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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

-----WAR DIARY-----1 Sep 43 to 2 Oct 43 (incl)

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1 Sep.

0830. Maj WILSON (BM) addressed a parade of Bde HQ personnel and informed them that tomorrow they would embark for the move towards the destination.

Church services of all denominations were held in the three bns and at Bde HQ during the morning. The service at 2/15 Bn was made commemorative of the BULIMBA operation (ME) of which today is the anniversary. Brig WINDEYER, accompanied by Maj WILSON, attended, and after the service addressed the Bn.

Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON then visited 2/13 Bn.

In the afternoon Brig WINDEYER, accompanied by Capt HOLTSBAUM (LOI) v visited 2/17 Bn.

1430. Comd LAKE and offrs of his staff visited Bde HQ where his offrs saw the sandtable and photographs of RED BEACH.

1600. Maj WILSON (BM) addressed American tps att to this Bde.

2 Sep.

0900. A final parade of Bde HQ was held at the camp site at MILNE BAY from which the troops were marched to their ship assembly area on the north side of TURNBULL airfd at which they arrived as required by the order at 1015 hrs. All the tps of the Bde-and it appeared, of the Division-were in their respective ship assembly areas in good time. Embarkation proceeded smoothly, troops moving fwd to the selected embarkation point as each craft approached the shore. Bde HQ embarked in two LCIs at 1120 hrs.

The convoy was on the move as soon as embarkation was complete.

3 Sep.

0630. Convoy moved into the harbour at BUNA. Tps disembarked to spend the day ashore.

1330. Air raid "RED" warning, but no attack was made on the convoy.

1630. Re-embarkation. It was notified that zero hr would be 0615 hrs.

Upon re-embarkation all the tps were told the complete plan for the operation. The point of landing and the ultimate objective had not previously been promulgated to other ranks.

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0430. Reveille on the leading ships of the convoy at this hour., and troops were given hot tea and a meal before disembarkation.

At this hour the convoy was sailing westwards along the south coast of the HUON PENINSULA.

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	4 Sep	-	<p>coast, it could be seen that the navy had not missed the mark and was steaming towards the correct destination.</p> <p>The preliminary naval bombardment opened on time, and at 'H' hr, (0615) the leading LCVs beached on both RED and YELLOW Beaches.</p> <p>There was no enemy opposition on the shore. The only enemy in the vicinity was an enemy look-out post of about 20 men on the southern point of BULU PTN; from which the enemy fled on the approach of our tps. A patrol sent out from 2/13 Bn to intercept failed to make contact.</p> <p>The first enemy counterstroke was an air attack at about 0700 hrs on the convoy. Fortunately, the main strength of the Bde was already ashore, but some casualties were suffered by 'B' Ech personnel. Considerable casualties were inflicted on 2/23 Bn (incl CO and 2 i/c) which was to come under comd 20 Bde on landing. Shipping on YELLOW BEACH was not attacked.</p> <p>The beachhead and line of first objectives were quickly secured; but thereafter, progress was slower than anticipated due to the density of the jungle and the difficulty, in some cases, of locating the tracks along which the adv was to be made.</p> <p>Bde HQ landed in the third Wave, and moved straight through the plantation to GORDONVALE where Tac HQ was established. Main HQ then, failing to locate the expected track between GORDONVALE and SOUTHPORT, cut its way through dense scrub to their location as per CO (Ref 1/25000, 930400) (For Codenames see appx 'D' to Bde CO).</p> <p>At about 0945 hrs Maj-Gen WOOTTEN called at Tac HQ and received from Brig WINDEYER a report of the situation.</p> <p>1030. Tac HQ closed down; Bde Comd and party moved to main Bde HQ.</p> <p>1230. RED BEACH: On the coast east of RED BEACH A coy 2/15 Bn on the creek (Boundary between 2/13 and 2/15 Bns) at the 95 easting grid line. 2/15 Bn HQ has been established (ref Appx 'A' to CO) at 941413., with B coy fwd and north of the clearing. C coy 2/13 Bn has been contacted by B Coy patrol at 946395, C and D Coys moving towards KAIRI and WARWICK respectively, (for Codenames see Appx 'D' to CO).</p> <p>2/17 Bn in two cols, crossed the BUSU River, the southern gp (under comd Lt-Col SIMPSON) just south of the island on the BUSU River (vicinity 41 northing), the northern gp (under comd Maj BROADBENT) NE of WARWICK, and are now moving west as ordered.</p>	

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YELLOW BEACH: The only message received owing to failure of W/T indicates that all objectives have been secured and that D coy is moving towards INGHAM. 2/23 Bn is in posn according to the Order. Lieut SEARLE went with 2/17 Bn as LO. During the afternoon further progress was made. By 1515 hrs the northern gp of 2/17 Bn had reached TALI, having outrun their L/T cable by half an hr. The southern gp was out of comm. 2/15 Bn having reached their objectives developed close perimeters for the night. In YELLOW BEACH area, A coy 2/13 Bn exploited north and then east. At 9842 (ref 1/2500) signs of recent occupation were found. Leaving one pl in that area the remainder of the coy moved to 000415 where posns were taken up for the night. At 1400 hrs 2/23 Bn reverted to comd 26 Bde. At 1435 hrs 10 Pl of B coy moved east along coast to 0339. Organisation of the Beach defences (under comd Maj GREEN) was completed. A message from 2/17 Bn late in the day stated that the going was very heavy and that there were no tracks whatsoever anywhere. For the purpose of advance westwards 2/17 Bn is to be under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde.

1630. Enemy planes bombed abd strafed the dump areas near RED BEACH.

During the night the second mission arrived. On this mission Bde and unit 'B' Ech personnel and 'B' Ech stores not immediately required for ops were loaded. This convoy was torpedoed and bombed. On one of the LSTs damaged Capt HALLIDAY (Bde Legan Ofcr) abd Bde 'B' Ech personnel were travelling. The LST returned to BUNA without unloading. Capt HALLIDAY was wounded and evacuated.

5 Sep. 0500. 2/3 Pnr Bn and A coy 2/2 MG Bn came under Bde comd as mob reserve.

0600. 2/15 Bn sent out a patrol from WARWICK (BUSO 3, ref 1/25000) to restore comm with 2/17 Bn northern gp.

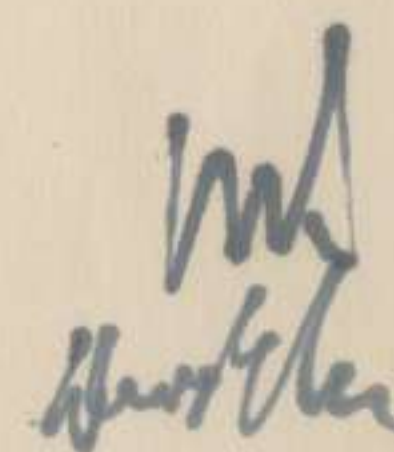
0800. A cable party left to take more cable to this gp.

1000. A message was received from Maj BROADBENT that for night 4/5 Sep a close perimeter 500 yds west of ALUKI (ref one inch) had been formed across the track, and that they were now moving to the BUIEM River in the MUSUM area where it was proposed to hold the river crossing and track to the north. Capt LECKY (OC Bde Sigs), who had moved fwd to 26 Aust Inf Bde, phoned that he had been in contact with 2/17 Bn which was at ALUKI (ref one inch R889429) and reconnoitering for the track leading NW from the village along which it was proposed to move.

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- 5 Sep. 0800. 2/13 Bn commenced exploiting eastwards with two coys, B Coy along the coast with objective BUARU village (0339) and D coy passing through A coy to move by inland route to 035403, and, after establishing a link with B coy, to move to area of villages at 0441. A coy was brought in to close defence of the beach based on BULU village with one pl at 088425. During the morning B coy 2/15 Bn, cutting its own track moved north to MERRY (BUSO ref one inch) where it arrived at 1200 hrs.
1430. Brig WINDEYER visited 2/13 Bn.
1445. B coy 2/15 Bn sent patrols east and west along tracks from BUSO (ref one in).
1550. 2/17 Bn northern gp is now at TALI- $\frac{1}{2}$ mile fwd of end of cable. D coy is being sent down to APO fishing village to pick up supplies, 2/15 Bn sent one pl from C coy east to creek at 949416.
1600. B coy 2/13 Bn is at BUARU with one pl fwd at the mouth of the BUHEM River.
1800. Four enemy were seen north of BULLI plantation but a patrol sent to investigate failed to contact them.
- 2/17 Bn southern gp reported that it had one coy at the mouth of the BUHEM River.
- 2/15 Bn patrolled all tracks in RED BEACH area during the day. Contrary to expectations, natives have proved friendly. Some are coming in to work, some are already carrying for 2/13 Bn. During the night 24 Bde landed successfully.
- 6 Sep. 0600. 2/17 Bn reverted to comf. Early this morning 2/17 Bn contacted enemy at the mouth of R BUHEM, suffering casualties -one killed 6 wounded.
0830. 2/17 Bn commenced moving to TALI for concentration in that area prior to carrying out tasks under Div 00 No 5. Brig WINDEYER, accompanied by Capt WILLIAMS (BM L) and Capt HOLTSBAUM (LOI), went to ALUKI and endeavoured to contact 2/17 Bn but were prevented by lack of jeepable track. At Div HQ the Bde Comd conferred with Maj-Gen WOOTTEN (GOC) in connection with the operational roles of 2/13 and 2/17 Bns respectively. Capt HOLTSBAUM (LOI) remained at Div as LO. Capt HAMILTON (SC) went to APO. 2/13 Bn HQ and A coy moved to BUARU by LCM arriving at 0900 hrs. 2/13 Bn HQ was established at 031394. It was found that D coy, which had had no comm with Bn since previous morning, had arrived at 031303 at 1700 hrs yesterday. Lieut HESLOP (LO III) accompanied the Bn on this move. 2/15 Bn are extensively patrolling all tracks today.
1400. 2/13 Bn commenced exploitation east of BUHEM River with two coys-B coy on coast and A coy inland towards HOPOI.



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- 6 Sep. 1540. Message was received from Div that 2/13 Bn was not to exploit with more than one coy east of R BUHEM. The infm was passed out to 2/13 Bn but arrived too late. A coy reached HOPOI mission without encountering any enemy and found there an aged GERMAN Missionary (Rev LEHNER) whom they took into custody. Later B coy was withdrawn west of R BUHEM leaving a standing patrol of one pl fwd.
1600. Message received from 2/17 Bn that the bn was in posn near TALI astride the river BUIEM and tributary covering area (ref one in) 833458 to 831458 to 830456 to 833456. After unsuccessful recce north from MUSOM for track leading north, a recce party had followed a track NW across the river and had reached native village KIASIA (ref MUNIM 1/25000).
1630. Brig WINDEYER returned.
2200. Lieut HESLOP returned from 2/13 Bn with sitrep. Comn is practically impossible to 2/17 Bn, the only available means being by relay through Div. Comn with 2/13 Bn is entirely by W/T and is discontinuous due to technical breakdowns.
- 7 Sep. 0730. Capt WILLIAMS (BM L), Capt WINSLOW (TO), Lieut WARD (OC HQ Gd Pl) and Lieut BARWICK (2 i/c Bde Sigs) reced new Bde HQ area.
0815. Div requested to instruct Capt HOLTSBAUM to visit 2/17 Bn.
0900. Brig WINDEYER, accompanied by Lieut MURISON (LOII) endeavoured to visit 2/17 Bn but was unable to get through owing to bad roads. They then endeavoured to visit 2/13 Bn but were defeated by the same cause. Lieut HESLOP (LO III) departed again for 2/13 Bn.
1355. Enemy A/C raided YELLOW BEACH but caused no casualties or damage. During the day extensive patrolling was carried out in RED and YELLOW Beach areas and along the inland track east from BUSO (ref one inch). A coy 2/13 Bn patrolled to BUKAUA where there were signs of recent enemy occupation but no enemy were seen.
1400. Bde HQ moved to new location at 935405 (ref 1/25000).
C coy 2/17 Bn is reported by Div to be at 812488. We have no comn with the Bn. B coy 2/13 Bn (less one pl) moved east from R BUHEM, patrolling to village 300 yds east of HOPOI.
2100. An enemy bomber bombed east of HOPOI airstrip.

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8 Sep.

The only activity today was extensive patrolling by 2/15 Bn in the RED BEACH hinterland; in particular reconnoitering near WARWICK for a crossing over R BUSO; and by 2/13 Bn to UKILIM and BUKAUA villages and BUKAUA Mission. An abandoned jap camp was found, and posns for about two coys. B coy 2/13 Bn was withdrawn west from BUHEM River.

2/17 Bn sent a patrol to KIASIA (ref MUNIM 1/25000).

Rev LEHNER (German Missionary from HOPOI) came in from 2/13 Bn and was interrogated by Brig WINDEYER.

IO visited 2/15 Bn.

A recce of beaches in 2/13 Bn area was made by Lieut KOELM (532 ESB).

Capt HOLTSBAUM and Capt HAMILTON returned to Bde HQ.

2000. Enemy air raid.

9 Sep.

This morning 2/17 Bn (less one coy) comes into Div res prior to relieving 2/48 Bn on west of R BUREP in their role of providing protection to the arty. The remaining coy will remain in area 812488 less one pl standing patrol at KIASIA.

0830. Brig WINDEYER and Capt HOLTSBAUM visited 2/17 Bn.

Lieut HESLOP returned from 2/13 Bn with captured documents.

1400. D coy 2/3 Pmr Bn came under comd and will relieve the coy 2/17 Bn in area 812488.

Further recce of beaches was made by 532 ESB personnel in 2/13 Bn area. Usual patrolling by 2/13 and 2/15 Bns.

10 Sep. 0055. Brig WINDEYER and Capt HOLTSBAUM returned from 2/17 Bn.

0900. Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) and Lieut HESLOP (LO III) visited 2/13 Bn.

1030. One sec C coy PIB has been placed under comd this bde and will patrol from KIASIA to MOMALILI.

C coy 2/3 Pmr Bn is now moving up towards TALI.

D coy 2/13 Bn was withdrawn from its posn west of R BUHEM to YELLOW BEACH where it will relieve C coy. E coy readjusted its posns-A coy sent out a two day patrol to YAMBO.

4 Bde is to relieve this Bde as soon as possible preparatory to this Bde moving westwards to take part in the assault on LAE.

During night Rev LEHNER was sent back to BUNA.

Very heavy rain fell all day reducing all tracks to an unjeepable state.

During the night, 4 Bde arrived and were sponsored in by Lieut MURISON (LOII) and parties from 2/15 Bn.

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- 11 Sep. 0830. Brig Edgar (Comd 4 Bde) and Maj JONES (BM 4 Bde) arrived at Bde HQ.
1100. 22 Bn and 29/46 Bn now moving to relieve 2/13 and 2/15 Bns respectively.
C coy 2/13 Bn is moving west towards ALUKI.
1600. Reliefs of D coy 2/13 Bn and A and B coys 2/15 Bns have been completed.
Capt WILLIAMS (BM L) and Lieut BARWICK (2 i/c Bde Sigs) recced a new posn
for Bde HQ at ref 1/25000- 917415.
1700. C coy 2/13 Bn arrived at ALUKI.
No report from 2/17 Bn who are now in Div res.
Comn with 2/13 Bn fwd HQ and fwd coys has broken down.

12 Sep.

- Lt-Col BARHAM (GI 9 Aust Div) instructed the Bde not to move west of R BUSO
area today as no sups were delivered fwd last night.
Today reliefs of outlying coys of 2/15 and 2/17 Bns were completed.
The Bde (excl 2/17 Bn and C coy 2/13 Bn-already further west)moved across
to the west bank of R BUSO with the exception of A coy 2/13 Bn which,owing
to the lateness of the relief, arrived (less one pl) at YELLOW BEACH after
nightfall.
1200. Bde HQ closed down and personnel marched to the new HQ area where they
arrived at 1315 hrs. Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON travelled independently
in a jeep which bogged near the river crossing and had to be abandoned.
1315. C coy 2/13 Bn passed through APO fishing village.
Last lt disposns: Bde HQ 917415.
2/13 Bn. A coy less one pl at YAMBO. Remainder of bn (less
C coy YELLOW BEACH) 911407.
C coy at COPRA SHED SINGAUA PLANTATION.
2/15 Bn area- 921437.
2/17 Bn were disposed fwd of the gun areas on R BUREP, but no
comn was received from the bn still in Div res.
Div has ordered that the Bde move west as quickly as possible tomorrow.

13 Sep.

C coy 2/13 Bn moved up R BUREP to gun area and came under comd 2/17 Bn.
Commencing at 0800 hrs, Bde HQ, 2/15 Bn and D coy 2/13 Bn moved from R BUSO
area to APO area in two colns- 2/15 Bn by the inland jeep track (which after
the heavy rains had become a quagmire) and Bde HQ and D coy 2/13 Bn along the
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	13 Sep.	1500.	Arrived in new area. Disposns:- Bde HQ 844428 2/15 Bn- area 845439. 2/13 Bn D coy sq 8741.	
		1700.	2/17 Bn has been ordered fwd from its present posn to the mouth of R BUSU to relieve 24 Bde of the responsibility for the beachhead at NEW YANGA. C coy 2/13 Bn remains in the gun area. Brig WINDEYER instructed Lt-Cols COLVIN and GRACE to improve march discipline in the move tomorrow. The heavy rains have rendered all roads practically unusable. During the night 2/17 Bn crossed R BUSU and relieved 24 Bde tps in beach-head area.	
	14 Sep.	0800.	Westward move resumed along coast. Order of march:- 2/15 Bn, Bde HQ, D coy 2/13 Bn. BHQ and B coy 2/13 Bn moved off from BUSU area, A coy less 9 pl from RED Beach, 9 pl from YELLOW Beach. A jeep was sent from Div to take Brig WINDEYER to Div HQ but became bogged. The Bde Comd therefore moved on foot accompanied by Maj WILSON (BM), Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) and Lieut HESLOP (LO III). Later the jeep was met and took the Bde Comd to Div HQ. Brig WINDEYER conferred with Maj-Gen WOOTTEN and received instns to move the Bde across the BUSU river tonight. Afterwards the Bde Comd notified Lt-Col BARHAM (GSO I-9 Aust Div) that Lieut SEARL, who had been left as an LO with Div, would be required for the duties within the Bde. Lt-Col BARHAM replied first that hencefwd Lieut SEARL would be considered a member of the Div staff, and second that the Bde was to supply another LO at Div. Immediately Lieut MCFARLANE (2/17 Bn) was detailed for the latter duty.	
		1200.	Brig WINDEYER returned to R BUREP mouth where the bde had stopped for lunch and saw Lt-Col GRACE at 2/15 Bn HQ. Instructions to Bde HQ and 2/13 Bn were passed by LO. During the afternoon the westward adv continued.	
		1400.	C coy 2/13 Bn left gun area to rejoin the bn in area 7641. Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON recced BUSU River crossing.	
		1410.	Brig WINDEYER spoke to Brig EVANS (CO 24 Bde) by phone from Div Report Centre at R BUSU.	
		1420.	Brig WINDEYER spoke to Lt-Col SIMPSON by phone. He instructed 2/17 bn to arrange guides to meet the Bde moving across tonight and informed Lt-Col SIMPSON that 2/17 Bn would adv westwards tomorrow in two colns, one along the coast and the other approx along the 400 northing grid line. 2/17 Bn disposns are as follows:- Bn HQ 736398, A coy 733398, C coy (less one pl) vicinity 741404, D coy (plus one pl C coy) astride road at 741411.	

