson, 24 Aust Fd Coy.

3. SUPPLIES.

- (a) Personnel will move carrying one day's Emergency Rations and one day's dehydrated Emergency Rations.  
(b) Surplus rations in unit areas will be taken in bulk with unit.  
(c) Atebrin supplies will be carried under unit arrangement.

4. AMN.

Units will move with first line amm only.

5. EQPT & CLOTHING.

- (a) Personnel will move with eqpt and clothing now on issue, and units may carry a 5% reserve. All ranks will be in possession of two blankets.  
(b) Units will ensure that all personnel move with mosquito nets and anti-malarial cream, these articles being carried on the man.  
(c) Kit bags and other personal effects will be carried on the man.

6. VEHS.

Unit vechs now on charge will be taken with units.

7. TENTAGE.

Only that tentage which has been drawn and erected by units of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be taken.

8. TPT FOR MOVE.

Vechs required by units will report to H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde at 0730 hrs 11 Mar where unit guides will conduct vechs to unit areas for loading.

Order of March for vechs will be as shown in 1 (b).

V.T.M. - 40

M.I.H. - Speed will not exceed 20 MIH on any part of the journey. Owing to the continuous steep grade, drivers must not approach nearer than the specified distance to the veh immediately in front.

Offrs and NCOs in charge of vechs will ensure that all per are seated in vechs throughout the journey.

9. START POINT.

Start point will be rd junc ref 935368 and route:-  
3. P. rd junc 942384 - rd junc 942423 and thence through ROUNA to  
Dona Bde.

10. START TIME.

Start time will be 0900 hrs 11 Mar 43.

11. PROVOST.

Bde Sec 5 Aust Div Provost Coy will assist in directing vehs  
at unit areas and ensuring that the order of march of unit vehs  
is correct.

12. PROTECTION ON ROUTE.

Offrs and NCOs of vehs will ensure that small arms are available  
for protection of convoy against enemy aircraft.

13. SECURITY.

The necessity for maintaining strictest secrecy in connection  
with movement must be impressed on all concerned.

*S. Blackmore*  
Lieut.  
for V/A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. 9 Aust Inf Bn.
2. 25 Aust Inf Bn.
3. 61 Aust Inf Bn.
4. 24 Aust Fd Coy.
5. 25 Coy A.A.S.C.
6. 5 Aust Div Provost Sec
7. 11 Aust Div.
- 8-15. Bde H.Q.

RECCE MINEFIELDS.

made by  
9 Aust Inf Bn  
'I' Sec  
11 Mar 43.

Ref map - TUPUSELEI

PART 1.

Scale : 1/25000

A recce was made of the three minefields sites in this area but no pegs of existing minefields could be located.

PART 11.

No 1 MINEFIELD. ref 930323 TUPUSELEI. An extensive search was conducted to find any stakes to distinguish this minefield. A spur of about 200' runs right on to the coast road. A mangrove swamp is on coast portion of road and is thickly wired. It is an ideal spot for a minefield as tanks would be forced to pass through the narrow portion of the road approx 12' wide. The minefield area was covered with 3' grass and small shrubs. The ground was slightly sloping.

No 2 MINEFIELD. ref 950324 EGGYS CORNER. No pegs could be found in this area. A close check was made along the 25' contour and surrounding territory on east side of road. A further search was made on the west side of road, and resulted in three white pegs approx 3' high being discovered. These were later explained as road pegs by a Major in charge of the Engrs. in the 2/5 A.G.H. area. This offr was approached in the hope that he would be able to furnish information about any of the minefields. However he was ignorant of the fact that there were any minefields anywhere in the vicinity. The vegetation in this area consisted of grass and shrubs on undulating ground. It was also wired on east side parallel to road.

No 3 MINEFIELD. ref 961299 road junc. This minefield which was stated to be astride junc of roads also failed to reveal any identifying pegs. A search was made in the high grass 4' high and scattered undergrowth.

This road junc commands the approaches from KIRRA and FINGAL BEACHES and is stationed in a soundly strategical position. On eastern side of the road is a spur 200' high which runs down sharply to the road. On the western side it is more sloping. For tanks to pass they would have to contract their approach to a width of not more than 70yds.

At PARI VILLAGE ref 935310 a sign was observed tied on the wiring along the beach. This sign had the words "mines" printed on a board. No stakes could be seen to identify the position of a minefield.

(Sgd )S.G. Plats Lieut  
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

Appx 10  
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

H.Q. 11 Aust Div.  
12 Mar 43.

SUBJECT: PORT MORESBY SECTOR DEFENCE SCHEME.

CRE

1 Aust Corps.

1. It is desired that the work of your headquarters, while attached to 11 Aust Div, be directed to the completion of the Engineer Plan of the Port Moresby Sector Defence Scheme - sec part VIII of Schemes and appx "S".
2. 24 Field Coy will be available for work on return from DONA DABU area on approximately 27 Mar 43.
3. Infantry Brigades are allotted to defence sectors as under:-
  - (a) PORT MORESBY - 15 Aust Inf Bde.
  - (b) TAURANA - 7 Aust Inf Bde.
  - (c) TAUGUBA HILL → PAGAHILL - Port Sub area Tps  
(Lt-Col SMITH - Port Sub Area)
4. While Engineer troops as set out in Appx "S" of the defence Scheme are not at present available for work, Field Coys will be returned to Divisional Comd when it becomes necessary to implement the Scheme. Plans will, therefore, continue to be based on the troops set out in para "1" of Appx "S" being available.

(Sgd) E.A. Sheehan Col.  
G.S. 11 Aust Div.

Copies for information to-

7 Aust Inf Bde.  
15 Aust Inf Bde.  
Comd Port Sub Area.



Appx 11

SERIAL NO. 11  
TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W. 3008.  
(Page 1)

w.e. AMP 11/2/3  
W.T. 12 = 60.  
Att. 5 = 12.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

H Q 7 Aust Inf Bde.

13 Mar 43.

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Brigadiers	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains	1	-	1
Lieutenants	2	-	3
2nd Lieutenants	5	1	
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	9	1	4

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.— DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
CRPT	JACKSON W.J.H. (H Q 7 Aust Inf Bde)		Attending First Aust Army Junior Staff school, Ashgrove. Brisbane. (Return after school requested)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.-col	T/brig (TX2002)	FIELD J.	Appt. Bde Comd	Yes	
Capt	T/Maj (Q15602)	MARONEY J.C.	B.M.	"	
Lieut	T/capt Q21972	MATHISON T.W.	L.O.I.	"	
"	" Q21661	MCINNES R.D.	I.O.	"	
"	QX40380	KERRS A.A.	S.C.	"	
"	QX40336	RADFORD D.P.	L.O.2.	"	
"	QX40381	BLACKBURN S.T.	L.O.3.	"	
"	QX38334	WOOD L.S.	Amen O.	"	
"	W205407	CONWAY W.A.	Educ O.	"	
<b>OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS</b>					
					Allowed by W.E. Yes or No.
Lieut	T/capt Q.44829	NELSON C.A.	AASC PASCO		YES
"	Q.112877	COOK R.W.	AAMO EYE O.		"
Chaplain	QX40347	COUPE C.J.	AACHD ATT 9	Bn	"
"	Q123369	ROSENBERG J.W.	" "	" 25	Bn
"	Q123505	JAMES J.	" "	" 61	Bn.
Non Lieut	5257	GRAHAM R.J.			

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		as above			

7 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

13 Mar 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

*Robert Kerr*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
A/Staff Capt, 7 Aust Inf Bde  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc. with which Unit is serving).

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD, COMMANDING  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Date 14 Mar 43.

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46. INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF ARMS

Indiscriminate firing of arms in the country surrounding DONADABU Camp is forbidden. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders. Units will make recce for rifle range sites and submit proposals to this H.Q. by 1800 L/17. Controlled small arms practices will then be held.

47. GUARDS AND DUTIES.

Orders and roster for Field Officer of the Day, Bde Guard and duties will be issued. Units will appoint an Orderly Officer daily. Unit lines will be inspected daily by Field Officer, Bde Hyg Offr, Bn Orderly Offr and R.M.O. in company.

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

"A" and "Q"

48. CAMP TIME TABLE

Reveille	0700
Retreat	1830
Lights Out	2230

49. HYG AND SANITATION

Units will pay strictest attention to hyg and sanitation. All unit areas and messes upon occupation will at once be cleaned and maintained to satisfaction of Bde Hyg Offr.

50. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

Anti-malarial regulations already issued must be fully observed. Evening meal must NOT be served to men who are NOT correctly dressed in boots, gaiters, long trousers and long sleeved shirts.

51. WASHING OF CLOTHES.

To assist in eradication of skin ailments, Units will set up facilities for frequent washing and boiling of clothes under unit supervision.

52. REPAIR OF EQPT.

Units will take advantage of the opportunity to clean and repair all articles of clothing and web and other eqpt while in this area. Special attention must be paid to care and maintenance of weapons.

53. HEADDRESS.

During tng all ranks will wear hats K.F. or helmets steel according to the nature of tng. When off duty, offrs may wear caps and, when off duty within unit lines, O.R.'s may wear cloth fatigue hats. Topees or other unauthorized forms of headgear will NOT be worn at any time. Drs M.T. and M/C orderlies may wear caps as prescribed when driving vehs or riding M/Cs.

*J. Mahoney* Capt.  
for Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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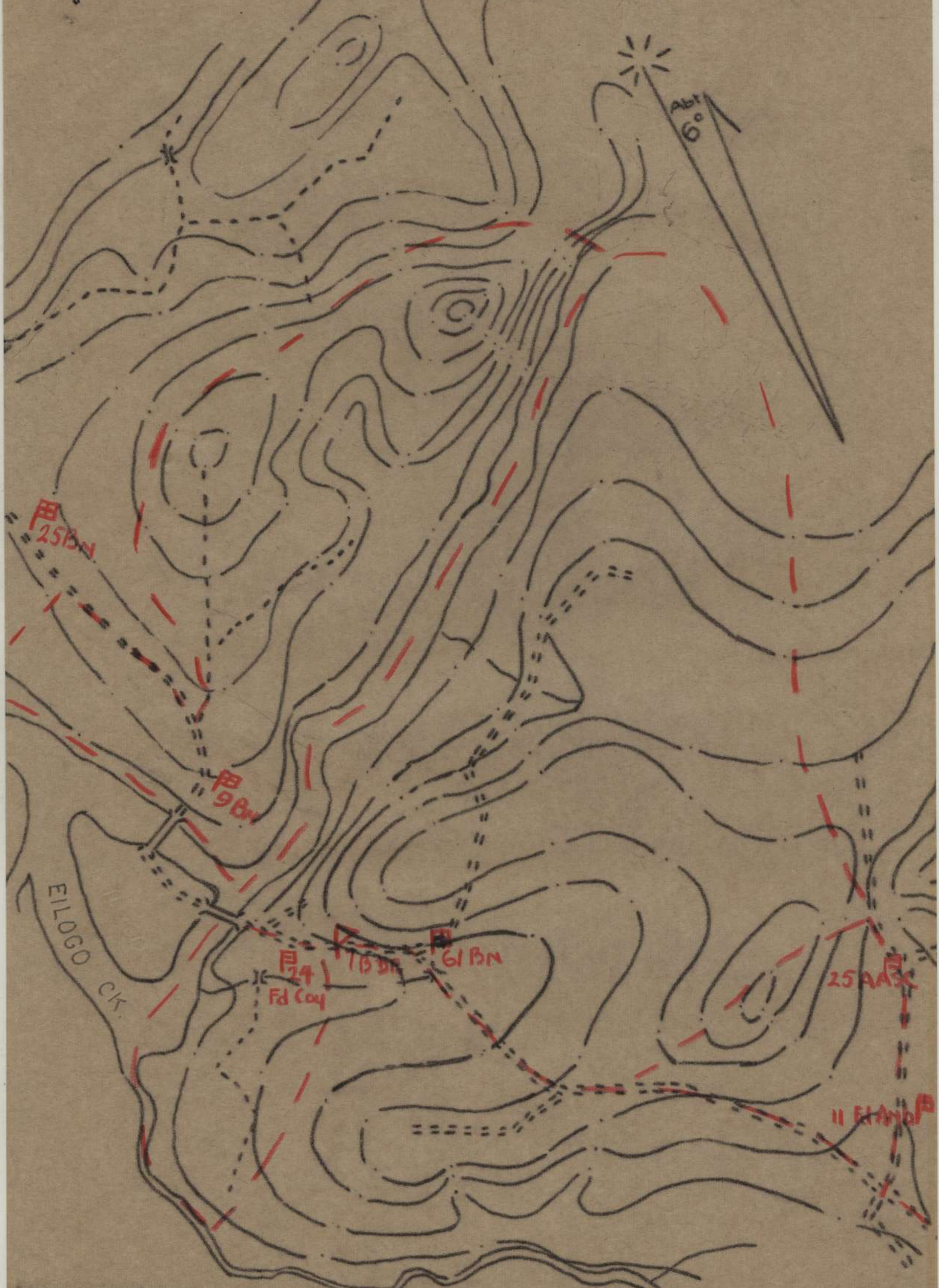
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REF. MAP. PORT MORESBY SPECIAL 1/4 INCH.

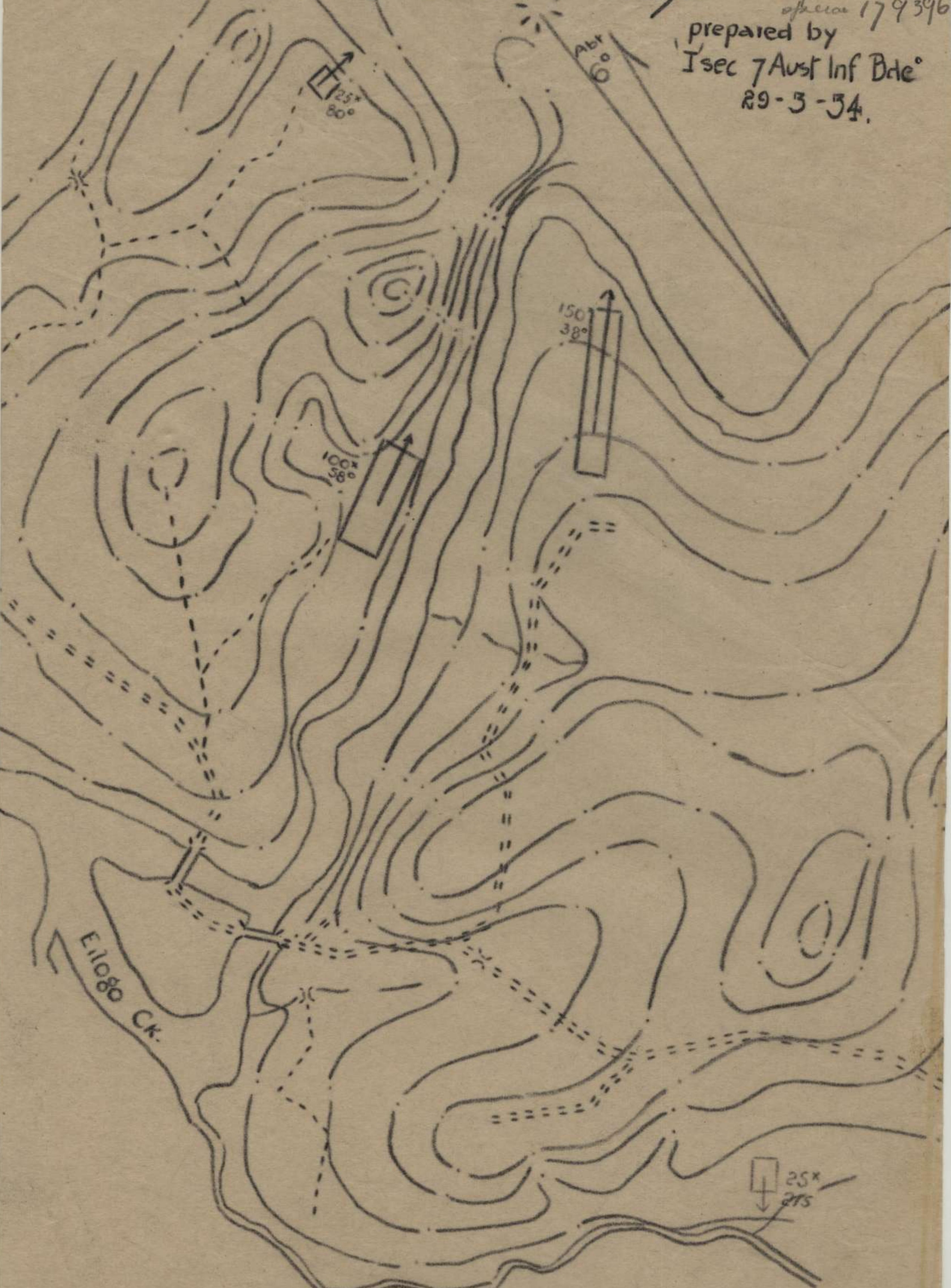


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# Field Sketch of Rifle Ranges Dona dabu Camp.

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## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Serial No

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD COMMANDING  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Date 19 Mar 43

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NIL

*J. Mathison* Capt P. Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

"A &amp; Q"

54. GAMBLING Gambling is forbidden at all times and disciplinary action will be taken against promoters of "two-up" and participants in this and other games of chance.
55. STANDARD TIME Units of 7 Aust Inf Bde will revert to Standard Time on 28 Mar 43. At 0200 L/28 timepieces will be put back one hour and designation changed to 0100 K/28.
56. CHURCH PARADES Church Parades on Sun 21 Mar 43 will be as under:-
- Roman Catholic: Mass will be celebrated at
- |          |     |                      |
|----------|-----|----------------------|
| 0900 hrs | ... | HQ 25 Aust Inf Bn    |
| 1100 hrs | ... | 25 Aust Coy A.A.S.C. |
- P.D. Services will be held as under:-
- |   |     |                     |
|---|-----|---------------------|
| 0900 hrs  | ... | HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde   |
| (For 61 Bn, 24 Fd Coy, 25 ASC, 11 Fd Amb, Bde HQ) |     |                     |
| 0900 hrs  | ... | 9 Aust Inf Bn Area. |
| (For 9 Bn & 25 Bn).                               |     |                     |
57. ESCAPES OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS
- Attention of units is drawn to G.R.O. G 192/43.
58. PROHIBITION OF ENTRY OF ANIMALS ETC INTO AUSTRALIA
- The entry into Australia of any animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulations under the Quarantine Act, owing to the risk of the introduction of rabies, piroplasmiasis and other diseases.
2. Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the mainland of Australia (which includes Tasmania) of -
- Animals or birds on the W.E. of a unit, whether allocated before or after re-embarkation from Australia.
  - Living mascots or pets (dogs, monkeys or other animals or birds) whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.
3. E.S.Os and A.T.Os are authorised to take action to have animals, living mascots, pets or birds, which arrive at a port or an aerodrome from outside the mainland of Australia, destroyed forthwith.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order.  
(To be published in unit routine orders).

59. CARE OF TENTAGE (Ref 11 Aust Div R.O. 104)

1. The wastage of tentage in NEW GUINEA is high and, the shortage of raw materials replacement is difficult. owing to  
2. Units will take all steps to preserve tentage and in particular will ensure that:-

- (a) Friction does NOT occur between the tent and fly. This is caused by faulty erection and slack ropes.
- (b) Mosquito net poles, boxes, etc do NOT touch the canvas inside tents.
- (c) Nails, safetypins, wire etc are NOT pushed through the canvas for the purpose of hanging mosquito nets etc.
- (d) Tent guys etc are slackened and tightened during and after rain.

3. ~~Attention is also drawn to NGF Order 19 of 18 Jan 43 which provides that in the camouflage of tents the only bituminous emulsions which may be used are those manufactured by~~

- (a) SHELL CO of AUSTRALIA; or
- (b) STERLING VARNISH CO of BRISBANE.

(This order will be republished in all unit R.Os).

60. TENTAGE

Attention of units is directed to 11 Aust Div R.O. 105 of 13 Mar 43.

61. ENLISTMENT OF PMF AND CMF PERS IN AIF

Attention of units is drawn to 11 Aust Div R.O. 21 of 12 Mar 43.

62. ENTRY TO WHARF AREAS- PORT MORESBY:

Wharf areas in Port MORESBY are out of bounds to all ranks other than personnel regularly employed therein unless in possession of a duty pass.

2. Passes will be issued ONLY by Port Sub-Area Comd or the Docks Superintendent.

63. DECEASED PERSONNEL - INCORRECTLY ENDORSED MAIL

Attention of units is drawn to NGF R.O. 77 of 8 Mar 43.

64. OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESSSES

Attention of units is drawn to NGF R.O. 68 of 1 Mar 43.

65. LEAVE - EASTER 1943

Attention of units is drawn to NGF R.O. 89 of 15 Mar 43.

*J. W. Matheson*  
Capt  
A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.



NOTICES

LOSS OF PAYBOOK

The paybook of NX 118028 C.G. CAMERON has been lost between river bank (Plants Crossing) and Bde Orderly Room. Finder is requested to hand same into Orderly Room, HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.

A.E.S. LECTURES

The following lectures will be given on Tuesday  
23 Mar 43 at 1030 hrs:-

Lieut NEIL, A.E.O. of 113 Aust Con Depot will address pers of 9 and 25 Bns in No 3 Mess.

SUBJECT: NORTHERN PACIFIC FRONTIER.

Sgt NEWBY, Educ. Sgt from NGF A.E.S. will address pers of 61 Bn, 24 Fd Coy, 25 Coy A.A.S.C., 11 Fd Amb and Bde HQ Details in No 2 Mess.

SUBJECT: ENCIRCLING THE AXIS.

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7 AUST INF BDE  
ORDERS FOR BRIGADE GUARD  
DONADABU CAMP

(See A M R & O Division 11 - Guards and Pickets).

1. TOUR OF DUTY:-- 0830 hrs to Retreat 1830 hrs.
2. COMPOSITION OF GUARD:--
  - (a) One subaltern, one sgt, two cpls, 20 Ptes, plus one waiting man.
  - (b) Each gd will be provided from one coy only and will NOT be composed of selected men from more than one coy.
3. DRESS FOR GUARD:-- Boots, anklets web, or puttees short (uniform within gd), trousers and shirts green, steel helmets, marching order. (Packs will be removed from sentries). Twenty rounds SAA ball will be carried by each man but rifles will NOT be loaded NOR magazines charged.
4. NUMBER OF POSTS: Four (4), namely
  - No 1 Post: Northern entrance to No 2 Camp;
  - No 2 Post: Br at PADDOCK'S CROSSING, EILOGO CREEK;
  - No 3 Post: Guard Tent, opposite Bde H.Q. Orderly Room.
  - No 4 Post: Bde Comd's tent.
5. Reliefs: Sentries will be relieved hourly at the clock-hour. When NOT halted at his post a sentry will patrol his beat in a brisk and soldierly manner.
6. COMPLIMENTS: (a) The gd will turnout once a day to the Bde Comd and will turn out to visiting general offrs.  
(b) Sentries will pay the prescribed compliments to armed parties and to all offrs.
7. TURNING OUT: The gd will turn out for inspection when ordered by the fd offr of the day. It will turn out at Retreat, when it will be inspected by the Fd Offr and dismissed to its lines.
8. REPORTS: The gd comd will render his report immediately the gd is dismissed and during his tour of duty will send to the fd offr of the day an immediate report of any unusual occurrence near his gd.
9. MEALS FOR GUARD: Meals for gd will be provided by unit furnishing the gd.
10. STORES: Gd tent and stores will be handed over complete and in good condition from one gd comd to the next.
11. CHANGING OF GUARD
  - (a) Gd mounting parade will take place in front of offrs' mess.
  - (b) Old gd will re-occupy gd tent at 0800 hrs, post sentries on all posts, and be drawn up on parade ground by 0815 hrs.
  - (c) New gd will march on to parade ground at 0815 hrs.
  - (d) New gd will be inspected by duty staff offr and Old Gd by old fd offr of the day.
  - (e) After inspection, gds will hand over their duties and after relief of sentries, old gd will march off to its unit lines and new gd to the gd tent.

*J.C. Mahoney*  
Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

7 AUST INF BDE  
DUTIES OF FIELD OFFR OF THE DAY  
DONADABU CAMP

1. TOUR OF DUTY:- 24 hrs from 0830.
2. HANDING OVER DUTIES Duties will be handed over on Bde Guard mounting parade at 0830 hrs daily.
3. DRESS Dress for Fd Offrs will be :-  
On Guard Mounting parade:- Boots, anklets web (or puttees short), trousers and shirt (green), steel helmet, belt and pistol.  
At other times by day and night, Hat K.F. will be worn.
4. DUTIES OF FD OFFR  
Fd Offr is responsible for the cleanliness, punctuality, good order and discipline of the camp life of tps of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp.  
He will -
  - (a) be present and hand over his duties on Bde Gd mounting parade;
  - (b) inspect the old guard on this parade;
  - (c) read and initial his predecessor's report at Bde HQ at 1000 hrs, and take any action required by it.
  - (d) inspect the guard once by day and at Retreat, when he will dismiss it;
  - (e) inspect the lines of at least one unit daily in company with Bde Hyg Offr, Unit Orderly Offr and R.M.O.;
  - (f) visit the messes of at least one unit at each meal;
  - (g) ensure that all lights (except in essential offices) are out and the camp is quiet at Lights Out before dismissing Camp S.M.
5. REPORT: Old Fd Offr will submit his report to Bde HQ by 1000 hrs on the day of handing over his duties. Report will specifically include matters which require attention by his successor. Reports will not contain merely a record of irregularities but will state the action taken to correct them.

*A. H. Greig* Lieut.

for Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution as per R.Os.

7 AUST INF BDE.

DUTIES OF CAMP SGT - MAJOR.

DONADABU CAMP.

1. TOUR OF DUTY:- 24 hrs from 0830.
2. HANDING OVER DUTIES. Duties will be handed over on Bde Gd Mounting Parade at 0830 hrs daily.
3. DRESS. As for Fd Offr (with appropriate side-arm).
4. DUTIES OF CAMP SGT MAJOR.

Camp Sgt Major will:-

- (a) Assist Fd Offr in maintaining punctuality, cleanliness, good order and discipline within 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp camp;
- (b) Accompany Fd Offr on his inspection of Unit lines;
- (c) Be present at Bde HQ five minutes before Retreat, Last Post (2215), Lights Out and Reveille, and direct the Orderly Bugler to sound the calls at the correct time.
- (d) Remain at Bde HQ at Lights Out until dismissed by Fd Offr.

*A. A. Krebs* Lieut  
for Major,  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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7 AUST INF BDE.

DUTIES OF ORDERLY BUGLER

(a) Orderly bugler will take over duties at Bde Guard Mounting Parade at 0830 hrs daily.

(b) He will report to Camp Sgt Major at Bde H.Q. five minutes before Retreat, Last Post, Lights Out and Reveille and will blow these calls as ordered by Camp Sgt Major.

(c) Dress for Orderly Bugler will be as for gd but side arms only will be worn.

*J. Mahoney*  
Major,  
Bde Major 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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## 7 AUST INF BDE TNG INSTN No 13

1. Time available for tng.

(a) During period at DONADABU thirty (30) hrs per week will be given to tng.

(b) Units whose tng is governed by this instn are:-

- H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
 9 Aust Inf Bn  
 25 Aust Inf Bn  
 61 Aust Inf Bn  
 24 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.  
 25 Aust Coy A.S.C.

(c) 11 Aust Fd Amb will carry out tng as planned by C.O.

2. Nature of tng.

(a) See para 3 of 7 Aust Inf Bde tng instn No 12 issued 10 feb. (A copy is issued herewith to R.A.E. and A.A.S.C. Units NOT on original distribution). The instns in this para will be closely studied and applied.

(b) Particular attention will be given to individual tng (for which this tng area is excellent), weapon tng and small arms practices. Sub-unit and unit tng can be more effectively undertaken when reinforcements are received to bring sub-units up to strength.

3. Small arms practices

(a) Units will see that each man fires a controlled practice once a week.

(b) Inf Bns will each construct a "jungle firing range" of the type laid out at MILNE BAY. (No range will be constructed until details of site are submitted to this H.Q. for approval of Camp Comdt.)

(c) By 1800 L/22 units will submit to S.C., demands for tng amn.

4. Organization for tng.

Success of tng programme depends on thorough preparation. Fullest use must be made of instrs who have recently passed through schools. Ingenuity must be used to make tng lively, stimulate interest and enthusiasm, and overcome inertia.

5. Classes for Offrs, N.C.O's and potential N.C.O's.

All units will hold classes for each of the above categories, using as instrs offrs recently returned from L.H.Q. and army schools.

6. Per of 'E' (M.G.) Coy.

In anticipation of adoption of tropical establishment which reduces number of Vickers MMGs to four (4), units will train per of M.G. Coy in rifle coy and mortar work.

7. Tng Programmes

Detailed syllabus (2 copies) for each week's tng (incl all "specialist" pls) will reach this H.Q. by 1800 hrs on previous Friday. (Syllabus for week beginning 22 Mar by 1800 L/21).

8. Tng areas

(See sketch att as Appx "A").

- (a) 25 Bn North of EARO CK  
 (b) 9 Bn East of rd through No 2 camp between EARO CK and EILOGO CK.  
 (c) 61 Bn East of rd through No 2 camp between EILOGO CK and No 1 camp.  
 (d) 24 Fd Coy West of EILOGO CK.  
 (e) Bde HQ West of rd through No 2 camp between EILOGO CK and No 1 camp.

Tng areas contd.

- (f) 11 Fd Amb No 1 Camp area
- (g) 25 Coy ASC South of No 1 Camp.

ACK.

Signed at 1745 hrs.

Issued by L.O's

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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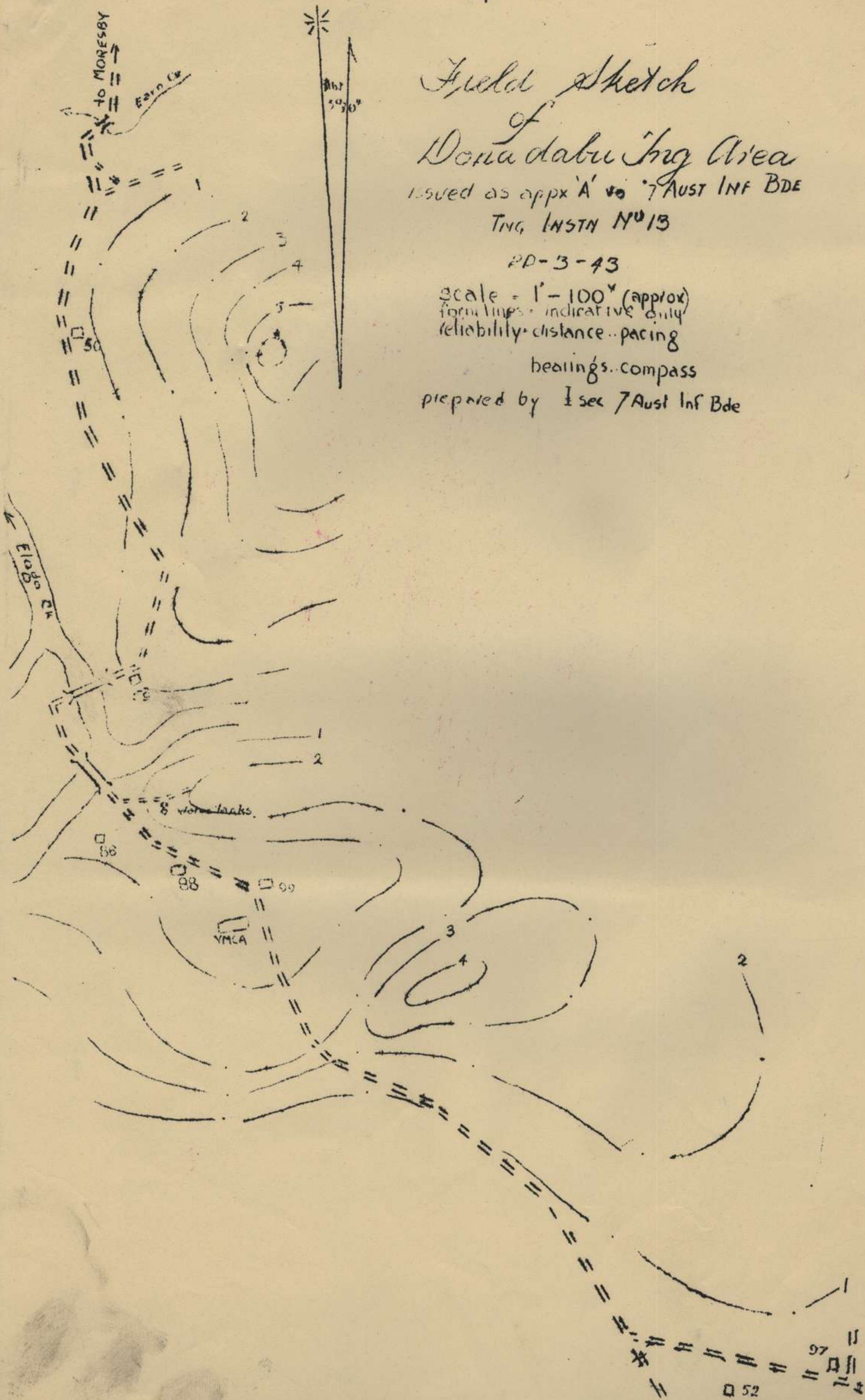
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 of  
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 issued as appx 'A' to 7 Aust Inf Bde  
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BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD COMMANDING  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Date 20 Mar 43

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54 BDE GUARD

(a) Orders for bde gd are issued separately.

(b) Roster for Guard:-

Mounting 0830 hrs.

22 Mar	9 Aust Inf Bn
23 Mar	25 Aust Inf Bn
24 Mar	61 Aust Inf Bn
25 Mar	24 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.
26 Mar	25 Aust Coy A.S.C.
27 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. Def Pl.
28 Mar	9 Aust Inf Bn
29 Mar	25 Aust Inf Bn
30 Mar	61 Aust Inf Bn
31 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. and Sig Sec.

FD OFFICER OF THE DAY.

(a) Orders for fd offr of the day are issued separately.

(b) Roster:-

Mounting 0830 hrs.

