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Army Form C. 218.
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Unit HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

Place.	Date. 1943.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS. HQ. MILNE BAY	1 Aug.		In the morning church parades were held at 2/13 Bn, and Bde HQ. Brig WINDEYER attended the parade at Bde HQ. Capt HOLTSBAUM (LO I) and Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) visited 4 Bde HQ and then made a tour of the area with the LO (I) 4 Bde.	
		1400.	Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON conferred with Lt-Gen WOOTTEN, (GOC 9 Aust Div) at Div HQ. An outline was given of the plan of future ops. LAE will be the objective. 9 Aust Div will land to the west ^{east} of LAE. 20 Aust Inf Bde will take the beachhead and secure all the approaches to it. 26 Aust Inf Bde will land immediately after 20 Bde, pass through, push westwards towards LAE. 24 Aust Inf Bde will land on the third day. Col LOVELL called at Bde HQ. Maj KENT (DAQMG) 9 Aust Div called at Bde HQ in reference to the question of what units will be under comd. The Bde Gp will consist of the same units and sub-units as were under comd in the CAIRNS area. Units of 9 Aust Div already at MILNE BAY will foster-in units still to arrive. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for fostering the remainder of the Bde. Capt H.H.COOPER has been appointed O/C fostering tps for Div. He reported to Bde this afternoon en-route to Div HQ. Maj WILSON visited operational HQ of 6 RAAF Sqn.	
CAIRNS		1900.	Today the convoy on which Flight 3 is travelling departed from CAIRNS.	
MILNE BAY	2 Aug.		Capt MACLARN (2/17 Bn) has arrived back from a tour of the NASSAU BAY and SALAMAUA front and is at present staying with Bde HQ.	

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Unit HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Date and Time.—From To

Place.	Date. 1943.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	2 Aug.		Lt-Col McGEE, Lt-Col MACLEAN (AQ 5 Aust Div) and Lt-Col WITHERS (CASC 9 Aust Div) called.	
		1400.	Lieut MAUGHAN visited operational HQ 6 RAAF Sqn.	
		1800.	Brig WINDEYER, Maj WILSON and Lieut MAUGHAN went to Div HQ.	
			Lt-Col BARHAM (GSO 1 9 Aust Div) outlined plans for future trg and operations, and Capt EVANS (GSO III I 9 Aust Div) gave a summary of the latest information in the operational area.	
			Lt-Col WALKER (Royal Marines) and Lt-Col CAMPBELL (CSO 9 Aust Div) were present. The craft which will be available for the operation were detailed, but information is not yet available as to the number of sp tps and recce parties which will travel in the craft assigned to this Bde.	
	3 Aug.	0700.	Lt-Col COLVIN and Maj KELLY (CO and 2 i/c 2/13 Aust Inf Bn) visited Bde HQ. Brig WINDEYER instructed them to work out loading data on the basis of the craft that would be available in trg and operations for the right bn, special attention to be paid to the loading of the man.	
		1030.	Brig WINDEYER, Maj WILSON and Lieut MAUGHAN went to Div HQ where Brig WINDEYER conferred with Brig GOODWIN (CRA 9 Aust Div) and Lt-Col WALKER.	
			The latest information with reference to the arrival of the remainder of the Bde places the time at 1000 hrs tomorrow. Most of the fostering will now be done by 4 Aust Inf Bde.	
		1800.	Lt-Col WALKER of the Royal Marines (Offr i/c trg) 9 Aust Div) visited Bde HQ and discussed future trg and ops with the Bde Comd.	
	4 Aug.		Commencing today conferences on planning are to be held daily at Div HQ at 0900 hrs, to which this HQ will send at least one representative. This morning Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON attended the conference.	/3.

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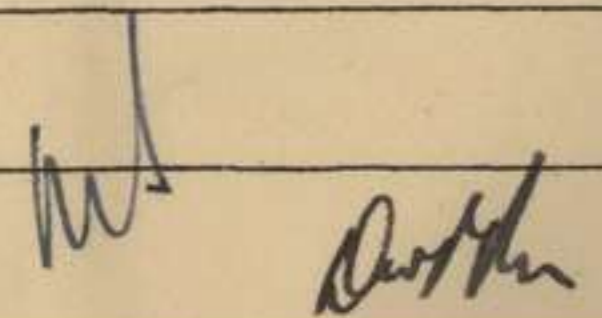
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Place.	Date 1943.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4 Aug.	1400.	Tps of Flight 3 have commenced de ^{disembarking} ashore and called on Brig WINDEYER and then returned to the ship.	
		1600.	The remainder of Bde HQ has arrived.	
		1615-1730.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn (less rear parties left on board for unloading) deberked ^{disembarked} and were fostered into their new area.	
			2/17 Aust Inf Bn are now being shown into their area. Brig WINDEYER visited 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1815.	Lt-Col ALLAN (LO with US Army) visited Bde HQ.	
		1830.	Capt HOLTSBAUM (LO I) visited 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	
			The arrangements for receiving tps arriving today were disorganised mainly owing to the American units unloading tps without liaison with fostering units. The fostering units did very good work.	
	5 Aug.	0830.	Lt-Col COLVIN (CO 2/13 Aust Inf Bn) and Lt-Col GRACE (CO 2/15 Aust Inf Bn) visited Bde HQ and conferred with Brig WINDEYER.	
		0900.	Brig WINDEYER attended the daily conference at Div HQ.	
			Maj WILSON has been temporarily evacuated to hospital, Capt WILLIAMS (BM (L)) will carry out the duties of BM.	
		1400.	At a conference attended by Lt-Col SIMPSON, Lt-Col COLVIN, and Lt-Col GRACE, Lt-Col HOUSTON (2/12 Aust Fd Regt), Capt HAMILTON, Capt WILLIAMS and Lieut MAUGHAN, Brig WINDEYER indicated the tactical role of this Bde and of each Bn in projected operations and discussed loading problems in relation thereto.	
			The provisional allotment of craft is as follows:-	
			Right Beach- 2 APD, 3 LCI, 2 LCT.	
			Left Beach- 2 APD, 15 LCI, 3 LCT, 6 LST.	

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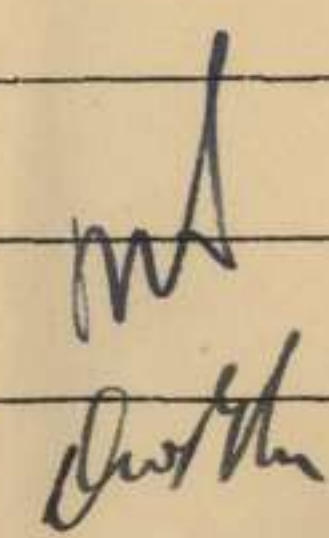
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Unit HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Date and Time.—From

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1943. 5 Aug		<p>As the allotment of craft has already been altered several times these figures cannot be regarded as final.</p> <p><i>The composition</i> A comparison of the missions will be as follows:-</p> <p><u>Right Beach</u>- 2/13 Bn, 2 tps Fd Arty (62 Bty), one sec Lt AA, det engrs (48/80).</p> <p><u>Left Beach</u>- Remainder of 20 Aust Inf Bde, 26 Aust Inf Bde, HQ 9 Aust Div and 532 EBSR (in their own craft).</p> <p>The landing will be with two bns fwd, 2/15 Bn on right. 2/15 Bn will mop up and consolidate the close vicinity of the beachhead; 2/17 Bn will push out westwards and northwards to block approaches to the beach area. 26 Bde will pass through this Bde to move westwards ^{but} on first landing the first bn will come under comd 20 Bde. 2/13 and 2/15 Bns will clear the area between the two beaches, and from the right beach 2/13 Bn will move east for about 12 miles to clear the intervening area and block the approach from the east at a point where the mountains come down to the sea.</p> <p>10 days amn, 3 days fd operational and 3 days emergency rations will be taken.</p> <p>"B" Echelons will be landed on the second night.</p>	
		1830.	<p>Brig WINDEYER and Capt WILLIAMS attended a conference at Div HQ with Lt-Col WALKER, Lt-Col BARRIAM, Brig GOODWIN (CRA) and Lt-Col MUELLER (CRE) ref alteration in the allotment of craft.</p>	
	6 Aug.		<p>2/13 and 2/15 Bns are carrying out experimental loading with LCIs of which two are available. Tps of Bde HQ will participate this afternoon.</p>	
		0900.	<p>Brig WINDEYER attended the morning conference on planning at Div HQ. On returning he conferred with Lt-Col COLVIN and Maj KELLY (2/13 Bn).</p>	

