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7 Infantry Brigade

June 1943

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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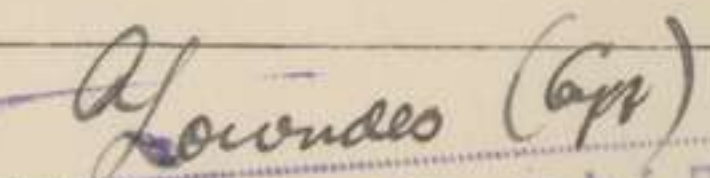
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| PORT MORESBY. | Jun 1 | 0900 | Location Statement as at 2359 31 May   |  |
|               |       | 1015 | 7 Bde Trg Instn No 18.   | Appx 1.  |
|               | Jun 2 | 1200 | 7 Bde Intell Summary No 17.  | Appx 2.  |
|               |       | 0855 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ 173400. A Coy River Crossing 185397 afternoon 179402. B 179401. C 187395. D 177395.  | Appx 3.  |
|               |       | 0915 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ 173404, 1 and 4 Pls Bde Assault Range. A 175405. B Coy Bn Rifle Range morning 176402 and 173398 in afternoon. C 174404. D Coy Bn Assault Range morning 173390 afternoon.        |  |
|               |       | 0915 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy No 4 Pl 180395 remainder 176396. A 175405. B Coy 180395 to 1220 hrs afternoon 176407. C Coy 167387 in morning, Gas Chamber in afternoon.                                   |  |
|               |       | 1200 | Routine Order  | Appx 4.  |
|               | Jun 3 | 0830 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ COY duties and trg in own area. B Coy 178398 in morning and Bn Sports area in afternoon 175402. C Coy sec trg area sq 1639. D Coy area morning No 3 Range in afternoon.         |  |
|               |       | 0845 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy No 1 Pl 174397 remainder 177396. A Coy 174391. B Coy 176406. C Coy 170407. D Coy 167387 from 1400 hrs 2,3,4,5 Pl and HQ Coy, A and B Coys route march EILOGO Rd to 200408. |  |
|               |       | 0900 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy Gas Chamber, one sec Mortars trg River Crossing. A Coy vicinity Pde Ground and Gas Chamber. B Coy 179401. C Coy 187397. D Coy 177395.                                      |  |
|               |       | 0900 | 2/5 Fd Regt accept invitation to send Arty Offrs out with Bns on exercise. One Offr with each Bn.  |  |
|               |       | 1200 | Routine Order  | Appx 5.  |
|               |       | 1655 | Maj-Gen CLOWES sends congratulatory message to Lt-Col MILES and Lt-Col MELDRUM for award of D.S.O. recently announced.   |  |
|               |       | 2000 | Maj W.S. JACKSON returned from School. He was BM(1).   |  |

  
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|       | Jun 3 | 2030 | Bde Comd who is at 11 Div HQ rang SC - BTO, BM(1) and SC proceed to 11 Div HQ tonight - 9 Bn CO, ADJT and QM proceed same destination tonight - 9 Bn move MORESBY tomorrow details later - Comd with AQ 11 Div until further notice.   |  |
|       |       | 2045 | Message to 9 Bn - WARNING ORDER + SECRET - OFFICER ONLY - 9 Bn will move MORESBY 4 Jun, details later. CO, Adjt and QM report  |  |
|       |       | 0125 | with BM(1), SC and BTO to 11 Div at earliest night 3/4 June. Bde Comd telephones 7 Bde - message received by BM(1) at 11 Div and passed to BM at DONADABU - Message handed to Maj SUTCH, 9 Bn at 0135 hrs. - 9 Bn will embus Camp area 0830 hrs 4 Jun. 50 vehs will be met june KOITAKI-DONADABU Rd 0700 hrs thence to Bde Sports Ground moving therefrom as required by Bn under direction Bde TO . Road guide provided by 7 Bde. Order of dress, all ranks, marching order suitable for emplaning. - Kitbags remain Bn B Ech DONADABU - All weapons less Tk A guns - Essential Sig equipment - hurricane lamps. one blanket on man, one blanket per man in bulk - No amm for any weapons will accompany - Clothing and necessaries as per GRO 205/43 plus sweaters - No rations - 10 I.P. tents. |  |
|       |       | 0830 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ 176396. A 173405. B 174410. C 174908. D 175404.  |  |
|       |       | 0845 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy morning on Range afternoon trg. A Coy Bde mmg Range. B 167391. C 187387. D 180400.   |  |
|       |       | 0945 | Message from Bde Comd received by BM - One sec comprising (One Offr and 11 or's) 11 Fd Amb will accompany 9 Bn. - Will move down indepently arriving 9 Bn location Not later than 1500 hrs, for Air movement Not before 0500 hrs 4 Jun.) LL fd Amb will provide tpt from DONADABU - Scale of equipment as for 9 Bn.  |  |
|       |       | 0950 | Bde Comd sends following message to BM - WARNING ORDER - One Coy, less one section 11 Fd Amb will be prepared to move on 12 hrs notice ready for Air movement.   |  |

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|       | Jun 4 | 0950 | 11 Div advise - Capt WINDEYER will report as RMO 9 Bn immediately.   |  |
|       |       | 0955 | Message from BM to 11 Fd Amb rptd 9 Bn - MOST SECRET + OFFICER ONLY - One section comprising One Offr and 11 cr's 11 Fd Amb will accompany 9 Bn - move from DONADABU to 9 Bn area PORT MORESBY in own tpt arriving Not later than 1500 hrs Jun 4 - for Air tpt - Not before 0500 hrs 5 Jun - Nominal Roll with weights individual persons and items of equipment to 9 Bn by 1500 hrs 4 Jun - Clothing and necessaries as in GRO 205/43 plus sweater - Marching order suitable for emplaning - One blanket on man in bulk - Hurricane lamps - one day's rations - two I.P. tents. |  |
|       |       | 1000 | Bde maj to 11 Fd Amb - WARNING ORDER - MOST SECRET + OFFR ONLY - prepare one coy less one sec named in previous message for Air Tpt Movt - On 12 hrs notice, forthwith   |  |
|       |       | 1035 | From 11 Div - 9 Bn comes under Comd HQ 11 Aust Div as from time of arrival 3 MILE VALLEY or 1200 hrs 4 Jun whichever is the earlier.   |  |
|       |       | 1035 | Message from 11 Div - One lt sec 11 Fd Amb comes under Comd 9 BN as from time of arrival 3 MILE VALLEY or 1200 hrs whichever is the earlier. - 11 Div previous message also applies.   |  |
|       |       | 1040 | Bde Maj to 9 Bn and 11 Fd Amb - 11 Div message - 9 Bn under direct comd 11 Aust Div from time of arrival 3 MILE VALLEY or 1200 hrs 4 Jun whichever is the earlier - One lt sec 11 Fd Amb under Comd 9 Bn same time.  |  |
|       |       | 1200 | Movement by Air - Inf Bn   |  |
|       |       | 1200 | 7 Bde Athletic and Swimming Championships  |  |
|       |       | 1300 | To 11 Div - Q Lieut J.W.T. STEPHENS required to report to NCF HQ this day as Staff Learner Q. In view present new LO's and absence Capt J.H.A. FOSTER as CI, NCF, GAS Course request permission retain Lieut STEPHENS until 17 Jun. - 11 Div required Lieut Stephens immediately.  | Appx 6.<br>Appx 7.                                 |
|       |       | 1410 | From 11 Div rptd 9 Bn - SECRET - WARNING ORDER - One lt sec 11 Fd Amb and 9 Bn are placed on 24 hrs notice to move by Air .  |  |

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|       | Jun 4 | 1630 | To 9 Bn - Last party to leave delayed. Leaving DONADABU 1730 hrs tonight. Lieuts Gaul and Boyes will be with party.  |  |
|       |       | 1800 | 25 Bn report - Capt P.J. STEELE left to attend LHQ tac School Course   |  |
|       |       | 1800 | 6. Maj W.E. JACKSON posted as OC C Coy in place of Lieut BAKER, who is posted to OC HQ Coy.  |  |
|       |       |      | 61 Bn report - Lieut JAMES marched out to course commencing 30 May. Lieut McINTYRE returned from Course 2 June 43. - During week Coys carried out trg, Assault Course, River Crossing <sup>mapping</sup> Enlargements  |  |
|       |       |      | MANURINUMU - ABIDARI - Recce of area from OWER'S corner to ABIDARI. Track recce made in preparation 2 day exercise - Field Works, Pnrs comprising 6 men with 2 carrying party constructed MT Bridge across Ck ref UBERI 1" ref 172395 started 31 May. Bridge constructed for purpose of opening up country SOUTH of Ck for Biv area.   |  |
|       |       | 2100 | 11 Aust Div advise - Lieut J.W. STEPHENS will report to HQ N.G.F. am 5 June.   |  |
|       | 5.    | 0230 | 11 Div advise - Half 'J' Sec Sigs 7 Bde and stores will be moved under arrangement 7 Bde to 9 Bn Three Mile Valley MORESBY. Pers to arrive not later than 1200K/5.   |  |
|       |       | 0230 | Message from 11 Aust Div - MOST SECRET - WARNING ORDER - Half Bde Sig Sec placed on 24 hrs notice possible move by air. Move With W.E.T. limited accomodation stores. Tropical W.E. be prepared to establish comm for force consisting 1 Inf Bn One M.G. pl One Coy Fd Amb One Ind Coy One Sup Depot pl and det Ord Pers. Advise strength half Sec earliest. Take 7 days ration ATEBRIN, 4 days amm scale B initially. @ issuing instns to move 3 MILE VALLEY also executive instns when air movt decided. |  |
|       |       | 0800 | Request to 11 Aust Div - for 1 Offr 2/1 Tk A Regt supervise shoot Tk A Pls BOERA Range 13/14 Jun.  |  |
|       |       | 0815 | 25 Bn Coy dispons - All Coys attending Bde Swimming Carnival in morning and Athletic Sports in afternoon.  |  |
|       |       | 0840 | Message from 11 Aust Div - Request Sgt POBAR 25 Bn to report N.G.F? trg School Jungle Craft Wing if available. - Regret Not available.   |  |

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|       | Jun 5 | 0850. | 61 Bn Coy disposns. HQ Coy Assault course. A Coy trg own area. B Coy 167391. C Coy 187307. D Coy 180400. Afternoon Sports for all Coys.   |  |
|       |       | 0850  | Message to 11 Aust Div - 7 Bde requirements in School vacancies based on three Bns now that proportionate deduction in numbers now that 9 Bn under direct Comd 11 Aust Div.   |  |
|       |       | 1145  | Message from 11 Aust Div - 152 gen Tpt Coy with despatch 14, 15 and 4 x 4 to 7 Bde for tpt. Reinfts 9 Bn area 3 MILE VALLEY. O.C. Convoy report Stall Capt 7 Bde on arrival.  |  |
|       |       | 1200  | Message to 9 Bn by Brig FIELD D.S.O. Comd 7 Bde.  | Appx 8.  |
|       |       | 1200  | A.F.W. 3008 and 3009.   | Appx 9.  |
|       |       | 1700  | Message from 11 Aust Div - MOST SECRET - Delete all ref to half Bde N.G.F. responsible for provision of Sig Det. Will arrange return of half Sec now with 9 Bn to BONADABU.   | Sig Sec  |
|       |       | 1710  | Message from 11 Aust Div - 7 Bde will take over M.T. at present on charge 9 Bn. 7 Bde will arrange return tentage and stores rear echelon 9 Bn under arrangement A.D.O.D. 11 Div.   |  |
|       |       | 1800  | 25 Bn report - Capt W. ROBINSON left to attend Hygiene Course N.G.F. trg centre returning 3 Jun. Lieut LEADBETTER returned from N.G.F. Trg School - Capt WILLIAMSON R.M.O. left to attend Malaria Control School returning 4 Jun. 2 Jun Lieut JUTSUM returned from Hospital - 3 Jun Maj JACKSON and 2 OR's rejoined unit, a two-day Bn exercise in Jungle Battle procedure used in movement of Bn along road or track was held on 31 May and 1 Jun. |  |
|       |       | 1800  | Bde Swimming Carnival was held in morning - won by 61 Bn - Bde Athletic Sports held in afternoon - won by 61 Bn.  |  |
|       | Jun 6 | 0845  | To Maj HOPKINSON, NG Air Liaison Gp, from Brig FIELD. - Suggest delay visit re direct support exercise until 10 Jun. Have requested approval from 11 Div - Approval granted visit 10 Jun.   |  |
|       |       | 0900  | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ details attd Coys on exercise remainder 176396. C Coy to 1220 hrs River Crossing 173404, from 1400 hrs 173403. D Coy 175405 to 1220 hrs, from 1400 hrs River Crossing 174404. A and B Coys "FREE FOR ALL".  |  |

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|       | Jun 6 | 1240 | Bde Maj, J.C. MAHONEY? evacuated to hospital, probably Malaria.   |  |
|       |       | 1305 | To 25 and 61 Bns and 11 fd Amb, 2/5 Fd Regt and Bde HQ + All tps are to be advised that any person found in area vacated by 9 Bn is liable to be charged unless he has written authority. Army and personal property must Not be interfered with. |  |
|       |       | 1800 | 7 Bde Rugby League Team versus 2/1 Tk A team in morning. 7 Bde won 5-3. Afternoon Swimming Carnival 7 Bde versus 2/1 Tk A team, 7 Bde won 16-11.  |  |
|       | Jun 7 | 0855 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - Bn HQ 143417. A 143415. B Coy one pl 134418, one pl 143425 and other pl 143431. C 141418. D 143420.  |  |
|       |       | 1200 | Appointments Code   |  |
|       |       | 2015 | From 11 Div - 9 Bn Gp may stand down from - WARNING ORDER - until further notice.   | Appx 10.   |
|       | Jun 8 | 0845 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ details attd Coys on exercise, remainder 176404. C Coy to 1530 hrs 171391 from 1530 hrs 173403. D Coy 175409.   |  |
|       |       | 1215 | B Coy 187367. A Coy 185362. To 11 Div - Request change proposed date Bombing Exercise to 16 Jun. Appreciate advice earliest to allow preparation trg programme. - Change approved.  |  |
|       |       | 1845 | B.M.(1), Capt LOWNDES, and 7 Bde CSM gave lecture To Bde HQ personnel on Bde Def plans.   |  |
|       | Jun 9 | 0830 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy details on exercise with A and D Coys.  |  |
|       |       | 0830 | B Coy 180400. C Coy Rifle Range   |  |
|       |       | 0830 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ details attd to Coys on exercise, No 2 Pl MMG Shoot 180395 remainder 176396. A 173405 to 1200 hrs from 1400 hrs 174404. B 175405. C and D Coys "FREE FOR ALL".  |  |
|       |       | 0900 | Practice Alarm for Bde HQ personnel.  |  |
|       |       | 0910 | From 11 Div - MOST SECRET- NGF - Movement 9 Bn Gp cancelled owing non-availability Air Tpt for move and maintenance. Gp remain present location pending further orders to be issued by Q for dispersal.   |  |

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|       | Jun 9  | 1200 | 7 Bde Instn - Attendance of Offrs at Arty, Tk A and Armd Co-op Exercises 14-15 Jun.   |  |
|       |        | 1200 | 7 Bde Instn - Call Signs.   | Appx 11.   |
|       |        | 1200 | 7 Bde Instn - Use of Appointments Code.   | Appx 12.   |
|       |        | 1200 | To 25 and 61 Bns - No 10 Course LHQ School of M.I. 5 Jun to 16 Augt. To train Offrs and potential Offrs for Appts as Bn I.O.'s Please advise number of vacancies required by 1800 hrs. - No vacancies were requested.   | Appx 13.   |
|       | Jun 10 | 0815 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy details attd to Coys on exercise, 1, 2 and 3 pls Bde Assault Course and Bde Jungle Range, remainder 177396. A Coy 174404. B 175407. C and D Coys "FREE FOR ALL"   |  |
|       |        | 0830 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ details attd Coys on exercise, No 5 pl constructing new bridge. A and D Coy exercises. B Coy trg in own area. C Coy duties.   |  |
|       |        | 1800 | Visitors to see Bde Comd today were - Lt-Col VOLK, 5 Fighter Comd A2 Intelligence. Maj HARSCH, 5 Air Force Air Support Sec. Capt BALL, 5 Fighter Comd, Assistant A3(Ops) of U.S. Air Force. Lt-Col FLEMING, OC, NG AL Gp. Capt LOVETT, <del>SM</del> , ALO 5 Fighter Comd. Maj HOPKINSON NG AL GP of Aust Gp. |  |
|       |        | 2225 | 11 Div advise that GSO 1 NCF, Lt-Col BOLGER and Col WOLFENDEN, LHQ Trg Team will visit 7 Bde HQ, pm 11 Jun.   |  |
|       | Jun 11 | 0745 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - Bn on two-day exercise in KARAKATANA area, departing 0900 hrs today returning 1600 hrs 12 Jun.   |  |
|       |        | 0900 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy details attd to Coys on exercise. A Coy 171399. C and B Coys on two-day exercise in MARIANE area. D Coy one Offr and 33 or's working party KOITAKI Rd for indefinite period, one Offr 28 or's working party to 24 Pd Coy also for indefinite period balance trg 177395.           |  |
|       |        | 1145 | 7 Bde Trg Instn No 19   | Appx 14.   |

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|       | Jun 11 | 1145  | To 11 Div - would appreciate if Lieut ROBERTS QX40834 originally nominated and then cancelled may now be substituted for Lieut MULCAHY QX 40835 at Junior Leaders Course. The latter is required as one our LO's is at present away at C.I. Gas Wing and LO's needed in coming Co-op exercises and Bn Offr will benefit more. |   |
|       |        | 1200  | preliminary discussion on Bombing Tests.  | Appx 15.  |
|       |        | 1200  | 7 Bde Intell Summary No 18.   | Appx 16.  |
|       |        | 1638  | From 11 Div - Bomb Test air support - NGF advise exercise to be conducted 16 JUN. Desire 7 Bde to construct field works as discussed with A.F. party 10 Jun. NGF will arrange direct 7 Bde further details.   |   |
|       |        |       | Keep 11 Div informed..  |   |
|       |        | 1656  | 25 Bn Locations - Adv Bn HQ 206358. Rear Bn HQ 189368. A 188368. B 204359. C 209352. D 205351.  |   |
|       |        | 1656  | From 11 Div - To 9 Bn rptd 7 Bde - Q 11 Div issuing orders for dispersal. On arrival Parent Unit areas, Units of Gp revert to Comd parent Unit.   |   |
|       |        | 1800  | Lt-Col WOLFENDEN, LHQ Trg Team. Lt-Col BOLGER, GSO 1 (SD & Trg) NGF. Maj HALL, ADMT (Small Arms) LHQ. Maj BRAIN ADME 11 Div. Lt-Col FIDOCK, CO 2/1 MG Bn visited Bde Comd today.  |   |
|       |        | 1800  | 25 Bn report, for week ended 12 Jun 43  | Appx 16 A   |
|       |        | 1800  | 61 Bn report for week ended 11 Jun 43.  | Appx 16 B.  |
|       | Jun 12 | 0840  | Message to 9 Bn - You will occupy new area on return to DONADABU suggest that advance party be sent to recce area with SC.  |   |
|       |        | 0900  | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy trg Bn parade Ground, Tk A Pl at BOERA Range. A Coy general trg River Crossings. D Coy 180400. B and C Coys on exercise.  | <i>Leondes (Capt)</i><br>Major<br>Bde. Major, 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. |
|       |        | 1200  | Instn - Cipher Work in Units  | Appx 17   |
|       |        | 1200  | A.F.W. 3008 and 3009.   | Appx 18   |
|       |        | 1200  | Instn - Demonstration by Maj HALL   | Appx 19.  |
|       |        | 1215. | Message to 11 Aust Div. Would appreciate loan of Intelligence Summary containing sketches of JAP disposns LOROBWA - IMITA ridge and BUNA - SANANANDA - Copies supplied and sketches therefrom used in conjunction with the construction of JAP type Bunkers for Air Bombing exercise to be held 16 Jun 43                     |   |

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| PORT MORESBY | Jun 12 | 1300 | Request to 11 Aust Div that 9 Bn be moved to this area by coys. Bn will occupy new area upon return.  |  |
|              |        | 1530 | 2/5 Fd Regt will move all guns to DONADABU first line Amn is being left with A.D.O.S. 11 Aust Div.  |  |
|              |        | 1730 | 11 Aust Div advise - ref Pnr Trg - R.A.E. advise Lieut NAIRN and 22 OR's 24 Fd Coy will report 7 Bde on 13 Jun 43.  |  |
|              |        | 2015 | Message to 3 Aust Paek Tpt Coy - Bn exercises finished today. All horses available for return and the Cpl in charge advised to return tomorrow. Co-operation pre again proved most interesting and excellent experience.  |  |
|              | 13     | 0915 | Request to 11 Aust Div for release of 50 Generators Smoke No 5 and 50 Candles Smoke ground experimental for use in conjunction with Bombing exercises also 50 Bombs Mortar 3" Smoke.- No Candles available. Generators Smoke and Mortar 3" Smoke available 7 Bde B.O.W.O. to collect. |  |
|              |        | 1015 | Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - O.C. Pnr Pl or Pnr Sgt if Offr not available will report this HQ 1700 hrs today for instns for special Trg next week.   |  |
|              |        | 1200 | Instn to Bns - Safety precautions for Air Bombing Exercise  | Appx 21.   |
|              |        | 2050 | Request to 24 Fd Coy for 4 Sappers this Bde for 2 weeks to assist minor engineering work. Report earliest convenience - 24 Fd Coy complied with request and Sappers reported 0830 hrs June 14.  |  |
|              | 14 #   | 0820 | 9 Bn Coy disposns - Bn engaged in settling in new area - dispersing tents, constructing latrines - Bn HQ 173398 HQ Coy 172397 A Coy 172391 B Coy 169391 C Coy 171394 D Coy 171396. Ref Map UBERI 1".  |  |
|              |        | 0835 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy general trg, No 4 Pl Tk A Shoot BOERA. A Coy working on Pill-boxes for coming Bombing Exercise in LONG Hill area. B Coy 177397. C Coy 175397. D Coy 174391.   |  |
|              |        | 0830 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy, No 5 Pl trg with Bde pioneers, No 4 Pl BOERA Range, remainder 176396. A Coy 174404. B Coy 171396. C Coy 173403. D Coy 189392.  |  |

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|       | Jun 14 | 1015 | Message to 2/8 Armd Regt - Please discuss with Maj BICKS, 61 Bn details requirements of inf exercise 21 Jun. Time of reporting, Signal and other equipment required. Maj BICKS not available on 15 Jun.                                 |  |
|       |        | 1200 | Routine Order.  |  |
|       |        | 1510 | WARNING ORDER to 25 Bn - Lieut SCHLYDER and two Mortar dets will be required at footbridge near Camp Comdt's Office at 1400 hrs 15 Jun - Test indication targets for Bombing exercise to be held 16 Jun.                                | Appx 22.   |
|       |        | 1605 | Message to 11 Div - Q 27725, Sgt TIPLER C.W., 9 Bn is available as Instructor should QX 37979, Sgt BOLTON P.F. be returned to Unit. Sgt Bolton marched out to NGF Trg School 8 Mar 43.  |  |
|       |        | 1700 | Memo to 9, 25 and 61 Bns enclosing extracts from NGF Intell Summary on Japanese Defences for preparation of defences as bombing targets in LONG HILL area.  |  |
|       | Jun 15 | 0830 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy No 4 Pl at BOERA Arty Range, 1 and 2 Pls 176396, 3 Pl 174292, 5 Pl School of engineering. A Coy 173404. B Coy 176406. C Coy 174404. D Coy 189393. HQ and A Coys organised sports to 1220 hrs at 179395.     | Appx 23.   |
|       |        | 0832 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy, Tk A Pl at BOERA Arty Range, Pioneers engineering School. A Coy working on Jap-type defences in LONG HILL area. B Coy trg on Bn parade ground. C 187397. D Coy two Pls working party remainder trg 180400. |  |
|       |        | 0840 | Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - Two I personnel per Bn will report to BM(1) 0945 hrs today to be shown Bn observation areas for tomorrow's Bombing exercise and to recce routes.  |  |
|       |        | 0915 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - All Coys working in own areas. Bn HQ 174398. HQ Coy 172391. A Coy 172391. B Coy 169391. C Coy 171394. D Coy 171396.   |  |
|       |        | 1000 | 61 Bn advise that L/Cpl RYAN was accidentally drowned during River crossing exercise, LALOKI River. Body was recovered on 18 Jun.   |  |

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|       | Jun 15 | 1035 | Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - During tgg, exercises involving River Crossings. Rescue party on a raft will stand by for emergency. Where Lawyer Canes are used for Flying-Foxes, hand ropes etc, they will be inspected each time before use and will be replaced frequently.   |  |
|       |        | 1711 | Message from 11 Div - 11 copies of Booklet, A.F.V.'s being sent your HQ - these arrived 16 Jun and were distributed to Units.   |  |
|       |        | 1800 | The following Offrs visited Bde Comd today in connection with Air Bombing Test Exercise - U.S., Capt S. SHROPSHIRE, Capt GOTTSCHALK (Air Support), Capt KOIMS and Lieut GREENHALGH (5 AF Combat Camera Unit). 4 A.S. Control, Maj KENYON, Capt JONES and Lieut ANTHONY.   |  |
|       |        | 1930 | Message to 11 Div - Ref NGF Hygiene School Wing No. 3 Ser No 6. 17 Jun. Lieut MORE K.G. unavailable. Request QX4333 Lieut ENGLAND S.M., 9 Bn be substituted. Offrs next of kin is wife address 8 JEAYS St BOWEN HILLS BRISBANE.   |  |
|       |        | 2000 | 25 Bn Locations to 1800 jun 15 - Working Party road work ROUNA FALLS .<br>otherwise unchanged.  |  |
|       | Jun 16 | 0740 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - All Coys and Bn HQ personnel moving out 0745 hrs to view Bombing demonstration.  |  |
|       |        | 0829 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - All personnel watching Bombing display from hill feature 167396.  |  |
|       |        | 0900 | 7 Bde Location Statement.   |  |
|       |        | 1215 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - All personnel located at 178395 to view bombing demonstration.   | Appx 24.   |
|       |        | 1800 | The following Offrs visited Bde Comd today and watched Air Bombing test. US Offrs, Lt-Col FULCHER 3 Bomber Comd, Lt-Col VOLK and Maj VISE US Ord Offr. Capt SHROPSHIRE, Capt QUINN (ALO to NGF). Aust Offrs, Lt-Col CAPE (GSO AIR NGF), Lt-Col FLEMING (CO NG AL GP) Maj HOWIESON (GSO 2 AIR NGF), Maj WATT (OPS NGF) Maj KENYON, Capt JONES and Lieut ANTHONY (4 AS Control) |  |

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|       | Jun 17 | 0830 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - A Coy from 0905 hrs to 1005 hrs 172403, 1010 to 1220 hrs 175404 from 1400 to 1535 175404 from 1540 173403. B Coy 0905 to 0950 hrs 172403 otherwise 176405. C Coy to 1220 hrs 173403 from 1400 hrs 173404. D Coy 175405. HQ Coy No 5 Pl at Bde Engineering Course - remainder 176396.             |   |
|       |        | 0835 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ, A, B and D Coys trg. HQ Coy 175399. A Coy 176399. B Coy 177397. D Coy 174391. C Coy moving to new area 177400.   |   |
|       | Jun 18 | 2130 | Air Raid Warning 2130 to 2345 hrs. Raid on MORESBY area.  |   |
|       |        | 0830 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy No 5 Pl Bde Engineers Course remainder Coy 176396. A Coy 174403. B Coy 176405. C Coy 174404. D Coy 175405.  |   |
|       |        | 0845 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy, 176401. A Coy 176379. B Coy 177397. C Coy 187387. D Coy 180400.  |   |
|       |        | 0845 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy 173398. A Coy 173394. B Coy 171394. C Coy 173397. D Coy 173396.  |   |
|       |        | 0900 | Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - Ref Inf Tank Co-op T.E.W.T. of 19 Jun cancelled. Offrs to attend on 21 Jun. Same arrangements as previously, 2 Offrs from each Bn.  |   |
|       |        | 0945 | 7 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn No 20  | Appx 26.  |
|       |        | 0950 | To 11 Div - 9 BN HQ established at 173397.  |   |
|       |        | 1130 | Message from 11 Div - NGF School of M.I. SOGERI - NGF request can 11 Div arrange for the services of a CO be made available to lecture to students on what a CO expects from his I Sec - Date 22 Jun from 1330-1420 hrs - School extends invitation to lunch.- Can you assist? - Lt-Col MATTHEWS CO 9 Bn will oblige. |   |
|       |        | 1200 | Routine Order   | Appx 27.  |
|       |        | 1200 | Bde Inter-Coy Sports Competition Instns.  | Appx 28.  |
|       |        | 1900 | Bde HQ personnel attended lecture on Armd Div delivered by BM(1), Capt A.G. LOWNDES.  |   |
|       |        | 1935 | NGF advise that Bomb Disposal Sec will visit this HQ tomorrow to dispose of Bombs unexploded in Bombing exercise held 16 Jun. Regret delay - Sec arrived and area is now clear.   | <p><i>Lownde (Capt)</i><br/>Bde. Major, 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.</p> |

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|       | Jun 19 | 0815 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - All Coys trg own areas this morning. Sports  |  |
|       |        |      | Sports afternoon HQ Coy 173399 A Coy. 173394. B. Coy. 171394. C. COY. 173397. D. Coy. 173396. Ref. map. UBERI. 1. Inch.  |  |
|       |        | 0835 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy No 5 pl Bde Engineering Course remainder of Coy 176396. A Coy 174404. B Coy 176405. C Coy 174404 D Coy 175406 from 1400 hrs Bn organised Sports.   |  |
|       |        | 0850 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy A and C Coys organised Sports morning B Coy clearing area and moving tents. D Coy 180450 and one pl at quarry. Afternoon general trg HQ Coy 172401. A Coy 176399 C Coy/100 187389. B Coy 180450.   |  |
|       |        | 0930 | Message to 2/1 Tk A Regt - Football party 600 frs 25 or's arrive your area approx 1200 hrs 20 Jun for return Rugby League match.   |  |
|       |        | 1200 | AF W3008 and AFW 3009  | Appx 29.   |
|       |        | 1800 | 25 Bn Intell Summary for week  | Appx 30  |
|       |        | 1800 | 61 Bn " " " "  | Appx 31  |
|       |        | 1800 | 9 Bn " " " "   | Appx 32.   |
|       |        | 1945 | Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - Bomb previously reported in LONG HILL area has been removed and area is now clear.   |  |
|       |        | 2050 | To 2/8 Armd Regt - Intend sending 14 Offrs as observers to exercise 21 J Jun arriving your HQ approx 0930 hrs returning same day. Please advise if this is suitable or inconvenient - 2/8 Armd Regt replied 1145 jun 20 - Your observers welcome at 0930 hrs 21 Jun. Lunch will be provided by this Unit. Anticipated exercise end 1630 hrs. |  |
|       | Jun 20 | 0920 | Message from 11 Aust Div - Malarial suppressive treatment for 2/5 Fd Regt will cease suppressive dosage of 6 tablets ATEBRIN per week as from 21 Jun and substitute dosage of 3 tablets per week.  |  |
|       | Jun 21 | 0800 | 25 Bn advise that HQ Coy is at present supplying working party on road via ROUNA FALLS.  |  |

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|       | Jun 21 | 0845 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy No 5 Pl Bde Engrs Course, remainder Coy 177407. A Coy 173402 to 1200 hrs. B Coy 174404 to 1200 hrs. C Coy 174404 to 1200 hrs. D Coy 179406 to 1200 hrs. All Coys <del>except</del> HQ Coy organised sports on Bde Sports Ground from 1400 hrs.   |  |
|       |        | 0850 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - A Coy trg own area morning, during afternoon Bde Jungle Range. B Coy trg in own area. C Coy firing practice Bn Range. D Coy trg in own area. No 5 Pl attending Bde Engineering Course.   |  |
|       |        | 0850 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy 1,2 and 3 Pls on Battle Practice 189393, No 4 Pl Sports, No 5 Pl Bde engineering course, 6 Pl in Coy area. A Coy Battle Practice in morning Sports in afternoon. B Coy Sports in morning trg in afternoon. C Coy Sports in morning Battle Practice in afternoon. D Coy Sports in morning trg in afternoon in Coy area.       |  |
|       | Jun 22 | 1200 | 7 Bde Intell Summary No 19   | Appx 33.   |
|       |        | 0840 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy, TKA trg in area, Sigs with Coys, <del>no</del> Mortars and MG's with Coys. D Coy trg and Battle practice. A Coy Battle practice and Sports. B Coy Battle practice and general trg. C Coy general trg in area. HQ 176401. A Coy 189393 am 176399 pm. B Coy 189393 am 177397 pm. C Coy trg 187387. D Coy 180400 am 189393 pm. |  |
|       |        | 0845 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy 5 pl bde School of engineering, remainder 176408 to 1220 hrs, Bde Sports Ground from 1400. A Coy 173404. B Coy Bde Sports Ground to 1200 hrs, 175405 to 1620 hrs. C Coy Bde Sports Ground to 1220 hrs, 172402 to 1620 hrs. D Coy Bde Sports Ground to 1220 hrs, 172402 to 1620 hrs.  |  |
|       |        | 0845 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - A Coy 173394. B Coy Jungle Firing Range <del>am</del> trg 171394 pm. C Coy 173397. D Coy Bde Jungle Firing Range pm trg 173396 am. HQ Coysports morning, 173399 pm.  |  |
|       |        | 1100 | In reply to Bde Comd's request that parties from this Bde be allowed to inspect airfields in MORESBY area and A/C, 11 Div forward their approval and are seeking the approval of NGF. This was also obtained later.  |  |

