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June - July 1943

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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Unit **2/24 Aust Inf Bn**

Army Form C. 2118

Month and Year **June 1943**

Commanding Officer **Lt Col A.B. Gillespie**

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Atherton	June	I-3	One NCO of Int' Sec' left upon a five day trek across country to Edmonton.	
Tableland			Coys leave upon a three days bivouac and Jungle Training in the Lake Euramoo area.	
			The thatching of the Officers Mess was completed, and some progress made with the men's messes, B, C and D being completed.	
	June	4.	Maj Guttridge, and an assistant from the Corps Catering Services, lectured Unit Officers and Sgts upon army foods and dehydrated rations, with particular reference to new operational and dehydrated rations. C.C.C. workers commenced operations upon a new Rec'n Building.	
	June	5.	One NCO returned from Bde trek. See report Appx "D" .	
	June	6.	Church Parade was conducted by Chaplain Gentle upon the 2/48 Bn Parade ground. Our Unit and Offrs' teams played football against respective teams of the 2/23 Bn, Both our teams were beaten. To this period Unit changes in personnel were, 2 NCOs & 10 ORs boarded "B" class, 15 ORs evac to Hosp, 3 NCOs & 13 ORs ret' from Hosp., 2 NCOs & 10 ORs marched in, 1 NCO & 7 ORs ret from schools, 5 ORs to school for Dvr Mechs, 1 NCO to 1 Aust Army School of Admin., 1 OR trans out of unit.	
	June 7-10		Maj Mollard, Lieut Cunning, 1 NCO, and 7 ORs accomplished a record cross country	

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Atherton			hike to Edmonton, covering the distance in three days. See report att Appx "D".	RefMap
Tableland	June 7-10		A number of Unit personnel were granted leave to attend a Race Meeting at Kulara.	Gordonvale
		11		
	JUNE	13	Church parade was held in the Unit Area.	1. 63360
	June	14-17	Bn jungle Exercises.	
	June	18	Preparation for Bde Exercises.	
	June	19-27	1500 hrs. All Unit personnel, with the exception of 1 Offr and approx 140 ORs, left camp area for the Bde exercises.	
			Unit personnel changes to this date were : 3 NCOs & 20 ORs evac to Hosp, 1 NCO & 13 ORs from Hosp., 3 ORs Boarded "B" Class, 1 NCO & 13 ORs marched in, 1 NCO & 9 ORs in from schools, 1 OR to 1 Aust Army Sig School Mob Wing, 2 ORs marched out, 2 NCOs and 2 ORs det for duty 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	
	June	28-30	Recess of Mareeba Aerodrome area.	
			Inter-Coy Football was played. Of particular note was the fact that our unit scored it's first victory for the season when playing the 2/48 Bn, the scores, 7.9 to 8.9.	
	June	30	On this date Unit strength was 41 Offrs and 749 ORs	
			Signed..... <i>Ronald [unclear]</i>	
			Signed..... <i>[Signature]</i>	
			Commanding Officer 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	

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War Diary

Month of
June 1943

APPX "A"

Field & Cas Returns

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

6/17 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/6/1943 (Unit) 2724 Aust Coy

W.E. 11 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 743 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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.					
		1	2	W.Os. Class II.					
			7	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	6	Staff Sergeants					
				Sergeants					
		6	38	Corporals		5			
		8	75	Troopers, Privates, etc.		3			
	31		500	Civilians counting as O.R.		3			
*			*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*
11	11	16	728			11			

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							█	█		
	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	Cpl AMSC Chorépidist			1	Sgt 2/11 Ind Lof area records		
1	Pte " Orderly			1	Pte 2/28 in YACA Cpl		
1	L/Sjt AMSC Fitter			1	" 2/3 PI Coy AMSC YACA Cpl		
2	Ovs " "			3	Ovs Leave		
1	Ov " H.T. Mech			2	Sjts School		
1	Ov " AMSC ASST			3	Opls "		
1	Cpl. AMSC			12	Ovs "		
2	Dvrs " "			1	" 2 Aust Corp (Table Tops)		
1	" 26 Bde			1	L/Sjt 2/11 PI Ab (Inst)		
1	Sjt 2 Aust Corp Hob Cooking Unit			1	Opl 2/1 Aust Con Depot (Inst)		
3	Ovs 2/7 PI Coy AMSC			1	" 20 Bde (Inst)		
3	Ovs 24 Field Park Coy			1	" 2/2 AMSC in (Inst)		
				3	Ovs sent Tomsville		
				1	" 2 Aust Corp P.I.C.		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / / 194 .

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)				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							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
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.			
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.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			

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.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch
 A.W. 5m hrs 3/43

Contd 2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

1192 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/6 /1944. 2/24 Aust 1st Coy (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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.
		1	2	W.Os. Class I.					
			7	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	6	Staff Sergeants					
		5	37	Sergeants					
		9	76	Corporals					
30	30		602	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
30	*	30	729*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		11	*		*

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										
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 Cpl	1488 Chiropliat			1	1st Coy 2/24 Aust 1st Coy		
1 Pte	" Orderly			1	1/Cpl 1488 2/24 Aust 1st Coy		
1 1st Lt	1488 Fitter			1	" 2/3 2/24 Aust 1st Coy		
2 Cms	"			2	On Leave		
1 Cpl	" MT Mech			3	2/24 Aust 1st Coy		
1 Cpl	" 1488 Asst			1	2/24 Aust 1st Coy		
1 Cpl	1488			1	1488		
2 Dvs	"			1	1st Lt 2/11 2/24 Aust 1st Coy (Inst)		
1	26 Bde			1	Cpl 2/1 Aust Gen Depot (Inst)		
1 Sgt	2 Aust Corps Mob Cooking Unit			1	Cpl 20 Bde		
3 Cms	2/7 2d Coy 1488			1	" 2/2 1st Bn		
1	24 2d Park Coy			1	Pte Movement to Townsville		
1 Sgt	1488			1	2 2 Aust Corp F.P.C.		