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14 Sep. ~~xxxx~~ Capt REID (OC D coy 2/17 Bn) is missing from a patrol today and his batman was wounded.

1445. It was discovered that there was only one LCV available to tpt the Bde across R BUSU which, by reason of engine trouble, could only take half loads. Brig WINDEYER telephoned Div and requested another LCV. He also requested that priority in fwd movement be given to :-

(a) 2/17 Bn MGS at RED BEACH.

(b) 2/17 Bn mosquito nets.

1500. Lt-Col COLVIN and Lt-Col GRACE attended a conference at Bde HQ near Div Report Centre at which OO No 5 was issued and discussed. Meanwhile the Bde coin arrived.

2/15 Bn stopped on coast vicinity 755 easting, with 2/13 Bn (less 9 pl) immediately behind.

An enemy 75mm gun was shelling the area of the coast east of the BUSU river and also south of the river mouth with airburst.

1700. 2/15 Bn commenced movement across the BUSU river, followed by 2/13 Bn. Later on two LCVs arrived.

1830. 9 pl A coy 2/13 Bn arrived and camped the night on a creek at 762413.

15 Sep.

Movement across the river continued throughout the night. At 0400 hrs Bde HQ commenced to cross. The last party of Bde HQ completed the crossing just before daylight.

On landing, 2/15 Bn moved to NEW YANGA area. 2/13 Bn moved to area west of road in sq 7340 preparatory to relieving 2/17 Bn.

0500. Bde HQ opened temporarily at 738402, but Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON (BM) remained at 2/17 Bn HQ where they had gone upon landing.

0600. 9pl 2/13 Bn crossed R BUSU and rejoined bn.

0830. Conference was held at 2/17 Bn HQ with all three bn comds and orders were given for the day's ops.

0900. Bde HQ moved to 737404 where it ~~rejoined~~ reopened at 0930 hrs.

0900. 2/13 Bn relieved 2/17 Bn on the coast in the beach and riverhead areas.

Disposns:- BHQ 737402, B coy 737402, D coy 735404, C coy 737406, A coy east of YANGA Plantation.

2/17 Bn then moved westward along the coast. BHQ moved to A coy area 733397, and formed a close perimeter with A and D coys to the west and east respectively. C and B coys moved to posn astride the track at 725394 with two standing patrols out-one to west and one north of the posn.

2/15 Bn sent a patrol out to the south end of MALAHANG airstrip which reported at 1600 hrs that the area was free of enemy. C coy 2/15 Bn was immediately moved to this area arriving approx 1630 hrs.

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	15 Sep.		After instns had been obtained from Div, C coy 2/15 Bn was ordered to move to the north end of the airstrip. B coy moved to the area south of the strip and A coy to the track junc. west of WAGAN (717406). BHQ and D coy remained in NEW YANGA area. C coy contacted 2/48 Bn at 719417. It was well after dark before B and C coys were in posn.	
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16 Sep.	1200.		2/17 Bn moved in two cols-one along NW track and one along coastal track and then north to take up posns controlling tracks and track juncs in sq 7140.	
	1300.		2/13 Bn moved from present posns to the area incl NEW YANGA to excl MALAHANG airfd.	
	1340.		Div instructed 2/17 Bn to be held as mob res in area 715395 and 2/13 Bn to move to posns astride the track juncs at 709406 and 716405. New orders were issued to 2/13 and 2/17 Bns accordingly.	
	1400.		Bde HQ closed down and moved by road to area west of road at 717403, leaving a rear HQ and report sec (Capt HAMILTON (SC) and Lieut MURISON) at the old location.	
	1500.		Brig WINDEYER visited 2/17 Bn. The Bn has formed a close perimeter astride the track junc at 715395.	
	1700.		2/13 Bn is disposed as follows:- BHQ and D coy 716405, A coy 715405, B coy 717405, C coy 709406.	
	2130.		GII ringing from Div warned that one bn would be required to move early tomorrow to work on inland road which is being constructed east of the ferry at approx (ref LAE provisional one inch) 712461. 2/13 Bn was informed that it would be required to do this task.	

LAE FELL TO US TODAY. Our tps (24 Bde) crossed the river BUTIBUM following an airstrike and found that the town had been abandoned by the enemy.

17 Sep.	0630.		2/13 Bn sent a pl patrol to search the area 500 yds south of Church and School at 696404 where a party of enemy was reported yesterday evening.	
	0800.		Div rang and instructed movement of 2/13 Bn to be postponed until after termination of 'q' conference to be held at Div at 1000 hrs.	
	0830.		A conference of Bn comds was held at Bde HQ. All three COs present. Brig WINDEYER spoke of the necessity of restoring regtl discipline as quickly as possible now that ops had terminated. units could arrange bathing parties, but parties moving to and from the bathing places would observe strict march discipline. An area for the Bde near the mouth of R BUSU would be reced.	

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During the morning instns were received from Div to move the entire Bde immediately to the area east and north of the SAWMILL crossing over R BUSU. The Bde commenced moving at 1100 hrs in the order- 2/15 Bn, 2/13 Bn and 2/17 Bn. A div LO would meet our recce party with trace of new Bde area at mouth BUSU Report Centre.

Capt LECKY (Bde Sig Offr), Capt WILLIAMS (BM L) and Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) moved ahead by jeep to recce new Bde area.

1400. Capt WILMOTH (G30 -9 Aust Div) arrived at BUSU north Report Centre.

1430. Lt-Col BARHAM (GI) rang BM(L) at Report Centre concerning movement of Bde to new area. He also requested him to inform the Bde Comd that one Bde would be required shortly for an Amphibious Operation.

1700. Bde has arrived in the new area; 2/15 Bn in posn about 1000 yds north of crossing. 2/13 Bn east of crossing (ref one inch) 725471, under RAE arrangements, Bde HQ on the east bank of the river 250 yds south of the crossing. 2/17 Bn arriving late have bivouaced for the night on the west bank.

1900. Brig WINDEYER held a conference of all Bde HQ offrs. Bde and 2/17 Bn are to move early tomorrow to areas to be recced at first lt north of present posn occupied by 2/15 Bn. Lieut HARPAM (IO 2/15 Bn) to recce area for 2/17 Bn. Recce party consisting of Capt LECKY (Bde Sigs) Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) and Lieut WARD (HQ Gd Pl) to leave at 0630 hrs. LOII (Lieut HESLOP) to leave at first lt with instns to 2/17 Bn. Div and Corps Comds will be visiting the area in the morning. Capt HOLTSBAUM (LOI) will meet them on the main road and take them up to Bde HQ.

2215. Message received from Div instructing the Bde to hold one bn under 20 mins notice until further orders. Later a message was received from Div that a planning team from Bde HQ for a future operation was to attend a conference at Div HQ tomorrow morning at 0900 hrs.

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In its larger aspects, the performance by this Brigade of its allotted tasks in the "POSTERN" Operation, was of a high order.

The Beachhead and its immediate hinterland were secured in successive stages as originally planned. The westward advance of the 2/17 Bn in two columns to the line of the R BUTEM was achieved only by strenuous exertion and the endurance of considerable hardship. The northern coln lived for ³ days on ^{one FOR and one day's hard rations.} biscuits and bully beef.

The southern coln had to cut its way through dense growth for the whole of the distance from the R BUSO to ALUKI.

The speed with which the Bde was moved westward fully loaded after its relief at RED BEACH also deserves mention, in particular, the march of portion of 2/13 Bn from the R BUSO (and of one pl from YELLOW BEACH) to the R BUSU in a single day.

On the 'Q' side the performance was not equally satisfactory. The worst example was the failure, despite every effort and repeated requests by the Bde and its staff, to obtain transportation fwd of the mosquito nets and groundsheet rolls of 2/17 Bn which it had been impossible to carry on the man in the early stages of the advance.

In general, however, the careful planning in the preparatory stages bore fruit in the operation.

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- 18 Sep. 0630. Lieut HESLOP (LOII) went to 2/17 Bn with instns to Lt-Col SIMPSON in connection with that Bn's move.
0700. Capt WILLIAMS (BM L), Lieut BARWICK (Bde Sigs), Lieut WARD (HQ Gd Pl) and S/Sjt ANDERSON (Int) went on recce of new Bde HQ posn; Lieut HESLOP then having reported back to Bde HQ.
- Brig WINDEYER, Maj WILSON, Capt LECKY and Lieut MAUGHAN left for Div HQ.
0730. Bde HQ, followed by 2/17 Bn, moved to the new area north of 2/15 Bn (ref one inch 711472). The proposed visit of GOC-in-C and GOC was cancelled.
- Later on in the day Lieut HESLOP returned to rear Bde HQ to bring up Bde HQ stores.
- Capt HAMILSON joined the Bde Comds party at rear Bde HQ. The party was met by a LCV at NEW YANGA beach. The party moved across to 'G' Beach where Brig WINDEYER hoped to contact Capt JENSEN in ref to the fwd movement of mosquito nets and clothing to 2/17 Bn. Capt JENSEN however, had not been able to get fwd to 'G' Beach.
0920. Party arrived at Div HQ for the conference. This was presided over by Lt-Gen HERRING (GOC 1 Aust Corps). Present were:- Maj Gen WOOTTEN (GOC 9 Aust Div), Maj-Gen LLOYD (AG) Brig R.B. SUTHERLAND (BGS 1 Aust Corps) and members of Div HQ Staff. Lt-Comd ADAIR represented the American Navy.
- Lieut-Gen HERRING stated that the intention was to attack and capture the area FINSCHHAFEN-LANGEMAK BAY-DREGER HARBOUR, with a Bde Gp. The conception was to take FINSCHHAFEN by a quick swoop before the enemy had recovered from the LAE debacle. Intelligence estimates of the enemy strength at FINSCHHAFEN placed it at between 1000/1500; but experience in the past had shown that the intelligence estimates were usually excessive-in particular he did not believe that there had ever been in LAE the troops stated to be there-and latest infm suggested that some of the troops thought to be at FINSCHHAFEN were elsewhere. Careful attention had been paid to the selection of a beach. A landing south of the MAPE R would leave that very considerable obstacle between us and the main enemy posn.
- Subject to any suggestion by the Bde Comd, it was intended to land the force north of FINSCHHAFEN. The only suitable beach was one just south of the SONG R.
- As a secondary and later objective the force was to take SATELBERG. The op would be known as OPERATION "DIMINISH".
- Brig WINDEYER suggested that a Bn should be moved east from HOPOI (with, if possible active arty sp) with the object of deceiving the enemy as to the direction of the threat. This was agreed to in principle, but it was decided not to commence moving from HOPOI before the landing in order not to prejudice surprise.

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The GOC-in-C then stated that, for reasons of naval security, it was tentatively proposed to land in darkness shortly after moonrise. Tps would have the benefit of moonlight. Nine hrs ~~were~~ required for the voyage. To arrive at 0200 hrs, loading would have to be completed by 1800 hrs the previous day. Brig WINDEYER indicated that he would like time to consider the hour for landing, and asked whether the navy could guarantee to land the troops on the correct beach in darkness. Lt-Comd ADAIR (US Navy) stated that in view of the irregular and very distinctive outline of the coast the Navy could not fail to find the correct beach.

Lt-Gen HERRING stated that it was planned to land the force complete with 20 days sups in one night. No resupply missions could be expected for some time. The following craft would be made available:-

4 APD, 15 LCI, 6 LST and in addition, craft of ESB to tpt ESB pers and stores. Concurrently with the landing at FINSCHHAFEN a landing would be made on TAMI Island to establish a RADAR station.

Lt-Gen HERRING and his staff then withdrew from the conference. Maj-Gen WOOTTEN resumed the conference with the divisional staff.

He stated that as this was the only operation pending for 9 Aust Div, the Div would provide the maximum of its resources available commensurate with the need for holding the Div ready for any other task which it might be called on to perform. The Div staff would be responsible for staff work in the preparation of Loading Tables and the arranging of movement to pre-embarkation assembly areas, loading and embarkation.

The conference then settled the order of battle, which appears as ^{an} ~~in~~ appx to the Operation Order. (see Appendices).

It was decided that Capt GARNSEY (GIII Air 9 Aust Div) would be att to this Bde.

It was decided to call the landing beach "SCARLET BEACH".

Maj-Gen WOOTTEN suggested that the MLO might be supplied from the Div Staff which had performed the beach duties at RED BEACH. Brig WINDEYER stated that he would prefer to have Maj J.L.A.KELLY as MLO. The appointment was left open pro-tem.

It was also decided to precede the landing by a naval bombardment.

Maj-Gen WOOTTEN directed that 2/13 Bn be immediately relieved of its road-making duties by another Bn.

1700. The day was taken up in preparation of orders, tables etc and other staff work. Brig WINDEYER expounded his outline plan to Maj-Gen WOOTTEN who approved of it. The beachhead was to be taken and secured with two bns fwd (2/17 Bn on right- 2/13 Bn on left) and one (2/15 Bn) in res. On the beachhead being secured, 2/15 Bn would move south along the main road until opposition was encountered.

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In the later stages, the beachhead would be held by one bn. When firm enemy opposition was encountered frontally on the coastal plain, troops would be pushed south along the hills to the west.

2000. Further conference held by Lt-Gen HERRING. The decisions of this conference are outlined in the Bde Comds Report (att). It was also decided that as 20 days sups would not be unloaded in the allotted time, the scale would be 12 days amn and 15 days rations (in addition to that carried on the man).

It was decided that blankets be loaded with a view to their use in the SATELBERG area, where the nights are reported to be cold.

The Bde Comd asked the naval representative whether it would be possible to land LCVs on the beachhead south of the beaches (ARNDT PT ref 1/25000) but the navy advised that the proposition was impracticable because of the danger of off-shore reefs.

The Bde Comd and planning team stayed the next two days at Div HQ in order to achieve full cooperation.

19 Sep.

Today the whole of the Bde moved on foot via the main track east to the BUREP R and then down the riverbed (crossing and re-crossing the stream) to the mouth of the BUREP R arriving about 1500 hrs. Order of march:- 2/13 Bn, Bde HQ, 2/15 then 2/17 Bns.

Disposns were taken up as follows:- (Ref 1/25000) Bde HQ 792428, 2/13 Bn area 793424, 2/15 Bn area 791427, 2/17 Bn area 791425.

Bde Rear HQ at NEW YANGA was closed down.

0900. Lt-Col SIMPSON (CO 2/17 Bn), Lt-Col COLVIN (CO 2/13 Bn) and Lt-Col GRACE (CO 2/15 Bn) with Maj JLA KELLY (2 i/c 2/13 Bn) attended a conference with Brig WINDEYER at Div HQ. Maj WILSON (BM) and Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) were also present. The Bde Comd outlined his plan. He stressed the necessity of discipline and care in the laying and preservation of sig lines, which were to be laid on the right of tracks and, wherever possible, hung in trees. The MLO would be in complete operational and adm comd of the beach. Lt-Col COLVIN requested that Maj KELLY should be permitted to remain with the bn as Maj GILLIAN had been evacuated sick. Brig WINDEYER then intimated that, subject to Div approval, he would appoint Maj J.R. BROADBENT (2/17 Bn) MLO. Subsequently Div approval was given and the appointment made.

1430. A conference was held at Div HQ of LST loading offrs.

1530. Conference of OCs Tps at Div HQ.

During the afternoon conferences were held by MLO and by offrs of all participating units. Concurrently troops of units participating were being moved into areas in proximity to 'G' Beach from which embarkation is to take place.

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20 Sep. 0400. Maj-Gen WOOTTEN summoned Brig WINDEYER and staff to an urgent conference to consider a message from Lt-Gen HERRING indicating that only 3 LSTs would be available night 21/22 Sep, but further 3 LSTs would be available night 22/23 Sep, and enquiring whether consequent alteration of loading programme would necessitate a deferment of 'D' Day. It was decided that no deferment was necessary and 1 Aust Corps was accordingly notified.

1030. Bde CO No 6 was issued.

1530. Conference at Bde HQ attended by OSC of all units and sub-units participating in the operation (except OC Mech Sqd Coy AEME) at which Brig WINDEYER issued verbal orders in amplification of Bde CO No 4. By a late alteration of the plan two LCVs of 2/13 Bn would beach in SIKI COVE and ^{four} ~~one~~ LCVs of 2/17 Bn north of ~~and~~ the mouth of the SONG R.

The following maps were issued at the conference:-

FINSCHHAFEN and MASAWENG RIVER (United States Provisional one inch),

FINSCHHAFEN PHOTOMAP and

LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000.

The first objectives shown in the trace Appx 'B' would be taken by 2/13 Bn and 2/17 Bn, the second objectives by 2/13 Bn; 2/15 Bn would then exploit southwards.

21 Sep. During the morning there was a continuous stream of visitors to Bde HQ to inspect the airphotographs, visitors incl MLC with representatives of AASC and 'Q' staffs, Lt-Col OUTRIDGE and ofrs 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, Maj PAGAN and ofrs 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt, coy comds of the three bns. There was no time however to make a detailed examination of the ~~maps~~ ^{photographs}.

During the morning there was an incessant downpour of heavy rain.

At midday Capt WORTHLEY (GII L-9 Aust Div) joined the Bde staff to replace, as BM(L), Capt B WILLIAMS who leaves tonight to take up the appointment of G3 Air NEW GUINEA FORCE.

Before Bde HQ moved off it also said farewell to Capt WINSLOW (TO) who is unable to proceed with us for medical reasons.

1530. A delivery was made to Bde HQ of SATELBERG 1/25000 sheets. As it was too late to deliver these or pack them in Bde tpt only 20 were accepted. On the following day most of these were made available to the arty, consequently the remainder of the Bde Gp did not have the benefit of this excellent map in the early stages, which were fought off the PHOTOMAP.

1630. Tps moved off to ship assembly areas in the jungle fringe of 'G' Beach. The allotment and guiding to ship assembly areas was undertaken by Capt TRAINOR (LOI 9 Div) and members of Div 'G' Staff to whom great credit is due for the smooth and efficient manner in which the work was performed.

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At dusk while tps were crowded in the assembly areas, an enemy air attack was made. Fortunately for the Bde Gp, the attack was pressed not in the vicinity of the beach but on the naval escort well to seaward. Embarkation proceeded smoothly except for non-arrival of one LCI (see Bde Comd's Report) and the convoy was under weigh on time. During the night the convoy was shadowed by enemy A/C.

22 Sep.

This and the succeeding pages of the diary should be read in conjunction with the Bde Comd's Report, which contains a full day-to-day account of the operations, the Action Diary, which gives timings, messages and telephone conversations in detail, and the traces which show the disposns from day-to-day and the routes taken.