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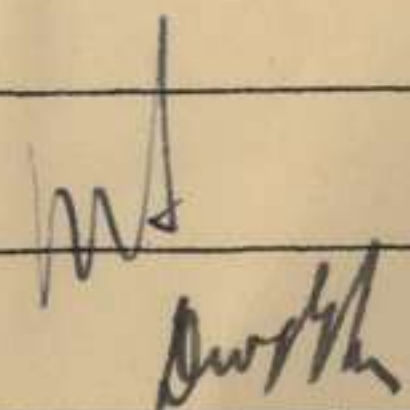
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Unit HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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Place.	Date. 1943.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	6 Aug.	1330.	Detailed loading problems were discussed by Brig WINDEYER and Capts HAMILTON and WILLIAMS with Lt-Col SIMPSON and Maj BROADBENT (2/17 Bn) Lt-Col GRACE and Maj STRANGE (2/15 Bn) and Lt-Col COLVIN and Maj KELLY (2/13 Bn).	
		2100.	Lt-Col HOUSTON (CO 2/12 Fd Regt) conferred with Brig WINDEYER on detailed loading problems.	
	7 Aug.	0900.	Brig WINDEYER attended the daily morning conference at Div HQ Maj WILSON returned from CCS and resumed duty.	
		1400- 1700.	Brig WINDEYER held a conference at Bde HQ attended by Maj HARPER (ALO 9 OG) Capt BURREL (G3 Air 9 Aust Div) Lt-Col COLVIN and Maj TOMLINSON (CO 2/8 Fd Amb) and comds of sp arms of 2/13 Bn Gp, at which he gave verbal orders for 2/13 Bn Gp combined ops exercise to be held tomorrow.	
		1700.	Capt BURREL (LO 9 Aust Div) and Capt WORTHLEY (G2 (L)) 9 Aust Div visited Bde HQ.	
		1900.	Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON attended a planning conference at Div HQ.	
	8 Aug.		Brig WINDEYER, Maj WILSON and Capt WILLIAMS, witnessed 2/13 Bn Gp combined exercise (ops). A party from Bde HQ consisting of Capt LECKY (Sig Offr), Capt WINSLOW (TO), Capt HALLIDAY (Legal Offr) Lieuts MURISON, HESLOP, SEARLE (LOs) and Lieut WARD (OC HQ Gd Pl) attended as observers. At Bde HQ an air sp link worked with sp A/C. Capt CURRELL and Capt GILL were present. Comms were good except between fwd tps and air sp link. A lesson to be drawn from the exercise is the necessity of loading LCIs in sufficient time before time of departure to allow for time taken to move LCIs off the beach.	
		1400.	Maj WILSON attended the daily conference at Div HQ. Hencefwd, in connection with the POSTERN operation and the training for it, the left (or western) beach will be known as RED BEACH and the	

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Place.	Date. 1943.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	8 Aug.		right (or eastern) beach as YELLOW BEACH.	
		1800.	Brig WINDEYER returned from the exercise.	
		1830.	Lt-Col GRACE visited Bde HQ.	
		1900.	Brig WINDEYER, Maj WILSON and Capt WILLIAMS attended a trg conference at Div HQ at which orders were issued for a Bde exercise to be held on 10 Aug. Tps to participate being 2/15 and 2/17 Bns gps, divisional and sp arms recce parties and 2/23 Bn.	
	9 Aug.	0845.	Capt STONE (DAPM 9 Aust Div) Capt HOLTSBAUM (LOI) and Capt WINSLOW (Bde TO) made a recce of assembly areas for this mornings exercise.	
		0900.	Brig WINDEYER held an orders conference attended by Lt-Col WALKER and Capt TRAINOR (GI Trg and LOI 9 Aust Div) Lt-Col HOUSTON, (CO 2/12 Fd Regt) and the COs of the three Bns.	
		1000.	A conference was held by Capt WILLIAMS (BM (L)) to settle man-loading of Bde HQ personnel.	
		1200.	Capt GILL (G3 Air) called at Bde HQ with reference to air sp for exercise tomorrow.	
		1400.	Brig WINDEYER attended a conference of Bde Comds, CRA and GI, at which Lt-Gen WOOTTEN outlined his plan for the POSTERN op.	
			At 1430 and 1930 hrs conferences of Bde HQ offrns were held by Capt WILLIAMS (BM (L)) to settle details for tomorrows exercise.	
		1830.	Brig WINDEYER held a conference of the Bde Major#, BM (L)), SC and IO to discuss "Q" arrangements for the immediate future.	
	10 Aug.		The Bde exercise was held today, and many useful lessons were learnt-see Appendices.	<i>ml</i>
		1930.	Brig WINDEYER held a conference of offrns of Bde HQ to discuss HQ operational procedure.	<i>Devon</i>

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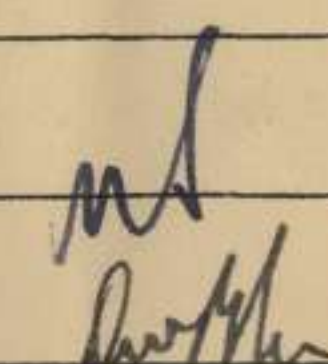
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Unit HQ 20 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From To

Place.	Date. 1943.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	11 Aug.	0830.	A committee of Bde HQ oftrs under Capt WILLIAMS (BM (L)) met to settle all questions of eqpt in ref to Bde HQ personnel.	
		0900.	Capt HAMILTON (SC) held a conference of Adjts and QMs of bns to discuss detailed loading problems.	
		1000.	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Lt-Col GRACE conferred at Bde HQ with Brig WINDEYER and discussed their respective tactical roles in the POSTERN operation.	
		1400.	Brig WINDEYER attended the daily conference at Div HQ and discussed the previous days trg.	
			A special scout party from 2 ESB has been att to this HQ. Their operational task will be the erection of beach-marking signs on the far shore. They are Lieuts HAMMER, BOYER and KOELN of 592 EB AND SR.	
	12 Aug.	0900.	Lt-Col COLVIN (CO 2/13 Bn) accompanied Brig WINDEYER to Div Planning HQ to discuss in conference with Maj-Gen WOOTTEN, the GI and the CRA the tactical role to be undertaken by the bn. Afterwards the Naval bombardment plan was discussed, and a new set of air photographs studied.	
		1900.	Brig WINDEYER, Lt-Col SIMPSON and Lt-Col GRACE, went to Div HQ. Brig WINDEYER saw Brig VERRON (GSO NGF) and discussed with him the work to be done by beach sigs, the scale of allotment of phones to units, and the possibility of obtaining light American twin combat cable.	
			Brig WINDEYER discussed with Lt-Col SEARLE (AQ 9 Aust Div) the storage of men's packs and the bringing fwd of blankets and clothing replacements. Lt-Cols SIMPSON and GRACE inspected the new air photographs at Div.	
			Maj WILSON conferred with the Shore Fire Control party on problems of naval bombardment.	

