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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
Pilastrino	1		<p>R. R. O. N° 116 issued showing posting of officers. Bad dust storm blowing blowing throughout day.</p>	APP. 1.
	2	1400	<p>Coy Comdr's Conference - subject - "Attack by 24 Bde in Salient".</p>	
		1530	<p>All Coys commence packing and prepare for possible counter attack by this bn. I see prepare situation maps for Coy Comdrs, all trucks standing by.</p>	
		1930	<p>2 O.R.s. proceed to TOBRUK TOWN under escort. These men are will undergo a period of detention at ABASSIA (Cario).</p>	
		2350	<p>Ave raid on TOBRUK.</p>	
	3	0330	<p>Attack in SALIENT sector begins. Heavy barrage put down by our guns. Heavy M.C. fire heard.</p>	
		0900	<p>Ambulances and truck loads of wounded seen coming back from salient. No news of progress of our attack.</p>	
		1000	<p>Italian fighter flies low over PILASTRINO: BOFOR's gun near C Coy shoot it down.</p>	
		1100	<p>Bde advices that 57 is in our hands - one enemy counter attack has been repulsed, second</p>	

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PILASTRINO	3		still in progress.	
		1600	B Coy hand over EL GUBBI aerodrome defence to an armoured car unit, and commence move to new position in PILASTRINO area.	
			Approx 20 STUKA'S dive bomb and machine gun C B & D by a/c. 3 ORS. in D Coy killed - direct hit on sangaar.	
	4	0930	Major L G Bruce and Lieut M Brown proceed to 2/32 Bn area 2 posts on recce of areas to be occupied by this Bn after. News received that attack by our troops in Salient not successful - 57 & R7 still in enemy hands. Our casualties approx 200 all ranks. The Germans are said to have given assistance to our ambulances and stretcher-bearers around R7.	
	5	0930	Coy Comd's Conference - subject "Relief of 2/32 Bn by 2/10 Bn on night 6/7 July"	
		1000	Adj and Major G Cooper leave for recce of 2/32 Bn area. The weather conditions are very trying. Today is hot and humid, a very bad dust storm is	

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- Blowing - visibility at 1400 hrs - 10 ft.
- 1100 Lt Col P Spence evacuated to 4 AGH.
- 5 2030 Lt Col M Brown & 2 OR's proceeded to 2/48 Bn area for recon of ~~forward~~ forward areas.
- During the night enemy aircraft were overhead almost continuously usually single planes flying high over the fortress.
- Lt Col C L Stewart NX 356 ~~was~~ returned from staff school HAIFA
- 6 1400 Bad dust storm blowing. preparation for relief proceeding. Operation Order No 16 issued
- 2000 Advance party 2/32 Bn arrive at PILASTRINO
- 2130 Relief commences.
- 2200 B HQ closes at PILASTRINO
" opens at 4032 4315
- 2345 Relief complete.
- 7 0700 28 shells fall in B HQ area.
Sig truck slightly damaged by shell.
Our arty heavily engaging enemy MG posts in salient.
- 0930 Major G Cooper (2/10) and Lt Col ^{MV} Bridgman proceed to 2/48 B HQ to make preliminary arrangements for relief.
All quiet during day - warm - but no dust in this area.
- 1630 Coy Condit's conference subject "Relief of 2/48 Bn by 2/10 Bn - night 8/9 HOGAI"
- 1700 Operation order No 17 issued

APP 7.

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
	7		<p>during the day 146 shells fell in Bn area, 106 of these were in area of B.H.Q.</p> <p>Except for bombing on TOBRUK, throughout night, all quiet.</p> <p>Advance parties all troops were in position in 2/48 Bn sector by midnight.</p>	
RESERVE	8		<p>Weather warm, little wind.</p> <p>The dust here is not as severe as in PIASTRINO sector.</p> <p>0900 Major Daly (B.M.) and Lieut Bowie (L.O) arrive at B.H.Q. to coordinate details of relief.</p> <p>preparations continuing in all ways for relief.</p> <p>2130 B.H.Q. closes 4032 4315 B.H.Q. opens 4013 4324</p> <p>Relief proceeded quietly, except 1 OR (D Coy 2/10) seriously wounded by MG fire.</p> <p>Bde advised relief complete.</p> <p>Operative Instruction No 21 issued</p>	APP 9
NEARBY SALIENT	9		<p>All quiet during day.</p> <p>1100 P.O. No 119 issued</p> <p>2130 Lieut Smith (26 A/T COY) arrives at B.H.Q. for liaison.</p> <p>2100 B Coy report 23 losses of troops debussing and forming up at 3958 4337 only informed - but no confirmation of this report received</p>	APP 1

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	9	2330	<p>By Bombs Conference B HQ. Subject "Attack on 57" - outline plan discussed, arrangements made for relief of Coy to bring C and B to ^{reserve} available. C & B will do assault.</p> <p>O. Order no 18 issued</p>	APP 10.
		2354	<p>Lieut P. A. Thammish wounded in leg when his truck drove into minefield</p>	
	10	1400	<p>D Coy report MG at 39874296 Arty informed - target engaged, "D" Coy doing observation for guns.</p>	
		1426	<p>Direct hit scored. MG silenced, enemy seen moving position</p>	
		1500	<p>Information received to effect to <u>all</u> 36 MG grenades will have 4 sec fuzes - not 7.</p>	APP 11
		1600	<p>D Coy report MG's active. Arty informed - target <u>not</u> engaged owing to break down in phone between 18 Pl and D Coy HQ Capt. R. W. Sanderson evacuated beyond RAP (consulting)</p>	
		2300	<p>Lieut Marshal and 2 OR's 2/28 Pl arrive at B HQ. Discuss details of attack on 57 - 56 by 2/28 Pl.</p>	
		2400	<p>By Bombs Conference - subject "Attack on 56 & 57"</p>	
		0700	<p>Conference ends. during the night. A Coy</p>	

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was brought back to reserve
position - 2/9 took over
left Pln of D Coy - D Coy took
over left pln A - Tank section
relieved
occupied under pln A by C Coy
relieved right pln A by
1-19 Coy with move from
reserve Coy area to rear of B.H.Q.
in accordance with O.O.N° 19

APP 12

11

0900

Major I G Bruce sets out his
plan of attack to the Bde.
all quiet during day

1315

very successful early shoot
on enemy MG in front of D Coy
forward pln D Coy supplied
- observer - notorious "Spanner Bill"
believed destroyed

1600

Major I G Bruce returns to Pln

1800

Capt ~~W.S.~~ ^{W.S.} ~~Prummet~~ ^{Prummet} of ~~army~~ ^{army} force
encountered beyond R.A.P.

2300

Coy Comdrs Conference at B.H.Q.
Subject "Attack on 57 and 56";
Outline plan discussed in detail
C.O.'s appreciation read.

11

2400

B. 60. S.S. (Commando) takes
up position on C Coy area

12

Preparations for attack continue
& we preparing maps.
Ave photos taken on 11 Ave ^(A) are
not very useful - photos taken
at 10,000 ft - heavy clouds at 6000
obscure mark detail

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12 0905

Enemy aircraft bombs old Italian
ammunition dump near FT. AIRENTE.
Spectacular blast - but most Italian
ammunition destroyed - but damage not very
serious.

All quiet during the remainder of the
day and night.

5 patrols went out on Bn front
during the night. The enemy used
large nos of flares which made patrolling
difficult.

13 1400

Lt R Candell (DIV. C.O.) and
Col. Walker (U.S. MARINES) arrived
at Bn H.Q., and proceeded to C
Co H.Q. with Lt. McPherson.

Col. Walker discussed landing
operations with Commanding Officer
at C Co.

1800

Party returned back at B.H.Q.,
some enemy shelling on way back.

1930

Lt Candell & Col. Walker departed

insert

~~2130~~
2330

C Co Centre Conference, subject
"Coordination of plans for attack
on 56 057"

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0840

C Co reported that 2 sigs
receiving line had encountered
a German patrol approx
200 yds inside our lines.

Patrols immediately sent out
to intercept enemy, but
no trace found.

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	14	1400	Major Power & Lt Brown proceed to H.Q. 15 Bde for conference with arty officers, Brigadier, & B.M.	
		1530	Gen Moreshead arrived at conference.	
		1700	Major Power and Lt Brown proceeded to H.Q. 51 FD. REGT. with Lt Col. Jack R.A. to obtain details of enemy D.F. and harassing force.	
		1830	Returned to Pn H.Q.	
		2000	Capt. Jackson (R.N.F.) arrived at B.H.Q. picked up guide, and proceeded to B Coy H.Q. where he will stay for 24 hrs. object - study approaches to 56 & 57. All quiet during night.	
	15	1600	40 - ft's drawn at B.H.Q. from Staffy camp - drafted as - A Coy 11 - B Coy 6 - C Coy 15 - D Coy strength of Pn at 0800 15 AUG OFFS - 0 RS 28 637 RECTS 40 TOTAL 28 677	
		1700	B.H.Q. area stilled.	
		1927	19 10 57's - 6 fighters directed to TOBRUK.	

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			During the night draft copy of orders for attack were prepared.	
	16	0730	Shells land in Bn HQ water, no casualties, some damage to Officers mess cooking utensils	
		0900	Adjutant (Lieut. M. Bidstrup) proceeded to Bde with copy of draft order.	
		1400	Adjutant returns to Bn HQ with news that attack is cancelled - 2/10 to be released by 2/13 on 20/21 AUG. 41.	
		1900	Shells land in Bn HQ water (German 105's) one shell burst near roof of orderly room, damaged many air wires. Another shell went thro wall of 2 1/2 s dug out, wrecked camp Stretcher and ralsie. No casualties.	
		2100	Party of journalists etc arrive at Bn HQ, proceed to B Coy sector. Exceptionally quiet night.	
	17	0930 1500	Bn HQ again shelled by Howitzer arrived at Bn HQ.	

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proceeded to C by area to discuss plans with S.S. officers. all quiet during day, except for increased enemy air activity over TOBRUK. all quiet during night.

18

Admcom received that 15 Pz Div will be relieved by Polish Brigade. 15 Pz Div will hand over all war equipment to Poles. Great secrecy to be preserved throughout preparations. All quiet in sector, apart from normal M.G. and arty activity.

19

All quiet, no enemy movement usual firing by both sides. Preparations for relief by 2/23 Pz proceed.

20

1800

Pz advance party (9 officers, 15 ORS) A.P.P. depart for Egypt.

2130

Relief begins

2359

Relief proceeding.

21

0430

Relief completed with out incident

1400

Polish advance party (10 off 10 ORS) arrive at B.H.Q. - inspect PILASTRINO area.

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All 2/10 troops moved to top of escarpment - leaving flat for POLISH

22 0400 Advice received that 2nd POLISH
 M will arrive at TORBUK
 approx 2359.

1400 All preparations for occupation
 of position on flat complete.

2330 Leave M. Brown & 2 POLISH officers
 5 2/10 N.C.O's leave for TORBUK
 to guide Polish M to PICHSTRIND

23 0100 Poles begin embussing, troops
 very quiet and discipline
 excellent.

0630 Embussing complete, company (25-30 ton
 3-10 ton lorries) proceeds to PICHSTRIND

0470 A.C. Poles arrived at B.H.Q., discuss
 situation thro interpreter w/
 Major J.G. Brown.

0730 Hot breakfast supplements P's by 2/10

0900 Poles digging in on flat and
 drawing barbed. Polish officers
 inspect 2/10 positions, and
 other sectors.

1030 Conference at D.I.V. - advice that
 199/990 2/10 will embark
 on night 24/25 AUG.

Went over of stores and transport to
 Poles continues thro out day.

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
TOBRUK	24		Nominal rolls prepared for draft of 199.	
		2000	M. T. arrived at PILASTRINO water point	
		2030	A & D Coy returned by 1st & 2nd POLISH Bn & R & D Coy embuss. at water point.	
		2200	Conroy meets guide on BARDIARD, proceeds to embarkation point & debuss.	
		2300	Party aboard wreck in TOBRUK harbor	
		2330	H.M.S. KIPLING pulled in alongside wreck. Polish Troops move from KIPLING to wreck aft, 2/10 personnel board KIPLING forward, naval & R.E personnel unload stores amid ships.	
	25	0110	H.M.S. KIPLING leaves TOBRUK.	
		1400	" " berth at ALEXANDRIA troops disembark - embuss - proceed to AMIRIYA - troops issued with comforts - blankets and hot meals.	
		1930	Draft falls in - proceed to train at station.	
		2100	Embussing completed, train leaving uneventful - breakfast at KANTARA.	
	26	0900	at KANTARA, Lt/Col Kerrier & Lt Symes came down from hospital to see the troops.	
		1100	train leaves KANTARA	
		1600	" arrives BEIT VIRJA troops allotted tents and food.	

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27 0900

Embuss - proceed to KIL0 89

1000

Troops erecting tents, preparing office bldgs - cook houses etc.

KIL0 89 28

Preparations for reception of P. force.

Some line granted - 9 to Jerusalem 2 days - 14 TEL AVIV 1 day on 29
Quarrels and papers mounted

KIL0 29 0830

Remainder of P. force.

Troops conducted to tents

1000

Repair work - M/Pl Buss captured local conditions etc. to troops.

1100

By Comd's Conference in officers mess, details of admin, local problems, etc. discussed.

Troops settling down during day.

30

1100

Make out memo all Coys.

Lt. Porter (Bde L.O.) report

That all Bde units in PALESTINE except Brig Wooler, Capt Floyd and 3 ORS.

Learn party 2/10 Bn under Capt Alchin arrive

Learn parties to TEL AVIV and JERUSALEM

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During the night 9 rifles were stolen from a tent in D Coy lines. The various quacks and powder piquets saw no sign of the thieves.

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KILOSG 31 0900

Church parade w/ Patrol
 Sergeant and Trooper of Palestine Police arrived, examined
 ground in D. by area.
 Captain [unclear] [unclear] visited
 the [unclear] during the day.
 The weather is very warm,
 no breeze - nights are clear
 and cool.
 Capt Mitchell & Lieut [unclear] & [unclear]
 report made from 18.1. T.B
 strength now
 28 O.R.S.
 644

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Inquiries proceeding in matter
 of stolen rifles.
 0900 Lieut W. Piper & Lieut L.
 [unclear] arrived at B.H.Q. for
 Egypt.
 1400 C.O.'s orderly room
 Lieut W. Piper is attached
 temporarily to H.Q. 18 AUGST
 INT. BDE

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All Coy working in the area
 small leave parties to
 TEL AVIV and JERUSALEM

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KILOSG	3		All Coy working in Pn area digging slit trenches and camouflaging tents.
	4		All Coy - short route marches. work in camp continuing.
	5	0830	Unidentified planes flew over, dropped bombs on native village approx 2 miles to NORTH of this camp. Security measures tightened up. Native shop near camp closed. 16 ORS patrol camp boundaries during day, prevent natives loitering, and examine workmen's passes.
		1000	Instructions received from Bde that SECURITY PATROLL'S will begin this month. Object: - to demonstrate to native population that large military forces are still available in this country.
		2330	Troop train arrived carrying Rfc's & x list personnel for 15 Bde. all troops fkt, 9 & 12 Pn personnel marched to own lines, 2/10 & 7th sigs. slept in Pn area.
	6		Coy training leave.

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KILO 89	7		Church parade Coy training - small parties - leave
	8		Coy training - small leave Parties Tel Aviv + Jerusalem
	9		Admiral received the Gen Blaney with inspect 18 Bde 11 SEPT 41 Pm rehearsal ceremonial drill
	10		Pm practice for parade and march past.
	11	1500	Bde falls in - inspected by Gen Blaney - told that we would shortly proceed to Syria. completion of work done in TOBRUK. Bde march past.
	12		Training + leave.
	13		" "
	14		Church parade.
	15		Training + leave
	16		" "
	17		Admiral received that the Pm will move to SYRIA. Pm on 24 hrs notice to move.
	18		Training
	19	0500	Advance party (O.C. Capt R. M. White) departs. Lieut G. L. Durants appointed adj. Lieut M. A. Bidship Lieut M. J. Brown to D Coy Bde moves to AL JURA
	20 19		Beach moves
	20		Bde returns to AL JURA beach

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KILO 89	21		Bw returns from AL TURA beach. Tents re-erected
	22		Bw packing. Transport for move to SYRIA reports at 1600 hrs under Capt Tomlinson 543 MT Coy.
	23	1100	Bw embussed and moves from SOUIRES LINES KIL0-89.
		1300	Lunch 8 miles NORTH of LYDDA.
		1730	Bw on area on Plain of ESOREMON near AFFULE.
	24	0800	Bw embussed and leaves bwouac area
		1630	Bwouac area reached approx 5 miles from DAMASCUS.
	25	0800	Embuss and move out for BAALBECK.
		1300	Lunch 3 miles SOUTH of BAALBECK.
		1500	Arrive Camp site at DJEIDE.
DJEIDE	26	0800	General works necessary for settling in. Route march in afternoon.
	27		C.O. attends Bde reconnaissance of defence area Coy training
	28		C.O. Adj. I.O. make recce with Major Love 1 Aust A/Tk Reg.

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
DJEIDE	28	1500	Lieut. Gen Lavarack met by C.O. during Recce. Gen Lavarack visits 10 Bn Mess	
	29		C.O. and Adj. recce of area and prepare Bde defensive plan C.O. attends Conference at Bde HQ at 2000 hrs	A Coy move to BHALB...
	30		Recce defensive areas Coy Training	
	<u>OCT.</u>			
	1.		I.O. makes recce of defensive area. Coy Training	
		1400	Movement Order issued.	APP 1.
			Members constituting advance party warned.	
	2	0900	Adv party leaves. O.C. Major G. R. Matthews. Composition 6 Officers 35 O.R.S.	
		1700	Cof Comdr Conference	
	3	1300	Officers heavy luggage + O.R.S. universal kit bags to be packed + placed in coy dumps.	APP 2
		1600	Word received. No Movement before 16 OCT. boys redraw kit.	
		1730	Lieut J. Cook returns with Apt used for conveyance of advance party. Convoy covered 16.3 miles in 6 1/2 hrs.	

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DJELIDE	4		Coy Training.	
		1700	C.O.'s. Conference	
	5		Coy Training.	
			Rece of defensive area by C.O.	
		1500	'B' Coy relieve 'A' Coy at BAALBECK	APP 3
			'A' Coy returns	
	6		10 Bn is now under command	
			19 Aus Inf Bde.	
		1700	C.O.'s. Conference.	
	7		Coy Training.	
		1330	C.O.'s conference Officers Mess subject "Defensive Scheme - fighting + pin pointing of sec posts. Coy Comdr + three NCO's from A, C, D, HQ Coy, 'I' sec present.	
		1430	Conference terminates members proceed with allotted tasks. C.O. + adjt allot areas hence choose sights for Bn HQ's.	
	8	AM	Continuation of tasks for defensive scheme.	
		1600	All information collated + forwarded to the 19 Aus Inf Bde HQ.	
		1200	C Coy move to relieve B Coy at BAALBECK	APP 3
		1600	'B' Coy return to lines	
		1700	Administration Instruction No 2 issued - Movement.	APP 4
	9	0700	Convoy with Bn. baggage departs for new destination O.C. Convoy Lieut J. W. Cook.	

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DJEIDE	9	1200	Advance party 2/11 Aus Inf Bn arrive (1 off 19 of R's) C.O. leaves to inspect new barracks at ALLEPO	
	10	1230	3 off 24 of R's of 2/11 Bn arrive. Coy Training D Coy digging defensive positions.	
		1930	C.O. returns from ALLEPO	
		1800	Officers, WO's & Sqtrs. attend CO's lecture in Bn HQ officers mess - subject "Method of Sgt & duties of 10 Bn when this unit moves to & arrive at ALEPPO"	
	11	1200	C Coy returns from BAALBECK barracks Coy Training.	APP 3
	12		6 Bn's parade.	
	13		Bn Admin Instruction No 3, Movement, issued. All coys preparing for move	APP 5
		1805	A, B, C Coys embus + proceed to RAS BAALBECK Stn.	
		1900	D, HQ, Bn HQ Coys embus + move to RAS BAALBECK Stn	
		2030	2/11 Bn arrives, detrain + moves to DJEIDE	
		2110	10 Bn embus for ALLEPO	
		2200	Unit leaves RAS BAALBECK Stn	

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ALLEPO	14	10.50	Bn arrive ALLEPO star, detrain, forms up for march to barracks 1 1/2 miles NORTH of the town	
		1200	Bn marches in to QUARTIER VINCA BARRACKS	
		PM	General settling in. Bn routine order NO 42 issued	App 6
		1730	Remainder of Bn who are not on duty granted general leave till 2030 hrs.	
	15		Coy route marches	
		1730	General leave	
	16	1100	C.O.'s orderly room. Coy training	
		1730	General leave	
	17	1000	Maj Gen ^{AS} Allen ^{CBE, DSO, V.D.} , CB, commanding 7 Aus Div visits Bn & inspects barracks & watches Coy training.	
		1500	leave cancelled owing to religious festivities in Aleppo	
	18		Coy training	
		1530	Officers, WO's & Sgts attend lecture in officers mess by Dr Alfred Carlton President Aleppo College - Subject 'Syria'	
		1700	General leave	

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ALEPPO	19	AM	Church parade. Bn marches to service at Armenian Christian Church ALEPPO.	
		1730	General leave	
	20	AM	C.O. leaves for piece of 12 Bn area on frontier.	
		1930	General leave	
		1030	Lieut Timpro of FSS lecture. Coys subject - SECURITY.	
		1700	General leave.	
	21	AM	Coy Training	
		1530	Dr Alfred Carlton lectures D, HQ & Bn HQ Coys subject - SYRIA.	
	22		Coy Training	
	23	1530	Dr Alfred Carlton lectures A, B, C Coys. Subject - SYRIA.	
	24		Coy Training - short route marches	
	25	AM	Coy Training - Inspection of arms	
		PM	Make & Mend	
	26		Church Parade - Bn marches into ALEPPO. Bn return. Brig. G.S. Woolhead takes salute as Bn marches past.	

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ALEPPO	27		Coy Training	
	28		Coy Training	
	29		Bn celebration of second anniversary of formation. Platoon drill competition + Coy sports.	
		1800	General leave	
			Movement order for relief of 12 Bn issued	APP 7
	30		Coy training	
		1600	Officers attend lecture in officer mess - Subject: SECURITY ON FRONTIER.	
		1700	Admin Instruction No 4 issued	APP 8
	31	1400 AM	Bn packing & preparing for relief of 2/12 Bn	
		1400	Operation Order No 17 Issued	APP 9
1 Nov	0900		Bn ^{HP} moved from Quarter Ungh Parach to NERAB Aerodrome Coy Dispositions A Coy DTERABLOUS B. AZAZ C RADJOU D IDLIB * HP Coy NERAB	
2			Changeover with 2/12 Aust Inf Bn Complete	
3			C.O. + Adj. visit DTERABLOUS.	

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ALEPPO	5		C.O. & adj. visit RADJOU Inspect Viaduct post.
	6		C.O. visits B Coy at AZAZ.
	7		Lt Col Adams & Major Irvine 2/9 Fd Reg visit C.O.
	8		C.O. and Capt Martin visit IDLIB. Lunch at Franciscan Monastery DENAYE.
	9	1500	C.O. met at CARLTON HOTEL.
			ALEPPO. Major Mathews, I.O. & Padre left for DJERABLOUS
	10		Major Mathews, I.O. & Padre leave on river of River EUPHRATES by Native Boat
	11		Band takes part in Armistice day Celebrations in Aleppo.
	12		Lieut Durant (adj) & Lieut Matheson (2/6 D Coy) promoted Captains.
	13		Recon party of River EUPHRATES arrives at destination MRSKE NE
	14		C.O. and Adj. visit DJERAIT
	15		Lt Col M J Molen 2/27 Bn arrives on visit
	16		
	17		C.O. assumes actg / cmd 18 and Inf Bde C.O. Rece with Co's Cav & 2/9 Fd Reg to RADJOU & Viaduct.
	18		
	19		
	20		Movement Order no issued
	21		Bn preparing to move. Advance party moves to IDLIB.

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IDLIB	22		C.O. relinquishes a/cmd. 18 Aust Inf Bde. Bn moves to IDLIB to relieve 2/12 Aust Inf Bn. A + C Coys ^{move} move to Quarter Vingt Barracks ALEPPO	
	23			
	24		Parade of all personnel from B.H.Q., H.Q. Coy B & D Coys for identification by native of IDLIB who alleged he had been attacked by soldiers. C.O.'s orderly room. 9 days leave to TEL AVIVE & HAIFA commences from 26 NOV.	
	25		2 Aus. carriers (with 18 personnel) left IDLIB for ALEPPO. Barracks. One sect. each attached to A & C coys.	
	26		9 days leave commences.	
	27		Advance party leaves for QUARTIER VANNIERRE barracks ALEPPO 0930 hrs. D Coy. leave barracks IDLIB to take up frontier duties.	
ALEPPO	28		B.H.Q. & H.Q. Coys. left IDLIB 1230 hrs. & arrived QUARTIER VANNIERRE barracks ALEPPO 1415 hrs.	
	29		B de. ^{H.Q.} directs that	
	30 DEC			
		0845	Capt. Martin promoted to major and appointed to act as a/c.	
		1000	Capt. Cotton + Lieut. Lee from 25 Bde + 21 Bde reported for attachment to lecture on Syrian Campaign.	
		1100	Capt. Hurley - official photographer to A.I.F. called + discussed with C.O. arrangements for filming Bn. at work etc.	
		1400	C.O.'s Orderly Room.	
	2	1400	A. C. H.Q. + B.H.Q. Coys practice marching in preparation for parade on 3 Dec.	

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ALEPPO	2		<p>Notification from C.P.M. re increases in pay + allotment.</p> <p>C.O. called on Brigadier re Dyerablow scheme.</p> <p>Lieut. R.E. Porter visited Bn. from 7 Aust. Div. H.Q.</p>	
	3	1000	C.O. visited Bde.	
		1400	Bn. Parade for filming but weather not suitable. Record of sound taken on separate track of band playing etc.	
		1530	Capt. G.W. Smith R.A.E. attached 9th Army on Road Construction called. Discussed various roads + tracks + aerodromes in Rep. area + gave him as much information as possible.	
	4	1000	Practice for Bde. sports - Tug of tug-o-war etc.	
		1400	C.O.'s Orderly Room.	
		1500	Bn. Parade. Bn led by C.O. marches past + is filmed by Capt. Frank Hurley.	
	5	1000	C.O. left for recce. of routes to Lattaqieh, Tripoli + study of Tripoli defences.	
		1100	Conference at Bde. H.Q. 1100 hrs 7 Dec. Capt. G.D. Hayward will represent C.O. C.O. met Gen. Reen, Brig. Romke + Brig. Seconbe at Tripoli + afterwards reported to 27 Bn + discussed Tripoli defences with Lt. Col. Noten.	?
	6	0845	<p>Heavy fall of snow Aleppo area night of 5/6 Dec. approx 2 to 3 inches deep + still snowing.</p> <p>Notice received 12 days leave to start on Dec. 10 for 12 O.R.'s</p> <p>French class started in Aleppo for</p>	

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ALEPPO			personnel wishing to learn French. Fee 3 Lira per month.
		1645	CO. went over Tripoli defences & inspected 27 Bn, 14 & 16 Bns. areas. Also called at C.R.A. HQ & had city plan explained by Brig. Romke. CO. visited 3 M.G. Bn. area & called on Major Matthews of 10 Bn - detached for Barrier Div. Reserve.
	7	0830	CO. left Tripoli area & inspected southern route to Beyruth. Thence to Damascus via Jeer, Sofar etc. Road over mountains snowed over in places. Heavy fall of snow on mountains.
		1000	Church parade to Greek Armenian church.
		1100	Supt. G. D. Hayward attended conference at Bde representing CO. Major Martin 2/c & Lt. Sidstrup I.O. rejoin Bn. from schools.
	8	0900	A Coy less 2 platoons departs from barracks for all day at 30 yds. range
		1030	A Coy less 1 platoon mobile Coy practice embussing on Barrack Square. CO. left Damascus at 1600 hrs. via East road - Homs - Hama - arriving Aleppo 2200 hrs. Road good except for detours where repairs being effected for five or six miles only.
	9		CO. Sgt & 2/c left for Bde to carry out recce. with Brig. of Radjou area returning via Hama, Bab-el-Hama.