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

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

Unit

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 / / 194 .

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Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.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	4	3	NR
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				Stevadores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	34	28	NR	Tailors	3	3	NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Biy. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	18	11	NR	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							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2	NR		1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	8	NR		1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply					1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical					1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7	NR	Coach Trimmers					1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors					1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks					1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies					1	1	
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 Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	NR				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		24		CARRIED FORWARD		53		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			* 740 *

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(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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Date of Despatch

a.w. 5m hks 3/43

Signature of Commander

Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
(A.B. GILLISPIE)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

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)
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	-	-
Captains	3	-	-
Lieutenants	8		
2nd Lieutenants	29	10	
Quartermasters			
District Officers	1		
Totals	42	10	

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	NELSON F.R.	2/24 Bn		Tst 3/22 Bn

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.
Major	T/Lt-Col	GILLIES	A.B.	2/24 Bn	Yes	C.O.
"		SMITH	P	"	"	2 1/c
"		MOLLARD	K.F.	"	"	O.C. "A" COY
Capt	T/Major	SMITH	H.S.	"	"	O.C. HQ "
"		SMITH	H.S.	"	"	O.C. D "
"		MONTI	F.H.	"	"	O.C. "A" "
"		WYANT	G.A.	"	"	Q.M.
"		MACFARLANE	A	"	"	2 1/c D "
"		LINTY	G.P.	"	"	O.C. "C" "
"		BRIDGE	G.E.	"	"	2 1/c A "
"		MCKENZIE	I.S.	"	"	2 1/c C "
"		EDLAY	J.T.	"	"	2 1/c B "
Lieut		MCNAB	J.F.	"	"	O.C. 2PL.
"		MCINOSH	F.S.	"	"	O.C. 5 PL
"		AUSTIN	A.G.	"	"	I.O.
"		MCLETT	H.G.	"	"	O.C. 15 PL
"	T/Capt	BEAL	R.O.	"	"	ADJt
"		SHATTOCK	B.S.	"	"	SUPER.
"		HALLIDAY	I.C.	"	NO	SCHOOL
"		CATHERALL	J.McP	"	"	Trans pend.
"		JONES	L.I.	"	Yes	O.C. 3 PL.
"		CORNING	D	"	"	I.O.
"		SCHROEDER	R.M.	"	"	Super
"		DOUGLAS	A.C.	"	"	"
"		THOMAS	G.E.	"	"	O.C. 12 PL.
"		BENNETT	R.H.	"	"	O.C. 14 PL.
"		DOUGLAS	C.A.	"	"	Super.
"		KELBY	R.F.S.	"	"	"
"		MALBRIDGE	P	"	"	O.C. 17 PL
"		GREATOREX	A.G.M.	"	"	O.C. 18 PL
"		CAPLE	S.A.	"	"	O.C. 10 PL
"		PATRICK	R.O.	"	"	O.C. 13 PL
"		KIND	G.G.	"	NO	SCHOOL
"		ALIST	A.H.	"	YES	O.C. 11 PL

(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.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/24 AUST INF BN (Unit.) For Week Ending 19 JUN 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	3		
	Captains	8		
	Lieutenants	27	8	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters	1		
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	40	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.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	CATHERALL J.HOP.		16 Jun 43	Tsf 9 Div Carrier Coy

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Major	T/Lt-Col	GILLESPIE A.B.	2/24 Bn	YES		CO
2		"		GEBHARDT P.	" "	"		2 i/c
3		"		MOLLARD K.F.	" "	"		OC HQ COY
4		Capt.	T/Major	SNELL H.W.	" "	"		OC B COY
5		"		SERLE R.P.	" "	"		OC D COY
6		"		MONOTTI F.R.	" "	"		OC A COY
7		"		BRYANT G.A.	" "	"		QM
8		"		MACFARLANE A.	" "	"		2 i/c D COY
9		"		HARTY E.P.	" "	"		OC C COY
10		"		DENNYS G.E.	" "	"		2 i/c A COY
11		"		MACKENZIE I.S.	" "	"		2 i/c C COY
12		"		FINLAY J.T.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
13		Lieut.		McNAMARA J.F.	" "	YES		OC 2 P1
14		"		McINTOSH F.J.	" "	"		OC 7 P1
15		"		AUSTIN A.G.	" "	"		IO
16		"		HOWLETT H.G.	" "	"		OC 15 P1
17		"	T/Capt	BEAL R.O.	" "	"		ADJT
18		"		SHATTOCK E.J.	" "	"		SUPER
19		"		HALLIDAY I.C.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
20		"		JONES L.I.	" "	YES		OC 3 P1
21		"		CUNNING D	" "	"		TO
22		"		SCHRODER K.M.	" "	"		SUPER
23		"		DOUGLAS G.E.	" "	"		"
24		"		THOMAS G.E.	" "	"		OC 12 P1
25		"		BURNABY R.H.	" "	"		OC 14 P1
26		"		KELSEY R.F.S.	" "	"		SUPER
27		"		BRAINBRIDGE F.	" "	"		OC 17 P1
28		"		GREATOREX A.G.W.	" "	"		OC 18 P1
29		"		CAPLE J.H.	" "	"		OC 10 P1
30		"		FITZPATRICK A.D.	" "	"		OC 13 P1
31		"		KNIBB G.G.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
32		"		AMIET A.H.	" "	YES		OC 11 P1
33		"		DEARNALEY F.R.	" "	"		SUPER
34		"		GRAY C.J.	" "	NO		SCHOOL