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Unit HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. Date and Time.—From To

Place.	Date. 1943.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	13 Aug.		Today 'J' Sec Sigs ceased to be a sec of Div Sigs and became 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.	
			Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON watched the practice loading of LCTs by 2/15 Bn and then went to Div HQ to discuss sig matters and shore fire control matters.	
		1400.	Brig WINDEYER saw Lt-Col OUTRIDGE at Bde HQ and explained to him the tactical situation at RED BEACH and then successively discussed 2/13 Bn role with Lt-Col COLVIN and 2/15 Bn role with Lt-Col GRACE.	
		2130.	An air raid red warning was given but no raid eventuated in this area.	
	14 Aug.	0900.	Lt-Col SIMPSON showed coy comds of 2/17 Bn aerial photographs of RED BEACH for POSTERN operation.	
		1300.	Lt-Col GRACE did likewise for his coy comds.	
		1400.- 1700.	Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON attended a conference at Div HQ attended by Amphibian Force representatives, Bde Comds, ESB comd and the comds of sp arms and services and Sigs. Many decisions were reached including a definite timing for each successive wave. These times will be adhered to in trg. A/C will be available for smokelaying tasks at call. It was also decided that 2 LCVs and one LCM would be made available by 532 EB and SR as despatch boats to the YELLOW Beach for comd and comns and for back-loading of wounded.	
			This morning Capt LECKY (Bde Sig Offr) carried out a test of 208 and 11 Sets on LCTs and received and sent messages successfully over a distance of 15 miles.	
		1530.	Lt-Col COLVIN and representatives of sub-units of 2/13 Bn Gp attended a conference at Bde HQ with Capt WILLIAMS (BM(L)) at which orders were given for 2/13 Bn Gp exercise to be held on	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">ms</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">Dawson</div>

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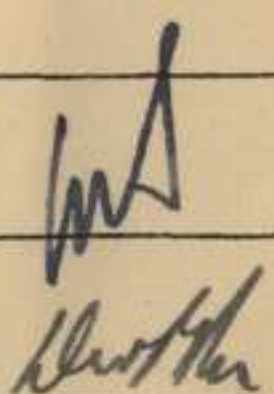
Place.	Date. 1943.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	14 Aug.	Continued....	17 Aug at which APDs will be available.	
		1600.	Lt-Col ALLAN (Coordinator, MILNE BAY) visited Bde HQ.	
			Landing of stores to be left out of battle for move to CHIVALRY commenced this evening and will continue all night.	
	15 Aug.	0900.	Capt FERREL (US Air Sp Offr) visited Bde HQ and conferred with Maj WILSON, Capt WILLIAMS and Lieut MAUGHAN on air sp for projected operations.	
		1100.	LOB personnel of this Bde embarked for move fwd to CHIVALRY. Embarkation was under arrangements AASC 9 Aust Div, Lt-Col WITHERS (CAASC) i/c.	
			Lt-Col GRACE visited Bde HQ and discussed 2/15 Bn tactical role with Brig WINDEYER.	
			Church parades were held during the day at Bde HQ and the Bns.	
	16 Aug.	1030.	Comd WILLIS (Comd of Div of AAPDS of US Navy-which will work with this Bde) visited Bde HQ. Afterwards Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON went out and saw the leading coys of 2/15 and 2/17 Bns being loaded, transported in APDs and landing therefrom. The troops exercised on the APDs from 1400 to 1930 hrs and were given a meal on board.	
		2100.	Div OO for COCONUT exercise was received from Div, and also a trace showing Bde objectives for the POSTERN operation.	
	17 Aug.		Capt FERREL (US Air Sp Offr) (att 9 Aust Div) lectured 2/15 Bn this morning and 2/17 Bn this afternoon.	<i>W</i>
		0900.	Maj-Gen WOOTTEN witnessed 2/13 Bn exercise which was a full-scale rehearsal (except in respect of stores) of the task for YELLOW Beach. Brig WINDEYER attended the exercise.	<i>W</i>

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Unit HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. Date and Time.—From To

Place.	Date. 1943.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	20 Aug.		Exercise COCONUT- The two days divisional exercise commenced this morning and the whole of this Bde and its att tps participated. Loading commenced at 1000 hrs and went according to schedule. At 1300 hrs the entire convoy, protected by Destroyers, left MILNE BAY. The convoy proceeded to NORMANBY ISLAND and cruised in the vicinity of the island for the rest of the day and the succeeding night. The landing was effected to time, (0638 hrs) in the case of both RED and YELLOW Beaches on the correct beach, but after the first wave the succeeding waves of the 2/17 Bn mission went in on the wrong portion of the beach. This necessitated a re-adjustment of the tactical plan. Furthermore, the LCTs never arrived on RED Beach and in the case of YELLOW Beach they arrived two hrs late. Generally, from the point of view of the inf, the exercise was successful. The control and development of the beach and Div maintenance areas was, in some respects, unsatisfactory.	
	21 Aug.	1000.	The exercise was concluded. Tps moved back to the beach for re-embarkation.	
	22 Aug.	1800.	Debarbking commenced at MILNE BAY. Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON visited 2/17 Bn.	
		1400.	Brig WINDEYER held a conference of all offr of Bde HQ in which from the standpoint of HQ the lessons of the exercise were discussed in their bearing on future ops.	
	23 Aug.	1000.	Coys to be transported in APDs were exercised in embarking and debarbking ^{disembarking.}	
		1000- 1500.	Brig WINDEYER, Lt-Col COLVIN and Maj WILSON attended a conference at Div HQ at which the lessons of the COCONUT exercise were discussed. In consequence of the exercise certain alterations have been made in the Div plan for the POSTERN operation, the principal of which was that as the loading of stores on vehs was impracticable, the majority of stores would in the future	

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	23 Aug	Continued...	operations be bulk-loaded and unloaded by hand. After the conference Brig WINDEYER summoned Lt-Col SIMPSON and Lt-Col GRACE to a conference at Bde HQ at which the matters raised at Div HQ were passed on to Bn comds.	
			Capt GREEN (att from 2/2 Aust MG Bn) is staying at Bde HQ. In the POSTERN operation Capt GREEN will be responsible for coord of all beach defences on RED Beach.	
		2000.	Capt STANILAND (26 Aust Inf Bde) visited Bde HQ in order to obtain details of proposed assembly areas of this Bde in order to arrange 26 Aust Inf Bdes assembly areas without infringing on 20 Bde areas.	
	24 Aug.	0830.	Lt-Col GRACE came to Bde HQ with Adjut and coy comds of 2/15 Bn and showed coy tasks to coy comds on the air photographs.	
			A practice loading of LCTs was carried out today by RAA.	
		1000.	Capt BURRELL (LO2 9 Aust Div) and Capt BURN (LO 3) visited Bde HQ and saw Maj WILSON in ref to Bn tasks on the left flank of RED Beach.	
		1100.	Brig WINDEYER conferred with Maj-Gen WOOTTEN at Div HQ in ref to 2/17 Bn tasks in the POSTERN operation, and the question of air bombardment.	
		1300.	Brig WINDEYER conducted a sandtable exercise at Bde HQ dealing with the first day of this Bdes task on RED Beach in the POSTERN operation. Lt-Col SIMPSON (CO 2/17 Bn) Lt-Col GRACE (CO 2/15 Bn) Lt-Col HOUSTON (CO 2/12 Fd Regt) Lt-Col OUTRIDGE (CO 2/8 Fd Amb) Lt-Col WALL (CO 2/23 Bn) Maj BROADBENT (2 i/c 2/17 Bn) Capt VINES (Adjut 2/23 Bn) Capt BOURNE (2/12 Fd Regt) and all the offrs of Bde HQ attended.	W
		1630- 2130.	Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON attended a conference at Div HQ at which HQ areas, dump and maintenance areas were determined on a	W