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ALEPPO	10	0800	53 personnel of A Coy left barracks for 3 days SECURITY DUTIES	
		0815	12 O.R.'s departed for Jerusalem on 12 days leave.	
		0830	Congratulations on decorations sent to General L. G. Norhead - H.Q. 9 Div.	
		0845	Major Martin + Capt. represented Co. at Recce of Radjou area on Brig. party. Cars bogged + did not return until 0130.	
		1030	Capt. Fleckin + Lt. Leane nominated for Security Bn. Lieut. W. G. Brown of D. Coy reports to B.H.Q. Coy.	
	11	1120	Lt. G. R. Scott to report to 1st. Just. Corps. Reception Camp to take command 5th platoon at school. Capt. Seawey 3 M.C. Bn. called + discussed Demolition plans with Co. Party of 64 German refugees from Palestine with escort arrived + collected by 10 Bn.	
	12	1105	All personnel including officers attending 5th school 15 Dec. to bring ZEROED RIFLES.	
		1135	Nominees for O.C.T.U. to be submitted to the H.Q. by 14 Dec.	
		1400	Co's orderly Room.	
		1600	Informed by Bde. Capt. G. D. Hayward detached for duty with 7 Just. Div. to report as soon as possible. Officer's mess gave dinner for Capt. Hayward.	
	13	0700	Reported from "D" Coy. that two O.R.'s	

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ALEPPO			drunk had taken truck & made off towards Turkey from Bab-el-Haona post. Despatched Capt. Wilson to enquire into incident.	
		2045	C.O. & one Staff Officer to R.V. Bde H.Q. 0900 hrs. 15 Dec. to remain out one day on DEMOLITION RECCE. Area to RECCE SALKINE 2146.	
		1900	Capt. Wilson reported after waiting five or six hours at Turkish barrier he had heard from Turkish officer that two drunken soldiers had been arrested, one wounded, & they were being detained by Turks together with truck. Court of Enquiry appointed to enquire into circumstances & report on losses & absentees.	
	14	0900	C.O. departs for Bab-el-Haona to investigate frontier investigate - C.O. contacted Capt. Kemal, Turkish Army with interpreter, B.M. BSM rep (Capt. Hardie) & heard all details. Court of Enquiry (maj. Martin - Capt. Schmedje - Capt. Meckle & clerk) to Bab-el-Haona and proceeded to take evidence. C.O. left Bab-el-Haona at 1230 & visited Fdib thence Enay & Turkish barrier. Turkish sentries quite friendly. C.O. returned to Bn. 1830 hrs.	
		0930	Capt. Hayward departs from Banacks to report to H.Q. 7 Aust. Div.	
		1000	Bn. Church Parade.	
		1200	Lt. Murdoch reports to take charge of Bab-el-Haona pl. Lt. Puck returns	

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ALEPPO	ALEPPO			to his pl. at Znaye.	
			1230	re Bab-el-Haoua 50 additional soldiers erected new stone barriers	
		15	0815	Major Martin, Capt. Schmiede, Capt. Brockopp + 2/cpl. Filipavich Bn. orderly room clerk departed for Falib + Bab-el-Haoua to attend Court of Enquiry re frontier incident. returned to Bn. 1800 hrs.	
			0900	CO. + 7 sgt. leave for Bde. for Demolition Recce to Falkine + back road to Znaye. Cars bogged on soft track but towed out. Recce finished at 1430. CO. + 7 sgt. visited Harim post + went on to Turkish lines. met 3 Turkish officers who were very friendly. I invited them to dinner at post.	
			1415	Forwarded recommendation of Lt. Hopton for appointment as sgt. + Q.M. 1st Inst. Corp. Reception Camp as 10 Bn. nominee.	
			1700	Major Shalmer + Lt. Pagan of A/A Regt. called on CO. Stayed with Bn. over night. CO. took them to meet Brig. Cmd. + discuss A/A defence + requirements of the area.	
		16	0930	CO. visits Bde. Cmd. re Bab-el-Haoua incident.	
				Bn. loaned 3 Brens, 3 Tommy Guns + 6 phones to Fki personnel for training purposes situated with 7 Div. Cav. at Quartier Vinco barracks Aleppo.	

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ALEPPO		1230	2 pls. A Coy plus HQ carried out fire + movement exercise in attack + consolidation on ridge West of Barracks. 3 sections carriers acted as enemy. Exercise commenced 1115 hrs. completed 1200 hrs.	
		1500	C.O. departs Barracks for tour of all Security Posts. Returns to Bn. at 1700.	
	17		British refugees arrive in exchange for German refugees. Arrive early hours of morning.	
		0845	G.S.O. III (CW) 7 Just Div General Staff Officer gave lecture on chemical warfare. All available personnel from A. C. HQ + B.H.Q. coys paraded main Barracks at 0845 hrs.	
		1000	C.O. inspected all Barracks area with O.O. + R.M.O. including refugees. Also Oc. Fd. Park + Recovery Sec.	
		1400	Regt. Band gave musical programme for refugees.	
		1500	Capt. Sanderson + Lieut. Cook left for 7 Just. Div. for short course, History of Tobruk + Nile Opt. C.O. inspects Security Posts with orderly Officer.	
	18	0930	7 Officers 17 O.Bs. reinforcements arrive Bn.	

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ALEPP	ALEPPO	18	1100	C.O departs to attend conference Bde. H.Q.	
			1400	Bn. Parade. Address by C.O.	
				new lists re Posting of officers issued.	
		19		From today Bn. will loan one Carrier for four hours each day to Free French Force for training purpose.	
			0900	C.O inspected all Barrack Areas.	
			1100	Capt. Gould rejoins Bn. from School C.O rank of Lieut. Col. confirmed from 2/12/41.	
			1430	Adjt visited Bde. Maj and inspected Security Posts. returned 1600 hrs Lieut. Hummer asst. Adjt.	
			2200	C.O gave Lecture to all Officers Subject. Role of 18 Bde.	
		20	1000	Adjt visits Bde Maj and inspects Security Posts Aleppo Area returned 1100 hrs. C.O working on dispositions of Bn. for training and Adm. of Frontier Posts. C.O rank of Lieut Col. confirmed from 2/12/41 NO 59.	
			1105	Congratulations from C.O and Offrs. of Bn. sent to Brig. Major 19 Aus. by Bde. on his promotion.	
		21	0915	Coy. Ammcs required at Bn. H.Q by 2000 hrs for conference with C.O	
			0930	Church Parade	
			0945	C.O Adjt. and acting O.C a Coy Lieut Seddon departed on	

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ALEPPO			<p>Recce to Bab el Haoua.</p> <p>Coy. role given and general inspection of Post made. C.O. submitted scheme to Bde. Commdr. for Bn. dispositions for training and Adm. to be taken of as follows. A. Coy Bab el Haoua, Adm. from Aleppo</p> <p>B. Coy. Harim, Adm. from Idlib.</p> <p>C. Coy. Knaye, Adm. from Aleppo.</p> <p>D. Coy and H.Q. Coy Aleppo. Bde. Commdr. approves scheme and C.O. instructs Adjt to prepare O.O. for move.</p>
		1430	<p> Soccer match between Bn. and Free French Army Teams resulted in draw 3 goals each</p>
		1500	<p> Football match, Aust rules. Between Bn. and 7 Div A.A.S.C. Teams result was win for Bn. scores being 12-10 to 11-6.</p>
		2000	<p>C.O. gave lecture to Offrs. Subject. Bn. role and dispositions on Frontier, and discipline in Bn.</p>
22		0830	C.Os orderly Room.
		0930	C.O. departs to report to Bde. Commdr. returned 1000 hrs.
		1015	C.O. Adjt and O.C. of C. Coy departs to Recce. Dyruch Choghane areas C.O. allots Coy's tasks and pointed out demolition points. C.O. asks for Coy appreciation by 26 Dec.
		1130	Capt Spauld and Lieut Brown depart for Idlib.

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ALEP	ALEPPO	DEC		
		22	1500	C.O returned to Idlib and then proceeded on Recce to Kafert Harim Salhine Areas with Adjt and O.C B' Coy. there pointed out demolitions and asked for Coy. appreciations by 26 Dec. C.O and party then returned to Aleppo.
			1800	Warning Order issued for relief of D' Coy by A. B and C' Coys
			2150	Movement Instructions issued to all Coys.
		23	1200	D' Coy relieved of all Frontier Duties D' Coy relief completed by C' Coy and D' Coy moved to Caserne Du Genie Vanniere Barracks Aleppo. C' Coy with Coy H. & less one Pl. remain at Idlib. one Pl. on duty at Knaya B' Coy less one Pl. at Idlib one Pl. on duty at Harim. A' Coy less one Pl. remain at Caserne Du Genie Vanniere Barracks. one Pl. on duty at Babel Haoua.
			1430	Adj't. visits Bole. H. & returned 1500 Hrs.
		24	0830	Maj Martin 2/c visits Babel Haoua to investigate report of stolen fish.
			0845	Leave to Aleppo remains unaltered for Christmas and New Year periods.

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ALERPO	DEC			
	24	0900	Adj't visits Idlib inspects B's C' Coys and selects Site for Bn. H.Q. S.E. RD. Jmt. (Tactical) returned 1530 hrs.	
			Cairo Leave cancelled.	
		0930	C.O makes inspection of Barrack Areas. Bde L.S.O visits C.O re charge to be prepared on Babel Hama incident. C.O then busy writing Principal of Withdrawal and Strong Points. Acting Staff Officers advised Training recruits wide Programme. C.O. R.M.O and A' Coy Officers invited to Xmas party	
	25	0930	C.O writes out Training Instructions to Offes, and checks evidence of Court of inquiry re Babel Hama incident.	
		1200	C.O sends message to all Coys wishing all Ranks a Happy Xmas and Peaceful New Year	
		1300	C.O and R.M.O partake of Xmas dinner with Bn. H.Q. Coy.	
		1400	C.O's Orderly Room re Babel Hama incident.	
		1430	C.O visits Bde. H.Q and confers with Bde Comdr. re Summaries. Weather very cold and wet.	
	26	0900	Capt. Sanderson visits Idlib C.O redrafts Training Syllabus and instructions to Offes.	
		1400	C.O's Orderly Room. Liut Hoplon and Liut. McDougal attend as witnesses.	

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ALEPPO	26	1945	C.O. visits Bde. H.Q. for conference with Bde. Comdr.	
	27	0830	C.O. and Adjt depart for Idlib to hold orderly room for B and C Coys, then checked Ph. positions of both Coys. went into conference with Coy Comdrs. and discussed Plan of Harim, Knaye, Dyesueh Chaghoun Areas.	
		0900	G.M. Capt. Lines departs on visit to Idlib and Knaye. Maj. Martin 2/c, Capt. Brookroff and Lieut. Macchie visit 2/12 Bn. Battalion Court Martial.	
		1500	C.O. and Adjt leave Idlib for Bab el Haana and inspect Post defences. Positions with new Ph. Comdr. examined position for H/T and returned Bn. H.Q. 1800 hrs.	
	28	0900	C.O. and Adjt. work on Bn. plan for Routes Harim, Knaye and Dyesueh Chaghoun Areas.	
		0930	Church Parade.	
		1100	C.O. at work on Bn. Training Syllabus. Adjt visits Bde re routes of withdrawal.	
		1200	Lieut. Jessdale Smith rejoins Bn. from I school.	
		1500	C.O. leaves on Recce inspects Areas for Bn. Training Exercise in Aleppo Area. returned 1630 Mrs. Lieut Brown Unit SECURITY Officer join today	
		1900	Band Concert by Regt. Band at Latin Catholic Cathedral Aleppo.	

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ALEPPO	29	0900	C.O and Q.M make a General Inspection of Barrack Areas and inspects the Guards. Lieut. Teardale-Smith Takes over duties of I.O.	
		1000	C.O working on Adm. duties.	
		1400	C.O talks to Officer on Barrack Adm. and discusses Training Syllabus with Adj. (Appreciation etc)	
		1500	Salvage gear and clothing arrived at Q.M's store from Idlib. Q.M inspects Salvage and works on Admin. duties of his department.	
		2100	Bn. Frontier Posts warned to keep close watch for German Agent who may attempt to cross frontier into Syria.	
	30	0900	C.O working on Bn. Training Syllabus for period from 4 - 17 JAN 42. Q.M inspects Cookhouses and Barrack Areas. and interviews Bn. Armourer re modification of Weapons, tests out Tommy Gun with new modifications.	
		1100	Q.M. made arrangements for Workshop. Sec. A.S.C. re moving into Caserne Du Genie Vannier Barracks. and arranged for Egypt & Palestine leave parties quarters to move into main Barrack Building.	
			OPERATION. INSTRUCTION. NO 6. issued.	
		1400	C.O departs for conference of UNIT Commanders at BDE. H.Q	

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ALEPPO	30		on SECURITY Training returned 1600 Hrs. Prepares and checks Bn. Training Syllabus, and studies draft of appreciation (Frontier)	
	31	1000	I.O. visits Bde. H.Q. returned 1100 Hrs. C.O. checks appreciations on Frontier and Barracks, marks Coy. Areas and Routes on map.	
		1400	Q.M. visits Idlib Bab el Haoua Bn. Admin. Instruction NO 6 (movement) issued. C.O. organises I. Sec, prepares Syllabus of Lectures to be given by Officers, and checks summary of evidence	APP.A.
		1700	C.O. and Lieut Pick visit Bde H.Q. re appreciations & instructors C.O. studies selection of Training Cadre from Bn. Offrs. and N.C.Os	
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	1	0900	C.O. working on Bn. Ing. schemes Capt. Wilson and I.O. depart on Recce Knaye area returned 1730 Hrs.	
		1400	C.O. checks summaries of evidence re Court Martial	
	2	0930	C.O. Q.M. and I.O. depart on visit to Idlib and Haoua inspects Demolition points Pl. Commr. reports to C.O.	

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ALEPPO	JAN		unable to contact TURKISH OFF. returned Bn H.Q. 1530 hrs.	SE 100124
		10.30	Capt. Hunt Staff Off. from Bde. H.Q. visits Adjt.	
		14.55	Adjt. and Lieut. Fulwood visits Bde H.Q. returned 1515 hrs.	
		1515.	D' Coy. (Mobile Coy) reports Bde. for TEST EXERCISE.	
		1700	Advance Party from 7 Div. Cav. arrives Vannieu Barracks. C.O. working on BN. Ing. Cadre.	
3	0900		C.O. I.O and O.C. A. Coy visit Bde. H.Q. return depart with Bde. Maj. on Recce to Babel Hara. C.O. pointed out A. Coy. dispositions. G.M. makes inspection of Cookhouses and Barrack Areas.	
		1020	Permission granted for UNIT Foot-ball Team to travel to PALESTINE to play matches for a period of one week.	
		1200	Advance party consisting of Maj. Martin in charge, one OFF. per Coy and one N.C.O per Pl. moved to Quartier Vinea Barracks.	
		1230	C.O. I.O and O.C. A. Coy return from Recce	
		1400	C.O.'s Orderly Room. G.M. visits Quartier Vinea Barracks re. allotment of quarters.	
		1530	Air Raid Warning RED received from Bde. all clear given at 1600 hrs.	
4	0930		BN. moves from Caserne Du Genie Vannieu Barracks to Quartier Vinea Barracks. BN being relieved	

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ALEP	ALEPPO	JAN		
		4.		of all "Frontier Duties" by 7 Div. Cav. for fortnight extensive Eng. owing to shortage of TPT move was delayed.
			1500	Relief completed. BN. in posn Quarter Vine Barracks. shortage of Bedsteads & mattresses but matter being attended to by G. M. Capt. Lines. C.O and 2 1/2 attend Soccer match between BN. and 4 th BN. Free French Forces. result 10 BN lost by 1 goal to nil. C.O received notice that 7 Div. H.Q approved of application re his return to Aust. on compassionate grounds. Capt. Schmedje and Lieut. Sedden to return Aust for one year to join BN. Eng. Cadet in Aust.
			1800	Coy. Annulus. Conference.
			1930	Lecture by C.O to all Officers. C.O desires BN. Eng. to be carried out as per Syllabus.
		5.	0900	C.O with Maj. Martin visits Frontier Posts at Knaze, Idlib, Harim, Bab el Haoua and Zisroch Choghour. C.O pointed out all Demolitions points and BN. dispositions Anti/TK Rifles withdrawn from UNIT and sent to Tripoli.
			1700	C.O and Maj. Martin returned from Frontier Posts.

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ALEPPO	6 JAN	1000	Adjt visits Coys. Eng. Areas.	
		1430	C.O's Orderly Room.	
		1510	Maj. Martin and Adjt visits Bde. H.Q. returned 1600 hrs.	
		1600	Brig. Wolan, and B.M. visits C.O and inspects Guard.	
		1645	Lecture by I.O to Offrs. Subject "INTELLIGENCE"	
		1730	Maj. Cooper rejoins BN. from Staff School.	
	7	0900	C.O's Orderly Room.	
		0930	I.O and I. Personnel leave for Rd. Recce, Babel Haoua, Harim Area. returned 2015 hrs.	
		1400	Maj. J. G. Dobbs. arrives at Quarters Vinea Barracks and takes over Command of BN. from Lt. Col. L. G. Bruer.	
		1500	Adjt visits Bde. H.Q.	
	8	0830	BN. Parade, Lt. Col. L. G. Bruer bids BN. farewell, Maj. J. G. Dobbs addresses BN.	
		0930	Lt. Col. Bruer and Maj. Dobbs leave on inspection of Frontier Posts at Knaye, Idlib, Harim, Babel Haoua and Dzirrech Choghaur.	
		1630	G.O.C. General Allen arrived BN. H.Q. <small>New List of Posting of OFFRS. issued (No 7)</small>	
	9	0930	Coys continue Eng. as per schedule	
		0900	I.O and I. Personnel leave for continuation of Rd. Recce Babel Haoua and Harim.	
		1030	Coys conduct Conference.	

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ALEPPO	9 JAN	1200	Lt. Col. L. G. Bruner departs from Quartier Vincq Barracks on his journey to Airst.	
		1730	Coy Commandts Conference	
		1930	Movement Instruction N7 issued A.B.C. Coys and B.H.Q. prepare to relieve 7 Div. Cav. at Idlib and Frontier Post. D. and H.Q. Coys to remain at Quartier Vincq Barracks.	ADP.A
	10	0900	A.B. and C. Coys move from Barracks to Idlib.	
		0930	Bn. H.Q. moves from Barracks and proceed to Idlib.	
IDLIB		1200	Bn. H.Q. arrive Halted Camp Idlib and Coys arrive they are in posn.	
		1830	Afternoon spent in settling in. Movement order issued. Bn. advised by Bde that Bn. is now on 48 hrs notice. 18 Bde will be relieved by a Bde from 9 Div. and will proceed to PALESTINE for short period of Insp. New list of Postings of OFFERS issued.	
	11		Adjut leaves on visit to Bde H.Q. C.O. visits Frontier Posts at Knafe, Harim, Idlib and Bab el Haoua.	
		1900	Advance party consisting of B.OFF. and 19 O.Rs from 2/17 Bn. arrive Bn. H.Q. Idlib.	
	12	0900	C.O.'s orderly Room	
		0930	Adjut. in conference with OFFERS of 2/17 Bn. advance party	

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IDLIB	12 JAN		C.O. Adjt and Offrs of 2/17 Bn proceed on inspection of Posts at Khayz, Harim, Idlib, and Babel Haana. Coys. Ing. as per schedule.	
	13	0900	C.O. Adjt and Offrs of 2/17 Bn away all day on Recce of Frontier Posts. Coys on Route march and G.Ms packing spare stores and Blankets	
		1645	C.O returns and reads message from Lt. Gen. Lammack to C. Coy and B.H.Q. Weather very wet and cold	
	14	0900	C.O and Offrs of 2/17 Bn depart on inspection of Frontier Posts at Khayz, Harim, Idlib and Babel Haana.	
		0930	I.O hands over documents and maps to I.O of 2/17 Bn. Coys Ing as per schedule	
		1600	BN. notified that 2/15 BN. will relieve 2/10 BN. at Idlib and Frontier Posts instead of 2/17 BN. C.O visits Bde. H.Q. at Aleppo. Admin. Order NO1 issued	
	15	0900	C.O and Adjt. visit Quartier Vincq Barracks Aleppo. Coys. Ing. as per schedule.	
		1800	BN. H.Q. of 2/15 BN arrived Hutted Camp at Idlib. Maj. Mathews rejoins Bn. takes over duties of 2/10 BN.	
	16	0900	A.B.C. Coys with BN. H.Q. move from Idlib Camp to Quartier Vincq Barracks Aleppo.	
		1200	Bn. in Posn. at Quartier Vincq Barracks.	

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AL	ALEPPO	JAN		afternoon BN. busy packing and loading trucks.	
		17	0700	Lieut Major. O.C of Road Party with Lieut Saunders, Lieut Grasby and 18 O.Ps departed Barracks for Palestine.	
			0900	Coy's move stores and gear to Bagdad Rly Sta.	
			1230	Coy's fall in, in full marching order.	
			1300	BN. on march to Sta arrive and entrain.	
			1430	BN. depart Bagdad Rly. Sta for Camp in Palestine.	
		18	0600	BN. arrive Tripoli de train and enluns.	
			0830	Convoy departs from Tripoli Sta Southwards.	
			1930	BN. arrive Haifa Rly. Sta. where a hot meal was issued to Troops. Bn. then entrain.	
			2300	BN. depart from Haifa. Rly. Sta.	
		19	0530	BN arrived Majdal Sta. Palestine and enluns for Camp.	
	PALESTINE		0730	BN. arrive Jelis. Camp and have breakfast. BN. busy settling in and cleaning up Coy. areas.	
			1400	BN. Parade. C.O addresses BN. Coy's then clean up and tidy areas. BN. then rest for afternoon. A.I.F order list N64 issued. Maj J.G. Dobb's promoted to Lieut. Col.	

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JULIS. CAMP PALESTINE	20 JAN	0900	Coys Ing. as per syllabus Layed down by 18 Bde. General smartening up of Rifle and Bayonet exercises.	
		1145	Brig. Waten visits C.O.	
		1345	Coys Ing. Bayonet Exercise, Gas Ing. and Route march.	
	21	0830	Coys. P.T. Bayonet Ing. and Route march. C.O. visits Coy. Ing. Areas	
		1345	Bren Gun. Competitive mechanism	
		1500	Kit inspection and inventory	
	22	0830	Coys. P.T. and Weapon Ing. C.O. visits Bde. H.Q.	
		1400	Coys Weapon Ing. C.O. visits Coy. Ing. Areas.	
	23	0900	C.O. visits Coy. Ing. Areas. Coys Ing. as per syllabus.	
		1200	Bn. Parade, C.O. lectures to Bn. Subject "The History of the Tenth."	
		1230	Lt. Col. Myler Dodds pays visit to C.O. Coy. Comds. Conference.	
		1345	C.O. I.O Rifle Coys and I. personnel carry out exercise. "Cross County march" deployed as a Bn.	
		1630	C.O.'s Ouderly Room.	
	24	0830	Coy. Comds. Conference. Coys Ing. as per schedule. C.O. visits Coy. Ing. Areas.	
		1430	I.O. makes Piece of area for Bn. scheme	
		1500	T.O. Lieut Cook while riding m.c crashed into m.t. trunk received fractured skull and broken leg.	
		1700	C.O. in conference with Offis. re. Bn. scheme.	
		1930	Bn. exercise (less A. Coy) exercise	

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AL	JULISCAMP	JAN		"Night Attack" under the C.O's direction.
		25	0830	Church Parade, Bn. assemble and march to Ing. Area.
			1100	4 Offrs. 10 b. O. Bn. reinforcements join Bn. from 18. I. T. B and are allotted to Coys.
			1400	A. Coy. Offrs. with I. personnel receive routes and areas for Coy. Exercise "Dawn Attack and Withdrawal"
		26	0500	Re. Posting of Offrs. Bn. R.O. NO. 15 A. Coy. marched out of Camp to take up position under cover of darkness for Exercise "Dawn Attack and withdrawal"
			0605	(Second phase of Exercise) A. Coy. withdrawn to second post.
			0800	Exercise completed and Coy returned to Camp. C.O. attended Exercise.
			1400	C.O. departs to attend conference with C.O.C at H.Q. 7 Aust Div.
			1430	I.O. visits H.Q. 7 Aust Div.
			1500	Maj. Matthews 2/c departs for Tel Aviv.
		27	0830	2/c of Coys in conference with C.O. Inoculations of all Coys started personnel to receive two needles each.
				C.O. visits Coy. Ing. Areas. C. Coy carry out a Tactical Exercise.
			1230	C.O. visits Bde. H.Q.

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JULIS CAMP	JAN	1600	2 Offrs. 83. O.P.S. reinforcements join Bn. and joined into New Coy. New Coy. to be known as No 6. Coy. O.C. Lieut Parkinson. Lieuts. Craigie, Hill and Stearn returned to 18 I.T.B.
	28	0700	New Posting of Offrs. R.O. NO. 17 Leave personnel depart for one day leave to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.
		0900	C.O. visits Bde. H.Q. and later visits Lt. Col. Deverien. Coy's Eng. as per Syllabus.
		1400	C.O. preparing Bn. Schemes.
		1600	Bde. I.O. Lieut Piper visits Bn. I.O.
		2200	16 Sgt. Vehicles departed for Vehicle Reception Depot, Barbara after movement Order 871 issued.
	29	0500	D' Coy. departs from Camp to carry out exercise. "Down attack and withdrawal" C.O. attended.
		0800	D' Coy. returned to Camp. Coy's Eng. as per Syllabus.
		1200	Capt. W. Brocksopp visits Bn. from 18 I.T.B.
		1430	C.O. I.O. and Coy Comds. depart on piece of area for Bn. exercise on 30 Jan. returned 1630 hrs.
		1600	27 O.P.S. reinforcements arrived at Bn. from M.G. Eng. Bn. and are drafted into No 6. Coy. Eng Syllabus for week ending 7 Feb 42 issued.
	30	0830	Bn. less C. Coy. depart from Camp to carry out exercise, "Bn. march

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AL	JULIS CAMP	JAN		
				aid attack" under direction of C.O.
			1430	C.O and I.O returned to Camp and leave almost immediately on Pease.
			1550	Coy's return to Camp.
			1710	C.O and O.C. Coy's return to Camp from Pease of area for Bn Exercise on 31 Jan.
		31	0830	C.O's orderly Room. Coy's move out of Camp for Bn. exercise.
			0900	C.O departs B.H.Q to direct Bn. exercise "Bn. advance and attack."
			1345	C.O returned from Bn. exercise.
			1440	Coy's return to Camp NO. 377 Unit Stamp returned to Bole. by adjt and new stamps issued.
			1600	8 new Sgt. Vehicles arrive Bn Sgt. personnel busy preparing same for duty.
			1845	approx 600 personnel of Bn parade and marched to Camp Lineman for performance by Jim Gerald and his group of entertainers.
X.		1 FEB	0900	Church Parade on Bn. Parade ground. Padre Helmore takes the service after several weeks of absence through illness.
			1200	Camp Staff Offr. visits adjt departs 1215 hrs.
			1240	Lt. Col. Vernier visits the C.O.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
JULIS CAMP	FEB	1500	T.P.T. informed they will move early morning 2 Feb. B.M.S busy on final packing of stores and equipment.	
	2	0400	Maj. Mathews O.C. Rd. party consisting of M.T. Vehicles loaded with stores and equipment with Lt. Mackie and Sgt. personnel departed for Port of embarkation.	
		0830	Bn marches from Camp for exercise "Bn in approach march"	
		1340	C.O with Bn H.Q arrive back in Camp.	
		1600	Cogs arrive back in Camp from exercise. Camp Staff Office visits Adjt. C.O recess Area for Bn. Exercise. Lt. Balfour - Ogilby reports Bn. from Camouflage School.	
	3	0830	C.O's Orderly Room	
		0900	Bren Carriers depart from Camp for Magdal Sta. thence by rail to Port of embarkation. I. Sec. Learning Morse Code, using flags and lamp.	
		1400	Bn march from Camp for exercise "Bn in defensive Post."	
		1615	Bn. exercise completed Bn. arrive back in Camp	
		1645	C.O returns to Camp from exercise	
	4	0830	C.O's Orderly Room	
		0900	C.O departs for Musirat returned 1620 Cogs use Musirat Rifle Range through out the day.	
		1000	Bde I.O Lieut Piper visits Bn I.O departs 1330 hrs.	