(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.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lieut.		STEVENS K.W.	2/24 Bn	YES		OC 16 Pl
2		"		ARMSTRONG R.J.	" "	"		OC 9 Pl
3		"		HEWITT E.J.	" "	"		OC 8 Pl
4		"		SALMON H.J.	" "	"		OC 1 Pl
5		"		INKSTER J.J.	" "	"		SUPER
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(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.
Capt		BRANDT D.S.	AAMC		RMO
Chaplain		HONNER J.F.	AA CH D		RC CHAPLAIN
Capt		JONES E	AAMC		5 AUST DENTAL

(Unit.)

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(Date of Despatch.)

Comd 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
26 Bde 9 Aust Div

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

(Signature of Commander.)

Unit

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 / / 194 .**

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	4	5	NR
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	3	2	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	34	28	NR	Tailors	1	1	NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	18	11	NR	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.			675
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				ATT by W.E.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2	NR	1	1		
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	8	NR	1	1		
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				1	1		
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				1	1		
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7	NR	Coach Trimmers				1	1		
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				1	1		
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				1	1		
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				1	1		
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				1	1		
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				1	1		
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				1	1		
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				1	1		
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				1	1		
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				1	1		
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	NR	1	1		
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		24		CARRIED FORWARD		53		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	745	20	

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(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
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(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. 6m hrs 3/43

Signature of Commander

ROD

Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
(A.B. GILLMISTON)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/24 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 26 JUN 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	3		
	Captains	8		
	Lieutenants	26	7	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters	1		
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	39	7	

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	DOUGLAS	A.C. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	22 JUN 43	2/1 Aust H. GD BN

Table F.

SECONDED OFFICERS

Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank if held	Army No.	Surname	Initials	Posting to which Seconded	Date
Lt-Col	'NX 73	FINLAY	C.H.	G.S.O. (1) 2AUST CORP	'18-4-42
Major	'VX 14039	BAILLIEU	E.V.	P.A. to C.G.S.	'6-4-42
Major T/Lt-Col	'VX 15706	SADLER	P.J.	G.S.O. (1) Intell Adv L.H.Q.	'1-8-42
Capt	'VX 48762	OAKLEY	A.W.	O.C. 2 Aust Inf Spec Gp	'1-1-43
Capt T/Lt-Col	'VX 27463	WILSON	E.H.		
Capt	'VX 44981	SHEEHAN	W.J.	S.C. (D of O.R.G.) L.H.Q.	'16-9-42
Capt	'VX 48010	SUMMERTON	J.	L.O. 9 Aust Div	'7-4-43
Capt	'VX 48812	NATHAN	G.E.	S.C. 26 Aust Inf Bde	'29-5-42
Capt T/Major		WHITE	P.F.B.	B.M. 24 " " "	'18-3-42
Capt	'VX 14596	BIERI	K.J.T.	L.O. 26 " " "	'11-12-42
Lieut T/Capt	'VX 36228	TRAVIS	G.B.	T.O. 26 " " "	'29-5-42
Lieut T/Major	'NX 70324	CARTER	N.L.	Chemical Warfare G.S.O. I (E.W.)	'28-9-42
Lieut	'NX 21054	TIMSON	T.F.	Instr L.H.Q. School of M.I.	'25-3-43
Lieut T/Capt	'VX 27468	PAARMAN	J.F.	D.A.D.P.R. TOWNSVILLE	'9-4-43
Lieut	'VX 39800	TYACK	R.	Amenities Offr. 1 A.G.H.	'6-1-42
Lieut		SECCOMBE	L.S.	S.C. Directorate of Signal Equipment	'27-1-43

Table G.

OFFICERS IN TRANSIT

Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank if held	Army No.	Surname	Initials	Unit or Posting to which Officer is proceeding	Date
Lieut	'VX 52871	DOUGLAS	C.A.	2/1 Aust HQ GD BN	'22-6-42
Lieut	'VX 32634	CATHERALL	J.Mc P.	9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	'16-6-42

Table I

VISITING & INSPECTING OFFICERS

Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank if held	Army No.	Surname	Initials	Headquarters or Unit to which Offr is posted	Officers Appointment
Capt	'VX 17085	JONES		5 Aust Dental Unit	'Dental Officer

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/6/1943 2/24 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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.
		1	2	W.Os. Class I.					
		1	8	W.Os. Class II.					
		1	6	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
		5	37	Sergeants		5			
		6	73	Corporals		3			
51	51	29	659	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
	*		*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*
51	51	43	735			11			