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|       | Jun 22 | 1200 | 7 Bde Intell Summary No 20   | Appx 34   |
|       | Jun 23 | 0820 | 9 Bn advise that they are conducting Battle practice in LONG HILL area - All units warned accordingly.   |   |
|       |        | 0835 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - A Coy Battle practice ref 1839 am and Coy area during afternoon. B Coy in Coy trg area in morning, Battle practice ref 1839 in afternoon. C Coy trg in area. D Coy on Assault course 172402 in morning Sports in afternoon. HQ Coy, Sig MMG, Mortar and TKA Pls engaged in Battle practice 1839, remainder of Coy trg and duties own area. |   |
|       |        | 0840 | 25 Bn Coy Dis-disposns - HQ Coy 5 pl Engineers course, remainder organised Sports 176403 to 1220 hrs and 177407 from 1400 hrs. B Coy 176405. C Coy Sports 180392 to 1220 hrs 174404 from 1400 hrs to 1500 hrs and 17240" from 1505 hrs. D Coy 179406.  |   |
|       |        | 0845 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy 5 pl Engineers course at Bde HQ, balance trg in own areal76401. A Coy 176399. B Coy 180403 Range practice morning 177397 in afternoon. C Coy 187387. D Coy 180400 in morning on Range practice 180403 in afternoon.  |   |
|       |        | 0855 | Message to 9 and 61 Bns - Tank Co-op exercise 24 Jun. B Coy 61 BN and Mortar Pl 9 Bn will depart DONADABU 0900 hrs 24 Jun for 2/8 Armd Regt, MORESBY, returning 27 Jun.  |   |
|       | Jun 24 | 0740 | Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns, 2/5 Fd Regt, 2/1 Pnr Bn and 11 Fd Amb - 100 lb unexploded bomb located approx 150 yds SSE 2000 lb bomb crater ref 190389. 9 Bn will mark area distinctly with sticks and flags - Area was cleared by a Sec from a BD Squad.   |   |
|       |        | 0830 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - A Coy Bn Assault course am. B Coy trg own area. C Coy Battle Practice am. D Coy Battle practice pm. HQ Coy trg own area. Half PL Sigs, MMG, Mortar, TKA on Battle practice ref 1839.   |   |
|       |        | 0840 | 25 BN COY Disposns - HQ Coy 2,3 and 4 pls Sports to 1220 hrs 176403 from 1400 hrs, 2 and 3 pls 177407 No 4 pl 173405 No 5 pl Bde engineering course. A Coy 174404. B Coy 175405. C Coy 174404. D Coy 179407. All oftrs and No 1 pl engaged in Comd and sig exercises.  | <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i><br/>Major,<br/>Bde. Major, 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.</p> |



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|       | Jun 24 | 0840            | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy two dets of mortars on Battle practice with 9 Bn on LONG HILL 189393, pioneers on course of engineering at Bde HQ balance Sports all day. B Coy travelling to MORESBY to practice attack in Co-op with Tanks. C Coy Sports all day, D Coy Sports all day. |  |
|       |        | 1115            | First party report Air Tpt Hut on WARDS Drome to meet AILLO there and later inspect A/C and Airfields in the MORESBY area as previously arranged.   |  |
|       |        | 1200            | Instn on DRLS Traffic   |  |
|       |        | <del>2000</del> | visitors to Bde 24 Jun - Brig R. URQUHART? DPS LHQ. Lt-Col G.W. BARRENGER CO 4 Aust Air Support Control. Brig THOMPSON BGS NGF and Col SHEEHAN GSOL NGF.  | Appx 35  |
|       | Jun 25 | 0836            | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - A, B, C and D COYS, Bde Sports ground all day. HQ Coy 3 pl MORESBY area. No 6 pl duties in own area.  |  |
|       |        | 0845            | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy 1, 2 and 3 pls Battle practice, 4 pl 177406 5 pl Bde engineering course. A Coy organised Sports 180394 to 1220 hrs from 1400 hrs 173404. B Coy Battle practice. C Coy 174404. D Coy Battle practice.  |  |
|       |        | 0845            | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy general trg in area 176401. A Coy 176399. B Coy (ref MORESBY 1" 914418) Co-op with Tanks. C Coy firing on Range 179401. D Coy general trg in area 180400.   |  |
|       |        | 1145            | Message from 11 Aust Div - 2/1 Pnr Bn now at DONADABU came under Comd 11 Aust Div 2250 hrs 24 Jun. Bn placed under Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde forthwith.   |  |
|       |        | 1150            | 7 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn No 21  |  |
|       |        | 1630            | Arty Range DONADABU approved for use between 28 Jun 10 Jul.   | Appx 36.   |
|       |        | 1630            | From 11 Div - 2 pr Guns Air-borne - LHQ advise weapons to under-go trials on the mainland. -It was previously partly arranged to test these guns here.  |  |
|       | Jun 26 | 0820            | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - A Coy Battle practice. B Coy 175405. C Coy Battle practice. B Coy 179407. HQ Coy details attd Coys on exercise remainder 177407.   |  |

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|       | Jun 26 | 0830 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - A,B,C, D and HQ Coys trg own areas. B Coy Comd and Sig exercise pm. 3 Pl on exercise with 2/8 Armd Regt, MORESEY. 5 pl attending Bde School engineering, Comd and Sig exercise pm.   |  |
|       |        | 0835 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy trg asper syllabus 176401, Sig Pl and pl comd Bn Comd and Sig exercise in afternoon. Pioneers on RAE course. A Coy trg 176399. B COY at exercise in Tank Co-op in MORESEY. C Coy trg 175397. D Coy trg .   |  |
|       |        | 1200 | 25 Bn Intell Summary No 12   | Appx 37  |
|       |        | 1200 | 9 Bn " "   | Appx 38  |
|       |        | 1200 | 61 Bn " "  | Appx 39  |
|       |        | 1200 | AFW3008 and AF W 3009  | Appx 40  |
|       |        | 1210 | 11 Div advise that a MALARIAL Course No 4 will be held in BRISBANE. 7 Bde requires 11 vacancies.   |  |
|       |        | 1552 | 25 Bn advise that at ref 192393 in open at top of Hill is an unexploded bomb Mortar 3" HE, hole 8" deep 6" across. Tail of bomb not visible. Marks caused by fires side of hole. No blackening of hole. Area marked by circle of screens. Unless otherwise advised this Unit will demolish bomb 24 hrs from now. - 25 Bn demolished. |  |
|       | Jun 27 | 1610 | Message to all Units 7 Bde Gp - All tps to be notified that Native village MARIANE is out of bounds. Natives are not to be encouraged to enter this area and must be warned off.   |  |
|       |        | 1730 | 7 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn No 22   | Appx 41.   |
|       |        | 1755 | Message to all Units 7 Bde Gp - The following area is declared an Arty Range and will be out of bounds to all personnel NOT authorised by this HQ from 28 Jun - 10 Jul. Ref Map UBERI 1" bounded 2140, 2137, 2333, 1533, 1539, 1839 and 1940.  |  |
|       | Jun 28 | 0805 | Message to all Units 7 Bde Gp - All River Crossings of obstacle courses and bridges under construction will have 2 safety ropes of Lawyer vine placed across river immediately downstream at surface level. At all these sites a suitable raft must be afloat in water quickly available for manning in emergency.                   |  |

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|       | Jun 28 | 0808         | Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns and 2/5 Fd Regt - in connection with Arty Support Exercises - Bugle Call to cease fire will be a succession of gfs.   |  |
|       |        | 0830         | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - A Coy to EARO Ck Bn Rifle Range. HQ, C and D Coys trg own areas. B Coy 1, 2, 3 and 4 pls attending Sports am.   |  |
|       |        | 0830         | No 5 Pl attending Bde school of Engineering.  |  |
|       |        | 0835         | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy, 1, 2, 3, pls to 1220 hrs 177407, No 4 Pl to 1220 hrs 174406 from 1400 Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 pls 180392. No 5 Pl Bde engineers Course. A Coy 174403. B Coy 175406 to 1005 hrs from 1005 to 1100 hrs 172402. From 1110 hrs 175406. C Coy to 1005 172402 from 1005 to 1220 hrs 174404 from 1400 hrs 180392. D Coy 179407. |  |
|       |        | 0835         | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ trg ref 170401. A Coy 176399. B Coy 177397 C Coy on exercise vic Mc DONALDS ref 166458. D Coy exercise MARIANE 163397.  |  |
|       |        | 1200<br>1415 | Routine Order<br>To all units of Bde Gp - For Comd Offrs - Bde Comd requests you attend conference this HQ 1600 hrs 29 Jun.   | APPX 42.   |
|       | Jun 29 | 0810         | Message from Brig FIELD to 2/1 Tk A Regt - For Col St JOHN - will be pleased if you, FOTHERINGHAM and TRAVERS will lunch with myself and staff on Sunday. The invitation was accepted.  |  |
|       |        | 0835         | Trg locations ref UBERI 1" - HQ Coy, No 4 Pl 173405, No 5 Pl Bde engineering School remainder 177407. A Coy to 1200 hrs 174403. B Coy 175405. C Coy 187404. D Coy to 1200 hrs Assault Course 172402 from 1400 Organised Sports 174405. A Coy from 1400 organised Sports, Coybarea 174403.   |  |
|       |        | 0835         | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ, A, B and D Coys organised sports in morning. In afternoon, HQ Coy 170401. A Coy 176399. B Coy 177397. D Coy 174371. C Coy trg all day 187397.  |  |
|       |        | 1200         | 7 Bde Tinea Control Instn   | APPX 43.   |

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|       | Jun 29 | 1200 | <del>Particulars Gas Chamber Test</del>  |  |
|       |        | 2200 | Message to all Units 7 Bde - Bde Comd will hold conference all COs at 1630 hrs 30 Jun.   | Appx 44.   |
|       |        | 2359 | Visitors to this HQ today were; Lt-Col CARRINGTON SMITH, U.K. Military Mission. Lt - Col BARRIAM, G1 9 Div. Capt THOMAS G3 NGF.  |  |
|       | Jun 30 | 0830 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - A Coy exercise rd junc 142414. C Coy exercise area 1441. B, D and HQ Coys trg and duties own areas, 5Pl attending course of Engineering at Bde Hq.   |  |
|       |        | 0830 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy, 1,2 and 3 Pls Bn exercise, 4 Pl 173405. 5 Pl Bde engineering course. A and D Coy preliminary  |  |
|       |        | 0850 | Battle practice without amm 186380. B Coy 180407. C Coy 178404. 61 Bn Coy Disposns - All Offrs, NCO's and Pl Comds on Sig and Comd exercises 163418. HQ Coy, 5 Pl constructing bridge remainder in area 170401. A Coy trg 176399. B Coy 177397.                    |  |
|       |        | 0900 | 25 Bn conducting Battle practice exercise in co-op with 2/5 Fd Regt in attack with arty support in GRIMUNUMU area. Today will be the preliminary exercise without fire.  |  |
|       |        | 1200 | 7 Bde Intell Summary No 21   | Appx 45.   |
|       |        | 1200 | Routine Order  | Appx 46.   |
|       | Jul 1  | 0815 | 25 Bn Coy Disposns - 5 pl Bde Engineering course remainder of Bn on Bn Battle Practice in Co-op with 2/5 Fd Regt in GRIMUNUMU area. 4Pl  |  |
|       |        | 0835 | 9 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy in conjunction with 2/8 Armd Regt at BOERA Arty Range approx 4 days. B,C,D and HQ Coys trg own areas in morning all Coys BN PARADE at Bde Sports Ground in afternoon.   |  |
|       |        | 0850 | 61 Bn Coy Disposns - HQ Coy, Sigs in area, MMG working party, Mortars moved to BOERA Arty Range for co-op with 2/8 Armd Regt. 4 Pl trg area 176401, 5 Pl building br 6 Pl area and Rifle Range. A Coy Rifle Range in morning and Sports in afternoon. B Coy 177397 |  |
|       |        |      | in morning and sports in afternoon. C Coy 187397 in morning and sports in afternoon. D Coy 174397 in morning and sports in afternoon.  |  |

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LOCATION STATEMENT.

7 AUST INF BDE.

AS at 2359 hrs 31 May 43.

(ref Map UBRI 1" -1 mile)

| UNIT                          | NO | LOCATION           | REF MAP | COMM | REMARKS.         |
|-------------------------------|----|--------------------|---------|------|------------------|
| H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde           | 88 | 174399             | UBRI    | L/T  | Base Switch      |
| " " " " Def Pl                | "  | "                  | "       | -    | "                |
| 'J' Sec Sigs 5 Aust Div       | "  | "                  | "       | -    | -                |
| 241 L.A.D.                    | "  | 17539 <sup>4</sup> | "       | -    | -                |
| 9 Aust Inf Bn.                | 53 | 174403             | "       | L/T  | Bde Base Switch. |
| 20 Aust Inf Bn.               | 50 | 174405             | "       | "    | "                |
| 61 Aust Inf Bn.               | 99 | 175398             | "       | "    | "                |
| 11 Aust Pd Amb Lense<br>B Coy | 52 | 175393             | "       | "    | "                |
| B Coy 11 Aust Pd Amb          | 52 | 145413             | "       | "    | Base Switch.     |

*Paterson* Lieut.  
 for Capt.,  
 I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

APPX 2

7 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No. 18

1. PURPOSE

This instn governs trg to be carried out during week ending 13 Jun 43.

2. NATURE OF TRG

(a) Collective trg will be resumed in this week. Each unit will conduct one two-day bn exercise and a two-day "free-for-all" coy exercise in which two coys at a time will take part.

(b) Coys remaining in camp will carry out the following trg:-

| Type of trg    | Hrs Allotted |
|----------------|--------------|
| drill          | 1            |
| weapon         | 4            |
| range          | 2            |
| sec leading    | 2            |
| river crossing | 3            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>12</b>    |

3. PROGRAMME AND TRG AREAS

| Date   | 9 Bn     |      | 25 Bn    |      | 61 Bn    |      |
|--------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|
|        | Exercise | Area | Exercise | Area | Exercise | Area |
| Jun 7) | Coy      | C    | Coy      | B    | Bn       | A    |
| 8)     |          |      |          |      |          |      |
| 9)     | Bn       | A    | Coy      | B    | Coy      | C    |
| 10)    |          |      |          |      |          |      |
| 11)    | Coy      | C    | Bn       | B    | Coy      | A    |
| 12)    |          |      |          |      |          |      |

4. COY TRG

Each coy will operate for two days as a detached sub-unit with att supporting weapons.

5. BN TRG

(a) Bn exercise will allow for coöperation of one bty fd arty (NOT represented). Arrangements will be made for one arty offr to accompany each bn.

(b) C.Os will discuss their plans for exercise with Bde Comd by 1200 hrs 3 Jun and complete scheme (2 copies) will reach this H.Q. 72 hrs before exercise begins.

6. PACK TPT

6 rides and 10 pack animals will be available to each bn throughout this week and will be used in coy and bn trg.

7. UMPIRES

Umpires for bn exercises will be provided as follows and units will exchange lists of umpires by 1000 hrs 6 Jun:-

| Date      | Unit Exercise | Umpires  |
|-----------|---------------|--|
| 7 - 8 Jun | 61 Bn         | Lieut R.S. PATERSON HQ 7 Bde<br>4 Offrs : 6 NCOs 9 Bn<br>Over. |

| Date        | Unit Exercise | Umpires   |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| 9 - 10 Jun  | 9 Bn          | Lieut E.R. Mulcahy HQ 7 Bde<br>4 Offrs : 6 NCOs 25 Bn |
| 11 - 12 Jun | 25 Bn         | Capt J.H.A. Foster HQ 7 Bde<br>4 Offrs : 6 NCOs 61 Bn |

8. SPECIAL EQPT

Special eqpt for use by bns is allotted as follows:-

| Date  | Bde Jungle Range | Assault Boats |
|-------|------------------|---------------|
| Jun 7 | 9 Bn             | 25 Bn         |
| 8     | 25 Bn            | 25 Bn         |
| 9     | 61 Bn            | 61 Bn         |
| 10    | 25 Bn            | 61 Bn         |
| 11    | 61 Bn            | 9 Bn          |
| 12    | 9 Bn             | 9 Bn          |

ACK

Signed at 1015 hrs

Issued by L.Os.

*J. Mahoney*

Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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*Wan Haney*

APPX 3

WKS

7 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 17

compiled from information contained in W.S.F. Summary No 123

to be read in conjunction with 11 Aust Div Summary No 95.

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

AND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH

LAND.

There has been no major change in the WAU area during the week. Fighting patrols have moved fwd in the MISSIM area and occupied DAHO, CHISSEBOB and KOTE.

Enemy activity continues on an increased scale throughout NE NEW GUINEA - in the SEPIK and UPPER RAMU valleys and in the SAIDOR area.

It will be recalled that last week mention was made of a native report which stated that the JAPANESE patrols in the KAIGULIN area were to be followed by fighting tps. Further native reports received during this week state that JAPANESE "heavily equipped" are leaving MADANG by all roads bound for GUIBBI, BUNDI and WESA areas. No indications of strength were given.

It is significant that the places named as their destination command three of the routes from the RAMU to the BENA BENA plateau.

During the last twelve days the enemy have carried out extensive patrolling in the SAIDOR area, penetrating as far inland as MATOKO, twenty miles to the SW, SIEGO, eight miles to the SW, and GWIARACK, seven miles south of SAIDOR.

The enemy have again shown interest in HURUI, where they cleared and burnt off the airfield.

SEA.

There have been no items of unusual interest during the week. It is interesting however, to note the relatively large number of barges reported and attacked by our special night strafing runs along the coast from FINSCHHAVEN to MADANG.

AIR.

The enemy is continuing his widespread harassing raids - no large raids have occurred, but the bombing and strafing of RAINANTU and AIKURA, in the BENA BENA - MT HAGEN plateau is interesting when considered with the land activity reported under LAND.

The aerial activity, together with the increased attention being paid to WAU, is the logical sequel to the increased enemy air strength in NE NEW GUINEA. On 19 May, there were no less than one hundred and seven aircraft on the airfields in the WEWAK locality.

Allied communications are also receiving attention - the recce of the TERAPO - BULLDOG L of C was followed by a bombing and strafing attack of one of our small river craft, twenty miles north of TERAPO, on 20 May.

OPERATIONS

(a) LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

MISSIM - MUEO + LAE

Further details of the enemy attack along the BOEDUBI - SALAMAUVA track on 14 May give enemy dead as 72, but casualties inflicted by our mortar fire could not be observed. Enemy strength in this attack was estimated at between 500 and 700.

There are indications that the enemy is still in occupation of the PIMPLE, with a log barricade across the frontal approach.

JAPANESE PATROL ACTIVITY, RAMU VALLEY

Shortly after the Japanese first landed along the NE coast, in December last year, their patrols were in evidence along the old trade route from BOHADJIM to LAE.

It is considered that during January, or early in February, 3 Jap patrols totalling 150 tps, made the trip along the old trade route. Jap interest then appeared to shift to the development of the NE coastal bases of BUT, WEWAK, HANSA BAY, NUBIA, MADANG and SAIDOR, and the development of communications between them, and until 2 Apr, there seems to have



been no further Jap interest shown in the RAMU-MARKHAM VALLEY areas.

On that date, approx 90 Japs armed with tools arrived at KALAPIIT, and several days later they were reported at SANGAN. This party was not observed in the RAMU VALLEY, and so it would appear that they came from the LAE area.

On 25 Apr, a party of Japs, variously reported to number between 20 and 30, with a carrier line of 50 natives, were contacted at MUSAK, where they stated their intentions were to patrol south to BUNDI. Four days later they had reached SEPUL, on the RAMU River, and although they followed the RAMU in a SE direction, they did not reach BUNDI, and probably withdrew N over the RAMU at OBULU.

On the same date, Jap patrols were reported to be mapping in the KOREPA and KESAWAI areas, and were alleged to have 3 native working parties cracking stones at HATALOI, KESA and KOSA.

On 4 May, a large party of Japs, strength unstated, visited KAIGULIN and WAMPUN and actually carried out a recon of the river crossing at the former place.

On 9 May, a Jap patrol crossed the RAMU SW of KESAWAI, and the following day overran our outpost at WESA.

For some time it has been evident that the natives around WAIMERIBA and WESA are not to be trusted. Now a report has been received that an AUSTRALIAN WCO was killed by them on the morning of 19 May. The natives are obviously under the domination of the Japanese, who are still actively patrolling this area.

The enemy is now thought to have a strength of at least 10,000 tps based in MADANG, with an outpost to the south at BOGADJIM numbering 300 to 500. In addition, boy talk reveals that he is establishing camps in the IOGI area, which is 30 miles west of BOGADJIM. It is interesting to note that his ground patrols recently have shown interest in the approaches of three main tracks into CHIMBU, BENA BENA, KAINANTU Plateau area.

He has shown considerable interest in the plateau carrying out no less than 6 recesses or attacks in the past fortnight.

This coupled with his increased ground activity, and the recent although unconfirmed, native rumour that Jap tps are moving to GUIBBI, BUNDI and WESA may presage a limited Jap offensive against the CHIMBU-BENA BENA area in the near future.

(b) SEA - ENEMY

Barge Activity NE NEW GUINEA

It has long been known that there is enemy barge traffic along the NE NEW GUINEA coast between WEWAK, MADANG and possibly LAE. Few sightings have, however, been made by our A/C during their daylight recesses.

During recent nights, advantage has been taken of moonlight conditions to conduct special air searches for this traffic. Results confirm the suspicion that these craft move during the hours of darkness, lying up camouflaged by day.

At 2032 hrs 19 May, two barges loaded with square boxes was observed 2 miles south of Cape GRETTIN (10 miles south of PINNACHPEN) while moving in a SW direction.

Between 1810 and 2545 hrs 20 May, a total of 14 barges, all under way, were sighted. In the vicinity of the small islands off Cape GRETTIN, 2 barges loaded with amm and personnel, and towed by a launch, were sunk; while nearby, another barge was destroyed by a direct hit. A convoy of 10 near SEK Island was attacked and 3 sunk, the remainder being beached.

An hour before midnight on 23 May, our A/C attacked 2 barges off the coast 9 miles SE of SAIDOR, sinking one and leaving the other in flames. An hour later, no less than 15 of these craft were located and attacked 6 miles west of SAIDOR. Near misses were scored with heavy bombs.

AIR OWN

INTERCEPTIONS

WAO AREA

Lightnings intercepted 15 to 20 enemy fighters between LAE and SALAMAUVA on 21 May at 0910 hrs

ENEMY LOSSES

5 fighters destroyed  
5 fighters probables

Allied Losses

NIL.

MORSEBY AREA.

On night 23/24 May, a night fighter attempted to intercept 2 enemy medium bombers.

(c) AIR - ENEMY

PORT MORSEBY - KEREMA AREA

After making recon flights over the BULLDOG - KEREMA area on 18 and 19 May, the enemy on 20 May used 6 bombers and three fighters to attack one of our MLC's on the LAKEKAMU River, 20 miles North of IERAP. No damage or casualties resulted. A raid by 3 A/C which on 19 May dropped 6 bombs in the vicinity of KORONA (35 miles NW of PORT MORSEBY) was similarly unsuccessful.

DOBODURA Area

Twelve A/C took part in an attack on DOUGLAS Harbour at noon on 19 May. Using cannon and machine gun, they sank a twelve ton vessel and slightly damaged another of fifty tons. Our casualties were two natives killed and three members of the boat's crew wounded.

At 2030 hrs 19 May, eight bombs were dropped in the vicinity of the old JAPANESE strip near BUNA, while a further six bombs fell close to the airfield at DOBODURA. No damage or casualties resulted. Our AA engaged without success. Another unsuccessful attack on night 20 May, six A/C were used.

MILNE BAY.

Four A/C participated in the raid on the airfield on night 19 May. A small petrol dump was set on fire, no casualties.

*Bates*  
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I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by  
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD D.S.O. COMMANDING  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

2 Jun 43

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NIL

*Act. Krebs Capt.*  
for Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

"A & Q"

152. HONOURS AND AWARDS

The award of the Distinguished Service Order has been conferred on Brigadier JOHN FIELD, Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde.

153. AMN IN THE FIELD

Attention of units is directed to G.R.O. 0386/43.

154. INQUIRIES TO NEW GUINEA AREA L of C RECORDS OFFICE

Attention of units is directed to N.G.F. O. 228/43.

155. CARE OF AMN

Attention of units is directed to N.G.F. O. 232/43

156. CARE OF TENTAGE

Attention of units is directed to N.G.F. O. 222/43.

157. PERSONNEL FOR AERATED WATER FACTORY

I. Personnel with experience in cordial or aerated water manufacture, or with natural inclination for mechanical work and a desire to learn a trade, are required for the maintenance and operation of aerated water factories to be established in NEW GUINEA.

2. Action will be taken by units to obtain particulars of ALL such personnel and forward them through normal channels to reach this H.Q. by 7 Jun 43.

To be published in Unit Routine Orders

158. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

1. Attention is directed to NEW GUINEA Force Orders Nos. 261/42 and A 158/43 and Adm Instn No 94.

2. Personnel granted leave in terms of the above will be paid Subsistence Allowance within their Unit before marching out to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp.

3. The amount of Subsistence Allowance paid will be governed by the number of days leave granted by NEW GUINEA Force, notice of which will be received by Units before personnel are marched out to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp. If further leave is granted in AUSTRALIA, thus entitling a member to additional Subsistence Allowance, such allowance will be paid to the member on return to his Unit in NEW GUINEA.

4. Subsistence Allowance will not be paid in AUSTRALIA to members who are granted leave from NEW GUINEA. If circumstances arise preventing a member from receiving the allowance prior to proceeding on leave, the amount due will not be paid until return to the Unit in NEW GUINEA.

5. Subsistence Allowance will not be paid by 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp, except to members of that Unit.

6. To be published in Unit Routine Orders.

159. PERSONNEL WITH MARINE EXPERIENCE

1. Personnel with seafaring or Marine experience are urgently required for the operation and maintenance of small craft.

2. Action will be taken by Units to obtain particulars of ALL such personnel and forward them to this HQ by 7 Jun 43

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160. TRADESMEN - PHOTO-LITHO

1. Applications are called for from personnel who have had experience in civil life in the following occupations:

Printers down  
Litho-draughtsmen  
Plate retouchers  
Machine Minders  
Litho offset printers  
Provers

for employment with the AUST SVY CORPS as:

Helio-operators  
Lithographers -  
draughtsmen  
machine minders  
provers.

2. Applications, giving full information and experience should be in writing and forwarded to reach this H.Q. by 10 Jun 43.

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161. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMD AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Attention of units is directed to NGF R.O. 205/43. In future returns will be submitted by 6th of each month.

162. APPOINTMENTS OF INSPECTORS OF RUBBER, AEME.

Attention of units is directed to NGF R.O. 211/43.

163. CHURCH PARADES

Church Parades on Sun 6 Jun will be as under:-

|         |           |                  |
|---------|-----------|------------------|
| C of E. | 0900 hrs  | 9 Bn area        |
| R.C.    | (0830 hrs | 2/5 Fd Regt area |
|         | (0930 hrs | 25 Bn area.      |

*A. H. Krebs* Capt  
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APPX 5

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164. HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following awards have been announced -

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER "For resource, daring and devotion to duty"

|         |                      |                |
|---------|----------------------|----------------|
| Q 21602 | Lieut-Col E.S. MILES | 25 Aust Inf Bn |
| Q 27602 | Lieut-Col A. MELDRUM | 61 Aust Inf Bn |

MILITARY MEDAL "For gallant and distinguished services in face of the enemy"

|          |                  |                |
|----------|------------------|----------------|
| QX 25527 | Sgt D.S. LOWNDES | 61 Aust Inf Bn |
| Q 27758  | Cpl J.D. WILSON  | 61 Aust Inf Bn |

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES "For exceptional services in the field"

|                         |                     |                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| (Posthumously) QX 36357 | Pte A.E. McNEIL     | 61 Aust Inf Bn    |
| Q 15602                 | Maj J.C. MAHONEY    | HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde |
| QX 19919                | Lieut H.D. ROBINSON | 61 Aust Inf Bn    |
| Q 12365                 | W.O.I K.C. BARNETT  | 25 Aust Inf Bn    |
| QX 36359                | Pte V.D. COLLINS    | 61 Aust Inf Bn    |
| QX 35541                | Pte G. LORIMER      | 61 Aust Inf Bn    |

165. BATHING RESTRICTIONS

Owing to a visit by a party of AANS sisters to watch 7 Aust Inf Bde Sports on afternoon 5 Jun 43, bathing in the nude is prohibited in LALOKI R pools in No 2 Camp between 1330 and 1700 hrs on that day. Units will ensure that all ranks observe propriety of dress, behaviour and language.

*A. J. Greig* Capt  
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

Rugby Football

At 1030 hrs 6 Jun 43 on Bde Sports Ground a Rugby League Football match will be played between a 7 Aust Inf Bde XIII and the "Tankbusters" (undafted Rugby champions of PORT MORESBY).

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1. PURPOSE Units will be prepared for movt by air at short notice and will compile and keep up to date aircraft load tables (see 11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 6 para 5).

2. SCOPE These notes are compiled from NGF G/327/SD of 27 Feb 43: "Ops in NEW GUINEA - Air Tpt - Statistics and Notes.", and from discussions with offr of 18 and 30 Aust Inf Bdes who have had experience of air tpt in NEW GUINEA. They are issued as a guide to units in the adm required before and during movt by air. The infm given in Appx C(1) was compiled by offr of H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde. Other tables have been extracted from NGF Statistics and Notes. Units will check these data and report any discrepancies.

### 3. PRELIMINARY PREPARATION:

(a) Staff-table It will be necessary for each unit to have and keep up-to-date a staff table showing the strength of sub-units and a complete list of every article carried by the bn, with the exact weight of each and the dimensions of bulky articles. This table is compiled from the War Establishment and War Eqpt Table of an inf bn. (See Appx "C" for pro forma, which does NOT list all articles carried by an inf bn).

(b) Total Weight When movt by air has been ordered, the unit must first decide who and what is to go - e.g. certain per or some weapons or eqpt may be left at the base. When this has been decided, it is possible to work out from the staff table the total weight for the move.

(c) Planes allotted The AIR FORCE wants to know as early as possible the total weight to be moved, as this governs the number of planes required and the time needed to complete the move. The unit wishes to know how many planes are allotted and the "pay-load" of each, also the estimated "turn-round" (i.e. time taken for flight from start pt to destination, unloading and return to start pt). There will rarely be enough aircraft allotted to lift a complete unit in one flight and, knowing start time and approx "turn-round", the unit can estimate time at which tps for second flight will be called fwd.

(d) "Pay-load" The "pay-load" of a plane is the amount of freight it can carry. This varies according to the distance the plane has to fly, the nature of the landing grounds and refuelling facilities - (e.g. if the aircraft cannot complete the round trip on one fill of pet and there is insufficient fuel at the destination, pet for the return trip will have to be carried and the "pay-load" reduced accordingly). It is most important for the unit to find out early the pay-load of each type of plane allotted, as this governs the make-up of plane-loads. In no circumstances must the "pay-load" of a particular plane be exceeded, as this will endanger the aircraft and its freight. The following "pay-loads" are given as a guide:-

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| DC3               | 5000 lbs. (most likely type) |
| Lockheed Lodestar | 3,500 lbs                    |
| DC2               | 3,000 lbs                    |

(e) Plane-loads When total wt to be moved is known and the pay-load of the planes ascertained, the number of plane-loads required can be worked out. If, as is usually the case, the move is a tactical one, it is advisable to add 10% to the calculated number of plane-loads in order to allow for the tactical loading of planes. The plane load should be kept about 100 lbs below the "pay-load". Plane-loads are the basis on which the unit carries out its move, and all preliminary preparation must aim at allowing the staff offr or adjt to begin the compilation of emplaning tables at the earliest possible moment after

the move has been ordered. These must be absolutely accurate, they require a great deal of detailed work and they cannot be prepared in a hurry -- (one example: 13 hrs to draw up emplaning tables for a bn). Once plane-loads have been worked out, it does not greatly matter to the unit how many planes are allotted for the task -- whether, say, 20 planes lift the bn in three flights or 10 planes in six flights. As a guide, units may plan to put 4000 lbs of per (16 men x 250 lbs) and 1000 lbs of stores in each plane.

#### 4. EMPLANING TABLES

(a) The C.O. must first decide the order in which the force is required. Early aircraft must take portions of Bn H.Q. and adv parties of other sub-units. As the unit may have to fight immediately on deplaning, sec organization should be preserved as far as possible and sub-units progressively built up as aircraft arrive.

(b) Key per and "specialists" (e.g. I per, clerks, sigs) must be distributed in different plane-loads so that an accident to one plane will NOT disorganize the force. C.O. and adjt will NOT travel in same plane.

(c) There should be NOT more than one offr in each aircraft, and at least one sgt in each.

(d) Provision must be made for att per -- (e.g. sigs from Bde HQ, AANC per).

(e) NOT more than one mortar 3-inch or one MMG will be loaded into any aircraft. And as a general rule there should be only one LMG (Bren) in each. Eqpt, amn and sups must also be tactically loaded.

(f) It must be strongly impressed on all ranks that there must be NO deviation from the emplaning tables laid down and that the composition of the load and the weight stipulated must NOT be altered.

(g) As soon as emplaning tables are issued, sub-units can begin assembling loads.

(h) AttAppx "A" is a specimen emplaning table.

(i) Emplaning tables will be prepared in quadruplicate -  
1 copy retained by unit  
1 copy carried by offr or NCO i/c each plane-load.  
1 copy to emplaning offr  
1 copy to deplaning offr (who travels in first aircraft).

(j) Emplaning tables must set out in detail per and stores to be carried, with weight of each individual or item, serially numbered.

#### 5. RECCE OF AIRFIELD

(a) While emplaning tables are being drawn up and loads assembled, recce of airfield must be made by day and by night (as first flight will probably emplane before first light).

(b) Recce party will be in charge of emplaning offr (see para 6).

(c) Recce will cover the following pts:-

- (i) contact with flight controller at airfield;
- (ii) loading arrangements, incl no. and posn of loading bays;
- (iii) routes to R.V. for M.T. convoys and thence to loading bays;
- (iv) no of M/C. guides required from R.V. to loading bays;
- (v) facilities for intercomm.

#### 6. EMPLANING AND DEPLANING OFFRS

(a) Unit will appoint an Emplaning Offr and a Deplaning Offr.

(b) Duties of Emplaning Offr -

- (i) recce airfield before movt begins;
- (ii) decide the no of and (with O.C. Pro Sec) control M/C. orderlies for guiding vehs to aircraft;
- (iii) decide the R.V. and time of reporting for first M.T. convoy;
- (iv) call fwd subsequent flights as they are required;
- (v) check per and stores into each aircraft according to emplaning tables;

- (vi) record on each emplaning table the no. or letter of the aircraft and time of departure;
- (vii) completely control all loading arrangements at airfield;
- (viii) at completion of move hand emplaning tables to deplaning offr at destination.

(c) Duties of Deplaning Offr:-

- (i) Travel on first aircraft with copy of emplaning tables;
- (ii) completely control unloading arrangements;
- (iii) meet all arriving aircraft and keep record of their time of arrival;
- (iv) direct tps on arrival to assy area or tracks they are to follow;
- (v) disperse stores unloaded from aircraft;
- (vi) on completion of move receive emplaning offr's and O.C. aircraft's copies of emplaning table and check them against his own; report any discrepancies to unit.

7. ORGANIZATION FOR EMPLANING

- (a) Emplaning offr will be provided with necessary assistants, orderlies and M/C guides, and direct L/T comn from airfield to unit (and Bde HQ).
- (b) Trucks (3-ton) will be loaded with per and stores so that each truck constitutes an individual plane-load. Each truck will be given a number (prominently displayed) corresponding to the plane-load no. on the emplaning table. Trucks will follow one another in consecutive order. Each convoy will be followed by 2 spare trucks in case of breakdown. If a load has to be transferred, the new truck will take the number of that load.
- (c) First echelon leaves unit area timed to arrive at R/V in time to emplane for first flight. (Dispersal area for trucks must be found near R/V in case of delay to any flight).
- (d) M/C guides (one per plane), having located planes in their separate loading bays, are drawn up in numerical order at R/V and guide each numbered truck to its allotted plane.
- (e) Two spare trucks remain at airfield throughout for use in emergency — e.g. to transfer load from a plane returning unserviceable without completing its flight.
- (f) Remainder of trucks return to unit lines.
- (g) Meanwhile similar action is being taken for second echelon and so on.
- (h) One truck-load of "waiting men" will be kept at the airfield as emergencies to fill up incomplete plane-loads.