22 Mar	Capt G.M. PERCIVAL	9 Aust Inf Bn
23 Mar	Major R. WEPPNER	25 Aust Inf Bn
24 Mar	Capt E. McK TWENLOW	61 Aust Inf Bn
25 Mar	Capt J.A. BERRIMAN	24 Aust Fd Coy
26 Mar	Capt W.A. PEAKE	25 Coy A.S.C.
27 Mar	Capt A.T. BEECH	9 Aust Inf Bn
28 Mar	Capt C.J.K. SMITH	9 Aust Inf Bn
29 Mar	Capt P.S. STEEL	25 Aust Inf Bn
30 Mar	Capt L.A. DAVIDSON	61 Aust Inf Bn
31 Mar	Capt B.T. RYAN	25 Aust Inf Bn

CAMP SGT MAJOR

(a) Orders for Camp Sgt Major are issued separately.

(b) Roster:-

Mounting 0830 hrs.

22 Mar	W.O.II	W.H. BOARDMAN	9 Aust Inf Bn
23 Mar	W.O.II	W. HEART	25 Aust Inf Bn
24 Mar	W.O.II	C. CROSSLEY	61 Aust Inf Bn
25 Mar	W.O.II	D.V. BROWN	24 Aust Fd Coy
26 Mar	W.O.II	C.L. ADCOCK	25 Coy A.S.C.
27 Mar	W.O.II	S.W. BLACK	7 Inf Bde Def Pl
28 Mar	W.O.II	W. BLUNT	9 Aust Inf Bn
29 Mar	W.O.II	W. KNOWLES	25 Aust Inf Bn
30 Mar	W.O.II	A.E. BATSON	9 Aust Inf Bn
31 Mar	W.O.II	B.E. WHITE	25 Aust Inf Bn

ORDERLY BUGLER.

(a) Duties of Orderly Bugler are issued separately.

(b) Roster:

Mounting 0830 hrs.

22 Mar	9 Aust Inf Bn
23 Mar	25 Aust Inf Bn
24 Mar	61 Aust Inf Bn
25 Mar	24 Aust Fd Coy
26 Mar	9 Aust Inf Bn
27 Mar	25 Aust Inf Bn
28 Mar	61 Aust Inf Bn
29 Mar	24 Aust Fd Coy
30 Mar	9 Aust Inf Bn
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*J. Mahoney*  
 Major,  
 Bde Major 7 Aust Inf Bde .

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| 5. 25 Coy AASC    | 11. Comd        | 18-19. File      |
| 6. 11 Aust Fd Amb | 12. B.M.        | 20-25. Spare.    |

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

W.E. AMF 11/2/3

W.E. 12 - 60

Att. 5 - 12

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

20 Mar 43.

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
W.E. *			
Brigadiers 1	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ... 2	1	-	1
Captains ... 5	2	-	3
Lieutenants ... 4	5	1	-
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ... 12	9	1	4

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<del> </del>				

**PART C.— DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.**

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Capt	JACKSON W.J.E. (H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde)		Attending First Aust Army Junior Staff School, ASHGROVE BRISBANE (Return after school requested)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Appt	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut-Col	T/Brig	TX2002 FIELD J	Bde Comd	Yes	
Capt	T/Maj	Q15602 MAHONEY J.C.	B.M.	Yes	
Lieut	T/Capt	Q21972 MATHISON T.W.	L.O.1	Yes	
"	"	Q21661 McINNES R.D.	I.O.	Yes	
"	"	QX40880 KREBS A.A.	S.C.	Yes	
"	"	QX40836 RADFORD D.P.	L.O.2	Yes	
"	"	QX40881 BLACKBURNE S.T.	L.O.3	Yes	
"	"	N205407 CONWAY W.A.	Educ Off	Yes	
"	"	QX38334 WOOD L.A.	Amen Off	Yes	
<b>OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.</b>					
				Allowed by W.E. Yes or No	
Lieut	T/Capt	Q44829 NELSON C.A.	A.A.S.C.	BASCO	Yes
"	"	Q112877 COOK R.M.	A.A.M.C.	Hyg 0	Yes
Chaplain	"	Qx40347 COUPE C.J.	A.A.Ch.D	Att 9 Bn	Yes
"	"	Q123369 ROSENSKJAR J.M.	"	Att 25 Bn	Yes
"	"	Q123505 JAMES G.	"	Att 61 Bn	Yes
Hon Lieut	"	B 257 GRAHAM E.J.	Y.M.C.A.		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
AS ABOVE					

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

20 Mar 43

(Date of Despatch.)

*A.A. Krebs*

Lieut

(Signature of Commander.)

A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

11 (Bde, Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

Serial No 12

Army Form W. 3009

W.E. 12 - 60

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Att 5 - 12

H.Q. 7 AUST INF BDE (Unit)13 MAR 43. (Date)

W.E. Rofll/2/3

## PART A. Strength, surplus and reinfts required.

Detail	W.E.	Posted Strength	Surplus	Reinftd.
W.O. Class II	2	1	-	1
Staff Sgts	2	1	-	1
Sgts	3	2	-	1
Cpls	6	6	1	1
Ptes	47	26	-	21
	60	36	1	25

## PART B.

## Attached against W.E.

## Attached other than W.E.

Detail	W.E.	Unit 7 Corps to which they belong	Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Cpl 3 Ptes	4	A.A.S.C.	1 Cpl	Y.M.C.A.
1 Cpl	1	A.A.M.C.	1 Sgt 1 Cpl	Postal
1 Sgt	3	A.E.M.E.	2 Ptes	
1 W.O.I	1	A.A.O.C.	1 Sgt 10 Cpls	5 Aust Div
2 Ptes	3	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (Batman Drs)		Provost Sec
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>16</b>	

## PART C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

ARMY NO	RANK	NAME & INITIALS	ARMY NO	RANK	NAME & INITIALS
Evacuated to Australia through illness and now on 'X' List.					
QX38064	Sgt	FORBES J.S.	TX 3186	Pte	HINCH J.E.
Q 15465	"	VICKERY P.C.	Q 99208	"	STEPHENS H.E.
Q 15663	A/Cpl	BOARDMAN L.B.	Q100880	"	WILLIAMS E
Q15511	L/Cpl	SCHLORT F.G.	Q102904	"	<del>WICKY</del> WISHART A.L.
Q100870	L/Cpl	HILLEARD W.J.	Q100589	"	TURVEY C.R.E.
Q99212	Pte	BETZEL A.J.	Q28259	"	SMITH D.J.
QX37980	Pte	KIDD W.D.	Q100004	"	GARSDEN A.J.
Q28247	Pte	RYAN R.P.	QX38335	"	GARVEY S.W.
Q15495	Pte	HARVEY H.	Q64012	A/Cpl	FLOYD B.S. (A.E.M.E)
Q121666	Pte	BYERS F.J.			

## PART D. Details of Surplus or Reinfts required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009

Details of Spec Tradesmen etc	W.E.	Surplus	Reinfts	Details of Spec Tradesmen etc	W.E.	Surplus	Reinfts
Clerks	6	1	2	C.S.M.	1	-	1
Cooks	3	-	-	C.Q.M.S.	1	-	-
Drivers M.T.	9	-	4	Tpt Sgt	1	-	-
Dr Orderlies	9	-	5	Intell Duties	4	-	1
Sig Orderlies	6	-	3	Draughtsmen	2	-	2
Batmen	13	-	5	Hygiene Duties	1	-	1
				General Duties	3	-	2
				Waterman	1	-	-
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>

## Deficiency in att personnel allowed by W.E.

A.E.M.E. 2 Ptes

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde 1 Pte (Batman Dr)

H.Q. 7 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

Date of Despatch 20 Mar 43

*[Signature]* Lieut,  
A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

11 Aust Div.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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by  
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD COMMANDING  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Date 21 Mar 43

"G"

55. TALK TO ALL OFFRS BDE GP

EILOGO R, Capt UMPHELBY (Papuan Inf Bn) will talk to all offrs of Bde Gp on "WAU - SALAMAUA - LAE".

At 1930 L/24 in Offrs' Mess beside

and sufficient seating.

S.C. will provide suitable lighting

*A. A. Grebbs Lieut*  
for Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

"A & Q"

56. CENSORSHIP REGULATION - GREEN ENVELOPES (Ref 11 Aust Div R.O.107/43)

It has been noticed that some units are forwarding letters in ordinary envelopes to Base Censor, marked "No Green Envelopes available".

This is a breach of A.F.C.I. and ordinary envelopes may NOT be used in lieu of green envelopes.

57. COMPASSIONATE LEAVE - APPLICATION FOR (Ref 11 Aust Div R.O.112/43)

In future, units, when submitting applications for compassionate leave, will embody in covering memo the following information. Applications and supporting documents are to be submitted in duplicate in order to facilitate their despatch to the HQ concerned for investigation or approval.

- (a) Length of service in NEW GUINEA. Date and duration of home leave;
- (b) Statement as to applicant's character;
- (c) Can or cannot be spared by unit;
- (d) Unit's knowledge of truth of facts submitted (Name and forward documents in support Dr's certificate, telegram;
- (e) Address at which inquiries can be made and address to which it is desired to proceed on leave;
- (f) Specific period of leave requested with & without pay. In case of leave without pay, that application for same has been made and is held by unit;
- (g) That certificate in accordance with GRO A559/42 para 5 (c) is held, if applicable;
- (h) Recommendations of C.O. stating urgency of case in following categories:-
  - (i) That leave be approved in anticipation of investigation by L of C Area verifying facts; or
  - (ii) That application be referred to L of C Area for investigation and verification.

58. CLOTHING RATION COUPONS

All units requiring coupons for issue to personnel will make application direct to District Finance Officer NG L of C Area.

59. WEEKLY RETURN OF AMMUNITION

The attention of incoming units is directed to 11 Aust Div AQ 919 Instn of 12 Feb 43 which reads as follows:-

"Units will submit to this HQ by 1200 24 Mar 43, a return showing ammunition holdings, also number of rounds per weapon quantities represent. Thereafter a weekly expenditure return will be submitted by 1800 hrs each Friday. NIL returns are required."

Units which have not made an initial return will show total ammunition held at commencement of week. Thereafter a weekly return showing ammunition expended or received will be necessary.

60. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND - 7 AUST INF BDE H.Q.

Balance as per R.O. 3 Feb 43	...	£48	15	6
Deposits	Rec. 755907	14	3	
	C/W 8661	5	6	4
Profit from Unit)		53	19	8
Canteen )				
		60	0	3
		-----		
		£ 108	15	9

*Atty* Lieut  
A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

RESULTS OF 7 AUST INF BDE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

First Place	9 Aust Inf Bn	42	Points
Second Place	25 Aust Inf Bn	30	"
Third Place	61 Aust Inf Bn	26	"
Fourth Place	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	17	"
Fifth Place	11 Aust Fd Amb	15	"
Sixth Place	24 Aust Fd Coy RAE	10	"
Seventh Place	25 Aust Coy A.A.S.C.	3	"

DISTRIBUTION

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2	25 Aust Inf Bn
3	61 Aust Inf Bn
4	24 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.
5	25 Aust Coy A.A.S.C.
6	11 Aust Fd Amb
7	Bde H.Q.
8	'J' Sec Sigs
9	Def Pl
10	241 Aust L.A.D.
11	Comd
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PROGRAMME.

50 metres Freestyle Class A  
" " " " B  
" " " " C

50 metres Backstroke.

50 metres Breaststroke

100 metres Freestyle

Neat dive

Medley Relay

50 metres relay (Team of 8) A

" " " " " " B.

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N.G.F. Camp,

DONA DABU.  
22 Mar 43.

7 Aust Inf Bde.

RIFLERANGE.

The sights selected have the approval of this H.Q.

Sgd. Thos S. Burgess.

Capt.

For Lt-Col , Camp Comdt.

JCM/WEM (23/3)

Subject : MARCH PAST OF UNITS OF 7 AUST INF BDE GP

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

23 Mar 43.

9 Aust Inf Bn	24 Aust Fd Coy	Bde H.Q.
25 Aust Inf Bn	25 Aust Coy A.S.C.	Def Pl
61 Aust Inf Bn	11 Aust Fd Amb	'J' Sec Sigs
		Pro Sec.

Copy to: Comd, B.M., S.C., Staff, Camp Comdt., War Diary (2),  
File (2)

1. Time and Place On Thursday 25 Mar 43 units of 7 Aust Inf Bde gp will march past the bde comd, who will take the salute at a pt on the camp rd between Nos 1 and 2 Camps.
2. Assembly Units will assemble in No 1 Camp by 1050 hrs and will march towards No 2 Camp (see sketch att as Appx "A"). Units from No 2 Camp will march to assembly area in order shown in para 4. One marker per unit will report to B.M. at saluting base at 1030 hrs.
3. Rd restrictions For march to assembly areas rd between HADDOCK'S CROSSING and No 1 Camp will be available as follows:-

Serials 1 - 4	1030 - 1035 hrs
5	1035 - 1040 hrs
6	1040 - 1045 hrs
7	1045 - 1050 hrs

4. Order of March

1. 7 Aust Inf Bde H.Q.
2. 7 Aust Inf Bde Def Pl.
3. 'J' Sec Sigs 5 Aust Div.
4. 24 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.
5. 9 Aust Inf Bn
6. 25 Aust Inf Bn
7. 61 Aust Inf Bn
8. 25 Aust Coy A.S.C.
9. 11 Aust Fd Amb.

5. Procedure.

(a) Units will march past in column of route with 12 paces between coys and 30 paces between units. Unit organization will be maintained and coys etc will NOT be equalized. Head of first unit will pass saluting base at 1100 hrs.

(b) As head of each unit reaches first flag of saluting base, C.O. will give order "Companies in succession, Eyes Right". Each Coy Comd will give the order "Eyes Right" as head of his coy reaches the first flag, and "Eyes Front" as its tail passes the third flag.

(c) All offrs will salute.

(d) Men armed with S.M.Gs will carry them under the left arm so as to swing the right arm in unison with riflemen.

6. Dispersal

Units from No 2 Camp will march straight to unit parade grounds. Units from No 1 Camp will wheel left onto track (see sketch) after passing saluting base and will return to camp after bde comd has left base.

7. Dress

Boots, puttees short or anklets web (uniform within units), trousers and shirts green, steel helmets, drill order (NO water-bottles). Bayonets will be fixed.

8. A/A Protection

- (a) Active. Each unit will mount one A.A.L.M.G. at assembly area.
- (b) Passive. In event of low level attack by hostile planes, units will disperse from assembly areas. On line of march, serials 1 - 5 will disperse to right of rd, serials 6 - 9 to left of rd.

9. Pro 7 Aust inf bde pro sec will

- (a) enforce rd restrictions laid down in para 3;  
(b) direct units to assembly areas;  
(c) stop vehicular traffic on rd between HADDOCK'S CROSSING and No 1 Camp from 1030 hrs to end of parade.

10. Parade States

Adjts of all units will hand parade states to B.M. at saluting base at 1050 hrs. Minimum number of essential per will be left off parade.

11. Brs.

Formed bodies will break step when crossing brs.

ACK.

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

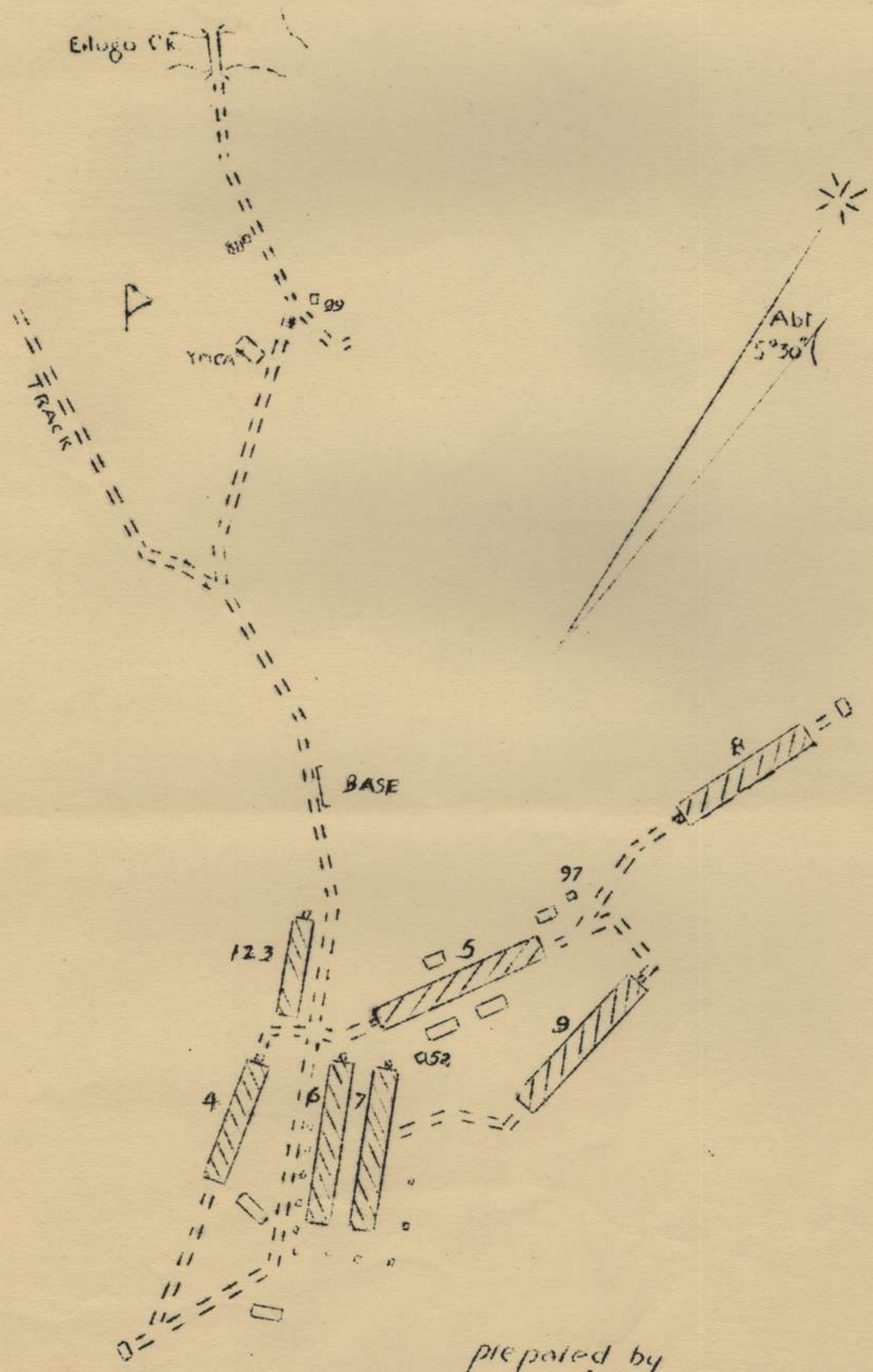
Signed at 1245 hrs

Issued by L.O's

Issued with Appx "A" (sketch)

Appx. "A"

Sketch for 'March Past 25 Mar'  
— showing —  
Assembly area, route, saluting base



prepared by  
I sec 7 Aust Inf Bde

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1  
by  
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD COMMANDING  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Date 24 Mar 43

"G"

NIL

*P. B. Davis* Lieut *for*  
Maj  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

"A &amp; Q"

61. HYGIENE - ISLAND MESSES (Ref 7 Inf Bde Hyg and Sanitation Instn of 18 Mar 43)

The following instns amplify and amend corresponding paras in above instn.

(a) Two Hyg details (each 1 NCO and 6 ORs with 3 picks, 3 shovels) and loading party of 4 ORs for hyg vehicle will report to Bde Hyg Offr or his rep at island kitchen at 0830 hrs daily (full day's work). Roster for this detail is as follows:-

<u>beginning 0830</u>	25 Mar	...	25 Bn
	26 "	...	61 Bn
	27 "	...	Bde H.Q.
	28 "	...	9 Bn
	29 "	...	25 Bn
	30 "	...	61 Bn
	31 "	...	Bde H.Q.

(b) Unit supplying hyg detail will also provide one truck 3 ton to report at Island Kitchen with loading party at 0830 hrs and be available until 1630 hrs.

(c) Chlorination of Water

24 Aust Fd Coy will be responsible for pumping and chlorination of water at W.P. South of PLANT'S CROSSING. Pumping and chlorination will be carried out at hrs laid down in 7 Aust Inf Bde Hyg and Sanitation Instn of 18 Mar 43.

*for* *P. B. Davis* Lieut  
A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

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3	61 Aust Inf Bn	14 Staff
4	24 Aust Fd Coy RAE	15 Camp Comdt
5	25 Aust Coy A.A.S.C.	16 - 17 War Diary
6	11 Aust Fd Amb	18 File
7	Bde H.Q.	19 - 25 Spare
8	'J' Sec Sigs	
9	Def Pl	
10	241 Aust L.A.D.	
11	Comd	

7 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 2Copy No  
25 Mar 43

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DYEING OF CLOTHING, WEBBING AND GAITERS

1. Dyeing of clothing, webbing and gaiters will be carried out at the 7 Aust Div Mobile Laundry and Decontamination Unit on 27 and 29 Mar 43.

2. Clothing ( Shirts and Trousers):-

- (a) Clothing will be dyed on 27 Mar at the Laundry, each unit's clothing being under the care of an NCO appointed by the respective unit.
- (b) Clothing will be taken in unit bundles on one vehicle, and the representative of each unit will travel on this vehicle and stay at laundry during dyeing and drying process.
- (c) To ensure early arrival at laundry on 27 Mar clothing will be collected at 1600 hrs on 26 Mar from units and will be taken, together with unit representatives, to 61 Bn Rear Details Area on same day, from where party will proceed to laundry at 0700 hrs 27 Mar 43. Dyed clothing will be collected at laundry and returned to units on night of 27 Mar.

3. NCO IN CHARGE

The NCO in charge of party will be supplied by 61 Aust Inf Bn.

4. VEHICLE

The vehicle (3 ton) for purpose of transporting party and clothing will be supplied by 61 Aust Inf Bn.

## 5. Webbing and Gaiters:-

For dyeing of these items, collection of unit equipment will be made at 1600 hrs on 28 Mar. Units will supply representative as for 2 (a).

Webbing will be taken apart and tied in bundles of ten separate items of equipment, i.e. 10 straps supporting, etc.

Party with equipment for dyeing will proceed to 25 Bn Rear Details Area on same day and will proceed to laundry at 0700 hrs 29 Mar 43.

Dyed equipment, although it may not be completely dried, will be collected at laundry and returned to units on night of 29 Mar 43.

6. NCO IN CHARGE

The NCO in charge of party will be supplied by 25 Aust Inf Bn.

7. VEHICLE

The vehicle (3 ton) for purpose of transporting party and equipment will be supplied by 25 Aust Inf Bn.

ACK

*H.A. Krebs* Lieut  
A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No 1	24 Aust Fd Coy RAE	Copy No 7	Comd
2	9 Aust Inf Bn	8	B.M.
3	25 Aust Inf Bn	9	S.C.
4	61 Aust Inf Bn	10	Staff
5	7 Aust Div Mobile Laundry	11	File
6	11 Aust Div	12 - 13	War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. AMF 11/2/3  
 W.E. 12 - 60  
 Att 5 - 12

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 27 Mar 43.

## Part A - Strength, surplus or reinforcements required.

1		2		3		4	
Ranks	W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorised est. (excl attd)	Surplus to Est.		Reinforcements required i.e. deficits on est.		
Brigadiers	1	1					
Lieut-Colonesl							
Majors	2	1	-		1		
Captains	5	2	-		3		
Lieutenants	4	5	1		-		
2nd Lieuts							
Quartermasters							
District Offrs							
Totals	12	9	1		4		

## Part B - Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week

Officers JOINED during week

NIL

Officers QUITTED during week

NIL

## Part C - Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Capt JACKSON W.J.E.  
 (HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde) Attending First Aust Army  
 Junior Staff School, ASHGROVE  
 BRISBANE (Return after school  
 requested).

Part D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

(1) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with col 2 of Part A)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temp rank if held	NAME & INITIALS	Appt	Whether present with unit	If not present state how employed
Lt-Col	T/Brig	TX 2002	FIELD J.	BdeComd	Yes
Capt	T/Maj	Q15602	MAHONEY J.C.	Bde Maj	Yes
Lieut	T/Capt	Q21972	MATHISON TW.	L.O.1	Yes
"	"	Q21661	McINNES R.D.	I.O.	Yes
"	"	QX40880	KREBS A.A.	S.C.	Yes
"	"	QX40836	RADFORD D.P.	L.O.2	Yes
"	"	QX40881	BLACKBURNE ST	LO 3	Yes
"	"	N205407	CONWAY W.A.	Educ Off	Yes
"	"	QX38334	WOOD LA.A.	Amen Off	Yes

OFFICERS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Lieut	T/Capt	Q 44829	NELSON C.A.	A.A.A.S.C.	B.A.S.C.O.	Yes
"	"	Q112877	COOK R.D.	A.A.M.C.	Hyg 0	Yes
Chaplain	"	QX40347	COUPE C.J.	A.A.Ch D	Att 9 bn	Yes
"	"	QX23369	ROSENSKJAR J.M.	"	Att 25 Bn	Yes
"	"	Q123505	JAMES C.	"	Att 61 Bn	Yes
Hon Lieut	"	B 257	GRAHAM E.J.	Y.M.C.A.		

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde

27 Mar 43.

*A. Krebs*  
A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde  
11 Aust Div. Lieut



Appx 25

7 INF BDE

ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

Held by courtesy of Bde Comd. Brig. J. FIELD

Judges - (ex officio) Brigade Commander, Commanding Officers of  
9 Bn, 25 Bn, 61 Bn, 24 Fd Coy, 25 Coy A.A.S.C.,  
11 Field Ambulance, and Brigade Major, Capt C.J.K. Smith,  
Capt Tremlow, Capt E.G. White, Capt McInnes.

Starter - Lieut S. HOBBS.

Check Stewards - Lieut J. LAWSON  
Capt. GREGG

Points recorders - Lieut KEATING  
Lieut COOK

Officials for Jumping events - Capt BEECH  
Capt DUGGAN  
Lieut KREBS

Committee - Lieut D. THOMPSON, Mr. E. GRAHAM.

PROGRAMME

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1400	1 Broadjump
1420	2 100 yds Sprint (Heat)
1425	3 Shot putt
1435	4 100 yds Sprint (Heat)
1445	5 High jump
1505	6 100 yds Sprint (Final)
1510	7 Hop Step & Jump
1530	8 220 yds Sprint (Heat)
1535	9 220 yds Sprint (Heat)
1540	10 Standing broad jump
1555	11 220 yds Sprint (Final)
1600	12 440 yds Relay A
1605	13 440 yds Relay B
1610	14 440 yds Relay C

Competition will be held at Camp H.Q. on Saturday  
27th March '43.

Three attempts will be allowed each Competitor in  
jumping events.

Points Relays	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	10	6	4	2

Other events.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	5	3	2	1

DISTRIBUTION

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	9 Aust Inf Bn	25 Aust Inf Bn	61 Aust Inf Bn	24 Aust Fd Coy	25 Aust Coy A.S.C.	11 Aust Fd Amb.	7 Bde H.Q.	Bde Comd.	B.M.	S.C.	Camp Comdt.	Spare

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by  
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD COMMANDING  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Date 28 Mar 43.

'G'.

62. BLUE AND WHITE (SIGNALS) ARMLET.

Attention of all units is drawn to G.R.O. 211.

63. CAMP TIME-TABLE.

(a) Because of return to standard time, from 0600 hrs 29 Mar 43 time-table for units of 7 aust inf bde gp will be:-

0600	Reveille.
0800	Changing of Guards and Duties
0815	First training parade (pl inspection)
1800	Retreat (Gd dismounts)
2200	Last Post
2215	Lights Out.

(b) Orders for gds and duties will be amended accordingly. Old Gd will be on parade ground (sentries posted) by 0745 hrs, when New Gd will march on.

Major,  
Bde Major 7 Aust Inf Bde.

'A & Q'.

64. MESSING ARRANGEMENTS.

Until more mess shelters are built, units who serve meals in the open will build benches of bush timber for men to eat at. This matter must be treated as urgent.

65. SPORTS GROUND, CLEARING OF.

(a) Grassed area used for bde sports will be cleared for use as sports ground.

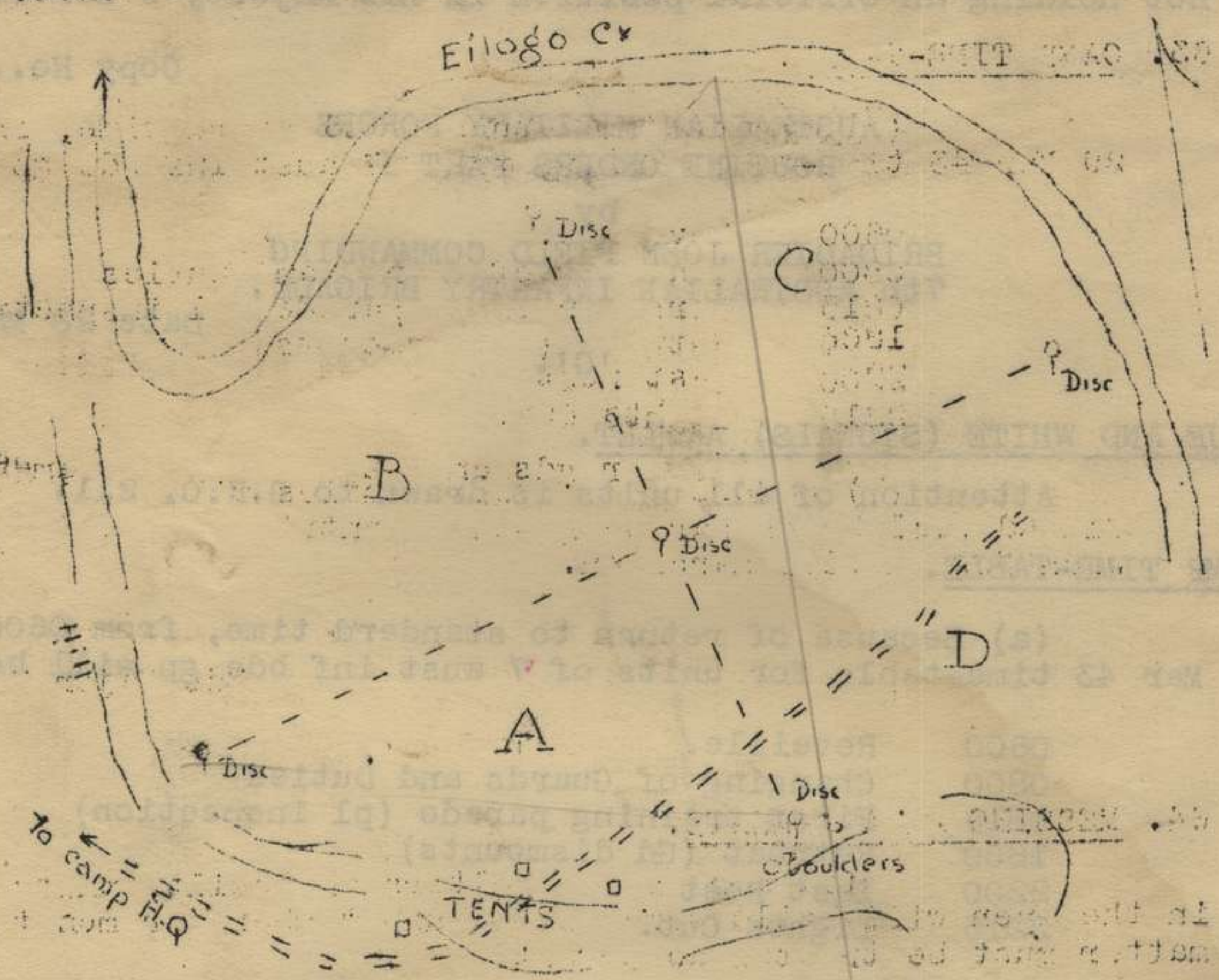
(b) Area has been marked out with yellow discs (see sketch attached) and units are responsible for grass-cutting as shown.

A.	Bde HQ; 11 Fd Amb!
B.	9 bn
C.	25 bn
D.	61 bn.

(c) Units will provide men with all available cutting tools - machetes, bill-hooks, reaping hooks (bringing them from B ech if necessary).

(d) Cut grass will be stacked for burning at pt indicated by Staff Capt after consulting Camp Comdt!

(e) Work will be completed by 1800 hrs 2 Apr 43.



Scale 2" = 100' (approx)

66. BDE CHURCH PARADES

At 0900 hrs 4 Apr 43 combined PD church parade will be held for all units of 7 bde gp. Chaplains concerned will make arrangements through Staff Capt.

67. SAFARI JACKETS.

Offrs will wear belts cloth or web with safari jackets.

68. DECORATIONS.

Offrs and O.Rs who have military decorations will wear the appropriate ribbons at all times.

*John J. ...* Liut,  
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICE. Found money belt. Owner may collect same by calling at Bde HQ and giving description of contents.

DISTRIBUTION.

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- 2 25 Aust Inf Bn
- 3 61 Aust Inf Bn
- 4 24 Aust Fd Coy RAE
- 5 25 Coy A.A.S.C.
- 6 11 Aust Fd Amb
- 7 Bde HQ
- 8 J Sec Sigs
- 9 Def Pl
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19 MAY 1943

WAR DIARY

OF

7 AUST INF BDE

FROM 0900 HOURS 1 APR 43.

TO 0900 HRS 1 MAY 43.

(VOL 2. PART 4)

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118  
(adapted.)