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										
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 Cpl	AMC Chiroc	1 OR	24 Fd Pk Coy	1 Sjt	C Land L of C area Records		
1 1/2 Sjt	AMC Fitter	1 "	2/3 Fd Coy	1 Sjt	LEAVE		
2 ORs	AMC "	1 "	26 Aust Inf Bde	1 Sjt	School		
1 "	" Mech W/T	1 Ovr	" "	9 Sjs	School		
1 "	" AME Asst			1 Sjt	2/11 Fd Ass		
1 Cpl	AMC			1 OR	2/1 Aust Con Depot		
3 Ovr	"			1 "	Para trg Bn		
1 Sjt	2 Aust Mobile Cooking Unit			1 Cpl	2/32 Aust Inf Bn		
1 1/2 Sjt	5 Aust Dental			2 ORs	" " " "		
1 Cpl	" " " "			1 Sjt	" " " "		
2 ORs	" " " "			1 Cpl	2/1 Aust Con Depot		
1 OR	AA CH Dept						
2 ORs	HQ RA 9 Div						

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

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

Unit

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 26/6/1943.

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	4	3	NR
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	3	2	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	3	18	NR	Tailors	1	1	NR
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	6	6	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	18	11	NR	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.	676	52	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				ATTACHED BY NR			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2	NR	ASST by NR			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	8	NR	Fitter	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				" Smith	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				" Coker	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7	NR	Coach Trimmers				" maker	1	1	
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.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY NR			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				ASST by NR			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				ASST by NR			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				" CPL	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AA Post Sjt	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	NR	AMC Med "	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				" Hvy "	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				" CHI Col	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				" Ord Pto	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		24		CARRIED FORWARD		53		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	746	52	*

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28 JUNE 1943

Date of Despatch

a.w. 5m hks 3/43

Signature of Commander Lieut.-Col.
Comd. 2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Appx "D". War Diary June 1943.

Bn Exercise Lake Juramoo Area.

Ref Map GORDONVALE
1:66360.

June 14 , 0900 Hrs. Bn less essential duties moved from Camp area across country to Thompson's Hut 567433, where rear Bn Hq was established.

1400 Hrs In order to delay an enemy advance from the South Bn took up a def posn on the feature running from 64428 to 573426 and held this line throughout the day.

2000 Hrs . Coy reliefs conducted successfully.

June 15. 0900 Hrs. Yielding to enemy pressure Bn thinned out and withdrew through Bn check post, entered jungle and throughout the day fought its way back through enemy ambush parties which had got in behind Bn lines.

1630 Hrs Bn took up a def posn in the jungle at 675436.

2000 Hrs. YMCA truck arrived with coffee and broadcasting apparatus. A camp fire concert was conducted by Lieut L.H. Jones, who had for this occasion obtained the services of artists from 9 Div concert party. Beer was also issued that a very fine night was enjoyed.

June 16. 0800 Hrs. Taking advantage of enemy weakness, Bn again attacked and succeeded by 1600 hrs in driving the enemy from the feature held on 14 June.

2000 Hrs. YMCA representative again visited the area, on this occasion supplying hot saveloys and coffee, and music.

June 17 0800 Hrs Bn marched back to camp, there to prepare for Bde exercises.

June 19. For the purpose of this exercise, directed by Brig DA Whitehead DSO. MC., the Little Mulgrave River represented the sea shore of an island to be known as Little Mulgrave Island.

Enemy was reported to have landed on Little Mulgrave Is between 37 & 41 Northing Grids 29 May '43. Estimated strength one Regt. By 14 Jun th this force had advanced westwards and was held up by 24 Aust Inf Bde,, holding a def posn in area 5038. the enemy was known to have partially developed an air strip in area 5639, and to have considerable dumps in area 616346.

2/24 Bn was ordered to adv and capture the air strip and dumps, and had in support one Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt, 503 Aust Parachute Regt and 5 AC sqn RAAF, and under Comd one Det 2/11 Fd Amb.

The main lessons and principles to be studied were:-

1. Sec, Pl and Coy formations.
2. Ambushes.
3. Automatic Battle Drill.
4. Encircling movement.
5. Mopping up areas.
6. March Discipline.
7. Bivouac Formations.
8. Passing of Infn and Intelligence duties.
9. Maintenance of amn & Supplies.
10. Evacuation of Wounded and POWs.

1500 Hrs. Bn moved from Camp area and bivouaced for the night in area 510385.

1615 Hrs. CO and IO contacted IO 24 Bde and rec'd his report on enemy activity within the area.

1520 Hrs. Co met Bde Comd and rec'd his orders.

1530. Co issued orders to "O" Gp, and stated his intention to capture air strip which would entail a continuous attack along the Python Hill ridge track which enters Jungle at 510384.

June 20. 0830 hrs. Adv Gd crossed start point 510384 and throughout the day Bn fought its way up to Python Hill 546388., contacting the enemy on several occasions.

1800 Hrs. Bn prepared a dry bivouac area on Python Hill.

June 21 0'00 Hrs. Adv Gd pushed on along Python Ridge track, and by mid-day had almost reached Rd ans track junc at 568388. Here recce showed that a Bn attack would be needed to dislodge the enemy from airstrip, and at Co's orders a 3 Coy attack from the clear gd to the West of airstrip was lodged. by 1700 hrs, the enemy had been driven from the airstrip, and the Bn took up a Def bivouac, patrolling strongly throughout the night.