- O440. During preliminary bombardment first Wave set out for shore on time. The Wave veered too far left-the right hand craft alone beached correctly at the SONG R mouth. The second Wave followed more or less in the wake of the first Wave. 2/13 Bn landed on SIKI COVE and the cliffs of ARNDT PT. 2/17 Bn landed partly in SIKI COVE; partly on the bluff between SIKI COVE and SCARLET BEACH. The only portion of 2/13 Bn to land on the correct beach was that, which, by reason of the non-arrival of a LCI, had been loaded with 2/15 Bn. As the third Wave approached the shore an enemy air attack eventuated but was not pressed home due to our fighter interception. Enemy opposition was encountered on landing both on SIKI COVE and SCARLET BEACH but was quickly overcome. Only SA fire, mortars and grenades were encountered. Before reaching the shore the third Wave came to a stop due to, it is understood, one LCI striking a sandbank. Some LCIs put their ramps down and some tps disembarked into deep water and had to swim ashore. At this stage the leading elements of 2/17 Bn had moved round and were in the jungle fringe on the southern end of SCARLET BEACH. An LCI on the right opened up on an enemy MG post which had been firing and silenced it. Other LCIs opened up on enemy snipers in the trees. The LCIs then all opened fire into the jungle behind the beach. The fire was very effective in subduing enemy resistance. But it was not according to plan. On the ships of the third Wave, it had not been seen, owing to darkness, that the previous two Waves had landed further south; had they landed on SCARLET BEACH our own tps would have been in the timber where this fire was directed.

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22 Sep. 0530.

The third Wave then moved fwd and landed on the correct beach but ten minutes late. Bde HQ moved in behind the fwd troops of 2/17 Bn to (ref 1/25000) 642684, where it was established; recce further fwd having shown that the proposed first posn for Bde HQ was not yet clear of enemy. During this movement fwd Cpl APPEL (HQ Gd Pl) was mortally wounded and Lieut DWB MAUGHAN (IO) slightly wounded by a grenade thrown by a JAPANESE whom Pte POTTS despatched to his end with Owen SMG fire.

Capt HOLTSBAUM (LO I) remained on the beach to meet the Bde Comd whom, on landing, he conducted to 2/17 Bn HQ which had been established close to the beach.

After seeing Lt-Col SIMPSON, the Bde Comd moved on to Bde HQ.

A PW captured by 2/15 Bn was brought into Bde HQ. He stated that enemy ^{strength} on the beach had been 300.

The first effective enemy opposition was encountered fwd of KATIKA where the situation remained obscure for some time; tps having landed in the wrong place being uncertain of their exact posn. A coy 2/17 Bn moving in from the north, D coy 2/15 Bn moving east along a track on the northern edge of KATIKA Plantation and D coy 2/13 Bn moving via the SIKI CREEK to ZAG (see codenames in Appx) each ~~encountering~~ encountering enemy in this area.

D coy 2/13 Bn made the first thrust which was repulsed; A Coy 2/17 Bn next made a thrust and gained some ground.

1045. No 9mm gun amn having been landed a message was sent to Div rptd 1 Aust Corps requesting the dropping thereof.

1100. Lt-Col ALLAN brought LULUI of TAREKO in, having immediately on landing sent a native boy to fetch him. He instructed the LULUI to bring in KANAKAS to work for us.

1130. It was suggested that B coy 2/17 Bn be withdrawn from hill north of SONG R. Later it was decided to leave the coy there until tomorrow.

1210. Owing to rptd interruption of L/T comn by bulldozers fouling the lines, Brig WINDEYER instructed all bulldozers to be grounded.

1400. D coy 2/13 Bn was withdrawn from KATIKA area.

1600. After hy mortaring and shelling the KATIKA posn was taken without opposition by D and A coys 2/15 Bn.

Bde Comd then ordered 2/15 Bn to link up with 2/17 Bn on right flank.

However, owing to a breakdown of line comns within 2/15 Bn this could not be effected before dark.

A coy 2/13 Bn was ordered by 2/13 Bn to undertake D coy's role of occupying ZAG, but the coy missed the SATELBERG ROAD junc in HELDSBACH and arrived at TAREKO where they stayed for the night.

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	22 Sep.		Brig WINDEYER ordered A Coy to move to ZAG first light in the morning when it would be relieved by 2/17 Bn as per CO.No.6. The engs have bridged SIKI CREEK and constructed a road from south end of SCARLET BEACH to link with the coastal road in HELDSBACH PTN.	
	1900.		9mm amn was successfully dropped by air. Two boxes actually landed on Bde HQ.	
	2330.		LSTs began to arrive.	
23 Sep.	0200.		LSTs departed not having completely unloaded. All wounded able to be moved were evacuated.	
	0730.		2/15 Bn began to move south, A coy 2/13 Bn moved from TAREKO to ZAG. A patrol from C coy 2/13 Bn left to investigate FINSCHHAFEN airstrip.	
	0830.		Last mentioned patrol reported airstrip undefended.	
	0930.		2/15 Bn have passed through LAUNCH JETTY area.	
	0950.		Main Bde HQ closed in its present location, but rear Bde HQ remained; Capt JENSEN (SC L) and Capt WATERS (Bde Sup O) remained at rear HQ. Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) was evacuated. Bde HQ moved south along the main road. Passing through Brig WINDEYER stopped at 2/13 Bn HQ and ordered that Bn to move south in the wake of 2/15 Bn and to guard the right flank. The Bn was shortly on the move.	
	1230.		Bde HQ established at 633650. 2/15 Bn contacted enemy in the KAMLOA area (628603).	
	1330.		Lt-Col COLVIN and Capt SOMERVILLE (CO and Adj 2/13 Bn) came to Bde HQ. Brig WINDEYER instructed Lt-Col COLVIN to move 2/13 Bn on to the high ground west and behind 2/15 Bn (general area 630619) leaving one coy on the airstrip. Brig WINDEYER then ordered 2/15 Bn to move two coys to the west onto the high ground.	
	1400.		2/15 Bn secured south bank of river with two coys (A and C). An arty CP was established on KAMLOA PT.	
	1600.		2/17 Bn was ordered to be prepared to move the bn (less two coys) south tomorrow. SATELBERG track could be held with one pl.	
	1630.		PIB patrol reported SATELBERG clear of enemy.	
	1730.		B and D coys 2/15 Bn (under comd Maj SUTHERS) dug in for night on top of ridge at approx 631609.	
	1835.		Airraid on SCARLET BEACH; some damage caused but no casualties.	
	2100.		Arty reported one casualty from light enemy CB fire. During the night considerable barge movement was heard off FINSCHHAFEN. Arty put down harassing fire in the area and movement immediately ceased. Considerable rain fell during the night.	

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- 24 Sep. 0830. 2/17 Bn (less two coys) was ordered to move to the area of the FINSCHHAFEN airstrip.
 2/15 Bn carried out recce for a possible crossing over R BUMI.
 B and D coys moved fwd and by 0840 were at 625600 with one pl fwd to within 100 yds of R BUMI.
 2/13 Bn moved up to immediately behind B and D coys 2/15 Bn.
 0930. 2/15 Bn reported that the R BUMI could not be crossed near its mouth except by a fullscale bn operation.
 D coy 2/17 Bn moved up SATELBERG track preceded by a patrol of PIB.
 1100. 2/15 Bn contacted enemy at 623603 but overcame the opposition.
 Capt CHRISTIE and Lieut HARPHAM (2/15 Bn) were killed by an enemy sniper.
 1229. 12 enemy Bs, escorted by over 20 Fs, attacked the arty posns near the FINSCHHAFEN airstrip. Heavy casualties were inflicted on RAE and 5 AF ASL personnel in the vicinity; Capt FERREL (OC ASL) was killed.
 1230. Arty barrage opened up and D coy 2/15 bn moved fwd to force a crossing of the river.
 1425. 2/15 Bn reported that D coy had successfully attacked across R BUMI up a steep slope on the top of which was an enemy posn defended by JAPANESE marines with SA weapons and AA guns, and were now in posn at 624596 with 2/13 Bn following in their wake. Subsequent identifications established that this posn was held by a unit of SASEBO No 5 SNLP; known as 15 AA/Defence Tai.
 2/13 Bn were constantly harassed by MG fire on their right flank as they moved to cross the river. Arty sp was arranged and the crossing deferred.
 1515. D coy 2/17 Bn reported that PIB had found enemy in SATELBERG. Subsequently SATELBERG was engaged by arty.
 1600. Bde HQ closed down at its old location and reopened at 630651.
 1630. C Coy 2/13 Bn began to cross river.
 1700. C coy 2/13 Bn and one pl B coy safely across.

- 25 Sep. 0445) Air raids were made by enemy planes on the beachhead area. Some casualties (incl 2 offrs) and slight damage was caused.
 0730) At daybreak two barges were reported moving from an island (probably TAMI Is) towards LANGEMAK BAY.

0900. Brig WINDEYER went to HQ 2/15 Bn.
 Enemy on SATELBERG track were engaged by D coy 2/17 Bn (at 587661). Our line and the arty line to the coy was cut. The coy sent out a patrol.
 During the day 2/3 Fd Coy, assisted by 2/15 Bn Pnr Pl, cut a jeep track through dense secondary growth from the main track to 626703.
 The enemy was still covering the R BUMI crossing with fire.

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Memo 5 June 44 says that 2/15 Bn reported that D coy had successfully crossed the Bum R and established itself in position at the top of a steep slope on the far side

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- 25 Sep. 1300. ~~The enemy~~ Lieut MAUGHAN (IO) returned
1200. D coy 2/17 Bn reported enemy to be in greater strength than expected. The coy (less one pl) was ordered to hold the track at 571560. Enemy were digging in 600 yds SW of their posn. The remaining pl at 612662 was ordered to send a patrol to TAREKO.
1300. Brig WINDEYER returned. The Bde Comd laid down the following policy:-
 (1) No further exploitation south of R BUMI until two days sups of all kinds for tps there have been moved fwd, to the accomplishment of which every effort was to be directed.
 (2) D coy 2/17 Bn to hold TAREKO as well as SATELBERG road.
1630. Brig WINDEYER directed Capt MAIN, (OC D coy 2/17 Bn) to withdraw to JIVEVANENG area.
1700. 2/13 Bn is disposed as follows:- BHQ 624599, A coy 624603, B coy (less one Pl) 624605, two pls C coy with D coy 2/15 Bn at 624596 one pl B coy, one pl C coy 624597, D coy 624598.
 During the afternoon 2/15 Bn patrolled extensively.
1940. An enemy submarine was sighted moving south from SCARLET BEACH.
2000. A sentry reported that an enemy landing craft came into LAUNCH JETTY cove. One coy 2/17 Bn was moved to protect the gun line and 20 Bde LOB were organised under Capt VINCENT into a defensive posn astride the track just north of the JETTY.
 Considerable barge movement was heard during the night.
- 26 Sep. First light patrols from the LAUNCH JETTY area failed to locate any enemy.
- 0640)
- 0655) Air raid-no damage.
 C coy 2/3 Pmr Bn, which had been carrying sups for 2/13 Bn, was released from this duty to relieve A coy 2/17 Bn in the beachhead area.
0830. D coy 2/17 Bn reported no sign of enemy.
 D and A coys 2/13 Bn commenced moving across R BUMI.
 Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON left for 2/17 Bn which they will visit en-route to 2/15 Bn.
1045. An enemy patrol engaged one pl of A coy 2/17 Bn at 629686. Another pl of A Coy moved 4000 yds west along the track from KATIKA. After passing some un-occupied enemy posns they encountered 4 enemy of whom 2 (incl one offr) were killed.
 The remaining pl is on high ground at 629683.
 During the morning D and A coys 2/13 Bn crossed R BUMI.
1230. Brig WINDEYER (from 2/15 Bn) ordered that a strong patrol be sent to village 595687 where enemy were contacted this morning in order to shell the enemy,

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and if practicable, to attack them.

Lieut CRAIK was later detailed by A coy 2/17 Bn to carry out the task.

1515. B coy 2/15 Bn reported across river. B and D coys attacking "COCONUT HILL" (630595).

C coy 2/13 Bn attacked a lightly held enemy posn at 623592.

1630. Lieut CRAIK's patrol accurately shelled enemy posns at 595687. The enemy moved around to encircle the pl which was forced to withdraw.

1710. Air raid.

1820. 2/13 Bn, having cleared an enemy outpost, were held up, and the coy dug in for the night.

After heavy opposition B and D coys 2/15 Bn eventually succeeded in ousting the enemy from "COCONUT HILL" and occupied a commanding posn overlooking FINSCHHAFEN at 627593.

The offr (Jap) killed today carried on him an operation order which disclosed that the enemy had intended to attack our rear with a bn moving from SISI to HELDSBACH plantation. This was the first reliable information of enemy strength in the SATELBERG area.

27 Sep. 0745. Brig WINDEYER ordered remainder of 2/13 Bn to be moved across river.

0900. Bde HQ moved to 624627.

Brig WINDEYER, accompanied by Capt HOLTSBAUM (LOI) left to visit the area taken yesterday.

0945. 2/15 Bn opened up with mortar smoke and MG fire at BUMI River mouth. The enemy put down def fire from which his posns were located and strength gauged.

During the morning enemy cut our telephone lines on the SATELBERG track.

LOB at SCARLET BEACH were organised as a defensive force in KATIKA area.

1400. Remainder of B coy 2/13 Bn crossed river to rejoin Bn.

1600. Lt-Col SIMPSON visited Bde Hq.

2/13 and 2/15 Bns extensively patrolled during the afternoon.

Brig WINDEYER sent a message to Div requesting that another Bn be sent fwd.

28 Sep. 0658. Arty reported that attacks by small parties of JAPS were made on D coy 2/17 Bn at JIVEVANENG. The attacks were repulsed with heavy casualties to the enemy but none to ourselves.

0850. Brig WINDEYER left to visit the HQ of all three Bns.

Considerable reorganisation was effected in the beachhead area.

A and D coys 2/17 Bn were placed under cmd Capt LC MACLARN. A pl was moved to TAREKO.

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- 28 Sep. 1400- 2/13 Bn made a general advance with two coys (D and A) along the southern track in square 6059, and C coy along the SW track. C coy encountered heavy opposition vicinity 620590 which was overcome with casualties received 3 killed and 6 wounded. Torrential rain fell during the night.
- 29 Sep. 0830. A coy 2/13 Bn moved south to recce for a possible approach to TRIANGLE (632589) from the SW with view to a subsequent attack on CITY(KAKAKOG) from this area with two coys. A coy reported the approach to be across a steep ravine through very dense jungle. The plan to attack KAKAKOG from this angle was therefore abandoned. 2/15 Bn engaged the enemy with MG and mortar fire at the river mouth, and from the west pushed out two pls to ILEBBE Creek. Further adv was precluded by infilade fire from KAKAKOG. The bn patrolled very extensively from all coys. Capt WORTHLEY (BM L) visited 2/13 and 2/15 Bns.
1315. A coy 2/13 Bn was withdrawn with a view to putting in the attack from D coy area. PIB patrols and native patrols, controlled by Lt-Col ALLAN, reported northward enemy movement on the KUMAWA-SISI track.
1645. Insufficient time remaining to organise an attack in a new direction, A coy(2/13 Bn) took up posn for night at 630588 with D coy close in on NE side. B coy was disposed at 626592, C coy unchanged.
- 30 Sep. 0400. 2/43 Bn arrived. Lieut SEARL (LO att 9 Aust Div) returned to Div to report on the situation.
0745. Brig WINDEYER, accompanied by Lieut HESLOP (LO III) left for beachhead to meet Lt-Col JOSHUA (CO 2/43 Bn). Lieut MURISON (LO II) left with instns to Capt MACLARN whose coys are to rejoin their bn as soon as relieved.
0820. Lt-Col COLVIN (CO 2/13 Bn) reported that he considered it impracticable to attack KAKAKOG today, as the approach from where the coys are situated at present was not considered feasible. Brig WINDEYER returned to Bde HQ and left shortly afterwards with Maj WILSON to go to 2/15 and 2/13 Bns.
1400. TAC R reported our own tps at KASANGA village south of LANGEMAK BAY. Presumably 22 bn.
1515. Lt-Col SIMPSON visited Bde HQ.

*Ad
Dutton*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks & ref Appx.
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1943.

- 30 Sep. 1545. Relief of A and D coys 2/17 Bn by 2/43 Bn completed. at
1600. Brig WINDEYER and Maj WILSON returned from fwd. While 2/13 Bn the Brigadier settled with Lt-Col COLVIN plans for an attack on KAKAKOG tomorrow. Lt-Col COLVIN proposed to attack straight towards KAKKOG from the north; Brig WINDEYER approved of this plan.
- 2/17 Bn relieved C coy 2/15 Bn at R BUMI mouth.
- During the afternoon A and B coys 2/15 Bn edged further west to 633597 and 632595 respectively. Both coys patrolled east of ILEBBE CREEK.
- Lieut BEATTY (2/15 Bn) was wounded through the chest.
1830. A and D coys (less two pls 3D Coy bivouacking the night at LAUNCH JETTY) have rejoined the bn.
2215. The Bde Comd received a personal message from Maj-Gen WOOTTEN in reference to the tactical conduct of the operations against FINSCHHAFEN. To this the Bde Comd replied in message O.392.
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- 1 Oct. ~~0610~~. During the early hrs of the morning several enemy planes successfully raided the gun and beachhead areas.
0610. A coy 2/43 Bn cut off by enemy at 594661.
0900. Brig WINDEYER, Lieut MAUGHAN and Lieut MURISON left for 2/15 Bn HQ.
1000. Brig WINDEYER held a conference to settle the days ops at 2/15 Bn HQ. Lt-Col SIMPSON, Lt-Col COLVIN and Lt-Col GRACE were present.
- 1033-
1100. Airstrike on SALANKAUA and KAKAKOG.
1105. Arty concentrations.
1115. 2/13 Bn attack commenced. The Bn attacked with two coys (B and D) initially fwd. In the early stages, the coys ran into by fire from the flanks and became disorganised. Later these posts were silenced and with the help of one pl (No 8) A coy, a further attack was made and the ridge immediately in front of KAKAKOG was secured.
1300. D coy 2/15 Bn was placed under comd 2/13 Bn as a res in place of C coy. Meanwhile the enemy became more active in the northern sector. Bn HQ 2/43 Bn was attacked, all effrts to re-establish contact with A coy 2/43 Bn failed, and small parties of infiltrating enemy appeared on the SONG R near SCARLET BEACH.
1730. A final assault by B and D coys 2/13 Bn on KAKAKOG was unsuccessful; the steep approach being covered by enfilade flanking fire. However, the pressure on the enemy caused him to withdraw from his fwd posns in SALANKAUA Pnattation where patrols from 2/15 Bn found recently vacated posns.

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1943.

1 Oct. Considerable movement of enemy north from FINSCHHAFEN, incl high ranking offrs, was reported from McKEDDYS CP.

The posn taken by 2/13 Bn today appeared to have been the HQ of FINSCHHAFEN garrison. Our casualties were 10 killed and 60 wounded.

2 Oct. 0515. Message received from Div that 22 Bn had reached TIMBULUM Plantation (624547) without enemy opposition at 1545 hrs.

At first light 2/17 Bn pushed three patrols ~~seven~~ ^{one} of 1 pl strength across R BUMI. By 0840 hrs one had reached SALANKAUA Plantation, one KEDAM PT, and the third was patrolling along ILEBBE CREEK without opposition.