H. 160M

Unit 7 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 1 Apr 43 To 0900 hrs 1 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.		
FORT MORESBY.	1 Apr	0900	Location statement	Appx 1.		
		1500	2/1 Tk A Regt is transferring three 2 pdr Tk A Guns to 7 Bde			
	2 Apr		2/43 L.A.D. will inspect guns and associate stores for serviceability on behalf L.A.D. prior to transfer.	Appx 2.		
		0830	Cpl Davis to report to 1 Aust Army Corps reception Camp today.			
		1200	Instn Inter-pl competition "Head of the Bde"			
	3 Apr		1415	L.H.Q. Tactical school sub-unit comd wing. Nomination QX40823 Jeffrey T/Capt - T.L. Kelly 9 Bn withdrawn in view his previous nomination 1 Aust Army Jnr staff school		
			0905	L.H.Q. Tactical school course 5 your ref G 884 our 43/G76/35 dated 31 Mar. 1 Aust Army Jnr staff course No 5 your ref G 532 and G 976 our 43/G76/25 dated 23 Mar and 2 Apr. Bde Comd would prefer T/Capt J.L. Kelly 9 Bn attend course 5 L.H.Q. Tactical school sub-unit comd wing and nominate QX36184 Capt J.E. Duggan 25 Bn Jnr staff school. If these nominations not approved nominate QX 654 Capt J.H. Woodroffe 9 Bn L.H.Q. Tactical school instead Capt Kelly. Please advise selection.		
		1200	7 Bde Aquatic carnival No 2. Results in R.O. dated 15 Apr.	Appx 3.		
		1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 3 Apr.	Appx 4.		
		1200	A.F. W 3008	Appx 5.		
		4 Apr	0830	N.G.F. Trg School course No 9. Vacancies required 3 Offrs 7 NCO's		
			0835	N.G.F. Trg Course 9 Sec N.G.F. R.D. 108 Students report school 26 Apr. Vacancies requested 1 Offr 2 NCO's each Bn Def pl 1 NCO.		
				0840		Submit nominal rolls this HQ by 12 Apr showing priority. 11 Aust Div M.E. 22 Advise inspection of 3 Tk A Guns completed and satisfactory. S.C. will arrange drawing of guns and movt to DONADABU.
			2110	Ref 11 Aust Div G1052 of 3 Apr. School of Arty Tk A Jun R.A.A. Tk A Offrs and Inf Offrs refresher course No 17 is cancelled.		

*J.B. Mahoney*  
Major

7 Aust. Inf. Bde.

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time.—From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	5 APR	1435	Arrangement s made for Pl Comds each Bn watch method of instn N.G.F. Trg Centre morning 8 Apr. Party in charge Lieut R.E. Gowland	
	6 Apr.	1625.	61 Bn - Assemble Bde HQ 0830K/8 - veh provided by 61 Bn - Report Adjt 0900. L.H.Q. Trg School BEENLEIGH Course 5. Following Offrs only selected- Lt-Col St John Field, temp Maj WEPPNER, temp Capt DONALDSON, LAWSON. Students report Corps Reception Camp 7 Apr.	
	7 Apr	1825 I	Instn- Visit of Minister for External Territories to DONA DABU Camp.	Appx 6.
8.	Apr.	1000	visit by Lt-genl Sir Iven Mackay, Minister for External Territories Maj-genl Morrish A.D.M. Brig Gilliland and Brig Secombe.	
		1200	7 Bde Intelligence Summary No 9	Appx 7
	9 Apr.	1700	Three Tk A Guns received from 2/1 Tk A Regt.	
		0850	Visit will be repeated 14 Apr with different party. Same arrangements except that party assembles 0815 Hrs. RPC Ceremonial Parade.	
		1450	7 Bde Trg Instn No 14.	Appx 8.
	10. Apr	2000	9 61 Bns reinfnt Offrs interview/by Bde Comd at this H.Q.	
		0845	Much appreciate having had opportunity 12 Jnr Offrs visit N.G.F Trg School. All profitted from visit.	
		1200	Notes on Jungle Warfare by Maj Webster 25 Bn.	Appx 9
		1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 10 Apr.	Appx 10.
		1200	Trg Of Tk/A Pls.	Appx 11.
		1200	A.F. W3008 and 3009.	Appx 12.
		1200	9 Bn activities for week ending 9 Apr. Rifle Coys on Inf Trg and Bde Inter-pl Competition. Mortar, MMG and Sigs on individual Trg ALL rifles zeroed. MMG Pl H.Q. Coy conducted combined exercise and school Apr 9. Tk A Pl received instns 2 pdr Tk A Gun 9 Apr. N.C.O. School conducted by O.C. HQ Coy. "I" School by I.O.C Coy	
			fighting patrol exercise to Eligo Plantation 3 Apr. - 25 Bn Activities. Rifle Coys on Inf trg and sports. Demonstration by personnel HQ Coy on 5 Apr. of Mortar.	
	11 Apr.	1200	11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 6.	Appx 13.
		1800	DONADABU TRG AREA MAP completed from field sketches submitted by units (Att to appx 15)	J.B. Mahoney Major

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Date and Time.—From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	11 Apr.	1910	Posponement of Taurana area recce (ref Para 1 Appx 11) to 13 Apr	
	<del>12</del>	<del>1100</del>	<del>owing to road DONADABU - Moresby impassable.</del>	
	12 Apr.	1130	Report on P.M. Raid 106 - bombs jettisoned on bearing of 115°M at approx 1½ miles from DONA DABU. No damage this area. One plane seen to fall on bearing of 10° M approx 20 miles from this HQ.	
	13 Apr.	1105	Sitrep to units - MORESBY Raid 12 Apr by 45 Jap bombers and 65 fighters - all dromes except Jacksons attacked - nil damage to runways - Jap losses by interception 14 Bombers 8 fighters 1 fighter possibly - by AA 2 bombers certain 4 probable - our casualties 8 killed or died of wounds - 2 bombers 1 fighter destroyed on ground - 3 fighters damaged on ground - fuel dump destroyed 4000 x 44 galls.	
		1200	Sporting arrangements for Saturday 17 Apr.	
		1520	Message to 11 Div - <del>Instructors consider</del> Inf Bns now capable maintaining 4x2 pdr Tk A Guns per Bn increased number of guns would assist trg.	Appx .14.
		1758	Demonstration of Tk A Guns authorised by 11 Div - Range to be selected and amn will be offset against Apr allotment.	
	14 Apr.	1400	N.G.F. request 7 Bde supply N.C.O. as instructor their HQ - Sgt W.K. Low 61 Bn nominated.	
		1435	Two Pdr Tk A <del>Demonstration</del> 19-24 Apr postponed until further instns.	
		1550	Nine 2 pdr Tk A Guns to be collected from 2/1 Tk A Regt by 7 Bde.	
		1920	Message from 11 Div - School of Arty Tk A for N.C.Os 24 May-19 Jun to instruct N.C.Os in drill manoeuvre and equipment. Advise by 16 Apr Number of vacancies desired - 7 Bde require 3 vacancies - 1 per Bn.	
	16 Apr.	0850	Message to 11 Div. Propose follow demonstration 2 pdr Tk A guns with demonstration 2" and 3" mortar. Same range suitable. 30 rds 3" incl smoke 20 rds 2 1/2" incl flares.	
		1200	Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 15 Apr. and map DONADABU TRG AREA.	Appx 15.
		1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 16 Apr.	Appx 16.
		1200	Instn Inter-Pl Competition - "Head of the Bde"	Appx 17.
		1200	7 Bde Trg Instn No 14	Appx 18.

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Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time.—From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	16 Apr 43.	1244	11 Div suggest 5 R.P.G. for each of 12x2 pdr Tk A Guns during proposed demonstration.	
	17 Apr.	1040	Request 3 Inf assault boats and 3 inflatable recce boats with all associate stores be made available 7 Bde DONADABU from 19 Apr for river trg. crossing trg.	
		1200	A.F. W 3008 and 3009.	
		1335	Demonstration of Inf supporting weapons.	Appx 19.
		1500	61 Bn - Fighting patrol exercise in Head of the Bde Competition - Anti para-tp exercise for all rifle Coys - Map of DONADABU area completed - clay model of PYRAMID PT area prepared - N.C.O. school No 3 completed.	Appx 20.
		1500	61 Bn advise that 7 Pl A Coy is their entry for the Head of the Bde Competition.	
		1800	7 Bde sports afternoon included interunit Rugby league and soccer games.	
		1800	9 Bn advise that 8 Pl A Coy is their entry for Head of the Bde Competition.	
	18 Apr	1800	61 Bn N.C.O. school No 4 commenced this morning - Tutorial discussions all Offrs for day was trg Instns.	
		1800	9 Bn report that Lieut Gaul O.C. HQ Coy supervised test of 8 Austen sub Machine Guns.	
	19 Apr.	2040	7 Bde unable to fill vacancy course 9 School of M.I. Senior Wing	
		1145	N.G.F. call for nominations to represent 7 Bde at PO RT MORESEBY Swimming Carnival to be held on Easter Monday 26 Apr.	
		1800	Request to 9 Bn to supply 1 Offr with experience Flame Fougasse to 7 MG Bn MORESEBY Area for demonstration purposes.	
		1800	25 Bn report 17 Pl D Coy will represent them in Head of the Bde Competition.	
		2250	Message from 11 Div - Maj Sutch 9 Bn, Maj Wiles 61 Bn will arrive MORESEBY 1100 Apr 20.	
	20 Apr.	1200	7 Bde R.O. dated 20 Apr	
		1400	Assault and recce boats 3 of each approved - available period 10 days from receipt.	Appx 21.

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Date and Time.—From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	22 Apr	1918	Nominations for OCTU WOODSIDE No 3 Course as follows:— 9 Bn QX 43139 Lieut Taylor M.R., Q16319 Cpl Stanton E.J.	
			25 Bn Q 22003 " Steele S.D., QX37357 Cpl Horn K.	
			61 Bn Q108090 " Watts A.A., Q108326 Sgt Whybird. J.K.	
	23 Apr	1200	7 Bde Trg Instn No 14.	Appx 22.
	24 Apr	1200	A.F. W3008 and 3009.	Appx 23.
		1515	Request 11 Div sufficient copies of ATM subsequent to No 16	
			for issue Bde HQ and 3 Bns.	
		2030	Invitation by A/Bde Comd and Offrs to G.O.C. to lunch at Bde HQ <i>11 Bde - Maj. Gen CLOWES</i>	
			Offrs mess 26 Apr 43.	
	25 Apr	1400	Bde Aquatic carnival No 3	Appx 24.
	26 Apr	1800	7 Bde reps to PORT MORESBY Swimming Championship	
		1100	G.O.C. inspected interpl Competition. <i>He arrived with AA, QMG, &amp; DAAG</i>	
		2130	7 Bde to supply 4 Tk A Guns for Wk/shop inspection and repairs.	
	27 Apr	1110	2 To 21 Bde sec 7 Aust Div Wk/shop 2 to 16 Bde sec 6 Aust Div Wk/shop. Request to 2/1 Tk A Regt that 4 portees be made available for evacuation Tk A Guns. Report to 7 Bde HQ aftern on 27 or morning 28 Apr.	
		1200	Return of personnel of 7 Bde who disembarked MILNE BAY between 11 Jul - 31 Dec 42	
		1200	7 Bde Intelligence Summary No 10	Appx 25.
		1200	7 Bde Intelligence Summary No 11	Appx 26.
		1200	Maj Singe G.H. 11 Aust Div <i>arrived</i> visited 7 Bde HQ for 2 day visit	Appx 27. Mortar range posns discussed with BM.
		1200	Return of swimmers and non swimmers 7 Bde.	Appx 28.
		1200	Tutorial discussions No 3.	Appx 29.
		1225	11 Div advise seek approval Comdt Base area re rifle ranges DONADABU. Ranges may have to be of permanent nature.	
	28 Apr	1400	Reinfts to 9 Bn - 13 personnel from 1 Aust Army Reception Camp.	
		1105	Approval requested for use of 3" mortar practice on suitable Mortar range described in 43/g/31 of 17 Apr Appx 20	
		1200	7 Bde Trg Instn No 14.	Appx 30.

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Bde. Major, 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.



*Appx 1*  
7 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT.

*Appx 1*

AS AT 2359 K/31 43.

(Ref Map Port Moresby Special 1" - 1 mile)

Unit	No	Location	Ref Map	Comm	Remarks.
H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde	88	BONA DABU 179396	P.M. Special	L/T Base Switch.	
" " " "	"	"	"	"	-
Defence Pl	"	"	"	"	-
'J' Sec 5 Aust Div Sigs	"	"	"	"	-
9 Aust Inf Bn	53	"	"	"	L/T Bde Switch.
25 Aust Inf Bn	50	"	"	"	"
61 Aust Inf Bn	99	"	"	"	"
11 Aust Pd and Loss 1 Coy 52		"	"	"	Runner.
7 Aust Inf Bde Rear H.Q. 88		951347	"	"	L/T through 17 Bde switch.

*[Signature]*  
 Capt.  
 I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

JCM/WEM (2/4)  
Ref. 43/G/25

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
2 Apr 43

Subject: INTER-PL COMPETITION - "HEAD OF THE BDE".

(see A.T.M. Aust 12, p 8).

9 Aust Inf Bn (30)	Comd.	(1)
25 Aust Inf Bn (30)	B.M.	(2)
61 Aust Inf Bn (30)	Staff	(10)
Bde H.Q.	11 Aust Div	(1) for infm.
Def Pl.	File	(2)
'J' Sec Sigs (1)	War Diary	(2)
	Spare	(10)

#### Programme

"Head of the Bde" competition No 1 for pls will be held as follows:-

- (a) 5 - 11 Apr : Coy heats
  - (b) 12 - 18 Apr : Inter-Coy elimination to decide best pl in bn.
  - (c) 19 - 25 Apr : Championship - best pl from each bn.
- All rifle pls will compete in (a).

#### 2. Composition

(a) Each competing pl will be composed of pl comd, pl sgt, three sec comds, 20 O.R's.

(b) Teams will be made up from one pl only and pl comd will carry pl roll for checking during competition. Pl sgt may at any time be ordered to take charge of pl.

(c) Substitution will NOT be permitted, nor will allowances be made for absences however caused.

(d) Units will relieve pls from duties and fatigues while competing.

3. Umpiring. Units will provide own umpires for stages 1 (a) and (b). Bde Major will be chief umpire for stage (c).

#### 4. Events.

Number	Nature	Time needed	Points
1	Turn-out, weapons and lines inspection	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	50
2	Pl drill	$\frac{1}{4}$ hr	50
3	Small Arms practice - 100 yds - 2 rounds per firer - 3 brens, 6 S.M.G's, 16 rifles. One pt per hit on bull or inner	1 hr	50
4	Grenade throwing (standing) - two throws per man - 6 ft circle at 25 yds.	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	50
5	T.O.E.T's - any pl weapon or A/Gas.	2 hrs	50
6	Map reading	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr	50
7	Verbal messages	$\frac{1}{4}$ hr	25
8	General Military Knowledge Questions (written)	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	50
9	Fieldcraft - Concealment and Camflg	1 hr	50
10	Observation test - noting and reporting of happenings of military significance on the front of the pl.	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	50
11	Bren Gun - stripping, assembling, advanced handling (any member of pl may be tested).	1 hr	50

Number	Nature	Time needed	Points
12	Assault course - rifle and bayonet (incl firing) - one minute (points lost for exceeding time allowed).	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr	50
13	Cross-country run (compass) - military boots and shorts only - one mile - 12 minutes. (All runners to count; points lost for NOT checking in at control pts or NOT finishing within time limit.) 1st team 50; 2nd 30; 3rd 15.	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	50
14	Fighting patrol - opposed by a competing pl. Pts gained for prisoners, captured eqpt, infm; pts lost for casualties, lack of security.	2 hrs	50

5. Pennant.

Pl winning the title "Head of the Bde" will hold a pennant so long as it holds the title. Competition will be held monthly.

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Number	Nature	Time needed	Points
1	...	...	...
2	...	...	...
3	...	...	...
4	...	...	...
5	...	...	...
6	...	...	...
7	...	...	...
8	...	...	...
9	...	...	...
10	...	...	...
11	...	...	...

7 Aust. Inf. Bde. Swimming Carnival, No. 2.

by courtesy of the Bde. Comd. - Brigadier J. Field.

Carnival will be held in the Laloki River on Saturday, 3 Apr. at 1400 hrs.

Judges (ex-officio) Brigade Commander, Commanding Offrs of 9, 25, 61 Bns,  
the Brigade Major,

Capt. McInnes (BdeHQ), Lieut Thompson (9Bn), Lieut Cook (BdeHQ),  
Lieut. Radford (BdeHQ), Lieut Platz (9Bn), Lieut Hill (25Bn), Lieut  
Cottee (61Bn). Judge of Diving - Lieut Hobbs (61Bn)

Starter, Capt. McDonald (25Bn). Check Starter, Lieut Blackburne (BdeHQ)

Recorders and Scorers, Lieut Lawson, Lieut. Nelson (25Bn).

Referee, Lieut. Wood (BdeHQ). Committee, Lieut Collins (25Bn) Lieut Hobbs (61Bn)

PROGRAMME.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Event.</u>
1400.	1. 50 metres Backstroke.
1405.	2. 50 " Freestyle. (Class I).
1410.	3. 100 " Freestyle.
1415.	4. Medley Relay (1. Back 2. Free. 3. Breast 4. Free).
1425.	5. 50 metres Freestyle. (Class II).
1430.	6. 50 " Freestyle (Class III).
1435.	7. 50 " Breaststroke.
1440.	8. Neat Dive.
1500.	9. Relay No 1. (Eight men)
1500.	10. " No 2. " "
1520.	11. " No 3. " "
1530.	12. Officers' Relay (Six men).

One entrant from each unit in each event except Event 8. when two will be permitted. Detailed lists of entries will reach Committee by 1930 hrs. 2 Apr. Bank Units are asked (for sake of competition) to enter best men in Class I and Relay No 1, second best in Class II and Relay No 2 etc.

Points. Relays - 1st. 8. 2nd 5. 3rd. 2.  
Other Events - 1st. 5. 2nd 3. 3rd. 1.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I  
by  
LIEUT-COL E.S. MILES ADM COMD  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Date 3 Apr 43

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75. W.E. INF BN (TROPICAL SCALE - II/12C/2)

In anticipation of orders to adopt this W.E., bns will organize and train existing per to fit organization of inf bn (tropical scale). Surplus per will NOT be disposed of, nor will promotions in excess of present establishment be made until instns to adopt new W.E. are issued.

76. BDE GAS COURSE

Ref memo 43/G76/22 of 9 Mar 43, this course will begin 5 Apr 43. Instns previously issued hold good.

77. OFFERS ADM COMD.

The undermentioned offrns began to administer comd of units of 7 Aust inf bde at the times shown:-

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde	Lt.-Col E.S. MILES (QX 36371)	25 Bn
	from 0600 hrs	3 Apr.
9 Aust Inf Bn	Maj. C.S. WEBSTER (QX 34429)	25 Bn
	from 0600 hrs	1 Apr.
25 Aust Inf Bn	Maj. R. WEPPNER (QX 40879)	25 Bn
	from 0600 hrs	3 Apr.
61 Aust Inf Bn	Maj. C.H. BICKS (QX 47842)	61 Bn
	from 0600 hrs	1 Apr.

*J.B. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

"A" & "Q"

78. TRANSFER TO AIF (ADMS Adm Instn No I)

In the event of a soldier desiring to transfer from CMF to AIF the unit MO will examine the man and if he considers he is fit, class A.1 or A.2, he will complete a D.1 (one only) as far as he can and sign it. The D.1 will be forwarded to ADMS who will arrange a Specialist Board. The completed D.1 will be returned to the soldiers unit, and the Unit will be responsible for the completion of transfer, forwarding of forms to records, etc. Unit MO will also complete medical portion of the AAF A 200. This procedure is necessary as Records are frequently unable to produce a record of the man's original classification. Time is saved in the long run if each applicant is reboarded.

79. WOMEN VISITORS TO DONADABU CAMP

Women will NOT be admitted to 7 Aust Inf Bde camp without prior approval of this H.Q. Sentry at No 1 Post will turn back all women NOT carrying a pass issued by this H.Q. Units will ensure that all sentries know and enforce this order.

80. DRINKING WATER

Only water drawn from water vehicles is fit for drinking. Water from water points may be used for kitchen only when cooking practice involves boiling. Hyg per will ensure that these precautions are carried out.



81. BDE CHURCH PARADES

At 0900 hrs., 4 Apr 43 of E, O.P.D. and R.C. Church Parades will be held for all units of 7 Bde Gp. Parades will be held as follows:-

Combined C of E & O.P.D. 9 Aust Inf Bn area  
R.C. 25 Aust Inf Bn area

Units will move from present unit areas and be in position in places already allotted to them by 0850 hrs 4 Apr 43.

Dress Steel helmets, trousers, shirt (sleeves rolled), anklets web or puttees short, and sidearms will be worn.

*A.A. Krebs.* Lieut.  
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

LOST : Paybook of N 299144 - A.M. PRINDABLE, 25 Aust Inf Bn.  
Was recently lost in or around present 25 Bn Area.

FOUND: Identity Discs: QX 22029, J.L. GUNDER  
N 80418, R.A. JOHNSON

Owners may have same by applying at 7 Bde Orderly Room.

DISTRIBUTION

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3	61 Aust Inf Bn	11	S.C.
4	11 Aust Fd Amb.	12	Staff
5	'J' Sec Sigs	13	Camp Comdt
6	Def Pl	14-15	War Diary
7	241 Aust L.A.D.	16	File
8	11 Aust Div.	17-22	Spare

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*War Diary*

*Apr x 5.*

*4/2/43*

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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WE 12 & 60  
" (Att) 5 & 12

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

3 Apr 43.

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
<b>W.E.</b>			
Brigadiers	1	-	-
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1	-	-
Captains ...	2	-	3
Lieutenants	5	1	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals ...	9	1	4

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		N11		

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		N11		

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present hereabouts, if known.)
Capt.	JACKSON	W.J.E. HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	Attending First Aust Army Junior Staff School, Ashgrove, Brisbane. (Return after school requested)

PART D. NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	<del>Corps</del> Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.-Col	Brig	FIELD J.	Bde Comd	No	At Senior Offr's
Capt	Maj	MAHONEY J.C.	B.M.	Yes	Arty School,
Lieut	Capt	MATHISON T.W.	L.O.1	"	Puckapunyal.
"	"	McINNES R.D.	I.O.	"	
"		KREBS A.A.	S.C.	"	
"		RADFORD D.P.	L.O.2	"	
"		BLACKBURNE S.T.	L.O.3	"	
"		CONWAY W.A.	Ed.O.	"	
"		WOOD L.A.	Amen.O.	"	
<b>Officers attached from other Corps</b>					
Lieut	Capt	NELSON C.A.	AASC	BASCO	As per WE - yes or no yes
"		COOK R.M.	AAMC	Hyg.O.	"
Chaplain		COUPE C.J.C.	AA CH D	att 9 Bn	"
"		ROSENSKJAR J.M.	"	" 25 "	"
"		JAMES G.	"	" 61 "	"
Capt	Lt.-col	MILES E.S.	25 Bn	Adm Comd	No
"		BODDAM-WHETHAM T.C.	11 Div	Temp Duty	"
Hon.Lieut		GRAHAM E.J.C.	YMCA		"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		see above			

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

3 Apr 45

(Date of Despatch.)

*A.A. Krebs* Lieut.  
A/Staff Capt. (Signature of Commander)  
11 Aust Div.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

Apr 6. Apr 7

JCM/WEM (7/4)

Subject : VISIT OF MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL TERRITORIES  
TO DONADABU CAMP

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
7 Apr 43.

Ref. 43/G/29

9 Aust Inf Bn  
25 Aust Inf Bn  
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11 Aust Fd Amb  
Bde H.Q.  
Def Pl.  
J Sec Sigs.

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B.M.  
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Camp Comdt  
File (2)  
War Diary (2)

1. Timetable Minister for External Affairs accompanied by G.O.C.-in-C, NEW GUINEA FORCE, will visit DONADABU Camp 8 Apr arriving 0955 hrs, leaving 1030 hrs.
2. Rendez-Vous A/Bde Comd will meet party at North entrance to No 2 Camp. C.O's will be at respective H.Q. from 0930 hrs.
3. Syllabus (a) Each C.O. will have details of day's syllabus and Coy location statement at hand.  
(b) Period 0955 - 1030 hrs will be used for weapon trg, at which one squad will be inspected.  
(c) Unit N.C.O. classes will be engaged in a weapon trg lesson - 9 and 25 bns on parade ground opposite 25 bn H.Q.; 61 bn near unit H.Q.  
(d) As a squad is approached, instr will call squad to attention, turn to meet inspecting party and announce his name, the name of his squad and his lesson:- for example:- "Sgt LOVELOCK, Sir. 9 bn N.C.O's class. Bren gun, holding, aiming and firing."
4. Unit lines. Unit lines will be in inspection order by 0815 hrs. Units will ensure that on this - as on all trg days - number of personnel remaining in lines is kept to minimum. Units will NOT allow bathing between 0900 and 1100 K/8
5. Dress. Boots, puttees short or anklets web (uniform within units) trousers and shirts green, helmets steel, drill order.
6. Guard. Gd will turn out as G.O.C.-in-C's veh approaches HADDOCK'S CROSSING and will give a general salute to G.O.C.-in-C.
7. West Aust per. On daily strength state for 8 apr (to reach Bde H.Q. by 0830 hrs) units will include as a footnote number of West Aust per, if any. All West Aust per will report to Bde H.Q. at 0930 hrs.

ACK.

Signed at.....1825 hrs.

Issued by L.O's.

*J. B. Mahoney*  
Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Compiled from information contained in W.G.P. Summary No 115

From 1200 hrs 24 Mar to 1200 hrs 31 Mar 43.

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

AND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

SEA.

The most significant move by the enemy this week has been the possible attempt to re-inforce LAE/SALAKAUA by a group of six destroyers which were sighted in the FINSCHHAPEN area on night 29/30 Mar.

It will be recalled that in Dec 42 a similar situation occurred, when the Japanese were unable to get tpt vessels to BUNA owing to our air superiority - in this case destroyers were also used to off-load troops within marching distance of their destination.

AIR.

Although the raid on GBO BAY at 1145L/28 Mar was carried out by a formidable force, with two smaller raids on the nights of 29 and 30 Mar, enemy air activity is still not on a proportionate basis to his air strength.

In the face of continued activity on aerodromes and bases, and the building up of strength that has taken place, it is possible that the enemy is deliberately conserving his aircraft for a specific operation.

OPERATIONS

(a) LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

GBO BAY - GOOLENOUGH ISLAND AREA.

The situation in this area remains unchanged, and a further two parties of survivors from the BISMARCK convoy were reported off PORLOCK Harbour on 27 Mar. Eight more survivors landed at Cape VIBALL, on north coast of PERGUSON Island, and all were killed. The casualties to 0600 hrs 31 Mar now number one hundred and thirty-five captured and two hundred and thirty-five killed.

HAMBARE AREA.

A recon patrol successfully reached DUVIRA, at the mouth of the HAMBARE River, and further patrols have reported the beach area HANAU to DAU, and the inland area from the GIRA to WUWU Rivers, clear of enemy. It would appear that the isolated pockets of enemy between HAMBARE and WANIA have decided to evacuate because of gradual encroachment by our patrols, and because their hopes of receiving regular supplies and reinforcements have not been realised. Coastwise barge activity has been observed, and it is thought that these parties are making their way to LAE and SALAKAUA under cover of darkness.

WAU - WUBO AREA.

Further progress has been made in this area, and OBSERVATION Hill and DRY Creek were found to be clear of enemy on 27 Mar. KITCHEN Creek area is now regarded by our own troops and enemy as a "no man's land", and the enemy establish ambush positions there daily. Activity has been evident on NE slopes of OBSERVATION HILL, and one of our patrols encountered new positions where they were ambushed and suffered slight casualties. Closer analysis of supposed mortaring of a patrol on OBSERVATION Hill leads troops in the forward areas to think that mortars were not used, but that the fire came from 70mm or mortar guns. Activity on the NONIATUM track was evident when a patrol contacted a party of enemy and killed five.

Enemy were located on the coast to four miles south and inclusive of the BITOI River mouth. Contact was made with a party from this area on LABABIA Ridge, at the junction BITOI River-BUIGAP creek area, and the enemy were dispersed with the loss of one killed.

MAT MAT Garrison were subjected to mortaring on 29 Mar. Our own mortars opened fire and the enemy ceased fire.

Shipping and barge activity has been observed round LABABIA Island, which might suggest that supplies or reinforcements are being brought into the BITOI River.

No enemy contact is reported in the MISSIA area. active patrolling continues.

a pocket of enemy still holds out around the KUNUSI river mouth, and recent reports state that sixteen have been killed and two captured in the period 22/24 Mar.

MAKURAN AREA.

Increased activity has been observed at HEATH'S plantation and lorries, which appear to be hauling field guns, have been seen to pass HEATH'S, moving west along the LAE-MAKURAN road.

A patrol followed the track from BWARIP to OONSIS has established the fact that no enemy are located south of OONSIS.

SAIDOR AREA.

The villages of HUR, WILWILAN and SAVHI were reported to have been occupied by the enemy on 27 Mar. The strength of this force is estimated at one hundred strong, and they are reported to have landed in four launches. They camp on the beach at night and disperse into the bush during the daylight hours, but no inland penetration is thought to have been made as yet. Crew of low flying aircraft state that activity on SAIDOR strip suggests that the enemy may be making it servicable.

BOGIA AREA.

It is learnt that the enemy occupying force in this area numbers 2/300, and BOGIA may become a further enemy base on the BN coast. This force is considered more than would be normally required as a maintenance complement for a staging base, and, in view of these facts, it would appear that their role is one of development.

It is stated that the troops are billeted at BOGIA Harbour and ULANDA plantation, three miles north of BOGIA. Roads have been repaired in the area, and bridges either erected or repaired.

WUBIA aerodrome, adjacent to the shores at HANSA BAY, is considered as being usable, and patrols have been active on the SHPIK, down to NADARO, and on the RANU river to BOSMAN.

WUWAK AREA.

Natives in this area report Jap patrols being made into the hinterland from WUWAK and BUT. It is not known how far these patrols have penetrated, but it is thought that the object was merely reconnaissance. The suggestion that these are organised searches for future potential food supplies is discounted, because of the amount of shipping which has been observed in the WUWAK area during the past week. It is considered that food is no problem in this area.

(b) SEA - RABUL.

RABUL.

On 26 Mar, photographic reconnaissance of RABUL Harbour revealed a total of sixty-four large and medium ships. These were classified as follows:-

- 3 destroyers
- 7 submarines
- 6 auxiliary vessels
- 6 tankers totalling 21,000 tons
- 37 Merchant vessels, totalling 173,000 tons.

These figures show a sharp increase on those reported in the last summary. On 18 Mar, there were only thirty-five ships, comprising:-

- 3 Destroyers
- 4 Submarines
- 3 auxiliary vessels
- 25 Merchant vessels

Apart from the rise in merchant vessel tonnage, the increased number of warships should be noted. Destroyers have frequently been used for supply and reinforcement, in both the S LORONS and NEW GUINEA. In view of the extreme vulnerability of their merchant shipping, it is highly likely that they will be used extensively in this theatre in the near future.

NEW HANOVER AREA.

On 23 Mar, a vessel of about 8,000 tons was sighted at RAVIENG. It had no superstructure, and no break in the deck, the ends of which appeared to be square. The suggestion that it was a small aircraft carrier was strengthened two days later, when reports showed an increase of eighteen fighters in NEW IRELAND.

Two small convoys were sighted on 28 Mar, about 100 miles NE of LORSENGAU, moving in the direction of PALAU. The convoys, which were

south 15 miles apart, totalled-

- 3 Destroyers
- 4 Cargo Vessels 4/5000 tons each
- 1 " " 10/12000 tons.

The following morning another force of eight vessels was seen sixty miles SW of KAVIENGO, and also proceeding in the general direction of PALAU. This force consisted of

- 2 Destroyers
- 3 Cargo Vessels 4/5000 tons each
- 2 Transports
- 1 Auxiliary vessel 3,000 tons.

NEWAE.

Five merchant vessels, aggregate tonnage 25,000, and a destroyer were sighted at anchorage on 25 Mar; three of the ships were unloading. Photographs taken next day showed three ships totalling 10,000 tons, and thirty-four landing barges. The barges could possibly be used for constructing a pontoon wharf. VICTORIA BAY (KAIKIRU Island) is still being used by small craft, and on 22 Mar a 3,000 ton cargo vessel was sighted there.

A 6,000 ton vessel was observed unloading at SOGIA on 25 Mar; several smaller vessels have also been active in this vicinity.

A summary of enemy shipping in the WE sector as at 30 Mar is:-

- 2 Cruisers
- 13 Destroyers
- 14 Auxiliary Craft
- 64 Merchant vessels
- total 93 ships

E.W. SECTOR.

Activity in this area has subsided considerably.

Photographs of ANSOV on 25 Mar show eight vessels, totalling less than 10,000 tons - a decrease of some 20,000 tons since 18 Mar.

In TIMOR, the port of LAUTER, from which supplies for PUILORO aerodrome are normally off landed, harboured five vessels of unstated size on 25 Mar.

(c) AIR - OWE.

NEWAE.

A large formation of heavy bombers attacked shipping, the town and aerodrome areas, on 26 Mar. Four probable direct hits on a 40,000 ton cargo vessel were observed.

HABAUL.

On 26 Mar, eight liberators attacked the township with 2,000 pound bombs. Fires and explosions were observed, but the intensity of searchlights prevented an accurate assessment of results.

LAR-SALANAU.

JACOBSEN'S plantation, on the MARHEAN Road, was attacked by Bostons on 26 Mar and 27 Mar. Bombs fell in target area, causing fires and large explosions.

Buildings and dumps at NELA and in the FRANCISCO River area were attacked by Seafighters Beauforts. Numerous fires were started at NELA, and an explosion was observed on the south bank at the mouth of the river.

SALANAU was again subjected to a bombing attack on 26 Mar with some success.

At MUDO, several direct support attacks against huts, machine gun positions, and enemy concentrations points were carried out.

PINSCHNAPEN.

Two aircraft bombed the wharf and building areas on 30 Mar, setting fire to one large building. At 0230 hrs on the same day, a further aircraft attacked a large destroyer in the harbour. A direct hit was scored on the stern, and a near miss was reported. Four other possible destroyers were sighted. Between 1330 and 1400 hrs, a co-ordinated attack against the PINSCHNAPEN area was carried out. Buildings at SALANAU, WELDOBACH, and small craft on the coast were strafed.

GASHATA

On 30 Mar, a strike force of five Liberators, originally

destined to attack a convoy of four destroyers, which were last reported two hundred miles west of RABAUL, failed to locate them. They were diverted to attack targets at GASHATA at 1336 hrs. Bombs were dropped on the runway, dispersal areas and buildings.

BOBIA.