June 22 0800 Hrs. Reinf'd by personnel and supplies landed on airstrip Bn moved off along Jungle RdS of Lake Euramoo 5740, encountering slight opposition. 1400 Hrs. The area along MOBO Ck 5939 had been selected as the area for dropping supplies, and in order to capture it a Bn attack was necessary.

1515 Hrs. Co ordered a 3 Coy attack from the West and by 1830 hrs Bn had captured the clearing and held it throughout the night.

June 23. 0800 Hrs. Bn waited in clearing area until aircraft had dropped supplies and then again moved East along jungle road encountering further opposition.

1500 Hrs. After Adv Gd had passed track junc 607383, enemy action split adv gd and main body, leaving main body without infn and any comm with adv gd.

1715 Hrs. Adv Gd was cut off until a vigorous attack by Main body under Comd 2/1C effected a relief.

- 23 June. 1800 Hrs . Bn took up a def posn at track junc area 607383.
- 24 June 1200 Hrs. Bn repeated exercise of previous afternoon as a demonstration, which was watched by Gen Sir Thomas Blamey KCB. CMG. DSO, and Lieut Gen Sir Leslie Morsehead CMB, CBE, DSO, ED, and Maj Gen Wootton DSO, DSC,.
- 1300 Hrs, . Recce having shown enemy to be in some strength in the clearing 6137, Co ordered a one Coy attack on to the first feature Cow Shed Ridge area 613375, and a two Coy attack on to Main Ridge 617374.
- 1515 Hrs. These attacks succeeded by 1515 Hrs, but before reorganization could be effected, enemy attacked strongly supported by tks, and as Bn Tk/Atk guns were not forward, Bn was forced to withdraw into jungle and take up def bivouac posn in area track junc 607383.
- 200 Hrs Throughout night Bn patrolled strongly and took several PWs.
- 1800 Hrs . Co ordered a night attack on Cowshed Ridge to commence start time 0400 Hrs 25 June.
- June 0400 Hrs. Bn attacked and captured Cowshed and Main Ridge. Reorganisation was completed by first light 0615 Hrs.
- June 25 1225 Hrs. Conference on def of positions held.
- 1545 Hrs. Enemy inf & tks reported moving up rt & lt flanks main ridge. Pofu reporting 3 Tks KO'd by our Tk/Atk guns, Fugo reported 3 Tks KO'd by divers means, further action expected.
- 1600 hrs, 3 Tks permitted to pass through Budi, these were destroyed by rear weapons. One and a half Coys of enemy overran Coy HQ Budi, left & right pls holding posns.
- 1625 hrs. one Pl Hepi attempted to relieve Budi but were held up, with this Pl offering covering fire, one Pl Fugo succeeded in breaking the enemy resistance and position cleared. Enemy reported retreating with heavy casualties inflicted by our Arty.
1630. Conference Coy Comds called for 1700 hrs.
- June 26. 0815 Hrs. In a final attack to capture and demolish dumps, Fwd Coy crossed SL .
- 0900 Hrs. Hepi reports small groups of enemy 4-500X fwd. Hepi piqueting area 618357, East & West. Coys to move fwd and disperse in area 622355.
- 1000 hrs, R & O Gps called fwd.
- 1100 Hrs Pofu & Budi move fwd to SL. Fugo to cause divergence on Rt flank. Fugo SL gully 616352. Hepi and Pioneers to go through to dumps.
1130. Pofu & Budi crossed SL with no opposition.
- 1200 hrs. Enemy MGs opened up on Rt flank at 612348, as Fugo advanced towards White House 612343.
1230. Fugo pinned down. Mortar and MG fire brought to bear on enemy MGs
1240. Pofu to attack under cover of fire from Budi. Most enemy opposition from White House area & 610347, mainly MG & rifle fire.
1247. Pioneers reach dumps, ordered to take cover, & await instns, but to prepare for demolitions.
1305. Pofu commence attack. Our mortars & Mgs centre on enemy posns.
1325. Pofu passes White House and clears area 610347
1355. Hepi adv to dump to cover pioneers.
1410. Success sig. Exercise ends.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1
No 1

by

2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2 Jun 43

Lt-Col. A.B. GILLESPIE, Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

1. SECURITY ; 9 Aust Div RO No 67 is rptd :

(a) Use of Civil Post Offices.

Military personnel may not purchase money orders or postal notes from civilian post offices.

(b) Ref 9 Aust Div RO 46. Instances have occurred of tps leaving addressed envelopes with local agents for tickets for State Lottery and similar organizations. This breach of security will be brought to the attention of all ranks to prevent its recurrence.

(c) Telephone service other than within Div Camp area must be regarded as insecure. All ranks will therefore be most discreet in conversations with units outside the area. Telephones in all offices will bear a suitable notice drawing the attention of all ranks to this fact.

2. CENSORSHIP ; 9 Aust Div RO No 68 is rptd :

The only correct postal address to be shown at the head of outgoing mail is :-

Army No.
Rank.
Name.
Unit
AUSTRALIA or ABROAD.

e.g. QX 1000 Pte J. SMITH
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
AIF AUSTRALIA.

AIF is shown, but, Bde or Divs numbers will not be included except in the case of Hq personnel and name and address of sender is not written on the outside of the envelope.

These points will be checked by all censoring Offrs.

It is advised that no authority is given under FCI No 4 to YMCA, Salvation Army, and accredited War Correspondents to frank troops' mail. Copies of FCI No 4 will be distributed at an early date.