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PL	PLACE	DATE	Hour		APPENDIX
ALA	JULIS CAMP	FEB	1950	Admin Order NO. 2 issued	APP. A. B. C
		5	0645	Lieut. W. Pick, O.C of party and 27 O.Ps depart for one days leave to Tel Aviv	
				Lieut. D. J. Saunders O.C of party and 14 O.Ps depart for one days leave to Jerusalem.	
			0830	Coys weapon Ing, and using Nuseirat and 30 ^x Rifle Ranges.	
			1100	I.O visits B.M. and Bde I.O returned 1300 hrs.	
			1645	Corrigenda Admin Order NO. 2 Appd (Amending) to Admin Order NO. 2 issued	APP. A
		6	0900	Bn marches from Camp for Bn. Exercise. Bn. in approach march and attack.	
			1705	Addendum, Admin Order NO. 2 issued	APP. A
			1820	Bn arrived back in Camp from Exercise.	
		7	0830	C.O's Orders Room.	
				Coys Weapon Ing and P.T	
			1000	C.O in conference with Coy Comds. R.G.M. R.M.O and Lieuts, Forward, Maygor, Audell, and Wilson attended.	
			1230	Air Ravel Warning received.	
			1400	C.O, Offrs. and Sergeants march to Camp Cinema for Lecture by Brig. Watson on Egyptian Tactics, returned 1600 hrs.	
			1600	Lt. Col. Vorriss visits C.O	
				16 O.P's Reinforcement arrived Bn. allotted to E. Coy.	

PLACE	DATE	HOOR		APPENDIX
JULISCAMP	FEB	1890	15. O.P.S. reinforcements arrived Bn. and allotted to E. Coy Bn. strength now 43 Officers. 987. O.P.S.	
		1900	Movement, Admin. Order NO.2 amended.	APP. A
8	0900		Church Parade held on Bn. Parade Ground.	
	1100		Brig Wotam visits C.O. Bn. strikes Camp and cleans lines	
	2130		Bn. embussed at Julis Camp proceeded to Majidal Sta.	
	2200		Arrived Majidal Sta. de-bussed and entrained.	
	2320		Departed from Majidal Sta.	
9	0830		arrived Kantara East Sta Bn provided with hot meal fired over Canal to Kantara West Sta then entrained.	
	1100		Departed from Kantara West Sta.	
	1530		arrived Port Jempig de-trained and marched to Transit Camp	
	1530		Arrived Transit Camp allotted Tents and provided with hot meal	
10	0900		Coy's depart on Route march returned 1145 hrs.	
	1300		Full use of showers made by Coy's, Bn. then rests.	
11	0830		Bn cleans up Camp area in preparation for departure.	
	1300		Bn departs from Transit Camp marches to Port Jempig wharfe	
	1500		arrives wharfe	
	1530		Bn proceeds to embark on lighter	

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PL	PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
AL	EGYPT	FEB	1600	Bn. on board lighter proceeds to ship lying at anchor in Port Suez Bay.	
			1630	Lighter arrives alongside ship (H.M.T. Nieuw Amsterdam) and Gps. proceed to embark.	
	H.M.T. NIEUW AMSTERDAM		1730	Bn. embarkation completed Gps. proceed to their allotted berths Bn. settled down on board	
		12		approx. 5000 Gps. on ship consisting of 18 Bde, with attached Gps. Lt. Col. J. Field O.C. Troops.	
			1630	Ship departs from Port Suez Bay down Red Sea to unknown destination.	
		13		Bn. Ship's duty Bn.	
			0930	Gps parade at emergency station (Practice). Cys P.T and sunbathing. Sea smooth weather fine and warm.	
			1130	C.O's Orderly Room	
			2000	Gps. entertained by 7 Aust Div concert party.	
		14	0930	Emergency Stations (Practice) Cys Eng as per schedule.	
			2030	Passed Aden	
		15	0900	Church Parade.	
				Bn. busy filling in Census Cards	
			1430	Approx. half Bn. personnel entertained by Picture Show in ship's cinema.	
			1915	Rest of Bn. Personnel visit ship's cinema.	
		16		At Sea.	

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
H.M.T. NIEUW AMSTERDAM	17	0900	Emergency Stations (Practice) Coy's Ing. as per Syllabus.	
	18		At Sea,	
		1130	C.O's Conference.	
	19	0900	Arrived Bombay and anchor in Harbour.	
	20		On board ship in Bombay Harbour.	
	21	0815	H.M.T. NEVASA ties up along side H.M.T. Nieuw Amsterdam in Harbour Bn starts to move aboard.	
H.M.T. NEVASA		1100	Movement completed and H.M.T. NEVASA moves to wharf.	
		1300	Leave starts for Bn. in Bombay. from 1300 hrs to 2359 hrs.	
	22	0700	H.M.T. NEVASA moves from wharf and anchors in Harbour.	
		0900	Boat Stations (Practice)	
	23		Anchored in Bombay Harbour.	
	24	0900	C.O's Beddely Room.	
		1400	C.O delivers Lecture to Offrs and Sergts.	
	25	1315	Ship departs from Bombay.	
	26		At Sea	
	27		"	
	28		"	
	1 MARCH			
		0700	Arrived Colombo and anchors in Harbour.	
	2		Coy's P.T. & Ing as per Syllabus.	
		1030	C.O gives Lecture to Offrs. and Sergts. Subject "Lessons of SINGAPORE"	
	3		at Colombo.	
		1030	C.O continues with lecture to Offrs	

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PL	PLACE	DATE	HOOR	APPENDIX
AL	H.M.T NEVASA	MARCH 3		
	NEVASA		1545	<p>Drays on "Lessons of SINGAPORE"</p> <p>Three Teams drawn from Bn. compete in Boat Race. won by B. and C. Coy's team with A. and E Coy team second.</p>
		4	0900	<p>C.O visits H.M.T. DILWARA returned 10.30. Hrs.</p>
			1045	<p>Three Teams drawn from B.N. and Three Teams from 2/5 Hdb. Regt. compete in Boat Race. won by Capt. Schmedje team consisting of D. & H. Q. Coy personnel with Lt. Teesdale-Smith team consisting of B. & C. Coy personnel second. great enthusiasm shown by Troops also Comd. Offrs. and crew of Transport. winning team each received 2 rupees second team each 1 rupee.</p>
			1445	<p>Ship moves from Harbour and anchors in Bay.</p>
		5		<p>At anchor of COLOMBO</p> <p>Coy's Ing as per schedule.</p>
			1130	<p>C.O's orderly Room.</p>
			2100	<p>Ship sails for open sea.</p>
		6	0745	<p>Ship returns to COLOMBO inters Harbour and anchors.</p> <p>Coy's Ing as per schedule.</p>
			1130	<p>Coy. Comd's conference.</p>
			1715	<p>Ship proceeds out of Harbour joins Convoy and proceeds on voyage.</p>
		7		<p>At Sea</p>
			0945	<p>C.O's orderly Room</p>

PLACE	DATE	HOOD		APPENDIX
H.M.T NEVASA	MARCH		Coy Log as per schedule.	
EVASH	8		At Sea	
		1030	Church Service	
		1515	Crossed Equator	
		2100	Speed of Convoy increased to 13 knots, as the three slow ships that were keeping speed down to 10 knots have now left Convoy.	
	9		Coy Log as per schedule weather wet, sea choppy.	
		1130	C.O.'s Orderly Room.	
	10		Coy Log as per schedule Ship sailed 325 miles in last 24 hrs. up to 1200 hrs. Increase in ship's establishment pet Rabbit gave birth to young.	
	11		Weather wet, visibility poor sea moderate.	
			Coy Log as per schedule	
		1130	C.O.'s Orderly Room.	
	12		Convoy run into storm, very windy with rain, sea rough First Boats in Bosing Tournament to take place 13 March.	
		1945	Ship alters course to EASTWARD expecting more rough weather	
	13		Wind strong, sea rough, 1/2 in. sea sick.	
		1000	Boat Stations, (practice)	
			Coy Log as per schedule.	
	14		Running out of storm, seas moderating, sun shining Coy Log as per schedule	

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PL	PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
AL	H.M.T. NEVASA	MARCH 15	1030	Church Service. weather fine, sea moderate sun shining	
		16		Coy's Log as per schedule Weather fine Sea moderate. strong head wind.	
		17		Coy's Log as per schedule	
			1130	C.O.'s Orderly Room Weather fine sea moderate	
		18		Coy's Log as per schedule Weather squally sea moderate.	
			1030	American Cruiser and two Destroyers sighted joined Convoy as escort.	
			1745	H.M.T. DILWARRA dropped astern of Convoy, Convoy reduced speed.	
			1820	H.M.T. DILWARRA rejoined Convoy Convoy proceeds at normal speed.	
		19		Coy's Log as per schedule.	
			0930	Catalina Flying Boat circles Convoy.	
		20	0815	Rotneest Island sighted (last Aust)	
			1105	anchored in Fremantle Bay.	
			1145	proceeds into Harbour	
			1230	Heid up along side wharfe.	
			1430	Bn proceeds on leave until 2300 hrs.	
		21	0900	Route March by Coys.	
			1115	Coys returned to Ship.	
			1500	Leave granted until 2359 hrs	
		22	1230	Ship moves from wharfe into Bay.	
			1315	Convoy proceeds on journey	
			1400	C.O.'s Orderly Room	

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
H.M.T NEVASA	MARCH		
			Field General Court Martial held convened by O.C. Ips. Lt Col J.W.A O'Brien D.S.O.
	23		Coy's Log as per schedule.
		0900	F.G.C.M. held.
		1230	Submarine scare, No. subs. seen.
		1730	Another Sub. scare, escort vessels dropped to depths charges, result NOT known.
	24	0900	F.G.C.M. held.
			Coy's Log as per schedule. Weather fine & hot sea smooth
		2030	H.M.T. NEVASA leaves Convoy and proceeds on alone.
	25		Coy's Log as per schedule
		1130	C.O.'s orderly Room
			Weather fine sea moderate.
	26		Coy's Log as per schedule.
		1030	O.C Ips., C.O. and Coy Comdts. in conference.
	27		Coy's busy drawing equipment from ship's store room
		1115	Kangaroo Island sighted
		1840	arrived Semaphore anchorage
		1915	sailed into Port river
		2045	arrived Ocean Steamers wharfe Port Adelaide.
	28		Along side wharfe all day Bn. preparing to dis-embark
	29	0800	Bn. starts to move from H.M.T NEVASA and embarks for Camp.
		1300	Bn. in Camp at Sandy Creek (South Aust) Maj. Mathews

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AL	SANDY CREEK	MARCH		
				with Spt. rejoined Bn. Bn. busy settling in erecting tents etc.
		30		7 days leave granted for personnel living within 50 miles radius of Adelaide.
			1200	Leave personnel depart from Camp.
		31		Rest of Bn. with exception of Inter- -state personnel depart from Camp on 7 days leave. C.O. visits Bde. H.Q.
		APRIL		
		1		Interstate personnel continue training at Sandy beach, greatly to their disgust
		2		
		3		C.O. + Major Martin lunch with Premier at Parliament House. Meet sick in hospitals & interview St. Aid to C.O. of comforts fund
		4		Left Anderson (OC H.Q.) married to Miss C. Alderman These officers attend the wedding. Much hilarity
		5		Left Stuart holds the post at Sandy beach, with about 130 interstate personnel
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		8		C.O.'s orderly Room
		9		Major Matthews O.C. advances party F.O. with 5 other officers 53 O.R.s departed for new Camp site.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
SANDY CREEK	APRIL 10		The return of the brn. from leave brings to light that many hurried marriages have been celebrated, including those of Capt Walker, Lieut Maggar, Lieut Lane, and Lieut Hurdock, + Major Tassinian, etc 15 I.T.B.
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	12	1000	General leave granted Brn. until 2359 Hrs.
	13	0830	Brn. departs for day at Port Adelaide Rifle Range, returned to Camp at 1800 Hrs.
	14	0830	C.O. orderly room Coys Route march and weapon Ing.
		1400	Coys march from Camp to attend mortar firing demonstration.
		1700	Coys returned to Camp.
	15	0830	Brn. route march, returned to Camp 1200 Hrs.
		1400	C.O. orderly room. Coys weapon Ing.
	16	0800	approx. 200 personnel attend Gawler Rifle Range all day.
		1400	C.O. orderly room.
	17	0800	Brn. Parade.
		0830	C.O. orderly room Brn. busy striking tents cleaning lines in preparation for move.
		1915	C.O. with A, B, C and D Coys march out of Camp for Sandy Creek Sta, on way to Eastern States to new Camp.
	18	1830	Lt. Maggar O.C. party with Brn. H.Q. Coys entrain at Sandy Creek Sta. for Whyville slowground and Camp for night.
	19	0600	Marches to Goodwood Sta. entrains and Train departs for Eastern States.
	20 21		C.O. arrived Tenterfield Camp with A, B, C & D Coys
	22	2245	Lt. Maggar with Brn. H.Q. arrived Tenterfield Sta. (N.S.W.)

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PLACE	DATE	HOURL		APPENDIX
TENTERFIELD CAMP (N.S.W)	APRIL 23	0130	Lt. Maggare with B.H.G. arrived in Camp.	
"	"	0700	E. Coy arrived in Camp.	
"	27	0830	Cogs on Route march.	
"	"	1600	night leave started for 10 p.m. of Bn. to Tenterfield. H.G. Coy	
"	"	0830	arrived in Camp.	
"	24	0800	C.Os orderly room.	
"	"	0830	Coy depart on route march	
"	29	0830	returned 1200 hrs.	
"	"	1400	Cogs weapon Ing.	
"	"	"	R.O. NO 40 with new list of postings of Offrs. issued	
"	25	0800	C.Os orderly room.	
"	"	0830	Bn. Parade	
"	"	0900	Cogs depart on route march all day returned 1800 hrs.	
"	26	0900	R.C personnel leave for service in church at Tenterfield	
"	"	1000	"I.O" with I Sec depart from Camp on Rd. Piece.	
"	27	0830	C.Os orderly room	
"	"	"	Cogs weapon Ing.	
"	"	2200	Queensland personnel commence 7 days leave and Victorian personnel return	
"	28	0830	Bn. on all day route march.	
"	"	1600	Bn. returned to Camp	
"	29	0830	C.Os orderly room	
"	"	"	Cogs weapon Ing.	
"	"	1400	A.B.C.D. Cogs with some Sigs personnel move out from Camp for exercise "Dawn Attack".	
"	30	0800	C.Os orderly room	

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TENTFIELD CAMP. (N.S.W)	APRIL 30	1000	A. Coy returned to Camp from exercise "Dawn attack" followed at 1100 hrs by B.C. & D. Coys.
"	MAY 1	0815	B.C. & D. Coys leave Bn. area for Tng.
"	"	0830	C.O.s orderly room
"	"	0930	A. Coys leave Bn. area for Tng in area N.N.W of Camp (Opps. 1st Lt's football match result win for 6th by 2 goals)
"	2		Coys return to Camp from exercise.
"	3	0830	General church parade
"	"	0845	A.C. parade to 9 Bn. area
"	"	1000	Commencement of inter-Coy football matches
"	"	1400	"I.O" with I. Sec returned to Camp from Rd. Recce.
"	4	0800	C.O.s orderly room
"	"	0830	Coys weapon Tng. and route march.
"	"	1630	C.O in conference with Coy Comds
"	"	1710	Gen. Laverack, Major General 1st Army commanding 1st Div. with Brig. Wooten visited C.O. departed 1730 hrs.
"	5	0830	Bn. departed from Camp for Bn. exercise "Bn. in Van Guard" Bn. camped vicinity Township BOONOO BOONOO for night. (Operation order No 2 (TNG) issued)
"	6	0800	Bn. continues exercise "Bn in Rear Guard."
"	"	1330	Bn. exercise completed Bn. arrived back in Camp at 1600 hrs.
"	7	0830	Bn. Parade, talk on exercise by C.O and Maj. Martin
"	"	0930	C.O.s orderly room. Coy. Comds prepare their Coy. schemes

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PL	PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
TEN	TENTERFIELD CAMP. (N.S.W)	MAY		
				for 8/9 May. Coys Ing. as per Syllabus.
			1400	Inspection of respirators and all arms. Anti-Gas Ing.
		8	0800	C.O.s orderly room.
			0830	Coys march out of Camp for Coy exercises in the scrub including "Attack, Patrols, Occupation Defence and Counter-Attack."
		9		Coys away from Camp all day on exercises. return to Camp 1600 hrs.
		10	0830	Church Parade on Ben Parade ground
			1400	Football matches between Coys. "D" v "B" Coys result win for "B" Coy by 1 goal. "C" v "H.Q." Coys result win for "C" Coy by 12 goals.
		11	0800	C.O.s orderly room.
			0830	Coys. Leave Camp for 3 days exercises. C.O visits Bde. H.Q. returned 1130 AM. "I" App. "I" Sgt. and 2. O.N.S. attend "I" school at Bde.
		12	1030	Maj. Gen. Allen visited Bn. for an hour.
		13		See Bde. School (1 week) commences.
			1300	All Coys returned to Camp.
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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
TENTERFIELD CAMP. (N.S.W)	MAY 15	0830	Bn. Parade, Bn then departed on exercise, "Bn adv. through scrub.
		1600	Bn. returned to Camp.
	16		Capt. Guss Ing.
		1130	C.O. visits Bde. H.Q.
		1430	C.O. makes recon of Limburoo area for Bn. Exercise then visits 7 Div. H.Q. arrived back in Camp 1730 hrs.
	17	0830	General Church Parade.
		1400	Several football games were played in afternoon. After very exciting game between Offrs & Sgts. resulted in draw. D' Coy defeated "A" Coy by 3 goals. "H.Q." Coy " " "B" " " 3 " " "C" Coy " " 2/12 Bn. by 5 goals.
	18	0630	Major Martin & "I.O." departed from Camp to recon new Camp site.
		0800	C.O.'s orderly room.
		0830	Bn. departs from Camp for exercise. "Field firing exercise" arriving Limburoo area 1500 hrs.
	19		"Field firing" exercise carried out by Coys. "A" Coy puts on best shoot and wins prize of 9 gallons Beer
		1400	Brig. Wootten visits Bn, watches Bren-Gun shoot by Coys.

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
TENTERFIELD CAMP. (N.S.W)	MAY 20	0600	6 Apps. approx. 42. O.Bs departed from Camp as Adv. Guard to New Camp.	
		1400	Cannies depart for Wallangarra to be entrained for new destination	
		1500	Bn. arrived back in Camp from exercise.	
	21	0800	C.O.s orderly room Cogs, Gas Eng.	
		1430	Brig. Wooten & Staff Capt Kent of 18 Bde H.Q. visited C.O departed 1530 hrs	
		1530	movement Instruction No 6 with appendix. issued	APP. A & B
	22	0800	C.O.s orderly room	
		0830	Bn. Parade	
		0900	Bn. departs from Camp for exercise "Bn. in defensive posn. in scrub"	
		1600	Bn. returned to Camp	
	23	0800	C.O.s orderly room Bn. busy striking tents, cleaning lines, loading stores and gear on trucks in preparation for move.	
	24	0600	Bn. departs Tenterfield Camp ^{M.T} by convey for new Camp in ^{Q^A} Queensland	
	25	1045	Bn. arrived Sheep Station Ck. Camp situated approx. 5 1/2 miles N.W Township of Kilcom. after an uneventful journey through scenery which was enjoyed by all ranks.	

PLACE	DATE	HOURS	APPENDIX
SHEEP STA. Ck. Camp (Gild)	MAY		
	26		Coy's allotted areas & busy erecting tents & settling in. Capt C. R. Durant 2 ¹ / ₂ B Coy reported to Bde H. Q. as acting B. M. Bn. busy settling in digging slit trenches etc
		1400	C.O.s conference
		1430	C.O. departs for Brisbane.
	27	0900	Maj. Matthews & Maj. Martin depart from Camp to attend Court Martial at Bde. H. Q.
		1915	Coy route march and weapon log. approx. 400 personnel of Bn. attend picture show in Hilcey.
	28	0700	Lt. Teesdale Smith departs for Sydney to attend Air-craft. Recognition school Lt. Saunders departs to attend Camouflage school at Brisbane.
		0920	C.O. returned to Camp from Brisbane
		1000	C.O. and Offrs. depart from Bn. H. Q. to attend Lecture by Commander 1 Aust. Corp in Hilcey Picture Theatre
			Coy route march
	29	0800	C.O.s orderly room
		0830	Bn on route march all day C.O. attends
	30	0900	Bn carries out defence exercise in collaboration with B. of 2. Bn. A.I. Force.
	31	0830	Drum parade
		1100	Football match between B Coy & H. B. Coy (WHITE) teams result H. B. Team won by 4 goals.

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PLACE	DATE	HOURS	APPENDIX
SHEEP STAR CRK. CAMP (QEN)		1400	Football match between H.Q. Coy (BROWN) "A" Coy result H.Q. Coy won by 1 goal. "C" (Coy V D) Coy result C Coy won by 5 Goals.
	JUNE		
	1		Coy's Log as per schedule "Compass march through scrub" 6 day N.C.O.s refresher school started. 1915 Approx. 200 personnel from Bn. attended Kilocoy Picture Theatre. Capt. Stuart transferred to 1st Aust Corps as G III (Dps).
	2	1530	Coy's Log as per schedule Lt. Gen. Rowell G.O.C 1 Aust Corps Col. Elliott GSO 1. 7 Div with Brig. Wooten. D.S.O visited Bn. H.Q. conducted round area C.O. departed 1630 hrs. 1915 Approx 200 personnel from Bn. attended picture show in Kilocoy
	3		Coy's Log as per schedule 1915 Approx 150 personnel attend picture show in Kilocoy.
	4		Coy's Log as per schedule Extremely hard cross-country march
	5	0930	C.O. with "I" Sgt departed on leave, returned 2200 hrs. Coy's Log as per schedule

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	
SHEEP STATION CRK. CAMP. (GLD)	JUNE 6	0830	Cops try as per schedule.
		1400	Cops make & mend.
		1500	Offrs. V. Sgts Football match result Sgts won by 1 goal.
	7	0830	General Church Parade
1000		C.O & Capt. Lines with 6 instructors depart for Kilcoy to instruct local V.D.C personnel in use of Bren, 2" Mortar TSMG and Compass. V.D.C show great interest in all weapons.	
1400		Football match between H.Q. Coy (Red) V.D. Coy result win for H.Q. Team by 4-10 C Coy V H.Q. Coy (white) result win for C Coy by 3-3. A Coy V B Coy result win for A Coy by 2 pts.	
	8	0830	C.O with Bn. marched out of Camp for 3 days exercise. "Movement through scrub and broken Country" Lieuts. Brown, Pollard, McDougall and Sgt. Taylor D.C.M. depart on 6 days rd. recess each with one T man.
1500		Col. Morris A.D.M.S. 7 Aust. Div. visits Adjt. at Bn. H.Q.	
	9		Bn. on exercise
1000		Adjt visits 18 Bde. H.Q. returned 1100 hrs.	
	10		Bn. on exercise

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
SHEEP STA CRK. CAMP (GL)	JUNE		
	11	0215	Bn arrived back in Camp less "A" Coy. from exercise
		1000	"A" Coy arrived in Camp
		1030	C.O.s conference
		1830	Camp Concert in Bn. H.Q. area assisted by Band and Local Artists from Milroy. C.O presents prizes to best players in football match of 7 June.
	12	0900	Bn. Parade Cops then departed by PLS. on 2 day cross country marches to Moore. Lt Leesdale Smith returned to Bn. from Aircraft recognition school.
		1200	Gen Allen 7 Aust. Div. and Col. Peyton. U.S Army L.O with Brig Wooten visited Bn. H.Q. and with C.O inspected N.C.Os school departed 1230 hrs.
		1300	C.O and I.O departed on Ad. Roose to Maryborough. Maj. Matthews 2/c departed to Calindra on Ad. Roose Lt Saunders returned from camouflage school.
	13	1400	Cops returned to Camp from 2 day exercise
	14	0830	General Church Parade

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SHEEP STA. CRK CAMP. (GLD)	JUNE N		Bn. football team traveled to WOOMBYE then played 2/10 Bn result win for 2/10 Bn. 2/10 Bn 19-18 2/10 Bn 13-14. a great game was enjoyed by all and a return match will be played on 5 July.	
	15	0900	Coy's Ing as per schedule C.O and Adjut with Coy Comd's I.O and I personnel with Sig Pl. departed on 3 day Bde skeleton exercise to MURKON-GYMPIE area.	
	16		Coy's Ing as per schedule. Capt Verec, R.M.O transferred to 57d. Amb. replaced by Capt Lyne from same unit	
	17	1800	Coy's Ing as per schedule. C.O and Adjut with Bn. H.Q and Sigs Pl. returned to Camp from Bde. exercise.	
	18	0900	C.O with Coy's, departed on 3 day exercise. "occupation defensive posn." followed by "withdrawal in numerous bounds"	
		1030	Adjut visited Bde. H.Q returned 12.00 hrs.	
	19	1630	C.O returned from exercise	
		1900	Coy's returned to Camp from exercise.	