On 27 Mar, an 8,000 ton camouflaged vessel was attacked. One probable direct hit and two near misses were claimed., but the extent of the damage inflicted could not be ascertained.

ORO BAY.

sixteen Lightnings and fifteen Kittyhawks intercepted a large formation of enemy medium bombers and dive bombers, escorted by fighters over ORO BAY on 28 Mar. Eleven fighters and two dive-bombers were definitely destroyed, while a further eight fighters and four dive-bombers were probably destroyed. One Kittyhawk was the only allied aircraft casualty.

(c) AIR - ENEMY.

The most noticeable aspect of the enemy's serialoffensive during the past seven days, is that his intention has again been restricted almost entirely to SE NEW GUINEA.

Two Raids early in the week, both on 24 Mar, over MILNE and ORO BAY, proved abortive. Three aircraft were employed in the first, and only one in the second. Bombs dropped on each occasion caused neither damage or casualties.

On 26 Mar, another single aircraft was employed in a raid on ORO BAY, during which four bombs were dropped, again causing no damage.

During the early morning hrs of 27 Mar, two enemy aircraft bombed an area in the vicinity of KURINDA village (about eight miles south by east of IONA), on the MARBARE River. No report of damage has been received.

A force of 25 medium bombers and probably fifteen dive-bombers, escorted by a large number of fighters, was intercepted at ORO BAY on 28 Mar. The raid proved to be an expensive one for the enemy. Eleven fighters and two dive-bombers were certainly destroyed, with a further eight fighters and four dive-bombers listed as probables. Bombs which were dropped before the arrival of our fighters damaged the wharf. The "BANTAN" a vessel of 3,352 tons, which was alongside at the time was badly holed set afire, and was subsequently beached. Two Barges, two motor launches and a surf boat, which had been used in lightening, were sunk. Another vessel, the "MASAYA", of 1,174 tons, which was standing off approximately five miles east of ORO BAY, received several hits and sank. Casualties to personnel reported were five killed, and six seriously injured.

Again concentrating on ORO BAY, six medium bombers made four runs over the dock area early the following morning. Eighteen bombs were dropped on this occasion, which, in addition to causing a benzine fire, resulted in the wharf again being hit.

Telephone lines were only damaged when 10/12 bombs were dropped from three enemy air craft on ORO BAY, night 29/30 Mar.

In the NE sector, MERAUKE was raided on 28 Mar by seven medium bombers. Approximately forty bombs were dropped, causing damage to civil administration buildings, and slight damage to the jetty.

ENEMY OOB - LAND.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

A report from HELDSBACH on 26 Mar states that enemy troops wearing naval insignia were in that area. These are probably part of the LAE Garrison Force, which is mainly composed of Naval troops. It was previously believed that a party of these troops had moved to PINSCHAPEN from LAE by plane.

PERSONALITIES.

An unconfirmed report states that Lt-Gen SAIKI controls the transport of stores and supplies to RABAUL.

A Lt-Gen SAIKI, Fuzio was reported to be Commanding Officer of the Sea transport Unit, with headquarters, at UJINA (JAPAN), in May 1941. He was associated with "AKATSUKI" in Nov 42.

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

SAIDOR and ENVIRONS. (SAL COAST).

SAIDOR, reported occupied by a party of fifty of the enemy on



25 Mar 43, was the site of the Government station, for the administration of the HAI COAST area.

The Government Station is situated on the right bank of the HANKINA River, about one mile upstream from the river mouth, and adjacent to the SAIDOR aerodrome.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

##### (a) TOPOGRAPHY.

The country in the vicinity of SAIDOR may be classified as coastal kumai plain, with occasional clumps of secondary growth. The plain country extends inland for approximately two to three miles to the foot hills, and then there is a sudden rise to mountainous country - an altitude of 5,000 feet is reached twenty miles from the coast. From the foot hills inland, the vegetation changes to secondary growth and rain forests, with heavier rain forest and then moss forest at the higher altitudes.

##### (b) POINTS OF MILITARY IMPORTANCE.

###### SAIDOR Aerodrome.

Tracks along the coast east and west, which could be made Jeep-able, and routes southward across the PINISTERRA Range to connect with the RAMU and MARRHAN VALLEYS. The latter are suitable for foot traffic only and then, NOT for the movement of large bodies of troops.

Good observation may be had of SAIDOR from a number of points from four to seven miles inland.

##### (c) OFFSHORE CONDITIONS.

A characteristic feature of the coastline is a chain of reefs which rim the shore line. Beyond this barrier, which is usually close inshore, the sea bed drops steeply and ensured safe navigation for shipping of any tonnage two to three miles offshore.

##### (d) ANCHORAGES.

Protection for small craft is afforded during the north-west season at SAUI, at WAB during the south-east season while all-weather protection is to be had off GUMBI MISSION.

Approach to the latter requires local knowledge for navigation of the reef.

##### (e) BILLETING FACILITIES.

SAIDOR Government station :- office, Patrol Officer's house, store, sick bay, police and native labour accommodation - all of kumai and bush timber materials but capable of affording shelter for 80 to 100 troops.

LADAP plantation :-, Iron-roofed house and native labour huts - would accommodate 80. (situated about one mile east of the Government Station).

GUMBI MISSION plantation :- Church, mission house (both iron roofed) and out buildings - accommodation for 100 to 150. (Across HANKINA River and about two and a half miles north-west of SAIDOR).

##### (f) TRACKS.

The coastal tracks are good and very little work would be necessary to make them suitable for jeep traffic. The only obstacle, a serious one, to the preparation of a through road to WADABO is the frequent incidence of fast flowing coastal rivers which are unfordable for jeeps and would require bridging.

Development of inland tracks for jeep or even through horse traffic is considered impracticable.

##### (g) AERODROME.

The aerodrome at SAIDOR is sited on flat kumai country, and has an excellent firm surface which makes serviceability possible in all seasons. The present length is 300 yds and may be extended to the south-east for a further 300 yds. The runway is 80 yds wide but could be widened to the northward.

Except for a few isolated clumps of secondary growth, there is no natural vegetation suitable for the cover dispersal of aircraft in the vicinity of the aerodrome.

Approaches to the runway which run northwest to south-east, are excellent from both directions.

Aerodrome was obstructed, by order, in Jan 42.

(h) HANKINA River.

The river is fast-flowing and although fordable on foot during the dry seasons is considered dangerous. A wire and rope suspension bridge for foot traffic only is sited near the Government Station.

(i) NATIVE LABOUR.

It is stated that approximately one hundred and fifty natives suitable for labour would be available within a radius of seven miles of SAIDOR and further resources at villages beyond that radius. It is considered however, that the natives in the district would be unwilling to provide labour for the enemy and that their first experience of an aerial bombing would precipitate an evacuation of the area.

SECURITY.  
CENSORSHIP.

The use of ordinary envelopes in lieu of green envelopes continues; most troops apparently consider the endorsement "No green envelopes available" sufficient to evade unit censorship. This is not the case however and all mail so endorsed is held and returned to units.

A more recent innovation is the practice of posting letters enclosed in a second envelope direct to the base censor.

All mail should be censored within the unit, excepting green envelopes which are subject to censorship only at base. The scale of issue allows for one green envelope every ten days, or three per month, and any other communication with base censor is a contravention of A.F.C.I No 22. No envelope or package, <sup>can be used</sup> as a substitute for green envelopes.

SECURITY.

Many reports on suspicious lights have been made by units in this area during the past month, and have been investigated by P.S.S.

Unfortunately, more often than not the report was received hours after the actual happening, and contained no information of real value such as bearings, time, distance, etc. In many cases, the units seem to consider that to report the matter is sufficient, and make no attempt to investigate themselves, even though they are on the spot.

Many reports on being investigated have been found to be shooting stars, fireflies, matches, native fires, etc.

Keeness of the troops in reporting anything of a suspicious nature is encouraging and appreciated; indiscriminate reporting however only causes a great deal of unnecessary investigation.

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7 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No 14

1. Purpose This trg instn is meant to amplify Trg Instns Nos 12 and 13 and must be read in conjunction with them.
2. Hrs of trg. During week beginning 12 Apr thirty-six (36) hrs will be given to trg, allotted as follows:-

	Type of trg	Hrs.
(a)	Drill	3
(b)	Weapon trg and SA practices	9
(c)	Individual	6
(d)	Tactical	12
(e)	A/Gas	2
(f)	Night	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>

3. Nature of trg
  - (a) Units will be organized for trg according to W.E. inf bn (tropical scale) II/12C/2. Particular attention will be given to new weapons - e.g. 2 inch mortar, increased number 3-inch mortar, 2-pdr Tk.A. gun.
  - (b) Para 3 of Trg Instn No 12 issued 10 Feb 43 must be closely studied by all offr and applied in this trg.

4. 2 Pdr Tk A Gun One instr per bn supplied by 2/1 Aust Tk. A. Regt will be available until 23 Apr incl. Units will make fullest use of these instrs for intensive trg of per selected for Tk A. Pl. Instrs will be responsible to O.C. H.Q. Coy for discipline, duty and organization of trg and will report on suitability of per chosen. Syllabus prepared by senior N.C.O. from 2/1 Aust Tk. A. Regt will be issued for use by all bns.

5. N.G.F. Trg Instns (a) N.G.F. Trg Instns No 1 (C.W. Trg Policy) and No 2 (Trg Policy) dated 29 Mar have been issued to units.

(b) C.W. trg. Para 3 N.G.F. C.W. Instn will be applied by all units of 7 Aust Inf Bde.

(c) Trg. N.G.F. Trg Instn No 2 will be read and initialled by all offr. It will be made the subject of tutorial discussions by offr and N.C.O's. Its substance will be used as material for three (3) 10 min talks to all men by their own pl comds:- (1) Offensive action, individual efficiency and morale; (2) Battle Drill, Adm and Cooperation; (3) Defence.

6. Aids to trg. Units must construct and improvize trg aids - bayonet dummies, jungle-firing ranges, assault courses. Bayonet fighting, for example, can NOT be effectively taught if men merely stab the air. Dummies and assault courses are essential. Similarly, quick use of weapons-from the hip, from behind trees - is taught by confronting a man with unexpected targets on a jungle-firing range.

7. Fd firing. This area is very suitable for fd firing exercises with cooperation of all inf weapons. Units wishing to use for this purpose a piece of country away from approved rifle ranges will make application to this H.Q. three (3) days in adv, giving full details of proposed exercise.

8. Grenades No 36 M As far as trg amm allows, units will ensure that every man has thrown at least one (1) live grenade.

9. Mortars 2 inch and 3 - inch. In conjunction with trg of mortar crews, units will arrange for all ranks to see demonstrations of firing by both mortars. All practices will be properly supervized - with sound but unostentatious safety precautions. In NO circumstances will live mortar bombs be used as drill rounds for instn.

ACK  
Signed at 1450 hrs  
Issued by L.O's.

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NOTES ON JUNGLE WARFARE, COLLATED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES BY MAJ. C. S. WEBSTER - 25 AUST INF BN.

TERRAIN. The term "jungle" is often misconstrued. In the tropics, country varies from dense jungle incl sago swamps and vine scrub, to tall grass country, lightly timbered. It may be flat or mountainous. There are great variations in temperature. Foggy or wet days greatly affect flying conditions.

ADM. in such conditions is very difficult, due in many cases to lack of port and road facilities, housing etc. Airfields or landing strips are very important, and enable adm to be carried on without roads, e.g. KOKODA, WAU etc.

HEALTH. Efforts to maintain health particularly important due to prevalence of malaria, tropical typhus, tinea, ringworm etc (3. Bn casualties - 6 men sick to 1 wounded or killed. total all ranks at end of OWEN STANLEY campaign, 80.

JAP TACTICS. - (SUMMARY). Well trained - cunning - believes in attack, though wonderfully tenacious in defence; hard worker - probably individual has not much initiative. Makes many mistakes in both high and low ranks; patrolling weak, particularly in defence, e.g. BUNA, where japs sat in holes for weeks. In attack seems to work to a drill, probably due to lack of education. very bold, and takes risks, incl adm risks, e.g. in the advance to TORIBAIWA. Jap use of noise as a weapon rather indicates that japs are afraid of noise themselves. Jap uses M.Gs very boldly and well forward, both in attack and defence. very able in selection of def. posns and in digging field defences.

Night operations have been used solely at MILNE BAY, probably because of our air superiority during day.

DEDUCTIONS FROM TERRAIN AND JAP TACTICS.

1. Tactical features largely non-existent as we understand them in open country, e.g. hills largely lose their importance as one cannot see from them.
2. Movement difficult, and all operations must be conducted along rd or track which is, in effect, a continuous narrow defile. Since observation difficult, comd not usually able to make own recce - depends on patrols. Difficult to learn of enemy strength or dispositions.
3. CONTROL. Very difficult to maintain personal control as in open warfare. In thick country control is vitally important.
4. MEANS OF CONTROL. Simple plan in which every man knows the job. Tight formations - L/T - compasses - limited objectives. Very difficult to control Arty. If near beach may range in water, and then switch on to target (Milne Bay). Other examples, use of A/c (BUNA), "splinter" ranging (BUNA), smoke and very signals. Must consider time and space in use of arty. (May be preferable to attack without arty support in some instances, i.e. takes too long to range.)
5. Easy to gain surprise and concentrate force at any one pt.

PRINCIPLES OF WAR IN JUNGLE. - paramount principles are.-

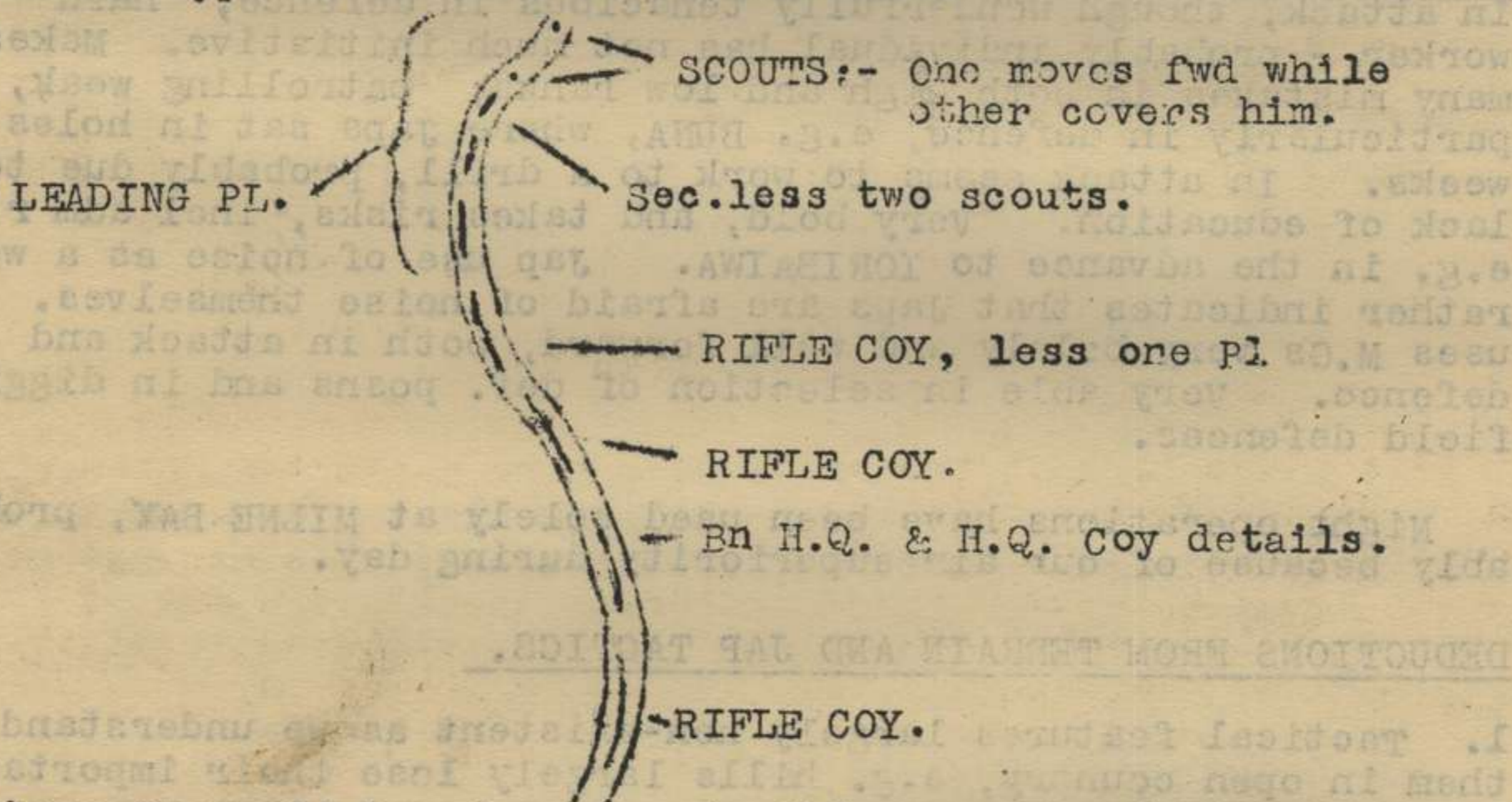
1. concentration of force (men rather than fire)
2. SECURITY. May be quickly and unexpectedly attacked; cond must be on guard at all times.
3. SURPRISE. Easy to ambush or mount attack without enemy knowledge of it, or conversely be attacked by enemy.

IN ATTACK CONSOLIDATION IS URGENT, AND IN DEFENCE ALL ROUND DEFENCE AND PATROLS.

ADVANCE IN CLOSE COUNTRY.

REMEMBER IN TACTICS OUR OBJECT IS ALWAYS TO DESTROY ENEMY. Therefore we must be careful in separating advance, attack and defence. Even in defence, have attack elements in form of patrols.

Depend largely on tracks, and parallel tracks are not usually present. If in single file a Bn may spread over three miles in depth, and be very vulnerable to attack everywhere. Therefore keep coln packed tightly. If enemy is met with, must be quick in concentrating force (essential to have plan prepared for this). One Bde was caught in this way on OWEN STANLEY. Think of control and comms between Bn and Coy Comds. On tracks there is the problem of speed versus security. If trouble is taken to comb country each side of road when not in contact, too much time is sacrificed, and not warranted, unless intelligence has infm that contact is imminent. When the latter case does not hold, the traditional type of advance is recommended.



Above Bn would be advancing in this manner only in case of Bde move where one or two Bns are holding firm base. In case of Bn adv, one or two coys would hold firm base.

Distance between elements of adv guard governed by visibility - generally bends on track. Try to have adv guard sufficiently far ahead of main body, so that minor halts of former will not halt main body. Every man in coln must realise that he is liable to ambush, and have a drill for what to do if something happens (e.g. 8 Pl quickly off track to left, 9 Pl to right etc). 3 Bn used grenades with scouts which cut down casualties. If open patch is struck move around edge of timber - realize edge of timber is important tactical feature.

First contact. Same principles as in open country.

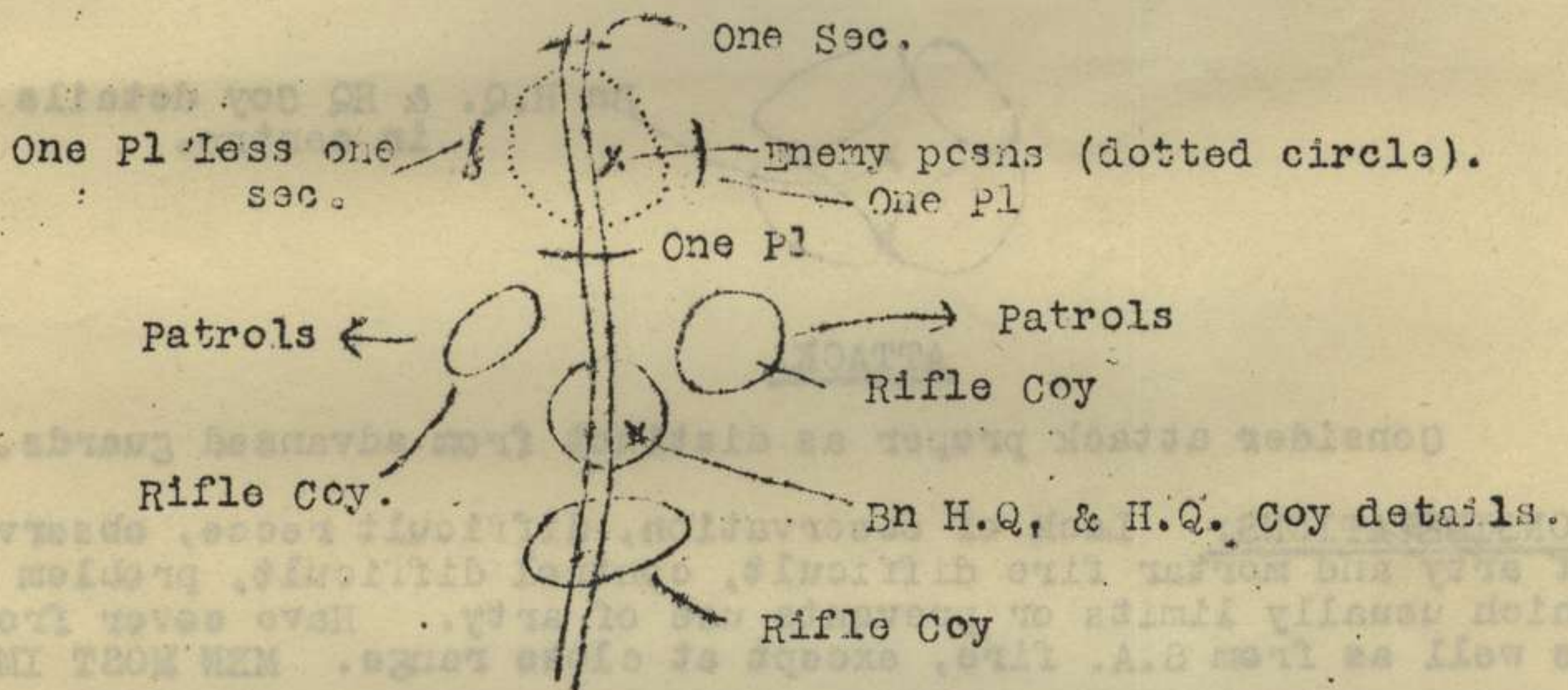
- (a) Protect adv of main body
- (b) Clear minor opposition.
- (c) If cannot do (b), pin enemy and try to find out extent of opposition.

Want some pre-arranged plan for deployment.-

1. First requirement is security - automatically establish firm base for attack.
2. Pin enemy to prevent him getting forward or away. If extent of enemy position not discovered by adv guard, must do so with following elements.
3. Attack and destroy if task is within capacity.

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Consider case of Bn as per above diagram meeting enemy resistance. First scout may be shot at; second scout and remainder of sec get into bush off rd and pin enemy. The next move would be governed by the ground; one sec may be sent to either flank by the pl cmd, say 50 yds out to feel for enemy. Consider these in turn are held up. 3 Bn found it necessary to send out following two pls quickly, as Japs sometimes move a few men rapidly to flanks to give false impression. When these Pls reach enemy flanks, they move to posns parallel to rd on enemy flanks, with perhaps one sec fwd and in rear of enemy posn as per diagram.



Next phase is that two rifle Coys form perimeter defence, then Bn HQ and HQ Coy details, then 4th rifle coy rear of Bn HQ to create a firm base. (Would only do this if move was Pde move, in which we have two other Bns behind. If alone, might use patrols to find flanks and use main body to strike). All this movement is automatic, and will take place unless Bn Comd countermands it, as he will in unfavourable posns.

Above diagrammatic layout is not always applicable, e.g. ground may be too steep on one side of track for occupation by Coy. This arrangement achieves concentration of force, and C.O. has Coy Comds readily available. Must ALWAYS have firm base astride track and essential to patrol widely. Units may be Coys rather than Bns.

#### APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES OF WAR TO ADV.

1. SECURITY. - Provision of adequate adv guards,  
Strong in fire power,  
Establishment of firm base.  
Automatic battle drill.
2. OFFENSIVE ACTION. - The development in each individual, the will to move fwd with determination once contact has been gained.

#### Sound leadership.

3. SURPRISE. Speed of movement and action.  
Automatic battle drill  
Use of reserve.  
Quick use of support weapons.
4. MOBILITY. Physical fitness.  
Discipline.  
Sound system of training.  
Provision of suitable clothing and eqpt for jungle fighting  
Sound sup. plan  
Sound leadership.

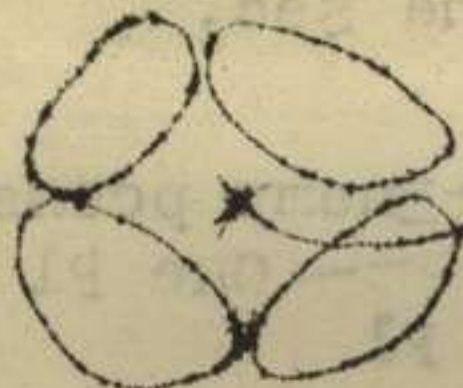
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PROTECTION AT REST.

Perimeter defense. Use of patrols at night to guard against surprise is questionable. Fields of fire limited, so must clear same as much as possible. Central reserve is recommended, particularly in daylight. Jap is determined infiltrator and must guard against this at night. Some Bns have used concentric defence.



Another type - four coys each in perimeter def more suitable for occupation of hill posn.-



Bn H.Q. & HQ Coy details  
in centre.

ATTACK.

Consider attack proper as distinct from advanced guards.

CONSIDERATIONS. Lack of observation, difficult recce, observation of arty and mortar fire difficult, control difficult, problem of tpt which usually limits or prevents use of arty. Have cover from view as well as from S.A. fire, except at close range. MEN MOST IMPORTANT.

PRINCIPLES.1. OFFENSIVE ACTION.

Require dash and determination of tps, plus reserve, as well as good leadership - always coming on the unexpected posts. A man may see one post and rush it, and then be fired on from a post he has not been able to see. Fatal to stop as will be picked off, and likely to lose far more men and achieve nothing. On the other hand, if attack pressed home rapidly, can only be fired on for a few seconds, and likely to achieve something. Impress on men that safest thing to do is to go in without stopping. Enemy defences may vary from light type to Buna type, and must be handled accordingly.

2. SECURITY. Always attack from a firm base. Movement of any force to a flank must not be interfered with during the move. Finally be prepared for any enemy counter move in any direction - remember jungle helps offensive action - ours and his.

Normally try to attack flank or rear, because this is usually the weakest, even in all round defence. Time factor may influence place of attack, e.g. if trying to follow up withdrawal quickly, may decide to attack frontally to save time. Again, if ground falls away steeply to flanks it would not be advisable to attack from flank (uphill). Flank attack in itself is NOT sufficient. Object of outflanking move must be based on securing a better posn from which to attack, and MUST be based on secure L. of C. From whatever pt you decide to attack, try to pin enemy on as wide a front as possible, to prevent him moving reserves to your pt of attack. Consider approach march to flank by Coy doing attack. Must give this Coy ample time to move around before laying on fire support. Again, this Coy must take measures to protect itself. If attack is being made by one coy, it has been recommended two coys be moved to flank, the first to protect second which is to do the attack, and first coy perhaps assists attacking coy in consolidation.

MAINTENANCE OF DIRECTION. - Compass, together with telephone wire marked in 100 yds. Must also maintain contact with tps past whom you are moving.

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SELECTION OF OBJECTIVE. - Sometimes very difficult - generally posn will be astride track. This brings out importance of knowing limits before launching attacks.

EXPLOITATION. Must be very careful in deciding this, often governed by time and space in which comd will lay down time limit for attack and exploitation. Must have time to form a firm base for the night before sunset. Again, if exploit too far may be counter attacked and lose all ground gained.

start line for flank or rear attack will be decided on by Coy Comd carrying out attack, though it may be laid out by members of "I" Sec.

FIRE PLAN. Very difficult, even if you have the weapons. In OWEN STANLEYs there was no arty, and generally one mortar with approx 30-40 rds. Next problem is applying the fire. Some bns used home made telephone, as 7 Bde made. Consider bursting of arty and mortar in trees. At BUNA used delayed action fuze and armour piercing am to knock out bunkers. Concentrated fire far more effective than shoot (remember amn very limited); must always keep res of amn for eventualities.

Quoting Col Chilton, "Air support overemphasised generally, though at MILNE BAY it had a great moral effect, particularly air strafing. Not effective in OWEN STANLEY campaign, except KUMUSI R. & OIVI. May have been valuable indirectly at BUNA on morale. Very difficult for airmen to recognise target, although 2" flare can be very helpful in indicating enemy posns. Probably wireless comn between fwd tps and plane may overcome this.

Wirraway was used at BUNA to direct arty fire and also to draw fire from enemy A/A guns which were also being used by Japs as A/Tk guns.

TANKS IN JUNGLE. (BUNA) Do not often get a track which is fit for tanks. In any case, rd is defile, and generally tanks are not able to move off rd. Thus they become very vulnerable to concealed weapons and easily ambushed. Therefore, to use tanks along rd, adequate support by fire or tps is necessary.

At BUNA, had partly open grasslands, and strip of coconuts 3000 x 4000 yds. First used eight tanks with 2/9 Bn and all these were lost in two days by various causes. Inf tank tactics were used - low gear etc - for which these tanks were not entirely suitable. On the other hand this type of tank will probably be used in future rather than heavy "I" tanks, simply because of the great weight of the latter being unsuited to N.G. terrain. At K.B. (MILNE BAY) Japs used tanks with infantry preceding them. When the latter were fired on, they moved to flanks to protect tanks from ambush, while their tps in rear did encircling movement.

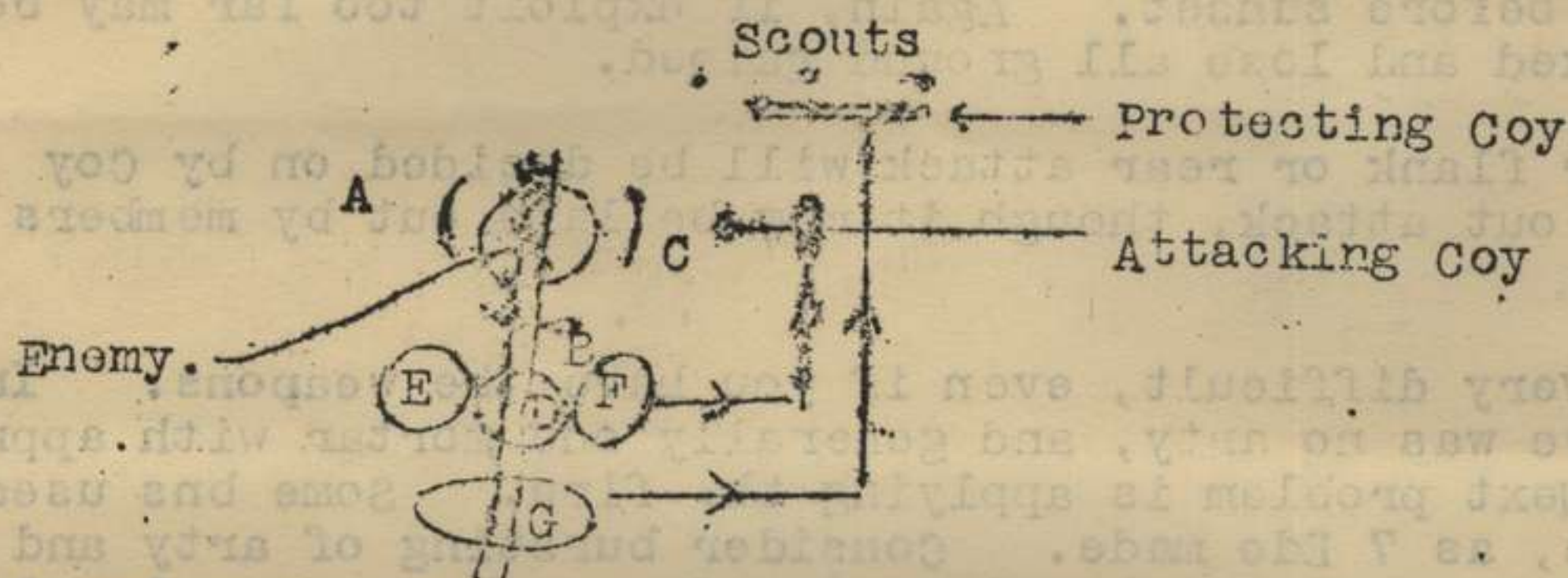
Inf must take care to protect tanks, particularly blind areas near tank caused by lack of depression of tank weapons.

THE ASSAULT. Tps generally come under fire at very close range, while at the same time it is difficult to lay on covering fire from own weapons. Thus assaulting tps must provide own covering fire - all L.M.Gs, & S.M.Gs with leading tps firing from hip. This differs from the normal when inf go in, with bayonet, and is the main pt. The other important point is that if tps go to ground they will suffer more casualties and not gain objective. Jungle has emphasised great value of 35 grenade. 5 Bn used them for barrage effect when attacking down hills, by rolling them along the ground. Also used on bunkers etc.

On reaching objective, tps suffer marked psychological reaction, and physical exhaustion, and are not very effective at this stage. Again, counter-attack is easily launched in the jungle, and therefore

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/in the jungle and therefore must CONSOLIDATE as rapidly as possible, after attack. The answer to this problem appears to be to have reserves available to move in quickly and take over ground won. When carrying out flank attack, Coy which is used to protect movement of Coy carrying out the attack, may be used in consolidation - not always able to do this.



A, B and C are pls of Coy pinning enemy posn.  
 D - Bn H.Q. & HQ Coy details  
 E, F and G - Rifle Coys.

MOPPING UP. - Remember Jap habit of fighting to last man. Therefore detail sub-units to mop up. This may be reserve Pl in Coy attack, but Coy coming up for consolidation must also be responsible.

#### ADM.

Arm Expenditure. Definite limit to what an individual can carry, particularly for Bren and S.M.G. In attack will use terrific amount of arm, and again as men are lost will get a high proportion of automatics as men drop rifles. Who is going to reload? 3 Bn used portion of the protective tps in attack for carrying fwd arm, and reloading. In any case, this matter is not easily answered and tps must be well trained to do this automatically. Finally in jungle warfare it is most important to think of this matter.