3. UNOFFICIAL USE OF BULLDOZERS ; 9 Aust Div RO 74 is rptd :

Units will not use bulldozers within the camp area unless under supervision of RAE 9 Aust Div.

4. WATER RETICULATION ; 9 Aust Div RO 75 is rptd :

1. No unauthorised person will interfere with the water reticulation service in this area.

2. Additional requirements for water service will be referred to CRE 9 Aust Div.

5. SENTENCES OF COURTS MARTIAL :

(a) A Pte was tried by DCM on 22 May 43 on the following charge :

"When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field on or about 19 Apr 43 when on active service wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs A. ROSE Jnr. Brisbane Rd REDBANK QUEENSLAND in which letter he attempted improperly to procure that a telegram be sent stating that the said Mrs A. ROSE Jnr or certain children were very sick so that he could thereby obtain leave. AA 40"

He was convicted and sentenced to suffer field punishment for 90 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 90 days.

(b) A Pte was tried by DCM on 20 May 43 on the following charges :

1. When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field when on active service on or about 13 Apr 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs H. FULLER C/o Soldiers and Sailors Rest Home COOLANGATTA in which letter he attempted improperly to procure that a telegram be sent that his mother father or wife was seriously ill so that he could therefore obtain leave . AA 40.

2. When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the Field when on active service on or about 13 Apr 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs G. FULLER 17 Scott St RED HILL BRISBANE in which letter he attempted improperly to procure that a telegram be sent that his mother, father or wife were seriously ill so that he could thereby obtain leave. A.A. 40.

3. When on active service with intent to deceive making a false representation in writing in connection with an application that a member of the Forces be granted leave in that he in the field when on active service on 5 May 43 in connection with an application by him to the CO 2 /15 Aust Inf Bn for compassionate leave with intent to deceive made a representation in writing that his mother was seriously ill well knowing such representation was false. AMR & O 203A

He was convicted and sentenced to undergo detention for six mths.

6. RESTRICTIONS IN RELATION TO THE POSSESSION & CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR

First Aust Army Order No 148/42 is rptd :

"1. Except as provided in para 2 hereof, no member of the Aust Military Forces when in uniform shall :

- (a) In any public place; or
- (b) In any doorway or vestibule opening on to any public place or to which access may be gained from any public place; or
- (c) In any highway or public road; or
- (d) In any vacant land adjacent to a park or public reserve; or
- (e) On any part of a park or recreation reserve; or
- (f) In any public conveyance

consume any intoxicating liquor or have in his possession any intoxicating liquor contained in a bottle or a container of any description.

2. Nothing in this order shall prevent :

- (a) the consumption of liquor upon licensed premises in accordance with the State Liquor Laws or upon the premises

of any Naval, Military, or Air Force Institute, Mess or Canteen in accordance with the regulations and Orders applying to such institute, Mess or Canteen; or

(b) the supply or possession of liquor contained in a bottle or other container to or by any such Institute, Mess or Canteen in the ordinary course of its lawful business.

3. It is the duty of Comd Offrs to endeavour to inculcate in men under their comd a respect for their uniform, the wearing of which should operate not as a license to contravene the law but as an obligation to set an example in its observance.

4. Coy Comds will read this order to personnel on pde at least twice per month.

7. CORRESPONDENCE - ALL RANKS : 2 Aust Corps RO 136 is rptd :

1. It has been brought under notice that in many cases, instns issued in connection with private correspondence, are not being carried out.

2. The following instns will be observed by all members of the Forces :-

(a) Outgoing letters from all ranks must bear at the head of the text, the FULL postal address of the writer.

(b) The correct postal address is :-

Army No.

Rank.

Name.

Unit. (The name of the unit shall normally be shown in full, but if abbreviated, only authorised abbreviations may be used). AIF Australia or AMF Australia, as the case may be. (In the case of static establishments, the official address will be used).

(c) Only authorised abbreviations may be used in this address.

(d) The above applies equally to parcels and packets.

(e) A civil address will not be used.

(f) No sender's address at all will be put on Post Cards. They should only be signed.

(g) The name and address of the sender will not be shown on the backs of envelopes.

(h) The use of headed or embossed stationery, such as Regtl notepaper, is forbidden.

(i) The use of hotel, ship or similar stationery is forbidden.

(j) The contents of the comn will be written in one language only, and must be written in plain language. Codes, cyphers and shorthand are not permitted.

3. All postal articles from all ranks must be despatched through Army Postal Service.

4. Mail which does not comply with the above instns will not be delivered.

5. Comd Offrs and Offrs Comd units will take action to have this matter brought under notice of all ranks frequently, to ensure

that they are fully conversant with form and conditions applicable to private correspondence.

8. PERSONAL CLOTHING AND KIT OF PATIENTS EVACUATED TO HOSP :
2 Aust Corps RO 137 is rptd :

1. Reports have been received by this HQ that patients are being evacuated to hosps minus necessary clothing and kit. Consequently when they reach the Con Depot, this shortage, which cannot be supplied, causes inconvenience to the individual concerned.

2. Reports have also been received that arms and eqpt have accompanied the men to hosp. This is contrary to GRO O 130/1942, para 2 of which is quoted below for infm :

"2- Personnel in standing camps evacuated to Camp hosps and Gen Hosps :

"Clothing necessaries, helmets and respirators will accompany the man. Personnel evacuated to a Camp Hosp will leave their web eqpt and arms with the QM. Arms and eqpt of personnel evacuated to Gen Hosps will be returned to the nearest Ord Depot."