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	24 Aug. (continued)		<p>master map. As an outcome of this conference, the Bde plan will have to be altered to provide that when the LST arrive all personnel of 20 Aust Inf Bde, other than QMS parties will be clear of the area to be taken as first objective.</p> <p>Brig WINDEYER also discussed with Lt-Col CAMPBELL (CSO) the provision of sig cable for the Bde.</p>	
	25 Aug.		<p>Brig WINDEYER visited Div HQ and discussed details of the POSTERN operation with various staff offrs of Div HQ.</p> <p>In the afternoon Brig WINDEYER visited 2/13 Bn to discuss their plan for POSTERN operation.</p>	
		1900.	<p>Brig WINDEYER went to Div HQ. Whilst there he conferred with Brig GOODWIN (CRA) on the question of defence against sea-borne attack with 25 prs and problems of coordinating beach defence <i>attack from land with beach defence from sea.</i></p>	
	26 Aug.	0900.	<p>Maj WILSON (BM) visited Div HQ to confer with Lt-Col SEARL(AQ) and Maj HAMER (GII) on questions of beach defence against attack from land or sea.</p>	
		1000.	<p>Capt BURREL (LOI 9 Aust Div) visited Bde HQ and asked for comments and suggestions from the Bde on questions of accommodation and feeding of tps on LCI.</p>	
		1100.	<p>Comd WILLIS (US Navy) visited Bde HQ and arranged with Brig WINDEYER to exercise companies of all three bns in the APDS.</p>	
		1500.	<p>Div OO No 16 arrived.</p> <p>Three officers reported from Tk A Regt (2/3 Regt 11 Bty) who are to direct the fire from close sp craft which are to accompany the first wave.</p>	<p><i>md</i></p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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1930. Brig WINDEYER was sent for at Div HQ by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN who informed the Brigadier that at conferences with the Navy it had been suggested that scout parties should be put ashore who would be responsible for erecting beachmarkers and light signals to direct craft to the correct beach; this would enable us to land an hour earlier but without the cover of an air bombardment. The General and the CRA were not in favour of the plan but wished to know Brig WINDEYER's views. The Bde Comd pointed out that the landing would still be in daylight, and the obvious disadvantages seemed to outweigh all the advantages. The proposal was therefore not approved, and the GOC stated that the navy would be told that we desired to adhere to the original plan.

27 Aug.

0800- The companies from each Bn which are to travel on APDs carried out a landing exercise. Capt HOLTSBAUM (LOI) attended the exercise.

0830. Brig WINDEYER addressed a parade of all tps on Bde HQ indicating, as far as security considerations permitted, the nature of forthcoming operations and the aspects which more particularly concerned Bde HQ. The Brigadier dwelt on the necessity of being prepared at all times to cope with parties of infiltrating enemy. During the day the tps were shown the plan for the landing (In the case of Bde HQ personnel by Maj WILSON (BM) and in the case of Bde Sigs by Capt LECKY) on RED BEACH.

1200. Lt-Col COLVIN (CO 2/13 Bn) visited Bde HQ and discussed with Brig WINDEYER the tactical plan for YELLOW BEACH and in particular, patrolling to the west to link up with 2/15 Bn.

1300. Stores which it is intended to land at a later stage on 'D' Day were sent forward to MUBO today.

1500. IO 2/23 Bn called to obtain details of the Bde plan.

1515. Lt-Col HOUSTON (CO 2/12 Aust Fd Regt) called at Bde HQ to arrange for instruction of officers from the Bde in arty methods of indication of target.

1800. Lt-Col ALLAN (LO Coordinating HQ) called at Bde HQ to inform Brig WINDEYER that he would be participating in the POSTERN operation and discussed with the Brigadier questions of handling and dealing with natives. Afterwards he visited 2/17 Bn and gave Lt-Col SIMPSON information of the terrain north of MUSOM where it is intended that 2/17 Bn will operate at a later stage of the operation.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of events and information.	Remarks & ref. Appx.
	1943.			
	28 Aug.	1100.	Lieut MAUGHAN (Bde IO) visited 9 Aust Div and 9 O Gp HQ (RAAF) to obtain photographs of the area to be covered by the westward move of 2/17 Bn.	
		1600.	Lt-Gen HERRING (GOC 1 Aust Corps) accompanied by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN, visited Brig WINDEYER at Bde HQ. Lt-Cols SIMPSON, COLVIN and GRACE were introduced to the GOC-in-C. Afterwards Brig WINDEYER accompanied Lt-Gen HERRING and Maj-Gen WOOTTEN to Div HQ.	
	29 Aug.	0830.	A parade of the entire Brigade was held on the southern runway of TURNBULL airstrip. Lt-Gen HERRING (GOC-1 Aust Corps), after inspecting the troops, made an address. Afterwards he took the salute as the Brigade, led by Brig WINDEYER, marched past. Lt-Gen HERRING was accompanied by Lt-Gen WOOTTEN (GOC 9 Aust Div).	
		1400.	Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) visited HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde to arrange ^{an} an agreed list of codenames for use by both Bdes in operation POSTERN.	
		1500.	Lt-Col BARHAM (GSOI 9 Aust Div) visited Bde HQ and conferred with Brig WINDEYER.	
	30 Aug.	0830.	Lt-Col SIMPSON (CO 2/17 Bn) visited Bde HQ and discussed tactical aspects of the task of 2/17 Bn in the POSTERN operation.	
		1030.	Lt-Col GRACE (CO 2/15 Bn) also discussed tactical questions with the Brigadier.	
		1700.	Lt-Col BARHAM (GSOI 9 Aust Div) held a further conference with the Bde Comd at Bde HQ.	
		1800-2400.	Vehicles which will travel on the first mission were loaded tonight.	
		1900.	Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) visited HQ 9 Aust Div to arrange, if possible, for the issue of passwords by Div.	
	31 Aug.	Today	Bn comds of all the three bns are holding conferences at which they will give their final orders.	
		0900.	Maj HARPER (AILO 9 O Gp HQ) and Capt MATTHEWS, visited Bde HQ where Capt MATTHEWS spoke to the four IO's of the Bde on the salvage of damaged aircraft.	
		1430.	Capt HAMILTON (SC) held a conference of all TO's and QM's within the Bde at	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of events and Information.	Remarks & ref- appx
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	1943.		31 Aug.(continued) which maintenance and supply problems were discussed on the sandtable.	
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		1600.	Lt-Col OUTRIDGE (CO 2/8 Aust Fd Amb) visited Bde HQ.	
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Brig WINDEYER and Capt HOLTSBAUM (LOI) visited 2/17 Bn and afterwards watched the loading of LSTs.

Several W/T sets just delivered to the Bde for the forthcoming operation have been found defective.

During this month training in Amphibious Operations has been completed and the intended operation (POSTERN) has been planned and rehearsed in great detail.

All preparations are complete and it remains to await the hour when the operation is to commence.

4 Sep 43 has been fixed for 'D' Day, but this has not been promulgated below CO's.

Allen Simpson
 Comd, 20 Aust Inf Bde. Lt-Col for Brig.

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Additional APPX'S.

HQ 9 Aust Div
1 Aug 43

STANDING ORDERS (ADMINISTRATIVE) MILNE BAY AREA

1.