INTERCOMM. 108 set inefficient, so if sets work must be used only as an alternative means of communication. When tps move to flank MUST be followed by L/T. Problem is to carry more wire, so need lighter type of wire, e.g. French enamelled wire (one man can carry at least two miles of this type of wire, which is effective over several miles; also the Americans have a very light double wire.

POSN OF BN H.Q. AND MOVEMENT OF C.O. Ideal is to be in posn where he can see everything. In jungle cannot do anything but keep to track and depend on telephone. Case may arise when he will move up with tps for morale purposes. This, however, could not be normal, as it must generally mean loss of control.

#### DEFENCE.

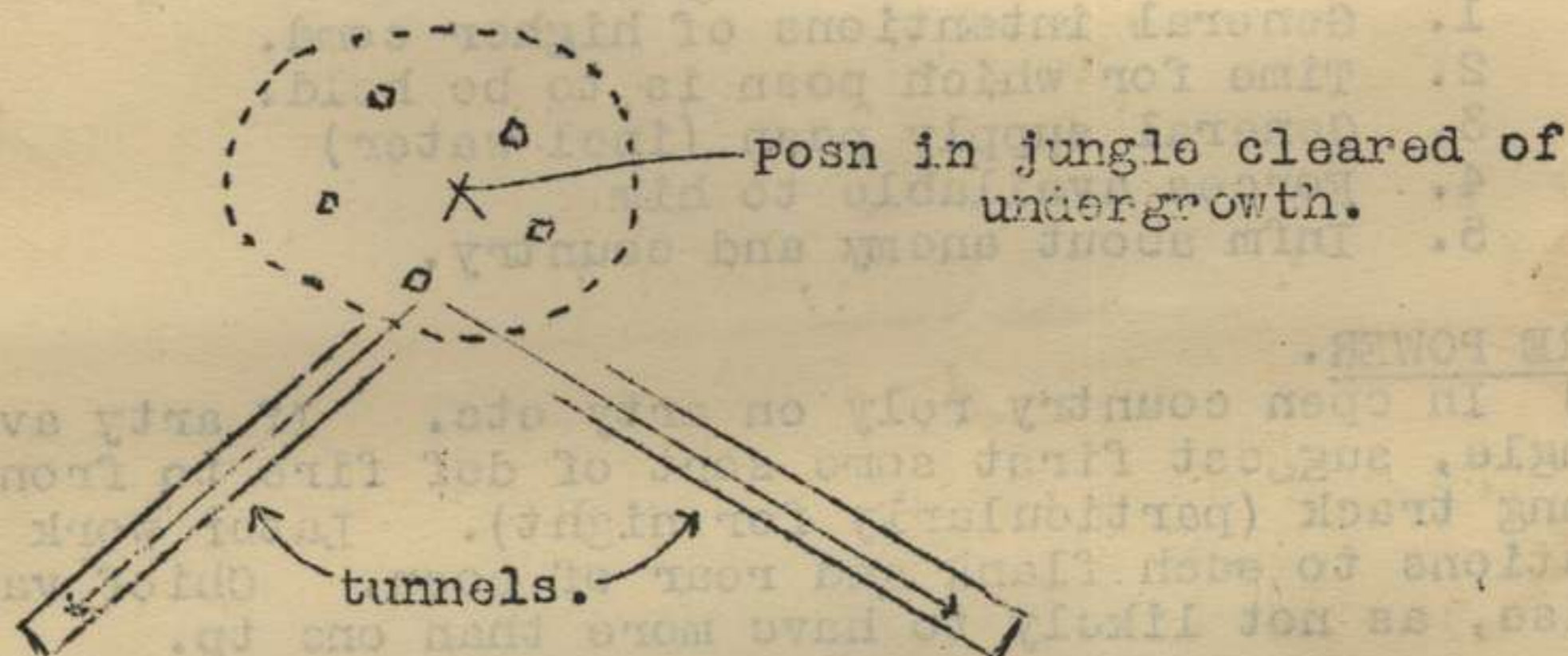
GENERAL. Def is the est and protection of a firm base, from which to carry out offensive action against the enemy. PASSIVE DEFENCE IS USELESS.

#### PRINCIPLES.

1. SURPRISE. Jungle makes concealment of defences easy - hence surprise. On the other hand attacker can conceal his moves and concentrate with ease. Hence in def, must try to ensure early notice of what enemy is up to by patrolling etc.

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2. CONCENTRATION. Fields of fire are limited, and so must depend on tps - hence concentration. Must improve fields of fire as rapidly as possible. In some cases there are comparatively open small clearings. Take advantage of these. On SANAN-ANDA track Japs held "tongues" of timber jutting into open. If lanes are cut through these spaces, the former become very obvious from the air, enabling defs to be pin-pointed. To avoid this, Japs cut tunnels through vegetation, leaving the overhead cover, through which he can fire. These tunnels cannot be seen from air, and difficult to see even from ground.



3. OFFENSIVE ACTION. Passive def is useless and it is only a matter of time before defenders overcome, e.g. Japs at BUNA. Remember always that the object is to destroy enemy and even when attacking, must be holding essential ground. Must have something outside defences with which to strike, def posn itself being the pivot from which to strike.

Aggressive def is achieved by

- (a) Patrolling from def posn
- (b) Local immediate counter-attack by some small body in res, if enemy gains foothold
- (c) Striking force outside defended area (normally above Edes and probably not applicable to Jungle Warfare).

#### 4. SURPRISE.

- (a) Enemy will do everything in his power to draw fire, but sit tight and await suitable target. Only use automatic fire when cannot shoot enemy quickly enough with single shot.
- (b) Camouflage.
- (c) Deception - If we can deceive enemy as to location of our perimeter we have achieved much, e.g. by dummy posns, patrols, ambush parties, booby traps.

#### 5. SECURITY.

Tps in def posns must remain quiet and at no time talk to or about their leaders by name. Never give verbal message louder than can be heard two yards away. Remember noise gives away posn at night.

Security of flanks may be enhanced by holding res out to flanks.

6. MOBILITY. Chief application is in mob of res. Should be reasonably small units and if possible rehearsed in roles. Res held until last resort and then thrown into counter-attack were most successful in CWEN STANLEY and BUNA campaigns.

#### SITE OF DEFENSIVE POSN.

Normally vital ground would be a hill which when covered with trees in jungle, restricts view and so loses much of its value. On the other hand, the occupation of a hill in jungle will force the enemy to attack uphill, having both physical and moral effect.

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SITE OF DEF. POSN (contd)

The vital posn in jungle is normally a track or rd, and posn to be occupied may be governed by water supply, hill, or adjacent ridge covering track as was done by Japs in OWEN STANLEY. Again must have depth along track and all round def, which usually means some form of perimeter def.

INFM VITAL TO COMD.

1. General intentions of higher comd.
2. Time for which posn is to be hold.
3. General supply posn (incl water)
4. Forces available to him
5. Infm about enemy and country.

FIRE POWER.

(a) In open country rely on arty etc. If arty available in jungle, suggest first some sort of def fire to front of posn along track (particularly for night). Later work out arty concentrations to each flank and rear of posn. Chief value may be noise, as not likely to have more than one tp.

(b) Mortars. May be used in similar manner to arty, or for concentrations on more open patches which may be used as F.U.Ps at night. These must be registered. Remember amn expenditure. May use mortars from Bn in depth, provided coms in order.

(c) Air support. Problem is observation, even if use parachute flares to indicate posn, as airmen generally cannot see enemy. Main value is in attacking enemy installations, e.g. supply base at OIVI, interference with coms, e.g. WARTOPI BRIDGE. Straffing of native carriers in the OWEN STANLEY upset Jap supply system. Many carriers escaped and subsequently served our forces.

DIGGING IN.

Of supreme importance. We are inclined to overlook this and efforts should be made to overcome this in trg. REMEMBER, QUALITY OF TRAINING LARGELY GOVERNS SUCCESS IN WAR. Jap shovels more suitable than ours. Posns must be continually improved, and when one posn completed, start another. Jap ideas of weapon pits etc are far more flexible than ours, e.g. at BUNA had many posns sited behind logs, weapon slit being under log; many posns were dug, like ours, while others were circular, giving all round fire and capable of taking four men, two on guard and two resting.

Bunkers at BUNA in general were not pill boxes at all, but were for protection against mortar fire and air straffing. These were about 4 ft high and 12 ft square, with coconut logs on top, plus 12 inches of soil covered by leaves etc. Sides often contained petrol drums built over with earth. Small exit to rear. Very few bunkers had weapon slits and it appears they were simply used as shelters as they were connected to weapon pits. Tps tended to attack these and were fired on from weapon pits to flanks. This accounted for much of the so-called sniping. Lesson - DON'T ALWAYS CONCENTRATE ON THE OBVIOUS. 3 Bn experience, Jap often withdrew from fwd defs which, if we occupied, were fired on from mutually supporting posts.

Another type of bunker at BUNA was about 40 ft long, 5 feet high and planted with kunai grass. This type was provided with slits, and could only be broken down with 25 pdr delay action fuse.

Weapon pits were connected with crawl trenches which were not obvious from the air, in coconut plantation.

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WARNING DEVICES.

- (a) Booby traps of supreme importance. Apart from lethal effect, very useful as warning device.
- (b) Trip wires with tins and stones - very effective.

CONDUCT OF THE DEFENCE.

- (a) In daylight at least, must constantly patrol. MOVE, STOP LISTEN (Ears rather than eyes). Remember noise gives one away, particularly at night, when normally the less movement the better. Ambushing enemy may be very useful when taking up def. posn further back, apart from its normal application. This not only delays him, but conceals our main def posn (surprise). In ambushing, tps on opposite sides of track must be echoloned in depth. Remember the value of ambushes
- (b) CURFEW - suggest no movement after dark.
- (c) ALTERNATIVE POSNS. Col. Chilton thinks these particularly important in jungle. By their skilful use can achieve surprise, e.g. Jap idea of giving up fwd posns.
- (d) SILENCE. Jap tries to draw fire and so have us give our posn away. Also names Offrs and N.C.Os whose names he had overheard. Never open fire until you have something to fire at (very difficult and requires scumd trg). Once an M.G. posn has been exposed, move to alternative posn (This may also be used to deceive enemy as to our strength by causing him to think we have more guns than we really have.
- (e) GRENADES. Very useful at night. Can be thrown without giving away posn; also used in booby traps.
- (f) SUP. Normally supply will be determining factor in deciding length of time def posn may be occupied.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES SUMMARISED.

1. The protection of L. of C.
2. Use of High ground where possible.
3. Intelligent use of clearings.
4. Alternative posns
5. Vigorous patrolling.
6. Mob of res.
7. Deception.
8. Surprise.

REMEMBER THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF WAR APPLY IN ALL TYPES OF WARFARE, WHETHER IT BE ADV, ATTACK OR DEF. IN OPEN TO JUNGLE WARFARE - THOUGH THE APPLICATION OF ANY ONE PRINCIPLE WILL VARY IN DEGREE AND METHOD FOR VARIOUS SITUATIONS. ANY PLAN IS SIMPLY A BALANCE STRUCK BETWEEN PRINCIPLES, e.g. SECURITY AND OFFENSIVE ACTION.

Finally the performance of tps in battle is governed entirely by what happens on the training field.

IMPORTANT. Training is not only physical and mental, but MORAL. The latter produces high or low morale and is governed largely by the standard set by Officers.

C. S. Webster Maj.  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Date 10 Apr 43

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82. DUTY ROSTERS

(a) Fd Officer Mounting 0800 hrs

Apr 11	Lieut T.J. ABERNETHY	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 12	Lieut W.L. RUDDER	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 13	Capt C.J.K. SMITH	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 14	Capt E.G. WHITE	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 15	Lieut J.C. McCOY	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 16	Capt G.M. PERCIVAL	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 17	Capt C.R.K. McDONALD	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 18	Lieut A.R. BROWN	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 19	Capt J.L. KELLY	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 20	Capt M.E. JUST	25	Aust	Inf	Bn

(b) Guard Mounting 0800 hrs

Apr 11	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 12	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 13	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 14	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 15	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 16	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 17	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 18	H.Q. 7	Aust	Inf	Bde
Apr 19	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 20	25	Aust	Inf	Bn.

(c) Camp S.M. Mounting 0800 hrs

Apr 11	W.O.II NEWCOMBE J.	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 12	S/Sgt WILLIAMSON P.E.	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 13	W.O.II MURDOCH N.D.K.	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 14	Sgt DUNCALFE S.	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 15	W.O.II BLACK S.W.	HQ 7	Aust	Inf	Bde
Apr 16	Sgt BATSON S.H.	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 17	W.O.II HOWARTH E.A.	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 18	Sgt RIDLEY D.R.	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 19	Sgt LAMBERT Q.H.	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 20	W.O.II SULLIVAN V.	25	Aust	Inf	Bn

(d) Duty Bugler Mounting 0800 hrs

Apr 11	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 12	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 13	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 14	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 15	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 16	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 17	9	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 18	25	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 19	61	Aust	Inf	Bn
Apr 20	9	Aust	Inf	Bn

83. BOMB - 2" MORTAR.

An unexploded 2 inch mortar bomb is reported to be in area North of HQ Coy 9 Bn on West bank of LALOKI River.

All ranks will be warned that it is dangerous to handle this bomb. Any soldier finding it will mark the posn by planting a stick in the ground and report the finding at once to his unit HQ, who will inform Bde HQ.

84. 2" and 3" MORTARS

In no circumstances will live rounds be used as drill rounds in mortar instruction.

85. SATCHELS SIGNAL

The W.E. of an Inf Bn provides for 8 satchels signal and these will be carried by all orderlies.

86. D.R.L.S. TRAFFIC

Attention is drawn to 11 Aust Div R.O. No 91, which states that all DRLS traffic will be marked with an originator's number, be certified official and signed by an officer and marked with the abbreviation showing means of despatch e.g. SDR, DRLS, ELS or SAFE HAND.

Units will see that these instructions are observed. Failure to do so only results in unnecessary delay of despatches.

87. SECURITY OF INFM

Some women working in factories make a practice of enclosing their name and address while packing foodstuff intended for military consumption. Instances have been reported of men in this Bde replying to these notes and this practice will cease.

The relative censorship instruction is quoted hereunder -

Censorship Instruction - 12 Jan 42 - Appx C.

Advertisement, Circulars, Penpals etc.

- (a) All ranks are forbidden to insert advertisements or letters inviting correspondence with strangers in any newspaper or magazine, nor must they enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such advertisement or invitations.
- (b) Correspondence with "penpals" is prohibited.
- (c) All ranks are forbidden to reply to circulars.
- (d) All ranks are warned to exercise the greatest care in acknowledging presents from unknown friends.

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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88. CHURCH PARADES

At 0900 hrs Sun 11 Apr 43, C of E, O.P.D. and R.C. Church Parades will be held for all units of 7 Bde Gp. Parades will be as follows:-

Combined C of E and O.P.D.	9 Aust Inf Bn area.
Roman Catholic	25 Aust Inf Bn area.

Units will move from present unit areas and be in position in places already allotted to them by 0850 hrs.

Dress; Steel helmets, trousers, shirt (sleeves rolled), anklets web or puttees short, and sidearms will be worn.

*A. Greb* Lieut  
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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Subject : TRG OF INF BN TK. A. PLS.

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

10 Apr 43.

Ref. 43/G/32

9 Aust Inf Bn  
 25 Aust Inf Bn  
 61 Aust Inf Bn  
 2/1 Aust Tk A. Regt (for Maj FOOTE)  
 Comd.  
 B.M.  
 11 Aust Div (2 - one for C.R.A.)  
 File (trg) (2)  
 War Diary (2)

Ref map : PORT MORESBY (Special) : one ml to one in.

1. Recce of TAURANA Area

(a) Maj FOOTE (2/1 Aust Tk A Regt) has agreed to conduct a recce of TAURANA area, 12 Apr 43, to consider siting of inf bn 2-pr Tk A guns with relation to minefields and 6-pr Tk A guns.

(b) The following arrangements will apply:-

(i) Per to attend: Bde H.Q. - B.M. or I.O.  
 each bn - Pl comd and Pl sgt, Tk A pl.  
 (If Tk A pl comd is NOT with unit, C.O. or Adjt will attend.)

(ii) Assembly and Movt: Assemble Bde H.Q. 0745 K/12.  
 Bde H.Q. and 9 bn will each supply one GP.

(iii) R.V. : 1000 K/12 at rd junc at entrance to 2/5 AGH about 951321. Report to Maj FOOTE (veh sign 62; bde sign 88).

(iv) Maps required: PORT MORESBY (Special) one inch.  
 TUPUSELEI 1 : 25,000  
 enlargement TAURANA 8 ins to 1 ml.

(Bde will return to Maj FOOTE : Tk A disposition map and minefield trace.)

(v) Dress : Boots, puttees short, hose tops drab, shorts and shirt, hat K.F., side-arms.

(vi) Luncheon: 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt is supplying midday meal. Per will carry messing gear.

(vii) Recce ends : Approx 1600 K/12.

2. SHOOT 6-pr Tk A Gun

(a) Bde H.Q. and bns will each send two reps (incl all available Tk A pl comds) to watch 6-pr Tk A gun shoot at BOERA arty range, 18 apr 43, according to following arrangements:-

(b) (i) Assembly and Movt: Assemble Bde H.Q. 1545 K/17.  
 Bde H.Q. and 25 Bn will each supply one GP (Carrying chains). Per will spend night 17/18 Apr at 7 bde 'B' ech, PORT MORESBY area.

(ii) R.V. Guide from 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt (veh sign 62) will meet party at track junc 793417 at 0630 K/18.

(iii) Shoot ends: 1100 K/18.

3. Course, tactical handling 2-pr Tk A Guns.

(a) Maj FOOTE (2/1 Aust Tk A Regt) has agreed to conduct a course in the tactical handling of inf Tk A pls and their liaison with sub-units of Tk A Regts (6-pr).

(b) Units will comply with these instns :-

(i) Per to attend: Bde H.Q.: one offr.  
 Each bn.: Tk A Pl comd and pl sgt (or substitutes approved by Bde H.Q.)

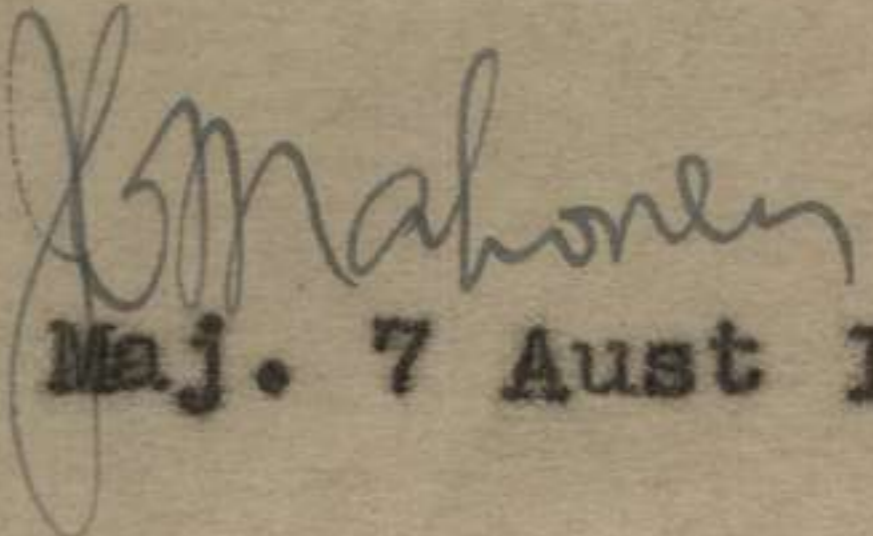
(ii) Duration : 19 - 24 Apr both incl.

(iii) Nominal roll : Nominal rolls (2 copies) will reach this H.Q. by 1100 K/16.

- (iv) Movt. : Movt to and from course will be arranged by S.C. 7 inf bde (see viii)
- (v) Reporting : Students will report at H.Q. 7 bde 0645 K/19 and at H.Q. 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt by 0900 K/19.
- (vi) Eqpt. : All ranks will move in marching order - incl blankets and tents mosquito net - (offrs with valises), note-books and pencils.
- (vii) Accommodation: During course, students will be att 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt for rations, quarters, discipline and duty. S.C. will adjust rations with Q.M., 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt.
- (viii) Vehs. : For movt to and from course and use during course, 61 bn will supply one lt van with dr - (F.W.D. type with chains, if possible)

ACK.

Signed at                    hrs.  
Issued through Sigs.

 Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.**

V.E. AMP 11/2/3  
 V.E. 12 & 60  
 V.E. (Att) 5 & 12

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

10 APR 43

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
W.E.			
Brigadiers			
Lieut. Colonels ... 1	1	-	-
Majors ... 2	1	-	1
Captains ... 5	2	-	3
Lieutenants ... 4	5	1	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals ... 12	9	1	4

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

**PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.**

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Capt	JACKSON W.J.E.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	Attending First Aust Army Junior Staff School, Ashgröve, Brisbane. (Return after school desired)

PART D. - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials		Appointm <sup>t</sup> Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.-col.	Brig	FIELD	J.	Bde Comd	No	At senior offrs
Capt	Maj	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.M.	Yes	Arty Course,
Lieut	Capt	MATHISON	T.W.	L.O.I	"	Puckapunyal.
"	"	McINNES	R.D.	L.O.	"	
"		KREBS	A.A.	S.C.	"	
"		RADFORD	D.P.	L.O.II	"	
"		BLACKBURNE	S.T.	L.O.III	"	
"		CONWAY	W.A.	EDUC.O.	"	
"		WOOD	L.A.	AMEN.O.	"	

OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

						Allowed by W.E. - yes or no
Lieut	Capt	NELSON	C.A.	AASC	BASCO	Yes
"		COOK	R.M.	AAMG	Hyg.O.	"
Chaplain		COUPE	G.J.C.	AA CH D	Att 9 B	"
"		ROSENSKJAR	J.M.	"	" 25 "	"
"		JAMES	G.	"	" 61 "	"
Non Lieut		GRAHAM	E.J.C.	YMCA		No
Capt	Lt. Col.	MILES	E.S.	25 Bn	A/Bde Comd	"
Capt		BODDAM-WHETHAM	T.C.	11 Div		"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		as above			

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde

10 Apr 43.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

Staff Capt *John Krebs* (Signature of Commander) Lieut.

(Bde. *11 Aust Div.* with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

RE AMP 11/2/3

WE 12 & 60  
WE(Att) 5 & 12

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde

10 Apr 43

PART A STRENGTH, SURPLUS AND REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

Detail	W.E.	Posted Strength	Surplus	Reinfts
W.O.II	2	1	-	1
Staff Sgts	2	1	-	1
Sgts	3	3	1	1
Cpls	6	6	1	1
Ptes etc	47	29	-	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>

PART B

Attached against W.E.

Attached other than W.E.

Detail	WE	Unit or Corps to which they belong	Detail	Unit or Corps to which they belong
1 Cpl, 3 ptes	4	AASC	2 cpls, 1 pte	YMCA
1 Cpl	1	AAMC	1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 2 Ptes	Postal
1 Sgt	3	AEME	1 Sgt, 11 Cpls	5 Aust Div
1 W.O.1	1	AAOC		Provost Corps
1 pte	3	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (batmen-drs)	1 pte	25 Aust Inf Bn
			1 Pte	HQ 11 Aust Div
<b>8 Totals</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>21</b>	

PART C Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank	Name & Initials	Army No.	Rank	Name & Initials
Evacuated to Australia through illness and now on 'X' List					
Q15663	A/Cpl	BOARDMAN L.B.	TX3186	Pte	HINCH J.E.
Q100870	L/Cpl	HILLEARD W.J.	Q100880	"	WILLIAMS E.
Q28247	Pte	RYAN R.P.	Q102904	"	WISHART A.L.
Q100004	"	GARSDEN A.J.	Q100589	"	TURVEY C.R.E.
QX38335	"	WILSON-R.E. GARVEY S.W.			
Ill in New Guinea and on 'X' List					
Q15470	Pte	BURNIP J.G.	Q103450	Pte	WILSON R.E.

PART D. Details of Surplus or Reinfts required as shown in Part A

Details of Specialists, Tradesmen etc	WE	Surplus	Reinfts	Details of Specialists, Tradesmen etc.	WE	Surplus	Reinfts.
Clerks	6	1	2	Batmen	13	-	5
Drivers MT	9	-	2	C.S.M.	1	-	1
" Orderlies	9	-	6	Intell duties	6	1	3
Sig Orderlies	6	-	2	General Duties	3	-	1
				<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>

Deficiency in attached personnel allowed by W.E.

AEME 2 Ptes H.Q.7 Aust Inf Bde 2 Ptes (Batmen-dra)

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
10 Apr 43.

*Staff Capt.*  
Staff Capt., 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
11 Aust Div.



JCM/WEM (10/4)

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X/10+

Subject : 11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 6

11 Div ref G 1130 of 7 Apr.

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

11 Apr 43.

Ref. 43/075/19

9 Aust Inf Bn  
25 Aust Inf Bn  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
Def Pl  
Comd.  
B.M.  
11 Aust Div (for info)  
File (trg) (2)  
War Diary (2) ✓

11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 6 was issued 7 Apr 43 to be read in conjunction with N.G.F. Trg Instn No 2 of 29 Mar (copies of which have been sent to units). The following extracts from 11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 6 are forwarded for action.

2. Trg programme - A summary of the trg to be carried out for the forthcoming fortnight and a summary of the progress of trg for the preceding fortnight will be forwarded to reach Div H.Q. by 14 and 30 days of each month (required at Bde H.Q. by 1200 hrs 13 and 29). Details of all tac exercises involving a bn or higher formation will be forwarded to reach Div H.Q. 48 hrs prior to the start of the exercise (required at Bde H.Q. 72 hrs before exercise begins.) Details of fd firing exercises will similarly be forwarded to Div.

3. Individual Trg - The rifle and bayonet remain the primary arm of the Infantry soldier. Proficiency in the use of these weapons by every man in the Battalion will be the first essential of training. Accuracy of shooting must be combined with quick handling of weapons.

Where rifle ranges are not readily accessible to units, 30 yard ranges will be constructed. Ranges will be approved by Div Hq.

Jungle Rifle ranges will be constructed on unit training areas where safety precautions allow.

Mortar practice - Units trg in areas at a distance from PORT MORESBY will submit their proposals of mortar ranges for approval.

4. Collective Trg - Good section leading is the basis of all tactical trg. Any effort to carry out higher tactical trg will be wasted if section leading is not sound. This is more than ever applicable in the case of Jungle Warfare. Constant attention must be given to the selection and training of Section Leaders.

Trg programmes will include periods of not less than four days wherein pl and coy comds are given the opportunity of handling their commands when detached from the superior formation, i.e. the Company or Battalion. In preparation for this period of trg pl and coy comds will make all necessary administrative and supply arrangements for the period and will, under direction, prepare their own training programmes.

This period of trg will aim at the training of sub-unit commanders in :-

- (a) Handling administrative and supply problems directly connected with their commands.
- (b) The development of a sense of responsibility for the trg and well being of their unit.

5. Movt by air - Movt of units by air has been carried out frequently during the New Guinea Campaign and units must be prepared for this type of move at short notice. Units will prepare aircraft load tables and will practise assembly of loads. The three ton truck has approximately the same carrying capacity as a transport aircraft. Units moving during training by MF can readily simulate an air move by arranging lorry loads to correspond to the weight of aircraft loads.

(H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde will issue "Notes on Movt by Air").

ACK.

*JCM*  
Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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SPORTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SATURDAY 17 APR 43

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Australia

*13* Apr 43

Ref: 43/Amen/2

The following programme has been drawn up  
for Saturday 17 Apr 43 -

1400 hrs	7 Bde HQ	V	25 Bn	(Soccer)
1435 hrs	9 Bn	V	25 Bn	(Rugby League)
1510 hrs	61 Bn	V	9 Bn	(Soccer)
1545 hrs	11 Fd Amb	V	61 Bn	(Rugby)

2. All games will be played 15 mins each way,  
with a half-time interval of 5 mins.

3. Boots military will be worn by all players.

4. Any further enquiries regarding the afternoon's  
games should be made to the Bde Amenities Offr.

*R. Wood* Lieut  
Amenities Offr 7 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution

Sports Offr	9 Bn
"	25 Bn
"	61 Bn
"	11 Fd Amb
Comd	
B.M.	
File	



Apr 15

7 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT.

AS AT 2359K/15 Apr 43.

(Ref map Port Moresby Special 1" - 1 mile)

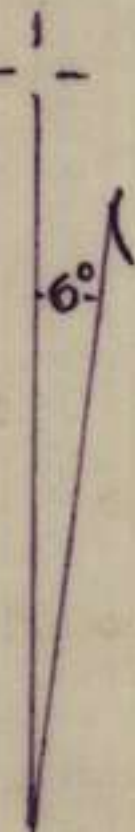
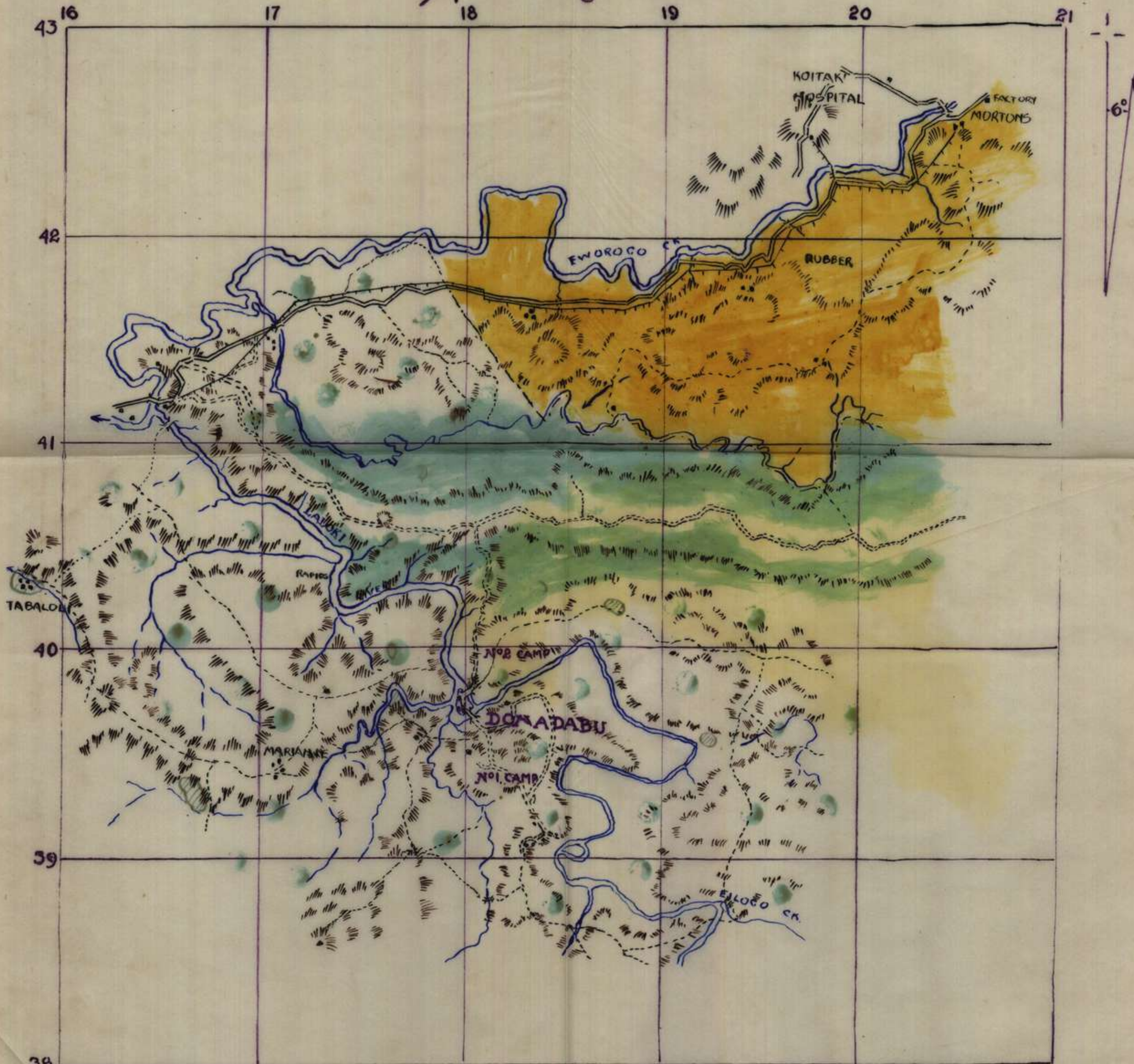
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" " " " "					
Defence Pl.	"	"	"		-
'J' Sec Sigs (5 Aust Div)	"	"	"		-
9 Aust Inf Bn	53	"	"		L/T Bde Switch.
25 Aust Inf Bn	50	"	"		L/T Bde Switch.
61 Aust Inf Bn	99	"	"		L/T Bde Switch.
11 Aust Pd Amb.	52	"	"		Runner.
7 Aust Inf Bde Rear HQ	88	951347	"		L/T through 17 Bde Switch.

*R. M. Jones* Capt.,  
I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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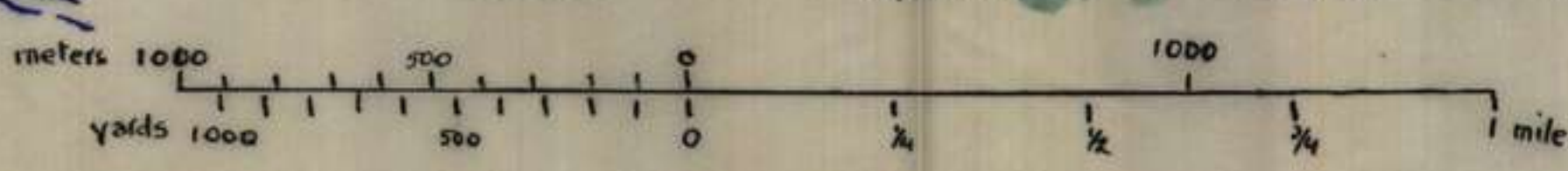
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Ref map... PORT MORESBY (SPECIAL 1inch-1mile)  
 Ref point ... Bridge 1642 4125.



**Legend**.....

Roads.....	Pltn Boundary.....	RUBBER	Timber thick.....	Reliability.....
Tracks.....	Native Garden.....		" open.....	Bearings.....
Streams.....				Distance.....
				Date.....
				Produced by.....