8. EMPLANING

- (a) This operation must be carried out with greatest speed.
- (b) Truck will drive in alongside aircraft and upon order to emplane, per will move into aircraft before stores are loaded. Leading man will move to nose of aircraft and stores will be passed from hand to hand for stowing forward. Offr or NCO i/c aircraft checks per and stores against emplaning table, enters the aircraft last and remains near the door.

9. DISCIPLINE

- (a) Offr or NCO i/c aircraft is responsible for loading in accordance with the pilot's instns and for discipline of tps throughout the journey.
- (b) In no circumstances will there be smoking alongside or inside the aircraft, while on the ground. During flight there will be no smoking except on orders of the O.C. aircraft with permission of the pilot.
- (c) Once tps are seated in aircraft there must be no further movt and all orders of crew of aircraft during flight must be instantly obeyed.

10. DEPLANING Offr or NCO i/c aircraft will disembark first, followed by Bren gunner ready for action. Stores will then be passed out from hand to hand and tps will then deplane. Speed in unloading and dispersing tps and stores is vital.

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



Issued with two appx

- Appx "A" : Pro forma explaining table.
- Appx "B" : Pro forma staff table for movt by air.
- Appx "C" : Weights of inf eqpt and other data for movt by air  
(to be issued later)

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To 7 Aust Inf Bde

From .....

.....copies of 7 Aust Inf Bde 43/G/56 (Movt by air:  
Inf Bn) were received at .....hrs .....date.

\_\_\_\_\_ Rank

\_\_\_\_\_ Appointment

7 Aust Inf Bde

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EMPLANING TABLE (Weight Sheet)

Plane-load No .....

Time took off.....

Emplaned in No.....

Time landed.....

PERSONNEL

| Ser No. | Army No | Rank | Name & Initials | Posting | Total weight man & eqpt ready for emplaning | TOTAL |
|---------|---------|------|-----------------|---------|---|-------|
| 1       |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 2       |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 3       |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 4       |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 5       |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 6       |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 7       |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 8       |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 9       |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 10      |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 11      |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 12      |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 13      |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 14      |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 15      |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
| 16      |         |      |                 |         |   |       |
|         |         |      |                 |         | Total                                       |       |

AMN, SUPS, STORES, EQPT (NOT carried on man)

| Ser No | Description | Weight      | Total |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------|
|        |             |             |       |
|        |             |             |       |
|        |             |             |       |
|        |             |             |       |
|        |             |             |       |
|        |             | Total       |       |
|        |             | Grand Total |       |

- NOTES:
1. Total weight of plane-load must NOT exceed 5000 lbs.
  2. Ser nos. must run consecutively through per and stores.

Subject : PHYSICAL FITNESS  
7 AUST INF BDE.

Ref: 43/101/46  
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HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Australia  
30 Jun 43.

11 Aust Div,

The 4 months period which has elapsed since the transfer of 7 Aust Inf Bde from MILNE BAY to MORESBY area has been principally taken up with progressive training of the Bde for future operational roles and measures necessary for rehabilitating the physical capacity of the men after their 8 months service in MILNE BAY.

2. 7 Aust Inf Bde's training, for the 6 months prior to service in NEW GUINEA has been largely restricted by the operational role to which they had been committed to meet the possible exigencies of the campaign. Thus the Bde was given the task of developing defensive localities in the CALOUNDRA area Q and later a similar task at TOWNSVILLE Q. In July it moved to MILNE BAY and again engaged in the development of defences followed by action against the enemy in Aug - Sept. The latter was followed by a good deal of further work in consolidation of the defences and improvement of the MILNE BAY BASE but some training was achieved in offensive operations. It was obvious that intensive training for such operations was essential.

3. The incidence of malaria in latent and active forms plus the prevalent skin ailments rendered it necessary to apply remedial measures under the best conditions so as to recondition the men for an intensive training programme. On 14 Mar 7 Aust Inf Bde concentrated at DONADABU where it has remained until the present time.

4. The conditions at DONADABU, which is approx 1600 ft above sea level, are, in my opinion, ideal for building up health and it would be difficult to find an area anywhere which provides for such diversity of training. Water is abundant for swimming and washing and the cool nights enable the men to get good rest after strenuous days of training.

Orders were issued to Commanding Officers that every facility was to be given to RMOs in whatever steps were necessary for reconditioning and for the first fortnight opportunity was given for troops to rest and engage in recreation. This period was followed by a training programme which began with individual and section exercises and has gradually worked up to Bn exercises involving the cooperation of other Arms.

5. During this training programme Pls and then Coys were out on a number of three days continuous "free-for-all" exercises during which troops slept outdoors and lived on hard rations. The men covered many miles of country, working through jungle and hilly features, through streams, kunai grass areas and other typical features. At a later stage all Bns were out for a series of two day exercises and all took part in turn, in a two day overnight exercise. This training has been of a strenuous character throughout.

6. The present position is that some excellent training has been achieved and morale is generally high. The interest of the men has been held and their excellent spirit has been demonstrated also in the various Bde sports events and inter-unit training competitions. It is obvious to me that there is no lassitude in the application of Unit effort to these matters nor are there any adverse psychological factors operating.

7. The number of personnel of the **three** Inf Bns now in hospital in the MORESBY area at present date and thus absent from training activities is 12 offrs and 297 ORs. All continuous exercises have been marked by a number of men who have had malarial relapses, aggravated skin ailments and inability to continue owing to heat exhaustion and physical debility.

8. Based on 12 months observation and experience of conditions in NEW GUINEA I am of the opinion that the physical reconditioning of men demands more basic measures than have been evident, to date, in the medical treatment of the sick. I submit that the physical stamina of troops who have seen hard service in NEW GUINEA will only be regained by priority attention to the following points:

- (a) Provision of a special dietary scale considerably superior to the present NG ration in its fresh fruit, vegetable and fresh meat components. Such a ration to be given only to troops who are being reconditioned over a period for the purpose of building up resistance.

The implications of the cool storage and refrigerated cargo measures entailed in such a provision are, of course, understood.

- (b) More medical attention to ailments other than malaria. It is recognized that this is probably the most crippling ailment but the incidence of such physically debilitating diseases, as hookworm, and their treatment seems to require attention.

It is suggested that a typical cross section be taken from personnel from each Unit of this Bde for complete diagnosis. This may provide evidence for a thorough medical treatment.

- (c) Locations of hospitals to take advantage of the better climatic conditions existing in the hills, superior water supply and other factors. It is considered that this would accelerate the recovery of the sick. In the interests of effective fighting man-power the associated problems of construction and road improvement should not disqualify such projects.

9. I submit this memorandum for the reason that the capacity for physical endurance of personnel of the Bde cannot be said to be equal to the demands which may be made on them unless steps are taken to build it up. It is hoped that such measures may be effected locally because there is no desire in 7 Aust Inf Bde to be unavailable for any operational task which may arise in the early future.

(Sgd) John Field Brig.  
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde.

STAFF TABLE FOR MOV'T BY AIR.

SECRET  
7 AUST INF BDE.

.....AUST INF BN.

| Serial | Item | Weight of Individual Item in lbs | Bn HQ | HQ Coy | A Coy | B Coy | C Coy | D Coy | Total Bn | Total Weight in lbs | Remarks |
|--------|------|----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------------------|---------|
| a      | b    | c                                | d     | e      | f     | g     | h     | i     | j        | k                   | l       |
|        |      |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |

SCHEDULE OF WEIGHTS : INF BN

STAFF TABLE FOR MOV'T BY AIR (compiled from W.E.T.)

SECRET

Appx 'C' (1)

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| Serial | Item  | Weight of individual item in lbs | Bn HQ | HQ Coy | A Coy | B Coy | C Coy | D Coy | Total Bn | Total weight in lbs | Remarks   |
|--------|---|----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------------------|---|
| a      | b   | c                                | d     | e      | f     | g     | h     | i     | j        | k                   | l   |
| 1      | Personnel                                     | 250                              |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 2      | <u>RATIONS</u><br>3 days rations.             | 11                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     | Full marching order eqpt, arms, 3 days rations. |
|        | <u>IREN</u>                                   |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 3      | Gun only                                      | 23 1/3                           |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 4      | Spare barrel                                  | 6 1/3                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 5      | Tripod  | 30 3/4                           |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 6      | Magazine (loaded)                             | 2 3/4                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 7      | Box 12 mags (loaded)                          | 37                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 8      | Holdall (complete)                            | 1                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
|        | <u>OSMG</u>                                   |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 9      | Gun only                                      | 9 1/2                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 10     | Magazine (loaded)                             | 1 2/3                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 11     | Rifle EY                                      | 10                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 12     | Cup discharger                                | 6                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
|        | <u>MMG (Vickers)</u>                          |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 13     | Gun only                                      | 36 1/2                           |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 14     | Tripod  | 50                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 15     | Spare barrel                                  | 3 1/2                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 16     | Can condenser & tube                          | 5 1/3                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 17     | Case spare parts and cleanin rod              | 7                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 18     | Box night aiming                              | 7 3/4                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 19     | Camflg net                                    | 3 1/4                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 20     | Spider  | 10 3/4                           |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 21     | Box belt (loaded)                             | 21 1/2                           |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 22     | Post aiming                                   | 2 1/3                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 23     | Post zero                                     | 1 1/2                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |
| 24     | Bar F.S. deflection slide rule, sights F & R. | 1                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |   |

SCHEDULE OF WEIGHTS : INF BN -(cont) SHEET 2.

| Serial | Item                          | Weight of individual item in lbs | Bn HQ | HQ Coy | A Coy | B Coy | C Coy | D Coy | Total Bn | Total weight in lbs | Remarks |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------------------|---------|
| a      | b                             | c                                | d     | e      | f     | g     | h     | i     | j        | k                   | l       |
| 25     | Box spare parts               | 22                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 26     | Clinometer                    | 3 1/4                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 27     | Pegs night line (set)         | 2                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 28     | Rangefinder                   | 25 1/2                           |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 29     | Director or A of S instrument | 2                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 30     | Director stand                | 12 1/3                           |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
|        | <u>MORTAR - 3"</u>            |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 31     | Mounting                      | 48 1/2                           |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 32     | Barrel                        | 42                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 33     | Base plate                    | 36                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 34     | Sight in case                 | 7                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 35     | Tool bag & spare parts        | 9 1/3                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 36     | 2 sight posts                 | 5                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 37     | 3 bombs in carrier HE         | 34                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
|        | Smoke                         | 31                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
|        | <u>MORTAR - 2 "</u>           |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 38     | Mortar complete               | 22                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 39     | 6 bombs in carrier (HE)       | 18                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
|        | (Smoke)                       | 15                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
|        | <u>BOYS Tk.A.RIFLE</u>        |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 40     | Boys' Rifle                   | 36                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 41     | Magazine (loaded)             | 2 1/2                            |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 42     | Pistols signalling            | 3                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
|        | <u>AMN</u>                    |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 43     | .303 bdr                      | 75 (box)                         |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 44     | .303 ctn for LMG              | 84 "                             |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 45     | .303 ctn for MMG              | 84 102 lbs                       |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 46     | 9 mm OSMG (box 2260 rds)      | 36 lbs 3200 rds                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 47     | .38 pistol ( " 180 " )        | 9 1/2 " 348 rds 13 lbs           |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 48     | 36M grenades (box of 12)      | 24                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 49     | 73 grenade                    | 3                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 50     | Bombs M3" - H.E. (box of 6 )  | 96 (incl box 28)                 |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 51     | " " smoke (box of 6 )         | 90                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 52     | " M2" H.E. (box of 18 )       | 70 (incl box 16)                 |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 53     | " " smoke (box of 18 )        | 61                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 54     | Shells 2 - illum. (box of 8 ) | 44                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
|        | pr. (box of 8 )               | 40                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |

SCHEDULE OF WEIGHTS : INF BN (cont) (SHEET 3)

| Serial                  | Item                     | Weight of individual item in lbs | BnHQ | HQ Coy | A Coy | B Coy | C Coy | D Coy | Total Bn | Total weight in lbs | remarks |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------------------|---------|
| a                       | b                        | c                                | d    | e      | f     | g     | h     | i     | j        | k                   | l       |
| 55                      | .55 Boys (40 bdr)        | 10                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 56                      | Cart illum (box)         | 32                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 57                      | " sig green (box)        | 32                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 58                      | " " red ( " )            | 32                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| <u>TOOLS</u>            |                          |                                  |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 59                      | Axe hand                 | 2                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 60                      | Axe felling              | 5                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 61                      | Pick & helve             | 8                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 62                      | Shovel GS                | 4                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 63                      | Billhook                 | 2                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 64                      | Machete (in sheath)      | 1                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 65                      | Saw crosscut             | 6                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 66                      | Crowbar                  | 20                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 67                      | Hurricane Lamp           | 2                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 68                      | Bucket                   | 5                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| <u>COOKING UTENSILS</u> |                          |                                  |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 69                      | Fowler (complete)        | 448                              |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 70                      | Soyer (complete)         | 112                              |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 71                      | Hydra burner             | 85                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 72                      | Kettle Camp Oval         | 9                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 73                      | Containers Cooking 3-gal | 5                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 74                      | ditto 2-gal empty        | 3                                |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 75                      | ditto 2-gal full         | 24                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 76                      | Container insulated      | 92                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 77                      | Butcher's kit            | 50                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| <u>TOOL KITS</u>        |                          |                                  |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 78                      | Armr                     | 40                               |      |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |



SCHEDULE OF WEIGHTS : INF BN (cont) SHEET 4

| Serial | Item                | Weight of individual item in lbs | Bn HQ | HQ Coy | A Coy | B Coy | C Coy | D Coy | Total Bn | Total weight in lbs | Remarks  |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------------------|--|
| a      | b                   | c                                | d     | e      | f     | g     | h     | i     | j        | k                   | l  |
| 79     | Eqpt repairer       | 40                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 80     | Bootmaker           | 40                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
|        | <u>SIGNAL EQPT</u>  |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 81     | Fullerphone         | 14                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 82     | Telephone DV        | 11                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 83     | Lamp DS             | 17                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 84     | Stand Lamp or Helio | 5                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 85     | Helio 5"            | 12                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 86     | Cable (1 ml)        | 42                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 87     | Drum cable No 5     | 14                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 88     | Reel No 1           | 5                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 89     | Switchboard U.C.    | 47 $\frac{1}{2}$                 |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 90     | Superimposing unit  | 15 $\frac{1}{3}$                 |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 91     | Telescope sig       | 7                                |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 92     | 103 set             | 26 $\frac{3}{4}$                 |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 93     | 101 set             | 38                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " |
| 94     | Vibrator            | 24                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     | 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 12" x 8"                              |
| 95     | Bag aerial          | 13                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     | 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "               |
| 96     | Accumulator         | 24                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     | 42" x 6"   |
| 97     | 11 set ( 2 accum)   | 230                              |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 7"                 |
|        | <u>TENTAGE</u>      |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 98     | Tent oblong 14 x 12 |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 99     | Fly for ser 98      |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 100    | Tent I.P.           |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 101    | Fly for Ser 100     |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
|        | <u>R.A.P.</u>       |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |
| 102    | Stores              | 344                              |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |  |

SCHEDULE OF WEIGHTS : INF BN (cont) SHEET 5

| Serial | Item                           | Weight of individual item in lbs | Bn HQ | HQ Coy | A Coy | B Coy | C Coy | D Coy | Total Bn | Total weight in lbs | Remarks |
|--------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------------------|---------|
| a      | b                              | c                                | d     | e      | f     | g     | h     | i     | j        | k                   | l       |
|        | <u>R.A.P. (cont)</u>           |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 103    | Stretcher                      | 27                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 104    | Medical pannier                | 78                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
|        | <u>BN HQ OFFICE</u>            |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 105    | Bicycle                        | 43                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 106    | Typewriter                     | 45                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 107    | Duplicator - flat              | 20                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 108    | Duplicator - roneo with ink    | 45                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 109    | Duplicating paper and stencils | 35                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 110    | Box of stationery              | 25                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 111    | Box typing paper and forms     | 60                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 112    | Box of returns                 | 60                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 113    | Box of files                   | 50                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 114    | Unit library                   | 70                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 115    | Postal and Pay                 | 60                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 116    | I Sec eqpt                     | 25                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 117    | Iron table                     | 50                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 118    | Chair                          | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$                 |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 119    | Officers valise                | 40                               |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |
| 120    | Q Store                        |                                  |       |        |       |       |       |       |          |                     |         |

MOV'T BY AIR : INF BN

DATA EXTRACTED FROM N.G.F. G/327/SD

1. Notes on details of individual weights in an Inf Bn

The following scale of personal eqpt is suggested as a guide for use by an inf bn prepared for air tpt with the object of being ready for battle on deplaning:-

(a) Clothing etc on man

- Shirt and slacks
- Helmet steel
- Boots AB, socks.
- Puttees short or gaiters
- Field dressing
- Singlet and underpants
- Personal first-aid outfit (2 czs)
- Full web eqpt less either haversack or pack
- WEIGHT — 9 lbs.

(b) Carried in either pack or haversack

- Groundsheet
- $\frac{1}{2}$  blanket
- Singlet, underpants, socks.
- $\frac{1}{2}$  mess tin
- Knife and spoon
- Mug
- Shaving gear
- Toothbrush and paste
- $\frac{1}{2}$  towel, soap, comb
- 3 tins cy rations )
- 2 tins bully beef ) 5 day's rations
- 2 packets biscuits)
- 1 tin solid fuel
- 1 billy can
- WEIGHT — 24 lbs

(c) Weight of individual weapons and amm in lbs.

(Amm scale will vary according to C.O's requirements)

|                           | <u>Rfn</u>      | <u>Bren No 1</u>                         | <u>Bren No 2</u>                           | <u>Bren No 3</u>                           | <u>OSMG</u>     |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|-----------------|
| Arms                      | 10              | 23                                       | 10   | 10   | 10              |
| Amn                       | 10<br>(150 rds) | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$<br>(5 mags x<br>25 rds) | 20<br>(6 mags x<br>25 rds, plus<br>75 rds) | 20<br>(6 mags x<br>25 rds,<br>plus 75 rds) | 13<br>(250 rds) |
| Spare barrel<br>and parts | -               | -  | 6  | 1  | -               |
| <b>Total Weight</b>       | <b>20</b>       | <b>35<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>        | <b>36</b>                                  | <b>31</b>                                  | <b>23</b>       |

(d) Average weight of tps naked: 11 st 6 lbs.

(Weight in lbs - 160 lbs) (U.S. Army allows 175 lbs)

(e) Average total weight of infantryman equipped as in (a), (b) and (c).

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Rifleman  | 213 lbs             |
| Bren No 1 | 228 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Bren No 2 | 229 "               |
| Bren No 3 | 224 "               |
| OSMG      | 216 "               |

Over.

(f) Average weight of infantryman

Allotting these weights according to numbers of riflemen, Bren gunners etc in a rifle coy, the average weight for an inf bn is 217 lbs. This allows for battle scale of personal eqpt, sec weapons (incl Bren and OSMG), amm on man or with gun, and 5 days' rations. It is considered that this is a greater weight than is desirable and C.Os must closely consider means of lightening the man's load.

*W. H. ...*

7 AUST INF BDE ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP No 4  
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Bde Athletics and Swimming Championships will be held on  
Saturday 5 Jun 43.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

SWIMMING 0930 hrs

Officials Judges: Lieut PATERSON (Bde HQ), Lieut Hammond (9 Bn),  
Lieut Jutsum (25 Bn), Lieut Rudder (61 Bn).  
Starter: Capt Peake (Bde HQ)  
Check Starter: Lieut Mulcahy (Bde HQ)  
Points Recorder: Lieut Brown (61 Bn)

EVENTS

1. 50 metres Backstroke
2. 50 metres Freestyle (Class 1)
3. 100 metres Freestyle
4. Medley Relay (1) Back (2) Free (3) Breast (4) Free.
5. 50 metres Freestyle (Class II)
6. 50 metres Freestyle (Class III)
7. 50 metres Breaststroke.
8. Neat Dive
9. Relay No 1 (8 men)
10. Relay No 2 "
11. Relay No 3 "
12. Officers' Relay (6 swimmers)
13. Water Polo — 61 Bn v 11 Fd Amb (Non-competitive)

ATHLETICS 1400 hrs

Officials Judges of Running Events: Capt Beoch(9 Bn), Capt White  
(25 Bn), Capt Twemlow (61 Bn),  
Lieut Atkins (11 Fd Amb).  
Starter: Lieut Bird (2/5 Fd Regt)  
Check Starter: Lieut Radford (9 Bn)  
Points Recorder: Lieut MacQueen (2/5 Fd Regt)  
Officials for Jumping Events: Capt Henderson (9 Bn)  
Lieut Nelson (25 Bn)  
Tug-O-War: Capt Percival (9 Bn)

EVENTS

- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1. 100 yds sprint       | 9. High Jump  |
| 2. Broad Jump           | 10. Tug-O-War (Team of 6 men)   |
| 3. 220 yds sprint.      | 11. Mile Race   |
| 4. Standing Broad Jump. | 12. 440 yds Circular Relay<br>(A) Team of 4 men.)                     |
| 5. 880 yds              | 13. 440 yds Circular Relay<br>(b) Team of 4 men.)                     |
| 6. Hop, Step and Jump.  | 14. Medley Relay (one 880<br>runner, one 440 and two<br>220 runners). |
| 7. Pole Vault           |   |
| 8. 440 yds.             |   |

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Entries for both carnivals are limited to one per  
event per unit.

Entries must be in at this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 4 Jun 43.

UNIT SPORTS OFFERS: Please note alteration in times of programme.

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

Appx 8

(This message must not fall into enemy hands)

MESSAGE TO 9 AUST INF BN BY BRIG. JOHN FIELD D.S.O. COMD  
7 AUST INF BDE

(NOTE: To be read by all platoon commanders to their men on a parade)

Your battalion has been chosen to stand by ready to move to an operational task. This fact reflects the confidence of myself as Brigade Commander, in the leadership, fighting efficiency and morale of the battalion. Furthermore, we can all be proud that the G.O.C. N.G. Force has selected the 7 Inf Bde for this honour, for honour it is.

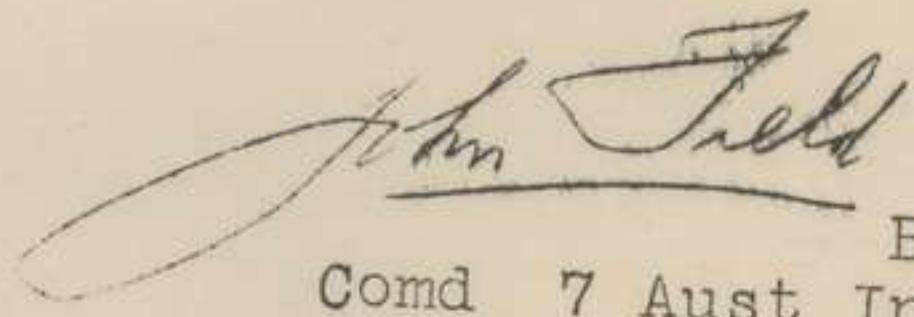
Every officer and man will probably be pondering what the move means to him personally. I know that the great majority of you are determined to do a good job as you have already done at MERE BAY. I know that most of you will welcome this prospect of more fighting, for that is our job. And the sooner that we get on with the job the more quickly will we be able to resume our civil vocations in peace and security.

But if any man hesitates in his mind, let him face facts and get rid of any regret. For, if one man is not resolute and keen to face anything that may come, then the battalion will suffer and his mates will suffer. Now is the time for every bit of team work you can give to the task.

When thinking about your leave remember the many Australians serving in the Royal Navy who have faced hardship and danger every day for nearly four years without seeing their folks. Remember the battalions which have been in contact with the Jap in NEW GUINEA, not for days or weeks, but for months, and are still carrying on. If ever you don't feel your best, remember that for 200 years the British Empire has been built in many parts of the tropics, by men doing a lonely hard job for year after year. A determined will, call it "guts" if you like, always beats fatigue.

You are passing temporarily from my comd but I look forward to your return with the Bde. You will not forget that we have beaten the Jap before and we will beat him again, and again. We have finer and better ideals to fight for than any miserable Asiatic. To every officer and man of the battalion, I wish good luck.

5 Jun 43.

  
Brig  
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde

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**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

A.I.F. ....

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 11/2/3

Date 5 Jun 43.

W.E. 17 X 72

Attached  
Allowed by W.E. X

HQ 7 ANST INF BDE. Unit

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

| 1               | 2  | 3                        | 4   |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks and W.E.  | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment) |
| Brigadiers      | 1  | •                        | •   |
| Lieut.-Colonels |  |                          |   |
| Majors          | 1  | •                        | 1   |
| Captains X      | 9  | 1                        | 1   |
| Lieutenants     | 5  | 1                        | 1   |
| 2nd Lieutenants |  |                          |   |
| Quartermasters  |  |                          |   |
| Totals          | 17   | 2                        | 3   |

x • includes chaplains 4th class

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

**Officers JOINED during week**

| Rank | Name | Unit or Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|---------------|------|-------|
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |

**Officers QUITTED during week**

| Rank | Name | Unit or Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|---------------|------|-------|
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |

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

| Rank | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)) |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---|
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |

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 | Appointment | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| lt. - col brig                                      | OX2002          | BIRD J.           | good        | yes  |  |
| apt maj   | 015602          | Mohoney J.C.      | B.N.        | "  |  |
| Lieut capt  | OX70799         | LOUNDES A.S.      | 8 (I)       | "  |  |
| " "   | OX40880         | KREBS A.A.        | S.C.        | "  |  |
| " "   | OX 55561        | GORFE J.E.        | 8 (I)       | "  |  |
| " "   | 021661          | MCINNES B.D.      | I.O.        | No   | course No9 INQ                               |
| " "   | OX40870         | HORNIBROOK C.W.   | T.O.        | Yes  | school of MT.                                |
| " "   | OX36181         | POSTER J.H.A.     | L.O.        | No   | At HQ, NCF.                                  |
| " "   | OX36365         | PATERSON J.S.     | I.O. II     | Yes  |  |
| " "   | OX40235         | MULCAHY B.R.      | I.O. III    | "  |  |
| " "   | OX32334         | WOOD I.A.         | AMEN.C.     | Yes  |  |
| " "   | OX127324        | MOSE E.G.         | EVS.C.      | "  |  |
| " "   | OX45277         | BEAKE W.A.        | BASGO       | "  |  |
| " "   | 016378          | STEPHENS J.W.F.   | nil         | "  | Awaiting disposal                            |
| Chh plain   | OX40847         | COOPER C.J.C.     | 9 BR        | No   |  |
| " "   | OX41482         | ROBINSKJAR J.N.   | 25 BR       | "  |  |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | Date of Attachment | Nature of Attachment | Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No) |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lieut Capt  | OX47340         | SWEETMAN C.R.     | AASS          |                    | In charge D.I.D.     | No                                 |
| Hon Lieut   | 8237            | GRAHAM E.S.C.     | INCA          |                    |                      | "                                  |

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde. (Unit)

*[Signature]* Capt. staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde. (Signature of Commander)

5 Jun 43. (Date of Despatch)

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



Serial No. 25

W.E. Ref AMF 11/2/3

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

W.E. 17 & 72

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE. (Unit) 5 Jun 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1<br>Detail.                                | 2<br>Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3<br>Surplus to Establishment | 4<br>Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| W.O's. Class I.                             | 1  | .                             | .  |
| W.O's. Class II.                            | 2  | .                             | 1  |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants |  |                               |  |
| Staff Serjeants                             | 8  | .                             | .  |
| Serjeants                                   | 4  | .                             | 1  |
| Corporals                                   | 8  | 1                             | 1  |
| Troopers, Privates, &c.                     | 55   | 42                            | 13   |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                               | <b>72</b>  | <b>1</b>                      | <b>16</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 cpls.              | YMCA                                 |         |                                      |
| 1 Sgt, 1 cpl, 2 ptes | 5 Aust Div Postal                    |         |                                      |
| 1 Sgt, 10 cpls       | " Provost                            |         |                                      |
| <b>16 total</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). |
|----------|-------|--------------------|--------|--|
| Q100585  | Pte   | MERRHAN T.         | AEME   | "x" List, 2/9 A.G.H.                           |
|          |       |                    |        |  |
|          |       |                    |        |  |
|          |       |                    |        |  |
|          |       |                    |        |  |
|          |       |                    |        |  |
|          |       |                    |        |  |
|          |       |                    |        |  |
|          |       |                    |        |  |
|          |       |                    |        |  |

**Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.**

| DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS,<br>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  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Butchers   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Carpenters and Joiners   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Clerks   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           | 1         |                         | 1                       |                 |                  | 1                  |           | 1         |          | 2                       |
| Despatch Riders  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Draughtsmen (topo)   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Drivers <del>114</del> and/or <del>10</del> <b>MT</b>                        |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 4         |          | 4                       |
| <del>Electricians</del> <del>DRS</del> <del>0</del> <del>lies</del> <b>9</b> |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |
| Farriers   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Fitters <b>MT</b>  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |
| Masons   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Painters and Decorators  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Plumbers and Gasfitters  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Saddlers and Harness Makers  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Signallers <del>orderlies</del> <b>6</b>                                     |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |
| Storemen, Technical  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Vickers Machine Gunners  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| Cooks  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |
| <del>Batmen</del> <b>17</b>  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 2         |          | 2                       |
| <del>Mechanic mt</del> <b>1</b>  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |
| <del>CSM</del> <b>1</b>  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         | 1               |                  |                    |           |           |          | 1                       |
| <del>Intell duties</del> <b>4</b>  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |
| <del>Draughtsmen (Intell)</del> <b>2</b>                                     |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    | 1         |           |          | 1                       |
| General Duty Personnel   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |
| TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)                             |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         | 1                       |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          | 16                      |

Deficiencies in W.C.Os. will be made good by promotions within the unit.

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Unit.

Date of Despatch **5 Jun 43.**

*[Signature]* Capt.  
Staff apt. 70 Aust Inf Bde.

Signature of Commander.

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>Cpls.</u> | <u>Ptes.</u>   |
|--------------|---------------|---|--------------|--|
| 1 - BOWO     | 1 - clerk     | 3 - 1 Tpt Sgt.<br>1 Clerk<br>1 Armourer | 1 - cook     | 13 - 2 Intell Duties<br>5 Drs MT<br>1 Cook<br>5 Batmen |

Total 19

SUBJECT : APPOINTMENTS CODEHQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
7 June 43.25 Aust Inf Bn.  
61 Aust Inf Bn.  
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
File  
War Diary (2). ✓

Previous Appointment Code of 24 Feb will be cancelled as from 0200 hrs., 7 June 43, and ALL documents referring to this code will be destroyed.

2. The following code will be used by all units and formations under comd 11 Aust Div as from 0200 hrs., 7 June 43.

|  |   |             |
|--|---|-------------|
| Commander                                      | - | BUILDER     |
| General staff }<br>Bde Major }<br>Adjutant }   | - | MINER       |
| AQ Staff }<br>staff Capt. }<br>Quartermaster } | - | PAINTER     |
| Intelligence                                   | - | ELECTRICIAN |
| Signals  | - | OVERSEER    |

3. Please acknowledge.

*Alan Garland*  
Capt.  
Bde. Sig. Offr.

Appt 11

# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

AL/KTG (9/6)

Subject: ATTENDANCE OF OFFRS AT ARTY, Tk/A AND ARMD COOP EXERCISES  
14 - 15 JUN

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Australia  
9 Jun 43  
Ref 45/0/51

9 Aust Inf Bn  
25 Aust Inf Bn  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
Copies. 11 Aust Div (for info) (2)  
Comd  
War Diary (2)

1. OBJECT

Arrangements have been made for a number of offrs to attend exercises and discussions with arty and armd units on 14 - 15 Jun.

2. OFFRS TO ATTEND

|        |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|
| Bde HQ | 1 Offr                |
| 9 Bn   | C.O. and 1 Coy Comd   |
| 25 Bn  | C.O. and 2 Coy Comds  |
| 61 Bn  | 2 i/c and 2 Coy Comds |

3. PROGRAMME

|        |                     |  |
|--------|---------------------|--|
| 13 Jun | 1330 hrs            | Leave DONADABU for BOERRA via WARD'S DRONE, BARUNE RD, PULLEY WHEEL, BOERRAHADA.   |
|        | approx 1800 hrs     | Report to Lt-Col Gibbons, 2/1 Aust Pd Regt who will provide accomodation over night at BOERRA village.   |
| 14 Jun | 0700 hrs - 1100 hrs | Observe arty tactical practice and direct arty fire. Lunch with 2/1 Aust Pd Regt.  |
|        | 1400 hrs            | Arrive at BOERRA Tk/A Range, to observe Tk/A pls of 25 and 61 Bns firing on moving targets. Units to arrange that adequate shooting is reserved for that afternoon.<br>(Note: In the event of an arty-airforce co-op shoot on this afternoon, the programme may be modified at discretion of the senior offr). |
|        | 1700 hrs            | Evening meal and camp with own Tk/A pls or 2/1 Aust Pd Regt as arranged on the spot.   |
| 15 Jun | 0700 hrs            | Leave BOERRA for 2/8 Aust Armd Regt  |
|        | 1015-1315 hrs       | ST Exercise. Tanks and Inf in attack.  |
|        | 1930 hrs            | GD on exercise.  |
|        |                     | Offrs will return to DONADABU same night in order to be available for possible air co-op exercise on 16 Jun.   |

4. TPT

units. Tpt arrangements will be co-ordinated by Bde and notified to units.

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## 5. PREPARATION

Units will ensure that offrs are thoroughly conversant with the methods laid down in RA Trg Memo War No 6, Sec 3, pp 6, 7, reproduced as Appx A hereto.

Experience has been that inf offrs often fail to grasp the method of indicating targets from the salvo as laid down in Sec 3 para 2 (III). Units will arrange for offrs to practise the methods of target indication before leaving DOHADABU as it is the intention that inf offrs will direct fire of 25 pdrs.

*Arthur Lowndes*  
for Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde Capt

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Headquarters

## APPENDIX 'A'

EXTRACT FROM RA TRG MEMO WAR NO 6, SEC 3, pp 6, 7

### 3. CO-OPERATION WITH INFANTRY Use of No 18 sets.

1. The ideal method of securing close artillery support is for the commander of the attacking troops to have an artillery officer with him, but this will often not be possible because the location of infantry headquarters will not necessarily be suitable for an artillery O.P. If, however, the supporting artillery O.P. is linked to the infantry No 18 set frequency the co-operation between the two arms can be very close. This frequency is the property of the infantry, and the O.P. officer listens in in order that he can be called upon to give supporting fire. Except to test his communications when the set is quiet the gunner will speak on this frequency only when spoken to.