MALARIAL SUPPRESSION AND CONTROL

- (a) The necessity for strict supervision of anti-malarial discipline cannot be over-emphasised. It concerns every individual, officer, NCO and OR and no relaxation of the measures laid down will be permitted.
- (b) ATEBRIN
- (i) All personnel in MILNE BAY area will take one ATEBRIN tablet each day six days per week, excluding Sunday. This tablet will be taken during the evening meal and will NOT be taken on an empty stomach.
- (ii) All ranks will be warned that failure to take atebtrin can be positively detected by a chemical test and will be severely punished.
- (iii) They will also be warned that the taking of quinine instead of atebtrin (except with the written permission of the ADMS), will afford no defence to a charge of failure to take atebtrin.
- (iv) Cases of refusal to take atebtrin as laid down in sub-para (i) above will not be disposed of summarily, but will be submitted for Court Martial.
- (v) AASC Supply Depots will supply atebtrin tablets on demand on the basis of the unit ration strength.
- (c) INSECT REPELLANT LOTION
- (i) Insect Repellant Lotion will be used by all ranks in accordance with instructions on bottle, commencing 1730 hrs daily.
- (ii) AASC will supply on demand.
- (d) DRESS
- (i) Wearing of shorts and short sleeve shirts, or shirts of loose weave or torn, is strictly forbidden.
- (ii) Long trousers and shirts will be worn at all times, except where personnel are directly engaged in heavy manual labour, when shirts may be removed, but will be replaced immediately personnel cease work.
- (iii) Sleeves of shirts will be rolled down and gaiters worn by 1730 hrs daily or at the evening mess parade whichever is the earlier.
- (iv) Rolling up of trouser legs is prohibited at all times.

(e) BATHING AND SHOWERS

Bathing and showers will be prohibited after 1730 hrs daily, except in the case of duty personnel, where CO's may give special permission for personnel to bathe up to 1800 hrs. Personnel will immediately obey in accordance with para 1 sub-para (d) (iii) above on completion of drying.

(f) TENTS SPRAYING OF

COs will ensure that tents and huts in their unit lines are thoroughly sprayed with fly spray immediately after reveille and at dusk. The tents will be closed for 20 minutes after spraying.

(g) MOSQUITO NETS

All personnel will sleep under a mosquito net, and will be responsible that their mosquito nets are kept in good order.

(h) AIR RAIDS

During air raids personnel proceeding to slit trenches will be clothed in long trousers and shirts, with sleeves rolled down and boots etc.

2. NATIVE LABOUR

- (a) All arrangements regarding native labour are made through "A" Branch HQ 9 Aust Div to which branch all requests for Native Labour parties will be addressed. The supply of native labour is limited and constructional works and anti-malaria control are absorbing practically all available labour.
- (b) Natives will NOT be used for domestic duties in unit areas.
- (c) No requests for natives to sleep in or adjacent to camp areas will be considered and all natives will be returned to BARAGA Native Camp by 1800 hrs daily.
- (d) Unit transport will be used for the collection and delivery of natives.
- (e) Instances have occurred where the full advantage of native labour has been lost through lack of supervision by units employing the labour. Any such laxity or failure to employ natives up to the time laid down for work to cease will result in the curtailment of native labour allotted to the unit concerned.
- (f) Units which have parties of natives allotted for various tasks will send an officer or NCO with the transport calling at BARAGA Native Camp for the gangs. The representative should be the officer or NCO who will superintend the work of the natives during the day, and will report to Native Camp BARAGA by 0700 hrs unless otherwise arranged.
- (g) Natives will not be released from the tasks to which they are allotted and will be kept working until 1700 hrs and will not be loaded in transport for return to BARAGA before that hour.

- (h) Under no circumstances will units grant leave to native labour. The internal administration of all natives in this regard is controlled by ANGAU.
- (j) The approved hours of work for natives are - 0800 hrs - 12 00 hrs, 1300 hrs - 1700 hrs daily, except every second Sunday.

3. RELATIONS WITH NATIVES

- (a) The following unsatisfactory relations between service personnel and natives will not be tolerated:-
 - (i) Any tendency to fraternise to an undesirable extent, (eg natives moving freely in unit lines or entering tents and huts occupied by white personnel or hanging around kitchens).
 - (ii) Promiscuous bathing, including frolicking together in the water.
 - (iii) Vehicles will not carry both white and native personnel, nor will vehicles stop and give natives a lift.
 - (iv) The commercialisation of the natives, leading to demands for exorbitant prices and the development of a truculent attitude inspired by greed must be suppressed. Maximum prices which may be paid for produce and curios are set out hereunder.
 - (v) Under no circumstances will units adopt natives to which they are not entitled. Adoption encourages absence by natives from their organised gangs and proper accommodation areas, and leads to unhygienic tendencies in unit lines.
 - (vi) Any action contrary to the above can lead only to a lowering of the native character, friction and trouble and loss of prestige by the white race.
- (b)
 - (i) The native seeks garments in which to dress himself and cannot understand the action of white personnel who seek to divest themselves of clothing and thus lose prestige. Natives are exceedingly diffident at bathing in the nude and any needless exposure in the presence of natives is to them most degrading.
 - (ii) Commanding Officers will personally bring these matters to the notice of all officers, who will in turn explain to their men the need for maintaining strict and proper relations between service personnel and natives. Officers will be on the alert to check immediately any instances such as those referred to above.
- (c) Natives not forming a part of an allotted gang will not be permitted to enter or wander through unit lines.
- (d) All native villages and camps are out of bounds to all troops except on duty.

PRICE LIST

- (e) Maximum prices to be paid for produce and curios sold by natives:-

BANANAS	1/- per bunch	SIPORA	3d per doz
EGGS	1/- per doz	(limes)	(n)
FOWLS	1/6 to 2/6 each	BASKETS	3/- to 8/-
MANDARINS	9d per doz	BEADS	1/- to 2/-
MANGOES	3d to 6d per doz	(strings)	
PAWS PAWS	1/- to 2/- per doz	BOWS	3/- to 4/-
PINEAPPLES	3 or 4 per 1/- (according to size)	ARROWS	2 for 1/-
POTATOES	2 per lb	CANOEES	2/- to 3/-
(sweet)		(models)	
PUMPKINS	2d to 3d each	COMBS	1/- to 2/-
RAMIES	3/-	(wooden)	
(grass skirts coarse)		GANAS	6d to 1/-
STICKS	5/- to 15/-	(armbands wide)	
(manila walking)		RAMIES	5/-
		(grass skirts fine, coloured)	
		SPOONS	6d each

- (f) Trading with natives using Army rations for native curios such as beads, combs, etc, is an offence under AA Sec 24 DA 79.

4. ROAD DISCIPLINE

- (a) Considerable difficulty is being experienced in this area in maintaining roads in a trafficable condition. Bad driving and carelessness cuts up the roads and makes road maintenance more difficult.
- (b) COs of units will ensure that all drivers are instructed in careful driving and that drivers are informed of the following instructions:-

In some localities a limit of 15 mph is enforced. Provost road signs give ample notice of 15 mph speed limit sections.

- (i) The maximum speed limit in MILNE BAY area is 20 mph.
- (ii) Routes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are classified as main roads.
- (iii) Traffic on main roads has right of way at all times.
- (iv) The driver of any vehicle before entering a main road will slow down and change to second gear.
- (v) When two vehicles arrive simultaneously at an intersection not being the intersection of a main road with a road other than a main road, the drivers will give way to the vehicle on the right.
- (vi) Drivers of unloaded vehicles will give way to loaded vehicles travelling on the same road.
- (vii) Drivers will park vehicles clear of the roadway.
- (viii) Vehicles when parked will be dispersed as far as the nature of the area allows.
- (ix) Vehicles proceeding along all roads will be maintained at dispersal distance and will not be closed up.
- (x) All vehicles will be driven as closely as is practicable to the left hand side of the road.
- (xi) Drivers will at all times give the authorised hand signals when turning, stopping, slowing down or passing.