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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
SHEEP STA CRK. CAMP (SL)	JUNE 20	0800	C.O.s conference	
		0830	Cogs marched out of camp occupied from astride rd. approx 5 miles N.W of Camp.	
		1500	Staff Capt Kent visited Bn. H.Q. departed 1530 hrs.	
	21	1000	6 instructors departed for Kilcoy to instruct local V.D.C on L.M.G. 2" Mortar and Map reading. Football match between H.B. Coy (white) V D Coy result H.B. Coy 7-12 to 3-2.	
		1400	H.B. Coy (Red) V B Coy result H.B. Coy 9-16 to 2-0 A Coy V C Coy result A Coy 7-13 - 5-8	
	22		Cogs Ling as per schedule	
	23	1400	Cogs Ling as per schedule Gen Allen 7 Aust Div with Brig Wootten visited Bn. departed 1730.	
	24		Cogs Ling as per schedule	
	25	0845	Bn. departs from Camp of M.T Convoy on 3 days exercise under Bde arrangements	
	26		Bn on exercise	
	27	1900	Bn. returns to Camp from exercise	

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
SHEEP 8TH CRK. CAMP.	JUNE 28		Bn. in Camp	
		1400	Football matches, "D" Coy beat "B" Coy by 5 goals	
	29	0800	after a very close and exciting game H. Q. Coy (Reds) defeated "A" Coy by 2 pts.	
		1800	Picture show held in Camp area	
	29	0900	2 1/2 conference, I.O. departed for Kilcoy returned 1145 hrs. Coy. Long as per schedule.	
	30		Bn. departed Camp for exercise "Bn. in movement with aircraft.	
	JULY			
	1		Bn. on all day route march.	
	2	0900	Bn. departed from Camp on 3 day exercise "Bn. in attack and Bn. in movement in close Country"	
	3		Bn. on exercise.	
	4		Bn. on exercise. "Cross country Compass march"	
		1800	Bn. arrived back in Camp	
JA	5	0900	General Church Parade	
		1400	Inter-Coy Football H. Q. Coy (white) v "A" Coy result win for "A" Coy, by 4-5 goals. H. Q. Coy (Red) v "C" Coy result win for H. Q. Coy by 4-5 goals.	
		1530	Gen. Allen 7 Armt Div. with party of Parliamentary <u>Parliamentary</u> investigating Rural employment visited Bn. and with C.O. watched football match, inspected Camp had tea in Officers mess	

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PLACE	DATE	HOURL	APPENDIX	P. SHEET CRK.
SHEEP CRK. CAMP	JULY 6	0830	Coy's Route march, and use of 30 ^x Rifle range situated approx 1/2 mile EAST of Camp all day.	
		0900	C.O and Adjt departed on recce returned 1600 hrs	
	7	0830	Coy's Ling as per schedule route march and use of 30 ^x Rifle range.	
	8	0830	Coy's Ling as per schedule	
		1400	C.O and Adjt attend conference with Brig at Bde. H.Q	
	9		Coy's Ling as per schedule.	
		1400.	Bn. H.Q practice orgn. in Convoy and orgn. of Bn. H.Q in Bivouac Area.	
	10		Coy's Ling as per schedule.	
		1030	Bn. H.Q practice orgn. in convoy and orgn. of Bn. H.Q at Battle station.	
		1400	C.O departs on recce Jimna - Yednic area returned 1700 hrs	
	11	0900	C.O departs on visit to 7 Div H.Q returned 1200 hrs. Coy's in Camp (wet day)	
	12	0500	C.O, 2/c, adjt, I.O and O.C. H.Cy with Bn. H.Q personnel departed on 3 day Div. exercise.	
		0830	Church Parade	

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
SHEEP STN CRK. CAMP.	JULY 12	1400	Football match played at Sheep Stn Crk. Camp between a team from 10 Militia Bde and 2/10 Bn after a very good and exciting game 2/10 Bn won by 3-4 goals, scores being 2/10 Bn 16-19. 10 Militia Bde 13-15
	13		all Coys (less H.B. Coy) and carrier Pl on 14 hrs. route march.
	14	2145	Coys resting after route march C.O. with Bn. H.Q. returned to Camp from Div. exercise.
	15	0830	Coys training as per schedule. Lt Brown, Pl Sgt & 37 OR's departed to 29th AMF. to give demonstration of tactics.
	16	0900 0900 1800	C.O. departs on visit to Div. H/Q. 2/c, I.O. & all Coys departed on 2 1/2 day exercise through MONSILDALE, JIMNA & YEDINIA areas. C.O. returns to Bn at MONSILDALE for night.
	17	0830 0830 1500	Bn still on exercises, 2/c left in charge. C.O. departs from MONSILDALE for Bde Conference. C.O. returns from Bde Conference. Bn camped at JINKER HILL
	18	0830 1400	Splice at B Coy, 2 road pigs 'liquid refreshment' at good time had by all. Bn in charge of C.O. returns to camp @ 1300 hrs. Coys in Camp for Bn kit inspection. Capt J. J. Schryer needed had to visit after 4 months hospital 'reported his marriage in the interim. 3 officers married since returning to Australia

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX	PL SHEE CA
SHEEP STN CAMP	19 JUL	0830	Church parade.	
		1400	Bn 2/18 defeated 2/5 field Amb 159 to 5-3	
		1530	H/Q 4th Coy defeated A, B + C Coys. 15-20 to 12-17.	
	20	0830	Coys training as per schedule	
	21.	1130	C.O. departs for Bde Conference.	
		1200	B + II Coys depart for 3 1/2 day exercise as enemy to 2/9 Bn. Capt Mithke C.O. of E with Mr Acott acting as Adj. 2/c departs on recon of TOOKOOLAWAH area	
		1300	C.O. + 2/c return.	
		1430	C.O. + Adj. depart on recon Dept of POMONA	
		1445	Capt Wilcox, 4 sqts + 5 O/R from 2/1 st M.G. Bn arrive for visit to conduct M.G. School.	
	22	0830	B + I Coys away on exercises with 2/9 th Bn. Remainder of Bn in camp area TO/R transferred to General Details Dept.	
	23	0830	B + II Coys away on exercises with 2/9 th Bn. Remainder of Bn in camp area.	
	24	0945	C.O. + Adj. return from recon of POMONA area. B + II Coys away on exercises with 2/9 th Bn.	
		1700	C.O. departs to Div H/Q. B + II Coys return from exercise.	
		1800	C.O. returns from Div H/Q	
	25	0630	P.O. Riddle, S/L. Dittmar + 21 O/R leave Bn for Labour Coy.	
		0830	Coys training as per schedule.	
		1700	C.O. departs for TOOWOOMBA	



19-14. 9-13
15-14. 6-5.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
SHEEP STN CAMP	25	1400	Pt Brown, Pl Sgt + 37 O/R's return from 29th A.M.F.	
		1730	Ct Col Daly ^{arrives. 415 hrs} arrived + spent evening at officers mess.	
		1900	C.O. returns from TOOWOOMBA.	
	26	0830	Church Parade.	
1300		2/18 played 2/5 field Am at Hilcoy oval. 2/10th won, scores being 9-13 to 6-5.		
1500		1/18 played A.S.C. won by 2/10. 19-14 to 15-14. Old rivals, large attendance + exciting game.		
	27	0815	All Coys proceed on 3 day exercise, Area Bridge @ Brisbane river. C.O. in charge.	
1530		2 officers, 75 O/R arrived from 29th A.M.F. for 2 weeks instruction.		
1545		Pt F.W. Cook ^{MC} returns to Bn after 6 months in hospital through accident at Julius, reported his marriage in the interim.		
	28	0830	All Coys on 3 day exercise.	
	29		All Coys on 3 day exercise.	
1315		C.O. + adj return from Co stunt		
		1445	Coys return from stunt	
	30		Coys training as per schedule. Mobile shower unit arrives + sets up plant in Bn area.	
	31		Coys training in Bn area.	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX	P
SHEEP STN CAMP	AUG 1.		Coys training as per schedule	BT
	2.	0830	Church parade.	
		1330	Football between Coys.	
	3.	0830	<p style="text-align: center;">YEDNIA</p> Bn on days exercise in YEDNIA area. A visit by General Blamey was anticipated but did not result.	
		1330	C.O. recalled from stint for Bde conference	
		1700	Bn returned to Camp	
		1830	Officers conference with C.O.	
			Capt I. J. Hayward transferred to 1 Aust Corps as DAQMG	
4	0800		Mobile shower unit leaves Bn	
	0830		Coys hold muster parade & told that Bn would be moving & to be prepared. Destination not revealed	
	1700		Tents struck.	
5	0100		Carriers & transport leave Hilcoy in charge of Capt Wilson.	
	0830		Remainder of Bn cleaning up area.	
6.	0015		Bn moves from Hilcoy	
	0600		Bn arrives Ascot Race Course for breakfast.	
	0715		Bn leaves Ascot for wharf.	
	0815		Bn boards S.S. "Both" together with Bde band & Bde HQ.	
	1130		S.S. "Both" sails from Brisbane & leads Bn to Gili Gili NEW GUINEA. Carriers & transport on another vessel & not in convoy Sea calm	

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BT SEA	7		In Convoy. 1 tanker 3 troop ships. escort Destroyer "H.M.A.S" "Armita" + 2 Corvettes. Slight swell otherwise calm.
	8		In Convoy. Great excitement when shales seen. Boat takes over 12 Pdr from American Service men, Lieut W. Pick O.C. gun. 2 Corvettes leave Convoy. 1 ship passed Very calm all day.
	9.		In Convoy. During night tanker left convoy.
		1630	Fowkesville passed. Escort destroyer leaves convoy + 2 Corvettes take charge. Appointments. Capt Schmedge - Adj. Lt. Lieut Pollard No 5 Pl. Plt F. Cook o.c carriers. Lieut Seddon O.C. Hon Coy. Lieut Scott 2 1/2 B. Coy. Very calm.
	10.		In Convoy.
		0730	Cairns passed + Convoy leads NE through Great Barrier reef + open sea.
		0930	Submarine passed + one Corvette investigates same
		1100	Dirig calls conference of Officers + Sgt's. 3 ships passed during day. Slight swell + a number of troops very unsettled.
	11		In Convoy. Moderate swell
		1530	Two freighters leave Convoy.

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX	PL
AT SEA	12		Escort Corvette & S.S. Both in company only.		Gili
		0700	Land sighted.		
		1015	Entered China Straits.		
		1100	Entered MILNE BAY.		
		1315	Tied up to pontoon wharf @ Gili Gili.		
		1330	Platoon H.Q., I, C, B, A & H/Q Companies disembark.		
		#1345	Motor Convoy leaves.		
		1400	Air raid yellows, all clear 1500.		
		1430	Platoon arrives. 9 th A.M.F.		
			C.O., Adj. + 10. Leave for recon of camping area.		
		1530	Platoon moves to staging camp & erects tents.		
		1700	All tents erected & majority of slit trenches dug.		
Gili Gili	13.		Quiet night.		
			Raining most of day.		
		0830	C.O., Adj. + 10. Off for recon of area on Route 8.		
			Coys in area all day.		
	14.	0900.	Platoon moves to new camp along Route 8 & NW of Gili Gili. Ideal camp, plenty running water & good defensive area. Coys digging in & erecting tents.		
			Listening posts established.		
	15.		Quiet night.		
		0900	B, C & I coys sent out recon patrols.		
		0930	Platoon by supplies working party for wharf.		
		1300	Air raid Red. No enemy planes sighted.		

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Gili Gili	15	1500	Patrols return.	
		1800	A Coy supplies working party for shaft.	
	16	0445	I Coy supplies shaft working party.	
		1045	R.E. Church parade	
		1100	Carriers + transport arrive area. Refat Conroy arrived Gili Gili 0930	
			15 AUG. Japs quiet throughout. Capt Hoyle rejoins unit. No air raids	
	17	0500	H/Q Coy supplied working party. Phosphorescent Wood, which is illuminating, can easily be obtained in this country. The wood is visible for distances up to 50' or more. + good use can be made of same, patrols etc.	
		1325	Air raid red.	
		1600	Brig arrived for inspection Bn area.	
		1900	Capt R. Sanderson, Lieut K. Leane & 12 O/R rejoin unit. Capt Matheson appointed O.C. I Coy. Lieut K. Leane No 5 Pl, Lieut Pollard Asst Adj. Lt.	
	18	0900	Pond explosion. I Coy practising with "Bakelite" grenades.	
		1430	2 i/c. Maj Martin. I.O. Capt Hoyle. Capt Matheson out for recon	
	19	0830	C.O. Adj. + I.O. on recon of 25 Bn area O.P. post established 312° from Bn H.Q.	
		1330	C.O. + party return	
		1430	Brig arrives to see C.O.	

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PLACE	DATE	HOOR		APPENDIX	P
Gili Gili	20	0930	C.O. on visit to Sharf.		Gili
			B Coy on route Mand for morning.		
		1400	First Mail received in New Guinea		
		1453	Air Raid Red		
		1500	All Clear, no planes sighted.		
			17 years ago today Advance Party of Bom in charge of Maj Cooper left TORUK for Egypt		
	21	0800	Very wet night, creek in flood.		
		1430	C.O. & O.C. visit at Conference. C.		
			C Coy working at Sharf, unable to proceed to camp owing to floods & heavy rain.		
			Coy stop at Sharf & commence @ 0630.		
			Heavy rain all day, conditions terrible		
	22		Heavy rain during night. Cops in area repair damage to tents & other improvements.		
		1300	C Coy return from Sharf.		
		1700	Air Raid Red		
		1730	All Clear, no planes sighted		
		2000	Air Raid Yellow		
		2020	All Clear, no planes sighted.		
	23.	1000	Air Raid Red.		
		1030	All Clear		
			B Coy Working party at New Drome.		
		1500	C.O. sent to Bole.		
		1505	Air Raid Yellow, All Clear 15.25		
		1530	Air Raid Yellow, All Clear 1600.		
			1 Enemy plane sighted at high altitude		
			No rain during day.		

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Gili Gili	24	0900	O.C.'s Conference with C.O.	
		1500	Air Raid Yellow	
		1510	✓ ✓ Red.	
		1530	E a/c overhead. AchAch open up with excellent results. Numerous "Dog Fights". 4 probable Jap planes shot down.	
		1630	All Clear.	
			1 year ago. A & B Coy's leave TOBRUK for EGYPT on	HMS 'KIPLING'
25	0830	1.0. & 7 OTR on recce to Nth Coast. C.O. fixes defensive positions of area		
		1615	Air Raid Red	
		1715	All clear. No E planes seen.	
		1730 1900	B Coy move to Milneforce H/Q as guard. Op orders. Bn will stand to at 0500 hrs	
26	0245	0330	Notified of Jap landing at KB Mission in contact with 61 Aust Inf Bn. (Strength unknown)	
26	0330	1730	Bn "Stand to" in pos E of B.H.Q. in perimeter defence.	
26	1730	1730	Bn moved to 25 Aust Inf Bn area for defence of oil ship - B Coy remained at former Bn posn.	
27	0300	0600	Bn moved to 7 Bde H.Q. Arrived 7 Bde H.Q.	
27	0600	0600	B Coy 2/10 moved to H.B. Mission Kiallo.	
26	0215	0330	Notification of enemy landing east of Gili Gili. Bn took up a perimeter Posn for all round attack & defence as features recd. the previous day, with view to preventing infiltration. Posn about 600' SOUTH of camp area on west end of Route 8. B Coy came under command of 7 Bde. Inf Bde & took up a posn at intersection of Routes 1 & 8.	

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G121 G121	26		<p>Dispositions of our troops very incomplete, 8th Fighter control area (US troops) 1000^{km} from our posn unknown to this Bn + 18 Bde.</p> <p>Bn made no contact with enemy throughout the day which was spent in removing Bech inside the perimeter defenses + minor alterations in dispositions</p>	
		2000	<p>Bn moved out under cand 7th Aus Inf Bde and moved took up posn near No 1 strip at 2230 hrs under protection role. Bech remained in old area under Major Matthews.</p>	
	27	0300	<p>Bn moved to 7th Bde area arriving at 0600 hrs. 61 Bn reported destruction of 2 tanks + B bay 2/10 from Kialba failed to contact enemy.</p>	
		1100	<p>Decision to send 2/10 Bn into action lightly armed. Mortars under Major Bayger moved fwd to assist B bay in their further advance. 10 accompanied mortars to receive an enveloping attack.</p> <p>General. Night after full moon rain, light clouds appeared to give sufficient light for our operations.</p> <p>Information re enemy very incomplete, strength + armaments only estimated by deduction. Own troops lightly armed with</p>	

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CHIT Gili Gili			additional TSMG's, rifles, few Brens, 2 A TK rifles, 1 3" mortar with 40 rounds WE 2" mortars and a few ST bombs. There was an incomplete issue of emergency rations	
		1200	Bn moved out by tpt to Kialbo where rd became impassable. Two cannons were bogged & the others had to be left at this point. The Bn marched to KB mission area B bay regaining the unit & taking up the role of adv guard.	
KB Mission		1730	Bn arrived at KB mission. Orders given to make some sort of trenching in & around rubber plantation. Very few trenching tools were available. Disposition of boys — It was reported by A bay that Bn was under enemy observation.	travelling in a carrier which struck an AT mine
		1800	Orders to lie down & stay down	
		1930	First enemy activity tanks manoeuvring with head lights on outer perimeter near B boys area accompanied by much noise & jabbering & a few shots. Our 3" mortar replied with single shot. Enemy then sent over short sustained fire from automatic weapons from tanks and other isolated places. Sporadic fire from boys at no apparent target continued until c.o. ordered fire to be held until targets presented themselves. Enemy mortar & grenade	APPENDIX "A" (SKETCH)

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GTTC KTB Mission	27	2030	discharges fire proved ineffective. By aid of tanks MG posns were placed to N & E of BN most skilfully. In many cases these posns were concealed while a sortie of BN area was made by the tank. Lights were turned on for periods of minutes & dimmed or put out for corresponding periods. It is thought that tracer bullets from the tanks indicated enemy mortar tasks. The E made no attempt to conceal their posns as there were sounds of shouting from various directions. Evidently they held a strong posn to the NE of B. BN decided to send back for more ST bombs and ATIC defense.	
		2100	A tank proceeded in an Easterly direction with much show of engine revving for a short distance shortly returning probably to test A.TIC defense. The tank or another proceeded in a Southerly direction with similar tactics. In the meantime E fire was growing closer including MG tracer from N & E. It seemed apparent about this time that the Japanese expected by their terror tactics & noise to cause the BN to retire in disorder. On the contrary our troops	

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seemed to treat the commotion lightly and had noted the ineffectiveness of haphazard mortar fire, crackers, hand grenades ~~for~~ thrown from the tanks and ^{the sharp tracks of} HMC fire in the tree tops. Also it seemed to be the main wish of the tank drivers that they should make their monsters as apparent as possible. In spite of this Asiatic bluff the SAA fire would have caused considerable casualties to running troops.

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A tank proceeded along the track from the EAST through the Bu Area. The headlights on the tank were used with great effect. It approached the position with lights dimmed & then they would be turned full on or off, the tank turning sharply to right or left to spray the ground with bullets.

~~It~~ It overran B bay area although one platoon dispersed the rest of the bay held their ground. Attempt was made to damage the tank by 3" mortar fire at a short range with no success also sticky bombs were thrown but these appeared to slip off ~~the tank~~. The tanks now commanded the area. This tank attacked 3" mortar on tracks but personnel escaped from pit. Native huts

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KTB KTB Mission	27		were fired on including ARTY O.P. Two ARTY FOO's were killed in this sortie & in general HQ was machine gunned followed by shots from the less effective 37mm A.TK gun. All our fire failed to extinguish the lights of the tanks. The tanks retired followed by the closing in of enemy on 3 sides N, E & the sea shore to the SOUTH.
		2300	A further single tank attack was made bringing up a number of marines who appeared to drop off. Grenades were thrown out from the tank. Further unsuccessful efforts were made with ST bombs.
	28	0030	As A.TK weapons did not arrive orders were given for BN to retire to creek 300' to the WEST. B ^{A & D} boy retired in order. except for small groups who were left off. B boy did not receive the order to withdraw at this stage. "C" boy retired See APPENDIX "C" a few minutes after the order by short stages to the ford. At this moment the disposition was appprox A boy at the ford, D boy with 2 pts lining the creek, D boy to their left & rear ^{part of} C boy reforming behind the line of creek & B boy

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in approach their original area.
Members of HQ Coy & C Coy were
temporarily separated by the enemy
along the sea shore near the
mission

0130 A tank crossed the ford bringing
food, E marines. Dispositions along
tracks were disorganised for a short
time especially arrangements for
removing wounded by US trucks
& the 61 Bn. Tank did not remain
long but returned to E area and
D Coy took up a line 200' to 300'
west of ford to the NORTH reaching
ford to creek. Evacuation of wounded
continued very satisfactorily & A Coy
reestablished itself. About this
time 2 A TK guns were ~~disabled~~^{captured}
by the Japs whilst coming up road
to assist Bn.

The CO now endeavoured to
establish contact between coys but
this proved impossible owing to
the thick jungle & continued
guerrilla warfare and a
further tank excursion
0230 about 0230 hrs which
left groups of men over
widely dispersed areas
including numbers on the
seashore.

However a food fighting
force of part of A and
C Coy was formed. And

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	28		<p>a rear force of D Coy and odd groups from other Coys about four hundred yards to the west.</p> <p>Heavy rain had set in, and the ^{the} endeavours to find a settled area to reorganise, both groups appears to the have moved northwards into the jungle and an hour or so later lost touch because each tried to contact the other on the track.</p>	
		0530	<p>^{For fwd group} The rear group decided to retire as it was thought the other Coys had moved back by some other route. A strong enemy attack and mortar bombardment was eventuating from the north. But a 25 pdr. barrage silenced the enemy.</p>	appx B
Gili Gili		0630	<p>The group retired. Near Gama River ford, enemy dead were discovered. As a force of enemy were considered to be ahead also a tank, it was decided to make a detour round. This plan was upset as</p>	

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the party were sighted by RAAF planes who strafed the troops and directed a 25 pdr barrage. Consequently it was decided to go deeper into the jungle to escape detection. In the middle of the morning troops came to a cleared patch and were recognised by the aircraft. The shelling was stopped in one and a half minutes. Later the party became confused with an enemy force attacking no 3 strip and the strafing and shelling continued.

1330 The party moved into extreme northern area of 61 Bn

1430 Group arrived at 7 Aust Inf Bde Area without casualties.

Advt's report

A Coy's report

B Coy's report

C Coy's report

D Coy's report

Carrier Platoon report

Mortar Platoon report

B Ech moved this day to

25 Bn Area. It is noted that

B Ech appealed to be allowed

to go to Bn's assistance on

hearing exaggerated rumours

of Bn's action. This was

not allowed.

appendix A1

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Gili Gili	29			
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Groups, from sixty to
 downward returning to
 join Bn 29/30/31 Aug to
 7 Bde Area No 1 House
 and 18 Bde Area near
 Hagita House. All
 personnel were extremely
 fatigued, and suffering
 from sore feet. Clothes
 and boots were supplied
 by the Q.M. and by
 A.M.F. Camps. While
 all camps including
 American combined in
 welcoming and assisting
 men, most of whom arrived
 back without any personal
 gear, and very hungry.
 This action has noticeably
 joined the Bn most firmly
 together, also the strength-
 ening ^{the} ties of the 18 Bde,
 when the 2/9 wished immedi-
 ately to go out to our
 assistance when they
 heard ~~of our~~ that the
 2/10 were in trouble. But
 most particularly obvious
 is the friendly, helpful
 feeling between the AIF
 and the AMF possibly
 for the first time in
 the history of this war.
 This day D Coy attached

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Kjili Gili	30	2200	to 7 Bde Area for defense B Ech moved to Area near Hagita House. CO returns to Bn with Sjt Lawrence & Cpl Magee, leaving A Coy defending Bulo Bulolo Hill.
Hagita House	31	1000	B reorganising. Bn HQ moved to Hagita House
		1600	House returned with 80 personnel.
		1630	Return of A Coy and others. The majority of tps have rejoined Bn by this date.

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Hagita House	SEP 1		
			Reorganisation of Bn continued following action at KB mission. Odd personnel returning to Bn Area this day and the next few days both from the jungle and from the ADS.
	2	0200	Stand to at
	3		Routine only.
	4	0600	Two patrols sent out to observe SW, west, and NW tracks under Mr Gyasby and Sgt Grey. Major Matthews promoted to Lt-Col.
	5		Five cases of malaria evacuated this day. Anti-malarial precautions to be more strictly enforced. Dist Lt-Col Matthews transferred to 9 Bn AMF.
	6		Noted quantities of SIX Bristol Beauport Torpedo carrying Bombers, and THREE one Beaufighters arrived in Area. This combined with news of 2/9 and 2/12 successes in fwd fighting area has intensified the troops already high morale. First lightning noticed since this Bn arrived in Milne Bay Area. Change in season indicated.

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Kajita House	7	0015	Shells from enemy vessel fell near D Coy Area No 1 Strip.	
		1500	Bn HQ moves about two hundred yards south west.	
		2350	Naval shelling from Milne Bay Island Strip No 1 again and lasted for about ten minutes.	
8		0930	Op. Order	Appendix A
		1030	Air Raid Red.	
		1215	Nine enemy aircraft dropped bombs over No 1 strip. 4 Personnel of Mortar Pl killed & 1 wounded.	
		2015	Air Raid Red.	
		2110	All Clear, no and sign of E planes	
		2110		
9.		1000	C.O. of Bode conference.	
		1415	Air Raid Red.	
		1440	All Clear. No E planes sighted.	
		1500	Col Matthews GAME visited Bn.	
10		1115	Air Raid Red.	
		1440	All Clear	
		1830	1 offr and 38 ORs reinf marched in (OX's).	

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Gili Gili	11	1200	Routine only	GWENA GWENA
SEPT.	12	0730	Air Raid Red	
		0800	All clear	
	13	0900	00 no 2	
		1015	Natives travelling down from TAUPOTA past EANEANE conducted by vill age constable all from TAUPOLA. They were returning to work in this district following cessation of hostilities. They also gave an account of fifteen enemy killed early in the week. Patrols rece Dona DONA DONA, and MIAWARRA RIVER mouth. Patrols rece to Dona Dona and track Manamamana.	appe
	14			appe
	15	1936 2310	Air raid red. All clear soon after	
	16	0130	Air raid red. All clear soon after. Proved to be our planes.	
		0830	Com Comd's rece to DONATONA area. Command Pl formed in charge of Lieut Crabine. Wilson with 1 Sgt. 14 O.Rs. This day major Martin's body was found	
	17	0600	C. Coy, I.O. + M.O. to AHIO MA to salvage 'ANGAU' stores.	
		0715	Sgt Jay, 2 I Sec + 2 O.Rs to GWENAGWENA RENA. to establish track to TOPURA.	
		0900	Rece by Mr. Magger for rifle and mortar 3 inch range	

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Gili Gili Sept	21	1500	C Coy left for Gili Gili wharf to embark on HMAS Stuart
		1730	Orders for D Coy to be relieved by 25 Bn to occupy C Coy's former posn
	22	0500	Wharf working parties leave for Gili Gili wharf.
		0930	News of C Coy's safe landing at "NORMANBY IS"
		1200	D Coy take over C Coy's positions
		1300	Wharf parties return from duties
		1430	To commemorate formation of 2/10 Bn a Bn Magazine will be published for 7/10/42.
XXXXX	<u>TYPE II FROM HERE ON.</u>		
	23.	0820	C.O, Adj, I.O + O.C D Coy recce + prepare plan of Coy defensive area South of IONA IONA.
		0830	Air force report safe arrival C Coy at "MAIWA". Coy reports enemy searchlight seen at CAPE PIERSON @ 0100 hrs.
		1330	Air raid recd. 3 Jap Bombers + 8 Zeros fly over MILNE BAY.
		1435	All clear, no bombs dropped. Wharf party returns
		1500	C Coy will return 2200 hrs. @ 1200 hrs Lieut Mackie reached NADIGATI with 8 Jap prisoners
		1500	R.I.F reported Jap a/c reced islands around SAMARAI
		1630	C Coy embarked safely from "NORMANBY IS"
		2150	C Coy reports in with B.S.
		2330	17 Pl rejoins D Coy. Lt Forward returns to D Coy.

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Gili Gili	24	0500	Shant working parties leave, O.C. Capt Anderson.	
Sept		0830	INCO + 9 ORS to Tol Bakery	
		0840	14 Bell Air Cobras arrive from Pt MORESBY.	
		1000	Lieut Brown to B Coy as 2 i/c.	
		1030	Native reports 30 Japs H10&1. Japs robbing gardens. Patrol at TAUPOTA notified	
		1430	Shant working party leaves. O.C. Lieut Mackie.	
		1607	A heavy B.E. will hold search light practice from 2000 - 2100 hrs.	
	25	0800	Location statement No 21 read from Bde.	
		1200	C.O. 9A.M.F. arrives for conference with C.O.	
		1400	Lieut Cook promoted to Capt. Sgt Russell & Cowling to be Lieuts. Lieut Russell posted to No 9 Pl & Lt Cowling Carrier Pl.	
		1410	Air Thomas BLAMEY arrives HARITA HOUSE	
	26	0930	2/9 Pm officers reported for recce of DONATIONA area	
		0940	1 Pl 2/9 Pm at TAUPOTA, 1 Pl + Coy H/Q WEIAU.	
			2/12 Pm. 1 Pl at KILLERTON POINT on guard duties.	
		1035	Natives report 11 JAPS at LAPORA wearing native clothes & one policeman's uniform.	
		1600	Missionary women at WEIAU to be evacuated per ship 27 left.	
		1900	Outpost at SAGARI abandoned, now plotting str. at MULLINS HARBOUR. Additional outpost at NOWLA. Considerable area in vicinity of WANAJALA (199986 2:11) be patrolled by this pl from 26 Sept - 2 Oct approx. LILIH patrol reports no sign of E.	