0825. Brig WINDEYER, accompanied by Capt WORTHLEY, left to visit the bns.

0900. A patrol north of R SONG up the BONGA track ran into an enemy ambush at 657710.

By 1030 hrs 2/15 and 2/17 Bns were in FINSCHHAFEN advancing in two cols towards SIMBANG and KOLEM PT respectively. No opposition was encountered.

1300. 2/17 Bn, C and D coys, at KOLEM PT.

1330. 2/15 Bn arrived at SIMBANG.

The three Bde LO's went out to the bns.

In the northern sector further efforts by patrols of 2/43 Bn to fight their way through to A coy at JIVEVANENG were unsuccessful. Furthermore, a strong enemy patrol was reported coming down the coastal track from BONGA.

During the afternoon 2/43 Bn attacked up the SATELBERG road but without success, suffering casualties; 7 missing, 12 wounded.

2/17 Bn made contact with 22 Bn across the R MAPE.

In the space of one month the Bde has carried out two amphibious operations, one opposed and one unopposed.

The FINSCHHAFEN operation could scarcely have been carried out in the time allotted but for the experience acquired and high standard of training achieved in the LAE operation.

FINSCHHAFEN was taken against stubborn opposition 14 days after the first orders were received for the operation.

NOTE: All map refs with RF 1/25000 refer to first edition of SATELBERG and LANGEMAK BAY sheets.

Robert Simpson for
Comd, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Dr W. A. Ghan Lieut
IO 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE.

REPORTS.

SEP. '43.

51/1/13

War Diary
Aust Div



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HEADQUARTERS

9 Aust Div

18 Nov 43

20 AUST INF BDE

Herewith record own and enemy air actions 22 Sep - 2 Oct.
Regret unable supply details unfulfilled requests of which from
memory there was one not fulfilled due to lateness
of arrival of details at ADVON 5.

M/

Alban
Capt
GIII(Air)

OWN AIROPS 21 SEP - 2 OCT FINSCHHAFEN AREA

1. Summarising the attached in a period of 9½ days the following programme was carried out.

2. AC Sqn 26 missions - one failed due weather - 3 partially successful only, due enemy aircraft and weather - 22 successful.

Air Strikes Four airstrikes were carried out. All were successful.

9 In addition to dropping of 9 mm ammunition (see attached) two droppings one consisting TEA and one of ARTY FUSES. In each case recovery exceeded 90 per cent.

3. All messages dropped by 4 AC Sqn during the op were recovered.

4. Army Co-op A minimum two Tac R Arty R sorties were flown daily - the registration was good and the Tac R outstanding.

In addition the following special missions were carried out.

27 Sep 2 BOOMERANGS strafed barges in the R MAPE. Direct hits scored with 20 mm cannon.

1 Oct Two BOOMERANGS destroyed two barges by strafing and Arty R.

AIROPS 22 SEP - 2 OCT FINSCHHAFEN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Result</u>
Sep 21	Tac R by Fighter patrol of coast HANISCH HARBOUR - SIO.	Dropped at BUREP R and received by Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde prior to embarkation. Did NOT reveal the defences on SCARLET BEACH but re- vealed considerable movement FINSCHHAFEN area. NOT flown by Army Co-op aircraft for security reasons but carried out as for Fighter sweep on coast.
22	Air dropping 9 mm ammunition urgently required by forward troops.	Dropped 2000 night 22/23 on area lit by hand torches. 112000 rounds were recovered and mission considered very successful.
23	At 1100 hrs 8 ALP equipment was put out of action and remained ineffective until the capture of FINSCHHAFEN.	
24	Airstrike was requested in the KAKAKOO SALANKAUA areas.	
25		Strike as requested was carried out by one sqn BOSTONS one sqn DIVE BOMBERS. Bombs fell on the target areas and forward troops considered that the strike was successful.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Result</u>
Sep 27	Strike enemy positions KOLEM - POLA - SALANKAU PT also SIMBANG and BUTAWENG areas.	
28		A.M. one sqn BOSTONS accurately bombed and strafed the BUTAWENG - SIMBANG area (Tac R observed) Afternoon. One sqn BOSTONS one sqn DIVE BOMBERS attacked remaining targets. Our forward troops observed strike and reported that it was considered to be successful.
30	Co-ordinated strike enemy positions SALANKAU PLANTATION.	
Oct 1		Carried out by one sqn BOSTONS one sqn DIVE- BOMBERS. Commenced 20 minutes early but lasted 45 minutes thus ending within stipulated period. Was closely observed and is considered to have been successful.

20 AUST INF BDE
ENEMY
ORDER of BATTLE

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SEP, '43.
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Japanese S.O.B.
Finsehafen

Proposed Garrison for Finsehafen.

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Army Garrison
TAI
(4000)

Naval Garrison
TAI
(1000)

Note.

1000 tps (80 inf regt) are
definitely known to have
arrived. In addition probably
other ARMY Tps in this area
probably NOT incl in the 4000 Army
Garrison TAI.

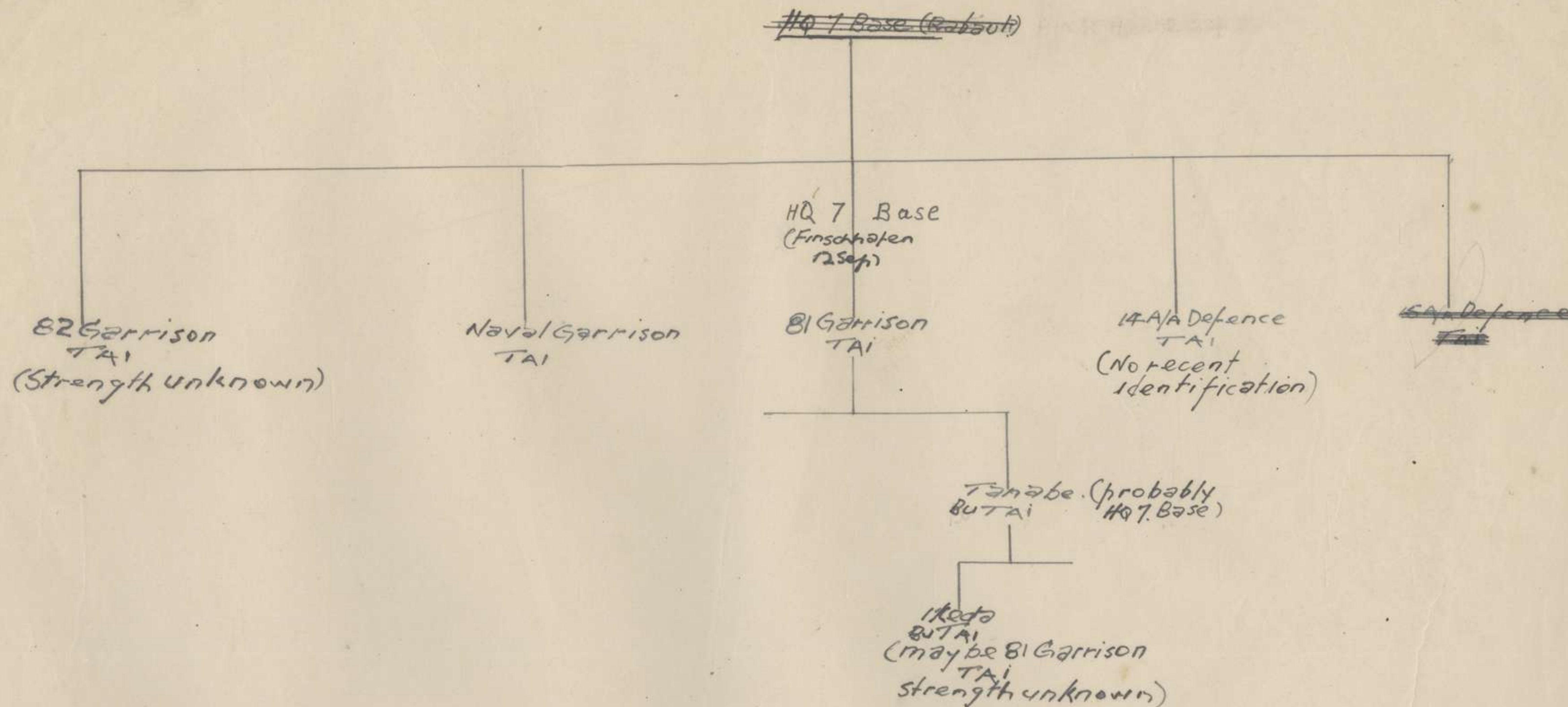
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Japanese O.O.B.
Finschhafen

Finschhafen Garrison (NAVAL)

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Note:

Naval tps only were encountered
in close. vic. - FINSCHHAFEN.

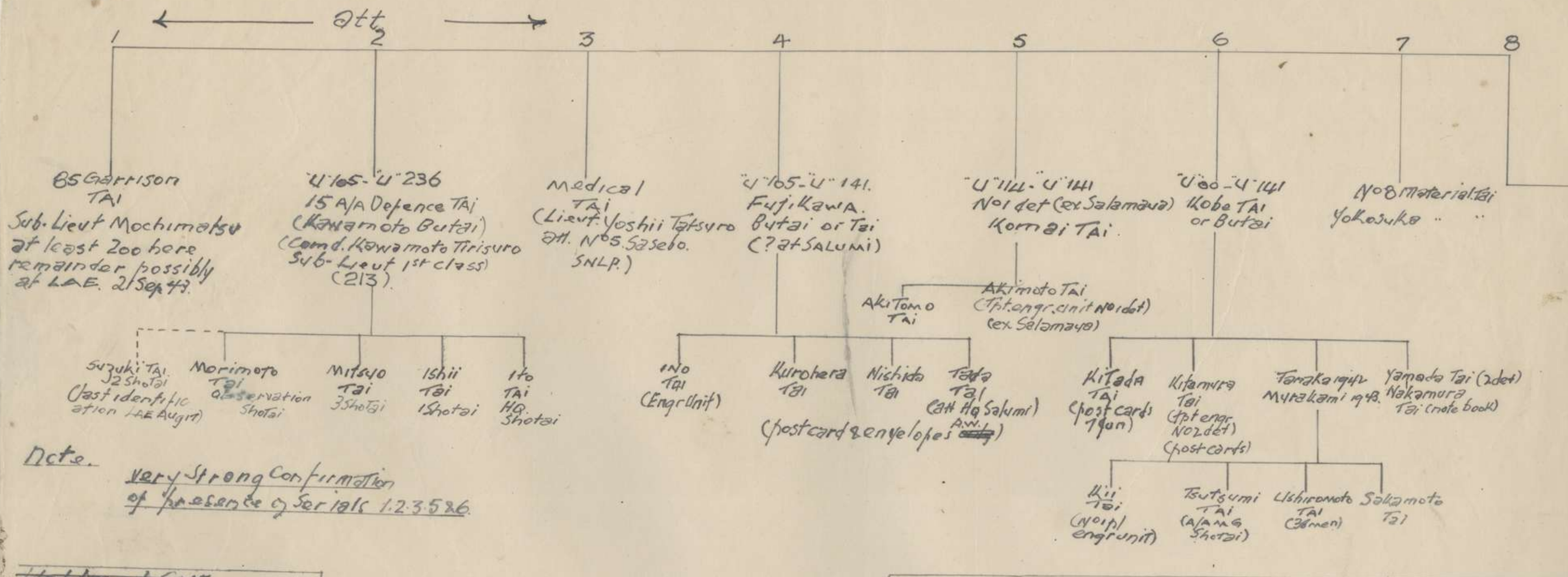
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Finschhafen

SASEBO No 5 (comd now Rear Admiral CHIBA Keizo) Pw. Statement.
(Tsukioka Butai)

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NAVAL GARRISON TAI (To be comd. TSUZUKI Capt)

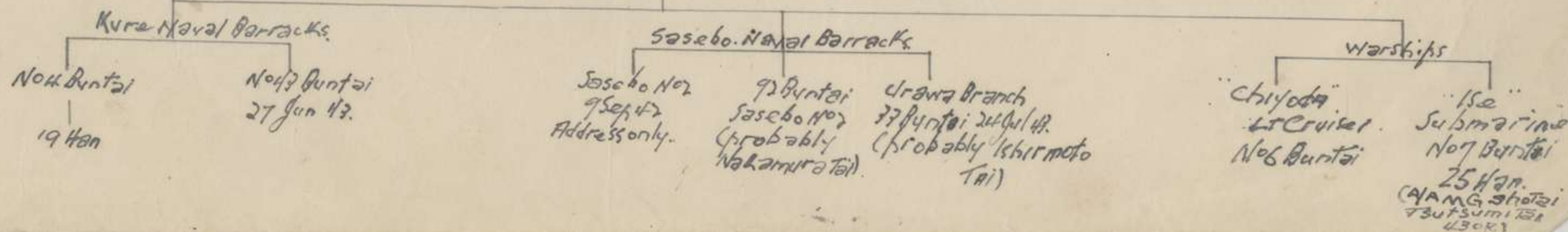
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Note.
Very Strong Confirmation
of presence of Serials 1.2.3.5.26.

~~Infantry Coy.~~
~~observation Shotai~~
~~Butai~~

Tps from NAVAL BARRACKS & WARSHIPS.
Note: It is possible that these sub-units
are identical with some of sub-units above.



Japanese O.O.
Finschhafen.

ARMY GARRISON FINSCHHAFFEN (proposed 4000
known 1000)

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20 DIV (approx 1200)

80 Inf Regt.
2055 Butai
Comd: MIYAKE.

26 Fd Art.
(Morita Ohtera Maj)
(previously Suzuki Butai)

Shibata Tai

2bn
Comd: Lt Col TAMURA

Uchiyama Butai
3bn.
Comd: Maju.

Unplaced Coys.



5 Coy. No 2 MG Coy.
(Capt Sato Chotaro)
Capt. Morisada.

Bn. Gun Coy.
(2/Lt Numano)

6 Coy
Okada Tai
5 Han.

7 Coy
Sato Tai
(Hakko Tai)
3 offrs
(520 RS
(1/Lt. Kashiwara)

8 Coy.
(Capt Sato Yosaku)

12 Coy
2nd Lt
904 43

Kurozaki, Sawamura, 11
Tai
Coy
9 Coy

3 Coy
21 Tranch
Mortar Bn
(comd Okamoto
Nairo 27 Jun 43.)
Sato Tai
(Sato Saburo)

Suzuki
Tai
Coy (probably)
(paybook)

Miyake Tai
(2 identifications)

Aman
Tai
(530 RS)

(80 Regt or
21 Regt?)
5 Div.

Toyohara Tai Coy.

Ikeda Tai Pl.
(incl. Sgt. Suzuki)

Kubota
Tai

Murashimi
Tai

Kawasaki Tai
Pl
(10 Coy)

Yamanaka Tai
Pl.

Note. Identifications from
same area as
SAWAMURA documents.

Note:-

Lt-col TAKAGI signed an O.O.
directed to 3BN. It is possible
that TAKAGI had taken over
comd of 80 Inf Regt in this
area.

41 Div (800)
(Comd: Lt Gen ABE Heisuke (Maj Gen SHOGE Ryoichi))

238 Inf regt
KAWA 3565 Butai
Comd: Col. Kashiwagi

Regt'l Coys.

QF Coys I

1 Bn

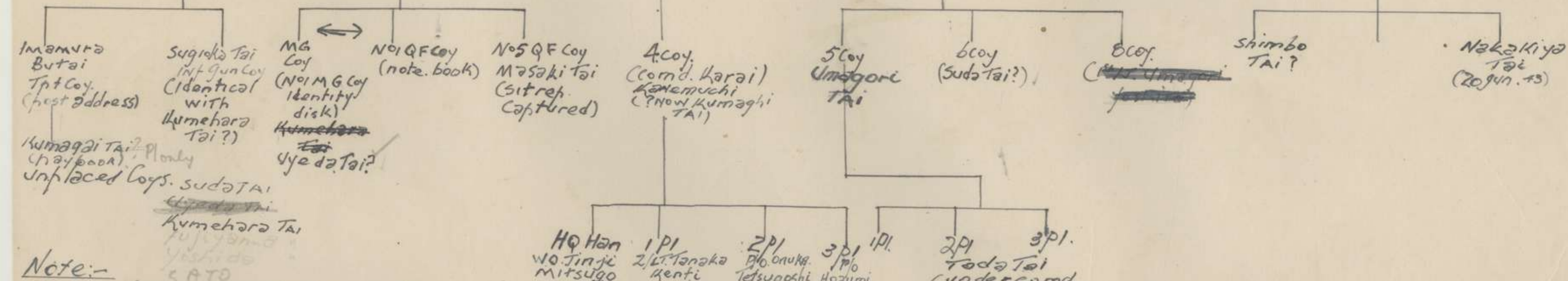
IMAMURA BUTAI

28n

Teshiro Butai

KAWA 3565
Butai
41 Mtn Arty.3571 Butai
Changse Tai
4 DIV MED
UNITIshiodori Tai
(ISH KOO)
Sig. Sec.
(30 ffrs
154 men.)

SATO TAI



Note:-

It is thought possible that the 1st Coy of each Bn in this REGT. may have been 2 quick firing Coy. NO5 QF was identified in the same area as NO5 Coy 238 INF REGT.

HQ Han 1 PI 2 PI 3 PI 1 PI 2 PI 3 PI
W. Jinji 2/Lt Tanaka P/O Onaka P/O Hozumi
Mitsugo Kenta Tetsugoshi Furio
(last identified Finschhafen def. area)
(20 ffrs, 2 P/O, 1 WO, 124 OR)

51 Div (450)

102 Inf Regt
Tobu 37.

Indep Engrs.

115 Inf Regt
Tobu 384th Fd. Hq
MOTO 2816 Butai
TSURUBU.

3. BN.

30 Indep engr
regt.
Mo 6017
Murai Butai8 Shipping
Engr Coy
Akatsuki 2503

Unfilaced Coys 115 Regt.

Sato Tai
(Coy?)Kato Tai
(Coy?)Eda Tai
(probably HMA Coy)(Calling cards found
on bodies)

HAN No 2

Ebihara Tai
CoyHashimoto Tai
11 Coy.(possibly same Coy)
(calling cards found
on bodies)

Japanese OOB.

Finschhafen

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Unplaced Coys.

1 4 Bn 90 Regt 35 DIV (PWS Unreliable)

2 Western ^{STIBU} (~~50184~~) 52 Butai

3 Saeki Defence Tai.



JAP. UNITS

INSCHAFEN AREA

Authority 9 Div Intelligence

(附兵十中司敵報)

DATE	UNIT	Sub Unit	Identified by	Approx. Strengths	Previous Location	Remarks
9x22 Sept	80 regt	2 bn	Unit papers	1200	lengths were middle of August	Should be well up to strength
27 Sept		3 bn	Operation Order		2000 August	
		HQ	order			
13 Aug 27 Sept	238 regt	6 Coy-2 bn 9 Coy-3 bn elements	Operation order	170	This area - August 3 bn - LAE August	30 of 9 Coy reached LAE remainder probably remaining survivors.
8 Sept	51 Div	staging	order	200		Remnants from SALAMAU - LAE
30 June	21 regt	11 Coy-3 bn 4 Indep Coy		100		doubtful if still in area
	Engns			300		
	51 Engt. Regt	2 Coy.				
	NAVAL Troops			300		No details
	Ex Hopoi	two coys mixed up.		150		These troops withdrawn towards this area.
	Total			7470		

海

軍

(昭和十七年九月)

70 Sep.

MORISADA Coy. 2bn

Identified KAIAPIT

Sep.