- (c) Chains will not be used on main roads, except on essential vehicles such as water vehicles which may have to traverse boggy ground to maintain unit supplies. In this case the driver's work ticket will be endorsed by an officer to the effect that chains are necessary.
- (d) Natives will not be carried in the front seat of vehicles alongside the driver.
- (e) All personnel being conveyed by MT will be carried inside the back of the vehicle, in no circumstances will personnel be allowed to ride on the running boards.
- (f) Vehicles will not cross aerodrome strips without permission of aerodrome control officer.
- (g) Vehicles will not be overloaded beyond the laid down carrying capacity for their type.
- (h) MT will not be used to convey personnel to screenings of pictures or performances of concert parties. The Mobile Cinema and concert party have set itineraries for each change of programme and practically all troops will have an opportunity to view these entertainments in the vicinity of their own lines.
- (j) Drivers of vehicles will carry work tickets or an authority from their unit stating the nature of duty and destination.
- (k) Officers will only drive vehicles in cases of emergency.
- (l) The necessity for conserving rubber cannot be over-emphasised. COs will ensure that all drivers are conversant with instructions that have been issued on this matter and that the running of MT is reduced to a minimum.

5.

SALVAGE

- (a) Owing to the difficulty of supply, the conservation of equipment etc, and the collection of all salvageable material is of utmost importance. Special attention must be paid to the salvage of warlike stores, rubber and containers.
- (b) MILNE FORCE Salvage Unit is located at northern end of Route 2 (411443). The collection of salvage within their area and delivery to the Salvage Depot will be a unit responsibility.
- (c) Items of salvage which have been collected in the Salvage Depot are available for re-issue to units. Units requiring issue of items held in the Salvage Depot will requisition on MILNE FORCE Salvage Unit using requisition form AAF W108 which must be signed by an officer.
- (d) The following are returnable containers:-
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| 44 gallon Petrol (incl aviation) | |
| Diesel Oil) | |
| Engine Oil) | To be returned to empty |
| Malarisol) | drum dump on Route 2 (417437) |
| Fly Spray) | |
| 4 gallon Petrol) | To be replaced drum for drum |
| Malarisol) | when drawing supplies. |
| Containers Foodstuffs | |

- (e) All containers must be complete with bungs and washers when being returned.

6. GARBAGE, DISPOSAL OF

Garbage will not be dumped indiscriminately, but will be collected in unit lines and incinerated and buried.

7. BATHING IN CREEKS

- (a) Owing to the necessity of protecting the health of troops in this area and the fact that water is drawn for drinking purposes at various points on creeks, notices are being erected at all points where bathing is prohibited.
- (b) Natives are not allowed to bathe in creeks, except in the BARAGA Area, troops will remove natives found bathing in creeks in any other area. Under no circumstances will troops bathe in the same creek as natives.
- (c) Troops will not walk around the banks of creeks bare-footed owing to risk of contracting hook worm, boots will be put on immediately troops leave water.
- (d) CO's of units in new locations near creeks will ascertain whether water points exist downstream before allowing personnel to bathe therein.

8. GRAVEL FOR ROADS

Units will not remove gravel from gravel pits of river beds without first consulting CRE 9 Aust Div, who will advise them from where gravel may be taken.

9. CATTLE, SLAUGHTER OF

2/2 Aust Fd Butchery is the only unit in the MILNE BAY Area, which is authorised to slaughter cattle.

10. WATER SUPPLY

- (a) Water will only be drawn from established water points.
- (b) Units will be advised location of point from which they will draw.
- (c) All water issued from water points is super-chlorinated.
- (d) Owing to the demand for water it is not possible in the time available to permit detasting. The water, issued, therefore, has not been detasted and it is the unit's responsibility to arrange for this to be carried out.
- (e) Detasting tablets are available on demand from AASC Stores. Usage scale will be advised by unit RMO.

11. COCONUT PALMS, FELLING OF

- (a) Indiscriminate felling of coconut palms for material required for jobs IS NOT PERMITTED.
- (b) Before coconut palms may be felled in any area the permission of CO of the area must be obtained. When any doubt exists as to which unit is responsible for an area, the matter will be referred to HQ 9 Aust Div.

- (c) Coconut palms play an important part in concealment and camouflage of dumps, areas, etc, and this angle will be fully considered by COs before granting permission to fall.
- (d) In numerous outlying areas there are small patches of coconut palms which are owned by natives. If it is ever found necessary to fell such trees HQ 9 Aust Div and ANGAU must be advised of details in order that arrangements can be made to compensate the native owners.

12. POSTAL

- (a). **POSTAL RATES:** Postage rates for letters to the mainland are:- Air Mail 3d; Air Letter Card 1d; Ordinary free; parcels as those which apply in Australia.
- (b) **TELEGRAMS:** Owing to heavy congestion of Mainland telegraph circuits and owing to the fact that telegrams lodged in this area are forwarded to the mainland by air, personnel are advised to use the air mail letter service in preference to the lodgment of telegrams.
- (c) **POSTAL NOTES:** Postal notes to the value of £5 only is the limit of scale to any one individual in one transaction over a period of 14 days.
- (d) **PROHIBITED ARTICLES:**
 - (i) The transmission by post of shells, grenades, cartridge fuses, detonators or portion of same containing explosives or other matter likely to injure mails or personnel of the Post Office is strictly prohibited. Daggers and other articles of a dangerous character will not be sent or included in parcels posted by members of the Army.
 - (ii) The strictest surveillance by Franking Officers is essential for the carrying out of the above instruction.
- (e) **POSTAL ORDERLIES:** Unit post orderlies and personnel of Field Post Offices are not to be delegated for other duties or parades when or where such duties or parades interfere in any way with postal routine duties.
- (f) **PARCELS TO MAINLAND**
 - (i) Soldiers are NOT permitted to forward parcels containing any of the following:- Iron clothing, Cigarettes or Tobacco, Canteen Goods.
 - (ii) Franking Officers will pay particular attention to this order. Disciplinary action will be taken when any breaches are reported.

13. CANTEENS

- (a) A Canteen Bulk Store and issuing point is established on Route 4 in the vicinity of HQ 5 Aust Div for the purchase of unit canteen supplies. It is the duty of each unit to set up their retail Canteen within their area, and a responsible buyer with signed authority from the CO of each unit will be appointed to make bulk purchases at Canteen Issuing Point for sale to unit personnel.
- (b) It is not permissible for the ADCS to allow credit to any unit for the purchasing of Canteen goods in this area.

- (c) Price lists and information on trading and goods available can be obtained by applying to ADCS Bulk Store Head Office, Route 4.
- (d) Units will draw canteen supplies from the issuing point on a timetable as notified. This timetable will be strictly adhered to.
- (e) Supplementary ration allowance is not applicable in this area.
- (f) Supplementary rations are taken over by AASC and included on the ration scale.

14.

AMMUNITION, STORING OF

- (a) Units will ensure that ammunition on issue is properly stored.
- (b) Ammunition will be kept dry and shielded from the sun.
- (c) Suitable storage methods are as follows:-
 - (i) Platforms built up of palm logs or other dunnage, to keep stacks clear of any water.
 - (ii) A skillion roof of roofing iron or if unavailable, a wooden frame covered with sage leaf.
 - (iii) Sides will be left open to enable sufficient air to penetrate the stacks.

15.

REVOLVERS, OWEN GUNS ETC - LOSS OF

- (a) The loss of a revolver by any officer of other rank will be deemed to be an offence for which the loser will be tried by Court Martial.
- (b) Units will carry out a DAILY check of ALL revolvers on charge to the unit and if any revolvers are found to be missing, necessary enquiries, summary of evidence and application for Court Martial will be prepared forthwith and forwarded to HQ 9 Aust Div.
- (c) Commanding Officers and Officers Commanding units will render a certificate, through the normal channels to reach HQ 9 Aust Div by 0900 hrs each Sunday as to whether or not all revolvers on charge to the unit are in possession, and if not action taken with regard to the missing revolvers.
- (d) In every case of the loss of a pistol the officer or other rank to whom same has been issued will be required to pay the listed price for same.
- (e) Information has been received that in MILNE BAY area comparatively large numbers of OWEN GUNS on charge to units have disappeared. Commanding Officers and Officers Commanding will therefore take the necessary measures to safeguard them plus all other weapons on issue to their unit and will immediately report by wire direct to HQ 9 Aust Div repeated to intermediate HQ's the loss of any revolver, Owen Gun or other weapon on charge.