9. MAREEBA AIRFIELD - MOVEMENT OF MT : 2 Aust Corps RO 138 is rptd :

1. Cars, trucks and MCs may move on the dirt track on either side of the strip.

2. No veh will touch runways surface, or the sides of this surface, except to proceed directly across.

3. Specified crossing points are :-

- (i) Opposite control tower.
- (ii) Either end of the strip.

Every time before crossing the dr of the veh will :

- (i) Stop.
 - (ii) Search the sky and the strip.
 - (iii) Scrutinise Control Tower.
- If all is clear, he will cross.

4. RAAF personnel have been instructed to fire at the veh concerned not complying with these orders. OCs of units will take severe disciplinary action against offenders.

10. S.A.A. SALVAGE :

When returning SAA salvage to salvage depots, sub-units will ensure that charger clips are separated from cartridge cases.

11. PETROL RATION TICKETS - ISSUES TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS :

1. The Department of Supply and Shipping has advised that the special petrol ration allowances to members of the forces on leave or on their return from overseas have now been cancelled.

2. The Commonwealth Liquid Fuel Board has decided that State Liquid Fuel Control Boards may, at their discretion, grant, on application, a special ration allowance equivalent to one month's ration for the private user to any member of the forces returning wounded from active service.

3. Army personnel who are entitled to obtain petrol ration tickets, under the concession provided for in para 2 above, should make application direct to the State Liquid Fuel Control Board.

12. BALLOT PAPERS - VICTORIAN ELECTORS :

Ref Ballot papers for Victorian electors, name of state i.e. Queensland will be omitted.

13. POSTAL FACILITIES AND CENSORSHIP :

1. Military post boxes which may be erected in recreation huts in some centres are provided as a facility for troops on leave or in transit. They are NOT intended, and will NOT be used for the posting of letters written in units, which must be despatched through unit channels.

14. FAULTY BUTT - OSMG :

1. It has been reported that the wood parts of butts, OSMG are proving defective.

2. Action is being taken to improve the design of this part by the addition of steel wood screws through the top and bottom arms of the metal parts of the butt.

DISTRIBUTION : List "A"

..... *R. O. Beal* Capt.,
Adj. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
(R.O. BEAL).

NOTICES

LOST : Butt of OSMG No 18711 lost on the DANBULLA rd between DANBULLA and HQ 9 Aust Div.
Any infm concerning the matter should be fwded to Bn HQ.

1 pr spectacles in blue case in area adjacent 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Assault Course, property of Lieut F.W. TYLER, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

FOUND : In Lake BARRINE Area 1 Propelling pencil. Owner apply Bn HQ.

In RATHERTON Theatre 1 brown wallet containing note book and small sum of money. Owner can obtain same from Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde.

CHURCH SERVICES

ASCENSION DAY - THU 3 JUN 43

C of E Holy Communion in Chapel 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Lines 0645 hrs.

R.C. Mass in vicinity of Regtl Chaplain's Tent 0645 hrs.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

Ref Congratulatory messages published as notices in BROs No 10 of 25 May 43 the following reply has been received from Gen FREYBERG :-

Personal for Lt-Gen MORSHEAD from Lt-Gen FREYBERG (.) your much appreciated message has been published as special order (.) we missed 9 AUST DIV more than I can say and wish you had been with us when 90 Lt and 164 surrendered (.) best of luck to you all in your new activities.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1.
No 2.

2/24 Aust Inf Bn
11 Jun 43.

Lt-Col A.B.GILLESPIE, Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

15. Promulgation of Sentence

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F.WOOTEN Comd. 9 Aust Div was held in the fd on 4/5 Jun 1943 for the trial of VX34309 Pte Kenneth Francis SADDINGTON of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the fd WOAS absented himself without leave from 0900hrs 22 Mar 43 until 0645hrs 6 Apr 43. AA 15 (1).

The Court found the accused GUILTY.

Sentence: To undergo detention for 150 days.

The accused was 14 days in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 7 Jun 1943 and promulgated to the accused in the fd on 10 Jun 1943.

16. TRAFFIC SPEED REGULATIONS

9 Aust Div R.O 77 is rptd:

1. In view of the narrow road surfaces and numerous bends in the Tableland area the maximum limits are:-

Cars D S	35	M.P.H.
Vans 15 cwt, 1 ton	25	"
Lorries G.S.		
30 cwt or 3 ton	20	"

2. In addition all local by-laws with regard to speed limits will be strictly observed.

17. PILFERING DURING MVT BY RAIL

1 Aust Army Order A120 is rptd:

1. Reports indicate that pilfering has occurred from goods trains, railway stations, and sidings by troops travelling in 1 Aust Army area.

Such "pilfering" is in fact theft and as such is to be treated as a serious offence.

3. Unit commanders will take appropriate action to ensure that the contents of this order are brought to the notice of all ranks.

18. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM NON-MILITARY TELEPHONES.

GRO. G406 is rptd:

1. Emergency calls on official business may be made by members of the forces through the ordinary civil telephone service, subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that a normal army channel is not available;

(11) that the nature of the call makes it imperative that speedy communication be established;

(111) that no breach of security is involved.