2. Target indication. - The following methods, which are simple, and acceptable to infantry and artillery, will be used.

i. Map references. - When the target is easy to describe and can be located on the map, the infantry will pass its map reference, e.g.  
"Farm buildings, map reference 436593"  
"Active mortars"  
"Neutralize for 3 minutes"

This is the simplest method and the one least open to error. It will be used whenever possible.

ii. Compass point and distance from a reference object. - The infantry ensure that the artillery have identified some unmistakable object as a reference point and then fix the target by giving its direction and distance (in yards) from the reference object, using one of the eight cardinal points of the compass (North, South, East N.E., S.E., N.W., S.W.). If no suitable reference object exists, the infantry officer may use his own position in place of a reference object, passing its map reference in a pre-arranged code. The following examples illustrate the two cases.

(a) "Reference red house in cord-field"  
"North east 300, mortars in cabbage patch"  
"Neutralize 2 minutes"

(b) "I am at DERJQC" (pre-arranged code).  
"South 500, M.Gs in garden of cottage"  
"Neutralize 2 minutes"

iii. Compass point and distance from a four-round salvo. - In country which is unmaped or particularly featureless, the infantry officer may begin by calling for a salvo. He will then use this salvo (which may or may not contain one round of smoke) as a reference point, and will proceed as in ii. The artillery officer must ensure that the salvo falls in a safe place on ground which is easily visible both for the infantry and for himself.

Example:-

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| Inf.  | "Fire salvo as reference object"            |
| Arty. | "Shot"                                      |
| Inf.  | "Reference salvo target is north west 200". |
|       | "Mortars in gorse."                         |
|       | "Neutralize 3 minutes".                     |
| Arty. | "Target identified".                        |

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iv. Prominent features obvious to both observers. - If the eye be carried easily from a reference object to the target following an obvious feature of the ground, this may be used in place of a compass direction as in ii, e.g. -

"Reference lone haystack" (considered unmistakable)  
"Right 300 along track."  
"Mortars in dark field".

v. NOTE. - Because of the possibility of confusion between vertical and horizontal clocks, the clock code will not be used.

### 3. Engagement of targets

i. If these methods of target indication are used, the artillery officer should be able to identify the target whenever it is visible from his O.P. As soon as he is certain of the target he will report "target identified" to the infantry and will engage the target by the normal methods.

If he is unable to identify the target, it may be clear from the indication that it is in ground which is dead from his present O.P. and it may be clear in what direction the O.P. should be moved in order to obtain command of the target. If so, it will generally be best to move the O.P. at once, in order that the target may be identified and the shoot then conducted in the normal way.

ii. In featureless or very enclosed country the artillery officer may be unable to identify the target and may be uncertain whether this inability is due to the target being hidden or merely to the difficulty of identification. In this case he will report to the infantry. "Target not identified. Send corrections." He will concentrate the lines of fire of his troop and fire a salvo at what he considers to be:-

- (a) A safe place.
- (b) On visible ground.
- (c) As near as possible to the target.

He will report "shot" to the infantry, who will then report the position of the target with reference to this salvo by the method of R, iii, e.g.-  
"Reference salvo, target is south east 400"

The artillery officer will give the necessary orders as a result of this correction and, if he is still unable to identify the target, will continue to range, using section salvos. The infantry will continue to send corrections until the artillery officer reports, "Target identified". The artillery officer will decide when to go to fire for effect, which he will normally begin with one round of gun fire. The infantry will send a correction or will report the fire as effective.

iii. It will be noticed that both for indication of targets and for correcting fire the infantry use the same procedure. It is hoped that the infantry will not be called upon to correct fire for any length of time.

4. Signal procedure. - The procedure for the indication of targets to artillery by other arms will be described shortly in an Army Training Memorandum.



APPX 12

WAR DIARY

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

KTG

Subject: CALL SIGNS

SECRET

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Australia  
Jun 43  
Ref 43/G/60

25 Aust Inf Bn  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
2/5 Aust Fd Regt  
11 Aust Fd Amb  
J Sec Signals  
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Following is list of call signs as per 7 Aust Inf Bde memo ref 43/G/60 of 9 Jun 43.

| UNIT                | CALL SIGN FOR |           |           |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
|                     | 10 Jun 43     | 11 Jun 43 | 12 Jun 43 |
| H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde | TKT           | WUH       | EMV       |
| 61 Aust Inf Bn      | XYK           | TRQ       | OEQ       |
| 25 Aust Inf Bn      | SWD           | XIL       | LJQ       |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt    | EDA           | JIV       | RLH       |

2. ACK.

*Stan G. ...*  
Capt  
Sig Offr 7 Aust Inf Bde

Subject : RETURN

Headquarters,  
NEW GUINEA FORCE,  
20 Jun 43.

Ref.:M43/72/133.

ADMS 5 Aust Div.

Ref M43/322/684 of 13 Jun 43.

1. A copy of all gametocyte surveys carried out on 9, 25 & 61  
Bns is attached.

*Alma Myer* Brigadier.  
DDMS, NEW GUINEA FORCE,

TABLE II

| GROUP | DATE    | November<br>Examined | CLINICAL INFECTIONS |    |    |    |    |                | SPLEENS |   |      | PARASITES |    |      | GAMETOCYTES |        |
|-------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----------------|---------|---|------|-----------|----|------|-------------|--------|
|       |         |                      | 4                   | 5  | 2  | 1  | 0  | Rate<br>Attack | T       | P | Rate | MT        | BT | Rate | No          | Rate   |
| 61 Bn | 6/2/43  | 67                   | 0                   | 1  | 7  | 15 | 44 | 55%            | 2       | 2 | 6%   | 16        | 1  | 25%  | 14          | 21% MT |
| 61 Bn | 20/3/43 | 50                   | 0                   | 0  | 4  | 11 | 35 | 50%            | 0       | 1 | 2%   | 0         | 1  | 2%   | 0           | 0%     |
| 61 Bn | 1/5/43  | 50                   | 0                   | 1  | 6  | 11 | 32 | 56%            | 0       | 0 | 0%   | 1         | 0  | 2%   | 1           | 2% MT  |
| 9 Bn  | 21/2/43 | 60                   | 0                   | 8  | 11 | 23 | 18 | 70%            | 5       | 2 | 12%  | 2         | 1  | 5%   | 2           | 3% MT  |
| 9 Bn  | 1/5/43  | 50                   | 0                   | 2  | 6  | 11 | 31 | 38%            | 0       | 0 | 0%   | 0         | 0  | 0%   | 0           | 0%     |
| 25 Bn | 27/2/43 | 60                   |                     |    |    |    |    | 62%            | 0       | 4 | 7%   | 13        | 0  | 22%  | 7           | 12% MT |
| 25 Bn | 1/5/43  | 100                  | 5                   | 11 | 16 | 33 | 35 | 65%            | 0       | 1 | 1%   | 1         | 5  | 6%   | 2           | 2% BT  |

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|-------|---------|----------|---------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-------------|---|-----|-----------|----|-----|-------------|--------|
|       |         |          | Examined            | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0   | Rate Attack | T | P   | Rate      | MT | BT  | Rate        | No     |
| 61 Bn | 6/2/43  | 67       | 0                   | 1  | 7  | 15 | 44 | 55% | 2           | 2 | 6%  | 16        | 1  | 25% | 14          | 21% MT |
| 61 Bn | 20/3/43 | 50       | 0                   | 0  | 4  | 11 | 35 | 50% | 0           | 1 | 2%  | 0         | 1  | 2%  | 0           | 0%     |
| 61 Bn | 1/5/43  | 50       | 0                   | 1  | 6  | 11 | 32 | 36% | 0           | 0 | 0%  | 1         | 0  | 2%  | 1           | 2% MT  |
| 9 Bn  | 21/2/43 | 60       | 0                   | 8  | 11 | 23 | 18 | 70% | 5           | 2 | 13% | 2         | 1  | 5%  | 2           | 3% MT  |
| 9 Bn  | 1/5/43  | 50       | 0                   | 2  | 6  | 11 | 31 | 38% | 0           | 0 | 0%  | 0         | 0  | 0%  | 0           | 0%     |
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| 25 Bn | 1/5/43  | 100      | 5                   | 11 | 16 | 33 | 35 | 65% | 0           | 1 | 1%  | 1         | 5  | 6%  | 2           | 2% BT  |

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)  
M43/322/684  
13 Jun 43

SUBJECT:- GAMETOCYTE Count - 7 Aust Inf Bde.

DDMS  
NGF

1. Reference letter from Major ENGLISH on gametocyte count of 7 Aust Inf Bde conducted at MORESBY.
2. Could a further copy be forwarded please as it is believed that Capt Sewell inadvertently took the original copy with him.

*H. Lovell*

Colonel  
ADMS 5 Aust Div

SUMMARY OF GAMETOCYTE SURVEY

25 Aust Inf Bn 27 Feb 43

3121/23  
RECEIVED  
5 MAR 1943  
A.D.M.S. 5 Aust. Div.

|                                |    |   |       |
|--------------------------------|----|---|-------|
| Number of personnel examined - | 60 |   |       |
| Total crescents -              | 7  | = | 11.7% |
| Total rings -                  | 6  | = | 10.0% |
| Total with Parasites -         | 13 | = | 21.7% |

*Copy to Wagon  
Machina 4/1/43  
Suggest Treatment in  
hospitals*

Note:- In 13 personnel examined from GOODENOUGH IS, percentages are as under:

|             |   |   |       |
|-------------|---|---|-------|
| Crescents - | 2 | = | 15.4% |
| Rings -     | 2 | = | 15.4% |
| Total -     | 4 | = | 30.8% |

SPLEEN

|                   |      |   |       |
|-------------------|------|---|-------|
| Palpable -        | NIL. |   |       |
| Tender -          | 4    | = | 6.7%  |
| Recurrent attacks | 27   | = | 45%   |
| FIRST attacks -   | 10   | = | 16.7% |

*Copy sent to 29/8  
AHP*

APPY 13

# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

AI/KTG (9/6)

Subject: USE OF APPOINTMENTS CODE

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Australia  
9 Jun 43  
Ref 43/0/60

SECRET

- 25 Aust Inf Bn
- 61 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
- 11 Aust Fd Amb
- J Sec Signals
- File (2)
- War Diary (2)

### 1. Object

This memo amplifies Bde Sig Offr's letter of 7 Jun (not to all addressees) on the use of the Appointment code to be used by all units and formations under comd 11 Aust Div, viz

|                |   |             |
|----------------|---|-------------|
| Commander      | - | BUILDER     |
| General Staff) |   |             |
| Bde Major      | } | -           |
| Adjutant       |   |             |
| MINER          |   |             |
| AQ Staff       | } | -           |
| Staff Capt     |   |             |
| Quartermaster  |   |             |
| PAINTER        |   |             |
| Intelligence   | - | ELECTRICIAN |
| Signals        | - | OVERSEER    |

If another offr not named above is required he will be asked for through the appropriate offr, e.g. T.O. will be obtained through S.C.

### 2. Order re Use of Appointment Code

These code names will be used in all R/T and line conversations so that their use will become habitual. offr's will be impressed with the need to avoid compromising the code by naming the offr or his appointment in a conversation which has started in the correct manner.

### 3. Use of appointment code in conjunction with 3 letter Call Signs

3 letter call signs for units and Bde will be issued and changed daily. For all conversations between units or between Bde and units, the 3 letter call signs will be used in conjunction with the appointments code. For example, if the call signs for the day are as follows:-

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| H.Q. Bde | XYZ |
| 25 Bn    | LUP |
| 61 Bn    | DIN |

Then the Adjt 25 Bn if wishing to speak to Bde IQ will ask for "ELECTRICIAN XYZ" and will identify himself as "MINER EOP".

### 4. Responsibility for Notifying Call Signs

J Sec Sigs will notify unit sigs of the call signs to be used for 3 days ahead. Unit sigs will mark unit phones with the call sign for the day and Bde Sigs Sec will do likewise at Bde HQ. These will be changed at 0100 hrs daily.

A6K signed at 1145 hrs  
Issued by L.O.

Arthur Lowndes  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

Jun 43

7 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No 19

1. PURPOSE

This instn governs trg to be carried out during week ending 20 Jun.

2. NATURE OF TRG

Trg in this week will aim at:-

- (a) Correcting weaknesses observed in recent collective trg
- (b) Preparing for bn exercises in the next week
- (c) Instruction in co-operation with other arms, mainly tks, arty and air force.
- (d) Maintaining and improving physical fitness by intensive organised sport.
- (e) Special advanced trg for pnr pls.
- (f) Preparation of unit emplaning tables.

3. ALLOCATION OF TRG TIME

| <u>Nature of trg</u>            | <u>Hrs allotted</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Drill                       | 3                   |
| (b) Weapon                      | 9                   |
| (c) Passing of orders & infm    | 3                   |
| (d) Signalling                  | 3                   |
| (e) Assault course              | 3                   |
| (f) Lecturettes and discussions | 3                   |
| (g) Organised sport             | 9                   |
| (h) Air bombing exhibition      | 3                   |

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Drill 1/2 hour per day
- (b) Weapon Rifle coys to receive instn in elementary handling of MMGs and 3" mortar.

JD to receive special attention and revision of basic methods of visual JD. Each bn to have at least three positions with ranges to a large number of points measured by rangefinder over distances up to 600 yds incl up and down steep hills, across patches of jungle and river valleys. The ability of men to judge distances accurately when lying down should be tested.

(c) Passage of Orders and Infm Observation of recent bn exercises shows that there is need for a greater degree of efficiency in giving the soldier a clear understanding of the task he is called upon to do. "Getting it down to the man" is one of the most essential duties of a leader of any grade, and however efficient he may be in other respects it will avail nothing in war unless the individual soldier has a clear picture of his job. Large scale ops have often failed for this reason.

In this connection the following extract from a commentary on the recent successful operations of the 8th Army is pertinent. The writer, after stating that General Montgomery had called the whole of his battle headquarters staff together "from second lieutenants to major generals" before operations began, goes on to say:-

"He told us exactly what his plan of campaign was, and gave orders that every officer commanding units, however small, should pass on the plan of battle to his men. As a consequence every soldier in the 8th Army today says 'Monty and I won that battle'. It had a tremendous psychological effect."

Units will conduct simple exercises designed to test proficiency of pl and sec comds in passing down orders and infm. These can be initially conducted on a drill or parade ground basis, coy comds listening to the repetition of relevant parts of their



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operation orders by pl comds and then paying particular attention to consequential orders issued by sec comds. Such exercises should then be repeated in tactical settings. Points to watch are:-

- (i) issue of orders in correct sequence
- (ii) clear and decisive delivery of verbal orders
- (iii) proper battle drill by O gps
- (iv) correct procedure in indication and recognition of landmarks, tactical features, rds, tracks etc.
- (v) movt and standard of intelligence of runners
- (vi) measures taken to save time so as to give maximum time for explanation of task to secs.

(d) Signalling

Aim to have every man at least knowing the alphabet in both morse and semaphore.

(e) Assault Course

Every man to go over course — suggest 1/2 hr per day. Initially in light order and then in battle order.

(f) Lectures and Discussions

These should aim at stimulating interest in other arms, and making every man familiar with characteristics and capabilities of fd arty, tks, and aircraft. Offrs who are enjoying special opportunities to study co-operation with other arms must pass this on through lectures to offrs, and so to the men. Steps will be taken to provide coy sand tables and the provision of improvised blackboards will receive attention in this matter.

Include facts on range, types of amn, amn carried, and organisation of fd arty.

Aircraft Recognition Charts recently issued will prove of considerable interest and are to be used.

It is desirable that "All Friendly Vehicles", a handbook of AFVs should be used freely in instruction.

(g) Organised Sport

In addition to Saturday, one half day will be allotted to organised sport. Bde Sports Ground is allotted as follows:-

|        | A.M.        | P.M.        |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| 14 Jun | 2/5 Fd Regt | 11 Fd Amb   |
| 15 "   | 25 Bn       | Bde H.Q.    |
| 16 "   | 61 Bn       | 2/5 Fd Regt |
| 17 "   | 9 Bn        | 9 Bn        |
| 18 "   | 25 Bn       | 61 Bn       |
| 19 "   | 61 Bn       | 25 Bn       |

It is required that special attention be given to improving the general level of physical fitness by organising sporting activities to cater for everyone.

Brigade competition between pl teams are being arranged and detailed instructions will be issued later. Sports days will be used in preparation for the events. Every pl will be required to enter a team or a representative for every event and every man must represent in at least two events.

The following will be the main events:-

- (a) Rugby League football
- (b) Soccer football
- (c) Medicine ball race - tunnel, overhead, side - teams of 10.
- (d) Tabloid sports - broad jump, shot putt, high jump, 80 yds sprint, hop step and jump - teams of 10.
- (e) Head of the river - boats and paddles to be made entirely of natural materials, crew of 8, distance 1/2 mile.
- (f) River xing - race includes making raft from natural materials, crossing river by 7 men in full eqpt.
- (g) Medicine Ball Badminton
- (h) Throwing cricket ball relay - 10 men each 50 yds throw.
- (i) Tug o'war.

Until further notice Wednesday afternoons will be devoted to trg on above lines.

(h) Air Bombing Exhibition

It is expected that on a.m. 16 Jun a demonstration will be given of bombing on prepared positions representing JAP bunkers and weapon pits both in jungle and open country. Wednesday a.m. should be left free for this. Details will be issued later.

5. DISPOSAL OF WEAPONS AND EQPT

On various occasions in individual trg, where arms and eqpt are placed on the ground e.g. when a pl or sec does P.T., obstacle crossing in light order, digging etc, it has been noted that insufficient attention is given to the proper layout of soldiers' gear. Comds must ensure that the necessary habit-forming practice is always followed, weapons and eqpt being placed in such a manner that they can be readily taken up in case of emergency.

When preparing for work which involves the removal of eqpt the pl should be properly formed up, ranks opened and the intervals between men increased. Weapons may then be grounded and eqpt placed alongside them. If this drill is adopted as a habit no confusion will arise in the event of an alarm. Comds of sub-units will practice an alarm fall-in at the conclusion of light order working and trg periods as often as opportunity permits.

6. TRG THE PNR PL

The demands of warfare in the S.W.P.A. entail a greater degree of self-sufficiency on the part of all units in respect to fd engineering. It will rarely be possible to depend on the services of R.A.E. Fd Coys. in many operational areas. Pnr pls must therefore be given every facility to improve their standard of skill in bridging, rafting and other works normally undertaken by Fd Coys. Comds will give detailed attention to the following

- (a) Trg in lashing with lawyer vine, fibre and rope. In each unit a demonstration area will be set apart and light frameworks will be set up in which the component parts are lashed together. These will take the form of light bridge trestles, A frames etc. When a good standard in methods has been obtained time tests in construction will be practised.
- (b) Building of inf and jeep bridges entailing local materials and a minimum of manufactured components such as hemp rope, iron spikes, nails and fencing wire which might be dropped from aircraft in a fwd area. Bde H.Q. will designate localities in the DONADABU area where such bridges can usefully be built for the purpose of opening up additional training ground and bivouac space.
- (c) Construction of models of simple girder and suspension bridges as a preliminary to the building of full scale structures.
- (d) Construction of a standard type bamboo craft for river crossings. Units will concentrate in the development of a type capable of carrying 3 men or equivalent weight and submit construction for inspection by 19 Jun.

From Monday 14 Jun all Pnr pls will be brigaded for a course of instruction under a R.A.E. offr in the DONADABU area. Details will be advised later.

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Until further notice Wednesday afternoons will be devoted to the on above lines.

(n) Air Bombing Exhibition

It is expected that on 16 June a demonstration will be given by the 1st and 2nd Divisions representing the 1st and 2nd Divisions.

## 7. RETURN OF UNIT TIME TABLES

The issue of this instn has been delayed because of arrangements with other arms and services, and therefore bns will be allowed until 1200 hrs 13 Jun for submitting detailed programmes and time tables to this H.Q.

ACK

Signed at 1/15 hrs

Issued by L.O.s

Arthur Lowndes

for Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde Capt

When preparing for work which involves the removal of the pt should be properly formed up, ranks opened and intervals between men increased. Weapons may then be grounded and the pt placed alongside them. If this drill is adopted as a habit no confusion will arise in the event of an alarm. Comds of sub-units will practice an alarm fall-in at the conclusion of light order working and the periods as often as opportunity permits.

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SUBJECT : PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON  
BOMBING TESTS.

Ref 11 Div G2389 2 Jun.

11 Aust Div (2)  
War Diary (2)

1. OBJECT : Discussions were held on 10 Jun 43 between Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde and offrs of 5 AF and NG AL Gp in order to discuss possible sites, safety arrangements, and other matters concerned with

- (a) testing effect of different types of bombs on bunkers and other field works in jungle.
- (b) exercising Air Force personnel, ALO offrs, and inf in direct support.

2. OFFRS PRESENT.

USA Air Corps.

|             |                |                 |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Lt-Col VOLK | 5 Fighter Comd | A2(Int)         |
| Maj HARSCH  | 5 Air Force    | Air Support Sec |
| Capt BALL   | 5 Fighter Comd | Asst A3 (Ops)   |

AUST AL GP

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Lt-Col FLEMING A     | OC NG AL Gp        |
| Capt LOVETT B.M.     | ALO 5 Fighter Comd |
| Maj HOPKINSON R.E.D. | NG AL GP           |

3. AREAS SELECTED.

Ref Map UBERI, 1:63,360

It was agreed that the following areas would be satisfactory both from air and for safety of ground personnel:-

General area of Range bounded by:- 248410, 215403, 188380,  
182405, 245420.

Targets. For both (a) and (b) above, the area about 192389 comprising jungle patch approx 200 x 400 yds surrounded by open ground with steep hill on north side. An alternative area with greater difficulties of identification is in an unbroken stretch of jungle, approx 500 x 500 yds approx 190398, suitable for testing effect on jungle growth.

4. ADVANTAGES OF AREA.

- (a) River clearly defined (LALOKI) as safety line or bomblines approaching from west.
- (b) Earthworks can be made on open ground and in edges of jungle.
- (c) Pilots considered targets easily discernible.
- (d) OP available at 178386.
- (e) Easy access for inspecting bomb effect and watching.

5. DISADVANTAGES.

- (a) Plantations; necessary to arrange warning.
- (b) Necessary to close EILOGO rd during exercises.

6. TIME.

Suggested exercise in para 1(a) above be conducted on 16 Jun. Lt-Col Fleming promised to advise on 11 Jun if arrangements as indicated are approved. Weather in morning probably most suitable 0900 - 1300 hrs.

7. AIR SUPPORT EXERCISES. Initial discussions took place at this conference on the question of arranging air support exercises with actual bombing of targets in conjunction with battle practices in the same area. Detailed proposals will be submitted with a view to arranging these in the week ending 27 Jun.

Headquarters

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

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*W. Henry 4/14/16*

7 BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 18

compiled from information contained in HCF SUMMARY NO 124.  
to be read in conjunction with 11 DIV SUMMARY No.96.

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS  
and  
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH

LAND

Further info of Jap survivors from the BISMARCK Sea action of 2/3 Mar, has been provided by an observer located at the time near HELDSBACH. From observation and many native reports received, he estimated that approx 1200 survivors had reached the shore between SIO and HOP

SEA

It would appear that the enemy, taking advantage of the bad weather conditions prevailing, succeeded on night 28/29 May in landing troops and supplies at HANSA Bay and possibly MADANG.

A large increase in shipping has been reported in the BUIN-FAISI area. From only 4 vessels present on 27 May, the total increased to 22 on 30 May. These consisted of 6 destroyers and 16 cargo vessels, aggregating 60,000 tons.

AIR

The rapidity with which the enemy is developing and consolidating his air potential in the SWPA is further evidenced by the recent discovery of two new airfields.

One located at KERAVAL ( approx 13 miles SW of RABAU) was stated to be almost completed when first sighted on 19 May.

The other is situated near Cape MATANATA MBARAM on the East Coast of NEW IRELAND. Photographs taken on 28 May show that although construction work is still in progress, the airfield is already being used for operations.

A feature of enemy consolidation along the NE coast of NEW GUINEA has been the rapid development of airfields, especially those in the WEWAK area. On 27 May, no less than 127 A/C were counted in photographs of the four main fields- WEWAK, BUT, DAGUA and BORAM. Of these, half were fighters and half bombers.

Fighter cover was given to the HANSA BAY convoy of 28/29 May. Apart from this, enemy air activity has been confined to sporadic recon and a few light raids.

OPERATIONS(a) LAND - OWN AND ENEMYMUBO - MISSIM

One of our patrols to OBSERVATION HILL on 27 May found evidence indicating that the enemy had suffered heavily in our air attack on morning 26 May. Human fragments were seen at 683863 but the bodies had been removed. Bombs had fallen in MG and Weapon Pits.

(c) AIR - ENEMYMT HAGEN - BENA BENA PLATEAU

A delayed report of an attack on our airfields at MT HAGEN and OGELBENG on 23 May, reveals that the runways at both of these places was hit several times. Casualties were suffered amongst the natives when MG fire hit their houses. On 24 May enemy recon A/C were over area no doubt endeavouring to assess the results of the attack.

## Distribution:-

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for IO 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Lieut

*11 June 43*

Headquarters

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

25 Aust Inf Bn.

Intelligence Summary No 10.

For period ending 0600 hrs 12 Jun 43.

7 Aust Inf Bde.

OPERATIONAL.

2 Offrs 60 OR's stood by from 1140 K/5 for early movement. These tps were ordered to stand down at 1614K/5.

MOVEMENTS.

5 Jun Lieut E.D. BAKER transferred from O.C. HQ Coy to O. C. C Coy. Capt M. JUST returned from Hos pital and was postedas O.C. HQ Coy. Maj W. JACKSON was transferred from O.C. C Coy to 2i/c Bn H.Q. Replacing Maj C.S. WEBSTER who is now Adm Comd. At 1450 K/5 Lt-Col MILES D.S.O. departed for the mainland on 21 days leave. Capt W.S. WILLIAMSON transferred on 6 Jun to 11 Aust Fd Amb being replaced by Capt R.M. HAINS as R.M.O. 1100 hrs K/7 Lieut COLLINS departed for N.G.F. Trg Centre to attend Hygiene Course returning at 1830 K/10. At 1100 Hrs K/7 Maj WEBSTER Adm Comd left on recce of tracks WYRAROWA - GRIMUNUMU - KARAKATANA and returned 1700K/7. The recce was for the purpose of Bn exercises. Maj WEBSTER Adm Comd, Maj JACKSON 2i/c and Capt JUST O.C. HQ Coy left at 0915K/9 on recce of KARAKATANA area returning at 1530K K/9. Lieut J.C. MOORE returned 8 Jun from 11 Aust Div Court Martial and was marched out to N.G.F. 9 Jun. On 10 Jun Lieut F.R. NORRIE was marched out to H.Q. 11 Aust Div. Lieut L.M. DEUBLE with working party of 5 N.C.O's and 32 OR'S under Comd departed for ROUNA FALLS road job at 0815K/11.

PATROLS. Nil.

FIELD WORKS.

On 5 Jun 1 N.C.O. and 5 OR's were engaged in collecting tents from 9 Bn area, whilst 5 NCO's and 27 OR's were occupied in cleaning the same area. On 7 Jun 12 Men were again engaged on work in the 9 Bn area. On 8 Jun 3 carpenters were supplied for work on Bde Kitchen and 8 men on Bde Water point. Pnd Pers were engaged on construction on Tk A Targets. A party of 5 NCO's and 32 OR'S under Lieut DEUBLE started work on ROUNA Road on 11 Jun.

Inter Comm.

Comm to Coy biv areas is satisfactory. Moderate success was experienced with the R/T comm employed during the Coy exercises 7/8 and 9/10 Jun. During the Bn exercise both L/TT and R/T were used. The L/T was very satisfactory but the R/T was Not consistently reliable, though at times it functioned quite well. The rear link to Bde was maintained by J Sec Sigs. Generally speaking Comm during the exercise was good.

EXERCISES

On 5/6 Jun Bn took part in Bde Sports Carnival. 7/8 Jun A and B Coys were engaged in a two-sided "FREE FOR ALL", in KARAKATANA area. On 9/10 Jun B and C Coys repeated the exercise. Bn Exercise No 2, exercising a Bn in Battle procedure in Advance and Attack in Co-op with Arty and in Defence by night was held 11/12 Jun. Apart from exercises general trg was also carried out.

MAPPING

general trg in reece skrtches and adding detail to Disposn enlargement was continued by I personnel.

MORALE

GOOD.

RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE.

Nil.

GENERAL

At 1200 hrs 5 Jun a Bn parade was held at which Lt-Col MII gave a short address in which he voiced his appreciation of the honour of recently conferred on him attributing it largely to the co-op and support by the Unit. He mentioned his intended visit to the mainland for 21 days leave. The address was followed by a short resume of the lessons of the Bn exercise No 1 held 31 May/ 1Jun.

(Sgd) Maj W. JACKSON.

61 Aust Inf Bn  
Australia.

SUBJECT :- WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for week ending 11 Jun 43.  
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

(1) OPERATIONAL

One Offr and 59or's stood by to act as reinforcements for 9 Bn on 5 Jun. Movement cancelled.

(2) MOVEMENTS

The undermentioned Offrs marched out to Schools as shown against their names. 6 Jun, Lieut E.A. PATRICK, Hygiene School at NGF  
Lieut A.R. BROWN, MMG School at BONEGILLA.

The following marched in and took over Appts as shown:-

6 Jun, Capt A.D. SHIRLEY, as RMO.  
9 Jun, Padre M. Mc Gullough  
11 Jun, Capt K.C. CAMPBELL, OC A Coy.  
11 Jun, Lieut J.C. McCoy, 21/c A Coy.

(3) EXERCISES

Bn exercise 7/8 Jun, area OWER'S CORNER Rd to ABIDARI. The object of exercise was to exercise Bn on movement through enemy occupied country, attack, night perimeter, and Mopping-up, to exercise tps in march discipline. The necessity of securing dominating features was brought home to Sub-unit Comds.

Coys "FREE FOR ALL", A and D Coys 9/10 Jun, B and C Coys 11/12 Jun, area MARIANE - ~~ABIDARI~~ - EBADREDIE - WYRAROWE. In these exercises Coy Coys moved as strong fighter patrols. Much experience was gained in Map Reading as small scale maps with 100 ft V.I. are difficult to be reconciled with actual ground.

(4) MAPPING

Enlargements for Coy areas MARIANE, EBADREDIE. Construction of Sand-table for Offrs discussions.

(5) PATROLS

Nil

(6) RECCE.

Nil.

(7) FIELD WORKS

MT Br across Ck at 172395 completed 6 Jun - named BRASMUSSEN Bridge by Lt-Col MELDRUM.

During week Working Party was sent to KOITAKI for rd work, One Offr and 33 or's.

One Offr and 28 or's went to 21 Fd Coy as Quarry working party.

(8) INTERCOMNS

Satisfactory.

(9) COURSES

Nil.

(10) LECTURES

I see lecturing Sick Parade daily.

(11) MORALE

GOOD.

(SGD) Lt-Col MELDRUM.

APV 417

AJB/KTG (12/6)

Subject:

CIPHER WORK IN UNITS

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Australia

Jun 43

9 Aust Inf Bn  
25 Aust Inf Bn  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
War Diary (2) ✓

Attached copy of Secret Memo C 62/701/81 for  
action.

*Alan Parker* Capt  
Sig Offr 7 Aust Inf Bde.



COPY

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

SECRET  
G 62/701/81  
30 Nov 43.

CIPHER WORK IN UNITS

1. Further to S.M. 15940 of 21 Aug 42 and S.M. 21343 of 4 Nov 42.
2. In formations and units which have no cipher officer, the responsibility for the custody of cipher documents and equipment will be entrusted to the senior Signal Officer, where one is appointed and, in other cases, to an officer selected by the formation or unit commander.
3. In formations which have no W.X. for Cipher personnel, or to which no cipher personnel are attached, the work of ciphering messages will be carried out by selected personnel of the Signal Platoon where one is provided, and in other cases by personnel selected by the formation or unit commander.
4. When O.R. personnel accompanied by secret cipher equipment are posted or attached to formations or units with which no cipher officer or Sigs officer is serving, the senior O.R. will, immediately on arrival, report with his equipment to the officer commanding the formation or unit, who will make the necessary arrangements for the safe custody of such equipment.

Lieut Gen  
Chief of the G Staff.

*Army War Diary*

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

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## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference AIF/3  
Tropical  
A.M.F. ....

Date 12 Jun 43

W.E. 17 88

Attached  
Allowed by W.E. X

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE. Unit

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

| 1<br>Ranks and W.E.    | 2<br>Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | 3<br>Surplus to Establishment | 4<br>Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment) |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Brigadiers             | 1   | •                             | •  |
| Lieut.-Colonels        |   |                               |  |
| Majors                 | •   | •                             | •  |
| Captains <u>X</u>      | 10  | 1                             | •  |
| Lieutenants            | 4   | •                             | 1  |
| 2nd Lieutenants        |   |                               |  |
| Quartermasters         |   |                               |  |
| <b>Totals</b> . . . 17 | 15  | 1                             | 3  |

X includes chaplains 4th class

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

#### Officers JOINED during week

| Rank     | Name                   | Unit or Corps | Date   | Cause                      |
|----------|------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------------|
| Chaplain | TILLER C.G. WX15809    | AA Ch D       | 4/8/43 | to fill chaplaincy vacancy |
| "        | McCULLOUGH M. WX142862 | "             | 8/6/43 | "                          |

#### Officers QUITTED during week

| Rank     | Name                   | Unit or Corps      | Date   | Cause                       |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Chaplain | COUPE C.J.C. QX40847   | AA Ch D            | 8/8/43 | to 2/8 Aust Armd Regt.      |
| Lieut    | STEPHENS J.W.T. Q10378 | Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde  | 6/6/43 | to g Branch, HQF.           |
| Maj      | MAHONEY J.C. Q15602    | Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde. | 8/6/43 | to "X" List - 2/8 Aust CCS. |

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

| Rank | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)) |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---|
|      |                   |               |   |
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|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |

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 | Appointment | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Lt.-col Brig  | TX2002          | FIELD J.          | Comd        | Yes  |  |
| Lieut Capt  | NX70799         | LOWMEDES A.G.     | B.M.(L)     | "  |  |
| "   | OX40880         | KREBS A.A.        | S.C.        | "  |  |
| "   | OX35561         | CORPE J.E.        | S.C.(L)     | "  |  |
| "   | OR1661          | KEINNES R.D.      | L.O.        | No   | Course No.9, LHQ                             |
| "   | OX40870         | HORNIBROOK C.M.   | T.O.        | Yes  | School of MI.                                |
| "   | OX36181         | FOSTER J.H.A.     | L.O.I       | No   | INF Trg School.                              |
| "   | OX36365         | PATERSON J.S.     | L.O.II      | Yes  |  |
| "   | OX40835         | MILCANY E.R.      | L.O.III     | "  |  |
| "   | OX38334         | WOOD L.A.         | Avsn.O.     | "  |  |
| "   | NY127324        | MORE K.G.         | HYG.O.      | "  |  |
| " Capt  | OX45277         | FRANK W.A.        | B.A.S.C.O.  | "  |  |
| Major   | WX15809         | HILLER C.G.       | 9 Bn        | No   |  |
| "   | OX41422         | ROSENKJAR J.M.    | 25 Bn       | "  |  |
| "   | NY142882        | MACULLOUGH M.     | 61 Bn       | "  |  |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | Date of Attachment | Nature of Attachment | Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No) |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lieut Capt  | OX47340         | SWEETMAN C.R.     | A.A.S.C.      |                    | in charge D.I.D.     | No                                 |
| Hon Lieut   | 1257            | GRAHAM E.J.C.     | Y.M.C.A.      |                    |                      | "                                  |

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde. (Unit)

*A.A. Krebs*  
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde. (Signature of Commander) Capt.