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(Ailigi) Sept	27	0950	2/9/44 report dump of JAP ammo, 14400 rds of .256, 2 Cases .5 moved to WAGA WAGA.	
		0955	C.O. & I.O. visited DONA DONA area.	
		1500	B & C Coys supply wharf duties for 28 Sept.	
		1515	Demonstration in Molotov cocktails & ATK mines by engineer N.C.O.	
		1520	O.P. instructions No 3 issued.	
		1520	Swimming carnival held in KALOHI CK. "C" Coy v 11 AIS. win for "C" Coy.	
		1700	Air recce reports 1 JAP Cruiser seen in TAMPIER STRAITS.	
		1730	Church service held @ Padre Helmore.	
—	28	0700	After nearly two weeks of fine weather the "Drought" has broken! Very heavy rain falling during night.	
		1030	2/9/44 report party of 5 Japs WAGA WAGA area, believed moving North.	
		1200	Sharf Duties	
		1400	Report received that 9-6.2 Naval guns have arrived for Darwin protection.	
		1410	Lieut. Leane advised of his transfer to "The Main Land"	
		1445	Message. To complete defences of HAGITA area as regards wiring Coys will recce their areas to the stage of staking proposed wiring on the ground. To conserve steel frequent wire is to be placed on tree trunks & wooden posts as much as poss. Wire is not yet available but estimates of wire required will be forwarded. Intelligence will be responsible for preparing plan of existing & proposed wiring.	
		2100	Heavy rain all day drainage system working well. KALOHI CK in flood.	

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Giligi	29	0700	Heavy rain during night. KALOHI CK in high flood & banks burst causing damage to C & II Coys Lines.	
		0800	2/9 Bn at WAGAWAGA report "Lack of flash in JAP rifles caused by use of flash eliminator. Have 3 on hand, 1 fitted to rifle being sent to Bodeo 2 JAPS killed LARONIA 28 left, 4 killed GUAGANAKI & 1 killed WAGAWAGA, all by patrols of 2/9 Bn. @ night seen of LIHIHI at 170° + 178° appeared stationary. @ Natives report 11 JAPS PIRIPIRI Ruin all in bad way also 30 JAPS @ HIOGE occupying church & priests house.	
		1730	2/9 Bn commenced sweep of area WEIAU-TAUPOTA @ 0600 Sept 29. Object to destroy in this area also to locate JAPS as in report above.	
		1900	Sharp parties supplied during day by A Coy 45, B 60 C 60 & H/Q 75.	
	30	0700	Heavy rain overnight, possibly continue over day.	
		0830	2/9 Bn report their fighting patrol reached LARONIA @ 0830 hrs 29 Sept. Sharp Duties A Coy supplied 45 men H/Q ✓ 75 ✓	
		1600	O.C. Coys in conference with C.O.	
		2200	Heavy rain for most of day.	

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G.I. G.I.	1.	0700	Appearance of fine day.
		0900	All Pm N.C.O paraded to C.O. for Lecture
		0930	Preparations carried out so that Pm will be ready to move at short notice.
		1600	Air raid Red
		1615	All clear, no E planes sighted.
		2100	Light showers only during day.
		2.	0700
	1600	Pm on one hour notice.	
	1900	O.C conference with C.O.	
			During day Coys preparing equipment & cleaning area.
			No rain during day.
			Promotion Sgt's Nolan, Taylor, Lawrence, Andrews & Rusdall to be Lieuts.
	3	0350	A Coy outpost report having seen flare in direction of No 1 Strip.
		1000	A/A Batt on Strip 3 practising for barrage.
1400		O.C Coys conference with C.O.	
1700		All Coys during day preparing equip & stores.	
1900		Drought, no rain for two days.	
4	0815	C.O. I.O. + Lieut. Pollard off for recon. WANIGELA area.	
	1200	2/9th relieved B Coy of guard duties at R.D.F.	
	1400	C.O. returns from Recon.	
	1500	# 21/C + I.O. of 2/9th visited area + in conference with A Coy.	
	2200	Movement order issued. Reville 0330. At 7 am 0400 ready to leave by 0615.	
5	0330	Reville 0400 Breakfast.	
	0530	I Coy Capt HAGIETHA area for Dawn. to fly to WANIGELA (HATFORCE) plus 100ft mortars 1 sec Vickers. B.H.O followed plus A Coy plus 100ft mortars, 1 sec Vickers.	

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WANIGELA	7	1135	Report of A/C approaching from NW, all Coy's inf.
		1200	Only A/C to fly over plant area is of transport type.
			A/C over yesterday (6 Oct) were in numbers 40 with objective being Bonna.
		1425	Unidentified plane flying very high N-S.
		1430	Returns & is recognized as P38.
		1600	Occupation of Chrome & beach defence completed.
	8	0600	Lieut Pindall with patrol of 1 sec departed for MUSA R. area
		0635	Expected arrival 6 th independent Coy today, strength 60
		1005	2 planes land on strip.
			Lieut Fossell rec'd KEPPEL PT.
		1010	Op orders No 4 issued.
			Capt Hawkins, (U.S.A.) Capt Robertson & Lt Saunders return to MILNE BAY.
	1900 1635	Lieut Pindall reports having reached MUSA R, camp situated 1000' S.W of village on junction rivers.	
	9	0700	2 - B17's flew overhead flying N-S.
		1102	P38 flew high over area
		1204	Permission asked but refused for us to communicate with spotting stars.
		1600	No planes to land on strip during day
		1700	All Coy's working on areas & carting stores & ammo.
			Lieut Hoggard of ANGAU arrived from UOE.
		1905	No E planes or shipping sighted during day.
			Weather day fine night VERY wet
	0600	Lt Beharrell of ANGAU plus 1 Sgt 4 OR's & 1 I Sec personnel left on Patrol BONA area.	

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WANIGELA	10	0130 to 0245	3 Planes flying over area, probably flying fortress	
		0310	C. Coy report beam of light appeared at MB 165° from Coy H/Q. Check being kept.	
		0610	Plane flies over area N-S. possible B.I.T.	
		1200	No planes to land to date	
		1300	2 luggers, McLAREN KING & TIERYO arrive WANIGELA with food & ammo.	
		1315	6 Planes land with stores & P/Sgt RAAF who will take charge of maintenance of landing ground.	
		1630	2 luggers left after unloading stores.	
		1700	2 fires seen near WATER FALL (MB 210°) & reported sounds of gun fire.	
		1800	J. Coy report sounds of gun fire W of S of Coy H/Q.	
		1830	A. Coy report sounds of gun fire E of S of Coy H/Q.	
		2000	No further reports of above gun fire, assumed to be "atmospheric conditions"	
			Weather, No rain during day.	
	11	0600	No rain during night, conditions very muddy from previous night's heavy falls.	
		0730	General Clewes landed per plane for inspection of HAT FORCE. C.O, 2/c + adj meet plane. 3 P38 fly over area.	
		0900	B/25 flies	
		1140	Lockheed Lightning flying high over area.	
		1200	Earth tremor felt & rumbling noises heard E of N.	
		1222	General Clewes arrives in H/Q for dinner.	
		1237	D.C.2 plane landed with MR ABEL who proceeded to ANGAUO 6-P39 accompanied flight.	
		1240	Pt Russell's patrol returned from MVSIA R & reported to G.O.C. on trip	
		1245	O.P. established on high tree at edge of clearing adjacent to strip. During day all Coy personnel carrying stores & working on strip.	

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WANIGEL	12	0715	G.O.C, C.O. + 2 1/2 depart from Bu area to strip		
		0740	Hudson landed from MILNE BAY, took off at 0842. Escorted by 6-P39's.		
		0800	A Coy report hearing shots fired from 7 sec at KEPPEL Pt. on investigation the sec "Having trouble with crocodiles", reported missed a few.		
		0840	IIC3 landed from MORESBY bringing party of independent Coy		
		0844	Plane departed for MORESBY with G.O.C, escorted by 4-P39's.		
		1000	MATOMA landed, completed unloading at 0930		
		1400	U.S. A patrol left by canoe for UUE		
		1730	I.O. + patrol return from UUE.		
				During day 2000' of natives commenced timber getting for jets.	
				Weather fine during day & night	
	13	0630	9 planes heard to fly over ^{over} between 0015 & 0630.		
		0800	Pt Lawrence + patrol departed for TOTORE to relieve standing patrol there.		
		0842	May Beaver + 13 personnel of 128 Regt of US army + 1 off + 20 Engineers arrived per plane.		
		1200	New strip immediately Nth of present drone completed.		
		1300	Pt Taylor + patrol return to area from TOTORE		
		1800	20 inf. + 70 natives getting timber for jets during day. 20% completed.		
			Weather fine during day & night		

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WANIGELA	14	0818	Plane landed with Brig General MACNIDER of U.S. Army.
		1110	Start of Aerial convoy, 49 planes from MORESBY 1 MILNE BAY. Total personnel landed for day 606 of 128 Regt U.S. Army, 159 of 2/6 Independent Coy & 2 official photographers.
		1452	From MILNE BAY arrive C.R.E. & ADMS.
		1745	McLAREN KING anchors at WANIGELA with 12 Engineers & equipment. A Coy commence unloading at 1800 hrs. McLAREN KING also rescued Flying Officer who had been forced down in sea. Plane Lockheed Lightning unshageable. Pilot hurt & brought to Bn R.A.P.
		1906	C.O. of 2/6 Ind Coy visits C.O. for conference 50% of timber getting for jetty completed, construction of jetty started.
		1930	Heavy thunder storm making conditions very unpleasant.
	15	0706	2/6 Ind Coy moved out for TOTORE as advance guard to 3 Bn 128 Regt, Main body departed 0900.
		0752	Planes commence to arrive, total for day 27
		0820	McLAREN KING departs from WANIGELA.
		0858	Air Thomas Blaney, C in C arrived & inspected from & returned MORESBY by plane 1140.
		0900	TIERYO arrives WANIGELA, departs 1330
		1150	Advised that Brig General MACNIDER of U.S. Army takes over comd of HATFORCE from Lt Col DOBBS. C.R.E. & ADMS leave for MILNE BAY. Sgt Gray & Hodgson leave to interview Brig WOTEN for Commission's
		1330	Lt Howard, 1 NCO + 5 ORs leave for military use of track to ABAU.

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WANIGELA	15	1600	
			Pl Lawrence & patrol return from TOTORE Progress report Jetty. Timber getting 60% completed, construction 5% completed.
	16	0700	
			Standing patrol for day only went out 11th of B Coy posn, role to give warning to this force of possible approach of E from UVE.
		0854	
			Air convoy begins to arrive total 140. 35 planes for day. 161330.
		1103	
			'TIERYO' returns with 125 natives recruited from KENWASASAPE.
		1130	
			2 Cannoh. arrived with U.S. supplies & departs 1142 for MILNE BAY. TOTORE.
		1455	
			Rece party of 17 light AA U.S. Army arrive.
		1642	
			Col Chilton, Maj Bailey & Maj Dennis arrive per plane, 1705 Maj Dennis returns. Progress of Jetty 10% completed Timber getting 65% ✓
	17	0843	
			1st Plane of aerial convoy arrives, Total 38 for day
		0947	
			Col Chilton & Maj Bailey return M BAY.
		1000	
			Gen Herring arrives from MORESBY & returns 1300.
		1230	
			#2, DC3 land with JEEP each, the first motor transport in this area.
		1330	
			Maj Gen Harding, G.O.C of 32 IV U.S. Army arrives.
		1330	
			MATOMA drops anchor with load of mail & canteen stores.
		1330	
			severe earth tremor felt.
		1900	
			Mail sorted & delivered, first mail in these parts.

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WANIGELA	17		Progress of Jetty 15% completed Timber getting 70% ✓
	18	0800	1 NCO + 2 OR proceed to GUE to reinforce spotting station & 2 sigs to establish T comm with beach station.
		0815	Plane comes from MORESBY begins, total for day 42 + approx 600 USA troops
		1215	MATOMA departed WANIGELA
		1452	Plane dropped 2 bags for stuff for General MACNITER.
		1535	Severe south trend Launch MARGARET-TWAIT arrived returning to Jay & Hobson & personnel evacuated from hospital at Gili Gili. Progress of Jetty to date 20% Timber getting 75%
	19	0830	U.S. Launch entered WANIGELA from South
		1015	DC3 landed with party U.S. Officers
		1115	Slight south trend
		1100	2 U.S. Cannocks anchor, one with visible signs of being hit by a bomb. 2 dead & 5 wounded. Landed from one, all Americans
		1345	2 more U.S. Cannocks arrive from South
		1350	DC3 lands after dropping stores further Nth
		1430	2 planes left taking to MORESBY 2 dead & 5 wounded
		1815	Progress of Jetty 25% completed Timber getting 75% All Coy's on working parties in area

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WANIGELA	20	0930	4 planes land from MORESBY with 1st & 26 OR ^s R.T.F. 1st section & radio stores	
		1415	O.C. conference with C.O. 3-B17 flies over area during day	
		1935	2 planes unidentified, flying NW-SE	
		1945	1 ✓ return & circle over area, navigation lights showing	
		2000	Air raid Red	
		2005	1 Plane flying from SE, high pitched in its flies over area. Unidentified	
		2045	All clear Jetty progress 30% completed Timber getting 80% labour for shaft 1 off + 30 inf, 32 sappers & 100 natives. All available O.R ^s on working parties in area Pt E. Wilson returned from track use of KOSIRAVA area (TUFI 4M:1").	
	21	1000	4 planes land during day bringing Native rations & stores.	
		1000	Maj Prochopp - 2 OR ^s on use of MUVIN OK	
		1350	1-B17 flies over area, E to W. Jetty progress 35% Timber getting 80% Compass arrived per U.S. Command. 1 All available troops on working parties in area	
	22	0530	Bn H.Q. manned defensive posts & inspected by C.O.	
		0835	B17 flying over area, possible use of NEW BRITON area	
		1030	Plane arrived with medical stores for H. S. troops.	
		1200	Pt Fairfield Rosso party arrived by launch & departed 1500 hrs.	
		18	Jetty progress 40% Timber getting 80% labour 1/30 inf 32 Engineers 100 natives	

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WANIGELA	22 4		2 small creeks bridged in 'B' Coy area to enable jeeps to cross as far as causeway
	23		'A' Coy establish listening post halfway between YUAIYAI & CONJIGA, manned by INCO + 4 OR's. 'B' Coy report track between strip & causeway in progress of being completed. See from 'C' Coy on route to MORIN & tracks NOK. Lt Barrell of ANGAU plus 1 Sgt 4 OR's + 1 Intelligence personnel ^{of this Coy} have established base at AHORA overlooking BUNA & GONA. Patrol left WANIGELA Oct 9 th . GLENELG code name for patrol.
		1100	Company commander conference with C.O.
		1135	General MACNIDER, Staff & Capt FAYTHORN of ANGAU left HATRACK for PONGANI, © Col HALE was in command of HATRACK
		1800	Progress of jetty 45% Timber getting 85%
24	0600		The Ligger "MARGARET TWAIT" arrived overnight & left 1230 with US troops & 6 Ind Coy for PONGANI
	0851		Plane landed with B.G.S, N.G.F + C of S 32 U.S. TIV & departed 0947
	1000		Mortar short held in area with smoke bombs.
	1230		Bn advised from N.G.F that 2/10 Bn will remain WANIGELA as garrison & rest under comd MILNE FORCE
	1300		Lt Behanell reports being very dissatisfied with wireless operators provided, consequently having difficulty transmitting. Construction of jetty delayed owing to bolts ordered not to hand. Timber getting 95%.

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WANIGELA	25	0700	A+B Coys advised that they would change over forms. B Coy report having constructed Br 7" wide on runway, carry up to 3 ton truck.
		0800	C+D, H/Q & Pn HQ on Church Parade in C Coy lines. B & H Coy at 1800 hrs in Mission Church on Beach. Both services conducted by Padre HELMORE. Mission Service very well attended by AUST, U.S.A troops & native population.
		0810	From Lt BEHARRELL not to send anything to patrol as they would be definitely endangered by such action. Vague Report from natives that BUNA area full of JAPS, Lt BEHARRELL informed.
		1100	Capt HALLION to P.M.I.C. for N.G.F. visited Pn.
		1840	Advised that "KING JOHN" Aailed for MILNE FORCE 1300L/25 for HAT FORCE with large quantity stores incl 75 bags mail.
		1900	Lt French, ANGAU, advised that spotting would be shifting from VUE to TUF1. 2/10 personnel there to return to Pn.
	26	0700	Relief of AC by B Coy postponed for time being if planes could clear day, 1 bogged on way to unloading strip.
		0834	Gen Whitehead, C of Allied A/forces arrived & returned same plane.
		1000	Spotting str at VUE shifted to TUF1.
		1115	KING JOHN arrives, unloading of 75 bags of mail commenced immediately.
		1230	C.O. + O.C. II Coy with Pl Comd's advice of area on track to VUE for Coy from.
		1530	1 NCO + 2 OR's return from VUE spotting str.
		1830	Res TAYLOR's party arrive <u>from</u> overland trip from ABAU, reported passing Lt Toward's party who are all well.

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
WANIGELA	30.	1100	A Patrol, relieved at TOTORE on 29 th , returned to area.	
		1245	T.C. 3 landed & departed with Col Jones & U.S. Staff	
		1400	B25 which landed 29 Oct repaired & departed.	
		1430	KOORAKI arrived from Milne Bay with stores, mail & 27 personnel evacuated from Hospital Gili Gili.	
		1500	KING JOHN departed with R.I.F. personnel for TOFI to establish post there.	
		1800	Jetty progress 60%, rd to jetty 20% completed. Light landing jetty for personnel only completed opposite MISSION.	
	31	0600	I.O. departed on recce of back track to UVE.	
		0800	I.NCO + 3 ORs left to establish standing patrol at UVE. Sig offr + 2 sigs departed to lay down cable to UVE so that L/T will be established between patrol & Bn.	
		0815	From MILNE FORCE that Lt Forward & party arrived ABAY on Oct 23 rd & left there for M/BAY on Oct 29 th .	
		1835	KOORAKI departed for MILNE BAY.	
		1900	I.O. returned from recce to UVE.	

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PLACE	DATE	HOOR		APPENDIX
WANIGELA	1	0330	Warning recd of E A/C in area, all boys warned.	
		1245	KING JOHN arrived from Nth.	
		1115	HELEN DAWN arrived from Nth, departed for SAH 1335.	
		1910	2 JIC3 landed with native rations for PONGANI.	
			LTE WILSON + party return from standing patrol on UVE track.	
			Church service held in J Coy lines at 0830 hrs.	
			Evening service at WANIGELA church, service well attended by Aust, U.S. troops + natives. Padre HELMORE announced that he would be leaving the M Jett 65% completed, Bd Jett to Atap 25% completed. Extension to diome + cutting new runway completed.	
	2	0800	Pt C.O. resumes command of HAT FORCE.	
		1050	Col Hitchfield, U.S. Col + Maj Inge, + Padre Reynolds arrive by plane from M/BAY plus bag mail, first by AIR.	
		1135	Launch "Willie Anna" arrives from Nth.	
		1400	King John + Willie Anna weigh anchor + proceed Nth with U.S. troops.	
			R.C. Confessors at Q7 area, 1600 hrs in B Coy area.	
		1415	707 A/A BATT commence practice shoot.	
		1435	26 planes believed to be B17, B25 + P40 flying high over area S to NE.	
		1720	B25 landed out of patrol.	
		1744	Padre HELMORE notified of his trans. as Asst Chaplain General 1st Aust Army.	
		1800	Pt Andrews + Digs return from UVE. UVE now in Lt comm with Bn.	
		Advice recd that plane unable to proceed H/ FORCE to pick up Col Hitchfield + party.		
	3	1100	Col Hitchfield + party plus 1 Hospital case depart for M/BAY.	
		1130	B25 left area after remaining over night.	

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PLACE	DATE	HOURS	APPENDIX
WANIGELA	3		
			Good entries have been received for Coy sports to be held on NOV 7, the anniversary of the Bom formation. Running events will commence at 0815 & swimming in I Coy area.
4.	0800		All a/c on work parties in area & improving Coy posns.
	1003		UUE Patrol report 8 unidentified A/C flying direction WANIGELA.
	1003		Air raid 'RET'
	1006		8 B25 flying from Mtl - Sth. All Clear.
	1500		No 7 Pl held Grenade shoot.
	1700		Progress of Jetty 70%, Rd Jetty to Strip 35%.
	2000		Advice received Pt Forward & Party arrived M/Bay Nov 4 th , returning to B at first opportunity.
	2200 2350		Some Earth tremor.
5	0830		Captured JAP Barge arrives from M/BAY,
	1030		departed with tractor for U.S. troops @ PONAANI
	1205		S4 (KOOTAKI) & S85 (ASAYA) arrive from M/BAY.
	1600		Padre Helmore left B.H.Q for beach to be in readiness to leave for Main Land. Padre Morris? takes over.
	1800		The following arrived by sea today & come under Command of HATFORCE -
			1 Bn 8 Bty 2/2 A/TK Regt 1 off 27 ORS. 4 2/dr guns
			1 det '2/17 A/A 2 95 6 Rif 4 50 MG
			Pt sec LAI 6
			Pt 7d Amb 2 6
			SS Special W/T Sec. 1 4
			HATFORCE now established. During period extensive improvements have been made to landing ground, tracks & defensive posns. Jetty has been started & now 70% completed. Light railway line under course of construction from Jetty - Strip

PLACE	DATE	HOOR	
WANIGELA	6	0700	All Coys busy unloading ships. Bn advised that sports was postponed to 11os 9 th as all personnel on duties.
		1245	Launch "Two Fuddies" arrives from NTH, departs 1430 with Col HALE (U.S.) & staff.
		1507	"Margaret Twait" arrives from NTH.
		1800	S4 completed unloading & due leave for STH at 1000 L/T.
		7	0730
		0835	U.U.E. report Ketch travelling Sth.
		1035	S4 departed for Sth with sick Amst & U.S. troops.
		1035	U.S. Launch "Willie AMA" arrives with Sgt Battie & party, en Gnela.
		1505	Plane from M/Bay arrives to evacuate sick personnel, departed 1522.
		1545	8-P38 flying over area.
		1550	Willie AMA departed for Nth with cargo.
		1700	Plane from Moresby landed to pick up sick personnel, already left 1522.
3 rd Anniversary of formation of Bn, Bn Magazine ^{published} was (Friday) is commemorative of same			
	8	0700	All boys on work party in area.
		0745	Patrol left for Uue to investigate reason communication "dead"
		0845	Relief patrol leave D boy for Musa River
		1240	Kong John pulled in from North
		1435	Pacific arrived from Milne Bay
		27	Planes landed strip today carrying 497 U.S. troops from Moresby of the 128 th Inf Regt who are leaving by S85 for Portlock Harbour 9 th Nov.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
Nanigla	Nov 9	0700	Battalion sports held today on landing strip swimming events taking place in Maram River. D boys area competition between boys in May, 1945	Results HQ 1st C 2nd BHQ 3rd A. D. B.
		0950	8 B26 twin engine Bombers flew over area in Northw. direction	
		1040	King John sailed for Pongani with 100 natives also 585 with American troops for Porlock Harbour	
		1455	Electra arrives from Milne Force with cargo in tow Lt Forward and party aboard	
	<u>10</u>	0630	L.O. together with Maj Brohoff and P.O. left for Lufi by launch	
		1030	Macarty departed for Porlock Harbour carrying stores for 128 Inf Regt. Two 4-wheelers also left for North.	
		1645	L.O. called in at Ulu to inspect standing patrol	
		2000	L.O. and party returned from Lufi after inspection of Lufi area.	
	<u>11</u>	1100	Anniversary of Armistice observed by 2 minutes silence	
		1900	3 small vessels from Moresby arrived and anchored overnight outside Ruf. All coys working in area	
	<u>12</u>	1300	Three small vessels carrying Angau rations unloaded and departed for Milne Bay	
		1700	Launch two 4-wheelers arrived from North	

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PLACE DATE HOUR

12/ 1715

All boys warned of establishment of E drome Dabu-Duru and to insure adequate air protection in Coys is afforded @ Dabu Duru 68 miles N.W of Wanigela
Progress of Jetty 75% Road Jetty to Strip 55% Railway 20%

12/
13/

1500

boy report Aircraft activity over area during night
Landed two Freddie departed for North

1740

Hoovaha dropped anchor @ F Troop
2/5th Fd Regt arrived area @ Loadings 50 Pkgs (lives) 4 bups and 150 bags mail also fresh bread

2/17 AA Report all guns in position and ready for action 2/2 A/TK Regt also report positions completed 2/5th Fd Regt bivouaced A Coy area for night May Hall 2nd Regt accompanied Troop

14/

0800

8 Fighter aircraft circled overhead heading of W.

1000

2 Planes landed strip with RDF equipment and U.S. mail
Slaughter house pen erected
L.C. May Hall made inspection of proposed gun positions

* 9 Nov 42 W. I.

Results of Sports:— H/Q Coy 53%, C Coy 39%

Ben H/Q 26% followed by A, D & B Coys.

Outstanding performances: SX 369 Pte P. B. L. Lock
in winning the mile. SX 1722 Pte R. Kite jumping.
SX 12597 Pte M. Beth, outstanding effort finish in relay
race & winning 100 yards. Q X 22877 Pte Marshall C.H.
winning 440 yards. Swimming races SX 809 & SX 1554
Cpls A. G. & A. H. Hermansens.

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
WANIGELT	15	1000	b 6 conference All units represented including 707 AA Bty
		1000	Kooraha lift for Porlock Harbour
		1500	2/17 AA Bty carried out test practice shoot
		1555	3 Bty circled over this area later heading of North
	16		
			Short route Marches by all Coys begun also school for Sgt on Small Arms conducted by Capt Wilson and Vickers M. by staff
		1930	B25 landed strip out of fuel and stayed overnight with 707 AA
	17		
			B Coy report 2 Detachments ^{Mortars} moved from Beach to C Coy area being unnecessary having two guns of 2/5 th Arty
		1000	Ship sighted on horizon Warning of 86° all precaution in line of warning of unidentified craft in vicinity
		1040	Two reports Two unidentified planes heading South air raid Red given
		1350	B25 departed for Hareby with Col Mann (USA) Maj Poole (Engineer) AIF
		1502	B25 landed strip CO interviewed for refueling crew
		1651	B25 landed strip for refueling
	18		
		0806	B25 departed having refueled
		0900	Laund Edie departed for Lufi with stores for RDF also relief patrol for Uve from C Coy

PLACE	DATE	HOURS	
Wanigela	18	1012	B25 departed
		1033	Avro Anson landed Wing from Kennedy (Med) and one P.O. for Tufi R.D.F. being passengers
		1138	Anson departed with 1 Off and 3 O.B.s (Engineers) for Morubi
		1140	B25 landed with magneto trouble
		1800	B25 landed out of fuel wing also damaged on landing
		1815	Pongame strafed and Bombed all boys warned
	19		A Coy 7 & 9 Platoons mutual relief new appointments Maj Brophy as 1st Plde B.M.L. Capt Mathison O.B. C Coy Capt Piddor Admin D Coy Lt Hurran 2 nd D Coy
		0810	3 B25's heading West CURINARAU arrived with 78 Bags of mail Radio Lt (ACF) for Bn also 6 O.s express butter as promised
		1400	3 Boats sighted heading South one boat identified themselves by signal as American craft Relief Patrol left for Musa River (D Coy)
	20		Lecture for Pts by L.O. on Admin also Adj & P.O. Edie departed for Tufi with R.D.F. Off and stores buvunamae departed for Pongame with stut Barge in tow

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PLACE	DATE	HOOR		APPENDIX
Wanigela	20	1600	2 B25 took off from strip having temporarily repaired wing and Mag	
	21			
		1030	Winnaway circled area for some ten minutes	
			3 B17 circled area	
			Meln Force advise four Destroyers E. course South to Buna	
			Beach defence warned	
			Good deal of aircraft activity during last 24 hours	
	22			
		1400	A20A Landed strip with one engine out of commission	
			Voluntary church Parade held	
			Masses	
	23			
		1050	B25 landed strip with Capt Lovitt	
			AILO 5th Air Support	
		1329	B25 departed with Maj Brocksopp and batman	
		1405	Maj Muthu arrived Uue	
		1500	Dc3 landed strip with rations addressed Kokoda also stores for Capt Dunphy (Engineer)	
		1536	Dc3 left with Padre	
		2330	Uue reports two flares Easterly direction	
	24			
		1400	b6 orderly room	
			Br given warning order for one Platoon to move Portlock Harbour for duty	
			Barraconda arrived from Morisy	

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DATE

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APPENDIX

Wanigela

25

with petrol and stretchers

Barracanda departed for Pongani
later returned having hit reef and
damaged propeller shaft

1330

2 Loastar landed strip being
transportation for 707 Lt A.A. Pratt
moving Dobu Dura Dome

1615

Loastar lands strip departs 1630 with
2 patients

1915

Matoma arrived from Milne Bay
with 50 lbs ship mail container store
May Truvian returned unit

(Plus rescued
crew of
Beaufort that
crashed at
CAPE VOGEL

1930

Minster Brae arrived from Milne Bay

26

0815

First plane (transport) landed strip for
movement of 707 United States C.F. AA Bty
to DOBODURA. Movement completed by 1115 hrs in 18 planes.