2589 2bn 780 regt. elements only

had been MONGI R. area.

pay back captured at
GUMBUK 13 Sep - 6 Coy 239 regt.

海

軍

Japanese - O.O.B.

Authority. 9 Div Summary II
I Corps. Summaries

Einschhafen area
(2420)

80 Inf regt.
(1200)

238 Inf regt.
(170)

51 Div (9 Sep)
(200)
Elements
staging
(Remnants from
Salamaua-Lae)

Bagul)
21 REGT. (100)
(doubtful if
still in area)

ENCRS
(300)

2bn
9-22 Sep.

3bn

HQ

20 Sep.
MORISADA Coy.
2bn. Identified
KAIAPIT.

25 Sep.
elements only 2bn.
had been MONI.R.
area.

2bn

6 Coy.
(13 Aug)

Note:- Paybook
captured GUMBUK
13 Sep. 6 Coy 238 regt.

Ex. Hopoi
(50)
two coys mixed
Tps.
(these tps with drawn
towards this area)

3bn (in LAE Aug)

9 Coy.
(27 Sep)

Note:- 30 of 9 Coy reached
LAEO remainder
probably remaining
survivors.

4 Indep
Coy

2 Coy
51 regt.

NAVAL Tps
(No details)

Japanese OOB
Finschhafen

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Proposed Garrison for FINSCHHAFFEN

Army Garrison
TAI
(4000)

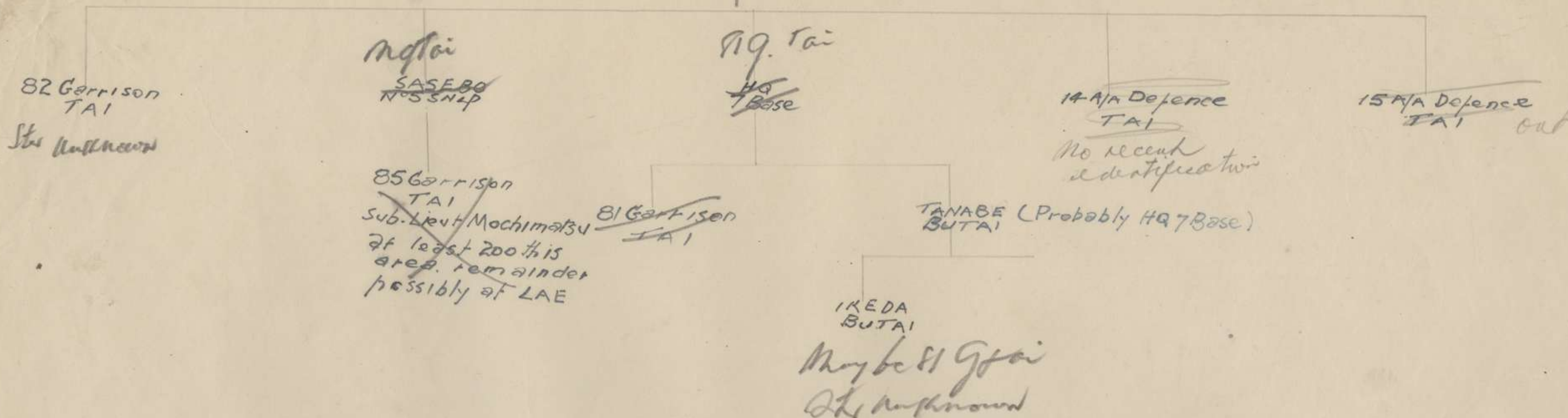
Naval Garrison
TAI
(1000)

Note:-

1000 tps (80 Inf regt) are definitely known to have arrived. In addition probably other ARMY TPS in this area, probably NOT included in the 4000 Army Garrison TAI.

FINSCHHAFFEN GARRISON (NAVAL)

HQ 7 Base (Robone?)



Note:

Naval tps only were encountered in close vicinity - FINSCHHAFFEN.

Japanese OOB.
Finschhafen

Finschhafen Garrison (NAVAL)

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Note. Naval tps only were encountered
in close vic. Finschhafen.

82 Garrison
TAI
(strength unknown)

Naval Garrison
TAI

HQ Base

14 AA Defence
TAI
(may not be present)

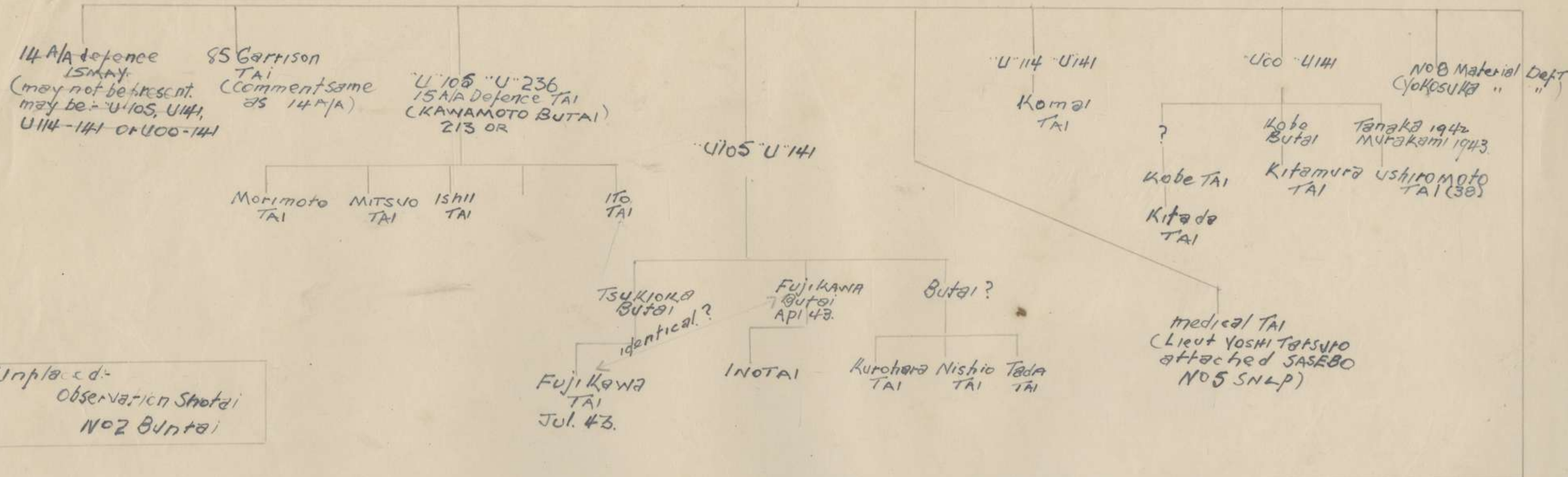
15 AA Defence
TAI

81 Garrison
TAI

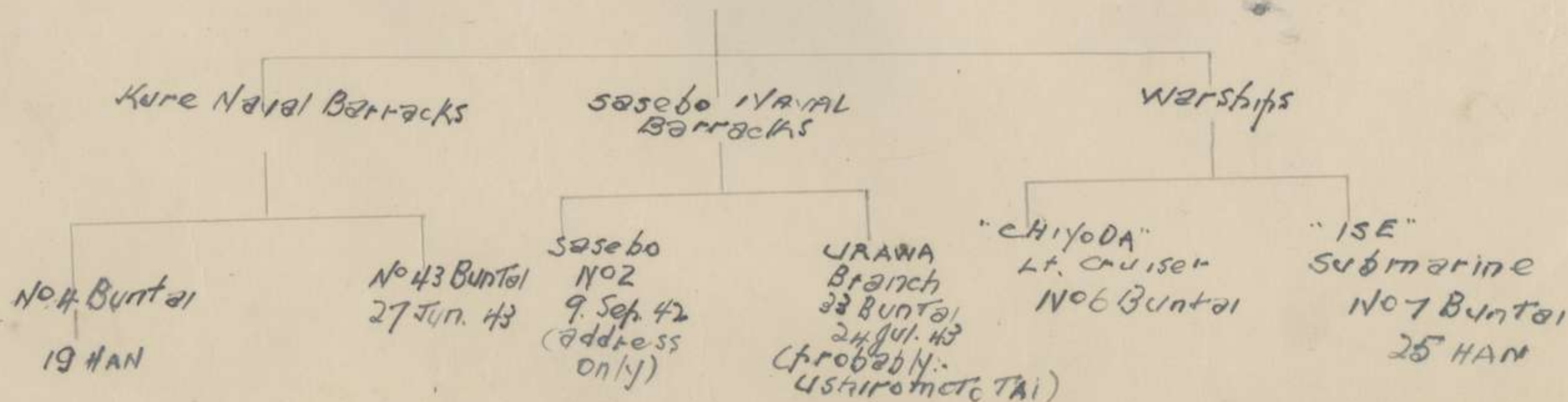
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(may be HQ Base)

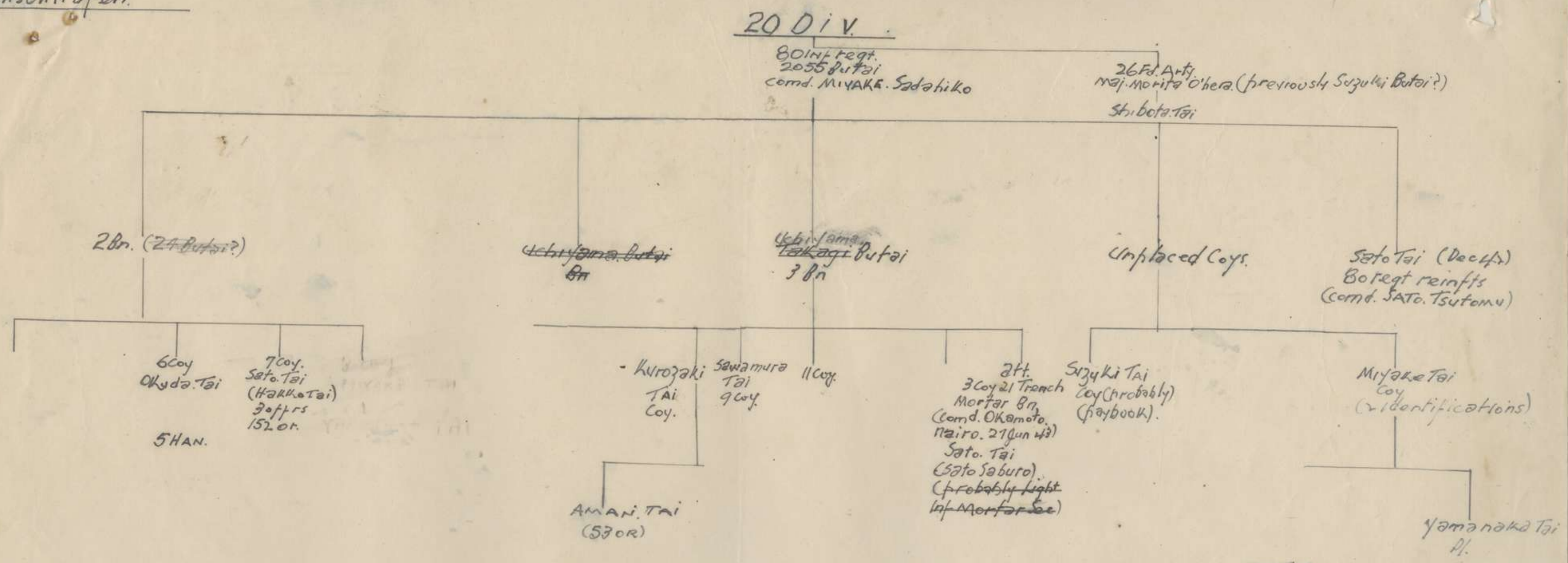
Ikeda Butai
(may be 81 Garrison TAI
Strength unknown)

Note: May be SASEBO NO5 SNLP (~~Lieut YOSHI TATSUO~~)
(Rear Admiral CHIBA Keizo)

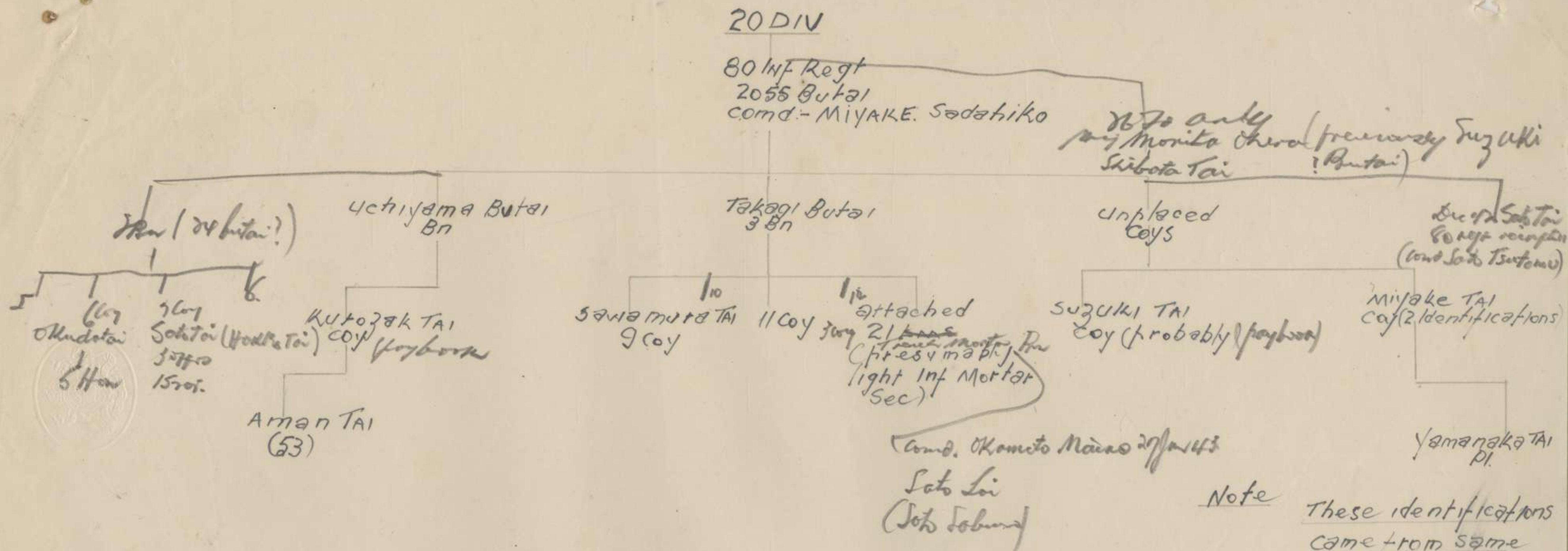


Tps from Naval Barracks and Warships
Note: It is possible that these sub-units
are identical with some sub-units above





Note - Identifications from
same area as
Sawamura documents.



Note

These identifications
came from same
area as SAWAMURA
documents.

Note:-

It is possible that TAKAGI had
taken over comd. 80 INF Regt &
in this area, and that UCHIYAMA
BN may be 2 bn from the area
in which the identifying document
was found.

Japanese OOB.
Finschhafen

ARMY TROOPS

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41 Div (800)
Comd: Lt. Gen ABE Heisuke (Maj Gen Shoji Ryoshi)

238 Regt KAWA3565 Butai
Comd. Col. KASHIWAGI

Regt
coys

QF Coys ☐

2BN

Maj. TASHIRO Shigeri Butai
(may be 2bn)

5coy
(Captured
O.O.)

Coy
(1st Lieut UIMAGORI Yoshio
maybe 5coy?)

IMAMURA Butai
Tpt Coy
(post card address)

Sutloka TAI
Inf Gun Coy
(MANUAL)

No 1 QF Coy
(note book)

No 5 Q.F.
Coy
MASAKI TAI
(probably without
guns. sitref captured)

Unplaced Coy - UYEDATAI.

Note.

It is thought possible that the
1st Coy of each BN in this REGT
may have been a quick firing
Coy. No 5 QF Coy was identified
in the same area as No 5
238 Inf Regt.

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FINSCHHAVEN GARRISON [NAVAL]

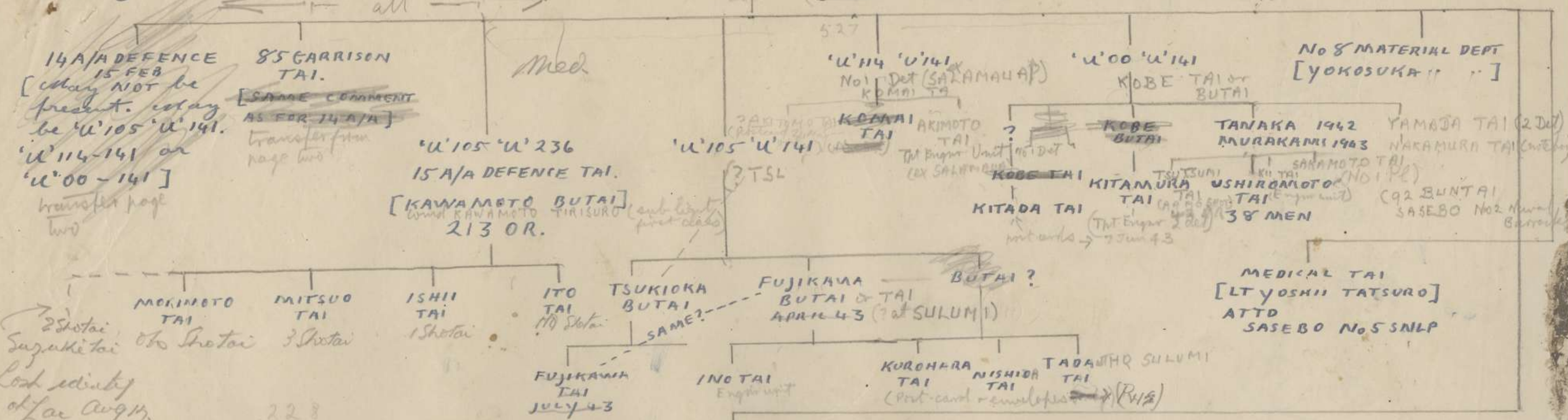
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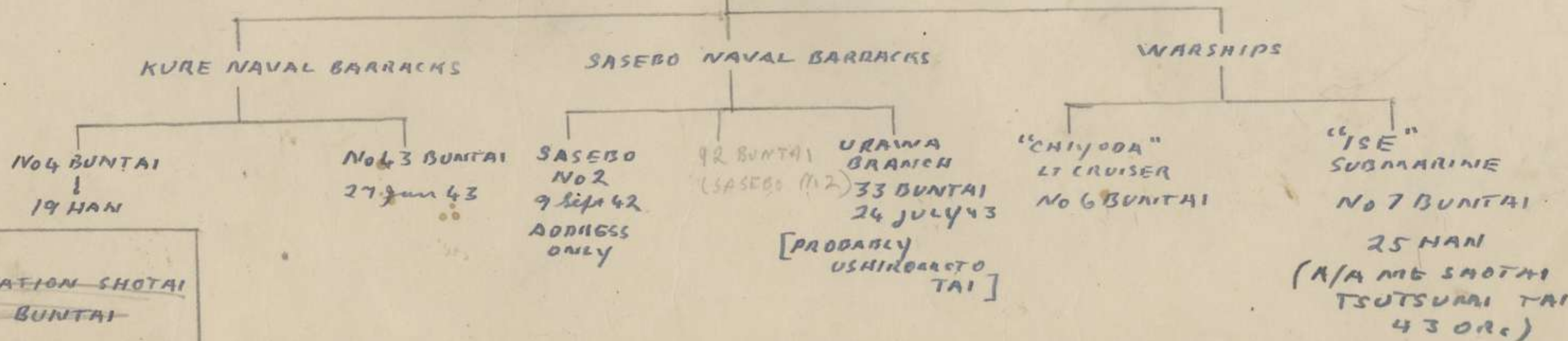
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NAVAL GARRISON TAI [1000 MEN]

NOTE:- ^{is a det of} ~~may be~~ SASEBO No 5 SNLP [LT YOSHII TATSURO] (COMDR. REAR ADMIRAL CHIBA KEIZO) (PW statement).