Reliability.....  
 Bearings..... Compass  
 Distance..... Tape & Pacing  
 Date..... 12 April 1943  
 Produced by..... UNITS 7 Aust Inf. Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by  
LIEUT-COL E.S. MILES ADM COMD  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

15 Apr 43

"G"

89. BOMB - 2" MORTAR

Ref 7 Aust Inf Bde R/O No 83.  
Unexploded 2" mortar bomb has now been located.

*Ad Krebs Lieut*  
Maj  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

"A & Q"

90. TENTS, AIRING OF

Interiors of all tents will be aired each Sunday morning. Tents will be struck or sides looped up on ridge-poles. Units will ensure that enough men remain in lines to reerect tents quickly if rain falls.

91. HYGIENE AND SANITATION

7 Aust Inf Bde R/O 61 of 24 Mar 43, paras (a), (b) and (c) are cancelled and as from 14 Apr, the following instns will apply.

All food refuse to be incinerated after morning and midday meals. Materials for incinerators are available at Bde HQ. No further burial of food waste will be carried out.

Coys using Island kitchen will construct and use independent incinerators.

Chlorination of drinking water as per R/O 80 of 3 Apr 43.

Castellani bottles with 2% lysol or equivalent will be provided at each kitchen and latrine.

Hand sprayers with liquid spray will be provided at each kitchen and latrine.

92. BDE SPORTS GROUND

This ground has been allocated for use by Units as follows:-

Monday of each week	...	7 Aust Inf Bde HQ
Tuesday	...	25 Aust Inf Bn
Wednesday	...	61 Aust Inf Bn
Thursday	...	11 Aust Fd Amb
Friday	...	9 Aust Inf Bn

is  
If it desired to use the ground on Sundays application will be made to Bde Amenities Offr.

93. N.G.F. TRAINING SCHOOL - JOINING INSTRUCTION

Attention of units is directed to N.G.F. O 137 of 12 Apr 43

94. IMPROPER DRESS BY NIGHT (Ref NGF O 140 of 12 Apr 43.)

Personnel found improperly dressed outside unit lines at night are liable to arrest.

Personnel so arrested will be charged and placed in PORT MORESBY Provost Compound for collection by Unit.

A.P.M. NEW GUINEA Force will advise units daily of personnel so detained. Such personnel will be collected under escort under unit arrangements before noon of the day of advice.

To be repeated in unit orders.

95. M.T. CANOPY FRAMES AND COVERS

Attention of units is directed to N.G.F. O 147 of 12 Apr.

96. TENTAGE

Attention of units is directed to N.G.F. O 149 of 12 Apr. Certificate as called for will be fwd to reach this H.Q. by 18 Apr 43.

Tents Oblong 14 x 12 read 2 offrs NOT 4 offrs.

97. CHESTS, CASES AND BOXES - SMALL ARMS

Attention of units is directed to N.G.F. O 150 of 12 Apr.

98. INOCULATION, VACCINATION, BLOOD GROUPING.

Attention of units is directed to N.G.F. O 151 of 12 Apr. Return as required to reach this HQ by 21 Apr 43.

99. MALARIA CONTROL MEASURES - INTERPRETATION (Ref NGF O 152 of 12 Apr)

NEW GUINEA FORCE Order No 110 of 29 Mar 43 will be interpreted as follows:-

"From dusk to sunrise" shall mean from 1800 hrs on one day until 0600 hrs on the next succeeding day.

99. PISTOLS, POSSESSION OF (NGF O 136/43)

1. Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged.

2. On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has the permission referred to in para 3 hereof.

3. Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to a member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd.

4. All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to <sup>them</sup> or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their unit.

5. All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.

6. The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court-Martial, unless the Formation Comd directs otherwise. In all cases of loss of pistols, the offender will be charged and a Summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Comd, will be taken.

7. This order will be published in all Unit Routine Orders at least once per week for four consecutive weeks from the date hereof, and thereafter will be repeated once per month in all such orders.

8. NEW GUINEA Force Order 55/42 is cancelled.

Where pistols are held by members, in terms of para (3) of the abovementioned instruction, units will forward applications for permission to retain such weapons NOT later than 1800 K, 16 Apr 43.

All applications will indicate full particulars of the weapon in question.

100. BLANKETS FOR WASHING AT MOB. LAUNDRIES (NGF O 130/43)

Attention of units is directed to 11 Aust Div R/O 146/43.

101. CHURCH PARADES

Sunday 18 Apr 43.

All P.D.

0900 hrs ... 9 & 25 Bn at 9 Bn area.  
0900 hrs ... Bde HQ, 61 Bn 11 Fd Amb at  
Bde HQ Area.

Roman Catholic.

0900 hrs ... 25 Bn area.

Good Friday

Services for those who wish to attend

P.D.

0900 hrs ... 9 Bn area  
0900 hrs ... Bde HQ area.

R.C.

0900 hrs ... 25 Bn area. (Stations of the Cross)  
Mass will be celebrated in Padre's tent at 0630 hrs  
on Holy Thursday and Easter Saturday.

Though no official commemoration of ANZAC DAY will be held this year, it is the intention of this H.Q. to have special mention made of ANZAC DAY at Easter Day Church services.

This infm is forwarded to procure uniformity in commemoration of ANZAC DAY.

*A. Krebs* Lieut  
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

RESULTS OF 7 AUST INF BDE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL No 2.

Held on 10 Apr 43.

First Place	61 Aust Inf Bn	39 points
Second Place	25 Aust Inf Bn	37 "
Third Place	9 Aust Inf Bn	32 "
Fourth Place	11 Aust Fd Amb	28 "

DISTRIBUTION List "A"

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WAR DIARY  
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JCM/WEM (16/4)

Subject: INTER-PL COMPETITION - "HEAD OF THE BDE"  
(ref 43/G/25 of 2 Apr.)

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

16 Apr 43.

Ref. 43/G/25

9 Aust Inf Bn (5)	Comd.	(1)
25 Aust Inf Bn (5)	B.M.	(2)
61 Aust Inf Bn (5)	Staff	(10)
Bde H.Q.	11 Aust Div	(1) for infm.
Def Pl.	File	(2)
'J' Sec Sigs (1)	War Diary	(2)
	Spare	(10)

Nominations: Each unit will nominate by 1000 K/18 the pl to represent it in the final. Competing pl comds will report to B.M. at that hour for instns about the conduct of the competition. Each pl comd will bring with him three (3) copies of a detailed nominal roll of his pl by secs.

2. Cross-country run - Test 13. The following amendment to the method of scoring will be made. The time of each individual runner will be taken and the average time of the pl obtained. If the winning pl is within the standard time, it will earn 50 pts. For the other pls, deductions from the H.P.S. of 50 will be made at the rate of 5 pts for every 10 secs they are behind the winners.

3. Special instns.

Except for event 13, pls will report for tests complete with all pl weapons (less bren tripods, which will be required for event 1 only). All O.R's will be equipped with rifle and bayonet for events 2 and 12. Pls will supply their own amn for event 3 and two rounds per rifle for event 12. All ranks will require pencils for events 6 and 10.

4. Programme

Events will be held according to the following time-table:-

DAY	EVENT	DETAIL	UNIT	REPORT TO	AT	TIME
Apr. 19	1	Inspection	Def Pl	B.M.	Pl lines	0900
			61 Bn	"	" "	0945
9 Bn			"	" "	1030	
25 Bn			"	" "	1115	
	8	Military knowledge	All pls	Lieut CONWAY	Bde ORs Mess	1400
Apr 20	2	Pl drill	9 Bn	B.M.	9 Bn Parade ground	0900
			25 Bn	"	" "	0920
			61 Bn	"	" "	0940
			Def Pl	"	" "	1000
	3	Small Arms Practice	9 Bn	L.O. 1	61 Bn range	1000
			61 Bn	"	" "	1030
			25 Bn	"	" "	1100
			Def Pl	"	" "	1130
	6	Map Reading	Def Pl	I.O.	Bde HQs	0900
			25 Bn	"	ORs Mess	1000
			9 Bn	"	" "	1100
			61 Bn	"	" "	1400
Apr 21	5	T.O.E.T's	61 Bn	L.O's 1,3	Sports	0830
			25 Bn	" "	" Ground	1030
	11	Bren Gun	9 Bn	L.O. 2	Sports	0900
			Def Pl	" "	Ground "	1000

DAY	EVENT	DETAIL	UNIT	REPORT TO	AT	TIME
Apr 21	4	Grenade Throwing	9 Bn Def Pl	Lt. WOOD " "	Sports Ground " "	0830 0930
	12	Assault Course	Def Pl	Capt. NELSON	Cinema site	0830
			25 Bn	"	" "	0915
			9 Bn	"	" "	1015
61 Bn	"	" "	1100			
Apr 22 ∅ Note	5	T.O.E.T's	9 Bn Def Pl	LOs 1,3 " "	Sports Ground " "	0830 1030
	11	Bren Gun	25 Bn	L.O. 2	Sports Ground	0900
			61 Bn	" "	" "	1000
	4	Grenade Throwing	25 Bn 61 Bn	Lt. WOOD " "	Sports Ground " "	0830 0930
	10	Observation Test	61 Bn	Capt NELSON	Cinema site	0830
			Def Pl	"	" "	0900
25 Bn			"	" "	1015	
9 Bn	"	" "	1100			
13	Cross Country run	All pls	Lt. WOOD	Crest of hill on rd between Nos 1 and 2 camps.	1500	
Apr 23	7	Verbal Messages	9 Bn	Capt HARLEN	Sports Ground	0900
			25 Bn	"	" "	0930
			61 Bn	"	" "	1130
			Def Pl	"	" "	1200
9	Fieldcraft	9 Bn 25 Bn	L.O. 3 " "	Cinema Site " "	0930 1030	
14	Fighting Patrol	Pl comds 61 Bn Def Pl	B.M.	B.M's tent	0800	
Apr 24	9	Fieldcraft	Def Pl 61 Bn	L.O. 3 " "	Cinema Site " "	0930 1030
	14	Fighting Patrol	Pl comds 9 Bn 25 Bn	B.M.	B.M's tent	0800

∅ Note Owing to demonstration inf supporting weapons 22 Apr, events set down for that day will be held 26 Apr at same hrs.

ACK.

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

War Diary  
Apr 18

M.H.

JCM/WEM (16/4)

Subject : 7 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No 14

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

16 Apr 43.

Ref : 43/G/32.

9 Aust Inf Bn (10)	Def Pl.	(1)
25 Aust Inf Bn (10)	'J' Sec Sigs	(1)
61 Aust Inf Bn (10)	File trg	(2)
Bde H.Q. (5)	War Diary	(2)

Hrs of trg.

(i) During week beginning 19 Apr 43 thirty six (36) hrs will be given to trg, allotted as follows :-

<u>Type of trg</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>
(a) Drill	3
(b) Weapon Trg and S.A. practices	9
(c) Individual	3
(d) Tactical	15
(e) A/Gas	2
(f) Night	4
Total	<u>36</u>

(ii) C.O's are responsible that unit programmes conform to this subdivision.

2. Tac Trg.

During this trg week minor tac exercises will be designed to improve the standard of sec leading and the working of the sec as a team. Secs must be "settled", i.e. the per must remain together under the one leader. Every effort must be made to get realism and enthusiasm in minor tac exercises. This depends in very large part on careful and imaginative preparation by pl comds, supervised by coy comds. No attempt will be made to adv beyond pl trg : the main effort must be devoted to sec trg.

3. Demonstration inf sup weapons

Two hrs from (b) will be set aside on 22 Apr for demonstration of 2 pr Tk A guns and 3-inch and 2-inch mortars. Separate instns for this are being issued.

4. Marching.

Marching power of tps (all ranks in bn, incl adm per) must be built up by progressively longer marches - first lightly equipped, later in battle order and then in marching order. These must NOT be mere route marches, but tactical situations requiring action by sub-unit comds down to sec leaders, must frequently be introduced. During trg week beginning 26 Apr, trg hrs will be increased to 42.

ACK.

*J. Mahoney*  
Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.



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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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(Adapted)  
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WE 12:30

WE(Att) 5:12

*War Diary*

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**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

17 Apr 43.

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
<i>N.S.</i>			
Brigadiers	1	-	0
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	2	-	1
Captains	5	-	3
Lieutenants	4	1	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	12	1	4

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
		NIL		

**PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.**

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Capt.	JACKSON W.J.E.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.	attending first Aust Army Junior Staff school, Ashgrove Brisbane. (Return after school desired).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt.-col T/Brig	TX2002	FIELD J.	Bde Comd	NO	At senior Arty course, Puckapunyal.
Capt Maj	Q15302	MARONEY J.C.	B.M.	YES	
Lieut Capt	Q21972	MATRISON I.W.	L.O.I	"	
"	Q22561	MCINNES A.D.	I.O.	"	
"	QX40800	AREDS A.A.	S.O.	"	
"	QX40833	RADFORD D.P.	L.O.II	"	
"	QX40831	BLACKBURN S.T.	L.O.III	"	
"	W255437	CORWAY W.A.	Ed.O.	"	
"	QX38354	WOOD L.A.	Men.O.	"	
<b>OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS</b>					
					Allowed by W.M. - Yes or No
Lieut Capt	Q44329	WILSON C.A.	AASC	BASCO	YES
"	Q112877	COOK R.M.	AASC	Hys.O.	"
Chaplain	QX40847	COUPE C.J.C.	AA Ch D	att 9 Bn	"
"	Q123339	ROSENKJAN J.M.	"	* 25	"
"	QX40859	JAMES G.	"	* 61	"
Hon Lieut	B257	GRAHAM E.J.C.	YMCA		NO
Capt Lt.-col		MILES E.S.	25 Bn	adm comd	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
as above					

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
(Unit)

17 Apr 43.  
(Date of Despatch)

*A. J. Phelps* Lieut.  
(Signature of Commander)  
Staff Capt., 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)  
11 Aust Div

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**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

U.S. 7 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 17 Apr 1945 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.			
W.O's. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		1
Corporals	5	1	1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	3	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

\*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 cpl, 3 ptes	1000	3 cpls, 1 pte	1000
1 cpl	1000	1 sgt, 1 cpl, 3 ptes	1000
1 sgt	1000	1 sgt, 10 cpls	5 Aust Inf Bde Coy.
1 W.O. I	1000	1 pte	1000
1 pte	1000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	

**Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).)
<del>Evacuated to Australia through illness and not on list</del>				
010000	A/cpl	BURBANK L.S.	010000	
010000	L/cpl	HILLIARD W.J.	010000	
023247	Pte	RYAN R.P.	010000	
0100004	"	CARSTEN A.J.	010000	
010100	"	STON J.M.	010000	
111 14 23w	Pte	STON J.M.	010100	



Personnel who have joined A.I.F.

W.O.I

1- BOWO

sgts

3 - 1 Tpt Sgt  
1 Clerk  
1 Armourer

Ptes

4 - 1 Clerk  
2 ~~batmen~~ drivers MF  
1 batman

Appx 20

JCM/WEM (17/4)

Subject: DEMONSTRATION OF INF SUPPORTING WEAPONS

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

17 Apr 43.

Ref : 43/G/31.

9 Aust Inf Bn (6)	S.C.	(1)
25 Aust Inf Bn (6)	L.O's	(3)
61 Aust Inf Bn (6)	Tk A Instrs	(3)
Def Pl (1)	2/1 Aust Tk A Regt	(2 - for Maj FOOTE)
'J' Sec Sigs (1)	Camp Comdt DONADABU	(1)
11 Aust Fd Amb (1)	11 Aust Div	(1) for infm.
Comd. (1)	File	(2)
B.M. (2)	War Diary	(2) ✓

Time and Place

Demonstration of inf supporting weapons will be given to all per of inf bns on Sports Ground, DONADABU, at 1000 hrs 22 Apr 43.

2. Nature

The following inf weapons will be demonstrated (see programme below).

- A. 2 pr Tk-A Gun
- B. 3-inch Mortar (and mortar flash simulator)
- C. 2-inch Mortar

3. Firing Point. Base of hill at South end of Sports Ground.

4. Target Area. Hills North of EILOGO CK.

5. Direction of Fire. 25° M

6. View Pt. Slopes of hill at South end of Sports Ground.

7. Assembly (a) Each unit will send Orderly Offr and two (2) guides to report to B.M. at Sports Ground at 0930 K/22.

(b) Units will be in posns indicated at view pt as under:-

- (i) 61 Aust Inf Bn 0945 hrs
- (ii) 25 Aust Inf Bn 0950 "
- (iii) 9 Aust Inf Bn 0955 "

(Order of march from unit lines as shown)

(c) Sub-unit comds will remain with their men throughout the demonstration.

8. Dress. Boots, puttees short or anklets web, trousers and shirts green, steel helmets, drill order with rifles.

9. A/A protection (a) Each unit will mount one A.A.L.M.G. at view pt from 0930 hrs to end of demonstration.

(b) In event of direct enemy air attack units will disperse on orders of B.M. -

- 9 Bn - East
- 25 Bn - South
- 61 Bn - West

10. Safety (a) All tps in DONADABU area will be infmd that demonstration is taking place and will be warned NOT to enter danger area.

(b) Capt T.W. MATHISON, H.Q. 7 Aust inf bde; is safety offr (range) and will ensure that danger area (incl arm of EILOGO CK) is clear by 0900 K/22.

(c) Safety Offr will arrange for two red flags on 20 ft poles to be in posn by 0900 K/22 to mark flanks of target area.

11. Range preparation and targets

(a) Capt T.W. MATHISON will have necessary clearing along banks of EILOGO CK completed by 1600 K/21.

(b) Lieut D.P. RADFORD, H.Q. 7 Aust inf bde, will set up three target screens (hessian, 6 ft x 4 ft) at pts indicated by B.M. by 1600 K/21.

12. Public Address

Lieut L.A. WOOD, H.Q. 7 Aust inf bde, will arrange for public address system to be installed at Sports Ground by 0930 K/22, with microphone and switch near firing pt.

13. Weapons and amn.

(a) Weapons (ready for firing) and amn (from Apr trg allotment) will be provided by units as shown. Crews, with weapons, will be in posn at firing pt by 0930 K/22 :-

Ser.	Weapon	Provided by	No of crews	Amn rounds	Remarks
1	2-pr Tk A gun	9 Bn	4	20 AP	On portee, with trail wheel
2	2-pr Tk A gun	25 Bn	4	20 AP	-
3	2-pr Tk A gun	61 Bn	4	20 AP	-
4	3-in mortar	9 Bn	2	10 HE	With telephone inf No 1 and 300 yds cable
5	3-in mortar	25 Bn	2	10 HE	-
6	3-in mortar	61 Bn	2	(8 HE (2 Smoke)	-
7	Mortar flash simulator	9 Bn	1	6	-
8	2-in mortar	9 Bn	1	(5 HE (2 Signal	Any colour
9	2-in mortar	25 Bn	1	(5 HE (2 Smoke)	-
10	2-in mortar	61 Bn	1	(5 HE (2 illum)	Parachute

14 Supervising Offrs (a) 2 pr Tk A gun demonstration is to be supervised by offr from 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt.

(b) 3-in and 2-in mortar demonstrations will be supervised by Lieut A.J. GAUL 9 Aust inf bn.

(c) The following will report to B.M. at Sports Ground at 1600 K/21 -

Lieut A.J. GAUL

Tk A pl comds and att instrs, all units

Mortar pl comds, all units

Pl comds supplying 2" mortar teams, all units.

15 Programme

A.	2 pr Tk A gun	Rounds	Target
Phase 1	No 1 Gun : 9 bn, (portee)	3	One at each
Phase 2	No 2 Gun : 25 bn, (Emergency Action - on wheels)	3	" "
Phase 3	No 3 Gun : 61 bn, (platform)	3	" "
Phase 4	All guns (platform)	6	2 rpg at respective targets.
Total		15	
Repeat 4 times with different crews (All guns firing from platform)		60	
B. (i) <u>3-inch mortar</u>			
Phase 1	No 1 Mortar : 9 Bn	5	Range and fire for effect as indicated.
Phase 2	No 2 Mortar : 25 Bn	5	"
Phase 3	No 3 Mortar : 61 Bn	5	"
Total		15	
Repeat -	(No 1 directed from OP by phone (No 3 firing last 2 rounds ( smoke	28 HE 2 Smoke	

	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Target</u>
B. <u>3-inch mortar contd.</u>		
(ii) Mortar Flash Simulator - 9 bn	6	-
C. <u>2-inch Mortar</u>		
Phase 1 No 1 Mortar : 9 bn	(5 HE 2 Signal	Engage at indicated
Phase 2 No 2 Mortar : 25 Bn	(5 HE 2 smoke	"
Phase 3 No 3 Mortar : 61 bn	(5 HE 2 illum	"
Total	15 HE 2 smoke 4 pyrotechnic	

16. End of demonstration

At end of demonstration units will march to private parade grounds in order :- 9 bn, 25 bn, 61 bn.

ACK

Signed at 1355 hrs

Issued (by L.Os to DONADABU addressees  
(thro sigs to others.

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.



*Apr 21  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by  
LIEUT-COL E.S. MILES ADM COMD  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

20 Apr 43.

"G"

102. DUTY ROSTERS.

(a) Fd Officer Mounting 0800 hrs.

Apr 21	Lieut	R. GOWLAND	61 Aust Inf Bn.
Apr 22	Capt	A.T. BEECH	9 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 23	Capt	W. ROBINSON	25 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 24	Lieut	N. COTTEE	61 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 25	Capt	D.G. HENDERSON	9 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 26	Capt	J.H.A. FOSTER	25 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 27	Capt	E. TWEMLOW	61 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 28	Capt	T.H. WOODROFFE	9 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 29	Lieut	T.J. ABERNETHY	25 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 30	Lieut	W. RUDDER	61 Aust Inf Bn
May 1	Capt	C. HORNIBROOK	9 Aust Inf Bn
May 2	Capt	G. NIXON SMITH	61 Aust Inf Bn
May 3	Capt	C.R.K. McDONALD	25 Aust Inf Bn
May 4	Capt	G.M. PERCIVAL	9 Aust Inf Bn
May 5	Capt	M.E. JUST	25 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Guard Mounting 0800 hrs.

Apr 21	61 Aust Inf Bn
22	9 Aust Inf Bn
23	25 Aust Inf Bn
24	61 Aust Inf Bn
25	9 Aust Inf Bn
26	25 Aust Inf Bn
27	61 Aust Inf Bn
28	9 Aust Inf Bn
29	25 Aust Inf Bn
30	61 Aust Inf Bn
May 1	9 Aust Inf Bn
2	25 Aust Inf Bn
3	61 Aust Inf Bn
4	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
5	9 Aust Inf Bn

(c) Camp S.M. Mounting 0800 hrs.

Apr 21	W.O. II CROSSLEY C	61 Aust Inf Bn
22	W.O. II W.H. BOARDMAN	9 Aust Inf Bn
23	W.O. II W.D.C. HART	25 Aust Inf Bn
24	Sgt R.D. STEWART	61 Aust Inf Bn
25	W.O. II W. BLUNT	9 Aust Inf Bn
26	Sgt A.V. COX	25 Aust Inf Bn
27	Sgt R.H. ROW	61 Aust Inf Bn
28	W.O. II A.E. BATESON	9 Aust Inf Bn
29	W.O. II N.P.K. MURDOCH	25 Aust Inf Bn
30	W.O. II J. NEWCOMBE	61 Aust Inf Bn
May 1	S/Sgt P.E. WILLIAMSON	9 Aust Inf Bn
2	W.O. II E.A. HOWARTH	25 Aust Inf Bn
3	Sgt D.R. RIDLEY	61 Aust Inf Bn
4	Sgt S.H. BATSON	9 Aust Inf Bn
5	W.O. II V. SULLIVAN	25 Aust Inf Bn

(d) Duty Bugler	Mounting 0800 hrs
Apr 21	25 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 22	61 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 23	9 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 24	25 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 25	61 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 26	9 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 27	25 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 28	61 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 29	9 Aust Inf Bn
Apr 30	25 Aust Inf Bn
May 1	61 Aust Inf Bn
May 2	9 Aust Inf Bn
May 3	25 Aust Inf Bn
May 4	61 Aust Inf Bn
May 5	9 Aust Inf Bn

103. GOOD FRIDAY - TRG SUSPENDED.

In accordance with NGF R.O. 89, Good Friday 23 Apr 43 will be a day of rest. "Head of the Bde" events set down for that day will be held on 27 Apr at same hours.

104. MT TESTING OFFERS.

The undermentioned offr is appointed to qualify by examination, offr W and NCO's (NOT below the rank of L/Sgt) for appointment as testing offr for the purpose of issuing MT driving licences:-

NX103965 Maj R.S. STRUGNELL HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div.

Classes of licences for which testing offr may be appointed under this order are Gps 1A,1B,2A,2B,3B and 5A.

Units desirous of qualifying offr W and NCO's, as MT Testing Offrs will inform this HQ of personnel to be tested and types of licences required. Arrangements will then be made for Maj STRUGNELL to conduct necessary examinations.

*A. G. G. Lieut*  
Major,  
Brigade Major 7 Aust Inf Bde.

"A & Q"

105 PISTOLS, POSSESSION OF (NGF 136/43)

1. Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged.
2. On and after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has the permission referred to in para 3 hereof.
3. Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd.
4. All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their unit.
5. All ranks having pistols in their possession are personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.
6. The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court Martial, unless the Formation Comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols the offender will be charged and a Summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Comd, will be taken.
7. This order will be published in all unit Routine Orders at least once per week for four consecutive weeks from the date hereof, and thereafter will be repeated once per month in all such orders.

106. SURVEY MARKS (NGF 0.118)

1. Several cases have occurred recently of Survey marks being destroyed either inadvertently or deliberately.
2. In the PORT MORESBY area there are a number of Trigonometrical points marked by a tripod beacon over a brass plug inscribed "R A N Hydrographical Survey" set in concrete. Other marks in evidence are wooden or iron pegs bearing numbers.
3. All ranks must be acquainted with the urgent necessity for preserving survey marks, and, should it be necessary or desirable to destroy or remove any such mark for the purpose of building or road construction, the matter will be referred to HQ NEW GUINEA Force before the mark is destroyed or removed.
4. This Order is to be repeated in the orders of all NEW GUINEA Force units located in the PORT MORESBY area.

107. The attention of all units is particularly drawn to the undermentioned orders.

- G.R.O. A.283 Service Chevrons
- G.R.O. O.290 Formation of Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers - Second Phase.
- G.R.O. O.291 Watches, Binoculars, Compasses and pistols to be Unit Equipment.
- G.R.O. O.288 Movement of vehs, armament and other equipment for repair or evacuation.
- N.G.F. O.117 Allotment of Trg Amn for Aust Units.
- N.G.F. O.122 Disposal of personal equipment of Casualties.
- N.G.F. O.124 Malaria control Measures.
- N.G.F. O.128 Rail Warrants, Meal Warrants, Home Leave passes etc.
- 11 Aust Div Monthly Census of Warlike Stores - MT. 160.

108. CHURCH PARADES.

EASTER SUNDAY - 25 APR 43.

C of E.	0900 hrs	9 Bn Area
O.P.D.	0900 hrs	Bde HQ Area
R.C.	0900 hrs	25 Bn Area.

*H. Grebo* Lieut,  
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

RESULTS OF INTER UNIT FOOTBALL  
17 APR 43.

<u>SOCCER.</u>	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	v	25 Aust Inf Bn	Nil All Draw.
	61 Aust Inf Bn	v	9 Aust Inf Bn	3 - 0
<u>RUGBY.</u>	9 Aust Inf Bn	v	25 Aust Inf Bn	5 - 0
	11 Aust Fd Amb	v	61 Aust Inf Bn	10 - 3

The following list of Comforts have been received by this Bde from Australian Comforts Fund.

- 2500 ozs Tobacco
- 2500 pkts Cig Papers
- 2500 pkts Cigarettes
- 2500 Sticks Shaving Soap
- 2500 Cakes Toilet Soap
- 2500 Cakes Laundry Soap
- 2500 Tins Boot polish
- 2500 Writing pads
- 10000 Envelopes
- 2590 pkts P.Ka.
- 1288 pkts Biscuits
- 100 Sharpeners

LOST. On Saturday 12 Apr in Bde Athletics Area one football on loan from Y.M.C.A. please return to or notify Bn HQ.  
25 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION ; List 'A'

Appx 22.

JCM/WEM (22/4)

Subject : 7 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No 14

Ref. 43/G/32

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
23 Apr 43.

9 Aust Inf Bn	(10)	Comd	(1)
25 Aust Inf Bn	(10)	B.M.	(2)
61 Aust Inf Bn	(10)	S.C.	(1)
11 Aust Fd Amb.	(1)	B.A.S.C.O.	(1)
Bde H.Q.	(1)	Staff	(8)
Def Pl	(1)	11 Aust Div for infm	(1)
'J' Sec Sigs	(1)	File	(2)
		War Diary	(2)

Attention is directed to this H.Q. memo 43/G/32 of 16 Apr on this subject and to Trg Instn No 14.

2. Hrs of trg

During week beginning 26 Apr 43 forty-two (42) hrs will be given to trg, allotted as follows:-

<u>Type of trg</u>	<u>Hrs</u>
(a) Drill	3
(b) Weapon Trg and field firing	9
(c) Individual	3
(d) Tactical	15
(e) A/Gas	2
(f) Night	4
(g) Marching	6
	42
	42

3. Fd firing

Units must put all ranks (incl adm per) through a practice on a "jungle - firing" range during this week. Ranges NOT already approved must be approved by this H.Q. before use. Applications to use bde demonstration range (small arms and mortars only) for fd firing exercises will be made to this H.Q. 72 hrs before range is required.

4. Individual trg.

Specific individual trg in fieldcraft must be continued and a high standard of individual trg must also be insisted upon during tac exercises.

5. Tac Trg.

Realism and enthusiasm in minor tac exercises can only be obtained by careful preparation and imaginative direction. Sec trg will be continued for the first half of this week; the second half will be used for pl trg. In all exercises the competitive spirit should be aroused.

6. Marching

Attention is drawn to para 4 of 43/G/32 of 16 Apr 43. By 30 Apr all coys will have completed three such marches - the third of three hrs.

7. "Free-for-all" pl trg (A.T.M. Aust 4, Appx "B")

By 1 May pls must be ready for three days' "Free-for-all" trg, during which each pl comd will be responsible for the complete adm of his pl in the fd. In each bn two coys at a time will be engaged in pl "free-for-all" trg during week ending 9 May. By 1800 hrs 30 Apr units will submit their proposals for this trg. The following areas are allotted (ref map PORT MORESBY special: 1 ml to 1 inch)

I	9 Bn	: South of both excl EILOGO CK and LALOKI R.
II	25 Bn	: North of both excl EWOROGO CK and LALOKI R.
III	61 Bn	: Country between both incl EWOROGO CK and EILOGO CK, and extending Eastward.

ACK.

J.C. Mahoney Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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11/1/43

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W. 3008. (Page 1)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Reg. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

(Unit.) 24 Apr 43

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Officers	1	0	0
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1	0	1
Captains ...	2	0	3
Lieutenants ...	5	1	0
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	9	1	4

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.— DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Capt.	JACKSON	Reg 7 Aust Inf Bde.	Attending 1st Aust Army Junior Staff school, Ashgrove, Brisbane (Return after school requested)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.-col.	Brig.	WIND J.	Adm. Comd	No	at senior offrs'
Capt	Maj	HANCOCK J. G.	L.C.	Yes	Army Course,
Lieut	Capt	MATLSON T. G.	L.C.I	"	Luckapural.
"	"	CLINTON R. G.	L.C.	"	
"	"	RUSS A. G.	S.C.	"	
"	"	WILSON D. G.	L.C.II	"	
"	"	MARSHALL R. G.	L.C.III	"	
"	"	WATSON R. G.	Brig.	"	
"	"	WIND J. G.	Adm. Comd	"	
OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS					
Lieut	Capt	WATSON R. G.	Brig	Yes	allowed by H.A. - Yes or No.
"	"	WATSON R. G.	Brig	"	
Chaplain	"	WATSON R. G.	Brig	"	
"	"	WATSON R. G.	Brig	"	
"	"	WATSON R. G.	Brig	"	
Non Lieut	"	WATSON R. G.	Brig	No	
Capt.	Lt.-col	WATSON R. G.	Brig	Yes	
Lieut	"	WATSON R. G.	Brig	Not yet deter-	mined.

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		as above			

*[Signature]*  
 Lieut. Staff Capt., 7 Aus & Inf Bde  
 11 Oct 1943  
 (Signature of Commander.)

(Unit.)  
 (Date of Despatch.)  
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

W.S. Ref AMP 11/2/3

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

WA 12 & 60  
" (Attd) 5 & 12

W.S. 7 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 24 Apr 1943 (Date.)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

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W.O's. Class I.			
W.O's. Class II.	2	1	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2	1	1
Serjeants	3	3	1
Corporals	6	5	2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	27	22	18
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>

\*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Other than W.S.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Cpl, 3 Ptes	1130	2 Cpls, 1 Pte	YAGA
1 "	1140	1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 2 Ptes postal	
1 Sgt	1151	1 Sgt, 10 Cpls	5 Aust Div Pro Coy
1 W.O.I	1160	1 Pte	26 Aust Inf Bde
1 Pte	W.S. 7 Aust Inf Bde (batman-drs)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).)
<u>Wva. posted to Australia through illness and now on "X" list</u>				
010000	Pte	BIRDSON J.L.	11000	Pte WILLIAMS W.
0100070	L/Cpl	HILLIARD W.J.	0102908	" WISBERT A.L.
0100004	Pte	GARDNER A.J.	0100539	" FOSBER C.L.
TX3188	"	LINCH J.L.	0100005	" BARNEY S.L.
<u>Ill in New Guinea and on "X" list</u>				
015470	Pte	BURNIP J.C.	0103450	" WILSON R.E.

**Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.**

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT						REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED						REMARKS.		
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants		Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Batmen															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers - H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen, Technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
C.S.M.															
Intell Duties															
General Duties															
Hygiene Duties															
Totals															

Deficiencies in  
P.O.s. will be  
made good by  
promotions  
within the Unit.