16.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RATS

- (a) RATS are probably the animal reservoir from which MITES transfer SCRUB TYPHUS to the human subject.

- (b) They ^{may} also carry another form of TYPHUS and are responsible for serious epidemics of BUBONIC PLAGUE which has a high death rate.
- (c) Their destruction, therefore, is to be aimed at, while they must not be encouraged to live in proximity to kitchens and troops quarters: for the latter purpose food waste must be properly disposed of, fallen coconuts must be collected and burned, and litter in unit lines cleaned up.

17. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FLIES.

- (a) DYSENTERY exists in NG natives .
- (b) To prevent its spread to troops, every effort will be made to avoid fly breeding, food will be protected from exposure to flies, and the fly proofing of latrines will be carefully watched.

18. STANDING, ROUTINE ORDERS ETC - DISTRIBUTION OF

Commanding Officers and Officers Commanding are expressly directed that all orders issued by this HQ are brought to the notice of ALL concerned and that copies of orders affecting troops are posted on company etc notice boards.

M. J. Dwyer
Lt Col
AA & QMG 9 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION:

RAA 9 Aust Div (7)	Comd (1)
RAE 9 Aust Div (3)	"G" (2)
20 Aust Inf Bde (50)	"AQ" (5)
24 Aust Inf Bde (50)	ADMS (6)
26 Aust Inf Bde (50)	Camp (2)
2/2 Aust MG Bn (6)	ADOS (4)
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn (6)	ADME (8)
2/4 Aust Ind Coy (5)	DAPM (1)
2/9 Aust Div Carrier Coy (2)	
Sigs 9 Aust Div (4)	
AASC 9 Aust Div (6)	
9 Aust Div Pro Coy (2)	
9 Aust Div Postal Unit (1)	
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War Diary

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIG WJV WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

COMD 20 AUST INF BDE

Serial 1 - 10
3 Aug 43

1. DAILY ROUTINE

Bugle Calls: The following times will be adhered to by all units:-

REVEILLE	0630 hrs
BREAKFAST	0730
LUNCH	1230
EVENING MEAL	1700
RETREAT	1730
CFERS' & SJTS' MESS	1800
TATTCC	2130
LAST POST	2200
LIGHTS OUT	2215

2. CENSORSHIP

(i) The address for this area as for the rest of NE GUINEA is as under :-

Number, rank, name
Unit
AIF AUSTRALIA

(ii) It will be impressed on all ranks that the move of the division must be kept secret and franking officers will pay particular attention to all outgoing mail.

(iii) No mention will be made of movement or change of location and letters will contain nothing likely to indicate that the division, particular unit or individual is no longer in AUSTRALIA.

(iv) Type of training will also be rigidly excluded from letters; this includes the recent amphibious training in the CAIRNS area.

3. BATHING

Personnel will NOT bathe before 0630 or after 1730 hrs.

4. MEDICAL

(i) Swimming: When swimming, personnel will endeavour to keep the head above the water. Constant immersion of the head causes a growth in the ear. This growth is known as Coral ear and is very painful.

(ii) Foot Inspection: Units will ensure medical inspection of feet is carried out twice weekly. Tinea is prevalent in the area.

5. ANTI-MALARIAL SQUADS

(i) Each Inf Coy or equivalent unit will appoint anti-malarial squad of 1 NCO and 2 CRs.

(ii) This squad is to be employed in anti-malarial work in the unit area.

(iii) The work of this squad will be supervised by Bn anti-malarial NCO.

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DUTIES OF ANTI-MALARIAL SQUADS

- (i) NCO will prepare a map of his unit area and divide this area into six parts.
- (ii) Water lying in these divisions will be sprayed daily in rotation if pools cannot be filled in or drained.
- (iii) Latrines will be sprayed daily with malarial.
- (iv) Grass to be cut back from edges and sides of slit trenches.
- (v) If slit trenches cannot be drained they should be bailed out weekly and sprayed with malarial.
- (vi) Slit trenches will be sprayed with mosquito spray daily.
- (vii) Drains in area should be kept freely running, sides should be straightened and vegetation cut back from sides.

DUTIES OF BN ANTI-MALARIAL NCO

- (i) He should visit each Coy area and supervise work of Coy squads.
- (ii) He should set out tasks for Coy squads and see that such work is carried out.
- (iii) Supervise stocks of mosquito spray, malarial and hand pumps.
- (iv) Supervise traffic control to eliminate unnecessary wheel ruts.
- (v) Carry out regular inspection of unit mosquito nets.
- (vi) Supervise all anti-malarial measures in Bn.

6. NATIVES

The natives do not like being called "George". The correct term to use is "boy".

7. AMENITIES

Mobile cinema will periodically give screenings in central locations. Further particulars will be given later.

8. CANTEEN

Bulk Canteen is located on Route 1 - near HQ 5 Aust Div. Units will make purchases; purchasing days arranged with ADCS.

9. REVOLVERS, OVEN GUNS ETC., LOSS OF

Reference 9 Aust Div Standing Orders, para 15. Units will render certificates to this HQ by 1800 hrs each Saturday as to whether or not all arms on charge to the units are in possession.

10. POSTAL

Money will NOT be transmitted through the post.

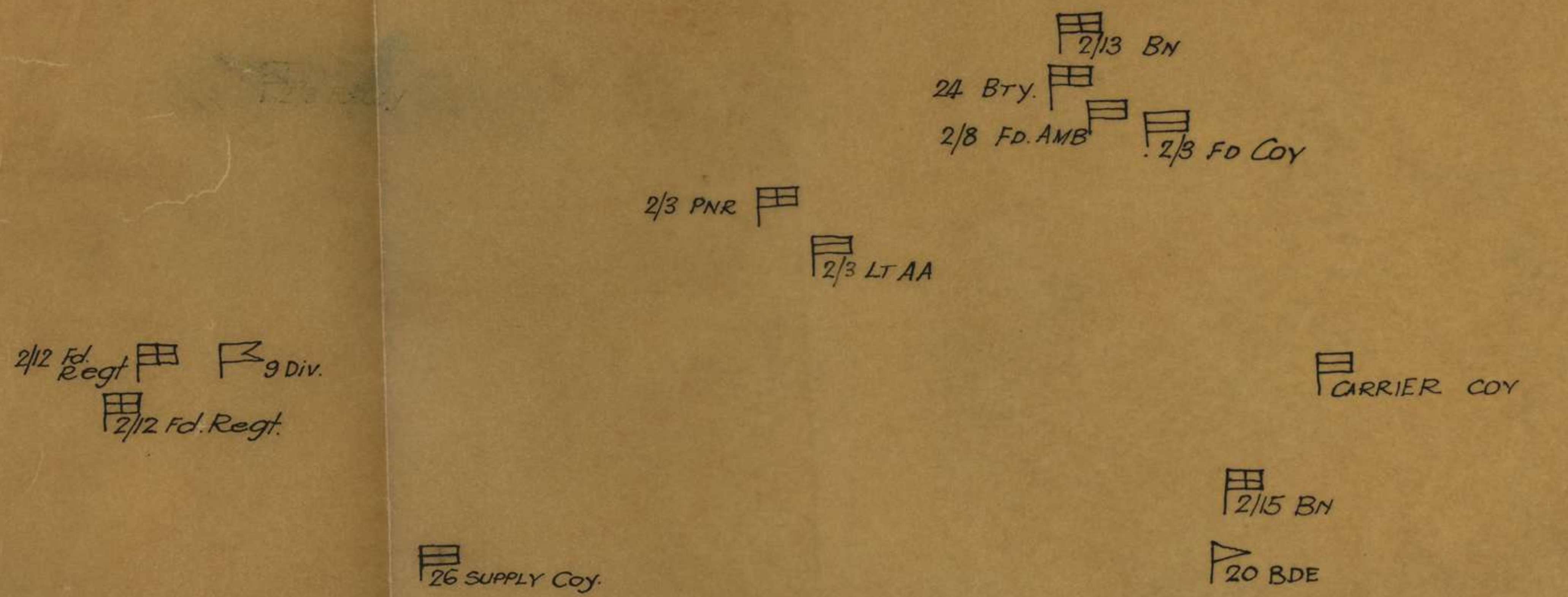
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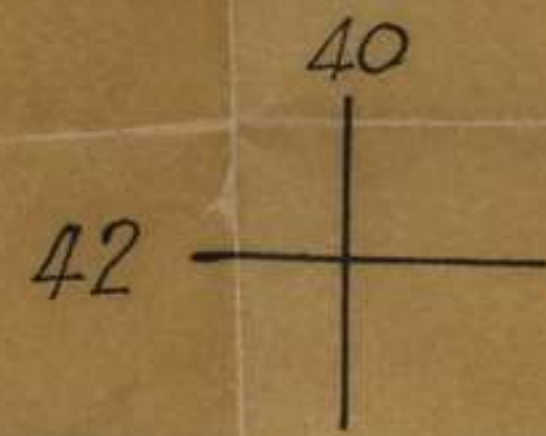
OVERLAY SHOWING DISPOSITIONS
OF 20 BDE & SUPPORTING ARMS