12 Jun 43. (Date of Despatch)

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

Serial No. 24

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

W.E.Ref : AMF 11/2/3  
(tropical)

HQ. 7 AUST INF BDE. (Unit) 12 Jun 1945 (Date.)

W.E. 17 & 68

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1<br>Detail.                                | 2<br>Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3<br>Surplus to Establishment | 4<br>Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| W.O's. Class I.                             | 1  | 0                             | 0  |
| W.O's. Class II.                            | 2  | 0                             | 1  |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants |  |                               |  |
| Staff Serjeants                             | 2  | 0                             | 0  |
| Serjeants                                   | 4  | 0                             | 1  |
| Corporals                                   | 8  | 1                             | 1  |
| Troopers, Privates, &c.                     | 51   | 0                             | 5  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                               | <b>68</b>  | <b>*</b>                      | <b>*</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                | Y.M.C.A.                             |         |                                      |
| 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 2 Ptes | 5 Aust Div Postal                    |         |                                      |
| 1 Sgt, 9 Cpls.       | 5 Aust Div Provost                   |         |                                      |
| 1 Pte.               | 9 Aust Inf Bn.                       |         |                                      |

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).) |
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**Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.**

| DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS,<br>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. | TOTAL |
| Bricklayers                                      |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |       |
| Butchers   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |       |
| Carpenters and Joiners                           |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |       |
| Clerks   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           | 1         |                         | 1                       |                 |                  | 1                  |           | 1         |          | 2                       |       |
| 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                                       |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |       |
| Storemen, Technical                              |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |       |
| Vickers Machine Gunners                          |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |       |
| Cooks  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          |                         |       |
| Mechanic MB                                      |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |       |
| CSM  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         | 1               |                  |                    |           |           |          | 1                       |       |
| Draughtsman (Intell)                             |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    | 1         |           |          | 1                       |       |
| Drivers' Orderlies                               |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |       |
| General Duty Personnel                           |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |          | 1                       |       |
| TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         | 1                       |                 |                  |                    |           |           |          | 8                       |       |

Deficiencies in NCOs will be made good by promotions within the unit.

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde. Unit.

*A. H. Krebs.* Capt.  
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 12 July 43.

11 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>Cpls.</u>                 | <u>Ptes.</u>  |
|--------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| 1 - BOWO     | 1 - Clerk                 | 3 - 1 Tpt Sgt<br>1 Clerk<br>1 Armourer | 3 - 1 Tpt<br>1 Cook<br>1 RAP | 21 - 2 Intell Duties<br>8 Batmen (8)<br>10 Drs MT<br>1 Cook |
|              | <u>S/sgt.</u><br>1 - CQMS |  |                              |   |
|              |                           | <u>Total</u>                           | 30                           |   |

Annex H 19

# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

AL/KTG (12/6)

Subject: TRG OF PERSONNEL OF BDE HQ

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Australia  
12 Jun 43  
Ref 43/G/54

Def Pl (Lieut D. MARLTON)  
A Pl (Lieut L.A. WOOD)  
B Pl (Lieut H.C.G. RODGERS)

1. OBJECT

This instn governs trg of all personnel of Bde H.Q.

2. ORGANISATION

For trg purposes HQ personnel will be regarded as a Coy of 3 pls, organised as Def Pl, A and B pls as laid down in 43/G/54 of 30 May. Any personnel incl in Sigs pl, but not part of J Sec Sigs will train with B Pl.

Pl comds will be responsible for trg pdes and instn.

3. TRG PDES

In addition to range practices and other trg which will be arranged as convenient, two pdes will be held weekly on Mon and Fri, 1900 - 2100 hrs. The first will be on 14 Jun.

4. TRG POLICY

It is intended that pl comds should have considerable freedom of choice in planning their trg programmes. The main requirements are planning and preparing well ahead, and an effort to stimulate interest and enthusiasm. Personnel must feel that they are part of a team, and not members of a batman or driver or clerical or any other group. They must discover too that their welfare and efficiency are as much the concern and responsibility of an offr as if they were in a unit. It is expected that all offr will give every assistance to the pl comds in the trg programme.

5. TRG SYLLABUS

Pl comds will submit details of syllabus by 1200 hrs each Friday for the coming week. Programme for 14 Jun will probably be introductory and is left to pl comd but intention for 18 Jun will be notified in writing by 16 Jun.

The following are suggestions for inclusion in the first month's trg.

- (a) Introductory talk explaining policy and enlisting cooperation of men.
- (b) Perimeter defence schemes
- (c) Lectures on Aircraft Identification
- (d) Characteristics of sup arms, fd arty, tks.
- (e) Weapon trg as required with rifle, LMG, SMG, mortar.
- (f) Pl and coy in defence
- (g) Passing of orders and infm
- (h) Discussion of recent CAB's
- (i) Ten minute lecturettes by tps
- (j) Debates on such topics as "White Australia", "The Developer of N.G.", "Closer Settlement for Returned Soldiers".

6. ACCOMMODATION

To be arranged with Staff Capt.

*Arthur Lowndes*

Capt

B.M. (Lr) 7 Aust Inf Bde

Copies

Comd

B.M. (Lr)  
S.C. (Lr)

War Diary

APR 20

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

AL/KTG (12/6)

Subject: DEMONSTRATION BY MAJ. HALL

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Australia  
12 Jun 43  
Ref 43/G/62

25 Aust Inf Bn  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
Copies to Comd Corps Area DONADABU  
2/5 Aust Fd Regt  
11 Aust Fd Amb  
Comd  
Maj HALL  
Staff  
Offrs' Mess  
War Diary (2)

Maj. HALL, Directorate of Armaments, NCO's Branch, will give demonstrations of weapon modifications and new and proposed equipment as follows:-

|        |             |   |
|--------|-------------|---|
| 12 Jun | 1000 - 1200 | ( 1st Gp C.O., 2 i/c, Adjts,<br>( 61 Bn<br>( coy offrs and pl<br>( sgts, 61 Bn as trg<br>( allows   |
|        | 1400        | Bde H.Q. Offrs  |
| 13 Jun | 0830 - 0930 | 61 Bn. All coy offrs and pl<br>sgts not incl on 12 Jun  |
|        | 1000 - 1100 | 25 Bn in 2 gps as above for<br>61 Bn  |
|        | 1130        | 2" mortar firing demonstration,<br>Bde sports ground. 61 Bn to<br>supply one standard 2" mortar<br>and 24 rds with one offr.<br>As many offrs and pl sgts as<br>possible to attend. |

*Arthur Lowndes*

B.M. (Lr) 7 Aust Inf Bde. Capt



HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde  
13 Jun 43

Ref: 43/0/59.

SUBJECT : SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR AIR BOMBING EXERCISE.

9 Aust Inf Bn  
25 Aust Inf Bn  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
2/5 Aust Fd Regt  
241 Aust IAD  
11 Aust Fd Amb

Copies: MG Force  
11 Aust Div  
Comdt, Corps Area  
Comd  
Staff  
War Diary. ✓

1. Approval has been given for a bombing test to be held in the DONADABU area on 16 Jun.

2. RANGE AND TARGET AREAS.

The range area will be bounded by the following co-ordinates, ref map USERN 1:63360.

232410, 215403, 183380, 182405, 245420.

Target areas will be within 300 yds of 189395 and 192389.

3. Addressees will ensure that no troops are within the areas specified above between the hrs of 0600 and 1800 hrs on 16 Jun, and that no fires or smoke are visible in the DONADABU area.

4. The EILOGO road will be closed during the above hrs between positions 219400 and 180409. Bde Pro sec will post dets at each of the above points to police this precaution.

Arthur Lowndes  
Capt,  
BM(Lr) 7 Aust Inf Bde.

*War Diary*  
CORRIGENDUM TO 7 AUST INF BDE ROUTINE ORDERS OF 14 JUN 43

R.O. 170 INOCULATION etc. Line 1 read 11 Aust Div R.O. 226/43.

R.O. 171 TAILORS etc. Line 1 read 11 Aust Div R.O. 227/43

R.O. 169 GENERAL etc Line 2 read 11 Aust Div R.O. 225/43

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

*W. May APPX 2V*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by  
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD D.S.O. COMMANDING  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

14 Jun 43

"A & Q"

166. AIR RAID ALARMS (To be read to all troops)

Attention is drawn to N.G.F. Order No 538 and N.G.F. Trg Instn No 3 on this subject and to 7 Aust Inf Bde R.O 217/42 of 1 Dec 42. On receipt of Air Raid "Red" at night only lights in essential offices will remain on, but these will be screened and tent flaps closed. If the latter is not possible then lights will be dowsed.

The practice of calling out to vehicles or within camps to put lights out is to cease forthwith. When it is necessary to pass advice e.g. from a Coy HQ that an air raid "Red" is operating, this will be done without unnecessary shouting or noise.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken by Comds against all personnel who show a lack of self control by resorting to the use of foul language and senseless chatter during an alarm. Troops will be warned that the "loud mouthed" individual in their section who resorts to filthy language is not a man to follow in any circumstances.

167. ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS

1. The provision of engineering cadetships (both Civil Engineering and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering) for a limited number of cadets, who may be drawn either from serving personnel or from civilian sources, is under consideration.

2. Although the scheme has not yet been finally settled or approved, applications will be invited forthwith for cadetships on the following basis:-

(a) Cadets will be selected only from candidates between the ages of 17 years and 20 years, who are medically Class A1, who are or become members of the AIF, and who have reached Leaving Certificate standard in English, Mathematics and Science or have equivalent qualifications. Parental consent to join the AIF will be required in respect of any cadet who is not already a member of the AIF.

(b) Cadets selected from civilian sources will be enlisted in the AIF and all cadets will, during their cadetships, remain serving soldiers in the rank of private or sapper, with pay and allowances accordingly. Text books will be provided by cadets at their own expense.

(c) Engineering cadetships will cover a course of military training, courses at approved educational establishments and a final course at an OCTU, over a period of approximately 3 years. Successful cadets will receive commissions subject to vacancies existing. Pending appointment to commissioned rank, such cadets will be allotted to RAE or AEME units in the ranks.

(d) Cadetships as such will terminate on the cessation of the war, but it is hoped to make arrangements for the completion of the courses which have been commenced, as part of a Repatriation scheme of vocational training.

(e) Cadets who prove unsatisfactory or become medically unfit or who are unsuccessful may have their cadetships terminated and be returned to normal army service.

3. (i) Applications will be made by serving personnel to their COs, who will forward all applications direct to LHQ (E-in-C). to reach LHQ not later than 5th July 1943. (This is essential to allow sufficient time for selection in time for assembly of selected cadets for the first course expected to commence on 1 Sep 43).

(ii) COs will, with each application, furnish a report on the candidate as to his character, ability and suitability.

(iii) Copies of applications and reports will be sent by COs through normal channels to HQ L of C Area in which the unit is serving.

(To be repeated in unit routine orders).

168. LEAKAGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS

1. When giving evidence in a civil court, a soldier will merely give his number, rank and name and state that he is a member of the AMF, without mentioning the name of his unit.

2. In no circumstances will a soldier divulge in open court the location of his unit, unless the bench rules that a full answer is essential to the case, in which event he will offer to write the infm on a slip of paper to be handed to the bench.

3. The danger to security in disclosing the location of units cannot be too strongly impressed on all ranks.

(To be repeated in unit routine orders).

169. GENERAL AND N.G. FORCE ORDERS Attention of units is directed to NGF O 225/43.

170. INOCULATION, VACCINATION, BLOOD GROUPING (NGF O 151/43)

Attention of units is directed to N.G.F. O 226/43. Return will be fwd to reach this H.Q. NOT later than 24 Jun 43.

171. TAILORS - T.G. III.

Attention of units is directed to NGF O 227/43. Return will be fwd to reach this H.Q. NOT later than 17 Jun 43.

Distribution: List A.

*Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.* Capt.  
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES: LOST - In vicinity of Bde Sports Ground on 2 Jun 43, a partial set of upper dentures. Finder please return to this H.Q.

*Alan Murray*

APPX 23  
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HQ NEW GUINEA FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 87 APPX "C"  
OF 11 OCT 42

ENEMY DEFENCES - IORIBAIWA AREA  
(Infm from preliminary recce 2/6 Fd Coy)

Note - All bearings taken from centre of village

1. Posns on steep hill (110°600 yds 163°700 yds ) Working on these bearings the defended area opens out fan-like from the village. Posns are dug in a fairly thin line on the eastern side of the ridge until the creek is crossed. Here they are widened considerably and stretch across to the southern bearing, so covering the entire length of the water-course. One man pits seem to be first choice in this area and the average space between was about 20 feet. Platforms (approx 14 ft x 6 ft) had been cut into the side of the hill among the pits and seemed to have been used for sleeping etc, although they seemed to be sited in with the general defence plan. Also Hotchkiss type amm strips were found in these platforms together with cartridge cases. All these pits etc were linked together with tracks but on account of the heavy timbering overhead, would not be visible from the air. A bush fence had been erected across this area and was four feet in height. There was an average of four rails in the fence and the seizings were made with about 14 gauge galvanised wire. Outside this obstacle there was an alarm wire (Aust type sig wire) about ankle height with a meat tin tied on to it at about 5 feet intervals. Summing up, the posn was well developed to weapon pit stage, the main point being that good contact could be maintained throughout the area.
2. Small (approx pl) defended area. 188°300 yds. This area was picked as a fairly good example of a small defended area semi-developed. It defended portion of what would be his main front (in the vicinity of the track to the village) and a MG pit was sighted along the path which led to IORIBAIWA. Here again all posts could maintain contact quite well and fire could be brought to bear on any point fwd of the bush fence which ran across three parts of his front. There again single and two-man pits were used and in the lower portion of the area platforms were again built into the side of the hill. What looked to be a HQ of some sort was dug into the hill and was deeper than most of the defences. It had a recess cut into the back portion which looked to be big enough for a wireless or some such apparatus.
3. Area 26°1000 yds. This area was situated on either side of the track on the razor-like ridge along which lies the pass to NAURO. Other than a few posns along the top of the ridge the area seems to be confined mainly to fairly comfortable living quarters. These are cut into the sides of the ridges and average about 16 feet in length and about 9 feet in width. The floors are of barked bush poles and the framework of the superstructure is of small timber lashed with vines, wire or rope. They have good headroom for small types and most of them are fitted with shelves and stands constructed out of bush timber. The roof is mainly skillion type running back into the hills. The covering of these dwellings are bush leaves etc on the sides and canvas on the

top which incidently appears to be pieces of Aust tents. On evidence taken around this area, such as empty alcohol bottles, suitcases, papers, etc, we concluded that this must have been HQ and rest area for a fairly large orgn. Slightly further down the ridge was a dwelling, which appeared by the medical stores scattered around, to be an RAP or ADS. Taken generally, the area seemed too comfortable to have been done by advancing tps and it was surmised that labour bns were used.

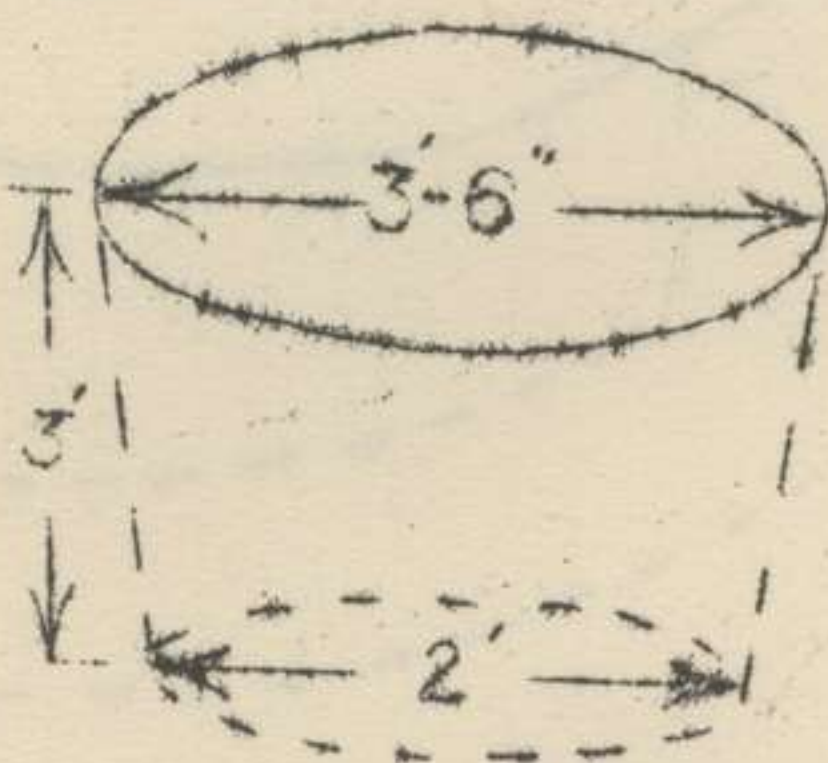
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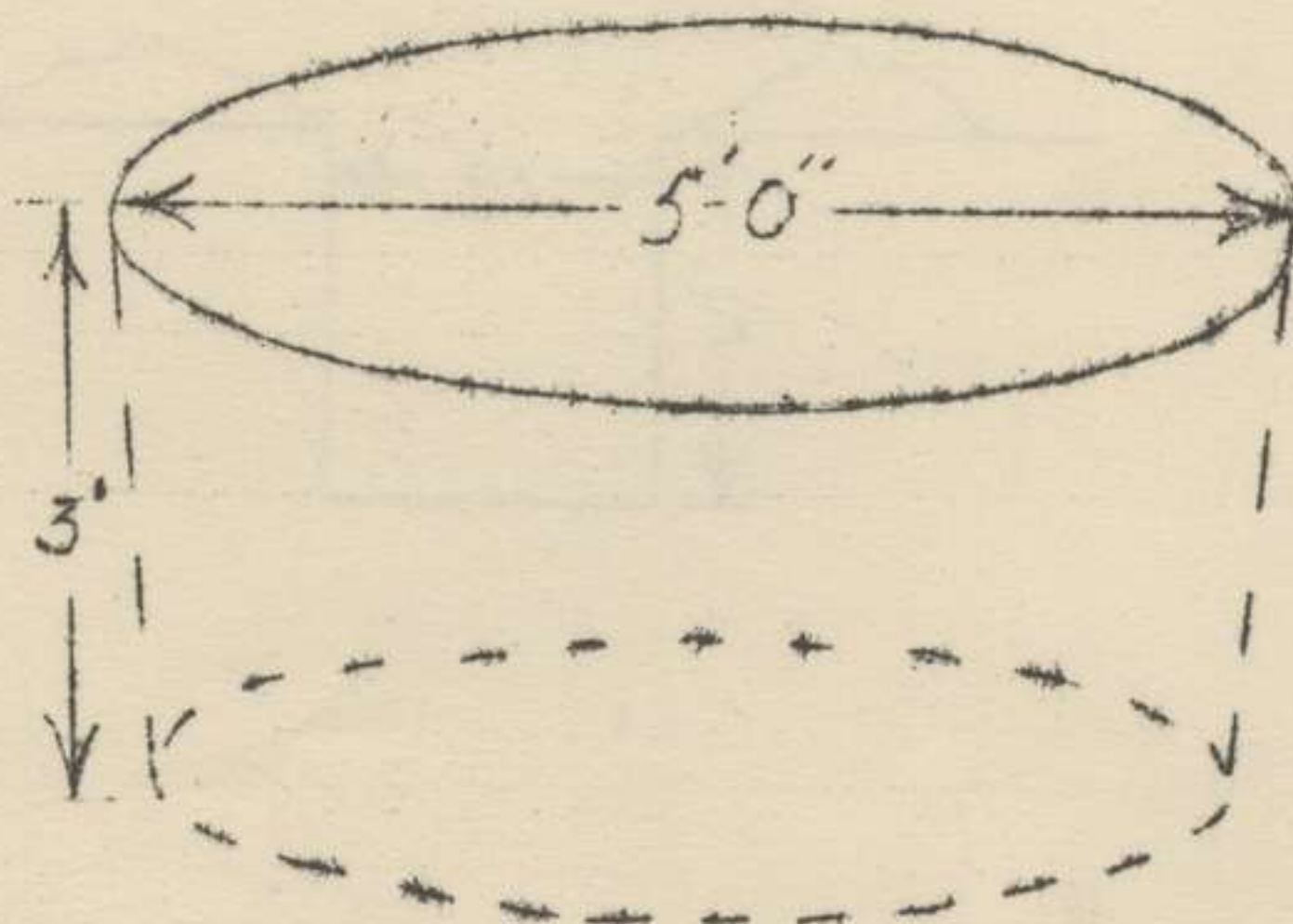
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DESCRIPTION OF JAP WEAPON PITS - IORIBAIWA AREA

SINGLE MAN PIT - In most cases round with a grass floor. Some are square, being about 30" x 30". Some are quite 3' deep while others are deeper, but three feet seems to strike a good average. Spoil is thrown all round.

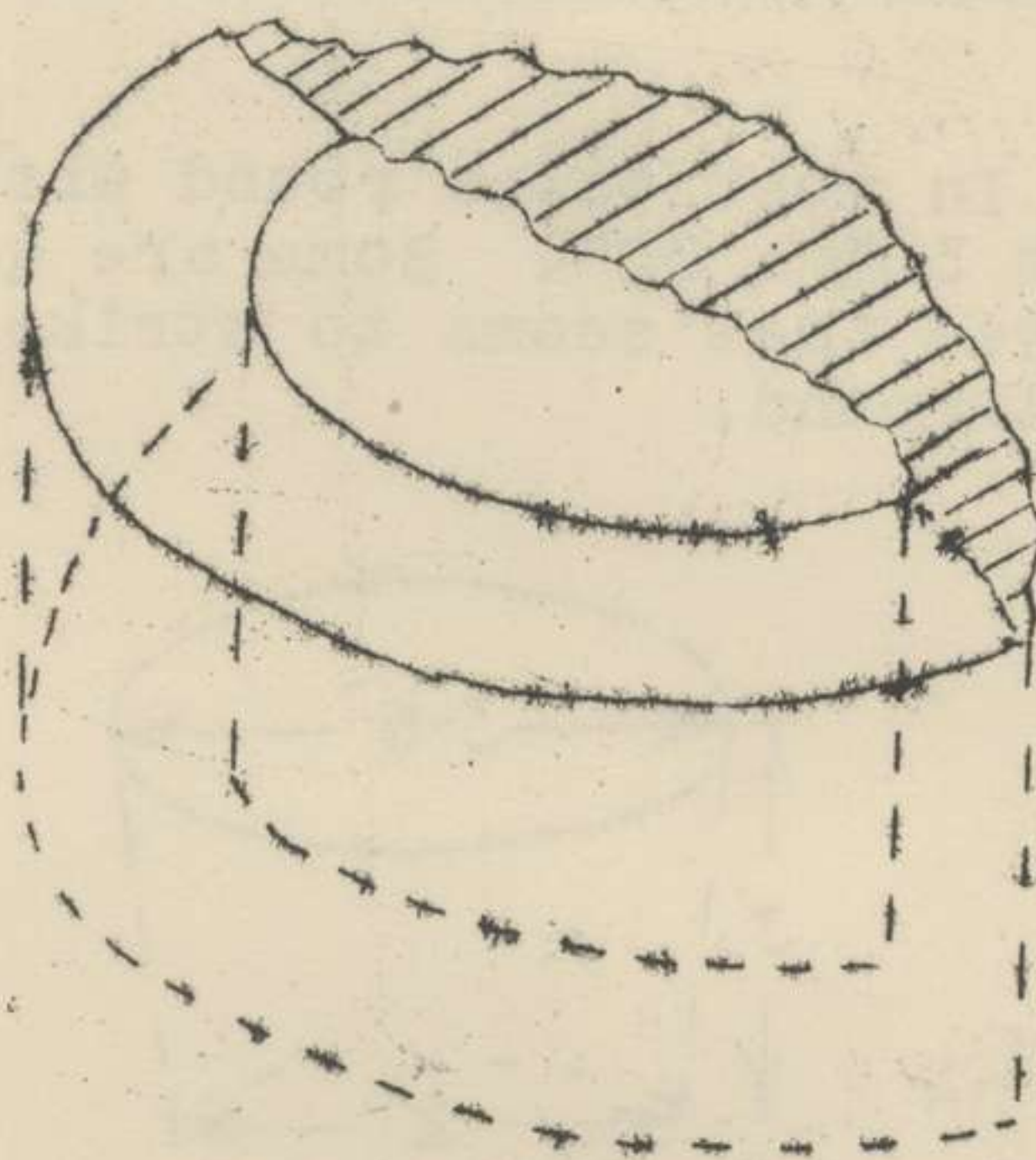


TWO-MAN PIT Two-man pits are oval shaped and are the same depth as a single pit. The spoil is thrown usually all round, except where the pit is in steep country, when the spoil is thrown to the front to build a level parapet.



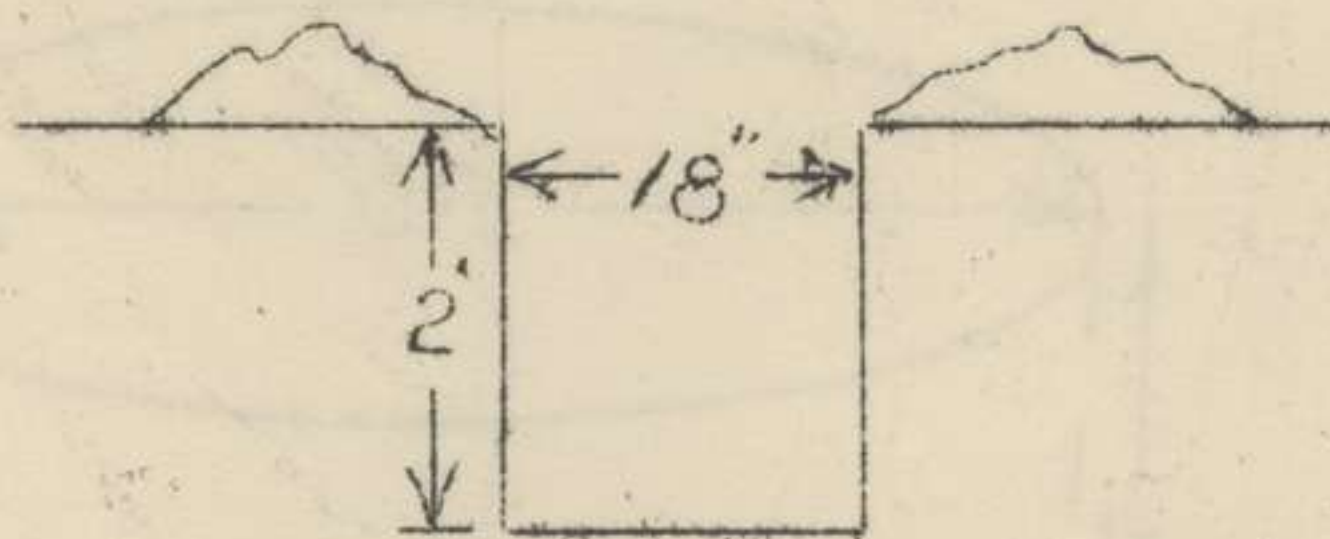
MG PIT

MG pits are arc-shaped with all spoil thrown fwd.  
Platform on ground level with about 6" parapet in front.



COMN TRENCH

Comn trench is approx 18" wide and 2' deep with  
no batter on sides.



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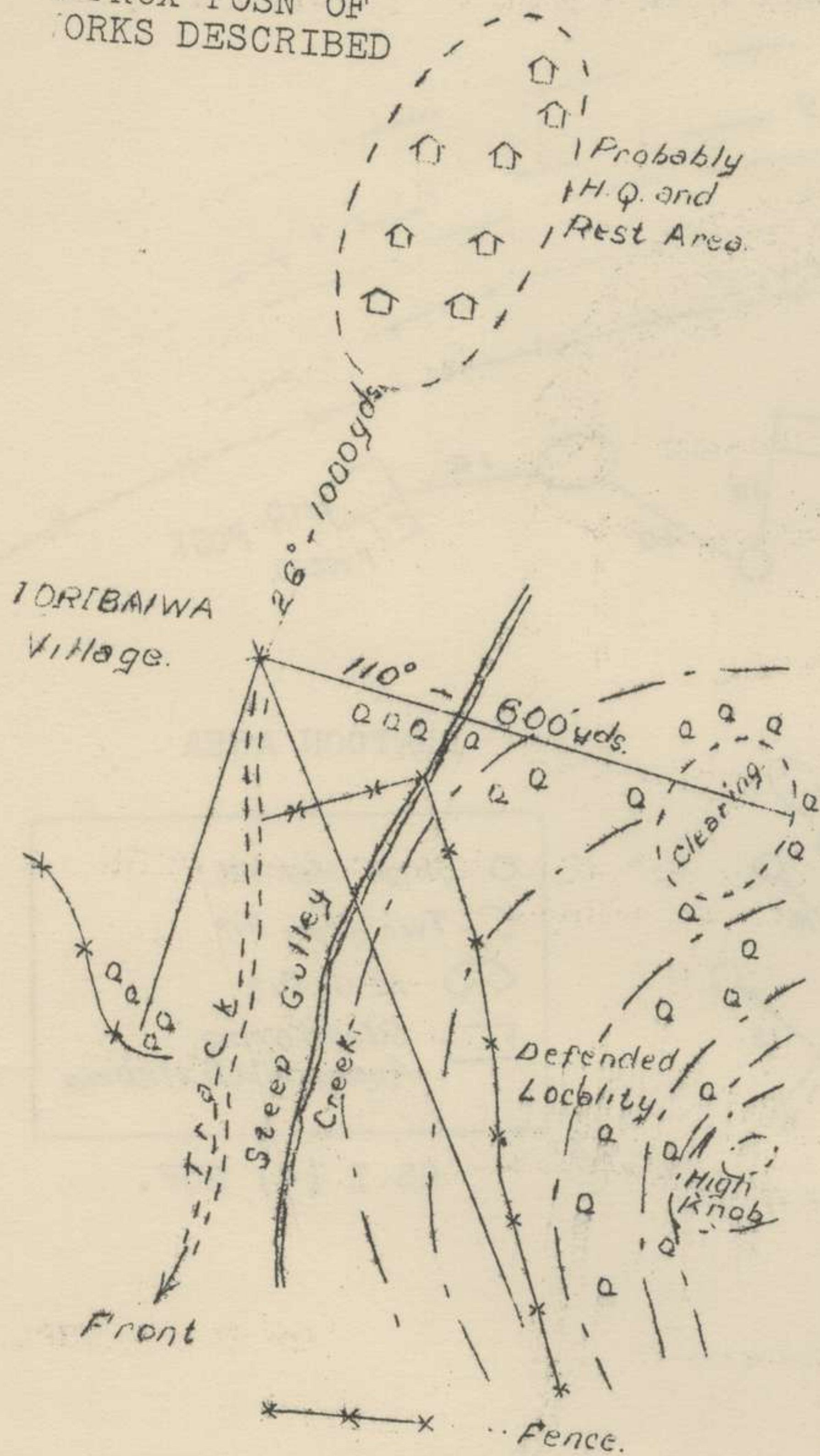


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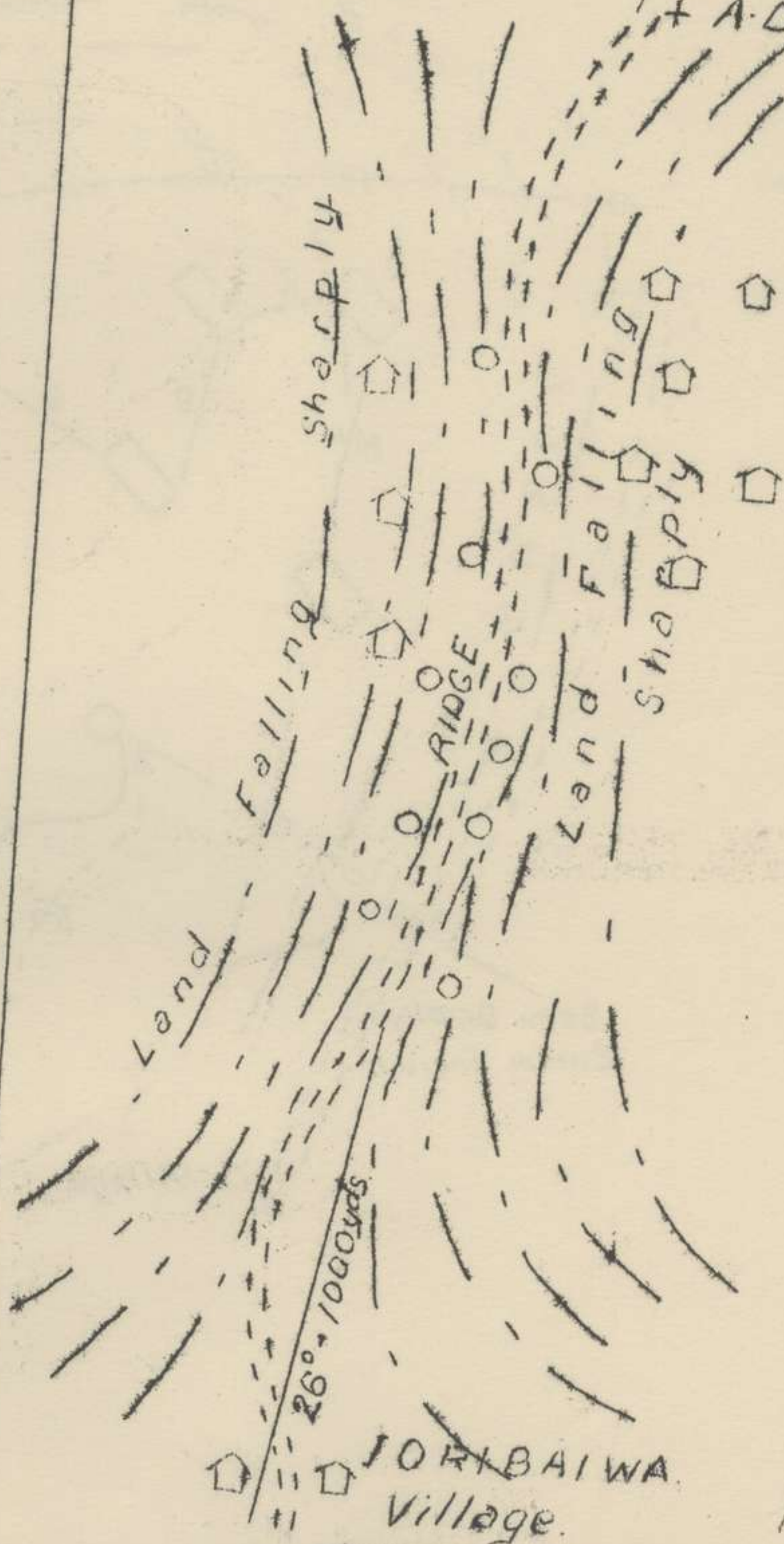
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SKETCH OF ENEMY DEFENCE WORKS - IORIBAIWA AREA