Deficiency in attached personnel allowed by A.P.  
2 Ptes  
7 Aust Inf Bde  
(atmen-drs)

TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)

*Adfrets*  
Lieut.  
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 1 Apr 43

7 Aust Div  
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.



Personnel who have joined A.I.F.

<u>W.O.I</u>	<u>W.O.II</u>	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>Ptes</u>
1 • BOWO	1 • Clerk	3 • 1 Tpt Sgt. 1 Clerk 1 Armourer	5 • 1 Clerk 2 Drivers MT 1 Cook 1 batman

7 Aust Inf Bde Swimming Carnival No 3.

By courtesy of the Actg Bde Comd Lt-Col E.S. Miles.

Carnival will be held in the LALOKI River on Sunday, 25th Apr at 1400 hrs.

Judges. (ex-officio) Bde Comd, Comd Offrs of 9, 25 and 61 Bns, the Bde Maj. Capt McInnes Bde HQ. Lieut Thompson (9 Bn) Lieut Cook (Bde HQ) Lieut Radford (Bde HQ) Lieut Platz (9 Bn) Lieut Hill (25 Bn) Lieut Cottee (61 Bn). Judge of diving - Lieut Hobbs (61 Bn)

Starter. Capt McDonald (25 Bn). Check starter. Lieut Blackburne (Bde HQ)

Recorders and Scorers. Lieut Lawson and Lieut Nelson (25 Bn)

Referee. Lieut Wood (Bde HQ) Committee. Lieut Collins (25 Bn) Lieut Hobbs 61 Bn

P R O G R A M M E

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1400	1. 50 metres backstroke.
1405	2. 50 " Freestyle. (Class 1.)
1410	3. 100 " "
1415	4. Medley Relay (1, Back 2, Free, 3, Breast, 4, Free)
1425	5. 50 Metres, Freestyle. (Class 2.)
1430	6. " " " " 3.
1435	7. " " Breaststroke
1440	8. Neat Dive.
1500	9. Relay No 1. (eight men)
1510	10. " " 2. " "
1520	11. " " 3. " "
1530	12. Offrs Relay (six men)

One entrant in each event except event 8 when two will be permitted. Detailed lists of entries will reach committee by 1930 hrs 2 Apr. Units are asked (for sake of competition) to enter best men in Class 1 and Relay No 1 second best in Class II and Relay No 11 etc.

Points. Relay 1st 8. 2nd. 5. 3rd 2.  
Other events 1st 5 2nd 3 3rd 1.

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*APM*

JCM/WEM (27/4)

SECRET

Subject : PERSONNEL - 7 AUST INF BDE

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

27 Apr 43.

11 Div ref AQ 3784

Ref. 43/200/26

9 Aust Inf Bn  
25 Aust Inf Bn  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
11 Aust Fd Amb  
Bde H.Q.

Def Pl.  
'J' Sec Sigs  
241 L.A.D.  
File (2)  
War Diary (2)

Copies to - 24 Aust Fd Coy ) With request that these units  
25 Aust Coy A.S.C.) forward returns to this H.Q.  
for infm.

The following infm (in 4 copies) will be submitted to this H.Q. immediately it has been compiled. This matter must be treated as urgent:-

- (a) Number of per (Offrs and O.R's) now serving with unit who disembarked at MILNE BAY either before or with the main body of the bde.
- (b) Number of per as above who disembarked more than one month but less than two months after the main body and so on for a period of four (4) months.

2. Please note that only per NOW serving with unit or on X List in this area are to be taken into account.

3. For infm it is pointed out that first flight of 7 Aust Inf Bde gp disembarked at MILNE BAY 11 Jul 42 and concentration of main body at MILNE BAY was completed by 5 Aug 42.

--/ 4. Returns will be submitted on pro forma att, of which five (5) copies are sent to each unit.

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

SECRET

11 Div ref. AQ 3784  
7 Bde ref 43/200/26

Unit.  
Date.

PERSONNEL : 7 AUST INF BDE  
(pro forma issued with 7 Bde 43/200/26)

Return of per NOW serving with unit, or on X List in PORT MORESBY Area, who disembarked at MILNE BAY before 31 Dec 42

Disembarked at MILNE BAY between dates shown:-

11 Jul - 5 Aug 42 (Main body)		6 Aug - 31 Aug 42 Within one month of main body		1 Sep - 30 Sep 42 (More than 1 month, less than 2 later)		1 Oct - 31 Oct 42 (More than 2 months, less than 3 later)		1 Nov - 30 Nov 42 (More than 3 months, less than 4 later)		1 Dec - 31 Dec 42	
(a)		(b)		(c)		(d)		(e)		(f)	
Offrs	O.R's	Offrs	O.R's	Offrs	O.R's	Offrs	O.R's	Offrs	O.R's	Offrs	O.R's

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C.O.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit.

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VAUST INF EDB INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 10.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION IN N.G.P. SUMMARY NO 116.

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

AND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

LAND.

Although no new troops have arrived in the NE sector during the week, information received from LHQ indicates a reshuffle of units both in RABAU and the SOLOMONS, and, with the report of the removal of two large units, a large decrease in the number of troops in RABAU is apparent.

Towards the close of 1942 there was reason to believe that both 16 Div and 65 Bde (Div), both of which participated in the PHILIPPINE campaign, were in RABAU - information received recently indicates that neither of these divisions is in the area, and consequently the total in RABAU has been reduced from 55,000 to 35,000. There are, however, five Regimental groups and elements of four SNLF there, available as immediate reinforcement of the SOLOMONS or NEW GUINEA.

In the immediate local area, by far the most significant item over the last six weeks has been the development of land and sea communications between WERAK and MADANG, and the continued interest in the old overland trade route through KAIAPIT between MADANG and LAE via the RAWU and WAKHEHE Valleys.

It is now learnt that the LAE garrison received supplies for two months from the convoy of 6/7/Jan - their present shortage of supplies has been evidenced during the last month by the bringing of supplies by submarine and occasional bomber aircraft, and the recent, only partially successful, attempt to land supplies from destroyers at FIESCHHAFFEN.

Reports continue to be received of intense enemy activity along the NE coast of NEW GUINEA; two missionaries recently returned, report that the coastal road MADANG - SEPIK has been improved and bridges strengthened to take wheeled traffic. This would make a good link between WERAK and MADANG - the only weak point being the area of the MURIK Lakes, where berges would have to be used.

Another Japanese patrol has been reported at KAIAPIT. These mentioned, as is their usual wont, that further troops are expected there from MADANG. A Japanese reconnaissance party recently passed through SAIBOR from FIESCHHAFFEN; it was thought to be possibly a survey party - he had made a survey of the possibility of small craft movement between MADANG and LAE.

All this is indicative of the Japanese intention to move troops and supplies to LAE from WERAK and MADANG via land and small craft - a policy partly brought about by their recent heavy shipping losses in attempting direct supply and reinforcements. Activity in the construction of bases along the NE coast is covered in Appendix "A".

In the middle of Mar a PW rumour indicated that the Emperor of Japan was concerned at the setbacks his forces had received in the SWPA. The rumour further said that, in order to stabilize the situation in the SWPA the KWANTUNG army and the KUMAMOTO unit (thought to be 6 Div) from MANCHUKUO were to be brought to the SWPA.

During the week reports of the possible move of units from North CHINA and MANCHUKUO have been received. As yet the indications are vague but these indications might tie up with the above report.

SEA. Apart from the medium sized convoy which began to assemble near KAVIENG at the beginning of the week, later destroyed or dispersed by our aircraft, there have been no significant sea movements.

Shipping at RABAU remains fairly constant, the latest visual sighting reporting approximately between fifty-five and sixty vessels.

AIR.

The complete lack of offensive air activity on the enemy's part continues to be most marked, and is inconsistent with his known strength. He has failed to carry out even the usual harassing raids in the GRC Bay BUHA area.

All this is indicative of conservation of strength to assist some major move, and might possibly be connected with the expected reinforcement movement mentioned under LAND; in addition, it is highly likely that some, at least, of the aircraft were being held to cover the KAVIENG Convoy.

Further examination of the enemy COB reveals that since Dec his air strength in both the NE and NW sectors has almost been doubled. Figures have been summarized below.

	1 Jan	4 Apr.	increase of
NE Sector	245	485	237
NW Sector	129	240	111
Total NE and NW sectors	377	725	348

OPERATIONS.

(a) LAND - OWN AND ENEMY.

ORO BAY - GOODENOUGH ISLAND AREA.

A report from native source states that sixteen Japanese in a "double Barge" have been seen at NAKINA or KADAI Island, sixteen miles NW of the TROBRIANDS. This party could either be further survivors of the BISMARCK Convoy or a reconnaissance party. A small force has been organised and investigation is being made.

More survivors from the BISMARCK Convoy landed on MASI MASI (North coast of FERGUSSON Island) 1 Apr. Three were killed and the remainder escaped, but efforts are being made to hunt them down. The total to date of killed and captured from the BISMARCK Convoy is one hundred and thirty five captured, and two hundred and thirty-eight killed.

MANBARE AREA.

No enemy troops have been encountered in this area during the week, and it was reported on 1 Apr that active patrolling has been maintained.

MOROBE AREA.

Patrols declared MOROBE Harbour and MO areas clear of enemy on 31 Mar. On APR 1, DONA was occupied and the mouth of the WARIA River secured. Organisation of defensive positions in all areas was reported on 5 Apr. and active patrolling is being carried out from BAU and DONA to MOROBE, with a patrol located at CORLI (four miles north of MOROBE Harbour).

Two Coys with MGs, mortars and two pounders, together with a coy of signals are now located at DONA, whilst a section of twenty-five pounders is deployed in an area just south of EWARE Inlet. A holding force of a Company Headquarters and Detachments is located at ZAKA Mission, which is situated at the mouth and on the northern bank of the WARIA River.

MUBO - LAEBAKA.

Activity has been observed from all enemy localities, and by the number of fires and lights seen along the LOKANU-KOMIATUM track, it would appear that this route forms a possible L of C from the coast to the MUBO area.

Enemy mortars and 70mm mortar gun are active around DRY Creek, but the establishment of our fwd arty OPs will soon provide a means of neutralizing these positions.

An improved OP overlooking BOEDUBI, SALAMAU, KELA aerodrome, KOMIATUM and KOMIATUM Ridge was established on 1 Apr. but was attacked on 2 Apr and, after a skirmish, we were forced to evacuate. A small fighting patrol is being left in place of the OP personnel at this point.

Usual activity has been seen in the EUGAP Creek, BITOI River and OBSERVATION Hill areas, and our troops are preparing to secure patrol bases on MAT MAT from which to operate.

Barge traffic in the vicinity of LABABIA Island and towards DUALI has been often reported and might possibly be interpreted as part of an L of C into MUBO Area. A thorough reconnaissance of LABABIA Island and DUALI WAS CARRIED out by low-flying aircraft during the week, and nothing untoward sighted. Native canoes on LABABI Island and in the mouth of the BUYANIM-BITOI rivers were observed.

Deep water exists on the north of LABABIA Island where submarines could easily approach and off-load on to the barges or native canoes, so this angle cannot be entirely negated by the nil reconnaissance report.

MARKHAM AREA.

This area still provides a focal point for Japanese interest, and a party of ninety enemy with tools were reported at KA IAPIT on 31 Mar, although they were poorly clothed and possessed no automatic weapons or food. Another party of twelve which had previously been reported in the same area were well armed, and were possibly the advance guard. The

opinion is held by the patrol offr inthe area that the whole is an advance party sent to establish quarters for more troops.

Native talk says that the Japanese are expecting reinforcements for KAIAPIT, MARAWASSA (nineteen miles NNW KAIAPIT) and MADANG.

A party of five Japanese were contacted near KOREPA Village (eighteen miles NW of DUMPU), was burned by the same party as they passed through. Development of KAIAPIT landing ground is possibly one of their aims.

#### SAIDOR AREA.

Our observers camp was raided by a party of twenty Japanese on 31 Mar. One Radio and stores were destroyed, and one of our men was slightly wounded. The enemy suffered two killed. Wireless contact with the patrol is being maintained, however, and it is reported that SAIDOR is still under constant observation.

It is now estimated that there are 500 enemy in this area, and, whilst the villages of MUR, WILWILAN, SAVEI, LAGAP, SIWIT, GALEK, and BILIAU have been visited and occupied, the enemy have established camps only in the SIWIT (SUIT), GALEK, and BILIAU Villages (ref 4 mile strst MADANG Sheet).

Natives in the NANKINA River area are considered to be loyal, and are known to have assisted the observer party by deliberately misleading the enemy.

It is hoped that a straffing of the coast line between MUR and SINGOR will have the effect of driving the natives into the hinterland, but at present it is considered that all beach natives are under Japanese domination and made to accede to the enemy's wishes.

SINGOR anchorage is reported as being used as a harbourage for night barges to MADANG.

#### BOGIA AREA.

Two or three hundred troops are reported to be occupying billets in ULAMBA and BOGIA Harbour. Further development of communications is being carried out roads are being repaired and bridges built. The Japanese policy of having a suitable landing ground at each occupied point along the northern coast is further demonstrated in this area by the fact that NUBIA airfield has been placed in commission and is being used. Patrolling in the SEPIK area down the RAMU and to MADANG continues, and leads us to believe that the enemy still aims to find a suitable route from WEWAK to MADANG, and thence down into the LAE-SALAMAUA area.

#### WEWAK AREA.

Nothing more of importance has happened in this area since last summary. A further enemy patrol into the hinterland was reported on 30 Mar and this fact might be part of the scheme as detailed in the preceeding para.

#### (b) SEA - ENEMY.

##### KAVIENG.

On 1 Apr, reconnaissance aircraft discovered a heavy concentration of shipping at KAVIENG, where a well-escorted convoy appeared to be assembling. It comprised :-

3 light cruisers

3 destroyers

6 medium merchant vessels totalling 35,000 tons.

At the time of the sighting, the ships appeared to be stationary. The force began to move southwards, but was soon split up by heavy Allied air attacks. During the next three days, the ships were still in the area some units being reported in the vicinity of STEFFEN STRAITS, others further south in GAZELLE Channel. Between 1-4 Apr, one heavy and 1 light cruiser and one destroyer were sunk; while three destroyers and two or three merchant vessels were severely damaged. Aircraft over the area on 5 Apr could only find one cruiser (which was apparently beached), and four merchant vessels totalling about 11,000 tons.

##### RABAUL.

The last complete coverage of ships at RABAUL is that of 26 Mar, reported in last week's summary. However on 2 Apr, aircraft reported the presence of approximately fifty-five ships in the harbour. Other vessels were sighted at sea, including at least six which were apparently heading for RABAUL.

##### BUIW - PAISIAREA.

Enemy vessels have again been active, and on 4 Apr the following ships were sighted:-

2 light cruisers

2 destroyers

4 large cargo vessels

6 auxiliary ships.

NORTH COAST NEW GUINEA.

Supplies continue to be moved into WENAK. Five 2/3000 ton cargo vessels seen at anchorage there on 2 Apr, had their decks loaded with crates and boxes.

Further evidence of Japanese anxiety to conceal their shipping from our reconnaissance aircraft, comes from FINSCHHAFEN. On 2 Apr, a 1500 ton vessel was sighted with half its length wedged into a small dredged-out cove, and over it a screen of netting and foliage was in course of erection.

NW SECTOR.

Activity here continues at many points. At BABO, photos of 31 Mar showed three small merchant ships totalling 6000 tons together with several smaller ships. At FAK FAK there were two 4,000 ton vessels, and many small craft. Photos of SEBAKOR Bay, which is forty miles SE of FAK FAK, revealed six small ships totalling about 8,000 tons. On 5 Apr, six stationary cargo vessels were seen in SEKAR Bay, twenty miles north of FAK FAK; one was a ship of 4,000 tons, the others being smaller. A number of small ships were also sighted at KAIMANA Bay; while there were five vessels at AMBON on 3 Apr.

(c) AIR. OWN

The main feature of air operations during the period under review has been the successful attacks carried out by heavy bombers against shipping concentrations in the KAVIENG area.

MUBO.

Direct air support missions against targets selected by KANGA FORCE have continued. The KITCHEN Gk area has been bombed and strafed by BOSTONS on four occasions. This area has now been subject to regular attacks for a considerable period, and it is reported that much of the jungle has been broken down, making the track clearly visible.

DUALI - LABABIA ISLAND.

Huts and native craft on LABABIA Is, SALUS Lake area and DUALI were effectively bombed and strafed on 31 Mar, 2 and 3 Apr. Fires were started, huts and canoes destroyed, and other canoes damaged by strafing.

LAE.

On 4 Apr a co-ordinated attack against HEATHS plantation area was carried out by formations of Mitchells, Bostons and Beaufighters. There was no well-defined target for our aircraft and observation of results was very difficult. Some fires were started and the area was well covered by thirty-six strafing passes by Beaufighters.

SALAMAUA.

Bostons in a co-ordinated attack with Beaufighters bombed and strafed KELA village on 31 Mar, destroying several huts and starting fires.

On 5 Apr Bostons and Mitchells attacked the Isthmus and AA positions at Mc DONALDE Junction. Fires were started on the Isthmus and flying debris indicated the probable demolition of buildings.

SUSPECTED CONVOY MOVEMENT.

Following indications of a possible convoy movement from KAVIENG to NEW GUINEA, heavy bombers conducting sea-lane searches north of NEW BRITAIN on 1 Apr, sighted a large concentration of merchant and naval vessels in the KAVIENG area.

Liberators and Fortresses attacked at nightfall, but apart from damage to a 6,000 ton cargo vessel, results were unobserved.

Fortresses carrying out low-level skip-bombing attacks on 3 Apr sank two cruisers, one destroyer and damaged another destroyer. On 4 Apr, Fortresses again carried out a low-level attack, resulting in hits on two destroyers and a 5/6,000 ton cargo vessel, which were badly damaged. During the same day, an unidentified vessel of 6/8,000 tons was hit and damaged.

RECONNAISSANCE.

Sea-lanes north of NEW BRITAIN to KAVIENG have been covered daily, in addition to the normal reconnaissance of the area around NEW BRITAIN and along the northern coast of NEW GUINEA.

During these operations, bombs were dropped on LAE, FINSCHHAFEN, CAPE GLOUCESTER and GASMATA.



ENEMY OOB - LAND.

A recent report states that the enemy in the DUALIBITOI River mouth are not SNLP. This may indicate that the MAIZURU No 2 SNLP has been relieved by the re-organized 102 Inf Regt, in the areas forward of SALANAUA. Taking available reinforcements into consideration, the strength of 102 Inf Regt may now be the equivalent of two weak battalions, or approximately 1600 troops. It is possible however, that the troops observed between DUALI and the BITOI River mouth were escaping remnants of the NAMBARE and WOROBE detachments.

ORGANIZATION.

The following organization is probably the same as that of 29 Pd POM POM Coy which has been identified at LAE:-

ORGANIZATION OF A FIELD POM POM BATTERY.

BATTERY HQ (136)  
Captain.

1 Section 2 Section 3 section 4 Section Ammunition  
Lieutenant Lieutenant Lieutenant Lieutenant Section WO  
(21) (21) (21) (21) (22)

Sub-section Sub-section  
1x 25mm 1x 25mm  
Tk.A. / AA Gun Tk.A. / AA Gun

Sections 2,3,4, and Ammunition as for No 1 Section.

TOTAL PERSONNEL -136  
Guns - 6

The Battery is allotted motor trucks when assigned to airfield defence or tank attack, but it can also operate with pack horses when the country is difficult.

PERSONALITIES.

The following personalities are believed to have been aboard the ill-fated BISMARCK SEA Convoy of 2/3 Apr:

MIYAZAWA Bunc Lt-Col - CO 14 Pd Arty Regt  
SAKABA Maj - CO 3 Bn 14 Pd Arty Regt  
ICHIKAWA Lieut - CO Waggon Line 14 Pd Arty Regt  
FUNADA Lieut - CO 7 Bty 14 Pd Arty Regt.  
HIRATA Lieut - CO 8 Bty 14 Arty Regt

TACTICS.

An officer from a forward unit has submitted a report, which has been summarized below, dealing with enemy tactics.

Some of the points mentioned are new, but several of them are old tactics used in a slightly different form.

Tactics employed generally conformed to those laid down in manual and instructions issued for training purposes.

An example of the rigidity of shallow outflanking tactics was demonstrated against an ambush position prepared by our forward unit on the main MUBO track. At least six large enemy patrols ran into this ambush over a nineteen hour period. The patrols were progressively larger, and each adopted exactly the same procedure. At least seventy enemy casualties occurred in this position, which was manned by a total of twenty men.

Alsation dogs have been used by the enemy on several occasions, but their use in any specific role is doubtful, unless they are employed as watch dogs.

The enemy's imitation of Australian voices was entirely unsuccessful, the only harm resulting in our voice control being dangerous and often ineffective. Our use of "ainkum Aussie" and words difficult for the Japanese to pronounce, to combat this imitation, had not, at the time of writing, been subjected to a conclusive test.

The enemy has displayed a fine sense of bushcraft in his cunning concealment, his cunning of new tracks to facilitate movement, and his use of apparently smokeless fires.

An example of good concealment is an area known to have been definitely occupied was at GARRISON HILL immediately preceding the last attack on MUBO, when, for fourteen daylight hours, no more than six or nine Japanese were visible at any one time, except for one parade of approximately thirty troops. When fire was opened on the huts however, scores of

men emerged from them, and mortar fire produced another sixty from under the huts.

Camouflage in defensive positions is also exceptionally good.

Summing up, Japanese soldiers appear to be trained so that they act according to a set of rules from which they do not depart, and consequently act very stupidly at times. They are, excepting snipers, inaccurate shots, even at close range. They panic quickly when their officers are shot.

The UNLP troops are physically much above the average, their movements smarter, and they will make most determined efforts to evacuate their wounded.

#### TOPOGRAPHICAL.

##### COAST AND HINTERLAND - FINSCHHAFEN TO LAE.

From FINSCHHAFEN southward to CAPE GRETIN, the coastline is characterised, for the greater part, by low rough coral cliffs, varying from eight to twenty feet in height, and fringed by shore reef. That section inside the GINGALA Islands offers better landing facilities in small stretches of sandy beach - the outer edge of the GINGALA Island is also of a coral cliff formation. This section of the coast is unprotected from both south-east and north-west winds, and, as a result, is most unsuitable for landing operations. The country behind the shore line rises gradually for 5/600 yards and then ascends more steeply.

West of CAPE GRETIN, an offshore reef gives some protection for about eight miles, but shore reef again occurs in places. Beaches are common behind the reef, but the foreshore is often composed of rough coral only. MANISCH Harbour affords no shelter from the south-east. Again, the country backing the shoreline rises gently for approximately half a mile but is cut into ravines by numerous streams.

A shore reef at CAPE GERHARDS extends about one mile to the southwards but otherwise, offshore reefs are not known. From CAPE GERHARDS westward to CAPE ARKONA there is a narrow sand beach exposed to the south-east, backed by wooded slopes which rise gradually for about 2/300 yards and then the ascent becomes steep into the mountains. A wider plain does occur at the mouth of the BUBENG River, about 5-6 miles west west of CAPE GERHARDS.

CAPE ARKONA is a steep and prominent bluff, and affords some shelter in its lee to the westward. Sandy beach extends westward from this point, but is narrow and exposed to the south-east. The bluff of CAPE ARKONA is the first high coastal point east of LAE.

The HOPOI airfield is immediately behind the beach, and about two miles west of CAPE ARKONA. In the vicinity of HOPOI, the country behind the beach is generally thin forest with native gardens.

Landing at any point along the beach between HOPOI and LAE is possible, but care must be exercised during the south-east season. The country backing the beaches over this section is generally wooded, with frequent swamps and occasional patches of grassland.

Of the coastal rivers, the MONGI and BUSU are considered difficult to ford, particularly when in flood.

A coastal track connects FINSCHHAFEN and LAE, but apart from a few miles of road to the south of the former and the road which connects LAE and MALAHANG, no routes suitable for MT exist. Extensive bridging of coastal rivers would be necessary to allow of the passage of motor transport.

#### SECURITY.

Special care will be needed to ensure that civilians re-entering NEW GUINEA under permit on legitimate business are not given access to military information and establishments. They will each be issued with an identity card from HQ, NGF, bearing photograph and full description. This card is to be carried by them at all times and produced on demand.

Service personnel have been noticed in conversation with seamen who come ashore in port areas, and emphasis is laid on the need for utmost caution on the part of troops.

#### SECURITY IN MANOEUVRES.

An interesting check on general "security alertness" amongst army units took place during recent manoeuvres on the mainland. It was found that, on the first manoeuvre, Staff Officers' or Chaplains' uniforms, or simple disguises (e.g. hayseed farmer), were sufficient to enable "fifth-columnists" to gain the confidence of all ranks.

The practical lessons learnt brought about a marked improvement in security during the second manoeuvre, but reports rather suggest that this degenerated from the training exercise originally intended

into an anti-"fifth-columnist" operation.

CENSORSHIP.

Many troops continue to strive to avoid unit censorship by use of green envelopes for general correspondence and by addressing letters to Base Censor. As well as constituting, in most cases, a misuse of green envelopes which is supposed to be confined to purely personal and family matters, this state of affairs indicates dissatisfaction amongst the troops at the method employed by some franking officers. There are complaints of delay before letters are censored, and, in particular, of officers' failure to treat matter in letters as absolutely confidential. Probably no one factor is responsible for more ill feeling about censorship Regulations - with consequent attempts at evasion - than the report that officers have been heard reading out extracts of letters to one another and joking about them.

APPENDIX "A".

ENEMY CONSOLIDATION ON NORTH COAST OF NEW GUINEA.

The Japanese are rapidly establishing WEWAK as their major base for operations on the NEW GUINEA mainland. Concurrently, the MADANG-ALEXISHAPEN area is also being developed. The airfields at WEWAK are designed for bombers, and those at MADANG-ALEXISHAPEN principally for fighters.

2. At present the enemy's main attention has been directed to the development of airfields along the coastline and, latterly, to sea and land communications between WEWAK and MADANG.

3. Direct distances to WEWAK are as follows:-

<u>From Allied Bases</u>	<u>Nautical miles</u>	<u>From Enemy Bases</u>	<u>Nautical miles.</u>
WAU	285	ALEXISHAPEN	150
MERAUKE	350	MADANG	160
PORT MORESBY	410	LAE	280
MILNE BAY	570	WAKYAGAT	240
		CAPE STURGES	310
		KAVIENG	450
		CANNARA	435
		KABONI	515
		HOLLANDIA	190
		WARDE ISLAND	300

4. Particulars of airfield development are as follows:-

<u>Runways</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Dispersal</u>	<u>Max Number of A/C</u>
(a) dimensions		(a) present	<u>seen</u>
(b) surface		(b) indicated.	
WEWAK (a)4400'x300'	serviceable	(a)1050'x3 blast pens dispersal lane for, say, 40 more	3755P's (8 damaged) mainly 25KE and 050AR
(b)Coral and gravel		(b)extension of S.E. dispersal lane possible.	
<u>BUT.</u> 30 miles NW OF WEWAK	(a)5200'x770' near serviceable (b) Coral and gravel	(a)15 M/B blast pens (b)clearing for 15 under way and further dispersal possible.	Nil
<u>BORAN.</u> 2 1/2 miles ESE of WEWAK	(a)4900'x600' near serviceable (b)Coral and gravel	(a)5 M/B blast pens (b)2 dispersal lanes being cut.	1 35P
<u>ALEXISHAPEN.</u> (a)4000'x165'	unservicable	(a) Nil (b) dispersal lane under construction. clearing for several P. blast pens	Nil
(b)Grass with coral foundation being improved.			
<u>MADANG.</u> (a)3450'x330'	serviceable	(a) 34P and 1 Bblast pen (b) dispersal lanes	13 35P 1 M/B 3. JULY.
(b)Coral			

3. There have been reports of a strip at DOGUA, between BUT and WENAK, but there is no confirmation of this. A dried-up lagoon in position three miles ESE of BUT was probably mistaken for a strip.

6. Possible further airfield development along the coastline may be expected at SAIBOR, where there is an old civil landing ground at present unserviceable and obstructed by trenches. Conflicting reports have been received as to the enemy's activity there, but it appears that enemy parties have been in the area and it is almost certain that the airfield has been examined, if not worked upon. In addition, there is a flat grass covered coastal plain near the RAMU River mouth, where a landing ground can be readily developed.

7. Land and sea communications between WENAK and MADANG are being developed. Track activity has been seen at KAITEN (32 miles SE X E HANSA BAY, NUBIA), where there is a well used road and a bridge in evidence. There is a well surfaced, much used road with culvert and a small jetty at ULIGAN (40 miles SE HANSA BAY, NUBIA). In addition, new bridges and culverts have been observed over the rivers and creeks, as well as a coastal track, between WENAK and MADANG. Already the harbour at BOGIA has been used and further development there must be expected. There is a small jetty and a 1500 ton ship, together with seven landing barges has been seen in the harbour.

8. Enemy shipping and activity have also been noted at MONUMBO (POKSDAM Harbour, eight miles SW of BOGIA), where heavy 5" AA has been encountered, at NUBIA on HANSA BAY, the northern shores of which offer airfield possibilities, and at ARGILA BAY, adjoining BOGIA Harbour to the north-west, where light AA has been observed.

9. At present there is no development disclosed in the inland areas, although enemy patrols have been active. These areas are fed by two navigable rivers - the SERIK and the RAMU - along both of which there are areas capable of airfield development. Of the two rivers, the SERIK appears the more important. At MARIENBURG, 20 miles from the mouth of the SERIK, there is a large mission station with a well equipped machine shop and boat slip. The terrain about two miles behind here is suitable for airfield development. In addition 500 cattle are said to have been at the mission station when the Japanese first invaded NEW GUINEA. Further to the west along the SERIK River, and 47 miles SE of WENAK, is the Government Station at BURUI, where there was a civil aviation airfield. This airfield is capable of development for operational use.

10. At present the inland flank of WENAK is not covered and it appears reasonable to suppose that the enemy is mindful of this. More so when it is observed that BURUI is in the direct line of flight from the Allied base at WERAUKE to WENAK (350 miles).

11. A motor transport road leads from BURUI to MAPRIK, 22 miles to the north. On this road there are straight stretches which could be used for fighter dispersal. As well, the road is skirted by kunai grass flats fringed by timber, suitable for airfield construction. The enemy recently made an aerial reconnaissance of this area.

12. WENAK is connected with RABAUL by a series of fighter strips at MADANG, ALEXISHAFEN (near serviceable) Cape GLOUGESTER, and GASMATA, with a probable development of an alternative connection through LORENGAU (reported as being made serviceable) and KAVIENG.

13. The WENAK anchorage, although it has less shipping than AMBON, is equally important in North Eastern Areas. AMBON is in the North Western Area. Although the anchorage is open, evidence appoints to the approaches having been mined, thus indicating the importance placed upon the area by the enemy. In this connection, it should also be noted that the enemy is using VICTORIA Bay on the western end of KAIRIRU Island, 15 miles NW of WENAK. Here there is a mission station with good buildings.

14. At present it appears that supplies are in the main being brought from PALAU direct to WENAK. Since the annihilation of the LAE Convoy, any supplies for WENAK from RABAUL and KAVIENG appear to have been sent north of the ADMIRALTY Islands on the eastern side, and then down to WENAK.

15. When the airfields at LORENGAU, MADANG, and ALEXISHAFEN have been fully developed, it is possible that the enemy may again be tempted to

bring his convoys of troops and supplies through the BISMARCK SEA.

16. The Fighter Strips at MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN may play an important part in the enemy's defence of the LAE-SALAMAUAArea, and will be important forward bases for the defence of WEWAK should the enemy be compelled to evacuate the HUON PENINSULA. Occupation of these airfields by the allies in strength could be expected to make the enemy's positions untenable at WEWAK, CAPE GLOUCESTER and GASMATA. Hence the strategical importance of enemy consolidation in the area under review cannot be over emphasised.

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Compiled from information contained in N.O.F. Summary No 117.  
From 1200 hrs 7 Apr 43 to 1200 hrs 14 Apr 43.

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

AND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

LAND.

The enemy continues to show interest in the RAMU Valley. A party of Japanese were reported to have passed through INOMBA (approx 30 miles N x W of BENA BENA) during the week.

During the past two weeks, the enemy appears to have inaugurated a strong patrol system with the intention of clearing our patrols from the northern coastal areas. There have been several slight skirmishes, resulting in only one casualty to our forces. This attempt of the enemy to rid his forward areas of our patrols, and the attempted elimination of our observation posts, may well presage intensified enemy activity in these areas, and would be the natural fore-runner to the use of the old trade route to LAE.

Again further activity on road and bridge construction along the NE coast is reported; the road BODIA-MADANG is in good condition and heavily used.

There is reason to believe that portion of the troops at WEWAK have been moved to MADANG; consequently the estimate of the garrison has been revised, and the new estimate shown below:-

	<u>WEWAK</u>		<u>MADANG</u>
9/11,000	Including two regiments of 41 Div and one of 20 Div.	6/8,000	Including two regiments of 20 Div.

SEA.

What can be described as regular shipping to WEWAK, has been evident for some weeks; however, on the morning of 12 Apr, a tonnage greater than has been usual was reported. Altogether, seven vessels, whose tonnage is estimated at approx 25,000 tons, were at anchorage at WEWAK.

The report of a small convoy of two vessels at or off HOLLANDIA on 11 Apr, is interesting, as it is considered quite likely that shipping making WEWAK from PALAU may be staging through HOLLANDIA. Credence is given to this assumption when it is recalled that indications over the past few weeks have pointed to the linking of commands covering the NE and NW Sectors.

HAUSA BAY has been used either as a base or staging base for the first time. On 12 Apr, six merchant vessels and two destroyers were reported.

AIR.

This week has seen the beginning of what might well be large scale operations directed against rearward Allied bases. For the past month, the enemy's air strength in the NE Sector has been steadily augmented and his offensive effort in contrast surprisingly small.

This lull was broken on 11 Apr, when between forty and forty-five aircraft attacked an allied convoy off ORO Bay, and again on the morning of 12 Apr, when a force of at least forty-four medium bombers accompanied by sixty fighters carried out the heaviest raid yet experienced on PORT MORSEY, attention being almost entirely directed against Allied airfields.