5 AUG '43

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SECRET

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30 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence Summary No 1 (Based on Information received from 0900 hrs 2 Aug to 0900 hrs 3 Aug 43).

1. LAND

SALAMAUVA AREA.

Increased fire by own arty generally during 1 Aug. A direct hit scored on an aircraft on SALAMAUVA Strip and twenty yards of footbridge at mouth FRANCISCO RIVER was destroyed.

COASTAL AREA.

Two coys of a U.S. Inf Regt attacked ROOSEVELT RIDGE from the WEST at 1800H/31, returning later to another posn.

GOODVIEW JUNGLE.

Patrolling continued.

BOBBYI AREA.

Further enemy attacks on a coy of an Aust Inf Bn caused that coy to withdraw to a posn vicinity OLD VICKERS POSN. On morning 1 Aug an unsuccessful enemy attack was made on a coy posn of an Aust Inf Bn on OLD VICKERS RIDGE.

Twenty Japs were ambushed on KOMINTON TRACK. Seven Japs killed.

KOMINTON.

(a) A patrol discovered a track branching SW from MULE TRACK. Defensive posns had been cleared and booby traps laid along the track.

(b) Enemy guns shelled SUGARCANE RIDGE area on 1 Aug.

BENA BENA AREA.

A det of an Indep Coy was again fired on by natives near MATAHUBA (20 miles NE BENA BENA). On 1 Aug 20 enemy seen moving towards SHOOKS HOUSE.

2. AIR (Own)

NEW BRITAIN.

A co-ordinated attack was carried out on GASHATA STRIP 2 Aug. 1 by AA posn silenced and hits on lt and med posn.

Barges were strafed in MONTAGU HARBOUR CAPE DAMPIER and ATU BAY. Jetties also strafed and damaged on beach at LINNENHAFEN.

SOLONGS.

81 Bombers and 32 Fighters attacked KARILA Strip, starting fires.

Bombing and strafing was also carried out at HANSA BAY, LOKANU BUIAMBUN, SERNUK and VOCC POINT, causing fires and explosions.

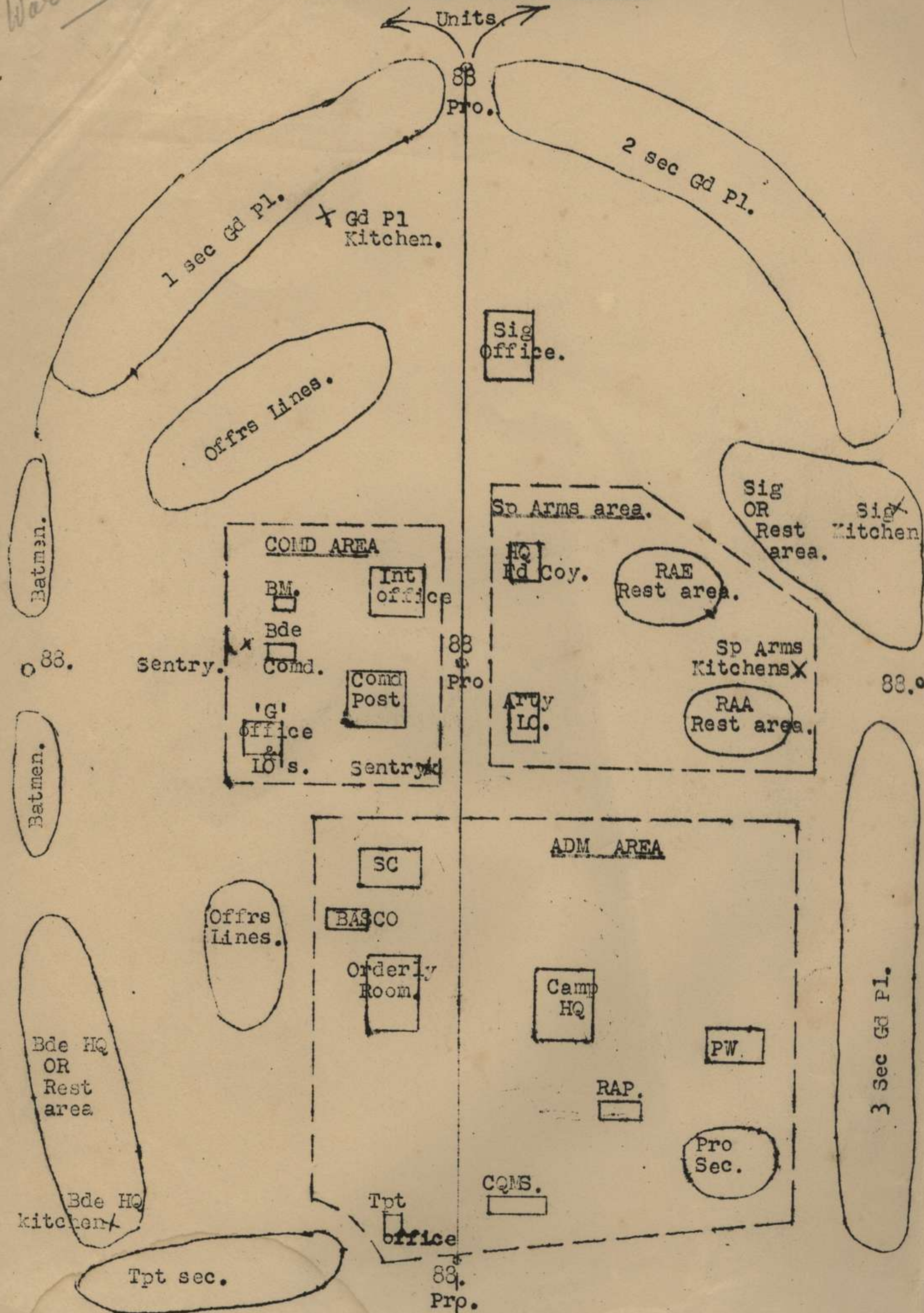
(Enemy) No report.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
11 Aug 43.

Layout of Bde HQ in the fd.

Approx Scale- 1-in to 20 yds.

War diary



NOTE: Situation and distance of HQ from beach-line to be determined by I.O.
88 Pro.

B. Williams Capt for Maj.