0908

A24 landed with Col Harold U.S. with pay
for U.S. troops

1630

I.C. 3 arrived with spare parts for damaged plane,
departed 1645 with rescued crew of Beaufort &
one hospital patient.

1700

Severe earth tremor felt

2237

Advised that 2 transport plane with 707 CA
AA Bty personnel overdue at DOBODURA. Plane departed
H/FORCE 0951 hrs. Later search wires
attached and brought down by Juvos

27

1030

2/5 7d Regt commenced ranging
practice this area

1100

Matoma & Minster Brae departed for
Porlock with Nos PL 1/2 Lt Hodgson

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
Wanigela	Nov 27	1330	Curinaruva arrives from Pongane Ships Commander having verbal instruction for Com Lindsay b.O. for movement of 2-25 pds plus 4 Bofo's per his ship All boys warned of heavy air activity over Buna
	28	0910	Curinaruva departed with 2-25 pds 4 Bofo's for Oro Bay
		1530	San Christopholo arrived from Milne Bay
		1900	CO's conference with O.C. Coys and attached troops
		2000	A and B Coys instructed to prepare for movement to Porlock Harbour Progress of ffty 90% Road 100% Railway 30%
	29	0700	CO I.O. O.C.s A and D Coys depart on recon of Porlock Harbour area
		1245	San Christopholo departed for Porlock
		1350	Two Boats arrived Uue identified as Naval survey ships
		1600	Administration No 16 re movement issued by Hot Force Porlock Harbour now known as Hansom
	30	0845	3 DC 3 Landed strip for transport ation of US Meteorological Rec's W/T
		0930	Movement completed of Lt. Tentacles
		0940	Small craft sighted of Uue identified as b.O. and recon group returning from Hansom
		1255	Kooraki arrived for transportation of 2/10 th personnel to Porlock

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Wanigela	Dec		
	1		<p>Bo prepared for movement per Kooraka to Porlock those involved in movement include 2/17 Lt & Lt A Coy 2/10th and B.H.Q. 4/1 Lt Col Dobbs Hat Force (Wanigela) remaining 4/1 Coy Keith.</p> <p>Loading of Kooraka completed 0500 1/2 natives having worked entire night</p>
	2		
		0800	Kooraka departed for Porlock
		0830	Ship held fast on beach reef
		1000	Ship free of reef with aid of launch
		1145	air raid shot sounded on ship
		1155	Boat sighted N
		1145	shot given five aircraft sighted identified as B17
		1630	Ship anchored Porlock troops disembarked & Coy taken up temporary position for night all available personnel engaged in unloading Kooraka Flares seen bursting out to sea identified as our aircraft on recce for E shipping
	3		
			Unloading of Kooraka continued until 1700 hrs when vessel departed for Wanigela for remainder of personnel.
		0800	CO and OC A Coy make recce of A Coy defensive position B.H.Q. area recce by Adj
		1700	Telephone communication established between Lt Coy and Capt Lang COSE Lt Coy att 1/2 and B.H.Q. in position

PLACE	DATE	HOURS		APPENDIX
Porlock	Dec		All available personnel on working parties in area	
		4/		
		1045	E plane overhead at great height remained in vicinity until 1105 hrs	
		1800	Kooraka arrived after being delayed due to being twice aground on local Reef with remainder of troops for Porlock (D Coy 2/10 th and HQ Coy 4 th day forward)	
			Personnel of Kooraka fostered by A Coy for night	
			Mail received for force	
		5/		
		0800	D Coy moving into defensive position allocated by CO	
		0815	FO on rice for OP position	
			All available personnel on working parties transferring stores	
			Brig Lacombe arrived	
		6/		
		0200	Unidentified aircraft dropped flare ^{outside} vicinity of Harbour	
		0915	1st Bomber making rice of area from high altitude all boys warned	
		1210	1st Bomber made attack on Harbour ^{with MG's} (strafing) Defs retaliated with mit results. Three casualties to all. Engos working on wharfe	
		1500	aircraft heard for Raid alert given	

PLACE	DATE	HOURS		APPENDIX
Porlock	Dec 6	1830	4 E Planes attacked Kurimorua 1/2 hrs sailing fuel of Hansom 1 killed 5 wounded one being bomber P. Sinclair who is in serious condition. One E Plane shot down Boat returned Porlock for medical assistance then proceeded to Wanigela with wounded	H/R advised wounded evacuated by plane 12004/7
		1830	b.c. conference all officers of force represented	
		0730	Pacific arrived with Capt. Lines and Pvt. & Portat details and 3 O.P.'s	
		0900	C.O. interview Brig Picombe	
		1400	Mortars from OP report five Planes travelling NW. appear to be bombing E Shipping	
		1800	Survivor from Hilda Merling reported RAP for medical attention vessel having been attacked by 3 bombers escorted by 12 fighters 6 miles S of Pangani barometer 2 killed 3 wounded Vessel now aground on reef	
		0900	I.O. on rice to Mafuru spotting the great deal of air activity over area heading direction of Buna	
		1815	C.O. accompanied by D Coy OC make rice of track to Koshville D Coy 2/5 7d Regt arrived area	
		0900	I.O. and party cut track over ridge to Main Post 1/2 Trickers held practice shoot Melinga arrives cargo includes 16 Pluf (alms) also Post Mail	Responsible H and 154 Received H/R

PLACE	DATE	HOURS		APPENDIX
Perlock Hbr	Dec 10/	0330	<p>bapt Piel died from Cerebral Malaria remains being taken Milne Bay for Burial</p> <p>A Sgt 2/17 Lt J. J. Bty arrived. Party 4/c Lt Lawrence departed per Karsik for Ora Bay to assist with movement of ammo pending arrival of 2/9 inf Bn.</p>	
		11/		
		1430	<p>Warning Order 01740 received notifying unit of move fwd. 25 Bn to relieve Hat Force and Hansom.</p>	
		1630	<p>C.O. accompanied by I.O. departed per laund for Wanigela for onward move to Milne Bay by plane also bapt. Line for H/R. Maj Trevinian assumes command of Hansom in the absence of Col Dobbs.</p> <p>8 fighters over area (Airo Cobras) escort to one Corvette and Troop Pif proceeding South.</p>	
		12/		
		1500	<p>Bofor ranging practice within area.</p>	
		1700	<p>Ricci party to Hona returned area.</p>	
		13/		
			<p>LC arrived from Milne Bay with Ops instructor.</p>	
		1630	<p>9 aircraft over area headed off North.</p>	
		1830	<p>9 aircraft presumably 9 which were reported above, returning.</p>	

PLACE	DATE	HOURS	
Porlock	Dec 13	1800	Ob. conference called by May Finnegan.
	14		
		1045	Sir Paul Red later identified as B7.
		1500	Two US E Boats entered Hbr causing alarm. Stand 10 ordered owing to failure of craft notifying Porlock of arrival Administration Instruction No. 8 issued.
	15		} Bow busy both days preparing for onward move by boat to Buna area.
	16		
			Bow on move to Buna known as Sledge Hammer Force.

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Po	Porlock	17	1845	Troops begin to assemble at assembly front near beach.	
			2330	Personnel embarked on Corvette Ballarat	
			2355	Pulled alongside Meliagg for transferring personnel aboard to Ballarat	
		18	0300	Departed from Porlock Linnway comprising Ballarat Broome Colac (Corvettes) Spent entire daylight hours on sea lane between Cape Harper ^{Voegel} and Oro Bay	
			2330	Dropped anchor Oro Bay	
		19	0030	Transferred to Lagoon Barges for transport to Buna area	
			0230	First Barge beached at landing point 1800 yds South Cape Enduadere and was met by C.O. Intelligence personnel accompany C.O. receiving instructions re positions of Coys as for perimeter defense	
			0400	D & C arrive and completing landing	
	Buna		0430	All boys in position prepared for immediate action in event of counter attack by Enemy	
			1400	C.O. and by border make recon of C. Enduadere	

↔ All Map references will be on Target Plan. Buna, unless otherwise notified.

DIX	PLACE	DATE	HOOD		APPENDIX
	Oro Buna		1700	C Coy moved in reverse of get Bn food of base Endauadere	f by 1/2 128 Reg USA
		20		A Coy move food Bde 1/2 128 Reg by bondos conference	
			1000	Bn move area coconut Plantation to Endauadere A Coy repacked Plantation enroute	
		21		Bn spent day in coconut area, at approx MR 291255. Feds Japs killed during day whilst snuffing up...	← X
		22	0630	Patrol from A Coy (No. 9 Pln.) ordered to recon swamp for crossing to NE side of old strip at map ref approx 28002575 Nil result.	
			0700	B Coy send out patrol to recon swamp cross- ing from Hobodura road to S side of old strip at map ref approx 275249. Patrol reached strip with difficulty.	
			0700	OC A Coy & 8 Pln moved to No 9 Pln area approx 100' from edge of NE side of strip.	
			1100	OC A Coy reported Lt Hodgson & 3 men across swamp at approx 28002575	
			1115	9 Pln less one sec established bridge head across Simine creek.	
			1340	Balance of A Coy moved across creek	
			1430	A Coy in position. HQ moved to 282258	
			1800	D Coy move through swamp	
			2200	D Coy in position forward of A Coy both boys form perimeter defence for night CP 28102575 approx 100' in swamp from strip.	
		23	0500	B Coy crosses Simine creek takes up posn on A & D boys left flank.	X
			0600	CP established at A Coy HQ	
			1300	B Coy moves round left flank to establish main bridge head at map ref 283253	
			1500	B Coy established bridge head & contacts	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
BUNA	23	1500	126 US regt. on left flank operation completed without casualties. Bridge under reconstruction	
		1600	Arty. found bunkers beyond Tin Hut Tin Hut map ref 277259	
		1610	BHQ moves to large pile box 280257 RAP 50' near of BHQ in scrub.	
		1545	B Coy adv up ^{strip} as far as Tin Hut 1 pln D Coy in reserve.	
		1930	C.O. summoned to Brigade	
		2000	Stand to	
		2100	Stand down	
24	0430		O Group conference. Orders to continue adv along strip with 4 tanks 2 in support 2 in reserve	
	0700		Tanks move to Bridge area	
	0900		Tank command. confer with C.O.	
	0910		Two tanks move up to area behind Coy	
	0930		Arty barrage Z-20 to Z 12 guns in action	
	0930		Zero hour CP established A Coy old HQ	
	1000		Advance held up by heavy MG fire; heavy casualties. Two supporting tanks put out of action. Reserve tanks come into operation and very shortly put out of action about 30' from Tin Hut area.	
	1300		Bn adv slowly. Bn of Coy. A Coy level with Tin Hut astride strip. B Coy 300' forward of A. D Coy stretched along NE side of strip from TH to approx 27652600.	

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BUNA	24	1400	B boy unable to adv further owing to E pen immediate front & left front	
		1800	CP large pillbox	
		2000	5 min harassing fire on E pen fwd of B boy.	
		2030	5 min harassing fire on same pens	
		2100	Fighting patrol up Lt Hissel now successfully raids E pen fwd of B boy. During this operation A boy relieved B boy. B boy moves to A boy pen as reserve boy.	
			C reverts back to own command	
25	0630		CP established D boy HQ at Tin Hut	
	0530		C boy moves to area 283 253	
	1000		COM confers with C.O.	
	0900		D boy adv to last bunker on NE side of strip 275 262.	
	1000		M3 found area fwd of D boy	
	1330		C boy moves round to SW side of strip	
	1700		C boy adv through 126 lines to area 272 258. During night 25/26 A boy adv 200' & contacts C boy on left flank.	
26	0600		Fighting patrol from C boy up c of Lt Hissel in successfully raids E gun pen immediate front & pen	
	0645		Smoke barrage. CP pillbox. D boy in same pen as on 25 th	
	0700		A boy move fwd to join hands with D boy	
	0715		Smoke lifted 500'	
	0723		Smoke continues for 5 mins	
	0752		Smoke ordered for left of strip in jungle	

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BUNA	26	0752	pen of A Coy obscure Coy H.Q. out of communication with BHO
		1000	One Zero swoops low over strip. Later engaged by wingway & shot down. C.P. Tin Hut. Communication re-established with A Coy.
		1500	Snake Barrage on E pen left of A Coy. 1 Pln A Coy attacks pillbox M.R. 273259. 2 plns C Coy attack gun pen & former not successful, latter successful. A Coy objective evacuated later. A Coy suffered heavy casualties.
		1600	Heavy M.G. fire from D Coy right front.
		1630	D Coy adv. heavy casualties; forced to withdraw to former pens.
		1830	C Coy adv 200' along edge of scrub meeting no opposition. 1 Pln C Coy returns to guard. Naval AA gun captured.
	27 th	0700	C.P. Tin Hut
		1200	Air attack by approx 40 planes. Own planes intercepted & broke up E formations. E bombed own troops in coconut grove.
		1400-1600	Heavy arty. fire on E pen fwd of D Coy
		1600	E pen near wireless mast map ref 273264 captured by D Coy. B Coy moves up to D Coy.
		1540	C Coy pen 266 263 boys sent recess party to recce further along edge jungle meets opposition & withdraws. Later whole Coy adv up to coconut grove map ref 265270
	28 th	0630	Arty barrage on Coconut Grove

PLACE	DATE	HOURS	
BUNA	28	0710	Overnight A Coy reformed & advanced to pos approx 271265 on left of "DON" + B Coys. US troops mch up in rear stake up pos between A + C boys.
		0915	Adv held up, smoke & HE barrage
		0925	D boy advance closer to coconuts heavy E fire from pom-pom hamper operations on rt flank.
		0930	HE on Girap pt.
		0937	D boy fwd pos 100* from pom pom map ref approx 272265. M ³ engage pom-pom.
		0950	Smoke barrage ceases.
		1005	A boy rt flank move up in line with D boy. B boy move up behind D boy. CP Tim Hut. Pos of Coy secure. I.O. + C.O. go out to locate FDLs.
		1545	C.O. + I.O. return
		1815	A boy try to drive sledge into grove. Withdraw in face of heavy SA fire.
		2230	Stand to. E attack on rt flank beaten off. 1 pln A Coy & 9 pln reinforce D boy. USCP mch'd out also 4 own C Coy wounded on way to R.A.P. Killed same position.
		28/29	communications with Coy cut. During night A boy pos taken over by 126 US regt. A boy takes up pos on C boy rt flank.
29	approx	1000	CP Tim Hut. During morning communication established with all boys. FDLs located. Present line 265271, to 269265 to 273265.
		1100	Coy adj. recess on side of strip for CP

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BUNA	29	1300	BHQ moves to 2682.65	
		1530	BHQ in pens	
		1620	4 tanks assemble prior to attack Obront conference. 4 tanks to support A+C Coy's in an attack across grove to coast taking in Mirapa Pt on left flank.	
		1645	Z hour. Owing to tanks failing to reach the start line the attack was a failure. Coy actually nearly reached their objective without tank support but forced to withdraw owing to MG fire and heavy casualties.	
		1800	B Coy's withdrawn to original pens.	
	30	1135	Sol. Arnold of ^{2/12} 2 Bn confers with C.O.	
		1830	C.O. ^{2/12} 2 Bn coy commands recce A & C coy area	
		1600	BHQ moves to Tin Hut area Snipers very active throughout day.	
	31		CP Tin Hut	
		1900	A+C Coy's relieved by ^{2/12} 2 Bn C Coy moves to pen 200' in rear of Tin Hut. A Coy moves rear of D+B Coy's.	
		2300	coy commands conference	
	1943			
	1 Jan	0700	Ch. D Coy H.O. MR 275262	
		0700 -0730	Tanks moved up to support ^{2/12} 2 Bn in attack at 0800. Arty barrage began down to Z. M3 lay smoke during tank movement & first	

Bn Battle Casualties Banna 22 Dec 42 - 2 Jan 43

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SX 408	Lieut	Hurren J. J.	-
SX 950	✓	Hodgson C. L.	-
SX 610	✓	Lawrence J. C.	-
SX 1198	Capt	Mackie C. H.	-
<u>8</u> SX 4853	✓	Stford A. H.	-
SX 10394	Lieut	Rudall J. J.	-
SX 12646	✓	Guy A. J.	-
NX 101354	✓	Leonard F. B.	-
✓ I.O.W. SX 1597	Lieut	<u>Eskine-Wilson K. R.</u>	-

✓ W.I.A. 12

SX 91	Lieut	Bussell W. R. V.	✓
SX 381	✓	Forward J. O.	✓
SX 461	✓	Mallyon A. R. H. V.	✓
SX 485	✓	Gray O.	✓
SX 620	Capt	Acaddon R. W.	✓
SX 1223	Lieut	Mayer A. J.	✓
SX 1017	Capt	Brown M. J.	✓
SX 1469	✓	Sanderson R. J.	✓
SX 11003	Lieut	Mc Donnell A. J.	✓
NX 126938	✓	Reddan L. J.	✓
NX 111839	✓	Mc Loughlin K. H.	✓
NX 113442	✓	McLean R. J.	✓

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PLACE	DATE	HOOR		APPENDIX
Buna	Jan 5	1815	replace Col. Dobbs who has been taken to hospital. Jan 7 1942 Col Dobbs became C.O. of Bn	
		1830	boy commanders Conference at Bn H.Q.	
	Jan 6	0630	Bn moves off from start line at Bridge MR 282253 bound for SOPUTA in following order A. Coy, B, Bn N.Q., C and DON Coy	
		1530	Bn reaches SOPUTA & establishes itself on south side of Buna - SOPUTA Rd with 2/9th Bn on left flank. Rest of afternoon spent in settling in new quarters & taking advantage of the GIRUA R.	
SOPUTA	Jan 7	0930	C.O. & Adj leave Bn H.Q. to attend conference at Bde	
		1200	C.O. & Adj return	
		1300	Gen. Rowell & Brig Wootton visit Bn H.Q.	
		1600	2/12th Bn arrive from Buna & take up position on north side of BUNA - SOPUTA Rd	
		1800	A. Coy supply standing patrol to guard Bridge over at SOPUTA over GIRUA river.	
		1900	C.O.'s Conference at Bde H.Q.	
	Jan 8	0849	C.O. & Adj leave Bn H.Q. to recce Bn's new area.	
		0900	Bn N.C.O.'s attend lecture by	

DIX	PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
	SOPUTA	Jan 8	0900	Lieut Pollard at Bn H Q.	
			0930	C. Coy act as advance guard for protection of forward Bde & move out.	
			1315	C. O & Adj return	
			1500	C. O. attends conference at Bde Capt Verco, Bn. M. O; promoted to Major. During day Bn performing training exercises in use of weapons & Jungle warfare.	
		Jan 9	0830	C. O; Adj & Coy Commanders leave for Bn new position on SOPUTA - SANANANDA Rd	
			1300	During morning Bn engaged in training	
			1500	A. Coy's guard on bridge relieved by 49th Bn. A. M. F.	
			1700	Reinforcements march in - Officers Lieuts. Mates G. J; Loveless G. G. Turner K. J; Rowbotham H. T; Rickards F. G. & 130 O. R's. Total 135	
			1830	message from "C" Coy received that Coy. reached position at 1025 4/8 relieving 3/126 U. S. INF. Regt on SOPUTA - SANANANDA Rd	
			1845	Conference of 2 I. C. & reinforcement Officers at Bn H Q.	
				NOTE: From here onwards all map references are taken from G. O. N. A. Locality (revised) unless otherwise stated	
		Jan 10	0600	Reveille.	
			0830	Bn marches out of bound for new position astride the SOPUTA - SANANANDA Rd	

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SOPUTA	Jan 10	0830	at M.R. 175240	
		1005	Bn reaches above position	
		1330	C.O. & Adj leave for recce of fwd positions.	
		1500	Lieut Taylor A.J. takes over duties as I.O. Lieut Loveless G.G. Comes Bde L.O. Bn spent day digging in, manning posts & erecting shelters etc,	
	Jan 11	0930	Sec from Don Coy escorts G.O.C 7th Aus. Div to 2/9th H.Q.	
		1030	Don Coy supplies 1 NCO & 7 O.R.S (including 2 I. Sec personnel) to recce track leading from Arty posn at approx M.R. 167222 N.W. to JUMBORA - GONA track	
		1130	C.O. & Adj return to Bn H.Q.	
		1330	Coy commanders conference at Bn H.Q.	
		1455	Don Coy recce patrol returns & reports track followed to stream at approx M.R. 155233 which was found to be impassable in wet weather.	
		1800	Bn place on immediate notice. O.O.3 from Bde received by Bn Reinforcements march in today 30 O.R.S	
	Jan 12	0625	"B" Coy goes under command of 2/9th Bn & moves to new position at M.R. 183250	
		0635	Don Coy goes under command of 2/12th Bn & moves to new position at M.R. 179251	
		0800	Attack as O.O.3 commences	
		0830	Damaged tank returns from front line to Bn H.Q. &	

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SOPUTA Area	Jan 12	0830	Casualties treated at own R.A.P.		
		1345	O.C. of A & C Coys ordered to stand by for recce patrol. C.O. goes to Bde		
		1430	C.O. returns from Bde & immediately leaves to recce left flank (Cav area) with I.O. & O.C.'s A & C Coys		
		1540	3/163 U.S. passed Bn HQ on way to front line.		
		1545	Capt Sanderson returns from M.D.S & takes over duties as O.C. HQ Coy.		
		1555	No 12 pl B Coy (u/c of 2/9th) move into line to hold gap left by 2/12th Bn advance		
		1700	C.O. recce party returns		
		Jan 13	0745	C.O. attends conference at Bde	
			0900	2/9th Bn reports J.A.P. to be using captured weapons against own troops including VICKERS, BREN. T.S.M.G. OWEN GUN & 2" MORTAR	
				uneventful day for Bn Bn strength as at this date 22 + ⁵¹⁸ 10 detached 1920	
Jan 14	0905	C.O. & Adj attend conference at Bde			
	1205	C.O. & Adj return with movement order 0.120 (see attached)	+		
	1210	No 7 pl A Coy ordered to stand to for further orders	+		
	1330	C.O. attends at Bde Don Coy reverts back to own command & is instructed to move to C.A.V. A Sqdn position at M.R. 177255			
	1335	Don Coy moves out. No 7 pl A Coy move off to M.R. 173256 as fighting patrol. Cav report small party of J.A.P.S. in this vicinity			

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SOPUTA AREA	Jan 14	1400	Bn HQ. march out followed by C. balance of A. Coy to take up position at M.R. 177255	
		1430	Bn arrives at above & temporarily halts. Don Coy links up with Bn	
		1500	Report received from NO7 pl that it contacted JAPS as expected & killed 12 who were in bad state	
		1520	Pl from Don Coy leaves to contact 2/9th Bn on KILLERTON track	
		1530	Balance of Don Coy move out along KILLERTON track, with sec of Vickers & det of mortars to contact 2/163 U.S. & also contact fwd pl	
		1600	C Coy plus sec Vickers & det Mortars leave to join up with Don Coy	
		1605	Report received per L/T that Don Coy has met 2/163 ^{U.S.} at M.R. 177258	
		1650	Bn HQ moves off followed by A. Coy to contact with Don & C Coys	
		1705	Bn HQ reaches SANDY RIDGE. M.R. 177256 & establishes for the night, with Don Coy as vanguard astride KILLERTON track. C. Coy in rear of Don Coy then Bn HQ, A. Coy. 2/9th Bn occupy position on left flank of Bn HQ, Don Coy of 2/9th Bn on right flank & balance of 2/12th further out on right flank. No incidents during night	
		1715	B. Coy reverts to own Command	

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SOPUTA AREA	Jan 14	1715	and moves to M.R 177255 for night 14/15
		1910	Don Coy sends patrol 100x fwd & ascertains exact position of Americans Padre Norris joins Bn
SANANANDA AREA	Jan 15	1st LIGHT	B Coy moves up to Bn in rear of A Coy
		0655	Bn moves off as point Bn for 18 th Aust Inf Bde in following order — Don, C, Bn HQ, Don Coy of 2/12 Bn under Command of 2/10 th , A, and B. Bn task to move along KILLERTON track & occupy CAPE KILLERTON.
		1000	Don Coy 2/12 th Bn detaches to establish position at track junction M R 183286 500x east of Coconuts. Don Coy remains in Coconuts till above Coy completes this task.
		1115	Don Coy report track petered out in swamp
		1130	Don Coy instructed send out 2 patrols to locate any tracks leading to Coast. Bn held up until track can be established
		1200	B Coy contacts Bn & is instructed to move east & locate KILLERTON VILLAGE
		1715	Lieut Scott. mortar pl, sent out with patrol to try & locate any tracks nth of present position.
		1430	C.O confers with Brigadier at M.R 178303
		1700	B Coys movements, at 1445 hrs they reported having found a track about 300x south of KILLERTON VILLAGE.

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SANANANDA AREA	Jan 15	1700	To help them find KILLERTON VILLAGE Wirraway plane was instructed to fire Very lights over the spot. Plane fired the lights over a native garden approx 1000x. 5th East of K/V. B. Coy after very rough going through Sago swamp established itself here for the night at M.R. 191291.	
		1925	Lieut Scott's patrol returned after having found track to beach. Don Coy's patrols nil findings	L
		1930	Positions for night 15/16. DON Coy at M.R. 175310 C Coy 180309, BN H.Q 180308 + H. Coy 180308	
Jan 16		0615	Vickers & mortar Detachments attached to DON & C Coys moved back to H. Coy	
		0700	Bn H.Q. (without C.O., I.O. & Adj.) move off south in rear of H. Coy H. Coy instructed to contact B. Coy at M.R. 191291	
		0830	C. Coy followed by Don Coy accompanied by C.O., I.O., & Adj move north through swamps, reaching beach at 1110 hrs, then south east along coast to track leading to ^{MR/83312.} K/V, entrance to which had been camouflaged by JAPS. C. Coys point pl. met 3 JAPS in listening post M.R. 176314. Sgt & sup. Private killed. 1 escaped. C. Coy proceeded to position astride Creek at M.R. 186183 where it established itself for the night 16/17	own carnation 1 killed.