Considering the size of the raid, damage done was surprisingly small; three A/C were totally destroyed, and others damaged sufficiently to render them unserviceable for a week. In addition, a fuel dump was partially destroyed. The enemy lost fifteen bombers for certain, together with ten fighters, whilst six bombers and one fighter were probably destroyed.

A late report received indicated that forty to forty-five

bombers and sixty fighters were raiding HILNE BAY at 1245 hrs 14 Apr.

It is considered that this renewed aerial activity is aimed at minimising our air striking and interception potential, and is a prelude to the running of further convoys carrying supplies and reinforcements to the NEW GUINEA mainland. In this connection, it is worthy of note that during the PORT MORESBY raid, the enemy managed to move two small convoys to the NE coast of NEW GUINEA.

The extreme flexibility of the enemy's air strength should be borne in mind - strikingly demonstrated when ninety-eight A/C raided GUADALCANA on 7 Apr and approx one hundred and four raided MORESBY on 12 Apr. In this connection, the absence of A/C at foremost bases is no sure guide of enemy intentions. It would be foolish to imagine that the heavy losses incurred will act as a deterrent. The enemy has shown throughout operations in this area that exhaustion is the only real cause of cessation of attack.

Maintenance and extension of the airfields along the NE coast continues.

OPERATIONS.

(a) LAND - OWN AND ENEMY.

GRO BAY - GODENOUTH ISLAND AREA.

More Japanese troops have been captured in the D'ENTRECASTEAUX GROUP.

On 7 Apr, twelve PW were taken on GODENOUTH IS. One of these escaped, but was later recaptured and committed suicide, whilst a second died of exposure. Another fifteen, one of whom died, were captured on FERUSON IS on 12 Apr.

DRAKE FORCE made a search of the LUSANGAY Islands from KADAI to KANAPO and consider that there are no Japanese on KOTOITA, LAPCIA, LUABIA, WABABU, and UHALATA Islands of the ARPELETT GROUP. Another party of seven have been reported on the east coast of GODENOUTH IS, but no further details are to hand.

The progress tally of survivors captured and killed to date, reads one hundred and fifty-nine captured, and two hundred and forty-one killed.

MOROBE AREA.

It was reported by an observer with a patrol near PAIWA that a force of Japanese troops left MAIAMA recently, and that a force of enemy were located in the vicinity of PAIWA. A patrol from HALLMARK Force was sent to investigate, but report no trace of enemy. Patrolling continues.

MUBO - LAE AREA.

Activities in this area during the week have been confined to the establishment of OPs and continued patrolling.

Patrols have been pushed out in the MUBO and MISSIM areas, and one which reached the coast at DUALI reported no enemy movement, but voices were heard coming from LABABIA IS. A small patrol was fired on from an ambush position on OBSERVATION HILL, but a patrol which receded in rear of this position two days later reported no sign of enemy. Thirty-five to forty enemy were seen on the NW slopes of the LABABIA feature preparing fire lanes. Our new OP on this feature, which overlooks KITCHEN CK, can now keep all except the southern side of OBSERVATION HILL under observation.

Natives reported the presence of enemy at HOTE, in the MISSIM area, on 9 Apr, but patrols to this area on 11 Apr reported the area clear. An OP at PUGASU reported a party of enemy moving from HOTE to HALOLO, but otherwise movement in this area has been slight.

Barge movement between LABU - LAE, SINGAUVA-LAE, and SALANAU-LAE WAS REPORTED ON 12 Apr, and it would appear that these routes are still part of their L of C.

MARKHAM AREA.

An enemy patrol was reported approaching the head waters of the SUSAP River (tributary of the Markham), north of WANKUN from the direction of the KAI coast on 9 Apr, and a party which is thought to be the same one, was seen by natives to pass through DANARU towards ICHORBA, which they burnt enroute. KAIAPIT and ORJA were reported clear.

of the enemy on 7 Apr so it is presumed that the party previously reported occupying these places has withdrawn. No enemy were seen in MUNUM on 4 Apr.

SAIDOR.

Straffing of coastline between MUR and BILIAU has resulted in many natives moving into the hinterland but it is reported that the beach natives at SINGOR and BILIAU are in contact with the enemy. These places plus GUMBI are in use as night anchorages for small craft enroute to MABANG. Further action is being taken to move the natives out of the regions of Japanese domination.

WEWAK AREA.

The enemy have taken more interest in the hinterland south of WEWAK along the SEPIK and patrols, assisted by natives have visited YAMIL and TIMBUNKE (forty-five miles south of WEWAK on the SEPIK River). The latter is connected to WEWAK by good tracks.

An unconfirmed report states that the majority of natives east of BUT are pro-Japanese, with a friendly pocket at MARUI Mission, who assisted one of our parties on its way through.

A late report indicates that the enemy, using the fifteen ton schooner "PIUS", have now reached ANGERMAN on the SEPIK River, thirty-five miles SW of MANUI.

(b) SEA - ENEMY.

With the intensification of shipping movements during the past week, it is apparent that the tempo of operations is quickening, and we are beginning to see the major enemy action to which recent intelligence has pointed.

It is estimated that in the NE Sector the enemy now has available:-  
62 Merchant vessels, totalling 265,000 tons  
34 Warships, of which 2 are cruisers and 17 destroyers.

KAVIENG.

At least two escorted convoys left the KAVIENG area, travelling on a north NW course in the direction of TRUK. The first was sighted on 7 Apr, and consisted of 1 destroyer and 2 cargo ships of about 6,000 tons each. The second which left the next day composed 1 light cruiser 2 destroyer 2 Tpts and 1 5,000 ton cargo vessel.

In addition to these ships, about 8 vessels were variously reported to be in the sea lanes to the west and south of KAVIENG. Included were a light cruiser, a destroyer, a hospital ship and small merchant vessels. On 12 Apr a force of seven destroyers and one transport was in position one hundred and eighty miles to the NE.

RABAUL.

Amongst shipping and transit on 12 Apr, the following were noted:-

2 destroyers and 1 cargo vessel proceeding from RABAUL in a SE direction down ST GEORGES CHANNEL  
3-1000 ton cargo vessels, accompanied by 20 barges and fishing boats, approaching RABAUL from the west.

Photographs taken 12 Apr revealed the following ships in the harbour  
10 destroyers  
3 submarines  
6 Aux Warships  
4 tankers  
36 Merchant Vessels  
totalling 181000 tons  
In all a total of 59 ships.

Our A/C further reported that many of the vessels were getting up steam.

BUIN - FAISI.

The shipping in BUIN - FAISI during the week averaged 7 vessels, which is the usual amount for that area, now.

In addition two destroyers were at sea north of OEMA IS (approx 20 miles ENE of BUIN-FAISI) and proceeding SW. Four days later, a force of 1 Lt cruiser, 1 destroyer and three cargo ships was observed.

WEWAK.

Shipping has been sighted almost continuously at WEWAK. Photographs of 8 Apr showed that there were in the harbour one destroyer, three cargo ships aggregating 3,000 tons, and at least thirty-three barges. One of the cargo vessels appeared to a flat top with a crane on the stern.



and may have been a barge carrier.

However at 1030 hrs on 12 Apr a large convoy was sighted at anchorage. It consisted of at least seven ships, estimated at approx 30,000 tons.

HANSA BAY.

This locality is approx one hundred miles SE of WEWAK. At 1715 hrs 12 Apr a convoy of eight ships was sighted outside the bay. It comprised:-  
2 Destroyers  
4 6/8000 ton cargo vessels  
2 500/1000 ton cargo vessels.

Shortly afterwards, two of the larger vessels were observed to have begun unloading. It is believed that these ships were those reported earlier at WEWAK; the destroyers which accompanied them may have come from a force of three which, at 0600 hrs 11 Apr, were reported to be in position one hundred and sixty miles NE of WEWAK.

NW SECTOR.

Tonnage in this area decreased. sightings were:-

7 Apr at KOEPANG 1 4/6,000 ton cargo vessel,  
10 " " KAIMANA BAY, 2 small cargo vessels totalling 1400 tons.  
12 " " " 3 vessels totalling 7,000 tons.

SMALL CRAFT.

During the period 8/12 Apr, a total of over 100 enemy barges were reported at various points between WEWAK and MADANG, and especially at HANSA BAY and ULINGAN. Some near BOGIA were described as 60/75 feet in length. Eight other large barges in the same locality were power-driven, and covered with tarpaulins; they were equipped for AA defence. Five MLC were seen in KAIRIRU Straits. As almost all the barges sighted were camouflaged, it is reasonable to suppose that the enemy has, in fact, very many more barges than our A/C have seen.

In this connection, the report of the carrying out of trials in new methods of barge landing at SOURABAYA, in particular the mounting of the 70 mm Bren gun forward, is worthy of note.

(c) AIR - OWN.

The main features of the aerial operations for the past week have been the great increased activity along the north coast of NEW GUINEA, and interception of large enemy A/C forces over ORO BAY and PORT MORESBY.

MADANG.

Mitchells and Beaufighters carried out a very heavy bombing and strafing attack against MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN on 9 Apr. Four fighters and two medium bombers were destroyed on the ground, a petrol wagon and a number of huts were fired. It is thought that numerous casualties were inflicted on personnel on MADANG strip. And at AA positions. The raid appeared to be a complete surprise to the enemy.

On 10 Apr, another flight of Beaufighters thoroughly strafed the town and strip area.

SAIDOR.

The coastal road/<sup>area</sup> between MUR and SIGNOR was bombed and strafed by Mitchells on 7 Apr. A number of huts in the MUR and SIGNOR villages were destroyed.

BOGIA - ULINGAN.

On 10 Apr, BOGIA village and ULINGAN Harbour area were attacked by Mitchells. Several fires were started in BOGIA and huts were destroyed at ULINGAN. A two hundred foot bridge at ULINGAN was bombed, and direct hits were scored on both approaches.

LAE.

Heavy bombers, searching for possible convoy movements to PINSCHHAFEN on night 11/12 Apr, attacked targets at LAE. Two buildings were destroyed, and a very large fire was started near the SE end of the runway.

MUBO.

Bostons carried out direct support missions against targets in the KITCHEN Ok area on 9 Apr and 13 Apr.

PINSCHHAFEN - NUGBBA AREA.

The town area at PINSCHHAFEN, and village area at NUGBBA <sup>were</sup> ~~area~~ attacked by Beauforts on 12 Apr.

RABAUL.

Fortresses carried out an attack against the airfields of RAPOPOZ, VANAKANAU and LAKUNAI on 12 Apr. A large fire, which was visible for fifty miles, was started on VANAKANAU. An AA position on LAKUNAI was probably destroyed.

Four enemy night-fighters attempted to intercept, and two were destroyed.

A submarine in ST GEORGES CHANNEL was attacked and sunk by a fortress of this strike force.

WEWAK.

A large force of Liberators and Fortresses attacked shipping and installations at WEWAK between 0400 and 0700 hrs 10 Apr. Two direct hits were scored on a 1000 ton cargo vessel which was destroyed. A fire started on a 1500 ton cargo vessel approaching the harbour.

Fires were started in the Jetty, town and drome areas. Large fires and explosions were observed on WEWAK Peninsula as a result of direct hits on a dump.

One fighter attempted to intercept and was shot down.

ENEMY CONVOY - HANSA BAY.

An enemy convoy of nine ships moving SE towards HANSA BAY was shadowed by a reconnaissance A/C.

Convoy was reported entering HANSA BAY at 1628 hrs 12 Apr.

Liberators attacked at 1635-1643 hrs, and reported that the convoy consisted of one warship, two destroyers, three cargo vessels of 8/10,000 tons, and three cargo vessels of 4,000 tons. Three direct hits were scored on an 8/10,000 ton cargo vessel, which was left burning from bow to stern. direct hits were also scored on an 8,000 ton cargo vessel, which was reported to be smoking heavily amidships. Fifteen A/C (ten fighters and five twin-engined fighters) intercepted during bombing run. Six were shot down ( five fighters and one twin-engined fighter). A formation of Fortresses attempted to locate shipping. One bombed a destroyer five miles north of HANSA BAY from mast height. The remainder were unable to locate the shipping at 2055 hrs, and after an hours search, bombed shore installations, searchlights and AA positions around HANSA BAY, with unobserved results.

RECONNAISSANCE.

Usual reconnaissance of north and south coasts of NEW BRITAIN have been carried out, with increased coverage of the northern coast of NEW GUINEA, west of HUMBOLDT and HOLLANDIS Bays in DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

Twelve enemy fighters intercepted one Liberator over HOLLANDIA BAY on 12 Apr. Six were shot down and one probably.

INTERCEPTION.

ORO BAY.

An enemy force of forty to forty-five fighters and dive-bombers attacking allied shipping was intercepted at 1255 hrs 11 Apr. Six dive-bombers and ten fighters were destroyed and six fighters probably. One fighter crash landed, was the only Allied combat casualty.

PORT MORESBY RAID NO 106.

Medium bombers, assessed variously as between forty-four and fifty covered by sixty fighters, were intercepted at 22000 ft in the PORT MORESBY area at 1012 hrs 12 Apr. Approx forty-seven Allied fighters were airborne over PORT MORESBY, and two squadrons from DOBODURA intercepted over Cape WARD HUNT.

Enemy casualties were thirteen bombers and ten fighters destroyed and six bombers and one fighter probably destroyed. AA destroyed two bombers. Allied combat losses were three Airacobras destroyed, with damage to several other A/C.

(c) ENEMY - AIR.

Marking the cessation of a ten day period of inactivity, Japanese air elements at midday on 11 Apr launched an attack employing between forty and forty-five A/C against an Allied convoy, approx fifteen miles off ORO BAY.

During this action, three Allied ships, the SS "HANANG", SS "NOORA", and HMAS "PIRIE" received direct hits. The HANANG although able to proceed under its own steam, was found to be settling and was beached, as was the "NOORA". The "PIRIE" was hit on the bridge; this put several guns out of action, together with most instruments. This ship too was able

to proceed under its own steam to an Allied base.

Casualties to Allied personnel are not considered heavy. The enemy, however, lost heavily in A/C.

Continuing their aggressive role, enemy A/C attacked PORT MORESBY 1023 hrs on 12 Apr, with the heaviest force yet employed against this base.

Forty-four bombers escorted by sixty fighter A/C, were employed in the raid, during which an unknown number of bombs were dropped, primarily directed, it is thought, against WARD'S, LALOKI and KILA KILA airfields.

Considering the number of A/C employed, damage caused to Allied installations and equipment was not excessive, and included two medium bombers and one fighter destroyed, with seven other A/C damaged. Three fuel dumps were hit, but were quickly brought under control.

Between 1050 and 1200 hrs 12 Apr, three enemy fighters and two bombers (one of which crashed on landing), arrived at LAE airfield, and it is considered that these were further damaged A/C from the enemy strike force.

One enemy bomber, at a time not stated, but presumably one of the bombers engaged in the MORESBY raid, dropped seven or eight bombs on MOROBE HARBOUR. No damage or casualties resulted.

The day's enemy air activity culminated when another single bomber dropped an unknown number of bombs at WAU - No damage or casualties have been reported.

It is interesting to note that a single-seater twin-engined enemy fighter was reported to have attempted interception of an allied strike force over NEW BRITAIN on 12 Apr. The machine described as having a low elliptical tail-plane and wings, single fin and rudder, very streamlined and sleek fuselage; with very long engine nacelles extending almost to the nose of the fuselage.

Five enemy twin-engined single-seater fighters were again reported on 12 Apr as comprising part of an interceptor force of enemy planes over HANSA BAY - one of these was shot down.

The only twin-engined fighter which might answer to the description given above is the "HARRY" Type O, 2E. This machine has two 750 horsepower engines, a maximum speed of 350 miles per hour, and a range of normal speed of 500 miles.

These two instances are the first reports of enemy twin-engined single-seater fighters in this sector.

EQUIPMENT.

Information extracted from a captured Japanese document confirms the previous report that the Japanese have a 7.7 mm rifle, also a 7.7 mm LMG. The following details are unverified, and reliability can NOT be stated.

7.7 mm LMG.

Whilst this weapon closely resembles the "Type 95" LMG, it also has a flash eliminator, and supporting leg attached to the but. From general description, this may be the weapon illustrated as Appx "A" to Intelligence Summary No 114.

Calibre	7.7 mm (.303)
Total weight	8.9 kg (21.8 lbs)
Overall length	1185 mm (3' 10 1/2" approx)
	(including flash eliminator)
Rate of fire	550 rpm
Muzzle velocity	2345 fps
Maximum range	3829 yds
Magazine capacity	30 rds.

Type 99 Short Rifle (1939 Model) 7.7 mm.

Calibre	7.7	(.303)
Weight (without Bayonet)	8 lb 6 oz	
" (with Bayonet)	9 lb 7 oz	
Length (without Bayonet)	4 ft 2.4"	
" (with Bayonet)	4 ft 11.1"	
Muzzle velocity with type 99 ammunition-	2300 fps (approx)	
" " " " 92 ammunition-	2360 fps (approx)	
Maximum Range	3830 yds.	

Japanese 15 cm Howitzer "Type 893" (1938) (obtained from an interrogated PW) - This is the first report received of a 15 cm weapon of this type number.

Calibre	150 MM (5.9 ins) or 155mm (6.1 ins)
Traverse	400 mills (22 1/2°)
Elevation	minus 5° to plus 50° approx.
Weight of gun	5 tons approx
Shield	very thin plate capable of being penetrated by rifle bullet
Trail	split
wheels	solid rubber tyres
Weight of projectile	66 lbs approx
Maximum range of AP projectile	19,700 yds
Effective range of AP projectile	11,000 yds
Maximum range of HE projectile	11,400 yds
Effective range of HE projectile	8,500 yds
Normal charge	3 bags smokeless powder
Caisson	Steel chests divided in half, holding 12 shells and powder bags.

This gun is normally tractor-drawn and can be moved at speeds up to 10 mph. Tractors are Diesel powered.

As the Japanese normally report the calibres of their hy weapons in centimetres, making no mention of odd millimetres, it cannot be definitely stated whether this weapon is 150 mm or 155 mm. This was recently indicated by a captured text book on the "Type 88" 7 cm AA gun; the calibre of this weapon actually being 75 mm.

SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP.

Air-raids. - Many enquiries, which seem to indicate widespread ignorance of HGF censorship instruction No 1, have been received lately as to what mention may be made of air raids in correspondence. For obvious reasons, it is not permitted to make any reference whatever to damage or casualties or any other details until after the release of the official communique. Further, any mention that is made then, will conform strictly to the text of the communique given in newspapers or over the radio. The reason for insistence on this last provision is to prevent the inference that the writer or his unit is in the area raided. Eye-witness accounts can give away the location of units.

Rumours - A number of wild rumours have been started as to damage and casualties before the release of official information. Although none of them can be considered as panicky, the practice is to be deprecated and can be most effectively countered by officers keeping their men informed as far as possible whenever official reports come through.

Port Control - Measures are being taken to fence off the PORT MORESBY wharriarea to prevent unauthorised access, and reduce to an absolute minimum the contacts between Service personnel and shipping crews. The risk of leakage of information through this channel is serious, and there seems little doubt, that many spectacular rumours of conditions and incidents here, that gain currency on the mainland, have been carried south by seamen. It is easy to realize how contact between ships' crews can give stories and information world-wide circulation.

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*Apr 28*

SUBJECT : RETURN OF SWIMMERS AND NON SWIMMERS.

9 Aust Inf Bn	Def Pl
25 Aust Inf Bn	J sec Sigs
61 Aust Inf Bn	841 LAD
11 Aust Pd Amb	File
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It is important that every soldier should be able to swim.

2. This camp site gives splendid opportunities for improving the standard of all swimmers and teaching non-swimmers to swim.

3. Units will conduct systematic swimming classes under competent instrs.

4. A return in the form set out below will be rendered to this Hq by 1800 K/30:-

PRO FORMA.

7 bde ref 43/All/46

\_\_\_\_\_ Unit  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date

RETURN OF SWIMMERS AND NON-SWIMMERS.

Number of per NOW with unit		Number able to swim at least 100 yds		Number able to swim at least 50 yds		Number able to swim at least 20 yds		Number UNABLE to swim 20 yds	
Offrs	C.Rs	Offrs	C.Rs	Offrs	C.Rs	Offrs	C.Rs	Offrs	C.Rs

\_\_\_\_\_ C.O.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ unit.

*JCM*  
 Major,  
 Bde Major 7 Aust Inf Bde.

JCM/WEM (27/4)

Subject : TUTORIAL DISCUSSIONS No 3

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
27 Apr 43.

Ref. 43/G/5

Distribution : Comd (1)  
B.M. (2)  
One copy per Staff Offr  
11 Aust Div for infm (1)  
File.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning Thursday 29 Apr 43, tutorial discussions for all staff offr (less duty offr) will be held in Offrs' Mess at 1900 hrs.

2. It is essential that all offr (and NOT only the discussion leader) prepare the material thoroughly in adv.

3. Programme

Serial	Date	Subject	Leader	Remarks
1	29 Apr	18 bde lessons from ops in BUNA - SANANANDA area I Minor Tactics	B.M.	File with B.M. and I.O.
2	4 May	II Arty cooperation and "soft-spot" tactics.	B.M.	File with B.M. and I.O.
3	6 May	III Weapons, eqpt and intercomn	B.M.	File with B.M. and I.O.
4	11 May	IV Inf cooperation with Tks.	B.M.	File with B.M. and I.O.
5	13 May	WAU - topography	I.O.	Infm resumé's with I.O.
6	18 May	Notes on Jungle Warfare compiled by Maj C.S. WEBSTER. I Advance	L.O.1	File with B.M.
7	20 May	II Attack	L.O.2	File with B.M.
8	25 May	III Defence	L.O.3	File with B.M.
9	27 May	(a) Def of H.Q. in fd (b) Alarm Schemes.	Sig L.A.D. Offr	A.T.M. Aust 17 - Offr. copy with 241 LAD A.T.M. Aust 18
10	1 Jun	Trg within theatres of war	B.M.(L)	A.T.M. Aust 17 Appx 'E', 'F'
11	3 Jun	Eighth Army Trg Memo No 1	B.M.(L)	A.T.M. Aust 18 Appx 'C'
12	8 Jun	Movt by Air	S.C.	7 Bde notes.

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Subject : 7 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No 14

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

28 Apr 43.

Ref. 43/G/32-

9 Aust Inf Bn	(10)	Comd	(1)
25 Aust Inf Bn	(10)	B.M.	(2)
61 Aust Inf Bn	(10)	S.C.	(1)
11 Aust Fd Amb	(1)	B.A.S.C.O.	(1)
Bde H.Q.	(1)	Staff	(8)
Def Pl.	(1)	11 Aust Div for infm	(1)
'J' Sec Sigs	(1)	File	(2)
		War Diary	(2)

Further to this H.Q. memos of 16 and 23 Apr on this subject and to Trg Instn No 14.

## 2. Hrs of trg

During week beginning 3 May 43 forty-two (42) hrs will be given to trg, subdivided as follows:-

	<u>Type of trg</u>	<u>Hrs</u>
(a)	Drill	3
(b)	Weapon trg and fd firing	6
(c)	Individual	2
(d)	Tactical	15
(e)	A/Gas	2
(f)	Night	4
(g)	Marching	10
		<u>42</u>

3. Drill. Two of the three hrs allotted will be reserved for a bde parade, 0830 - 1030 hrs, 3 May 42. A little drill well done each day must be insisted upon. On marches to and from trg areas, units will observe the method of the "white line", inside which all movts will be smart drill movts; outside which all movt will be tactical.

## 4. Weapon trg and fd firing.

The "Head of the bde" competition has shown that, even in picked pls, the standard of weapon trg is NOT high enough. We should now be beyond elementary trg but NOT all men can pass T.O.E.T's. During this week units will repeat T.O.E.T's and all men will be trained until they can pass the tests. Further weapon trg during this week must aim at making men proficient at using weapons quickly and instinctively in standing and kneeling posns, and from the hip, and at firing over tall grass, from behind trees etc. This trg does NOT concern rifle coys alone: ALL per, incl adm per, must fire practices on an approved "jungle-firing" range. Units will notify this H.Q. 72 hrs in adv of all fd firing practices, stating time, place and direction of fire, so that warning to all tps may be published in R.O's. This does NOT absolve the unit from its responsibility to enforce safety precautions.

5. Individual trg. Better fieldcraft is still needed and must be developed by realistic individual trg and by insistence on a high standard of individual trg during all tac exercises. Demonstrations - e.g. of concealment and camflg - are useful, but the value of a demonstration is lost unless it is followed by individual practice.

6. Tac trg. The importance of sec leading is increased in jungle warfare, and good tac handling of higher sub-units is impossible unless sec leading is sound. Units will concentrate on raising the standard of sec leading and the team spirit within secs by making the sec the basis, NOT only of trg but of minor adm. Sec leading exercises will go on during the first half of this week; the second half will be given to pl exercises. In all exercises an enemy must be fully represented and boldness and initiative encouraged on both sides.

6. "Free-for-all" pl trg

Proposals for this trg will be submitted as required in para 7 of 43/G/32 of 23 Apr. However, to give more time for sec trg and to allow the bde comd (Brig J. FIELD) to inspect trg before pls are dispersed, "free-for-all" trg will NOT begin before 10 May 43.

7. A/Gas Trg.

More realistic A/Gas trg is needed. Unit Gas Offrs will arrange with Bde Gas Offr (Lieut S.T. BLACKBURNE) for supply of capsules so that all ranks may pass through a gas tent. More trg is required in personal decn and decn of weapons.

8. Night trg.

Night trg must aim at increasing skill and confidence in keeping direction by night and in silent movt. Flash-lamps must NOT be carried by per during trg by night.

9. Marching

All units will include one full days' march in this week's trg. As already laid down, trg marches will NOT be mere route marches, but will be tactical movts. An enemy will be represented and situations requiring decisions by sub-unit comds down to sec leaders frequently introduced.

ACK.

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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To 7 Aust Inf Bde

From.....

..... copies of 43/G/32 of 28 Apr 43 ref Trg  
Instn No 14 were received at ..... hrs .....Apr 43.

..... Rank.  
.....Appointment.



JCM/WEM (29/4)

*Apr 31*

*War Diary*

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Subject : INSPECTION OF TRG BY G.O.C., NEW GUINEA FORCE

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

*29* Apr 43.

Ref. 43/G/36

9 Aust Inf Bn	'J' Sec Sigs
25 Aust Inf Bn	241 L.A.D.
61 Aust Inf Bn	Comd.
11 Aust Fd Amb	B.M. (2)
Bde H.Q.	S.C.
Def Pl.	Camp Comdt (for infm)
	File (2)
	War Diary (2)

G.O.C., NEW GUINEA FORCE (Sir Iven MACKAY), with B.G.S. (Brig R.M. THOMPSON), wishes to inspect trg of units of 7 Aust inf bde on 30 Apr 43. Expected time of arrival is 1100 hrs; departure 1530 hrs.

## 2. TRG SYLLABUS

Normal trg for the day will be carried out. Units will ensure (as on all trg days) that number of per in unit lines is kept to absolute minimum. C.O's will have at hand detailed syllabus of day's trg by coys and by pls of H.Q. Coy. Pls of H.Q. Coy will be engaged in "specialist" trg. This syllabus must be adhered to.

## 3. LOCATION STATEMENT

C.O's will have location statement of all coys and det pls, and detailed parade state (by coys and pls of H.Q. Coy), and will be prepared to lead inspecting party to any selected coy or trg ground.

Copy of location statement will reach Bde H.Q. by 0900 K/30.

## 4. DRESS

Dress for all ranks 30 Apr will be:- boots, puttees short (or anklets web), trousers and shirts green, steel helmets, drill order.

## 5. PROGRAMME

Suggested programme for visiting units is set out below but all C.O's will be available at unit H.Q. from 1100 hrs:-

1100	A/Bde Comd meets G.O.C. at entrance No 2 Camp.
1110	G.O.C. inspects Guard
1115	G.O.C. inspects 61 Bn.
1230	Luncheon — Bde H.Q.
1345	G.O.C. inspects trg 11 Fd Amb.
1400	G.O.C. inspects trg 9 Bn.
1445	G.O.C. inspects trg 25 Bn.
1530	G.O.C. leaves.

ACK

Signed at *24.5* hrs.

Issued by L.O.

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Subject "HEAD OF THE BDE" PL COMPETITION No 1

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

30 Apr 43.

Ref. 43/3/25

9 Aust Inf Bn	Cond.
25 Aust Inf Bn	B.E.
61 Aust Inf Bn	File
Def Pl.	War Diary (B) ✓

This report on the above competition is forwarded for info.

2. Results

		H.P.N.	PTS
First	61 Aust Inf Bn		416 pts
Second	9 Aust Inf Bn		390 "
Third	25 Aust Inf Bn		340 "
Fourth	7 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. Def Pl.		265 "

-/- Detailed score sheet is att. The winning pl was a good all-round pl and scored highest pts in 7 of the 14 events. In most events the second pl ran very close.

3. Inspection (Test No 1)

(a) Pts allotted:-	Personal turnout	10
	Tents and lines	10
	Weapons	20
	Completeness of eqpt	10.

(b) Remarks:- Personal turn-out was generally good but NOT all uniforms and eqpt were dyed green. Pl comd must see to this. Tents and lines of winning pl were excellent; others needed more attention to pitching of tents, neatness within and tidiness about the tents. Weapons were in good condition: the main fault was in bayonets (e.g. spring NOT oiled), action of rifles (NOT lightly oiled), and Bren magazines (grit below platform). Some men had empty oil-bottles and badly frayed pull-through cords. Completeness of eqpt was good, except in anti-gas eye-shields and ointment, helmet covers and nets, and spare boot-laces. Nets for helmets are essential in tropical warfare. NO pl comd should be satisfied until all helmets in his pl are covered.

4. Pl Drill (Test No 2)

(a) Pts allotted :-	Steadiness	10
	Word of command	5
	Rifle exercises	10
	Marching	10
	Drill Mvts	15

(b) Remarks. The first two pls drilled well. Main faults were incorrect rifle poses at slope and order, failure to maintain or correct dressing during and after movt.

5. Small Arms practice (Test No 3)

This was NOT an easy practice -- two rounds from each pl small arms weapon at a 9-inch disc at 100 yds. The number of hits out of 50 rounds was very small.

6. Grenade throwing (Test No 4)

The test was difficult but the standard of accuracy required can be reached with practice.

7. T.O.E.T's (Test No 5)

Standard T.O.E.T's were used -- one for rifle, one for A/Cas trg. In picked pls, every man might have been expected to pass with ease. Results were poor.

8. Map Reading (Test No 6)

The general standard was very fair and, in the second pl, good.

9. Verbal Messages (Test No 7)

These were passed from man to man with reasonable accuracy, though essential numbers, places and times were in some cases garbled or omitted.

10. Military Knowledge (Test No 8)

The questions were simple and the general standard fair.

11. Fieldcraft (Concealment and Camflg) (Test No 9)

(a) Pts allotted:-	Concealment during recon	5
	Selection of posn.	5
	Concealment during movt into posn.	5
	General concealment of pl	5
	Personal concealment of each man	25
	Ability to use weapons from concealed posns.	5

(b) Remarks:- Standard was fair. More attention is needed to selection of posn, concealment during movt to occupy posn, personal camflg of the soldier, and steadiness.

12. Observation Test (Test No 10)

(a) Pts allotted:-	Movt into posn to observe	5
	Concealment and steadiness	5
	Passing of reports	5
	Recording of reports	5
	Accuracy of info.	30

(b) Observation, except with the second pl, was disappointing. Men exposed themselves too much while moving into posn to observe or while carrying back messages. In some cases sec stood on the skyline to survey "enemy" territory or moved openly down fwd slopes. These would be fatal errors against the JAP. Personal camflg and ability to lie still need more attention. (Uncovered helmets were very obvious to "enemy" observers). In short, the skill to see without being seen needs more development. In most cases reports were NOT definite: the number of men seen, what weapons they carried, what they were doing, the direction of their movt, the volume and type of fire, the posn of enemy weapons -- all these constitute info. "Rifle fire in front", or "MG fire on left flank", are inadequate reports. The importance of accurate and timely reports must be stressed in all trg.

13. Bren Gun (Test No 11)

In rapid assembling and going into action, the third and first pls alone reached a good standard. Speed and surcuss in stripping and assembling can be developed by frequent practice in correct sequence.

14. Assault Course (Test No 12)

(a) Pts allotted:-	Control	12
	Bayonet	12
	Time	6
	Shooting	30

(b) Control generally was very fair and in some cases good. Preliminary orders were at times too long, and more practice is required at brief fire orders.

15. Cross Country Run (Test No 13)

The winning team "packed" very well.

16. Fighting Patrol (Test No 14)

(a) Pts allotted:-	Security	5
	Plan and Orders	10
	Instns to pl	5
	Control of sec	10
	Fieldcraft	10
	Success in task and patrol report	10

(b) Remarks:- In most cases map recon only was made and orders given without ground recon. Thus faulty appreciations and hasty plans marred the work of some pls. The OBJECT must be kept more clearly in mind and ground recon must be made whenever possible. The patrolling was keen and control generally very fair but fieldcraft needed more application by most men. No patrol sighted a prisoner.

17. General

The spirit of the pls throughout was good. It is felt that the competition, in its various stages, will have brought out useful lessons, particularly in allowing pl comds to judge the value of their pls in a series of tests.

JCM/WEM (18/4)  
Ref. 43/G/25

"HEAD OF THE BDE" Pl Competition No 1

Score Sheet

Event	Detail	HPS	Def Pl	9 Bn	25 Bn	61 Bn
1	Inspection	50	32	39	41	44
2	Pl Drill	50	25	36	24	39
3	Small Arms Practice	50	8	7	8	11
4	Grenade Throwing	50	2	16	8	6
5	T.O.E.T's	50	23	22	31	23
6	Map Reading	50	29	37	23	28
7	Verbal Messages	25	11	18	17	19
8	Military Knowledge	50	30	32	33	32
9	Fieldcraft	50	25	32	27	30
10	Observation Test	50	27	33	24	23
11	Bren Gun	50	1	20	38	35
12	Assault Course	50	26	35	29	36
13	Cross Country run	50	-	28	11	50
14	Fighting Patrol	50	26	35	26	40
<b>Total</b>		<b>675</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>416</b>

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18. Pennant

It is expected that the Bde Comd (Brig. J. FINN) will present the pennant to the winning pl on his return.

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