TROOPS FROM NAVAL BARRACKS & WARSHIPS
NOTE:- It is possible that these sub-units are identical with some of the sub-units mentioned above.



UNPLACED
OBSERVATION SHOTAI
No 2 BUNTAI

Manning Chart

Non Reports to Ships and from
gun via Cape Gloucester
night

ARMY GARRISON FINSCHHAVEN [PROPOSED 4000, 1000 KNOWN]

20 DIV (approx 1200)

80 INF REGT
2055 BUTAI
COMO MIYAKE

26 Fd. Art
(MORITA, Obara Maj) (previously SUZUKI
SHIBATA TAI 230 TAI)

2 Bn (24 BUTAI?) UCHIYAMA BUTAI
BN

Uchiyama.
TAKAGI BUTAI
3 BN.
COMO. MAY 4.

26 Fd. Art
(MORITA, Obara Maj)
CHD 2059

UNPLACED
COYS.

6 Coy
OKUDAWA
SATO TAI (HAKKO TAI)
(30/12/43 152 OR)

KUROZAKI TAI
Coy (Paybook)

OTR TAI
(INDUKE)

AMAN TAI
PL.
53 ORs.

SAWAMURA TAI
9 Coy

11 Coy

ATTD:-

3 Coy 21 LMS
Trench Mortar Bn (COMO OKAMOTO, NAIRO)
[Presumably SATO TAI
Light Infantry (SATO SABURO)
Mortar Sec.]

SUZUKI TAI
Coy [PROBABLY] (Paybook)
(COMO OKAMOTO, NAIRO)
27 Jun 43

MIYAKE TAI
Coy [2 IDENTIFICATIONS]

YAMANAKA TAI
PL.

NOTE:- These identifications
came from same area
as SAWAMURA documents.

How Lokapi tried on Moron. directed to 30

NOTE:- It is possible that TAKAGI had
taken over command of 80 Regt tps.
in this area, and that UCHIYAMA Bn
may be 3 Bn from the area in which
the identifying document was found.

80 Regt or
(? 21 Regt)

TOYOHARA TAI Coy

IKEDA TAI (PL)
(incl Sgt SUZUKI)

KUBOTA TAI

MURASHIMA
TAI

ARMY TROOPS.

800

41 DIV

COMDR LT GEN ABE. HEISUKE. (Maj Gen SHOGE Ryoshi)

550

238 REGT (Comp Regt)
KAWA 3565 BUTAI
COMD Col KASHIWABE.

REGTL Coys ~~KAWA 3565 BUTAI~~ Q.F. Coys [1]

1 BN

2 BN

KAWA 3567 BT

3572 BUTAI

MAJ TASHIRO SHIGERU BUTAI

ISHIODORI TAI

(ISH. KOO)

Sig Sec

30 fms 154 m

IMAMURA BUTAI
TPT Coy
[POST CARD ADDRESS]
KUMAGAI TAI
(Paybook)

SUTIOKA TAI
INF GUN Coy
[MANUAL]
(identical with KUMEHARA TAI)

No 1 Q.F.
Coy
[NOTEBOOK]
(identical with KUMEHARA TAI)

No 5 Q.F.
Coy
MASAKI TAI
[PROBABLY WITHOUT GUNS]
[SIT. REP. CAPTURED]

5 Coy
[CAPTURED O.O.]
2 PL
TADA TAI
(under command of 8 Coy for ops)

6 Coy 238 INF
(SUDA TAI)

8 Coy
[1ST LT UMAGORI YOSHIRO]
MAY BE 5 COY?
TADA TAI
(prob. O.H.)

UNPLACED Coy:- UYEDA TAI
SUDA TAI (Post Card work)
KUMEHARA TAI

NOTE:- It is thought possible that
the 1st Coy of each BN in this
REGT may have been a quick-firing
Coy. No 5 Q.F. Coy was identified in
the same area as No 5 Coy 238 INF REGT.

FUJIYAMA TAI
YOSHIDA TAI

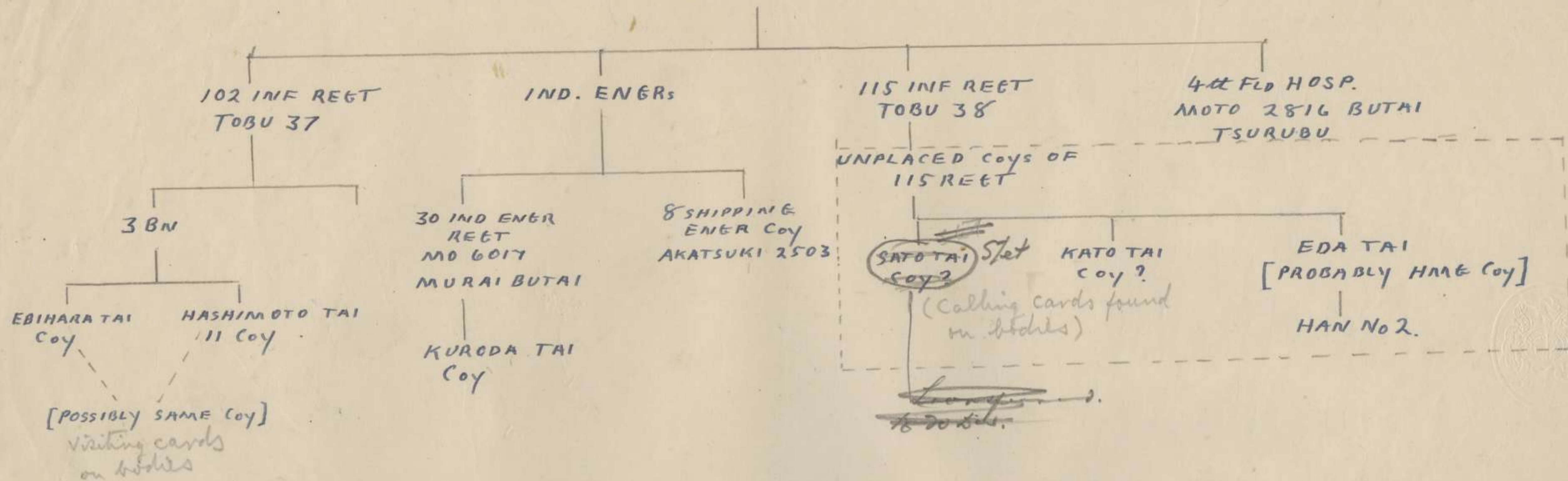
HQ HAY
WO JINJI
MITSUGO
1 PL
2nd Lt
TANAKA KENJI
2 PL
Prob Off
ONUKA
Tetsuichi
3 PL
Prob Off
HOZUMI, Fujio

Lot 20 fms 200 fms 100 fms 124 OR
(Identified Suda TAI area)
(Inach def area)

JAP ARMY TROOPS.

51 Div

450



JAP. 00B. FINSCH.

UNPLACED UNITS.

1. 4 BN 90 REGT 35 DIV [UNRELIABLE PW STATEMENT]
2. KAWA 3567 BUTAI [ADJT KINUGAWA TAKASI] POSSIBLY RECCE REGT 41 DIV.
3. WESTERN [SEIBU] 52 BUTAI
4. SAEKI DEFENCE TAI
5. KUMEHARA TAI.

20 AUST INF BDE.

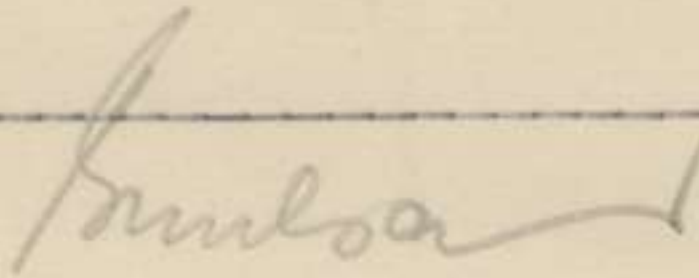
OPERATION ORDERS.

SEP. '43.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 2/43 bns, 2/12 fd regt, 2/3 fd coy, MLO.
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde, No. 0.415. 2.

00 No 15 (.) ref map 1/25000 (.) INFM enemy has been driven out of FINSCHHAFEN area remnants retreating by mountain trs northwards to SATELBERG area (.) INTENTION 26 bde will complete occupation FINSCHHAFEN and LANGEMAK BAY areas and pursue and harass retreating enemy SATELBERG area (.) METHOD 2/13 bn will continue to occupy present posn and be responsible for salvage and clearance FINSCHHAFEN area (.) 2/15 bn will move one coy to area KOLEM PTN and continue patrolling and salvage on NUGIDU peninsula (.) 2/17 bn will move to astride FINSCHHAFEN-SATELBERG tr in vicinity KUMAWA 565644 in accordance with instns issued separately to cut off retreating enemy and conduct offensive ops northwards toward SISI (.) 2/43 bn will maintain pressure on enemy and make contact with its isolated dets (.) 2/12 fd regt will sup one FOO to move with 2/17 bn and will report to bn assembly area vicinity tr and main rd junc approx 630641 (.) 2/3 fd coy will sup one pl to move with 2/17 bn reporting assembly area 0830 hrs (.) native guides are being supplied by Lt-Col. ^{ALLAN} WALLEN and will be sta at bn assembly area and at jeep head approx 612631 (.) No 9 pl PIB will report this HQ as soon as possible and will subsequently be under comd 2/17 bn (.) 2/17 bn will move with two days sup on man and amm scale as orderd by comd 2/17 bn (.) zone K time to be used for MT move and reporting NOT zone L time.

 M. J.

IMMEDIATE PHONE. TOO. 2135 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 2/43 bns, 2/12 fd regt, 2/3 fd coy, MLO.
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.391. 30.

00 No 14 (.) INFM 2/15 bn adv SE as far as west bank ILEBBE CK striking
line of enemy MG pists on high ground on east of ck(.) INTENTION 20 bde
will continue ops against FINSCHHAFFEN (.) METHOD 2/13 bn will capture
and hold CITY area zero 1200 hrs (.) 2/15 & 2/17 bns will sp attack
by fire on SALANKAUA PTN and CITY areas(.) 2/15 bn will be prepared
cross ILEBBE CK and capture enemy posns if opportunity presents itself(.)
B coy 2/17 bn to be notified before any adv across ILEBBE ck is attempted
(.) 2/15 bn will hold high ground vicinity 629589(.) 2/17 bn remains bde
res one hrs notice as from 1100 hrs(.) 2/12 fd regt will sp attack by hy
concentrations and observed fire in CITY area arranged through FOO(.)
coord airstrike gen area of attack has been requested not before 1100
not after 1200 hrs (.) ack.

if liable
etc etc.

Bulc MAJ. IMMEDIATE PHONE. TOO 2135 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 2/43 bn, 2/12 fd regt, 2/3 fd coy, MLO.
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.381. 29.

GO No 13 (.) ref map 1/25000 (.) INFM enemy continue resistance with mortars MGs and one 75mm vicinity SALANKAUA PTN (.) own tps 2/43 bn and sub-unit services come under comd on landing night 29/30 sep (.) No 10 pl PIB passes from 2/13 to come under comd 2/15 bn (.) 2/15 bn approaching ILEBBE CK, 2/13 bn approaching TRIANGLE ops proceeding (.) INTENTION 20 bde will continue ops to isolate enemy SALANKAUA PTN and capture FINSCHHAFEN (.) METHOD 2/13 bn will capture CITY and exploit eastwards north of inter-bn bndy and determine enemy posns that area (.) 2/43 bn will relieve SATELFORCE (less No 9 pl PIB) which comes under comd 2/43 bn (.) relief earliest possible on 30 sep tasks in accordance instns issued separately (.) on relief SATELFORCE 2/17 bn will concentrate present posn and will be prepared to relieve C coy 2/15 bn at mouth R BUMI (.) 2/12 fd regt will provide two FOOs with 2/43 bn (.) C coy 2/2 MG bn less two pls will assemble with 2/17 bn (.) two pls come under comd 2/43 bn one pl to remain NORTH HILL (.) 2/3 fd coy will open up jeep tr across R BUMI vicinity MT ford 632600 as soon as possible (.) No 10 pl PIB will report and harass enemy mvt on trs leading ex FINSCHHAFEN-TIRIMORO-SATELBERG (.) sups and AP remain present location but will move fwd vicinity 633609 as soon as situation permits (.) place and time opening to be notified (.) ack.

if liable
etc etc.

Smiles Maj. IMPORTANT. TOO. 1405 hrs.

Instns to sigs: phone 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 2/3 fd coy
Copy 2/43 bn to MLO for transmission, and MLO by SDR.
2/12 fd regt already issued.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13,2/15,2/17 bns,2/12 fd regt,2/3 fd coy,MLO.
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No.0. 375. 28.

OO No 11 (.) ref photo map FINSCHHAFEN (.) INFM enemy activity vicinity
TIMBER and SATELBERG increasing (.) own tps gained high ground over-
looking CITY inflicting some casualties on enemy (.) A and D coys,No 4
pl 2/17 bn and No 9 pl PIB revert comd 2/17 bn forthwith (.) INTENTION
20 bde will capture and hold CITY ridge area (.) 2/15 bn will continue
probing enemy def north and incl KING ST(.) 2/17 bn less SATELFORCE
remain fwd bde res present location (.) SATELFORCE consisting A and D
coys,No 4 pl 2/17 bn and No 9 pl PIB all under comd capt LC MACLARN
will control main SATELBERG rd and trs leading into beachhead and our
L of C (.) C coy 2/3 aust pnr bn remains present location to protect
gun areas and with one pl,assist with sups in fwd areas (.) bde HQ

at 140178

if liable

etc etc.

Means;by LO to 2/3 fd coy and MLO,remainder sigs.

Maj.

IMPORTANT. TOO 1140 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13,2/15,2/17 bns,2/12 fd regt,rptd MLO.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.378. 28.

OO no 12 (.) ref map 1/25000(.)INFM pockets of enemy in high ground
KREUTBERG RANGE sniper opposition to adv 2/13 bn 28 sep(.)own tps adv to
area TRIANGLE-CITY spur(.)INTENTION 20 bde will continue adv against
FINSCHHAFEN to isolate enemy in SALANKAUA PTN(.)METHOD 2/13 bn with not
more than 2 coys will,as soon as possible after first lt,patrol to det-
ermine enemy disposns and subsequently capture CITY(.)exploitation if
possible east toward PORT PHILLIP(.)2/15 bn will hold JULIS with not
less than one coy and exploit eastward(.)limit of exploitation ILEBBE
ck to gain suitable rd crossing vicinity MT ford(631600)(.)continue
demonstration and pressure on enemy at mouth R BUMI(.)2/17 bn in bde
res will be at one hrs notice as from 0700 hrs(.)SATELFORCE as in OO
No 11(.) arty in sp by observed fire and concentrations TRIANGLE from Z
to Z plus three mins,CITY Z to Z plus five and Z plus eight to Z plus
fifteen,PLANTATION area irregular bursts Z to Z plus twenty,X rds KING
& GEORGE STS Z to Z plus fifteen,observed fire SOAP and PLANTATION area
east ILEBBE ck(.) zero to be notified when 2/13 bn coys in posn
if liable etc etc.

Maj.

Instns to sigs. TOO.2020 hrs.

to be phoned first lt 29 sep.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15 bns, rptd 2/17 bn, 2/12 Fd Regt.
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.360. 24.

OO No 9 (.) INFM (.) enemy no change known (.) airstrike has been arranged on FINSCHHAFEN and KOLEM (.) ref photo maps (.) INTENTION after securing KREUTBERG RANGE 2/13 and 2/15 bns will exploit by patrols to determine enemy disposns (.) METHOD inter-bn bndy all incl 2/15 bn line of rd running west from SALANKAUA PTN through to approx 140140 (.) 2/13 bn will hold KREUTBERG RANGE with not less than two coys (.) employ one coy initially patrols FINSCHHAFEN area if not occupied by enemy despatch second coy to help occupy (.) OBJECT one patrol to control rd SIMBANG-(1211)-KOLEM PTN at vicinity 138113 approx (.) 2/15 bn to patrol from bridgehead to east and if unoccupied will occupy up to and incl inter-bn bndy (.) 2/12 fd regt will sp op by observed fire and concentrations on KAKAKOG HOSPITAL area, FINSCHHAFEN village (152135) and tr junc (150130) and tr junc (148113) to start 1200 hrs unless otherwise advised (.) bns to advise by all means when concentrations most desired (.) NOT before airstrike (.) concentrations twenty mins (.) FOOS to engage only within

own sectors

If liable

etc etc.

Maj.

T00.0945 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15 & 2/17 bns, 2/12 Fd Regt.
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.361. 24.

OO No 10 (.) ref photo map (.) INFM enemy dug-in in posns SALANKAUA PTN area (.) own tps estimated high ground south R BUMI vicinity 135140 (.) INTENTION 20 bde will secure KREUTBERG RANGE with view exploitation as in OO no 9 (.) 2/13 bn will pass through 2/15 bn bridgehead with not less than two days rations and amm (.) bn will report when established before any exploitation attempted (.) 2/15 bn will maintain pressure mouth R BUMI and prevent any enemy crossing that area (.) airstrike has been requested for 25 sep bomblines same as for 24 sep not after 1200 hrs (.) ack

If liable etc etc.

Maj.

T00.1605 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 2/13, 2/15 & 2/17 Bns, MLO, 2/12 Fd Regt, 2/3 Fd Coy.
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 348. 22.