IX	PLACE	DATE	HOURS		APPENDIX
	SARANANDA AREA	Jan/16	0830	Don Coy plus C.O, adjt, & I.O. move forth towards K/V.	
			0950	Bn H.Q. & A Coy arrive native garden M.R 191291 where they met B Coy who spent night 15/16 here.	
			1100	B.M. & Bn I.O. arrive native garden	
			1200	B Coy followed by Bn H.Q, rickies & mortars leave for K/V	
			1230	B Coy & attached arrive K/V & establish perimeter. A Coy stay at native garden & goes under command 2/12 Bn. For details of their activities from this date see attached I Sec report	+
			1400	B Coy move out from K/V for WYE POINT. MR 200308 via track junction MR 194308	
			1420	I.O. & sec of Don Coy arrive K/V having reced track discovered by Adjutant.	
			1435	C.O. & adjt arrive K/V.	
			1455	Don Coy arrive K/V.	
			1500	During B Coy's move their No 12 Pl, which was marching some distance West of Coy H.Q, encountered 7 Japs. They killed 3 (1 officer 2 ORs). Own casualties 1 NCO wounded. Valuable information, maps etc, obtained from Jap officer killed.	
			1620	No 16 Pl Bn Coy moves out bound for track junction on track MR 194308.	
			1645	B Coy & 2/9 Bn arrive K/V.	
			1700	No 16 Pl report established on T/junct.	
			1800	B Coy report established at WYE POINT.	
			1930	B Coy patrol encountered E outposts approx 240' in front of H.Q. E inflicted 2 casualties. During night 16/17	

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SANANANTA AREA	Jan 16	1930	B Coy sighted barges going towards SANANANTA. An attempt was made to engage these with arty with unknown results.
			Bn H.Q. + Don Coy remain night 16/17 at Killerton Village.
	Jan 17	0615	Don Coy, plus 1 Pl on B Coy, 2/9, move out to track junction on beach. 2/9 Pl relieves Don Coy's Pl which joins its Coy. Don Coy then move through B Coy to approx 400' S.E. of WYE PT where it is held up by E resistance.
		0805	Bn H.Q. Leave K/V
		0835	Bn H.Q. arrive on beach + establish H.Q. at track junction MR 194308.
		1020	2 Pls of C Coy, after patrolling CAPE KILLERTON, arrive Bn H.Q. + relieve Pl of 2/9 on which returns + rejoins its Coy at K/V.
		1115	Don Coy reports considerable E activity at MR 209298. 11018 Pl (Lieut Dawey) goes fwd on recon patrol.
		1200	C Coy H.Q. + remaining pl arrive Bn H.Q.
		1230	C Coy, less 1 Pl for protection of Bn H.Q. return to K/V for protection of that area.
		1300	C Coy established at K/V.
		1500	Patrol 1 NCO + 6 ORs supplied by C Coy sent to patrol swamp MR 175315 Don Coy report JAPS to be working around on their right flank. No word received from fwd recon patrol. Swamp between K/V + Bn H.Q. reaches high level due to tidal flow causing great difficulty for carrying parties + stretcher bearers.

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SANANANDA AREA	Jan 17	1635	'Don' Coys fwd troops withdraws & mortars E. targets, expending 45 rounds H.E.
		1730	C.O. & I.O. visit fwd positions
		1750	18 pl 'Don' Coy returns. Patrol reports after very heavy going through deep swamp & heavy jungle, patrol unable to cover required distance. No JAPS or JAP Activity seen
		2200	'B' Coy reports 2 barges moving to- wards SANANANDA P.T. from Northerly direction. Engaged by ARTY. Results unknown.
		2400	F.O.O. with 'Don' Coy reports barges approx 800x from shore. ONE YEAR AGO. At 1430 Bn departed from BAGDAD Rly Station. HLEPPO, bound for JULIS Camp. Palestine
<p>Advice received of the following decorations. MILNE. BAY active 28 AUG 42 Major G.R. Meethke MC. Cpl J.F. O'Brien DCM. Pte A.J. Abraham DCM Pte J.A. Kotv. M.M.</p>			
	18 Jan	0200	Barges heard moving N from Cape KILLERTON
		0700	'Don' Coy patrol sent fwd to observe E movement. Patrol reports E. evacuated fwd positions
		0800	'B' Coy supplies patrol to go S. 1000x then East towards Coast to try to find way to SANANANDA - WYE. P.T. track. Patrol due back 1600-hrs
		0830	'Don' Coy having reported pushed fwd 300x where they came under fire from enemy M.M.G. at M.R. 207300. Established H.Q. at ^{M.R.} 205303 with fwd pl at M.R. 206301. In their advance 'Don' Coy killed 7 JAPS including 1 Sgt 1 cpl 1 sup Pte 4 O.R's.

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SANANANDA AREA	Jan 18	1130	Report received from Bde that 2/9 Bn occupy SANANANDA VILLAGE.
		1230	C.O. returns Bn H.Q. B. Coy patrol returns. Patrol report:- Patrol reached destination, going out swamp 6" to 3' deep, jungle dense. On return water rising rapidly. No sign of tracks enemy or own troops. One N.C.O & 9 O.R.s from "C" Coy establish listening post at M.R. 183313. T.O.R 1630 hrs
		1400	"DON" Coy still held up. Feverish enemy activity observed at M.R. 211297 also at S/D.A. Pt. Vickers & mortars unable to fire for fear of shooting up 2/9th troops.
		1430	12 pl. "B" Coy detailed to proceed S 300x thence to northerly part of Kunai patch at M.R. 2029 thence to work towards rear of enemy on coast.
		1500	I.O. returns to Bn H.Q.
		1600	Lieut Pollard transferred to "B" Coy as 2 I.C.
		1640	C.O. arranges for a pl of 2/9 Bn to contact "B" Coys 12 pl in Kunai patch for purpose of joint attack of E. post during morning of 19th. The more senior officer to be in charge of ops
		1815	"DON" Coy rpts seeing JAPS launching native canoe from M.R. 211297.
	Jan 19	0700	"DON" Coy pushed fwd troops fwd 20x & strike opposition
		0745	"DON" Coy report E in same postn. 4 B. Coys, less 1 pl, are sent round on right flank to come in on E from south. Pl of C. Coy leave Bn H.Q. to occupy "B" Coys

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	SANANANDA AREA	Jan 19	0745	former postn on WYE PC.	
				DON Coy report native canoe seen at 1815 hrs L/18 has disappeared.	
			0809	2/9 Bn advised of "B" Coy proposed movement.	
			0840	"B" Coy pass through DON Coy's H.Q & advance into swamp for encirclement movement.	
			0845	Allied aircraft heavily strafe MANGROVE ISLAND. To Date no E aircraft activity since BUNA Dec 27.	
			0915	No 12 pl "B" Coy returns to DON Coy after failing to meet pl from 2/9 Bn. Latter pl attacked E postn independently & then returned to its Bn.	
			1130	ARTY & MORTARS engage E postns on coast for half hour till 1200 hrs.	
			1140	2/12 Bn ration party fires on 2 parties of JAPS with packs & rifles at MR 205290 moving towards K/V area. JAPS make off.	
			1205	DON Coy start to move fwd	
			1225	E. 20 ^{mm} Gun opens up on DON Coy's fwd pl & C.P.	
			1300	Report received that Capt WILSON collapsed in swamp owing to high temperature & Lieut POLLARD takes over Comd of "B" Coy	
			1330	DON Coys fwd troops report 2 JAP flags erected on beach approx 8' to 10' above ground, visible from sea & probably visible from the air	
			1340	DON Coys attack ceases with the postn unchanged. E 20 ^{mm} still firing occasional bursts	

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PLACE	DATE	HOVR	APPENDIX
	Jan 19	1530	DON Coy's fwd troops withdraw to their H.Q.'s position to enable ARTY to put down barrage. Barrage subsequently cancelled
		1845	DON Coy reoccupy former posn
		1920	"B" Coy reports having returned to its former H.Q.'s WYE Pt
		1930	Bn H.Q. stand to. 3 JAPS seen on track N.W. of Bn H.Q. 1 sup Pte killed by Pioneer pl. Believed to be party of about 20. During night 19/20 several JAPS swimming in sea were fired on. 1 killed for certain at 0600 - naked plus belt wallet + paybook.
	Jan 20	1st LIGHT	DON Coy withdraw to enable ARTY & MORTARS to operate.
		0645	ARTY & MORTARS put down barrage til 0704 hrs, Mortars expend 69 rounds HE.
		0705	DON Coy attacks & advances 500' to 600' Capturing 2 - 20 mm Guns, with plenty of Ammunition for same, + 1 L.M.G. with few own casualties. Approx 40 E. dead in area
		0800	DON Coy pinned down by M.G. fire & endeavoring to advance around flank 50' west of Creek.
		0930	RABAU native captured by fwd troops. 2 JAPS killed 200' west Bn H.Q. by Pioneer pl. Sec from "C" Coy patrol toward Cape KILLERTON to ensure track free from enemy
		0945	2 pls move in rear of DON Coy to protect L of C between WYE Pt

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SANANANDA AREA	Jan 20	0945	and DON HQ.	
		1040	DON Coy fwd troops withdraw 250 ^x to enable 2/9 Bn to use MORTARS	
		1135	DON Coy moves fwd after 10 mins MORTAR shoot by 2/9 Bn	
		1145	DON Coy reaches former fwd ² position where it is held up by heavy sniper + L.M.G. fire from pillboxes + foxholes.	
		1200	DON Coy reports it can see 2/9 Bn troops 250 ^x ahead	
		1220	2/9 Bn spray trees over DON Coys heads in attempt to clean out sniper posts	
		1500	Postn unchanged DON Coy still held up.	
		1540	After that DON Coy had indicated its postn of fwd troops by Verrey lights 2/9 Bn opened up with Vickers.	
		1640	Pl of C Coy leaves Bn HQ & returns to K/V. C Coy less above pl goes under command of 2/9 Bn	
		1645	DON Coy rept's that all was quiet during 2/9th Vickers shoot, but E sniping & activity now resumed	
		1800	Severe electrical storm & very heavy rainfall com- mences & continues till 0200 4/21. Swamp rises several feet	

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SANANANDA AREA	Jan 20	2330	
			Sig wire to Bde broken by falling tree. Line party goes out & repairs same. NOTE. SEE attached O.O issued 2115 hrs/20
	Jan 21	0200	
			200' of sig wire to "DON" & "B" Coys wrenched by floodwaters. Line party sent out.
		0620	
			Recce party from DON Coy test enemy defences & finds them still operating
		0800	
			Two JAPS swim out to sea fwd of DON Coys area & escape
		0900	
			creek approx 300' S. East of B.H.Q. in flooded condition holds up L of C to DON & B Coys
		1100	
			Pioneers attempt to construct raft to enable carrying parties to ford above creek
		1130	
			Native carrying party arrives with collapsible boat which is used to maintain L of C to fwd Coys.
		1145	
			Report received 2/12 th Bn have cleared E resistance on SOPUTA-SAN/DA Rd
		1700	
			Position unchanged during afternoon.
		1800	
			Reinforcements arrive 1 officer Lieut J.P. MORGAN & 13 OR'S
		1930	
			Capt WILSON returns to Command of "B" Coy Lieut POLLARD becoming 2-I.C.
		2000	
			Four JAPS seen in sea swimming to- wards Bn H.Q. B. Coy fired on them & presumed killed.
	Jan 22	0130	
			Confirmation received of verbal Operational Instructions see attached.
		0715	
			DON Coy fwd troops withdraw slightly to enable mortars & ARTY to fire
		0728	
			DON Coy moves up again after barrage

IDIX	PLACE	DATE	Hour		APPENDIX
	SAN/DA AREA	Jan 22	0728	Mortars fired 0720 to 0728 expending 24 rounds H.E	
			0730	Two JAPS. killed close to DON. Coys H.Q.	
			0830	Recce party from Bn HQ report bridge over inlet on track to Cape Killerton to be serviceable.	
			1100	DON. Coys fwd troops withdraw slightly & mortars ready to shot on E postn.	
			1115	DON. Coy makes organised withdrawal for mortars & ARTY to fire.	
			1230	Mortar & ARTY ZERO hour. Mortars expend 45 rounds H.E from 1230 to 1235.	
			1245	Inf ZERO hour. 2/9 th to attack supported by DON. Coy.	
			1315	2/9 th & 2/10 th Bn link up. End of Operations. See message attached.	X
			1500	C.O. & I.O. recce Bn area for beach defence & allot areas to Coys. Area from C. Killerton to 1000' East of WYE Pt.	
			1600	O.O. ref to defence of coast received from Bde. See attached.	8
			1700	Coys complete taking up allotted postns along beach track. Est enemy dead in last point of resistance 67.	2/9 th
			2210	12 JAPS seen wading in sea approaching Bn H.Q.; dealt with in appropriate fashion, result 12 enemy dead H & C Coys revert back to own Command	1/9 th 2/9 th
		JAN 23	0730	One pl 'C' Coy leaves K/V to escort Brig. Wootton & staff to Bn H.Q.	
			0815	Pl of 'B' Coy leave on patrol to clean out enemy in area Cape Killerton - K/V & East	

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SAN/DA AREA	Jan 23	0910	Movement order received from Bde giving details of B's new area. See attached:-	○
		0945	C.O. & I.O. leave to recce B's new area.	
			All own troops East of Bn H.Q. start moving to new area.	
		1030	Brig Woolton & staff arrive Bn H.Q. on way to SAN/DA	
		1200	B. ECHELON arrive in new area	
		1310	Instructions received from Bde re cleaning up area. See attached:-	X
		1700	Afternoon spent by Bn taking up new position. All Coys in position 1700 hrs	
		1800	B & C Coys warned to supply patrols on 24th. During night 23/24 several shots heard on left & right flanks.	
			Bn strength 174374. Detached 1420	
		Jan 24	1st Light	No 1 patrol B. Coy left area & recce'd SOUTH to DOHERTY'S GARDEN. M.R 159293
	1200	No 1 patrol returns see attached report	X	
	1300	No 2 patrol C Coy leaves for K/V. & west to old Bde H.Q. M.R 178303 endeavouring to reach coast travelling due NORTH. Due back 1800		
	1800	No 2 patrol repts in. See attached:- reported as from 26 Jan 43 3/163. U.S. Regt will take over duties of 14th Bde on our left flank. Reshuffle of officers today - Major Trevorian O.C. H.Q. Coy Capt Cook Q.M. & OC Carrier pl. Capt Sanderson O.C. "A" Coy Lieut Teesdale-Smith O.C. "D" Coy	X	

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
SAN/DA AREA	Jan 24	1800	Results of inquiry held to ascertain whether of the two Guns (J.S.M.G or Owen) is the better under active service conditions. The Owen Gun was stated by the troops to be the better & Bde advised accordingly.	
		2200	Party of four JAPS seen in sea off SURIRAI PT. All killed by Vickers attached to "B" Coy. During night 24/25 large steamer entered harbor at SAN/DA bringing stores & supplies. Supplies are now being brought to SAN/DA area by sea as well as by air. Owing to the recent heavy fighting, worst possible living conditions, lack of sleep etc, reaction has set in & various tropical diseases are taking their toll, mainly malaria. Sick evacuated 1 officer 23 ORP	
	Jan 25	0200	Party of four JAPS seen in sea by "B" Coy - all killed. Two more then noticed in sand & killed.	Lieut RICKARD J.G
		0730	No 3 patrol from "B" Coy left & proceeded to DOHERTY'S GARDEN. to investigate tracks leading East across river.	
		1000	Report received as from 1200 4/25 the 41st U.S. Div. are taking over from 7th AUST. DIV.	
		1300	No 3 Patrol returns after finding river adjacent DOHERTY'S GARDEN impassable owing to rope across river having been cut by a previous patrol. No 4 Patrol, Don Coy. leaves from track Jctn M.R 183312 thence to K/V then west to track Jctn M.R. 178304	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
SAN/DA AREA	Jan 25	1300	then south to Coconut Grove M.R. 178285. Patrol returned 1800 hrs. nil sightings of JAPS. Remainder of Bn spends day resting & improving defences, 17 OR's evacuated to M.D.S.	
	Jan 26	0730	No 5 patrol "A" Coy leaves from M.R. 188316 thence to track jctn M.R. 183312 then south through K/TON.V. to Track Junct M.R. 184286 to return by route out.	
		1145	No 5 patrol returns. see report	X
		1300	No 6 patrol "C" Coy leaves from M.R. 175315 then south along sig. wire to track M.R. 176308 then follow track south to M.R. 178304 then east to K/V. & return along track running north west.	
		1745	No 6. patrol C Coy returns. Reported four JAPS seen & killed on patrol. During night ARTY put down heavy fire on MANGROVE ISLAND. Barges heard moving North from MANGROVE ISLAND throughout the night. 10 OR's evacuated to M.D.S	
	JAN 27	0730	No 7 Patrol of "D" Coy departed from Track Junct M.R. 183312 to Killerton VILLAGE T/Junct M.R. 179303 thence south to Coconut Grove to locate any tracks west of track between 179303 & Coconut Grove.	
		1230	No 7 patrol returns. Located well worn track leading west from M.R. 178290. Reccd same for 600' to very deep	

DLX	PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
	SAN/DA AREA	Jan 27	1230	Swamp, unable to cross, so returned. No sign of JAPS except for footprints along pad.	
			1300	No. 8 Patrol 'B' Coy departed to recce between M.R. 170310 to M.R. 162306 to find any tracks Returned 1700 hrs. Nil report.	
			2100	Verbal Movement orders received that Bn would move from present area to SOPUTA area in the following order. 3rd of Bn to move on Jan 28 remainder to move on Jan 29. Sick evacuated to hospital 22 O.Rs	
		Jan 28	0700	Patrols 9 & 10 for today cancelled owing to movement order received	
			0730	Movement Order 0145 issued by C.O. as per attached	+ 1
			0800	Major Trevivian departed from Bn to report to Bde to recce site for Bn in SOPUTA area	
			1000	3rd of Bn moved out for SOPUTA area	
			1500	Warning order issued, as per attached 0146	+ 2
			1540	Further orders issued re movement by Bn; as per attached 0147	+ 3
			1545	Movement order issued to 'B' Coy. as per attached 0148	+ 4
			1705	All H.Q. personnel detached less normal de- tached; books, sigs etc. will revert to Command H.Q. Coy on arrival at SOPUTA Area. Advice received 2/5 th Fd. Ambl. will have aid post established on M.T. Rd, area old Bde HQ for use if required on march.	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
SAN/DA AREA	JAN 28		Sick evacuated to hospital 9 D.R's
	JAN 29	0600	Bn spent uncomfortable night owing to tropical storm + very heavy rain.
		0630	Breakfast. Owing to early movement of Bn at 0700.
		0635	Orders received from Bde postponing movement order, because of bad state of roads, caused by recent rains.
		0915	2 members of Mortars escorting native carrying party along coast near WYE Pt killed 2 JAPS 1 JAP. escaped.
		0940	Orders received from Bde to prepare for movement to SOPUTA area.
		0945	Bn marched out bound for SOPUTA area via track MR 183313 to K/V M.R. 187304 thence track west to track Junct 178304 then south through coconut grove MR 178285 to SAN/DA-M.T. Rd M.R. 182254 then along M.T. Rd south towards SOPUTA. 1 JAP killed during march, by carrying party.
SOPUTA AREA		1630	Bn arrived SOPUTA area + hastily erected shelters, troops then rushed the GIRUA. River, which is only 50' away + relished ^{revelled} in their first fresh water bath for over 2 weeks + was enjoyed immensely by all. The camp is situated in a coffee plantation + is dotted with several tall trees which provide shade + help to provide much needed comfort to all troops

PLACE DATE HOUR APPENDIX

Sick evacuated to hospital 22 ORS

SOPUTA AREA

JAN 30 1000

two patrols furnished by "B+C" Coys to recce tracks leading north & West from Bm area.

1200 Patrols from "B+C" Coys returned. No JAPS sighted & no sign of JAP habitation.

Bn spent day digging slit trenches & tents camouflaged, also washing of clothes

1830 Coy Commanders Conference with C.O. Sick evacuated to M.D.S 31 ORS

Jan 31 0930 Church service held by Padre Norris & was well attended

1015 Bde inspection of weapons carried out.

1040 new set of passwords received from Bde to operate from midday to midday, commencing 1200 hrs Jan 31

Bm Casualties Panananda Action Jan 12/23
4 Officers & 148 ORS.
as follows.

Officers K.I.A. SX 12225 Lieut Burman P.C.
SX 13063 ✓ Burrett RE.
W.I.A. SX 12701 ✓ Dawey K.J.
VX 40266 ✓ Innes K.F.

O.Rs. K.I.A. 48
I.O.W. 8
W.I.A. 91
Missing 1

January 43

APPENDIX

Place	DATE	HOUR	
SOPUTA AREA	JAN 31		CAPT COOK. FW and CAPT SCHMEDJE. T.J evacuated through sickness dur- ing the day, also 49. O.Rs LIEUT. POLLARD. acting as ADJ. Bo strength 17+219, detached 1+25.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
SOPUTH AREA	FEB 1	0600	Reveille	
		0700	Breakfast. Owing to pde to be held at Bde.	
		0730	Bn muster Pde & march off for Bde area	
		0805	Bn parade at Bde area.	
		0845	Bde addressed by Gen ALLEN. G.O.C 7th AUST. DIV. & congratulated on their actions in NEW GUINEA & ISLANDS. & told they were going home to Australia & were to receive 14 days leave after arrival in Australia.	
		0905	Bn marches back to own area.	
		0920	Bn Pde dismissed. Bn carries out training syllabus during the day, such as handling of weapons etc. Lieuts TAYLOR. A.J. & SCOTT. R.J. and MR PERCIVAL ^{R.S.M.} J.G. evacuated to hospital through sickness. D.R's 27 Sgt Maj March acting R.S.M	
	Feb 2		Bn carries out training syllabus during the day. Orders issued from Bn to all Coys that all T.S.M.G's which are not in perfect condition, are to be exchanged at R.Q. by 1430 hrs & Coys will collect necessary number of 2" Mortar sights Sick evacuated to M.D.S 17. O.R's	

February 43

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
SOPUTA AREA	Feb 3		
		1000	<p>Bn carries out training syllabus during the day, chiefly patrol work. Coys notified by Bn to keep lookout for possible site for a rifle range, whilst on patrol work.</p> <p>Sick patients from M.D.S noticed passing Bn area on way to POPONDETTA drome.</p> <p>Advance party from Bde left for PT MORESBY by plane.</p> <p>Sick evacuated to M.I.S 9 ORS</p>
	Feb 4	0900	Bn carries out training syllabus
		1300	Maj LAVERACK who was R.M.O in SYRIA visited Bn for few minutes
		2000	Bn spent day on light training. Sick evacuated to M.I.S 14 ORS.
	Feb 5	1800	<p>Bn carries out light training syllabus.</p> <p>Sick evacuated to M.I.S 9 ORS.</p> <p>It is worth while noting, that since the Bn has been in the Soputa area, only one light fall of rain has occurred, a vast difference to the time spent in the C/Killerton-Sananda area.</p>
	Feb 6	0800	<p>Dump of non-essential gear etc, in charge of INCO + 14 ORS left Bn area for TOBODURA DROME. 46</p>
		1800	<p>No orders as yet received re Bn movement</p> <p>Sick evacuated to M.I.S. Pt W.E.C. Garby + 130 ORS</p>

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
SOPUTA	7 FEB	0900	Church Parade conducted by Padre Norris	
		1030	R. C. Church Parade	
			Balance of day "Make a Friend"	
			Bn camp at IOBOIOURA left by plane together with guard for PT MORESBY	
			Sick evacuated to M.I.S. 6 ORs	
		1630	Advice received that mail would not be received at P.O.	
		2030	Bn warned that movement may take place at any time from now on.	
	8 Feb.	0700	No further advice received re movement. Two air raid alerts during afternoon, no E planes sighted.	
			Sick evacuated to M.I.S.:- 2 Officers Capt H.R. Matheson, Lt G.G. Wates + 25 O.Rs	
			Mail was being received by Bde.	
			Lt W.E.C. Jarby. Chief of illness in 2/9 th A.G.H.	
	9 Feb.	1100	Brig Sootan visited Col Geard	
		1210	Air Raid alert, no E planes sighted.	
			Sick evacuated to M.I.S. 1 officer Maj G.R. Miethke + 5 O.Rs.	
			Bn strength now 11 + 88 with 1/32 detached.	
	10 Feb	1030	C.O. to Bde for conference.	
			Verbal orders received that Bn would ^{will} leave for IOBOIOURA 11 Feb 43.	
		1100	Lt G.G. Wates returns from M.I.S.	
		1330	C.O.S conference with Coy Commanders re movement for IOBOIOURA. Bn to be prepared to move at 0645L/11.	
			No sick to M.I.S. this day.	

February 43.

PLACE	DATE	TIME	APPENDIX
Sputa + Dobodura areas.	FEB 11	0500	Reveille
		0530	Breakfast
		0615	All salvage, tent poles etc, to be placed in dump.
		0645	Bn leaves Sputa per jeeps in the following order. B Coy, Bn H.Q., C, D, H.Q. + A. A to remain to see that area is left in clean state.
		0806	Bn arrives DOBODURA TROME + quickly erects tents for stay overnight 11/12. No planes landed on drone during day & no NO cases evacuated to M.I.S. 1 year ago Bn embarked on MV NIEUW AMSTERDAM from PT TEWFIK for BOMBAY.
	FEB 12	0630	Reveille
		0715	All heavy stores to be placed on dump ready for instant removal.
		0745	Bn ready for move on on 10 minutes notice.
		1030	Bn on 30 minute notice
		1200	Advice received that no transport planes will arrive today. Bn unpacks & pitches tents. 6 Months today arrived New Guinea.
	FEB 13	0745	Bn all prepared for movement. Under 10M notice.
		0850	Planes heard, fighters followed by transport planes. Hopes very high, however, soon dashed. 500 to be shifted before Bns turn. Only 18 planes arrived & majority of M.I.S cases left.
		0930	Bn unpacks again.
	FEB 14		Bn remains on drone awaiting transport.
	FEB 15		Position same as previous days.

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	APPENDIX
DDNA	FEB 26		
DA BU	FEB 27		
		1400	
	FEB 28		
	MARCH 1ST.		
		1200	
	MARCH 2ND		
	MARCH 3 4 5		
	MARCH 6		
		010	
		1400	
	MARCH 7	0900	

Bn training in area

" " in morning.

Make and mend for Bn.

Bn training in area

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Maj. Gen. Allen visited Bn.

Bn training
Members of I Sec + one O.R from each rifle Coy attend 10 days Brigade I school.
Meals are excellent at this stage.

Bn carrying on light training syllabus

Bn carried out training syllabus during the day.

Gen Clowes visited Bn area

Cricket match played between H.O. Coy & B.H.O. & was keenly contested, eventually won by H.O. Coy. by 27 runs. Players & barbackers spent an enjoyable afternoon

Bn Church Parade conducted by Padre Morris, rest of day spent washing, mending and swimming.

March 4th

PLACE	DATE	TIME	APPENDIX
DONA DABU	MARCH 8	1300	Training syllabus continues H Coy 2/10 Bn moved out as advance party to wharf. Kraj Kuehke M.C.O. of party.
		1310	Brigade moved through Buena for embarkation.
	9	0630	Perille
		0700	Breakfast, owing to verbal movement orders received from B.H.Q.
		0730	Cleaning of camp area & packing.
		0800	Capt. Sanderson evacuated to hospital.
		0920	Bn moved off for embarkation. On arrival at wharf at 1210 hrs C.O. was informed that sailing time was postponed 24 hrs, All ranks very disappointed at hearing this news. Bn then returned to Murray Barracks and spent uncomfortable night, owing to heavy rain. Capt. Wilson evacuated to hospital.
	10	0700	Breakfast
		0830	Verbal orders received for dinner at 1100 hrs & be ready to move out for wharf at 1130 hrs
		1145	Bn. C. Coy H Coy moved out from Murray Barracks for wharf

March 43

PLACE	DATE TIME	APPENDIX
AT SEA	MARCH 12 1945 10	<p>Bn embarked on U.S. Liberty Ship "Willes Van Devander".</p> <p>1545 Ship sailed with sloop escort, troops in great heart and very happy to be on the way home.</p> <p>1645 Boat Drill. Emergency lists allotted.</p> <p>Lieut Froese rejoined & sailed with Bn.</p>
	11 0930	<p>Breakfast.</p> <p>0930 Boat Drill carried out; rain & rough sea made things unpleasant.</p> <p>1400 Speed of reality reduced owing to 40 Ms. P. H. Gale.</p>
	12	<p>Weather & sea still rough several cases of sickness.</p> <p>0900 Breakfast.</p> <p>0100 Mainland sighted, everybody busy packing.</p> <p>1340 Ship berthed at Cairns. Orders received to be ready to disembark.</p> <p>1530 2/9 Bn disembarked.</p> <p>1730 2/10 Bn disembarked and Bn was given cup of tea sandwiches & cakes by Salvation Army workers which was greatly appreciated by all.</p>

March 43

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APPENDIX

MARCH 1815 Bn entrained

12/13 1830

Train departed for Ravenshoe. During the night 12/13 meal was provided by Army at Mareeba 0150 hrs & served by local Country Womens Association who also provided extra sweet-meats. Excellent meal.