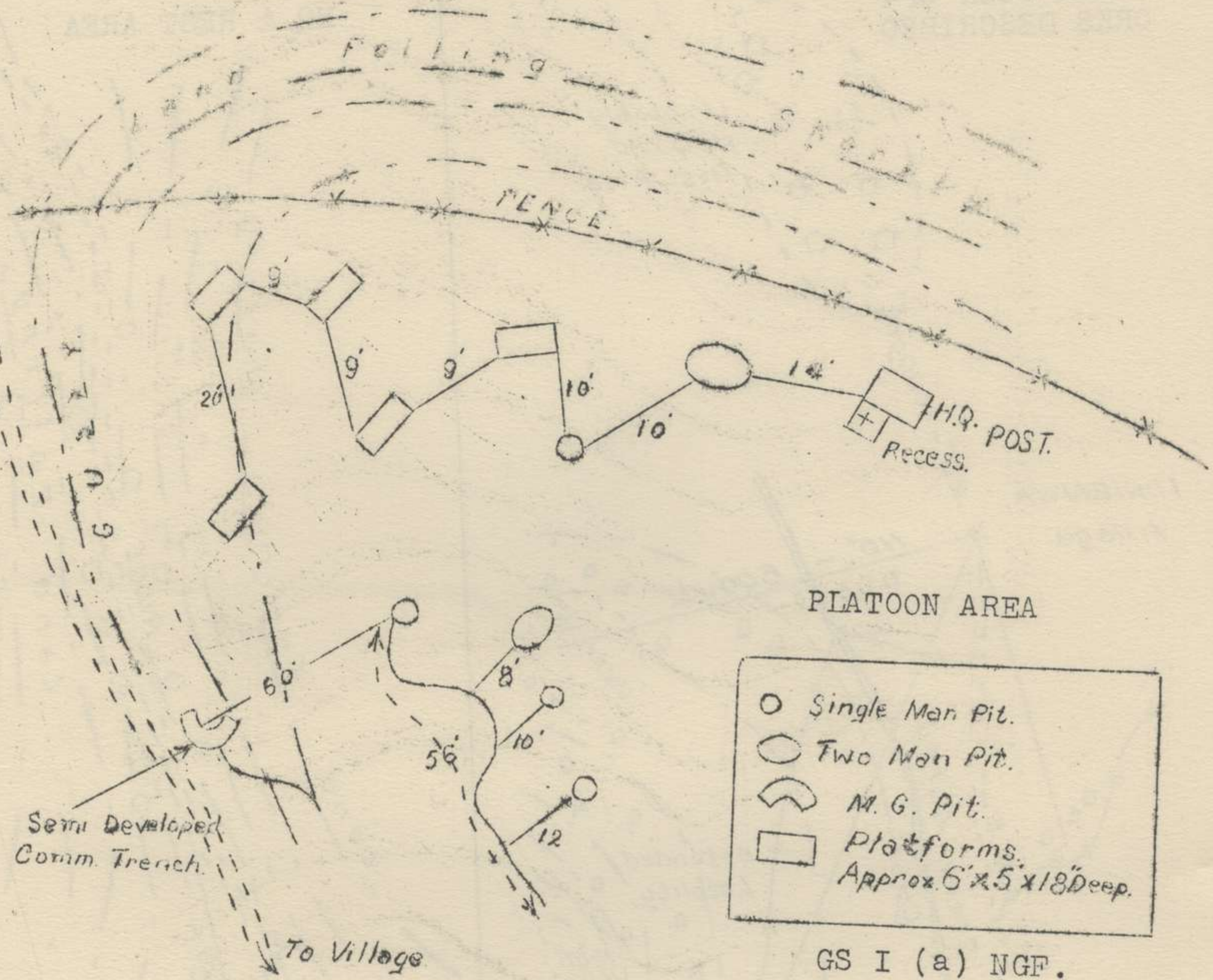
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 ○ Positions



PLATOON AREA

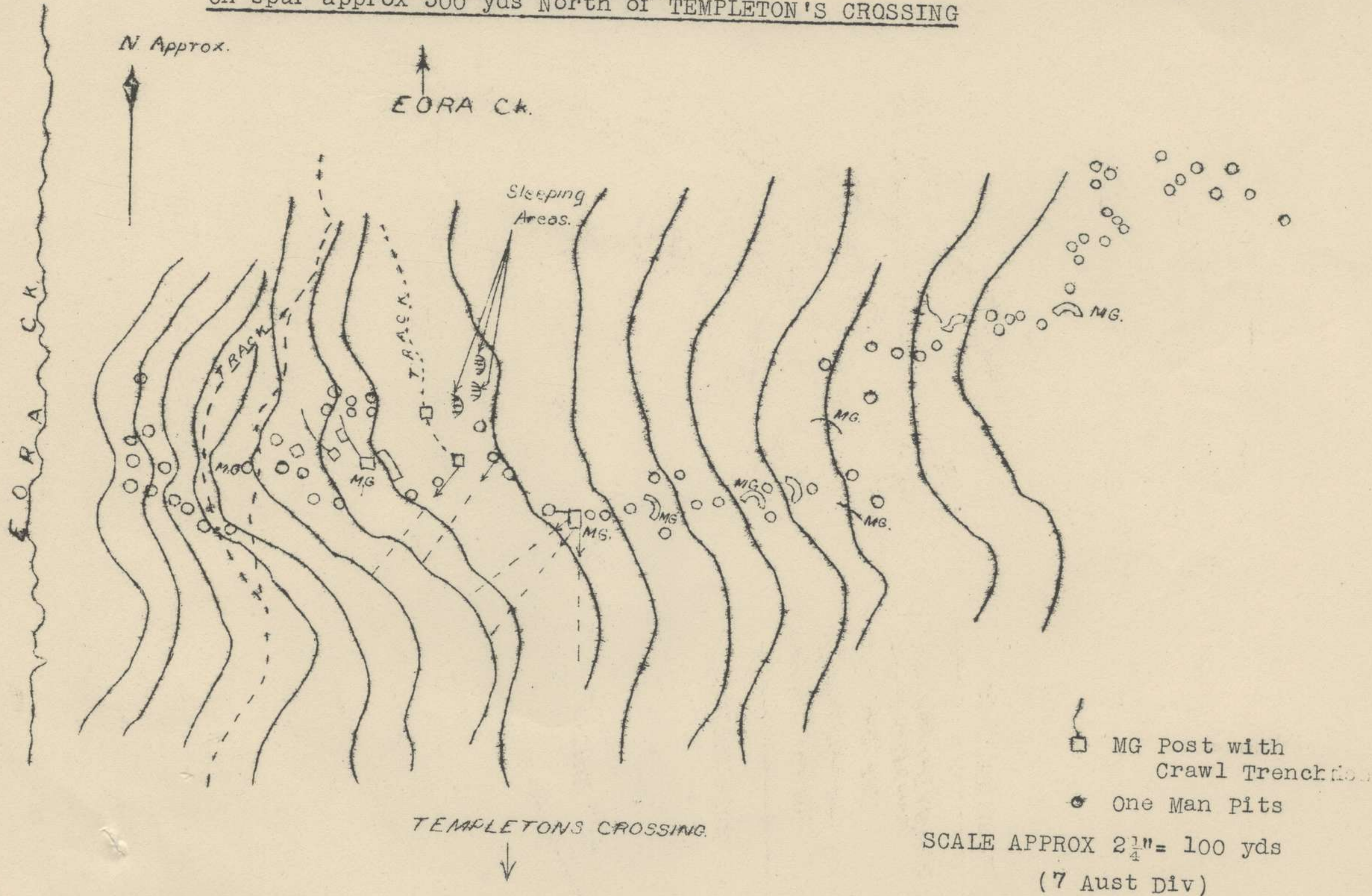
- Single Man Pit.
- Two Man Pit.
- ◐ M. G. Pit.
- ▭ Platforms. Approx. 6' x 5' x 18' Deep.

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APPX "B"

SKETCH OF PART OF ENEMY DEFENCES  
On spur approx 500 yds North of TEMPLETON'S CROSSING



APPX 24

LOCATION STATEMENT.

7 Aust Inf Bde.

As at 2359 Hrs 15 June 43.

(Ref Map UBERI 1" - 1 mile)

| UNIT.                      | NO. | LOCATION. | REF MAP | COMM | REMARKS.   |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------|---------|------|------------|
| 7 Aust Inf Bde. H.Q.       | 88. | 174399    | UBERI   | L/T  | Base Swit  |
| " " " " Def pl             | "   | "         | "       | -    | -          |
| 'J' Sec Sigs 5 Aust Div    | "   | "         | "       | -    | -          |
| 241 L.A.D.                 | "   | 175394    | "       | -    | -          |
| H.Q. 5 Aust Inf Bn.        | 53  | 172398    | "       | L/T  | Bde Switch |
| H.Q. 25 Aust Inf Bn.       | 50  | 174405    | "       | "    | "          |
| H.Q. 61 Aust Inf Bn.       | 99  | 175398    | "       | "    | "          |
| 11 Aus t Pd Amb less A Coy | 52  | 175393    | "       | "    | "          |
| A Coy 11 Aust Pd Amb       | "   | 145415    | "       | "    | Base Switc |

*L. Woodhouse*  
 for Capt.,  
 I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

AIR BOMBING TESTS 16 JUN  
7 AUST INF BDE

1. OBJECT

Tests will be carried out on 16 Jun to observe effect of various types of bomb on Jap-type bunkers and in jungle, and to illustrate the effect of strafing in jungle and against dummy figures in trenches.

2. METHOD

Five Jap-type bunkers and several trench systems have been built in locality, ref map UBERI 1:63360, ref 190390. The att enlargement shows their positions. The general disposition and method of construction is based on diagrams in First Aust Army Weekly Int Summary No 35 and NG Force Int Summary No 87 of 11 Oct, which illustrate Jap methods used at IORIBAIWA and BUNA.

The proposed time table is as follows:-

- |                   |             |   |
|-------------------|-------------|---|
| <u>1st Series</u> | 0830        | B 24 photographs target.  |
|                   | 0850        | A 20s make dry run to check target and bomb line  |
|                   | 0900        | A 20 with 300 lb demo bomb on bunker No 1.  |
|                   | 0908        | A 20 with 100 lb " " " " No 2.  |
|                   | 0915        | A 20 with parachute frag bomb on copse.   |
|                   | 0915 - 1050 | Inspection and ground photography by official party.  |
| <u>2nd Series</u> | 1100        | B 24 with stick of four x 100 lb wire wrapped "daisy cutters" on target No 4.   |
|                   | 1105        | ditto ditto with instantaneous fuse.  |
|                   | 1110        | B 24 with 4 clusters of 6 frag bombs on target No 4.  |
|                   | 1115        | B 24 with 1 x 2000 lb demo bomb on target No 3.   |
|                   | 1115 - 1230 | Inspection and ground photographing.  |
| <u>3rd Series</u> | 1420        | Strafing earthworks by A 20s and Beaufighters in successive waves. B 24 photographing. Targets will be indicated by 3" mortar smoke fired from ref 183389. The position of the mortar OP will be indicated by ground strips forming the letters OP at ref 183390. Fire will be as ordered by Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde. Three white squares 9 ft x 18 ft will be laid out parallel to the front of the defensive position, 200 yards to the west (i.e. in front) and 300 yards between squares. A safety mark will be shown in the form of a white cross made with eight ground indicator strips, displayed in the centre of the football field as directed by Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde, to indicate when range is clear for bombing. The direction of approach for aircraft will be:- |
|                   |             | Bombers:- magnetic bearing 65° - 70°  |
|                   |             | Fighters & Strafing planes:- magnetic bearing 30° - 70°.  |
- A bomb disposal team will be provided by 5 AF to deal with any unexploded bombs.

### 3. ASSEMBLY

9 Bn, 25 Bn, 61 Bn and 2/5 Fd Regt will march to OPs on WEST side of LALOKI RIVER on high ground between refs 156392 and 178386 as indicated to unit guides today. 11 Fd Amb, 241 L.A.D. and HQ 7 Bde will march to the same OP as 61 Bn, namely 177386. Units at the latter OP will occupy the fwd slopes in positions to be indicated by Lieut Gowland, 61 Bn, the top being reserved for Comd and visitors.

All tps will be in position by 0845 hrs and after lunch by 1400 hrs. Units will march back to unit lines on completion of Series 2 and 3. C.Os, Adjts and IOs of units will RV at footbridge, ref 179390 at 0915 hrs 16 Jun to inspect target area after completion of 1st series and similarly at end of 2nd and 3rd series.

Arrangements for inspection of the targets by units on 17 Jun will be notified later.

### 4. PROTECTION

Units will mount air sentries and 4 LMGs each for AA protection against low level hostile attack. In the event of an air raid, dispersal will be under unit arrangements.

### 5. ADM

Bde Pro Det will supply, in addition to sentries on EILOGO ROAD already notified, one sentry from 0800 - 1630 hrs on footbridge, ref 179390 to prevent any unauthorised movement into target area. Four road guides will be provided from 0800 to 1030 hrs as follows:-

- (a) at EILOGO ROAD junction
- (b) opposite 61 Bn orderly room
- (c) at turn off near Area Comdt's office
- (d) at track junc leading to official OP.

In addition, two men will be provided for directing vehs at OP and ensuring dispersal of vehs under cover.

There will be a period from 0915 - 1050 hrs with little to observe by tps. Units will ensure that this time is used profitably on the OPs.

### 6. INTERCOMN

Ground control of the exercise will be directed from CP at ref 177386.

J Sec Sigs will provide lines to sports ground and mortar det from CP. PA system will be in position and tested by 0830 hrs at the CP.

9 Bn will supply 1 offr, 2 ORs to man DV set provided by J Sec Sigs on sports ground. They will bring eight ground indicator strips for showing range clear for bombing as detailed in para 2.

Lieut MULCAHY will operate line to mortar det.  
Lieut WOOD " " PA system.

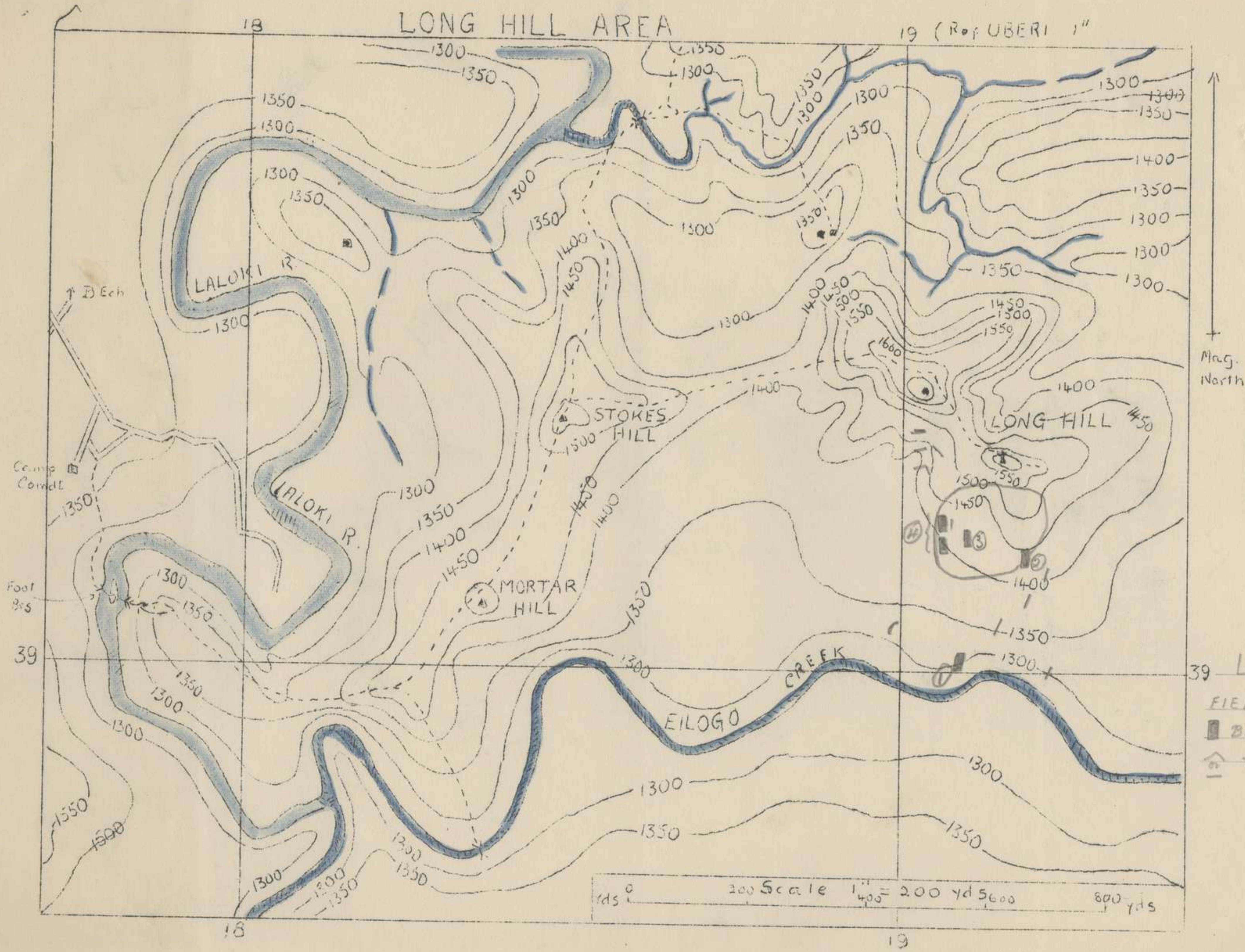
*Arthur Lowndes*  
Capt

Signed at 2205 hrs. 15 Jun 43

B.M.(Lr) 7 Aust Inf Bde

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|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| N.G. Force       | 1             | Hand          |
| 5 AF             | 2             | DRLS          |
| 11 Aust Div      | 3 - 4         | Hand          |
| 9 Bn             | 5 - 6         | DR            |
| 25 Bn            | 7 - 8         | "             |
| 61 Bn            | 9 - 10        | "             |
| 2/5 Fd Regt      | 11            | "             |
| 11 Fd Amb        | 12            | "             |
| 241 LA.D.        | 13            | "             |
| J Sec Sigs       | 14            | "             |
| Comdt Corps Area | 15            | "             |
| 4 AS Control     | 16            | Hand          |
| Comd             | 17            |               |
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**LEGEND**

FIELD WORKS

■ BUNKER

— TRENCH

Scale 1" = 200 yds



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APPX 26

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7 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No 20

1. PURPOSE

This instn governs trg to be carried out during week ending 27 Jun.

2. NATURE OF TRG.

This is the second week of a period of three weeks during which experience will be gained in co-operating with other arms and services, and in familiarising all ranks with their capabilities and characteristics. Trg in subjects dealt with in Trg Instn No 19 will be continued and extended. Battle practices will be held by coys using ball amn, leading up to full-scale bn exercises in co-operation with other arms to be held in the following week.

3. ALLOCATION OF TRG TIME

| <u>Nature of trg</u>            | <u>Hrs allotted</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Drill                       | 3                   |
| (b) Weapon                      | 9                   |
| (c) Comd and Sig exercises      | 3                   |
| (d) Battle Practice by Coys     | 3                   |
| (e) Signalling                  | 3                   |
| (f) Assault Course              | 3                   |
| (g) Lecturettes and Discussions | 3                   |
| (h) Organised Sport             | 9                   |
|                                 | ---                 |
|                                 | 36                  |
|                                 | ---                 |

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Drill  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr per day  
(b) Weapon Continue with work laid down in Trg Instn No 19. Personnel who have not yet done so to fire on

Bde Jungle Range which is allotted as follows:-

21, 22 Jun 9 Bn  
23, 24 Jun 25 Bn  
25, 26 Jun 61 Bn

7 Bde Trg Instn No 17 states "each man must fire a supervised practice with his personal weapon." Men who have not done so in last four weeks will do so this week.

(c) Comd and Sig Exercises

Each unit will hold one bn exercise for comds down to pl comds to train as a drill in correct sequence of orders, diagrammatic taking down of long orders, message writing, passing infm back from coy to bn and bn to bde, R/T and W/T procedure, and points laid down in Trg Instn No 19 para 4 (c). A scheme will be prepared to include the comd and signal portion of a tactical

exercise which would normally last approx two days, with necessary op orders prepared in advance.

Copies of the scheme, DS notes, samples of order diagrams made during exercise, and comment on lessons learnt will be incl as appx to fortnightly report on trg.

While comds are engaged on this exercise, tps will be given further trg in passage of orders and infm described in Trg Instn No 19 para 4 (c).

(d) Battle Practice by Coys

One half-day battle practice will be held by all rifle coys with a proportion of MMGs and 3" mortars under comd and with normal signal organisation back to bn. Amn on the man incl grenades, or with the weapon as per WE will be carried and used as required.

The exercise will be held in the MORTAR HILL - LONG HILL area. A tactical situation will be developed from the assumption that a successful river xing has been made to the EAST bank of the LALOKI RIVER, that light opposition is encountered on the line MORTAR HILL - STOKES HILL and a full-scale attack is made on enemy defended positions on a frontage running NORTH and SOUTH through LONG HILL.

Attention will be given to fire control and correct orders, use of 2" and 3" mortars and automatic weapons, proper siting of supporting weapons, consolidation and exploitation.

Screens and targets will be prepared by units and placed in positions to indicate bunkers, and enemy in trenches, sniper's positions behind trees etc. Jap field defence works recently prepared for Air Attack Tests will also be used as objectives.

Detailed proposals will be prepared and submitted to Bde HQ by 1200 hrs 20 Jun.

Exercises will be held as follows:-

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| 21, 22 Jun | 61 Bn |
| 23, 24 Jun | 25 Bn |
| 25, 26 Jun | 9 Bn  |

Responsibility for adequate policing of the battle practice area will be undertaken by Units on the days allotted. All safety arrangements for control of fire and effective umpiring of the practices will be made by Bns.

- (e) Signalling ) Continue as laid down
- (f) Assault Course ) in 7 Bde Trg Instn No 19
- (g) Lecturettes & Discussions )
- (h) Organised Sport ) A separate instruction will be issued

giving particulars of the conduct of the competitions described in 7 Bde Trg Instn No 19. Elimination events up to bns will be concluded this week. Bde Sports Ground is allotted as follows:-

|        | A.M.        | P.M.        |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| 21 Jun | 61 Bn       | 25 Bn       |
| 22 "   | 25 Bn       | 2/5 Fd Regt |
| 23 "   | 9 Bn        | Bde HQ      |
| 24 "   | 61 Bn       | 61 Bn       |
| 25 "   | 25 Bn       | 11 Fd Amb   |
| 26 "   | 2/5 Fd Regt | 9 Bn        |

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5. TRG THE PNR PL

Pnr Pls will continue to be brigaded under Lieut NAIRN, 24 Fd Coy, for special advanced trg.

6. PERSONAL HYGIENE AND HEALTH

Every advantage will be taken of this week spent in the camp area, to improve further the general level of fitness and to pay particular attention to cleanliness of kit and lines and to clear up minor skin infections. Pl comds will supervise particularly the care of feet and provision of foot baths as recommended by RMOs. RMOs will be used for short **talks** on personal hygiene. Pl comds must realize that the maintenance of the man in a fit condition is a primary duty demanding attention to intimate details of personal hygiene. This requires moral courage and the resolution to enforce corrective and preventative measures in hygiene by disciplinary action as occasion requires.

*Arthur Lowndes*

Capt

B.M. (Lr) 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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Signed at 0945 hrs

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APPX 27

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by  
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD D.S.O. COMMANDING  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

18 Jun 45

"A & Q"

172. REVOLVERS

Units will arrange to withdraw all revolvers at present on issue to personnel and have these kept in safe custody in Q.M. stores. Receipts for revolvers will be issued to personnel and safe storage must be arranged in a systematic manner which will permit re-issue quickly when desired.

Should it be necessary for an officer to be away from his unit overnight or for any such period or longer, his pistol may be drawn from Q.M. during period of absence from unit.

173. APPOINTMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN ARMY LEGAL CORPS

1. Appointments to commissioned rank in the Australian Army Legal Corps may be made in the case of persons who are Barristers or Solicitors of the High Court of Australia or of the Supreme Court of a State or who are recognised by the Governor-General as possessing equivalent status and qualifications within His Majesty's Dominion, and who are of the age of 25 years and upwards.

2. Members of the Forces who comply with the above requirements may qualify for appointment to the Corps inter alia by passing at an A.A.L.C. Course of Instruction, which will be held for this purpose from time to time.

3. A limited number of vacancies in the Corps exists and members of the Forces desirous of making application to attend a Course should submit to D.L.S. through the usual channels an application in the form set out hereunder. Successful applicants will receive notification to attend the Course in due course.

4. Each application under para 3 hereof must first be submitted to and reported upon by a Legal Officer of the formation or unit with which the member is serving; such report will set out the member's knowledge and experience of military law and administration and any other relevant civil and military qualifications and experience.

5. Intending applicants should ordinarily be of the age of 30 years and upwards.

6. Applications should be submitted within 14 days of the date hereof.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY LEGAL CORPS  
APPLICATION TO ATTEND COURSE

No. Rank  
 Name in full  
 Date of Birth  
 Present Unit and Posting  
 Civil qualifications  
 Date and Place of Admission  
 Whether practised as Barrister or Solicitor  
 State where practised  
 Particulars of Military Service (giving dates)  
 Date of Promotion (if any)  
 Present medical classification  
 Previous medical classification  
 Dependents (names of wife and children with ages of latter to be stated).

Date.....

Signature.....

Report of Legal Officer.  
(To be published in Unit Routine Orders)

174. TYPEWRITERS, ADDING MACHINES, DUPLICATORS

NGF Order Q 251 of 14 Jun 43. Return as per appendix to above order will be fwd to reach this HQ by 22 Jun 43. Attention is drawn to

175. DANGER AREA

Owing to danger from unexploded bombs the following area will be out of bounds to all pers until further notice. Ref map UBERI 1:63360 196395 196384 183384 183395.

176. CHURCH PARADES

Church Parades on Sun 20 Jun will be as under:-

|               |          |                                       |
|---------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>R.C.</u>   | 0830 hrs | 11 Fd Amb Mess Hut.                   |
|               | 0930 hrs | 25 Bn area.                           |
| <u>C.E.</u>   | 0900 hrs | 9 Bn area.                            |
| <u>O.P.D.</u> | 0900 hrs | 61 Bn area (just beyond picture area) |
|               | 1000 hrs | Y.M.C.A. Tent.                        |

NOTICES Minute of Publication. A D.C.M. was held at HQ NEW GUINEA Force on 14 and 17 May 43 for the trial of QX 29597 Spr ROBERT ALLAN JOHNSON, 2/2 Aust Docks Op Coy RAE. Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

The accused was convicted of the offence of -  
AA Sec 41: When on active service committing a Civil Offence, that is to say, stealing, in that he, at MORESBY on 4 April 43, stole twelve (12) tins of Tobacco, the property of Australian Defence Canteens Services.

Sentence date 17 May 43 - Detention for 90 days.

Minute of Publication. A D.C.M. was held at HQ NEW GUINEA Force on 14 and 18 May 43 for the trial of VX 36442 Pte Solomon HART, 2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy AASC.

The accused was convicted of the offences of -

First charge - When on active service, deserting His Majesty's Service. (AA Sec 12 (1) (a)).

Second charge - When on active service, losing by neglect his clothing. (AA Sec 24 (2)).

Sentence dated 18 May 43 - Imprisonment HL for 2 years and discharge from the Defence Force and to be put on stoppages of pay until he has made good articles to the value of £5.5.8.

Distribution: List A.

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H.Q. 7Aust Inf Bde  
18 Jun 43

BDE INTER-COY SPORTS COMPETITION  
ref 7 Bde Trg Instns Nos 19 and 20

|                |     |                        |     |
|----------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| 9 Aust Inf Bn  | (8) | Comd                   | (1) |
| 25 Aust Inf Bn | (8) | B.M.                   | (2) |
| 61 Aust Inf Bn | (8) | B.M.(Lr)               | (1) |
| Bde H.Q.       | (2) | Lieut WOOD             | (2) |
| Def Pl         | (1) | Staff                  | (4) |
| J Sec Sigs     | (1) | 11 Aust Div (for infm) |     |
|                |     | File                   | (2) |
|                |     | War Diary              | (2) |
|                |     | Spare                  | (3) |

1. OBJECT

To conduct competitive games in which every man will participate to determine the premier sports coy of the Bde.

2. PROGRAMME

Round 1. 20 - 26 Jun. Bn heats to determine the coy to represent for each event in Round 2.

Round 2. 27 Jun - 3 Jul. Bde finals.  
Timetable to be issued later.

3. REPRESENTATION

- Coys will enter a team in every event. No man to represent in more than 2 events.
- Teams will be made up from one coy only. Changes in composition of original teams will be allowed only if necessary through sickness or absence from bn, coy comds responsible for checking throughout.
- Coy comd to maintain roll of entrants for each event, for checking during competition.

4. UMPIRING

Units will provide own umpires for Round 1. Lieut WOOD, Bde Amenities Offr, will be chief umpire for Round 2.

5. SCORING (a) Points will be allotted as follows:-

|         | <u>1st Place</u> | <u>2nd Place</u> | <u>3rd Place</u> |
|---------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Round 1 | 5                | 3                | 2                |
| Round 2 | 10               | 6                | 3                |

Penalty for non-entry of team in any event in Round 1, 10 points.

(b) Point scores of Coys in Round 1 will be notified to HQ 7 Bde by 1200 hrs, 26 Jun.

Over

6. EVENTS

| No. | Nature                      | Rules  |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|
| 1   | Rugby League Football       | -  |
| 2   | Soccer Football             | -  |
| 3   | Medicine Ball Race          | Teams of 10; distance head to tail 25 yds race to consist of tunnel, overhead, & side-throwing, each completed in that order without a break.  |
| 4   | Tabloid Sports              | Teams of 10. Broad Jump 14 ft; shot putt, 12 lb weight, 25 ft; high jump, 4 ft; 80 yds sprint, 11 secs; hop, step & jump 25 ft. Scoring to determine winner of event, 1 point for each man to pass standard. 10 points possible for smartness and discipline in moving to posns. |
| 5   | Head of the River           | Crew of 8. Dress optional. Boats and paddles to be made by pl and entirely of natural materials. Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.  |
| 6   | River Crossing              | Team 7 men. Drill order with weapons. All men need not cross at once. Raft to be made entirely of natural materials which will be collected on river bank; construction time to be incl in race.   |
| 7   | Medicine Ball Badminton     | Team 4. Medicine ball court 50 ft x 20 ft. Net or rope 5'6" high. Scoring as in ping pong 21 up.   |
| 8   | Throwing cricket ball relay | Team 10 men. 5 men at each end, behind lines 50 yards apart. Any ball not clearing line on full to be returned. Each man to throw twice, i.e. total 20 throws.   |
| 9   | Tug o'war.                  | Teams 8 men.   |

*Arthur Lowndes.*

Capt

B.M.(Lr) 7 Aust Inf Bde.



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Serial No. 25

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. ....

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 11/2/3

(Tropical)

Date 19 Jun 43.

W.E. 17 X 68

Attached

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE.

Unit

Allowed by W.E. X

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

| 1                   | 2  | 3                        | 4   |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks and W.E.      | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment) |
| *<br>Brigadiers * 1 | 1  | 2                        | 0   |
| Lieut.-Colonels ..  |  |                          |   |
| Majors .. .. 2      | 0  | 0                        | 2   |
| Captains .. X .. 9  | 10   | 1                        | 0   |
| Lieutenants .. . 5  | 4  | 0                        | 1   |
| 2nd Lieutenants ..  |  |                          |   |
| Quartermasters ..   |  |                          |   |
| Totals .. . 17      | 15   | 1                        | 3   |

X - includes chaplains 4th class

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

### Officers JOINED during week

| Rank | Name | Unit or Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|---------------|------|-------|
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |

### Officers QUITTED during week

| Rank | Name | Unit or Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|---------------|------|-------|
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |

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

| Rank | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)) |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---|
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |

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 | Appointment | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed   |
| Lt. col brig  | TX2002          | FIELD J.          | cond        | Yes  |  |
| Lieut capt  | TX70799         | LOWDES A.C.       | B.M.(I)     | "  |  |
| "   | OX40080         | FRIS A.A.         | S.O.        | "  |  |
| "   | OX35861         | COFFE J.R.        | S.O.(L)     | "  |  |
| "   | OX21661         | MCINNES B.D.      | T.O.        | No   | course No. 9, HQ School of Mt. NGF Trg school. |
| "   | OX40870         | HORNIBROOK C.M.   | T.O.        | Yes  |  |
| "   | OX36181         | FOSTER J.H.A.     | L.O.I       | No   |  |
| "   | OX36365         | PATERSON J.S.     | L.O.II      | Yes  |  |
| "   | OX40855         | MULCAHY E.R.      | L.O.III     | "  |  |
| "   | OX36334         | WOOD L.A.         | Amn.O.      | "  |  |
| "   | TX127324        | MORE K.C.         | HYE.O.      | "  |  |
| "   | OX45277         | PEAKE H.A.        | BASCO       | "  |  |
| Chaplain  | TX15809         | TILLER C.C.       | 9 BN        | No   |  |
| "   | OX41422         | ROBINSEJAR J.W.   | 85 BN       | "  |  |
| "   | TX142082        | McCULLOUGH M.     | 61 BN       | "  |  |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps   | Date of Attachment | Nature of Attachment | Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No) |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lieut capt  | OX47340         | SWEETMAN C.R.     | AASC            |                    | in charge DID        | No                                 |
| "   | OX24402         | HARRIS P.R.       | 24 rd Coy, RAB. |                    | temp duty            | "                                  |

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde. (Unit)

*St. G. H. B. S.*  
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde. (Signature of Commander)

19 Jun 43. (Date of Despatch)

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



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.....HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.....Unit.