00 No 7 (.) ref photo map FINSCHHAFEN (.) some enemy pockets resistance have been cleared from KATIKA-HELDSBACH area (.) INTENTION 20 bde will continue adv on FINSCHHAFEN (.) METHOD 2/17 bn will control approaches to beachhead excl R SONG incl rd to SATELBERG moving one coy first lt to relieve D coy 2/13 bn at ZAG and one coy to hold tr from KATIKA to NW (.) 2/15 bn as soon as possible after first lt will adv with first objective R BUMI (.) 2/13 bn on relief D coy at ZAG will, when 2/15 bn passes through its FDLs, assemble in area HELDSBACH PTN-LAUNCH JETTY area and be prepared to adv at 30 mins notice (.) C coy 2/2 MG bn with TK A pl 2/17 bn under comd will hold northern approaches to beachhead from coast to incl R SONG (.) ack.

If liable
 etc etc.

MAJ.

T00.1625 hrs

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15 & 2/17 bns, rptd MLO.
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 356. 23.

00 No 8 (.) ref photo map FINSCHHAFEN and 1/25000 (.) INFM 2/15 bn contacted enemy mouth R BUMI occupied KAMLOA PTN and continued to engage dug-in enemy posns south bank R BUMI (.) INTENTION 20 bde will continue adv to FINSCHHAFEN-LANGEMAK BAY (.) METHOD 2/15 bn will maintain pressure on enemy in KAMLOA area and gain bridgehead in vicinity 135139 (.) 2/13 bn less one coy will move by high ground west of main rd pass through bridgehead and occupy KREUTBERG RANGE overlooking FINSCHHAFEN (.) one coy 2/13 bn remains in bde res and protect guns in vicinity FINSCHHAFEN airstrip (.) 2/17 bn less two coys will be prepared at two hrs notice as from 0600 hrs to move south as bde res (.) 10 pl PIB will report bde HQ as soon as practicable for further orders (.) adm sups and amn LAUNCH JETTY (.) med car post established 145173 (.)

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If liable
 etc etc.

Maj.

T00.1650 hrs.

MOST SECRET.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

29 Sep 43.

C O P Y N O.

Lt-Col JOSHUA, Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

Copies to:

Maj J.R.BROADBENT.

Capt L.C.MACLARN.

OP INSTN.

1. Own and enemy disposns and activities west of SCARLET BEACH, see special Intelligence Summary issued separately.
2. You will, after landing, relieve the tps known as SATELFORCE described in Intelligence Summary. This relief to be completed as speedily as possible to enable 2/17 Bn to concentrate for ops against FINSCHHAFEN.
3. On completion of relief you will undertake the following tasks:-
 - (a) Control of all routes leading into the BEACHHEAD and HELDSBACH PTN area from the north, north-west and the SATELBERG areas.
 - (b) Make recce and preparations for the capture of enemy posn vicinity SISI (571658) and SATELE RG. No attack to be launched for this purpose without ref to me.
4. For these tasks you will have under comd the following tps:-

Two pls C coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
No 9 Pl PIB.

and in sp:-

C Tp 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.

Other arty sp can be arranged in an emergency, or for an attack.

Two FOOs are reporting to you 30 Sep 43.
5. The control of the feature named NORTH HILL immediately north of R SONG, now the responsibility of the MLO, will be taken over by you.
6. MLO remains responsible for the close def of SCARLET BEACH proper and has under comd all tps within the BEACHHEAD area other than yours.

Comd, 20 Aust Inf Bde. Brig.

SUBJECT: CODENAMES.

The following will be taken into use forthwith:-

<u>Code Name.</u>	<u>Meaning.</u>
TRIANGLE.....	3 HOUSES (632589).
CITY.....	KAKAKOG HOSPITAL (635589)
JULIS.....	FEATURE HELD BY B & D COYS 2/15 bn (629595)
SOAP.....	KEDAM PT.
GEORGE ST.....	RD RUNNING SOUTH THROUGH SALANKAUA PTN TO FINSCHHAFEN (640587).
KING ST.....	INTER BN BNDY.
PITT ST.....	SOUTH RD FROM FINSCHHAFEN TO LANGEMAK BAY.
MAC.....	McKEDDY OP VICINITY 623600.
PASTE.....	KOLEM VILLAGE (645570).
CRACKERS.....	SIMBANG (620559)
TIMBER.....	BUTTAWENG SAWMILL.
PORT PHILLIP.....	MAIN FINSCHHAFEN HARBOUR.
PORT JACKSON....	LANGEMAK BAY.

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Additional Appx's.

MOST SECRET.
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
29 Sep 43.
C O P Y N O.

Lt-Col JOSHUA, Comd 2/45 Aust Inf Bn.
Copies to:
Maj J.R. BROADBENT.
Capt L.C. MACLAREN.

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3. On completion of relief you will undertake the following tasks:-
 - (a) Control of all routes leading into the BEACHHEAD and HELDSEACH PTH area from the north, north-west and the SATELBERG areas.
 - (b) Make recce and preparations for the capture of enemy posn vicinity SISI (571658) and SATELE RG. No attack to be launched for this purpose without ref to me.
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Brig.
Comd, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Native Area
28 Sep 43

To 20 Aust Inf Bde

Report re natives in FINSCHAFEN Area.

1. Following native villages have been contacted:-

KAMLOA TEREKO KIASAWA JIVEVENANG KUMAWA PALANKO
FIOR GURUNKOR and lulais and tultuls have been instructed
that each village must send a line of carriers under its tultul
to report to NATIVE AREA situated on QUOJA Rv ref photomap
FINSCHAFEN 133188.

11. Instructions have been given for word to be sent out to
further villages outside areas covered by above villages.
Natives have been ordered to report all Japanese movt and give
details of numbers in their areas. It is anticipated that many
more villages will report in the next few days.

111. Patrols are daily covering the areas between TEREKO tr
tr, QUOJA river, to KIAWASA tr and to WEST, also pushing out
to SOUTH WEST towards GURUNKOR and TIRIMORO, with particular
reference to the head water area of the QUOJA river. Their
instructions are to search for and report all enemy movts,
recce all native trs apart from main trs, contact and bring
in all natives and to assist any soldiers they meet in any way
required. These patrols consist of two or three natives armed
assisted by one or two local panokas and they are working
independently of, but in liaison with PIB.

iv. Spr ENNERSLEY, on loan from RAE, who has NG experience,
is being put in charge of a line of natives carriers to work
with SATELBERG force as from tomorrow, 29 Sep 43. Other
carriers will be made available for SC 20 Aust Inf Bde as they
become available.

v. Natives in area generally are living in the bush away from
their villages. They are generally very timid and frightened,
particularly of air bombing. The ones contacted so far are
definitely anti-Japanese and seem pleased and relieved to come
under Australian control, again. They seem anxious to assist our
efforts.

vi. Some native missionaries have been contacted, there is no
suggestion of any anti-British feeling or Nazi propoganda, and it
is suggested that it would be mistaken policy to remove any native
preachers or missionaries, if their attitude continues as at present.
The one white missionary, R. WAGNER, remaining in the district does
not seem to have taken any steps to assist the enemy during present
fighting, and I have been unable to discover any suggestion that he
is doing anything but remaining out of the area of present hostilities.

vii. Natives report that all mission stations in these areas were
looted by Japanese after the white missionaries had been evacuated.

ix. Two police boys, natives of MT HAGEN, reported to-day 28 Sep
43. They were in RABUAL during fighting there and one was an eye
witness of the beheading of 13 Aust soldiers, and the shooting of
five others, and was also present at ARAWA when the local natives
murdered many native refugees from RABAUL area. These two boys
were held by the enemy and were brought to FINSCHAFEN from TALASEA
at the end of Aug. They then escaped to the local natives.

x. As reported already principle requirements for dealing with
natives are tobacco, matches, razor blades and salt. Also, when
available lava-lavas.

xi. Native reports suggest that the Japanese obtained little
assistance in this area. They raided some gardens, eating

taro complete with leave, so that natives no longer had supplies to plant up with. But generally natives seem to have hidden in bush and avoided contact.

xii. Suggestions for ANGAU personnel are appended in Appx "A".

signed H.T. ALLAN Lt-col.

APPX "A" to report on natives in FINSCHAFEN AREA.

1. ADNLS, on arrival, to investigate and if possible make some payments to natives whose contracts had not terminated and who came back to their homes under Admin Instructions when Japs arrived.
2. Establishment as soon as possible of Medical Centre for native population. Native SILAS from KAMILOA, former No.1 Doctor boy in SALAMAUA Hospital, under Dr Sinclair, would be most suitable to put in charge.
3. Payment to natives of KAMILOA in respect of rescue of two Aust airmen who came ashore in rubber boat. Natives state that they were told a plane would come over and drop supplies of food by parachute.
4. Native area as already selected - map ref 614612 to be maintained until danger of bombing lessens. Present area will permit of wide dispersal, has good water and is covered by big bush which gives the natives more confidence. Suitable admin area for later occupation to be reced for later move.
5. Posn of paramount luluai, SARAMBE, of FIOR village to be investigated. Has not yet reported, and his removal from area to SALAMAUA temporarily, with substitution of new paramount luluai may have good effect.
6. Some payments for food or services to be made in cash as soon as possible to reestablish integrity of adm monetary system.

Subject: War Diary

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

Ref:

5 Jun 44

Military History Section,
LHQ

- Append*
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1. War Diaries (original) for Oct and Nov 43 are forwarded today under separate cover.
 2. Included as an appendix to War Diary for Oct is a copy of Brigade Commander's report on operations in FINSCHHAFEN.
 3. The narrative of events in the said report was carefully checked over with unit and sub-unit commanders and others involved in the various phrases of the operations. Where the account in earlier reports made by this Brigade differs from the report, the report will be taken as correct.
 4. The War Diary for September was despatched during a period when the Brigade Commander was absent from the Brigade, and was not checked by him. Where there is any material discrepancy, the narrative in the report must be read as the true account.
 5. Reference September War Diary under heading 1425 hrs 24 Sep, the paragraph should be corrected to read:-

Noted on War Diary
YLF
"2/15 Aust Inf Bn reported that D coy had successfully crossed the BUMI R and established itself in position at the top of a steep slope on the far side".

The position defended by JAPANESE marines of 15 AA Defence Tai with AA guns was that which was captured by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn (B and D coys) on the afternoon of 26 Sep, and was situated to the East of the position occupied on 24 Sep.

W.J.V. W. L. L. L.
Brig
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde

File with 20 Bde. Sep 43.
YLF

20 JUN 1944

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APPEND TO 20 AUGUST INF. BDE.
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Additional Appx.

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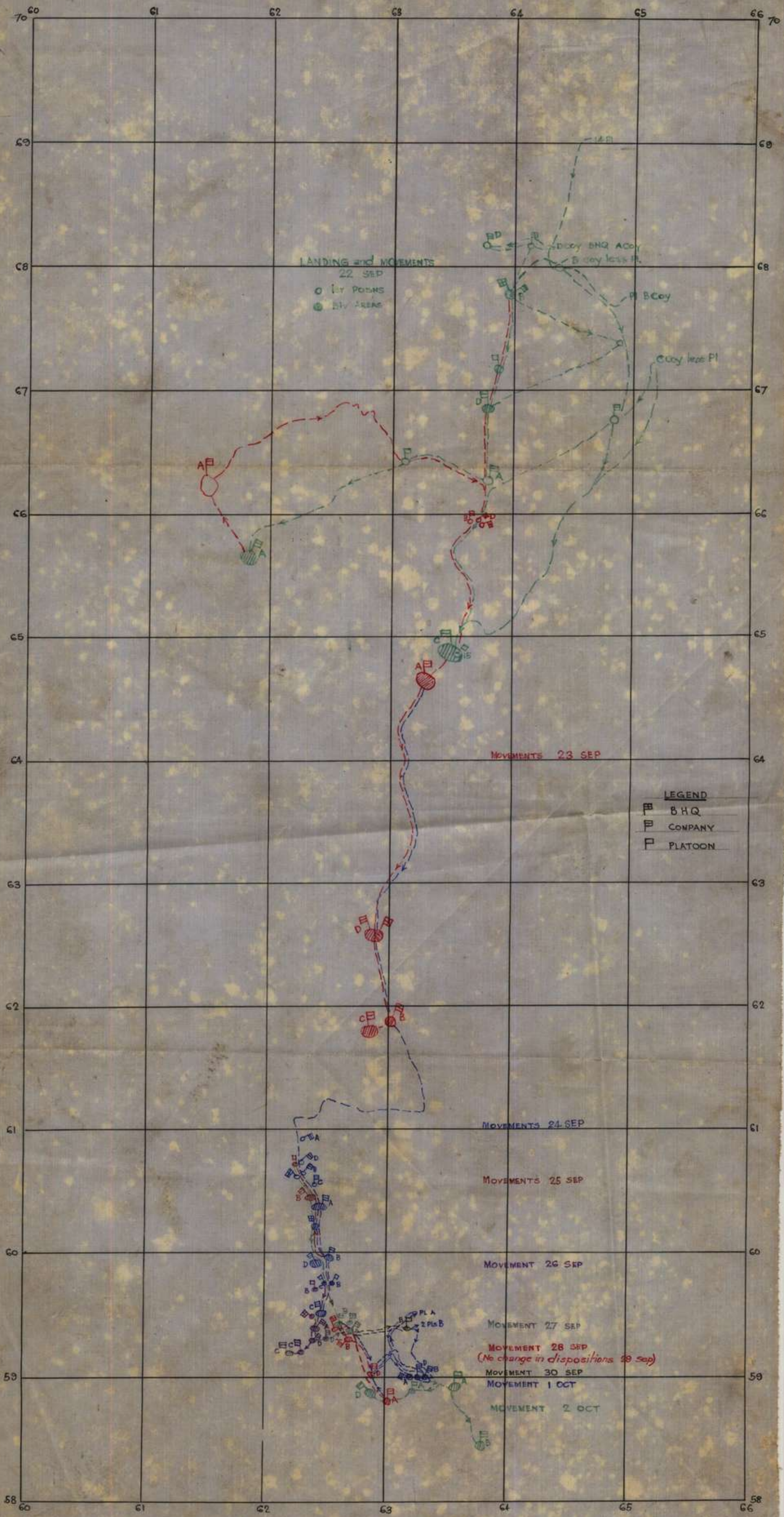


MOVEMENT 2/13 BN

22 SEP - 2 OCT

REF MAPS: SATELBERG & LANGEMAK BAY 1ST. SERIES

20th WD
1 Aug - 2 Oct 43



Information from 1 Sec 2/13 BN.

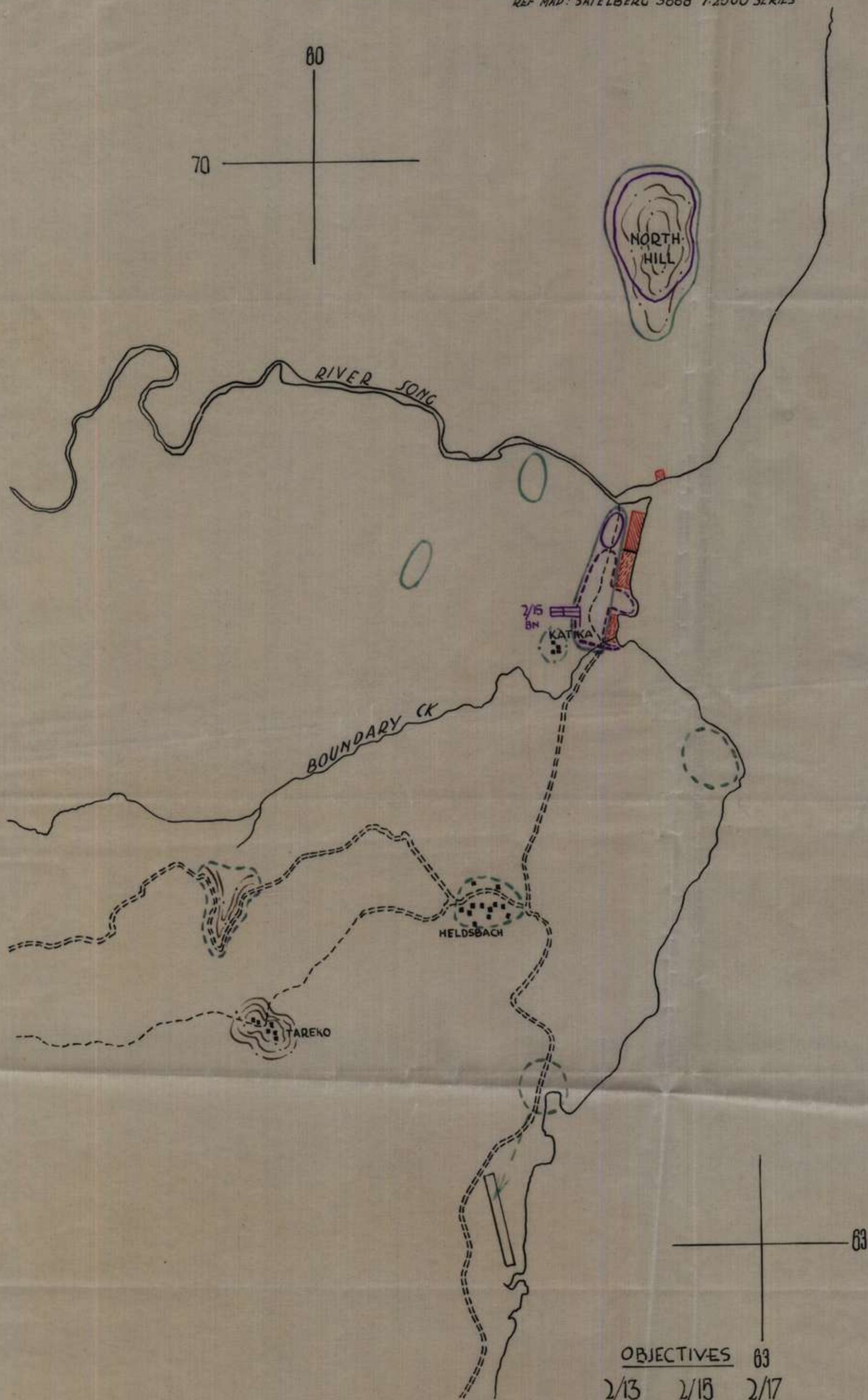
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Additional Appx for SEP, '43. 20km WD 1 Aug - 2 Oct 43