13 0620

Train stopped at Herberton & sandwiches cake & tea was provided by C. W. A. workers. Another stout effort which was greatly appreciated

0845

Train arrived at Ravenshoe

0850

Bn arrived at Ravenshoe camps allotted tents. Troops in jovial mood

1000

Breakfast. - Rest of day spent in resting & washing of clothes etc. during the afternoon 2 Btlts of beer issued to each man which was smartly consumed. In many cases the first lasted in many months.

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1000

Voluntary Church Parade. conducted by Padre Norris

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March 43

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
RAVENSHOE	MAR 15	0100	35 O.R. returned to Bn from Fraseray Barracks, Pt Moresby per M.V. Dumbroon	
		1030	11 Officers & 238 O.R. depart for leave home (14 days)	
		1030	Remainder of Bn marched to Bde, for Bde Parade to bid farewell to Maj. Gen Wootton.	
	16	0800	57 O.R. left Bn for 4 days leave to take Barrine Remainder of Bn resting while waiting for home leave.	
	17	0800	3 Officers and 24 O.R. went on home leave V.X.E.T.T. Balance of Bn on working parties.	
	18	0800	1 Officer & 50 O.Rs. Report to Bde for working party Remainder of Bn working in Bn area.	
	19	0800	C.O. departed for Command School 1/50 OR report to Bde for working party	

Amendment casualties New Guinea

	K.I.A.	II of W	W.I.A	TOTAL	GRANT TOTAL
MILNE BAY	3/33	1/7	2/26	6/66	72
BUNA	6/79	1/16	12/204	21/299	320
SANANANIA	2/49	7	2/80	4/136	140
	13/161	2/30	16/310	31/501	<u>532</u>

March

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RAVENSHOE	19	1015	Party of 18 OR's return to Bn from Hospital all X men.																															
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		1115	Party of 7 OR's left for 4 days leave to "Atherton".																															
	20	0800	Working party of 157 left for Bn to training in area																															
		1530	Party of 52 OR's returned from work done at Lake Barrine all spent night of rest-camp there																															
	21		Washing & mending																															
		1630	NX Personnel ordered to be ready to move out during night 21/22.																															
		1645	Verbal orders received that, as the camp site is above a certain sea level, malaria precautions need not be observed. All mosquito nets to be returned to Q.M. Store by 1000 hrs Mar 22.																															

M. W. W.

PLACE	DATE	HOVR		APPENDIX
RAVENSHOF	MAR 22	0130	39 O.R.s (N.Y.) personnel left Bn area for leave.	
		0830	Working party of 54 O.R.s leave for Bde.	
		1045	42 X Men return to Bn	
		1645	Working party of 54 return to Bn area	
		1720	Leave party of 7 return from AATHERTON, where they had a very enjoyable time. 6 O.R.s evacuated (sick)	
	23	0900	21 QX and 2 W.X. personnel depart from Bn area for leave. This party were all O.R.s	
	24		Camp duties carried out	
	25		Ct Mates + 10 O.R.s marched in X Hospital N.G.	
	26	1000	Gen Moorhead visited Bde area & complimented unit guards on turn out + appearance	
	27		Camp duties carried out	
	28		Capt Durant rejoined unit from 3 Aust Div	
	29		Capt Wilson + Capt Sanderson plus 17 O.R.s marched in from N.G.	
	30	0800	Working party 30 O.R.s at Bde	
APLI			Working party - to improve camp area.	
	2		Camp duties carried out	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	
RAVENSHOE	APRIL	2100	Capt Cook + 36 ORs depart for leave
	3		
	4		Camp duties carried out -
	5		on supplied working party of 30 ORs to Bde
	6		The small number in camp, average
	7		80, are kept busy in duties +
	8		improvements to camp area.
	9		Ct Mager (adjt) promoted to Capt. Working party 25 ORs of Bde.
	10		on making improvements to area.
	11		Working party 18 ORs to Bde.
	12 & 13		Camp improvement carried out -
	14		Maj Mithke departed for L. H. Q. School. Capt R. D. Anderson admm comd of unit.
	15		Camp duties carried out
	16		Capt Achmede, Lieut Cowling + 23 ORs returned from leave + hospital
	17		Capt Durant + 56 OR's depart for leave + hospital
	18		16 ORs depart for leave.
	19		Brig Chilton, 18 Bde, inspected area.
	20		Improvements carried
	21		out in B area.
	22		
	23		
	24		

PLACE	DATE	Hour	
	APRIL 43		
Ravensthorpe	APRIL		
	25	1130	small party arrives back from leave out hospital. Small no in Bn area carry out guard and other duties
		2030	16 pl 19 on left. Bn tried on leave to Dept
	26	1130	small party returned from leave
	27	0630	3 073 left for big school.
		0900	For McLean left for Map. Reading & Field Sketching School
	28		Camp duties carried out working parties
	29		Camp duties carried out working parties
	30		Camp duties carried out working parties
	31		Camp duties carried out Party of 40 ret. from leave SX & NX.

PLACE	DATE	TIME	
RAVENSHOE	MAY		CAMP Duties and working PARTIES.
	16.3		
	7		ADM. O.C. on recce of 25 BDE Assault course. CAPT. Schmedje returned to unit.
	5	1800	BDE barbaque to celebrate embarkation of BDE on MAY 5 th 1940.
	6		Capt Schmedje assumes ADM. COMD. of BN. Capt. Maegyer ADJ.
		0900	ADM O.C. and all subalterns left for recce of BN training area
		1030	Party of 3 offi 46 OR's returned from leave.
	7		Training and camp Duties.
	8		Race meeting held at TUMOU LIN for all personnel except camp duties.
	9		camp duties working parties.
	10	08.30	capt Maegyer left for S.A. on 14 days leave. Capt Schmedje now ADJ. Capt Wilson ADM. COMMAND.
			Boys training in own areas.
	11-16		low duties and training
	17.		Bde Pl Cmdr's course commences 2 of + 2 sqts attend.
	18		BN commenced Jungle Assault course. Remainder weapon training. Construction of mess huts begun

May 43

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	
RAVENSHOE	MAY		Grenade range completed. Range practice carried out. Further construction of mess huts.
	19.		
	20.		8 personnel evacuated to hospital as result of blood smears. Bn played Football against 2/5 Fd Amb. 2/5 Fd Amb won Seafront trig & range practice for remainder of Bn.
	21 to 24		Bn training in area in preparation for Dis exercise
	25		Bn march out on Divisional 3 day exercise.
	26		MO Capt Boyle marched in. Officers mess built Burning & cleaning of area by duty personnel out of Dis exercise. 12 ORs march in from hospital
	27		9 ORs return from hospital & leave. 6 th Div Concert party (22) attached till June 6 th for rations etc. 4 A/TK gunns arrived & 4 Mortars 3". Bn return from Dis. exercise.
	28		Plants McDougall & Forward evacuated to hospital. A/TK pl in training remainder fatigues

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	
RAVENSHOE	MAY 2		Lieut Turner returned from M.R.S. school
	28		2 ORs evacuated to Hospital from exercise.
	29	0830	1 N.C.O. & 12 ORs reported to O.C. Concert party at Bole Cuis
	29	1930	6 th Dis. Concert held in 2/9 th Lines, well attended by Bn.
	30	0900	Lieut McLean evacuated to Hospital
			Church parade held in own lines. Brig Chilton in attendance.
			Capt Wilson returned from Hospital & Capt Schmedge evacuated to same.
			Pf Ricketts & 10 ORs return from leave.
			Lieut March left for Mobile Ding 1 st Army Map Reading & Field sketching
	31		Lieut Turner, Lieut Yaffin & 3 Sgts left for Bole to attend Pl Comd school.
			Lieut Taylor, I.O. returns from Hospital.
			Capt Matheson & 20 ORs depart to Bn area to construct an Assault Course.

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 June 43.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	EVENTS
RAVENSHOE	JUNE		<p>1. Capt. Nolan & 4 ORs return from leave. Lts Spencer, Fee, Wauer & Cpl Harvey leave to attend O.C.T.U. School at Woodside S.A. Lts Moulton & Pudney ^{now} attending above school.</p>
		0930	<p>1.O. accompanied by Bde 1.O leave for recce of area.</p>
2	0800		<p>Bn leave area for 3 days. Bde manoeuvre at Wilde Br. Shel. left</p>
3			<p>Bn on. Bde manoeuvre. Shelton staff carry out essential duties.</p>
		1100	<p>6 Personnel return from hospital & 15 from leave.</p>
4		1030	<p>Pr. S.M. returned to unit from hospital.</p>
4/5			<p>St. Col. Ford rejoined Bn.</p>
5		1005	<p>Advance party arrived back from Bde Manoeuvres.</p>
		1100	<p>Capt. Lines, Mrs. Mallyon & Mrs. Morgan a/c. 15 O.B.s returned from leave & hospital.</p>
		1500	<p>W.O. Barnes, Sgt. Harrington, Sgt. Roberts, Sgt. Crosby, Sgt. Ford, Sgt. Todd, S. Sgt. Birney.</p>

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	
RAVENSHOE	5 JUNE		Pfc Linke and Pfc Cook left Bn for 18 F. T. B. Senterfield.
	6	0815	Church parade cancelled owing to heavy rain
	7	0830	St Taylor left Bn for 14 days Special Home Leave 1/16 went to Bde for working party
		1530	Sgt. Dymon left Bn for Jungle Training School Sydney as instructor.
	8		Working party of 16 O.Rs to Bde. Training in area 5 O.Rs returned from hospital
	9	0830	Working party of 14 O.Rs to B. P. M. S.
		0835	Mrs. Franks & 3 O.Rs on Bde Reccy RCL
		1030	26 O.Rs returned from leave and hospital.
			W. Kaffine & St. Turner evacuated to hospital from P.M. School
		1300	Sgt. Tabe returned from Bde Home School
		1430	C.O. & staff inspected Bn training area
			Under new Tropical War Establishment, four to five new anti tank guns have arrived in the Bn.
	10		C.O. and senior officers attended Brig's conference.

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June 11/3

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
Barenshee	10	1500	<p>7 Bren Gun barrier drivers transferred to 7 new barrier boys</p> <p>Capt. Frayger returned from leave</p> <p>Immediate orders for Bana - Sananda.</p> <p>Capt. Cook M. C. D. S. O.</p> <p>Capt. Brown M. C.</p> <p>S. X. 1193 Sgt. G. G. Spencer - D. C. M.</p> <p>S. X. 1528 C. S. Sgt. C. Weston M. M.</p> <p>S. X. 11929 Plt R. W. Allen M. M.</p> <p>S. X. 8790 Plt R. G. Brandon M. M.</p> <p>S. X. 1570 Plt J. Hughes M. M.</p> <p>S. X. 22130 Plt M. D. Saint M. M.</p>	
	11	1000	<p>Bn. marched to 2 p.m. to meet The Minister for the Army Mr. Forde, who spoke on the war situation. Past, present and future and told the Bde how grateful the Australian Government was, for what it had done in the war so far. The leave question Mr. Forde said, would be given every consideration. Lack of transport again the big worry.</p>	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
Overstone	11	1400	Lt Morgan, March and 4 sgt lft for Bde Pln Com School 1470 Pte Scott evacuated to hospital
	12	0830	Bn training in area all morning. Lft. Mayger takes over duties of cdt. Bn played 2 Div H.Q. football defeating them the C.O. being spectator. Lft. Smedge H. Koebotham and 10 O.R.s returned from hospital
	13	0900	Bn marched to 2/4 Bn lines to attend Church Parade Wootton officiated
	14	0830	N.C.O. Cadet Class commenced 10 days duration under Lft. Wilson The Physical repair unit 1500 C.O. & cpty. lft on recy.
	15	0830	Working Party of 17 O.R.s Bde Rest of Bn training in area. Lft. Matheron & Mallyon evac to Hos
	16		Bn training in area and tidying area generally improving the landscape H. Koebotham. evac to Hosp

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
Ravenshoe	17	0815	B.O. & O. Group attended Bde Lule Bn training in lines	
	18	0900	B.O. on recce with B.M.	
		1100	30 Oks returned from base	
	19	0830	B.O. at Bde conference	
		1100	H. Davis returned from hospital	
	20		<p>Training in area during morning. & afternoon sports.</p> <p>2/10 Bn played 2/6 7th & 8th football which was won by 2/10 Bn scores 11-13 11-0.</p> <p>The football was quite entertaining and the outstanding player being Capt Taylor. The B.O. was a spectator.</p>	
	21	0930	<p>Church Parade in 2/9 line. Pdr. Thorton took the service.</p> <p>H. Service of 2/4 7th Reg attached to Bn for five days.</p>	
	22	0900	<p>Capt Dentree and gun crew from 2/4 7th Reg gave very fine demonstration of light and heavy 25 pounders.</p> <p>H. Turner and C. Andrews returned from hospital.</p> <p>0900 Bde Officers conference held in Bn lines.</p>	

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Wenshoe	22	1900	C. O. evacuated to hospital 17 O. Rs returned from base and hospital.	①
			Tracy Broxoff took over command of Bn	
	23	1100	18 O. Rs returned from base and hospital	
		1130	Gen Blaney, C. in C. of Southern Pacific Forces Lt Gen Moore head of General Tracy G. O. G. 1st Aust. Div and staff visited Bn and inspected troops training.	
	24	0830	Bn went for all day route march	
	25		Bn training in area The personnel instructed boys on compass & map reading Tank attack Pln left on manoeuvre	
	26	0900	Tank attack Pln returned from manoeuvre	
		0900	All rifle boys on route march all morning Sports afternoon. Bn beaten at football by C. of S. C. W. Raffine returned from hospital	
	27	0900	Church Parade in 2/4 line Padre Moolton officiated	
		1100	Mr Scott arrived back from hospital	

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Karenshee	27	1305	Tent in Don Coy. Lines caught alight and was a total loss. The occupants at the time were at mess.	
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		1500	Bn played 18 coast Inf Ball football, beating them by 13-18 to 5-7. The outstanding player being the Kyp of C. Coy.	
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	28	0830	C. O. & Coy. left on recon. C. & Don boys spent all day on the Bn assault course	
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	29	1245	C. O. and senior Officers left on Tuti	
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		1400	C. & Don boys left on route march. Lt Davies, Rhyre & three Sgts returned from 18 coast Inf. Ball Platoon Commander School	
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	30	0830	The Adj. G. & Schmiede left for Mareba were they were taken up as observers to study Bde area.	
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		0930	Sgt Fournet left for Div to attend a conference at 7 coast Div. Bn strength 16/261 detached 5/52.	
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	1	0830	Tank & Stack Pln left for shoot.	1
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		2000	H. Rhoe Colborne returned from Hospital. Lt W. Dougal ret. to Bn.	
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from 18 Aust Inf Bde Ptn
Commanders and Intelligence
School where he acted as
Q. M. & Adj.

2 0830 S. O. and Senior Officers
to Heavy Tank Demonstration
at Raban

3 1100 20 X Tren returned from
hospital

1200 10/360 Personnel from
the 11 Aust Motor Reg joined
the Bn as reinforcements
Officers

- NX.106996 Lt Maj Cameron J.B.
- QX.36934 Lt Capt Gunn W.B.
- NX.116860 Lt Allen J.S.
- QX.35819 " Cassera P.
- QX.34197 " Doolin W.B.
- QX.35316 " Greaves J.S.
- QX.35817 " Halcomb E.J.
- NX.123472 " Titchfield G.H.
- NX.123473 " Trebov A.L.

Sports in afternoon.
Bn played 2/2 Bn
football and were
beaten 13-10 to 12-9
Plt Taylor, Bottomley and
Fairweather were the
outstanding players for 2/10
Bn strength 19/279 attached 2/11

4 0930 Bn moved off to 2/12 lines
to attend Church Parade

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RAVENSHOE	5	1100	B.M. & Bde I.O. visited Bn and C.O. returned from hospital
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		1400	Bn Guard Competition was held in Bn lines. Participating Officers being Brig. C. Kiltone 18th Lt. Inf. Bde Brig. Maj. Jackson B.M. Capt. Connolly Bde I.O. Capt. Sedden Staff Capt. Thomas C.O. of 2/12. Capt. Souther C.O. of 2/9. Capt. Sedden, Capt. Sedden and Capt. Souther acted as judges.
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Don boys were the winners with H. boy second, H.G. boy 3rd, B. boy fourth, H.O. boy 5th with C. boy 6th.

The competition was very keenly contested with a small margin between the first and last boys and the drill generally was of a very high standard.

	6	0900	C.O. and Senior Officers left for Bde Field Test
		1700	cf further 5/120 Personnel from 11th Lt. Inf. Reg. marched in as reinforcements

- Officer QX. 36936 Capt. Rice H.
- QX. 35815 Lt. Higgins C.F.
- NP. 10108 " Range J. W.
- QX. 34159 " Sinclair C.F.
- QX. 35818 " Waller C.F.

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AVENSHOE 7 1100

Lt Edwards and 4 O.R.s. returned from hospital
 1200 Lt Radford from 2/9 Aust-
 Armcd Reg arrived with
 40 Gen Grant Tanks & crews.
 They will train with the Bn for
 four days.

8 0900

C.O. and Senior Officers left
 to attend Bob Toot

9 0930

Padre Holby joined Bn
 Bn marched off to view tank
 demonstration by 2/9 Aust Armcd Reg

1115

C.O. inspected Bn in 2/12 line

1530

Capt Schmiedje and 19 Officers
 left for Jungle Training School.
 Capt Schmiedje to act as
 instructor

1600

Five Officers and 41 O.Rs
 marched in as reinforcements
 Q.X. 42414 Lt The Doreyal C.O.
 Q.X. 10362 " command C.O.
 Q.X. 36941 " Campbell D.O.
 Q.X. 10476 " Sikes C.O.
 N.X. 104066 " Roseby P.
 being the Officers.

1600

Five Sgt's returned from
 18 Aust Inf Bde S. T. B.

10 0900

C.O. Officers and P.O.s of
 Bn marched off to view
 jump school by C. Squad
 of 2/9 Aust Armcd Reg.

1400

Sports afternoon, Bn
 played C. Squad 2/9 Aust
 Armcd Reg football which
 Lt Nolan + 40 OR proceed to Mt Jerritt as adv party for Rules Ex

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		
Ravenstoe	10		2/10 Bn won by 8-17 to 6-6 Pte Kolley & Fryweather and Cpls Savage and Sherd were outstanding players for 2/10 Bn	X.O.C.'s conference. with O.C.'s re movement orders for Dis Rodes Exercise Capt Lines evacuated to Hospital
	11	2100 0930	Church Parade in our own lines Paratrooper Kolley conducted his initial service with the Bn. Bn busy all day preparing for Rodes Exercise Bn on 3 hours notice.	
	12	0630 0930	Orders received that Bn will move from SP at 0930 hrs. Bn move out for 7 Dis Rodes Exercise in following order of march. Don Coy Bomb Group C Coy Hq Coy Bn Hq B & A Coys 2/9 Bn spear head for 16 Bde. Bde followed by Bde Hq 2/10 Bn 2/12 Bn 2/2 Para. Bde being Demanded for 7 Div. Rest of day spent in march to WILD R.	
	13.	1100 1353	Bn at WILD RIVER. Pte THOMAS R E was drowned in WILD R. Para troops dropped in our lines from 14 DC3 planes. Approx 180 U.S.A. personnel. Personnel used white shutes. Armo in blue shutes. R.A.P. marked with Red crosses.	

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Jt. Gen. Sir Leslie Mores had visited the Bn during the dropping of the para troops.

1700

Bn took up defence of WILD R. bridge for night

1530

Bn moved to Bde Hq 1/2 mile back along main road.

14

0830

Orders received end of exercise Bde. Bn ordered to move to MT GARNET by Palmerston Highway

0915

Bde moved out order of march.

Bn 2/9 2/12 / 2/10 Bde Hq.

1430

Arrived Bde area 3 miles W Mt GARNET after a hard dirty march.

15

Rest day for Bn, washing and bathing.

1500

Bn parade for Bde practice for 7 Div review to be held on Mt Garnet race course.

16

0830

Bn parade for 7 Div full dress rehearsal on Mt Garnet race course.

0930

Div addressed by Gen VASEY rest of day spent in camp in preparation for the review.

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0830

Bn moves off for Mt Garnet race course for review.

0930

C in C. Gen Blomney addresses the Div. Followed by the March past of division.

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
RAVENSHOE	17	1000	Bn marches back to camp.	
		1300	Mt Garnet Races commence. C in C. Gen BLAMLEY in attendance. + LADY Blamey A good day had by all.	
	18		Div rodeo held. Bullock riding. Buck jumping. Bn well represented but no successful results.	
	19.	0730	Bn moves off for march back to Ravenshoe camp.	
			Order of March. C. A. Bn Hq. Hq B and Hon Coy.	
		1400	Bn picked up and ferried to Ravenshoe after marching approx 14 miles in good time.	
		1530	Bn all in camp area.	
	20		Lieut Taylor returned to Bn Bn on make & mend after 8 days away for Rodeo Exercise.	
	21	0.830	Training syllabus carried out in Bn area	
		1200	C O's Conference Lieut Annand transferred to Bde as amenities Officer 6 O.R's returned from Hospital. 7 ^{O.R's} sick evacuated	
	22	0910	Bn marched out for Bde parade held on s/s Bn football grounds.	
		0940	Bde addressed by Maj Gen VASEY. C.O.C 7. AUST. DIV. & were again congrat- ulated on their splendid effort whilst in NEW GUINEA Maj Gen VASEY presented the following awards to members of Bn on this parade -	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
RAVENSHOF	22		
			M.C
			SX 1461 Maj MIETHKE G.R D.C.M
			SX 1603 Cpl. O'BRIEN J.F.P M.M.
			SX 8790 Pte BRANDON R.G. M.I.D
			SX 1430 Maj BROCKSOPP J.E
			SX 649 Capt SCHMEDJE T.J.
			SX 190 A/Sgt FEE R.C
	1130		Bn returned to area
	1140		Orders received that Bn is on one hours notice, as from 1200 hrs, to march out to 18 Bde training area at HORSESHOE BEND. school for 3 days defence & jungle training.
	1200		C.O's conference with Coy Commanders.
	1430		Bn moved off for 18 Bde training area. The S.P. being junction of main Rd & Rd running into Bn area. The order of march - "A" Coys; 1 pln "B" Coy; Comnd group B.H.Q; remainder "B" Coy; balance B.H.Q; "H.Q"; "C" and "Don" Coys.
	1435		Bde notified of above movement
	1715		Bn reached posn & took up de- fensive posn for the night
	1730		Advised Bde that Bn in posn. 8 OR's returned from hospital 5 OR's evacuated to hospital The following N.C.O's were pro- moted to A/Lieut -
			N.A. 10405

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	APPENDIX
RAVENSHOE	22	-	<p>QX 34516 Sgt. R.H. COVERDALE QX 34264 Cpl G. MACD. STEVENSON NX 117056 Sgt N.M. MACGILVRAJ NX 104115 Sgt R.E. KENNEDY NX 104015 Sgt H.G. KEYS</p>
	23		<p>Bn, known as the "Red Force", carried out jungle training exercises throughout the day in the HORSESHOE BEND SCHOOL area. The 2/12 Bn acted as the "ENEMY"</p> <p>0730 C.O. & R.M.O. left Bn area to join Bn at HORSESHOE BEND SCHOOL area.</p> <p>7 O.R's returned from Hospital</p> <p>8 O.R's evacuated to hospital</p> <p>14 personnel transferred to various units including 5 NCO's who were promoted to A/Lieut. the previous day & they left for training centre at CANUNGRA.</p>
	24		<p>Bn continued jungle training exercise</p> <p>1730 Exercises finish</p> <p>1830 Bn move off for march back to RAVENSHOE & most of Bn picked up by M.T. & brought back to Bn area much valuable experience was gained by both Officers & men during Exercise</p> <p>2130 All of Bn back in area</p>
	25	0915	<p>Church Pde Padre J. HOPKINS conducted his initial service with Bn.</p>
		1430	<p>C.O. & Senior Officers attend Bde</p>

PLACE	DATE	HOUR		APPENDIX
RAVENSHOE	25		Conference to discuss the HORSESHOE BEND exercise Bn spent rest of day at make & mend 3 OR's evacuated to hospital	
	26		Bn carried out training syllabus during day. Lieut MORGAN & 2 OR's evacuated to hospital 0715 "O" group attend 2/9 Bn exercise	
	27	1000	Mortar pl leave for mortar shoot	
		1420	C.O. I.O & Officers attend Bde conference	
		1830	Mortar pln return 6 OR's evacuated to hospital 3 ^x men return	
	28	0730	Don Coy move out for 2 days exercise. Rest of day Balance of Bn training in area 6 OR's evacuated to hospital	
	29	0930	C.O & Adj inspect Coy lines	
		1000	Orders received to pack all surplus gear & to be in R.Q.M. store by 1200 hrs	
		1830	Orders received that all universal K. Bags to be in R.Q.M. store by 2000 hrs. 5 OR's evacuated to hospital	
		1835	DON. Coy Return.	
	30		Bn training in area.	
		1330	"O" Group leave for recce of area selected for battle practice.	
		1600	O Group return	
		2100	Orders received that Bn be ready to move out at 0700 hrs on JUL 31	

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PLACE	DATE	HOOR	APPENDIX
RAYENSHOE	JUL 30.		
			Capt WILSON & 3 OR's evacuated
	31	0600	Reveille
		0630	Breakfast
		0900	Bn move off for Battle practice in following order A.H.Q.; B.H.Q.; B C & D Coy's.
		0940	Bn reach exercise area. See APPENDIX §
		1345	Bn move out for homeward march in same order as outward march
		1645	All of Bn in area Bn strength 37/131 + 2/39 attached
			The awards granted this unit since August 1942 is as follows
			<u>D.S.O</u>
			SX1225 Capt COOK.F.W
			<u>M.B.E</u>
			SX214 Capt. KENT.W.R
			<u>M.C</u>
			SX1461 Maj MIETHKE.G.R.
			SX1017 Capt BROWN.M.J.
			<u>D.C.M</u>
			SX10515 Pte ABRAHAM.A.J.
			SX1603 Cpl O'BRIEN.J.F.P
			SX1193 Sgt SPENCER.G.G.
			SX18234 Pte ALLEN.R.W.
			<u>M.M</u>
			SX9891 Pte KOTZ.J.H
			SX929 Cpl MAULIFFE.W.H
			SX1528 A/Cpl WESTON.A.
			SX8790 Pte BRANDON.R.G.
			SX1570 Pte HUGHES.T
			SX22130 Pte SAINT.M.D

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M.I.D

- VX 6330 Lieut SCOTT A.R. (Posthumous)
- SX 1430 Maj BROCKSOPP J.E
- SX 649 Capt SCHMEDJE T.J.
- SX 1017 Capt BROWN M.J.
- SX 610 Lieut LAWRENCE I.C. (since deceased)
- SX 190 A/Sgt FEE R.C.
- SX 783 Pte SAUERBIER H.D.