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**Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.**

| DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS,<br>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. |          | TOTAL   |
| Bricklayers                                      |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |   |
| Butchers   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |   |
| Carpenters and Joiners                           |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |   |
| Clerks   | 7                        |                  |                    |                 |           |           | 1                       | 1                       |                 |                  |                    | 1         | 1         |                         | 2        |   |
| 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 - Orderlies                           | 6                        |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |                         | 1        |   |
| Storemen, Technical                              |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |   |
| Vickers Machine Gunners                          |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |   |
| Cooks  |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |   |
| Mechanic MT                                      | 1                        |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           | 1         |                         | 1        |   |
| C.S.M.   | 1                        |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         | 1               |                  |                    |           |           |                         | 1        |   |
| Draughtsman (intell)                             | 2                        |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    | 1         |           |                         | 1        |   |
| Hygiene duties                                   | 1                        |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           | 1                       | 1        |   |
| Pres: Orderlies                                  | 9                        |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           | 1                       | 1        |   |
| General Duty Personnel                           | 3                        |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           | 1                       | 1        | Deficiencies in NCOs will be made good by promotions within the unit. |
| TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         | 1                       |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         | 9        |   |

.....HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.....  
Unit.

*[Signature]* Capt.  
.....staff capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.....  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.....19 Jun 43.....

.....11 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>Cpls.</u>                    | <u>ptes.</u>  |
|--------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 - BOWO     | 1 - clerk     | 3 - 1 Tpt Sgt.<br>1 clerk<br>1 Amourer | 3 - 1 Tpt<br>1 cook<br>1 R.A.F. | 21 - 2 intell duties<br>8 Batmen<br>10 Drs MT<br>1 cook |

Total 30

25 AUST INF BN  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 11

FOR PERIOD ENDING 0600 HRS 19 JUN 43

7 AUST INF BDE

OPERATIONAL

Air raid RED 1550K/15, All Clear 1650K/15. Air Raid RED 2135 K/17, All Clear 2345K/17.

MOVEMENTS

At 1800K/12 Capt JUST and No 4 Pl departed for BOERA Range MORESBY for Tka Shoot and returned at 1830K/15. At 1345 K/13, Maj WEBSTER (AdmComd), Capt MATHISON and Lieut LEADBETTER departed for BOERA Range (2/1 Tka Regt site) to attend demonstration of supporting arms and returned 1915K/15. On 13 Jun Lieut PHILLIPS left to attend J.L. Course and Jungle Craft Wing at NGF 1 centre. Lieut SCHLYDER transferred from C Coy to OC A Coy on 13 Jun. On 14 Jun Lieut OSBORNE transferred from D Coy to CCoy. Lieut L.M.DEUBLE returned from road party ROUNA FALLS and Lieut R.H.JUTSUM left on same day to take charge. On 15 Jun Lieut T.D.BAKER left for MORESBY to attend Court Martial at H.Q. 11 AUST. DIV., and returned 16 Jun. On 16 Jun Lieut P.M.D. OSBORNE was admitted to Hospital. On 17 Jun Maj. Gen. C.A. CLOWES C.B.E.; D.S.O., M.C., Brig J. FIELDS D.S.O. visited B n. area. At 0930 hrs. 13 Jun, Umpires' conference attended by Director, all offrs and acting Pl. Comds. was held and a general discussion on Bn. Exercises 11-12 Jun took place. At 1045 Maj. HALL from Director of Armaments M.G.O. gave a lecture to all offrs and Sjts on recent changes in infantry weapons. Specimens of weapons on which improvements had been made were passed round for inspection. At 1130 hrs the party witnessed a demo shoot of the improved 2" Mortar.

PATROLS: Nil

FIELDWORKS: On 14-15 Jun, DCoy was engaged in preparing Jap positions on LONG HILL ref 189392 for AIR BOMBING TEST held 16 Jun. On 15 Jun, 1 N.C.O. and 11 O.R.s shifted Sgts' Mess to its new location. 1 N.C.O. and 8 O.R.s were engaged in construction of tankstand in H.Q. Coy area. On 16 Jun, 1 N.C.O. and 9 O.R.s reported to Camp Comdt to carry out improvements to general camp area. A party of 5 N.C.O.s and 32 O.R.s u/c Lieut R.H.JUTSUM on road work at ROUNA FALLS. Work yet to be completed. General dispersal of tents was carried out by Bn. H.Q. and all coys except H.Q. Coy.

INTERCOMM:

Comm. to coy bivouac areas satisfactory. Comm. was satisfactorily maintained by L/T and R/T to Mortar O.P. during AIR BOMBING TEST 16 Jun.

EXERCISES:

No 5 Pl attended Bde School of Engineering. No 4 Pl held Tka shoot at BOERA RANGE, MORESBY. Bn witnessed AIR BOMBING TEST carried out on 16 Jun. General trg included organised sports, signalling in Morse Code and Semaphore, Assault Course, passing of orders and infm, Battle procedure and work on Sand Tables.

MAPPING:

Two lectures on Map Reading were given to No 1 Pl. General trg of reinftrs of 'I' Sec was continued.

MORALE:

Good

RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE: Nil

E.G. WHITE Capt.  
.....for. Ma  
Adm Comd 25

APPX 31

Bn HQ  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
Australia

Subject:-

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY ( WEEK ENDING 18 JUN43 )  
- Ref Map UBERRI 1" to 1 mile -

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

- (1) OPERATIONAL → Nil.
- (2) DEMONSTRATION - On 16 Jun all tps attended a demonstration by US Army Air Corps and RAAF - bombing and strafing.
- (3) MOVEMENTS - 17 Jun, A and C Coys moved to new biv areas refs 177398 and 177400 respectively to allow dispersal of all Bn tents.
- (4) ACCIDENT - 15 Jun - Pte W. RYAN of B Coy was accidentally drowned at River crossing ref 182399 while Coy was using Bn water crossing. The body was recovered 0915 hrs 18 Jun at PLANT'S X'ing br, and was buried in the afternoon of that day at BOMANA Cemetery - Padre Mc CULLOUGH officiated.
- (5) MAPPING - I Sec lield sketch of new Coy biv sites.
- (6) EXERCISE - 12/15 Jun. Tk A Pl at BOERA range for practice shoot. results obtained were quite good.
- (7) PATROLS - Nil.
- (8) RECCE - I Sec recce tracks area DONADABU - MARIANE - EBADREDIE.
- (9) APPOINTMENT - As from 16 Jun WOII NEWGOMB (GSM D Coy ) acts in the capacity of RSM.
- (10) INTER COMM - Satisfactory.
- (11) COURSES - 13/15 Jun, MAJ WILES Maj BICKS Lieut STANLEY attended exercise in Co-op with tanks and Arty at BOERA Range.
- (12) SOCIAL - Lt-col MELDRUM attended a Dinner in honour of Col SHEEHAN at 11 Aust Div on night 12 Jun.
- (13) LECTURES AND TUTORIAL DISCUSSIONS - Offrs discussion 15 Jun at 1900 hrs "DEFENCE". I Sec lecturing Sick parade on Map reading daily at 0800 hrs.
- (14) MORALE - GOOD.

Sgd Lt-Col MELDRUM.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Week ended 20 Jun 43.

- TRAINING - On Monday 14 Jun and 15 Jun all Coys were engaged in settling-in in their own respective areas, tents were erected and adequately spaced, latrines dug, kitchens constructed and areas generally tidied up. During the balance of the week trg was carried out in the Coy areas. Rifle Coys were instructed in the use of the 3" mortar, MMG, Morse and Semaphore, in addition to trg in their usual weapons. Interesting lectures were given in A/C and A/C recognition, AFV's, Arty Co-op and Tank Co-op.
- "I" WORK - Throughout the week the sec was mainly engaged in settling-in and erecting the "I" office. Normal routine work was carried out. Various reces were made for the purpose of locating suitable tracks in and out of the Bn area for MT use.
- INTERCOMM - Comms between Bn HQ and all Coys and between Bn HQ and 5 Bde were established immediately after arrival of Bn in DONADABU area. L/T being used. This system is still in operation.
- DEMONSTRATIONS - On Wednesday, 15 Jun, a bombing and straffing demonstration was given by the Air Force. In the morning the Bn was taken to a vantage point to observe the effect of bombing on LONG HILL area. In the afternoon tps were able to observe the effect of straffing on the same area.
- EXERCISES - On 20 Jun at 0900 hrs all Umpires who had been detailed for Battle Practice next week proceeded on recce to LONG HILL area accompanied by Maj SUTCH, 21/c, the chief umpire. At 1400 hrs all Offrs and NCO's were lectured by the CO on MORTAR HILL overlooking the ground on which the Battle exercises will take place. At the conclusion of the lecture all Offrs and NCO's carried out a recce of the ground. At 1400 hrs 17 Jun all Coy Comds, the Mortar and MGG. Offrs were exercised in the use of 108 WT sets and Map-reading under the direction of the CO, Adjt and IO. Brief outline of the plan of the exercise runs as follows, Bn HQ was established as a Control Sta at TRIG pt MT ROY ref UBRI 166391. Each Offr was accompanied by a sig carrying a 108 WT set and from the Control Sta they were directed to various points, working on Compass points. As they reached the posn directed they reported their Map ref to the Control point where they were given the next bearing and the distance required to march before reporting again.
- SCHOOLS - On 14 Jun the pioneer Pl commenced a School under the supervision of the Offrs of the 24 FD Coy Engrs. The School will last approx 2 weeks and is intended to instruct them in general engineering work. The School is being conducted in the former 9 Bn area. On 20 Jun L/Cpl HIGGINS "I" Sec marched out to attend NGF Intell School.
- LECTURES - On 17 Jun the CO lectured all Offrs on Operation Orders in sketch form.
- WORKS - A "Jeep" track is being recce'd and prepared in Bn area and also brs into Bn area.
- "I" Pers CHANGES - On 18 Jun the former I Sgt Mc LUCKIE was transferred back to I Sec after 3 months Rifle Coy experience. The A/I Sgt, L/Sgt BIRKBECK was transferred out to a Rifle Coy for experience.
- SPORTS - On 19 Jun, a SWIMMING Carnival was held in the river adjacent to Bn HQ. All Coys having representatives in the carnival. Prizes were donated to the winners of each event. HQ Coy winning.
- CHURCH PARADE - On 20 Jun at 0930 hrs was conducted in D Coy area for OPD personnel. The usual RC Parade was held in the 11 Fd Amb area and 25 Bn area. The remainder of the day was devoted to "make and mend".

Sgd M.W. RYAN. Lieut.



7 EDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 19

Compiled from info contained in NGF Summary No 125  
To be read in conjunction with 11 Div Summary No 97.

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

A ND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

LAND

The occupation of BURUI and MARUI is a further link in the chain of outposts apparently being forged by the enemy along the SEPIK River. In addition to covering approaches to WEWAK from the South, they would also be available as bases, should it be contemplated moving across the dividing ranges into the headwaters of the FLY River.

The choice of the SEPIK River as a Southern def perimeter for WEWAK is logical. It provides a natural barrier between the high ground to the North and the extensive swamp country to the South. In addition the river itself is a ready made Lof C for supplying outposts established along its course.

To date the Japanese have occupied MARIENBERG, ANGORAM and BURUI in strength. They have shown interest in KAPO KAPI and TIMBUNKE and further development of these areas can be soon expected.

It is noteworthy that all the above mentioned places are connected by good tracks to WEWAK.

There is evidence suggesting that the Jap tps in the fwd area at MUBO may once again have been relieved. Sightings by our OP's reveal that at least 550 tps moved into the fwd area between 27 May and 5 Jun. In the same period about 250 moved out.

If this is in fact a fresh Bn taking over we may anticipate a limited offensive, perhaps by one or two Coys within the next ten days.

Following the occupn of BOANA reported earlier, native report, as yet unconfirmed, says that 300 Japanese are moving up the BUSU to BOANA. In addition, it appears that an enemy force, of strength unknown, has moved South over the FINISTERRES and occupied KAIAPIT.

SEA

Numerous small ships have maintained a flow of supplies, and possibly reinforcements, reaching NEW GUINEA along its Northern coast.

Although the greater part of this traffic has been to WEWAK, the more significant movement has been the arrival on 5 Jun, of 5 vessels in the SEPIK River. This, following the recent activity reported in that area, suggests that a more rapid consolidation can now be anticipated.

A native report states that on night 25/26 May, 9 barges arrived at SALAMAU from RABAU. It is presumed that the movement would have been made along the North coast of NEW BRITAIN. Although unconfirmed, this report brings on the possibility that other tps have already reached this theatre in the same way, and that more may be expected in the future.

AIR

Light raids were made on WAU, MT HAGEN and ASALOKA, but otherwise the enemy has only continued his widespread reconnaissance.

OPERATIONS - LAND - ENEMY

SEPIK

The enemy has now moved into BURUI and MARUI in strength, and has occupied all available blgs in both places. An estimate, based only on known accomodation, suggests a minimum of 500 tps at these two places. They are said to be well equipped with arms, picks and shovels.

An old civilian road exists between MAPRIK and BURUI, and they may be engaged in improving this for overland comm between the two points.

There are landing fields in both places, and these are probably being put into operation also.

A native rumour says that two A/C recently landed at MARUI, or the river nearby. The contents are unknown, but were not food.

Distribution:-

- Copy No 1 9 Bn
- 2 25 Bn
- 3 41 Bn
- 4 2/5 Fd REGT
- 5-6 WAR DIARY
- 7 FILE

A/I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde. Lieut

APPX 34

Compiled from info contained in HQF Summary No 126  
to be read in conjunction with LI DIV Summary No 97

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

AND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

LAND

Much has been written about Jap consolidation along the North coast of NEW GUINEA. This has been followed by evidence of their intentions to exploit southwards, in particular through the RAMU Valley to link MADANG from LAE.

Since the fulfilment of this plan is somewhat jeopardised by allied occupation of the BENA BENA Plateau area, it is not surprising to find the enemy preparing immediate counter-measures.

Although it is not actually known with what strength, WESA, DUMPU and KAIAPIT have recently been occupied, it is possible that these could form bases for a three-pronged thrust against the plateau. The existence of a motor road from HANSA BAY South to YAULA provides facilities for the rapid transport of tps to carry out this offensive.

In view of the above, more reliance than usual may possibly be placed on native rumours from the WESA district of Jap intentions to attack KAUNANTU, BENABENA and M/T HAGEN.

The activity of a Jap pinnace reported proceeding up the KERAM River on 8 Jun, in addition to recon, was no doubt to prevent allied patrols using this likely approach to the SEPIK River area.

The enemy has further increased his strength around MUBO. Between 1330 and 1700 hrs 15 Jun, 405 addtl tps were counted arriving in the area. As further tps were reported following, it seems likely that at least 500 reinforcements may have been moved up, thus giving an estimated minimum strength of 1400 available at MUBO on night 15/16 Jun.

SEA

The first definite proof of the well-founded theory that supplies were being carried on submarines as deck cargo, has been received.

On 10 Jun, an enemy submarine carrying drums and cargo loaded in this manner was sighted on a southerly course near Cape ORFORD.

A further 22,000 tons of shipping has maintained the flow of supplies into WEWAK; otherwise observed movements of surface vessels have been very few.

AIR

Intensification of recones and raids in the BENA BENA area has characterised enemy air activity. This culminated on 14 Jun in a determined attack by 27 bombers and 30 fighters on KAINANTU AIYURA, BENA BENA, ASALOKA and GAROKA.

OPERATIONS ↗ LAND - ENEMY

DUALI-NASSAU BAY

The Japanese are in occupa from SALUS to Cape ROOM, which is the southern limit of their activity. The islands LASANGA, BATTERU and JAWANNI, formerly occupied, are now clear.

Probably only a few Japs are at SALUS Village, which appeared on 11 Jun to be in a state of disrepair.

DUALI Village is occupied, and def posns have been dug as wide the track inland. Natives state there are not many Japs there now, and that sickness is rife among them. Other posns are held around the mouth of the South arm of the BITOI, and in the vicinity of the track South to NASSAU BAY.

It is likely that only a small force is stationed on LABABIA Island. Small craft movement to and from the mainland still takes place.

Jap tps are living in the villages on the south shore of NASSAU I where many of the huts appear in poor condition. Other tps are inland among the hills, while a small det men a watching-post on the high ground at Cape DINGA.

Native gardens exist along the south arm of the BITOI one and a half miles from the coast, and these are being well tended & an unknown number of Japs live in the vicinity.

### BENA BENA

There has been plenty of addtl evidence during the past week of the Japanese threat to the BENA BENA Plateau.

Native reports from ATEMBLE are that a Jap patrol has moved down the KERAM River to a point 5 hrs journey from ANNANBERG on the RAMU. In the wet season, vessels of three feet draught can move down the KERAM to a point opposite ANNANBERG, from which it is only an hours walk.

Other new points in which the enemy has shown interest are DENGARAGU, DUMPU and ONGA.

An aerial recon was made of DENGARAGU, where there is a small landing ground, on 8 Jun. This village is 15 miles NNE of CHIMBU, and commands the routes to CHIMBU from GUIEBI and BUNDI.

Police boys have reported that large numbers of the enemy are at DUMPU. There are no indications from what direction they come, but it is possible they are from MADANG.

On 9 Jun, a report from ONGA (12 miles SW of KAIAPIT) stated that an enemy force, strength unknown was moving towards that village from KAIAPIT. ONGA is on the main track to AIYURA and KAINANTU. ~~is~~

Reliable reports show that the enemy is still in occupn of KAIAPIT in some strength. A/C crews which strafed the area on 15 Jun stated that the St there appeared serviceable, and that extensive burning-off had been carried out. Stacks of rifles were seen, and many native huts in course of construction. BOANA Strip appeared unserviceable.

From Native sources comes a strong rumour that large numbers of J tps are at WESA, and that they have stated their intentions of attacking KAINANTU BENA and Mt HAGEN. Hostile natives have been impeding our efforts to make arecce of WESA.

Meanwhile our patrols on the Plateau have been active, and one which reached Mt Hagen on 10 Jun reported the HAGEN and OGELENG airfields ready for use.

In addition to land activity, the enemy has stepped up his air effort, and in addition to recon's over DENGARAGU, BENA, GAROKA, ASALOKA and KAINANTU, has bombed and strafed BENA, KAINANTU and AIYURA, the two latter places on several occasions.

### HOLLANDIA

There are indications that the enemy may intend linking his NE and NW NEW GUINEA bases. Building activity has been noticed at TAWANMERAH Bay, 30 miles WNW of HOLLANDIA, and aerial photos reveal that the airfield on INSOEMOEAR Island (WAKDE GP, 108 miles WNW of HOLLANDIA) appears ready for operational use.

Near SARMI (on the mainland 20 miles WNW of WAKDE Is) there is a large clearing on which tents have been erected.

### SEA - ENEMY

#### KAVIENG

The only ships reported during the week were a 1000 ton cargo vessel and a Coaster which were photographed on 15 Jun.

#### HUMBOLDT BAY

A 5,000 ton armed merchantman, a Gun-boat and two small U.I. vessels were sighted in HUMBOLDT BAY (off HOLLANDIA) on 13 Jun. The merchantman was bombed and may possibly have been sunk.

Headquarters

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE

BARGE ACTIVITY

Natives have stated that barges from WEWAK reach HANSA BAY daily dawn and depart for MADANG at dusk. HANSA BAY is known to be a large supply and personnel base, and is important as a link in the chain of staging points between WEWAK and LAE.

On the night of 12 Jun, during the course of a special search for enemy traffic along the Coast of NE NEW GUINEA, 6 loaded barges were sighted 6 miles South of FINSCHHAPEN, moving South. The next night, 3 barges, also loaded were sighted beached at Cape GERHARDS, 14 miles East of HOPOI.

AIR - OWN

AIRCRAFT ON RECCE

On 13 Jun one LIBERATOR bombed and strafed a 2/4,000 ton tpt in HUMBOLDT BAY. Two direct hits and one near miss were scored and fires were started.

WAU - BULOLO

A/C which were from time to time observed landing and re-fuelling at LAE were probably those which carried out an extensive search of the WAU theatre on 12 Jun. 4 A/C flew over WAU and BULOLO at 1112 hrs about the same time another A/C investigated our L of C between BALLANS and SUMMIT before going on to circle MUEO. At 1225 hrs 2 A/C reced WAMPIT. Another A/C twice circled Mt NGAROHENO, which was inspected again the following day. WAU and BULOLO were reced 13 Jun.

*Paterson* Lieut.  
A/I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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Headquarters

Subject: DRLS TRAFFIC

(Extract from CSO NGF Memo X 634/42 of 4 Jun 43)  
( as applicable to this formation. )

J Sec Sigs, H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde

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In order to clarify the situation regarding the handling of D.R.L.S. traffic generally and in particular those despatches for the mainland, the following points should be brought to the notice of all concerned.

2. Existing arrangements for the handling of D.R.L.S. despatches to the mainland will stand. All such despatches are to be passed to the Sigr at HQ NGF.
3. The services which are available in NEW GUINEA for the forwarding of despatches to AUSTRALIA are as follows:-
  - (a) Safe Hand - Through GS (I).
  - (b) DRLS - Through signals - may be air or other means.
  - (c) Direct Bag - Through army posts by express means.
  - (d) Normal Postal Service - Through Army Posts by surface means.
4. Signals are responsible only for the handling of despatches specifically marked "By DRLS" and franked by an officer, and unless so marked, despatches will not be accepted by the signal office.

*Alan J. Park* Capt.  
O.C. J Sec Signals.

25 Jun 43

1. PURPOSE This instn governs trg to be carried out during for night ending 11 Jul.

2. NATURE OF TRG Emphasis will continue to be placed on
- (a) Co-operation with arty, tks and air force incl battle practices.
  - (b) Comd and Signal exercises to improve efficiency in preparation of appreciations and orders and passing of messages.
  - (c) Participation by all in organised sport.
  - (d) Advanced trg of pnrns under bde arrangements will continue until 4 Jul. Pnrns will then be used to instruct rifle coys in lessons learned.

3. ALLOCATION OF TIME

| <u>Nature of Trg</u>             | <u>Hrs Allotted</u> |                       |                    |                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                                  | <u>First Week</u>   |                       | <u>Second Week</u> |                       |
|                                  | <u>25 Bn</u>        | <u>9 &amp; 61 Bns</u> | <u>25 Bn</u>       | <u>9 &amp; 61 Bns</u> |
| (a) Drill                        | 3                   | 3                     | 3                  | 3                     |
| (b) Weapons                      | 6                   | 6                     | 6                  | 6                     |
| (c) Arty co-op battle practice   | 6(x)                | -                     | -                  | 6                     |
| (d) One day coy exercise         | -                   | 6                     | 6                  | -                     |
| (e) Comd & Sig exercise (offrs)  | -                   | 6                     | 6                  | -                     |
| (f) Revision - minor inf tactics | 6(x)                | 6                     | 6                  | 6                     |
| (g) Assault course               | 3                   | 3                     | 3                  | 3                     |
| (h) Organised sport              | 9                   | 9                     | 9                  | 9                     |
| (i) Demonstration of 25 pdr gun  | 3                   | 3                     | -                  | -                     |
| (j) Lecturettes and discussions  | -                   | -                     | 3                  | 3                     |

(x) 2 coys 25 Bn will do an additional 6 hours arty co-op on 30 Jun, see para 4(c). These coys will omit 6 hrs on revision of minor inf tactics in the first week.

4. SPECIAL INSTNS

(a) Drill  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr per day for 4 days and one pde 1 hr.

One bn pde with close order drill will be held each week, to be notified in syllabus. It may be desirable to have this pde at a time when Bde Sports Ground is available. In some cases drill movements are not nearly smart enough and the standard attained during the period when guards were mounted daily must be retained. Any tendency to slackness in drill or turnout will be strongly suppressed.

(b) Weapons Continue with work laid down in Trg Instn No 20. Special attention to be given to rifle instn for the bad shots, incl personnel of Bn HQ and HQ Coy. Units will give special attention to cooks, batmen and clerks in this respect.

Trg amn will be wasted if there is not thorough drill beforehand in basic lessons of handling and aiming. Thorough range discipline and coaching of all personnel will be observed during

(Over)

range practices.

Arrangements will be made between units for use by 25 Bn of 9 Bn and 61 Bn ranges, and requirements will be advised in weekly request for use of ranges.

(c) Arty Co-op Battle Practice One full day exercise will be conducted in this period by 2 coys at a time with bn weapons attached. The exercise will comprise an approach march and attack using ball amn and with arty support. The proposed time table is as follows:-

|         |                |                                    |
|---------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 30 Jun. | 25 Bn, 2 coys, | preliminary exercise without fire. |
| 1 Jul   | 25 Bn, 2 coys. | Full scale battle practice         |
| 2 "     | " "            | " "                                |
| 5 "     | 61 Bn          | " "                                |
| 6 "     | "              | " "                                |
| 8 "     | 9 Bn           | " "                                |
| 9 "     | "              | " "                                |

(d) One Day Coy Exercise

Detailed plan and instns will be issued separately.

Recent observation of Coy battle practices has shown that much time is absorbed in recce and the issue of orders before deployment of tps commences. It is, of course, necessary that the proper procedure be gone through for trg purposes, and the normal battle drill be followed, but the requirements of jungle warfare must be kept in mind. It will often be necessary to meet a given tactical situation by an automatic deployment which has been practised in trg for a variety of situations. In such cases the time available for recce and issue of orders may be very limited.

Units will prepare exercises designed primarily to practise junior comds in rapid appreciations, orders and deployment of tps. A suggested scheme is to send a coy off on a route with a sealed order to be opened at a given point or to be delivered by an umpire at an unexpected place. The order might give infm of enemy occupation a short time before of a nearby commanding feature and require the coy to make an attack before the enemy can consolidate. Further on, an order might be given to occupy a defensive posn against a superior Jap force expected to make contact very soon.

The object should be to train to a point where a coy can make an attack or occupy a defensive posn in an emergency in not more than 20 minutes.

(e) Comd and Sig Exercises for Offrs During the fortnight one full day will be given to this trg as described in Trg Instn No 20. Cases still occur of stodginess, lack of preparation and system for giving and receiving orders and for making appreciations, and of faulty signal and message procedure.

Such weaknesses will cause serious loss of time in battle and confusion results when excessive time taken higher up leaves insufficient time to get infm down to the man. Offrs must be trained to be as efficient in these directions as tps are with their personal weapons.

(f) Revision - Minor Infantry Tactics. Normally this subject will NOT be given special time as every coy or bn exercise should be regarded as also giving trg in pl and sec and sec gp tactics, and offrs will see that these aspects are NOT neglected. However, 6 hours will be devoted each week to detailed instn in simple, carefully

prepared exercises to revise pl and sec tactics in attack and defence, (ref Inf Minor Tactics, 1941, Chaps XVIII and XIX).

Errors made in recent exercises will be dealt with. It is important that minor tactics should not become stereotyped along lines which suit only one particular type of country. For example, in a recent battle practice attacking over open country, there was a tendency in some cases to maintain intervals between men more suited to jungle country; covered approaches were not always used where they should have been; LMGs were employed wastefully shooting from the hip on the line of advance when they could have been used far better from a flank fired from the bipod from behind cover, or from behind tree trunks; SMGs were fired at impossible ranges without regard for effectiveness or conservation of amm which will often have to be carried long distances and will therefore never be plentiful.

All our fighting will NOT necessarily be in jungle and every situation must be considered separately and the appropriate tactics employed.

(g) Assault Course 3 periods of 1 hr each. All tps should now be going through in battle order.

(h) Organised Sport (ref 7 Bde memo of 18 Jun).

Round 1 finishes 3 Jul.

Point scores of coys in round 1 and coys to represent units for various events in Bde finals will be notified to this HQ by 1800 hrs 3 Jul.

Bde Sports Ground is allotted as follows:-

|        | <u>a.m.</u> | <u>p.m.</u> |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| 28 Jun | 9 Bn        | 25 Bn       |
| 29 "   | 61 Bn       | 11 Fd Amb   |
| 30 "   | 2/1 Pnr Bn  | 2/5 Fd Regt |
| 1 Jul  | 25 Bn       | 9 Bn        |
| 2 "    | 2/5 Fd Regt | Bde HQ      |
| 3 "    | 61 Bn       | 2/1 Pnr Bn  |

(i) Demonstration of 25 Pdr Gun In warfare in the S.W.P.A. arty gun lines and inf may often be more closely associated on the ground than is the case in open undulating country. Emergency situations may arise when 25 pdr guns may have to be fired over open sights at short ranges and be maintained in such action when gun crews have suffered heavy casualties. To provide for such cases infantry will progressively be instructed in characteristics of the gun, loading and firing drill.

Each unit will send a total of 4 offr and 36 ORs for instn on the 25 pdr gun as follows:-

|        |            |             |
|--------|------------|-------------|
| 28 Jun | 9 Bn (20)  | 25 Bn (20)  |
| 29 "   | 61 Bn (40) |             |
| 1 Jul  | 9 Bn (20)  | 25 Bn (20). |

Time 0845 - 1145 hrs

Place 9 Bn personnel

25 Bn "

61 Bn "

HQ 9 Bty

HQ 10 Bty

20 to 9 Bty, 20 to 10 Bty.

(Over)



(j) Lecturettes and Discussions It is again stressed that personnel given the special opportunity to attend exercises and demonstrations with arms and services must be used to pass this infm on throughout their units. In selecting personnel to attend demonstrations men will be chosen who can make a good report and give lecturettes on what they have learned.

Offrs attending tk or arty tactical exercises outside DONADABU area will write reports on same for the infm of their Units and copies will be forwarded to Bde HQ.

5. TRG AREAS

Trg areas for paras 4 (d) and 4 (f) will be as follows, except that trg will NOT be carried out South of grid 39.

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| 9 Bn  | C area |
| 25 Bn | A "    |
| 61 Bn | B "    |

ACK.

Signed at 1150 hrs

Issued by L.O.

*Arthur Lowndes*

Capt  
B.M. (Lr) 7 Aust Inf Bde

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APPX 37

25 Aust Inf Bn  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 12

FOR PERIOD ENDING 0600 hrs 26 Jun 43  
7 Aust Inf Bde

OPERATIONAL Air Raid RED 21 Jun 2310 to 0059 22Jun.

MOVEMENTS

At 0900 hrs 19 Jun Maj C.S. WEBSTER (Adm Comd) and Maj WJE JACKSON (2i/c) and 1 pers left on recce LONG HILL for purpose of Battle practice returning 1150 hrs. On 20 Jun Lieut EL SCHLYDER left to attend Hygiene Course NCF returning 24 Jun. At 0630 21 Jun Maj WEBSTER and Capt MATHISON left for 2/8 Armd Regt MORESBY to attend Co-op exercise and returned 1800 hrs. On 21 Jun, 29 Tpt drivers (TG<sup>2</sup> and TG<sup>3</sup>) and two Sgt Cooks were marched out to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp. At 0700 hrs 25 Jun Maj WEBSTER left for MORESBY to attend Tank Co-op exercise at 2/8 Tank Armd Regt. At 0715 25 Jun, Capt EG WHITE Adj, Lieut SCHLYDER, Capt JUST, Lieut BAKER, Lieut GREEN and 15 or's left for MORESBY to attend inspection of airfields and types of Allied A/C, aspects of Air Force organisation and types of bombs, and returned at 1915 hrs. At 0930 25 Jun, two Cooks (TG<sup>2</sup>) moved out to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp. Dispersal of Bn completed 24 Jun. Location HQ Coy and D Coy biv areas no 177407 and 179407 respectively.

PATROLS Nil

FIELD WORKS

On 21 Jun, 15 pl were engaged in constructing targets and boats. On 23 Jun, one NCO and 8 or's D Coy were engaged in erecting Coy Mess Hut whilst 6 or's engaged in constructing targets. On 24 Jun, one NCO and 12 or's were engaged in constructing boats. On 25 Jun, No 4 pl again engaged in erection of kitchen in HQ Coy area. Road party (5 NCO's 32 or's) u/c Lieut JUTSUM engaged in road work ROUNA FALLS. Work yet to be completed.

INTERCOMM

Comm to Coy biv areas is good. On 24 Jun a Comd and Sig exercise was held and results were satisfactory. L/T and R/T were used and good results obtained. On 25 Jun, the pl supplied Comd for the Battle Practice. R/T was maintained between Bn HQ and STOKES HILL and L/T from STOKES HILL to LONG HILL with good results. The trg of reserv sigs is progressing satisfactorily. One switchboard 10 line U and 3 R/T sets have been returned to Ordnance for repairs.

EXERCISES

No 5 pl attended Bde School of Engineering. Gen trg included organised sports, signalling, (semaphore) assault course, passing of orders and infm, JD, Bayonet, lectures on Tk A 2 pr, outline of activities in NEW GUINEA and NEW BRITAIN, hygiene.

On 24 Jun all Offrs and No 1 pl carried out Comd and Sig exer to exercise Comds down to and incl pl Comds in battle procedure receipt and issue orders, use of talk in taking down orders, passing of messages and infm and L/T and R/T procedure.

On 25 Jun B and D Coys engaged in Battle Practice area LONG HILL and STOKES HILL to exercise Coys in firing in the field and moving under cover of fire from MMG, LMG and Mortar. A and C Coys will also carry out practice 26 Jun.

MAPPING

Lecture on Map reading given to SB's. On 23/24 Jun 2 I pers reported to Bde HQ for mapping duties. Further trg in adding details to enlargements, plotting posn on map was carried out. At Comd and Sigs exercise 24 Jun pers obtained trg in plotting Battle posn.

MORALE

Good

RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE : Nil

Sgd Capt E.G. WHITE  
Adj, 25 Aust Inf Bn.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
(For week ended 25 Jun)

TRAINING

BDE JUNGLE RANGE 21 Jun A Coy  
22 Jun B And D Coy  
BN FIRING RANGE 21 Jun C Coy  
22 Jun B Coy  
BN ASSAULT COURSE  
23 Jun D Coy  
24 Jun A Coy  
BATTLE PRACTICE 23 Jun A and B Coy  
24 Jun C and D Coy

"I" WORK

The Coys spent the remainder of the week trg as per syllabus in their own areas. During the week the sectin completed a map of the DONADABU trg area area 4" to 1 milw. A tracing of this map was made and forwarded to 7 Bde. On 23 Jun and 24 JUN, 3 members of the I Sec established an O.P. on MORTAR HILL overlooking the area on which the Battle Practice was being carried out. As each Coy went into action on their respective days, infm was relayed from the O.P. back to Bn HQ by means of L/T, and a Disposn Map was gradually built up back at BN HQ. By this means the Sec received excellent trg in OP work and the passing back of infm. An "I" tent has been erected in every Coy area and personnel from Coys have been occupied making traces of maps of the SWPA. These tracings together with Maps will be pinned on boards in the Coy "I" tent and infm will be marked on them from SITREPS supplied by the "i" office. Comms are carried out by L/T

INTERCOMNSCHOOLS

Pioneer Pl School under supervision of 24 Fd Coy continues.

LECTURES.

Lectures were held by CO on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. from 1800 to 1900 hrs. The CO lectured on "Messages and Verbal Orders" and "Map reading". All Offrs and NCO's attended.