OPERATION DIMINISH

OBJECTIVES 1ST DAY

REF MAP: SATELBERG 3668 1:25000 SERIES



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2ND PHASE

3RD PHASE

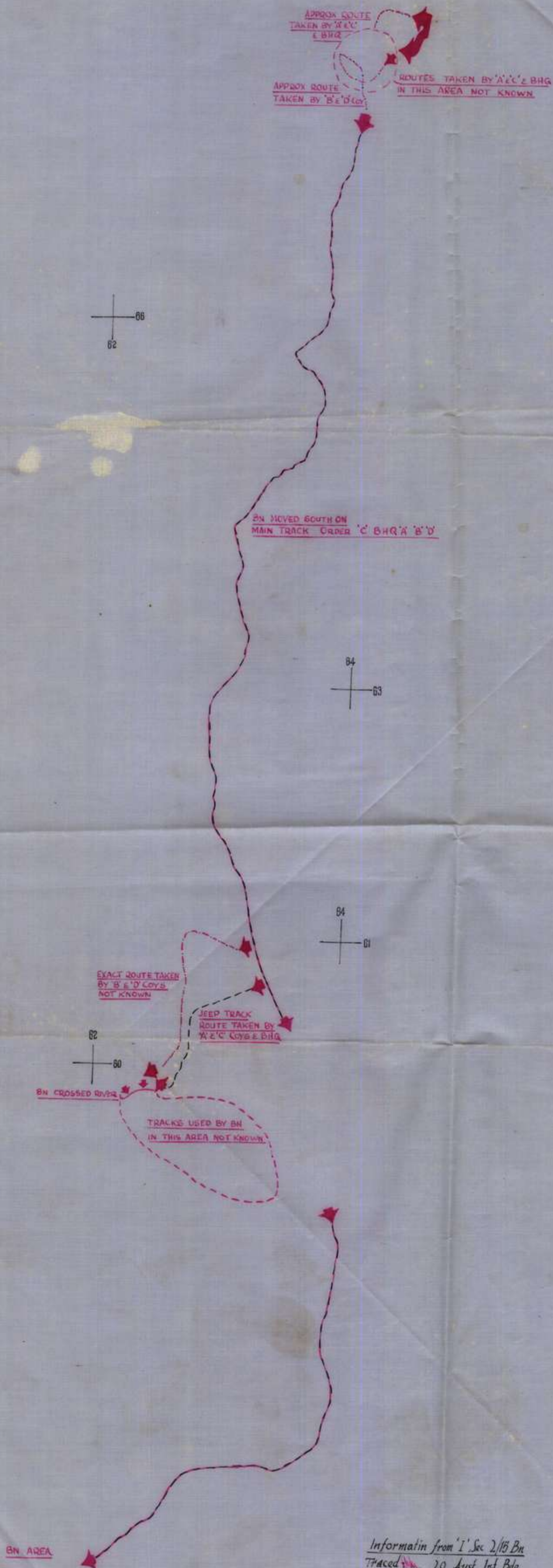
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PATROLS ----->

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	2/13	2/15	2/17
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ROUTES TAKEN BY 2/15 BN
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 REF MAPS: SATTELBERG LANGEMAK BAY 1:125000 1st SERIES
 TIME REF: 2/15 BN DISPOSITION TRACES



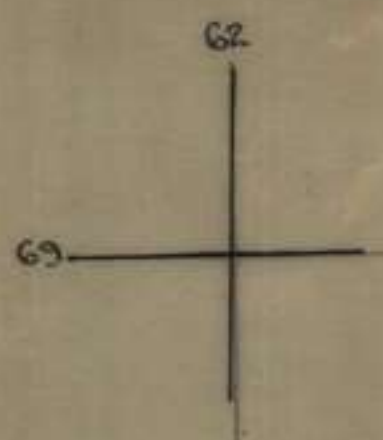
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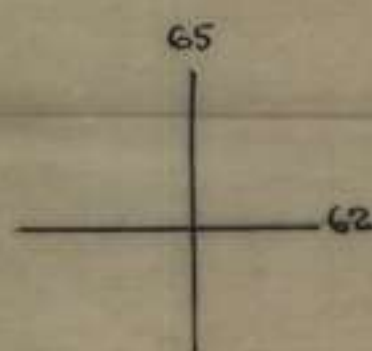
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22 SEP

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MOVEMENT 30 SEP
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/9/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 12 O.R's. 57 OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	ARML	1			
			2	W.Os. Class II.	ARML	3		1	NR
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	ARML	3			
			1	Staff Sergeants	ARML	1			
			3	Sergeants	ARML	3			
NR	1	2	6	Corporals	ARML	3			
10	10		35	Troopers, Privates, etc.	ARML				
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
10 *	11	2	48 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		14 *		1	NR *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	62									62
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	7/14/43			1	1/13/43		
1	2/14/43			1	2/15/43		
4	9/14/43			1	2/17/43		
2	8/14/43			3	L.O.C.		
3	3/2/43						
4	6/2/43						
	2/13/43						
1	2/13/43						
1	1/13/43						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 11/9/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
135322	PTE	WHITE O.K.	9/14/43 - AT PRESENT IN 2/14/43 COS.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/9/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettiers			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				CAT DRIVERS	10	8	2
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				TOOLS	9	8	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	8		HYD BUCKS	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				WATER "	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				SUB CIGARS	6	4	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				BATTERIES	13	10	3
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				GEN BUCKS	5	2	2*
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AROS	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				HAMEL	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				ARSL	4	3	149
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				REMF	3	3	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				ARIL	3	3	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				ARIL	3	3	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	6	6	-	CARRIED FORWARD	12	14	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	72	62	10

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

A.W. 2m hrs 9/43

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

JOINED during week.				
Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	HALLIDAY L.H.	HQ 9 AUST DIV	5.9.43	WOUNDED IN ACTION PREVIOUSLY ATTACHED HQ 3RD AUST LICO

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG	NX 396	W. J. V. WINDEYER	—	YES	COMD
MAJ	NX 328	B. V. WILSON	—	"	BM
CAPT	OX 6200	B. WILLIAMS	—	"	BM(L)
CAPT	YX 15146	H. M. HAMILTON	—	"	SIC
CAPT	OX 6196	H. P. JENSEN	—	"	SIC(L)
T/CAPT	NX 29407	G. F. J. HOLTERMAN	—	"	LO(I)
T/CAPT	NX 13029	H. J. WINSLOW	—	"	TO
LIEUT	OX 949	W. G. MURISON	—	"	LO(II)
LIEUT	NX 70750	R. W. HESLOP	—	"	LO(III)
SERVICES					
CAPT	NX 70449	A. J. WATERS	ASAC	YES	BASCO
CHAP	OX 12188	A. J. ROBERTSON	ASAC	NO	DET TO 2/13 BN
"	OX 22602	E. A. JAMES	"	"	DET TO 2/15 BN
"	NX 47864	W. L. BYRNE	"	"	DET TO 2/17 BN
OFFERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS					
LIEUT	NX 21195	MURPHY, D. W. B.	2/13 BN	18.6.43	I. O.
LIEUT	NX 21876	SEARLE, J. F.	2/13 BN	14.7.43	E. O.
MAJ	NX 34784	GREEN, P. B.	2/12 MG BN	16.8.43	ATT FOR DUTY
LIEUT	NX 15837	BREKTON, R.	"	28.8.43	do
LIEUT	NX 20728	MOULDER, V. C.	"	28.8.43	do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit.)

11 SEP 43 (Date of Despatch.)

H. J. Hamilton CAPT (Signature of Commander.)

50 20 AUST INF BDE 9 AUST DIV (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/9/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 12/3 OFFRS. 12 O.R's. 57 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	WACC	1			
			2	W.Os. Class II.	WAME	3			
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	WASC	4			
			1	Staff Sergeants	WACC	3			
			3	Sergeants	WACC	3			
NR	1	2	6	Corporals	WAME	1			
NR	11		34	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
NR *	12	2	47 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		15 *			*

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	62									62
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

43/8 Serial No.

Unit
**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25/9/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	22	-		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				108			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				98			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	68			11			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				11			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				64			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	44	-		Coach Trimmers				139			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				52			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				11			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				11			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				44			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				33			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				33			
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				33			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	22	-		CARRIED FORWARD	66	-		CARRIED FORWARD	1214	-		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	7262	*	

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

28 Sep 43
Date of Despatch

A.W. Form W.3009

Signature of Commander

WF 12-57 ATT 5-15
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AVT INF BDE (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
BRIG			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	4		
Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	8		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause
CHPT	WORTHLEY, MG	—	21.9.43	att for duty

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CHPT	WILLIAMS B	=	20.9.43	TO N&F AS G11-AIR
Lieut	MAUGHAN DWB	=	23.9.43	WOUNDED IN ACTION

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG	WX 396	W. J. V. WUNDERER	—	YES	COMD
MAJ	WX 328	C. V. WILSON	—	"	BM
CAPT	WX 15146	H. M. HAMILTON	—	"	3C
CAPT	WX 6196	H. C. JENSEN	—	"	81C(4)
11CAPT	WX 29407	G. F. J. MOLTISBAUM	—	"	LOF
11CAPT	WX 13024	H. J. WINSLOW	—	NO	LOF
LICUT	WX 949	H. G. MORISON	—	YES	LOH
LICUT	WX 70750	R. W. MESSLOP	—	"	LOH
SERVICES					
CAPT	WX 70449	H. J. WATERS	RAAC	YES	BA3CO
CAPT	WX 12188	H. J. ROBJOHNS	RAACD	NO	DET TO 2/13
CAPT	WX 22602	E. H. JAMES	"	"	DET TO 3/13
CAPT	WX 47664	W. L. GYANE	"	"	DET TO 3/13
OFFERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS					
LICUT	WX 21876	SEARLE	JE 2/1384	14743	LO
CAPT	WX 6157	WORTHLEY	MG 11978W	11943	BM(4)

(11) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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49 20 and Inf Bld
28 81 43 (Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

A. Heuser Capt
(Signature of Commander.)

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

43 / 9 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11/2/3. OFFRS. 12 O.R's. 57 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOL	1			
			2	W.Os. Class II.	ANSL	4			
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	ANME	3			
			1	Staff Sergeants	AAAL	1			
			3	Sergeants	AAALD	3			
NR	1	2	6	Corporals	AAAL	4	1		
NR	13		32	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
NR *	14	2	45 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		16 *	1		*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A		61									61
B(1)											
B(2)											

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2/10/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Mounted 8 8 HR			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				MT Drivers 10 8 HR			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	7		Hyd duties 1 1			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				water " 1 1			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Py duties 6 4 HR			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Battmen 13 8 HR			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				py duties 5 2 HR			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				HAOL 1 1			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				HAOL 1 1			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				HAOL 4 4			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				HAOL 3 3			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				HAOL 3 4			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				HAOL 3 3			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2		CARRIED FORWARD	6	6		CARRIED FORWARD	12	13		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	72	61	HR

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(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/10/1943 11820 and 2/13 Bde (Unit)
W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 12 O.R's. 57 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
NR NR NR	1 1 2		1	* BRIG	* ARSL	1								
			1	Lieut.-Colonels	ARCD	3								
			4	Majors	ARML	-		1	NR					
			2	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
NR	4	-	8			4		1	NR					
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	128									12
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
11821195	Lieut	MAUGHAN, DWB	2/13 BN	26.9.43	17/1 from 2/8 and 1st Amb 17.25!

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194.

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

43 / 9 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/10/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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Signature of Commander

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/10/1943 14020 and 511 (Unit

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 12 O.R's. 57 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

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Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

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43/10 Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9/10/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	22	-		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				1st DRIVER	10	7	NR
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				MT orderlies	9	8	NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	8	-	MT orderlies	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				MT orderlies	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				MT orderlies	6	4	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4	-	Coach Trimmers				Batman	13	8	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MT orderlies	5	2	NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				ADOC	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				ASL	4	4	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				ASIDE	3	3	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				ASIDE	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				ASIDE	3	3	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				ASIDE	3	4	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	22	-		CARRIED FORWARD	66	-		CARRIED FORWARD	12	14	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	72	61	NR

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9 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
13/10 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/10/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 12 O.R's 57 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's 15 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
NR	1		1	* ORIG Lieut.-Colonels	ARSL	1								
NR	1		1	Majors	ARND	3								
NR	2		4	Captains	ARND	-		1	NR					
			2	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
NR	4	-	8			4	-	1	-					
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
				A.		12								12
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK					
Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.					
Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/BRIG	NX396	WINDEYER	WJV	Comd	Yes		
MAJ	NX328	WILSON	BV	BM	"		
CAPT	VX151440	HAMILTON	HM	SC	"		
CAPT	QA6196	JENSEN	HP	SC(L)	"		
T/CAPT	NX29407	HOLTSBURN	GFT	LOI	"		
T/CAPT	NX13025	WINSLOW	HJ	TO	NO	LOB	22.9.43
LICUT	QA949	MURISON	VG	LOI	Yes		
LICUT	NX70750	MESLOR	RW	LOI	"		
CAPT	NX70449	WATERS	RJ	BASCO	Yes		
CHAP	SX12188	ROBJOHNS	RJ	-	NO	Padre 2/13 Bn	19.11.42
"	QA22602	TRIGES	EA	-	"	" 2/15 Bn	22.10.42
"	VX47864	BYRNE	WL	-	"	" 2/17 Bn	21.4.42

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Signature of Commander

43 / 11 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 10 3 / 1943 (Unit)

W.E. ¹¹ ² ³ / / OFFRS. ¹³ ¹² ⁵ O.R's. ⁵⁸ + OFFRS. ⁶ ¹⁵ O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinf'ts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOC	1	1	1	NR
			2	W.Os. Class II.	AASC	4			
			1	Squadron or Company	AEME	3			
			1	Quartermaster Sgts.					
			3	Staff Sergeants	AAMC	1			
NR	1	2	6	Sergeants	AACHD	3			
NR	1		31	Corporals	AACC	4	1		
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
NR *	1 16	2	44 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		16 *	2	1	NR *

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	*	*	TOTAL.
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.								
A	B - 60	A						[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			60
B(1)												
B(2)							[REDACTED]					

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/10 /1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	8					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	6	6	-	CARRIED FORWARD	12	14	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	73	*60*	NR

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18.10.43
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde43 / 11 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/10/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11 2 / 3 OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 58 + OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
			1	Brigadier										
				Lieut.-Colonels										
NR	1		1	Majors	AASC	1								
NR	2		4	Captains	AACHD	3								
NR	2		2	Lieutenants	AAMC	-		1	NR					
				Quarter-masters	AAOC	-		1	NR					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
NR	5	-	8			4	-	2	NR					
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	A Class									12
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK					
Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.					
Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194

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

43-72 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 10 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

17.10.43

Signature of Commander

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/10/1943 148 20 Aust 115 848 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 58 + OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOC	1	1	1	NR
			2	W.Os. Class II.	AAAC	1			
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AAAC	4			
			1	Staff Sergeants	AAAC	4	1		
			3	Sergeants	AAAC	3			
NR	1	2	6	Corporals	AAAC	2		1	NR
NR	15		31	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
NR *	16	2	44 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		15 *	2	2	NR *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
	A	59									59
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

[illegible]

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

[illegible]

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

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

Unit

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23/10/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheeler				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				MT orderlies	9	8	NR
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				TPT DRS	10	7	NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	8	-	WYB duties	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				WATER "	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Sig orderlies	6	4	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4	-	Coach Trimmers				Batmen	14	7	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				gun duties	5	2	NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	3	3	-				
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				HAOC A	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				BASE	4	4	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				REME	3	3	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				RAMC	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				RAAC	3	4	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				RAACD	3	2	NR
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	6	6	-	CARRIED FORWARD	12	14	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	73	59	NR

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde43 / 12 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/10/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11/ 2/ 3. OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 58 + OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
NR NR NR	1 3 2		1 3 2	1 Brig *	AASC AACHD AAMC AAOC	1 2 - -		1	NR				
				Lieut.-Colonels									
				Majors									
				Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
NR	6	-	7			3		3	NR				
DETAIL				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.				10									10
E.(1)													
E.(3)													

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK					
Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX52634	Capt	HALLIDAY, L.H.	HQ 9 Aust Div	21.10.43	Legal Officer
OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.					
Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX15146	Capt	HAMILTON, H.M.	2/3 Aust CCS	22.10.43	Malaria (?)
QX22602	Chap	JAMES, E.A.	2/3 Aust CCS	21.10.43	Sickness.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 10 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	NX 396	WINDEYER	W.J.V.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	NX 328	WILSON	B.V.	BM	"		
Capt	QX 6196	JENSEN	H.C.	SC L	"		
T/Capt	NX29407	HOLTSBAUM	G.F.J.	LO 1	"		
T/Capt	NX13029	WINSLOW	H.J.	-	No	LOB	22.9.43
Lieut	QX 949	MORISON	W.G.	LO11	Yes		
Lieut	NX70750	HESLOP	R.W.	LO 111	"		
Capt	NX70449	WATERS	A.J.	BASCO	Yes		
Chap	SX12188	ROBJOHNS	A.J.		No	Padre 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	19.11.42
Chap	VX47864	BYRNE	W.L.		No	Padre 2/15 Aust Inf Bn	21.4.42

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut T/Capt	NX21195	MAUGHAN, DWB	2/13 Bn	18.6.43	I.O.
Capt	SX 6157	WORTHLEY, MG	HQ 9 Div	21.9.43	BM L
Capt	NX52634	HALLIDAY, LH	HQ 9 Div	21.10.43	Legal Offr.

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Date of Despatch

A. Jensen Capt
Signature of Commander

43/13 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/10/1943...

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

..(Unit)

W.E. 17 2/3 OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 58 + OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOC	1	1	1	NR
			2	W.Os. Class II.	AASC	4			
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AAMC	1			
			1	Staff Sergeants	AACC	4	1		
			3	Sergeants	AEME	3			
NR	1	2	6	Corporals	AACHD	2		1	NR
NR	16	-	30	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
NR *	17	2	43 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		15 *	2	2	NR *

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces. 10 N.Z. Forces.

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Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 10 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Unit Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer (Armament)				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer (Signal)				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer (Wireless)				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Artificer, Artillery								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Engine								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Blacksmiths								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Bricklayers								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Computers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signallers				Tailors			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Electricians				Cooks				Wireman							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics				Woodturners							
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	9	8	NR
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				MT Drs	10	7	NR
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	6	8	-	Hyg Duties	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Water "	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Sig Ordies	6	4	NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batmen	14	6	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4	-	Coach Trimmers				Gen Duties	5	2	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AASC	4	4	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AEME	3	3	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AACC	3	4	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAMC	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AACHD	3	2	NR
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	6	6	-	CARRIED FORWARD	12	14	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	73	58	NR

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.8008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
Revised Jan., 1943
(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 10 / 1943 HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 58 plus OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.
(Unit)

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
NR NR NR	1 3 2		1 1 3 2	Brig	AASC AACHD AASC AACC	1 2 - -		1	NR NR NR
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	6	-	7			3		3	NR

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1] & E[2].

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL.
A.	10								10
E.[1]									
E.[2]									

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED / 194

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 10 1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname	Initials	Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	NX 396	HINDEYER	W.J.V.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	NX 328	WILSON	B.V.	BM	"		
Capt	QX 6196	JENSEN	H.C.	SCL	"		
T/Capt	NX29407	HOLTSBAUM	G.F.J.	LO 1	"		
T/Capt	NX13029	WINSLOW	H.J.	TO	No	LOB	22.9.43
Lieut	QX 949	MURISON	W.G.	LO 11	Yes		
Lieut	NX70750	HESLOP	R.W.	LO 111	"		
Capt	NX70449	WATERS	A.J.	BASCO	Yes		
Chap	SK12188	ROBJOHNS	A.J.		No	Padre - 2/13 Bn	19.11.42
Chap	VX47864	BYRNE	W.L.		No	Padre - 2/17 Bn	27.4.4

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Name and Initials	Unit	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment
T/Capt	NX21195	MAUGHAN, DNB	2/13 Bn	18.6.43	IO
Capt	SK 6157	WORTHLEY, M.G.	HQ 9 Div	21.9.43	BM L
Capt	NX52634	HALLIDAY, LH	HQ 9 Div	21.10.43	Legal Officer

1 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A78—62M—5/43.