DEMONSTRATIONS

On 21 Jun the 2/i/c, Maj SUTCH accompanied by Capt BEECH and Lieut SWAN witnessed a demonstration in the MORESBY area of a Coy of Inf with Tk and Arty support.

On 25 Jun the CO attended the 2/8 Armd Regt Inf and Tank Co-op exercise held in the MORESBY area. The CO could not remain there for the whole period, consequently the 2 i/c left for MORESBY to represent the CO for the remainder of the exercise.

SPORTS

On 25 Jun an Inter-Coy Sports Day was held. The sports were held on the Bde Sports Ground.

Sgd MW RYAN Lieut  
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

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61 Aust Inf Bn

Subject; WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (For week ending 25 Jun 43)

Ref Map UBERI 1" to 1 Mile

OPERATIONAL

Nil

(2) DEMONSTRATION

Maj BICKS, Lieuts O'KEEFE, HENDERSON and O'CALLAGHAN attended with Tank exhibition at BOERA.

(3) MOVEMENTS

24 Jun B Coy moved out to MORESEY TILL 24 Jun to practice Ops in Co-op with Tanks.

25 Jun Lt-Col A. MELDRUM and Lieut STANLEY moved to MORESEY to attend Tank Co-op exercises. Map ref Moresby 1" 914418.

(4) ACCIDENTS

During Battle practice on LONG HILL on afternoon 21 Jun Lieut McINTYRE and Pte MASON (of C Coy) accidentally wounded by shrapnel. Both evacuated to hospital.

(5) MAPPING

Enlargement of area ABIDARI-MORTONS - BELABEE -KARAKATA with addtl info taken from 9 Bn map.

(6) EXERCISE

21-22 Jun, Battle practice on LONG HILL by each Coy supported by Mortar and MMG's ref 189393. Far too much time taken in appreciation and issue of orders. Better use could be made of Gren. Some tps shy of supporting fire on flanks and require more trg of this nature.

B Coy at MORESEY practising Ops in Co-op with tanks.

(7) PATROLS

Nil

(8) RECCE

Recce by Intell Sec of DONADABU - MARIANE - EBADREDIE - WYRAROWA area.

(9) APPOINTMENTS

25 Jun Lieuts ADAM and McKELLAR arrived to take up appointments with D and C Coys respectively.

(10) INTERCOMN

Satisfactory

(11) COURSES

20 Jun one "I" man on course at NGF.  
23 Jun Lieut CLARKSON on Hygiene course at NGF.

(12) LECTURES

"I" Sec lectures to HQ Coy on Map-reading.

(13) MORALE

Good.

Sgd A. LAWSON Capt  
Adjnt 61 Aust Inf Bn.

Serial No. 26

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. ....

W.E. Reference A.M.F. 11/2/3 (Tropical)

Date 26 Jun 43.

W.E. 17 X 63

Attached HQ 7 AUSTR INF BDE. Unit

Allowed by W.E. .... X

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

| 1                          | 2  | 3                        | 4   |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks and W.E.             | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment) |
| *<br>Brigadiers * <u>1</u> | <u>1</u>   | <u>•</u>                 | <u>•</u>  |
| Lieut.-Colonels ..         | <u>-</u>   | <u>•</u>                 | <u>2</u>  |
| Majors ..                  | <u>9</u>   | <u>1</u>                 | <u>1</u>  |
| Captains .. X ..           | <u>5</u>   | <u>•</u>                 | <u>1</u>  |
| Lieutenants ..             |  |                          |   |
| 2nd Lieutenants ..         |  |                          |   |
| Quartermasters ..          |  |                          |   |
| Totals .. <u>17</u>        | <u>14</u>  | <u>1</u>                 | <u>4</u>  |

X - includes chaplains 4th class

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

### Officers JOINED during week

| Rank     | Name  | Unit or Corps  | Date           | Cause   |
|----------|---|----------------|----------------|---|
| Chaplain | <u>COUPE G.J.C. QX40847</u>                       | <u>AA CH D</u> | <u>10/6/43</u> | <u>Taken on strength from 2/8 Aust Armd Regt.</u> |
|          | <u>(unavoidably omitted from W3008 of 12 Jun)</u> |                |                |   |

### Officers QUITTED during week

| Rank       | Name  | Unit or Corps             | Date           | Cause                         |
|------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Chaplain   | <u>FILIER G.C. QX15809</u>                        | <u>AA CH D</u>            | <u>10/6/43</u> | <u>To 2/8 Aust Armd Regt.</u> |
|            | <u>(unavoidably omitted from W3008 of 12 Jun)</u> |                           |                |                               |
| Lieut Capt | <u>FOSTER J.H.A. QX36181</u>                      | <u>HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.</u> | <u>25/6/43</u> | <u>To "X" List - 2/9 AGH</u>  |

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

| Rank | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)) |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---|
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
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Table F SECONDED OFFICERS NIL

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Table G OFFICERS IN TRANSIT NIL

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Table H OFFICERS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL

| 1                         | 2        | 3       | 4        | 5  | 6                            |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|----------|--|------------------------------|
| Sub Rank & Higher if held | Army No. | Surname | Initials | Medical establishment to which evacuated | Date of evacuation from unit |
| Capt Lieut                | QX36181  | FOSTER  | J.H.A.   | 2/9 AGH                                  | 25/6/43                      |

Table I VISITING AND INSPECTING OFFICERS NIL

Table J OFFICERS NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH Not applicable

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 | Appointment | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| 1st Lieut   | 222002          | WIND J.           | Comd        | yes  |  |
| 1st Lieut   | 2270799         | LOUNDES A.G.      | R.M.(I)     | "  |  |
| "   | 2240282         | WILKS A.A.        | S.O.        | "  |  |
| "   | 2235561         | JOHN J.B.         | S.O.(I)     | "  |  |
| "   | 221661          | MATHIAS R.D.      | T.O.        | no   | course no. 9, HQ school of MI.               |
| "   | 2210020         | ROBERTSON C.M.    | S.O.        | yes  |  |
| "   | 2235745         | PATERSON J.S.     | L.O.II      | "  |  |
| "   | 2244325         | MILGAM R.R.       | L.O.III     | "  |  |
| "   | 2233134         | WOOD L.A.         | AMON O.     | "  |  |
| "   | 22127324        | MORE E.O.         | EVE O.      | "  |  |
| "   | 2215277         | FRANK F.A.        | BASCO       | "  |  |
| 1st Lieut   | 2240847         | COOPER C.J.C.     | S.M.        | no   |  |
| "   | 2211422         | ROBINSON J.M.     | 85 M.       | "  |  |
| "   | 2214282         | MCCULLOUGH H.     | 61 M.       | "  |  |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | Date of Attachment | Nature of Attachment | Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No) |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1st Lieut   | 2247340         | SMITH C.R.        | 1150          |                    | In charge            | no                                 |
| "   | 2224492         | HAINES P.R.       | 24 rd coy.    |                    | temp duty            | "                                  |
| Hon Capt  | B3/179          | PEDERSEN E.B.     | Salv Army     |                    | Salv Army duty       | "                                  |

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
(Unit)

For: *[Signature]* Capt.  
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
(Signature of Commander)

26 Jun 43.  
(Date of Despatch)

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





**Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.**

| DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS,<br>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. |          | TOTAL  |
| Bricklayers                                      |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |  |
| Butchers   |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |  |
| Carpenters and Joiners                           |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |  |
| Clerks   | 7                        |                  |                    |                 |           | 1         |                         | 1                       |                 |                  |                    | 1         | 1         |                         | 2        | Sergeantry (educ.) vacancy to be held open pending appt of educ. offr. |
| 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.   | 1                        |                  |                    |                 |           | 1         |                         | 1                       |                 |                  |                    | 1         |           |                         | 1        | To be adjusted within the unit   |
| General Duty Personnel                           |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         |                         |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         |          |  |
| TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) |                          |                  |                    |                 |           |           |                         | 2                       |                 |                  |                    |           |           |                         | 3        |  |

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
Unit.

*For* *A. Boyle* Capt.  
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 26 Jun 43.

11 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>Cpls.</u>   | <u>Ptes.</u>  |
|--------------|---------------|---|--|---|
| 1 - BOWO     | 1 - Clerk     | 4 - 1 Tpt Sgt.<br>1 Clerk<br>1 Armourer | 4 - 1 Tpt<br>1 Cook<br>1 AAMC<br>1 Draughtsman<br>(Intell) | 22 - 1 Intell Duties<br>7 Batmen<br>10 Drs MT<br>1 Cook<br>1 sig orderly<br>1 General duties<br>1 Mech MT |

Total - 32

27 Jun 43

7 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE NO 22PART 1GENERAL INSTNS FOR EXERCISE

Ref Maps : UBERI 1:63360 Standard Series NG.  
Enlargement, GRIMUNUMJ area, scale 200 yds to 1 in.

1. Time and Place

7 Aust Inf Bde Exercise No 22 will be held on the GRIMUNUMJ TRACK on 'D' Days between 1 - 10 Jul as listed below, under the direction of Brig. J. FIELD D.S.O. Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde.

2. Object

To conduct a battle practice for a bn with arty support in an attack against hastily organized defence.

(See Ops MTP 23 Part IX The Infantry Division in the Attack and FSR Vol 11 1935, Chap VI Sec 57, General Conduct of the Attack).

3. Lessons

(a) "In attack infantry must take full advantage of arty support by getting as close to the fall of shells as is safely possible. When the barrage or concentration "lifts" they will then be able to close with the enemy before he has time to recover." Infantry Minor Tactics 1941 p 52 para 3)

(b) "If resources are inadequate for a barrage, concentrations must be used. It will often be advisable for guns to search the area, thus, in effect, making a series of small barrages covering the most likely areas of enemy resistance." (Ops MTP 23 Part IX, p 46 para 5).

4. Tps Taking Part

Each exercise will be carried out by one inf bn less 2 coys with 1 bty of arty in support. It will be assumed that the bn will attack with 2 coys fwd and 2 coys in reserve but not represented.

5. 'D' Day

|        |                        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 30 Jun | 25 Aust Inf Bn, 2 coys | Preliminary exercise without fire. |
| 1 Jul  | 25 Aust Inf Bn, 2 coys | Exercise with fire.                |
| 2 "    | " "                    | "                                  |
| 5 "    | 61 " "                 | "                                  |
| 6 "    | " "                    | "                                  |
| 8 "    | 9 " "                  | "                                  |
| 9 "    | " "                    | "                                  |

6. F.O.Os.

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 9 Bn | A and B Tp Comds, 9 Bty 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. |
| 25 " | C " D " " 10 "                            |
| 61 " | E " F " " 55 "                            |

(Over)

F.O.Os will report to inf units on relevant D-1 day at 1600 hrs and will live with the unit until completion of exercise.

### 7. UMPIRES

Chief Umpire : Capt A.G. LOWNDES HQ 7 Aust Inf Dde

Senior Umpires : with 9 Bn: Maj. W.J.E. JACKSON 25 Bn  
 " 25 Bn: Maj. H.J. WILES 61 Bn  
 " 61 Bn: Maj. A.J.W. SUTCH 9 Bn

In addition, each unit will provide for its own exercise from coys not participating, 2 offrs as umpires with coy comds and 6 NCOs as umpires with pls.

### 8. Conferences

| Ser | Date   | Time          | Place  | Purport   | To Attend  |
|-----|--------|---------------|--------|---|--|
| 1   | 29 Jun | 1100          | Bde HQ | Director's Preliminary; explanation of exercise; instns to umpires. | All COs (incl arty), senior umpires, bty comds.      |
| 2   | 10 Jul | To be advised | Bde HQ | Director's Final.   | Senior Umpires<br>All COs, 2 i/cs, adjts, coy comds. |

### 9. Arm

(a) Arm. For each day's exercise, arm will be available on the following scale:-

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| .303" SAA            | 4800 rds |
| 9 mm (SMG)           | 1440 "   |
| 2" Mortar HE         | 24 "     |
| 2" " Smoke           | 36 "     |
| Grenades 36 M, 4 sec | 100      |
| " " 7 "              | 18       |
| 3" Mortar HE         | 85 "     |
| 3" " Smoke           | 50 "     |
| 25 pdr HE            | 240 "    |
| " " Smoke            | 25 "     |

(b) Tpt 3" Mortars and arm will be carried in jungle carts, with some borrowed, if necessary, from other inf bns. Tk A pl personnel will be employed as extra mortar and arm numbers.

(c) Safety Precautions Units will make own arrangements for supervision of unused arm and individual safety precautions within unit.

Senior umpires and FOOs will carry pistols sig. The signal for immediate cessation of all fire will be red-red-red. The local signal for cessation of all inf fire will be a bugle call. Units carrying out exercise will arrange for a bugler to report to senior umpire at 0800 hrs or as required by him.

Bde Pro Det will supply safety guards at ref 189355 and 203360 to stop any movement along MAHENUMU and KARAKATANA tracks. Times between which they will be required to be in position will be advised by units to Staff Capt, 7 Bde, by 1700 hrs on D-1.

There will be no firing of any kind on any point SOUTH of GRIMUNUMU during this exercise.

(d) Personnel to Participate

Allcoys and HQs participating will be made up to full establishment of offrs. Sub-units will be at maximum strength on the exercise, only lt duty personnel remaining in coy area.

10. Special Factor

For the purposes of the exercise, conditions of light will be ignored and the attack timed to fit in with arrangements for a one-day exercise.

PART II

NARRATIVE

(For purposes of the scheme the road FLEET ST - EILOGO HOMESTEAD - KARAKATANA is assumed to continue SOUTH to the coast)

1. A JAP force landed on the SOUTH coast of NG had seized KARAKATANA airfield (2134) and pushed forward along the EILOGO ROAD as far as FLEET ST, where their advance was checked by 75 Aust Inf Bde. The Div Comd then allotted to 7 Aust Inf Bde the role of pushing the enemy back and capturing the airfield.

Bde Comd has allotted one bn to the left flank and it has advanced SOUTH to the southern boundary of EILOGO PLANTATION about 220372 where it is held up by strong opposition. Two bns are allotted to the right flank and are to move from DONADABU via GRIMUNUMU (1836) to drive the enemy from the airfield at KARAKATANA.

2. On the morning of D-1 day a firm base has been established at DONADABU and the bridge across the LALOKI R at ref 177391 had been captured intact. Our advance elements had driven back small enemy patrols south of EILOGO CK and then encountered strong opposition and suffered casualties from enemy positions on high ground at ref 188376. Reports from recce by 4 AC Sqn RAAF indicated that this locality was being developed with trenches and fieldworks. The pilots of recce aircraft reported that enemy movement was seen on the track KARAKATANA - GRIMUNUMU. NO air photographs were obtained.

3. 2/10 Aust Indep Coy under comd had been sent SOUTH through WYRAROWA (1737) on the WEST bank of LALOKI R. No enemy was encountered but the river was in high flood and any crossings would be very difficult. Enemy tps were seen moving through GRIMUNUMU but defensive posns seemed to be confined to the ridge further NORTH where some digging had been observed.

4. 2/5 Aust Fd Regt less one bty is under comd and, a firm base having been established, a recce has been ordered for a bty posn along the EILOGO ROAD from which support could be given to the fwd bn on either flank.

(Over)

PART III

OPENING SITUATION

1. At 0630 hrs 'D' day Bde Comd met CO 'X' bn at LONG HILL (190393) and, handing him an enlarged map of the GRIMUNUMU area, said:-
2. "The JAPS have taken up a defensive position at about 188376 on the north end of the long spur which leads to GRIMUNUMU and dominates the only good approach to KARAKATANA from this flank. A Coy of 'Y' bn has patrols out and reports that all enemy are cleared north of the main defensive position. There are probably at least 2 coys dug in on that spur. They seem to have their full complement of automatic weapons and grenade dischargers. Some refugee natives have come in and our ANGAU man says they say they saw 2000 Japs on the KARAKATANA track but you know what native arithmetic is.
3. "You will attack and drive him from the defended localities on the spur. Limit of exploitation will be track junc 192369. I want you to attack as soon as you can before he can dig in too much and so that we can push on.
4. "Z bty 2/5 Fd Regt is under your comd from 0700 hrs. They are moving to a position near the road junc at 206406 and should be there by 0800 hrs. The FC will be at your HQ by now. You know the difficulties of gun amm supply in jungle warfare and I think you should make a careful assessment of the ground occupied by the enemy so that your initial concentrations will deal with possible defiladed MGs. After that it is a matter for fire by observation as directed by FOOs.
5. "Bde HQ will remain at its present posn ref 174397 until your attack is finished. This is the only map I can give you and there are no air photographs."
6. Problem As C.O. 'X' bn, carry out your task.

*Arthur Lowndes*  
Capt  
P.M.(Lr) 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Signed at 1730 hrs  
Issued by L.O.

Distribution

Maps

|                  |    |             |         |                  |
|------------------|----|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Comd             | 1  | J Sec Sigs  | 34      | One copy to      |
| P.M.             | 2  | 11 Aust Div | 35 - 36 |                  |
| P.M.(Lr)         | 3  | 4 War Diary | 37 - 38 | P.M.(Lr)         |
| S.C.             | 5  | File        | 39      | 2/5 Aust Fd Regt |
| Staff            | 6  | 8 Spare     | 40 - 45 | 9 Aust Inf Bn    |
| Senior Umpires   | 9  | 11          |         | 25 Aust Inf Bn   |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt | 12 | 15          |         | 61 Aust Inf Bn   |
| 9 Aust Inf Bn    | 16 | 21          |         | 11 Aust Div      |
| 25 " " "         | 22 | 27          |         |                  |
| 61 " " "         | 28 | 33          |         |                  |

War Diary

APPX #2

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

28 Jun 43

'G'

177. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS IN OPERATIONAL AREAS Attention of all units is directed to G.R.O. G 455/43.

178. ARTILLERY RANGE The following area is declared an arty range and will be out of bounds to all personnel NOT authorised by this HQ 28 Jun - 10 Jul. Ref map UBERI 1 inch bounded 2140, 2137, 2333, 1533, 1539, 1839, 1940.

179. SCHOOLS AND COURSES Attention of units is directed to 11 Aust Div R.O. 237/43.

*L. Boyd*  
Capt  
for B.M. 7 Aust Inf Bde

'A & Q'

180. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PARACHUTES The continuous delivery of supplies and ammunition to certain forward areas is dependent on the quick return to Ordnance after use of parachutes supply dropping. The maintenance of fighting troops in the forward areas is being jeopardized by "souveniring" of parachutes.

2. Any member of the Allied Forces who has now or at any time here after has in his possession without lawful authority any parachute or part of a parachute will immediately return it to his Unit HQ for return to salvage.

3. Units will take disciplinary action against any member who is in possession of a parachute or part of a parachute without lawful authority.  
(To be published in Unit Routine Orders)

181. GENERAL AND NG FORCE ORDERS Attention of Units is directed to 11 Aust Div R.O. 240/43.

182. MARIANE VILLAGE - OUT OF BOUNDS All troops will be notified that MARIANE native village is out of bounds. Natives are not to be encouraged to enter camp area and must be warned off.

183. DANGER AREA NOW CLEAR Ref 7 Aust Inf Bde R.O. 175/43, unexploded bomb now removed and area is clear.

*J. W.*  
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.  
*L. Boyd* Capt

NOTICES:

Following identity discs are held at 25 Bn H.Q. -  
QX 38045 HIGGINS J.G.  
N 235894 MARTIN J.

LOST: The loss of liquid compass No. B121456 is reported by 61 Aust Inf Bn, during night 1/2 Jun 43. Periodical checks of compasses issued to pers of 61 Bn have failed to locate the compass and it is requested that all units will carry out inspection in order to locate the above mentioned compass.

DISTRIBUTION: List 'A'

- Copy No 1 9 Aust Inf Bn
- 2 25 Aust Inf Bn
- 3 61 Aust Inf Bn
- 4 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
- 5 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
- 6 11 Aust Fd Amb
- 7 J Sec Sigs
- 8 Def Pl
- 9 241 Aust L A D
- 10 11 Aust Div

- Copy No 11 Comd
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- 16 C.Q.M.S.
- 17 Comdt Corps Area
- 18 - 19 War Diary
- 20 File
- 21 - 22 Spare

Subject : TINEA CONTROL.HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde  
Australia  
29 Jun 43

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Bde HQ           | 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn  |
| 9 Aust Inf Bn    | 11 Aust Fd Amb   |
| 25 Aust Inf Bn   | Comdt Corps Area |
| 61 Aust Inf Bn   | Hyg Offr         |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt |                  |

Ref: 43/A13/62.

1. SWIMMING POINTS: CONTROL

- (a) Landings and Diving Boards
- (b) Drying Areas
- (c) Condys Fluid Feet Bath
- (d) Provision of Foot Powder.

2. LAUNDRY FACILITIES.CONTROL

- (a) Defined areas in proximity to Swimming Point
- (b) Facilities for clothes washing and boiling
- (c) Disposal of waste water
- (d)

Tinea infection being very prevalent in NW GUINEA area it is essential that the strictest control measures be adopted and maintained to prevent as far as possible this infection assuming epidemic proportions.

Much can be accomplished in Bn lines, and is, in most cases being carried out, i.e. daily foot parades, but this is not enough.

To attack this disease from the curative angle is only one phase in the battle against this disease; the first and most important phase is the preventative angle and it is the opinion of this service that if we are to overcome the loss in manpower due to this infection we must attack it at its source.

To accomplish this it must be assumed that the most obvious source of infection is at the river where swimming and washing of clothes is being carried out.

It was with this assumption that a survey was made of the Bde Area in company with Lieut PATTERSON and in liaison with the respective bns. Sites were selected and agreed upon and are shown on the sketch attached to this report. A sketch is also attached illustrating the type of drying areas thought necessary.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS.(1) SWIMMING POINTS.

(a) That at these defined swimming points proper landings be constructed where they do not now exist.

(b) That drying areas be provided; this can be accomplished without difficulty and expense as follows -

(i) a timber frame to be constructed ground level and covered with three sheets of corrugated iron gal or black giving an area approx 22'x3' with timber coating on the top side along the entire length.

(ii) a foot bath of equal length to the drying area and in width approx 1' to intercept the landing platform from the drying area.

(c) Entrance to landing platform to bypass drying area.

(d) Feet bath to contain condys fluid and foot powder to be made available.

(e) The RAF NCO could be made responsible under supervision of the Hyg Sgt for the supply of tinea powder and condys solution to the swimming points.

(ii) LEARNERS POINTS.

The following points could be set aside for learners,

1. PLANT'S CROSSING Sth side bank - East side of river.

2. WEST of HADDOCK'S CROSSING at 25 Bn swimming point.

(This landing and drying area could cope with swimmers and learners)



(111) LAUNDRY FACILITIES.

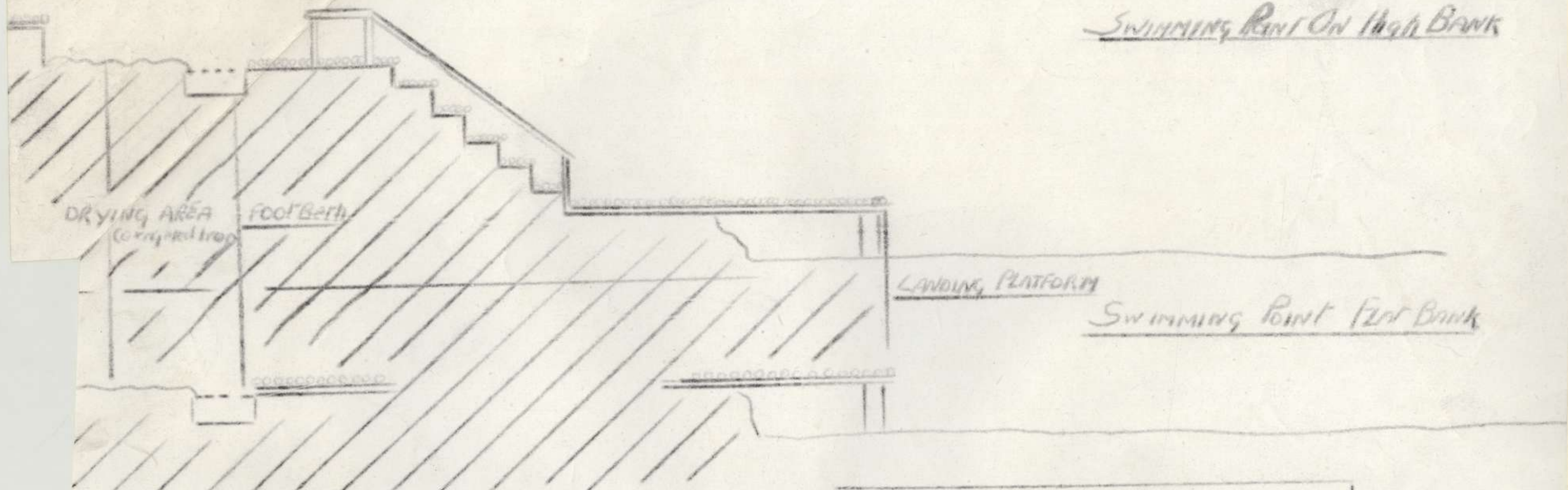
- (a) That areas in proximity to swimming points be defined for laundry purposes and that tins be provided for the boiling and rinsing of clothes.
- (b) Water can be drawn direct from the river by the men. This will lighten the load on the water lorries.
- (c) Men will at all times be well shod and on no account must washing be permitted in and on the rocks and trees of the river.

(Sgd) A.A. KREBS Capt,  
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

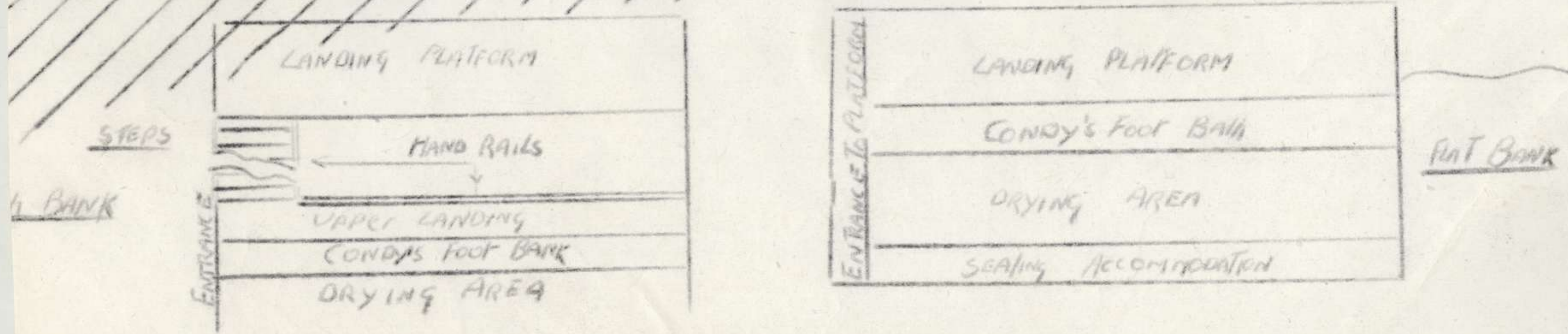
SWIMMING POINT

NOT TO SCALE

SWIMMING POINT ON HIGH BANK



SWIMMING POINT FLAT BANK



Sketch showing Swimming Points 7 Bde Area

37  
20/6/69  
MAG. NORTH  
GRID NORTH



● Swimming Points

SCALE  
1 inch = 105 yards

7 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 21  
 Compiled from info contained in NGF Summary No 127  
 To be read in conjunction with 11 Div Summary No 98

APPX 45

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS  
AND  
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH

LAND

MUBO

Several references have been made to the Jap reinforcements of fwd posns at MUBO since 27 May. The suggested possibility of a minor offensive was substantiated when on 21 Jun an attack was launched by the enemy est. to be one bn in strength. This was repulsed after they had suffered heavy casualties. The following day a further attack was also repulsed.

It is not thought that this revival of enemy offensive action is the result of an under estimate of our strength or misguided judgment of their own ability. Rather would it indicate a confidence based on the continued arrival of addtl tps sufficient at least to replace estimated Battle casualties.

RAMU VALLEY Lof C

An Engr Unit has been identified in the vic of MABALUKE (1 mile south of YUALA). It will be recalled that the road south from BOGADJIM had by 1 Jun been developed to YAULA and it was reported that conscripted labour from NATALOI, KESA and KOBA was being used to break stones. A Jap survey party operated in the KOBA, KOREPA and KESAWAI area towards the end of April. It is logical to assume that the further progress of this road from YAULA will follow the longer but more easily constructed route to KESAWAI via NATALOI and KOREPA.

Reliable reports received on 22 Jun state that large numbers of Japs are still at KAIAPIT and that the airfield has been marked out for extension

SEA

there has been no major sea movement reported during the week. An increase in the number of naval vessels present in RABAUl harbour was revealed by photographic recon on 19 Jun.

AIR

Attacks were carried out between 17 and 21 Jun on Allied posns in WAU and MUBO area and along the connecting L of C. In addition, with bombing and strafing raids on 16, 18 and 19 Jun the enemy has continued his air offensive on the BENA BENA Plateau.

Evidence shows that these attacks were carried out by Army A/C based at WEWAK and BORAM.

(b) SEA - ENEMY

RABAUl

The enemy may wish to keep a reserve of merchant shipping in the SWPA in order to meet an emergency or for future plans, but apart from this it is difficult to understand why 100,000 tons have for so many months been tied up in RABAUl harbour.

The number of Warships has increased by 11 over those reported last week.

GENERAL

WRECKED SHIPS NE SECTOR

A large number of wrecked vessels litter the coastline of NE NEW GUINEA and the islands of the BISMARCK Archipelago. Some of these although submerged, are not concealed from air observation; some are mere hulks; others are beached on coral reefs and although at present u/s, could probably be repaired and floated off.

An example of these latter type is provided by the AOBA class heavy cruiser, which, after being bombed by an allied A/C between 1-3 Apr, was beached 300 yds off the North shore of BAUDISSIN Island near KAVIENG. In this posn the cruiser, attended by two small salvage vessels, was regularly sighted during the month. Repairs, however, were successfully carried out, and by 2 May the cruiser had disappeared from the vicinity.

Not all wrecks have been abandoned as completely useless. The MALAHANG wreck, for example, has been extensively used by the enemy as a submarine unloading point, and is frequently visited by barges from LAE.

Many (incl the MALAHANG and LAE wrecks) have AA guns mounted on them. On 21 May one of our A/C was fired on from a small wreck in the inner reach of FINSCHAFEN Harbour.

Reports of enemy shipping are received as a result of air recon

The presence of so many wrecks sometimes makes it difficult to assess the shipping correctly.

To assist in over-coming these difficulties, as well as for general interest, a chart of wrecked vessels has been prepared.

SECURITY  
UNIT CENSORSHIP

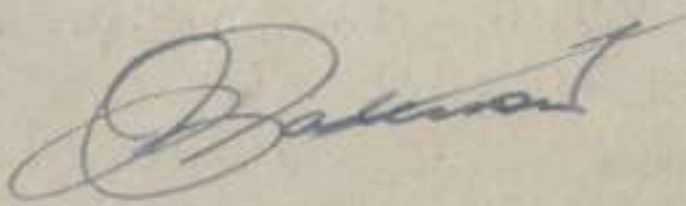
Despite the marked improvement in the standard of Unit Censorship, it is once again necessary to refer to certain breaches of Unit Censorship Instns which are constantly recurring -

(A) Offrs, in some cases, do not give immediate attention to their franking duties; the consequent delay in the transmission of mail not only prompts soldiers to use the PMG channels, but also has a bad effect on their morale.

(B) In violation of the obligation of secrecy imposed on them, some Offrs continue to discuss and joke about the contents of their men's letters; not only does this action bring contempt upon the Offrs concerned, but it shakes the faith of tps in the system of Unit Censorship and adversely affects the men's morale. It also encourages soldiers to use PMG postal channels for their letters.

(C) In franking their own correspondence, some Offrs apparently think that the requirements of security may be relaxed in their own favour. This abuse of the self-franking privilege accorded to Offrs warrants the immediate withdrawal of this privilege from any offenders.

These breaches are not new and previous reference has been made to them.



Lieut.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT H.Q. 7 AUST INF BDE FOR UNIT COMDSby Brig John Field D.S.O. 30 Jun

APPX 46

Present

Brig John Field, D.S.O.

|                |             |              |                   |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Lt-Col Meldrum | 61 Bn.      | Maj. Graham  | 2/1 Pnr Bn        |
| " " Courtenay  | 2/5 Fd Regt | " Webster    | Adm Comd 25 Bn    |
| " " Matthews   | 9 Bn        | Capt Lowndes | B.M.(1) 7 Bde     |
| " " Blair      | 11 Fd Amb   | " Krebs      | S.C. 7 Bde        |
|                |             | Lieut Moore  | Hyg Offr 7 Bde    |
|                |             | Capt Melvin  | Adjnt 2/5 Fd Regt |

1. Discipline and Dress

- (a) Slackness in dress will be checked. Uniformity, at least within coys while on pde.
- (b) Saluting Will be insisted on as mark of good soldier NOT servile one.
- (c) Indiscriminate firing and explosions Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

2. Hygiene and Sanitation

- (a) Swimming points will be limited and anti-tinea measures to be installed; units responsible for construction.
- (b) Refuse destructor and incinerator to be built by all units on instruction from Hyg Offr.
- (c) Leaving bottles and tins in high grass will be checked.
- (d) Tents and lines generally good. Approve of tent competitions, but adornment and convenience must not be taken too far.
- (e) Burning off grass will be supervised by an offr.

3. Amenities

- (a) a concert stage being made available by 11 Div.
- (b) Obvious that not much available from outside; must use own resources. Bde Concert Party being formed; units to acquaint Bde Amen Offr of talent available.
- (c) Bde Sports Ground being extended to provide two playing fields.
- (d) Desirability of closing DONADABU canteen was discussed in view of service available by unit canteens and restricted distribution of special articles among personnel.

4. Adm. Letters and reports should be set out carefully with due attention to numbering paras.

5. Trg (a) This area has unsurpassed opportunities and no comd should have to admit any monotony in trg.

(b) Pnr pls on completion of present course must NOT be wasted on return to units by use solely in menial and labouring work.

6. Leadership and Morale

- (a) All offrns will attend early morning PT pdes with men.
- (b) Nos of personnel on duties will be reduced and kept at an absolute minimum.
- (c) Miscellaneous personnel such as HQ staff and batmen will receive special attention in trg.

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PARTICULARS GAS CHAMBER TEST

APPX 44

| DATE   | PLACE    | UNIT              | NO TESTED |
|--------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| 31 MAY | DONADABU | HQ 7 AUST INF BDE | 145       |
| 1 JUN  | DONADABU | 9 AUST INF BN     | 663       |
| 2 JUN  | DONADABU | 25 AUST INF BN    | 608       |
| 3 JUN  | DONADABU | 61 AUST INF BN    | 652       |
| 4 JUN  | DONADABU | 11 AUST PD AMB    | 240       |

During the exercise 18 fluid ozs G.N.S. were used. A mobile gas chamber was supplied by 11 Aust Div.