2. Such calls will be paid for by the member at the appropriate rate.

3. The amount ^{/paid/} pursuant to para 2 hereof will be refunded on submission of claim (TS4) duly certified to by the appropriate officer.

19. SAVINGS BANK PASS BOOKS

GRO G408 is rptd:

1. The inclusion in Savings Banks passbooks of unit names as part of depositors' address may reveal movements of units, because the places at which the accounts have been operated are inscribed in such passbooks.

2. In the interests of security, the following action, with which the Commonwealth and State Savings Banks have expressed their concurrence, will be taken :-

Unit names will be effectively deleted from all passbooks already in the possession of or which may later come into the possession of, officers and other ranks. The deletions will be made in a manner which will not mutilate the passbooks unnecessarily.

20. ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS

GRO A413 is rptd.:

Officers will not attend civil courts, on behalf of members charged with offences, except in the following cases:-

- (a) when a formation &c. commander considers it desirable that an officer should attend;
- (b) when the accused member has requested an officer to appear on his behalf as a witness as to facts and whether subpoenaed or not;
- (c) when an officer has been subpoenaed to give evidence as to the character of the accused member.

21. PRE SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Applications are called from other ranks of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn who wish to undergo Testing prior to selection as possible candidates for training as officers.

It is pointed out that such testing will be carried out by a board consisting of Snr Officers, from field formations, and AAMC including a Psychologist and a psychiatrist.

The privilege of applying is open to all other ranks but it must be borne in mind that the step to commissioned rank is a serious one and is on no account to be taken lightly.

Applications will reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 15 June and must be accompanied by a report from the Coy Comd of the applicant.

22. CLOTHES LINES

Instructions have been issued stating that clothes lines will be erected not lower than six feet. The reason for this is that if they are lower they may cause serious injury. Coys will therefore ensure that clothes lines are maintained at the regulation height.

23. MESS PARADES

Mess parade routine is NOT being carried out as detailed. Personnel will NOT leave Coy lines until "Pick-em-up" is sounded.

.....*Beal*.....Capt
Adjt 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
(R.O. BEAL).

N O T I C E S

Statement of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn Regtl Funds Month ending 31 May 43.

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	Balance as per passbook 1 May 43	335-17- 5
	Cash in hand 1 May 43	123- 6-11
	" ex Regtl Canteen A/c	34- 7- 6
	Refund of expenditure a/c YMCA	1-11-11
	" " advance Rgtl Canteen	100- 0- 0
		<u>£595- 3- 9</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE:</u>		
	ALLAN & Co (repair Musical Instruments	21 7 0
	Purchase Timber, bolts etc	25 3 8
	" Books for library	26 19 6
	" YMCA & Razor Sharpeners	13 13 10
	Donation Jungle Jinx	5 0 0
	Purchase Wireless Batteries, repair to Coy Sets & Eqpt Regtl Tailor	33 3 10
	Advance to QM for amenities	35 0 0
	" " "I" Sec Film A/c	4 0 0
	Concert prize money & expense	2 10 0
	YMCA Comforts & Prize money for tournament	35 16 3
	Bn Dance	19 18 2
	Newspapers	8 8
		<u>£223 0 11</u>
	Balance as per passbook 1 Jun 43	280 2 5
	Cash in hand 1 Jun 43	92 0 5
	Expenditure MAY 43	223 0 11
		<u>£595 3 9</u>

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1.
No 3.

2/24 Aust Inf Bn
30 JUN 43.

by
Lt-Col. A.B. GILLESPIE, COMD 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

24. Leave - Transfers - Discharges
The following information has been received from HQ 9 Aust Div and will be promulgated to all ranks:
(a) Applications on any grounds for leave, transfer or discharge will in future be treated as though this information was in a distant operational theatre such as ME.
(b) Necessary instructions have been issued by LHQ to all HQ L of C Areas.
(c) Should applications be received by HQ, L of C Areas from soldier's family, the application will only be forwarded to this HQ if the HQ L of C Area concerned considers that the grounds are sufficient to warrant consideration under the policy outlined in para 1. above. The direction by LHQ is that only outstanding cases will be forwarded.
25. WATER SUPPLY
Owing to the limitations of the pumping system it is essential that sub-units see that water is not used in excess of normal requirements.
26. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE
D.R.O. 29 of 30 APR is rptd.
(a) Swill containers are being made available as rapidly as possible. As soon as units have sufficient bins, the practise of burying swill in unit lines will cease. Any available containers may be used provided they are watertight, strong enough, and have a lid which prevents spilling during transport.
(b) Private arrangements for swill disposal between units and pig farmers will be discontinued. All bins will be collected by army transport under divisional arrangements.
(c- Bottles, tins, tea leaves, and other inedible matter will not be placed in swill bins, but will be separately burned and buried immediately after each meal.
(d) Waste water or tea will be poured into sullage drains, not into swill bins.
27. FALLEN TIMBER
The practise of burning fallen timber and stumps other than for normal unit requirements will cease immediately.
Timber for fuel very quickly will become scarce under ordinary conditions. Therefore waste must cease.
28. CARTRIDGES; SIGNAL AND ILLUMINATING, 1 inch.
GRO G439 is rptd.
Owing to the possibility of pierced caps being encountered with cartridges, signal or illuminating, 1-in., the following precautions will be taken:-
(a) When firing pistols, signal, 1-in., the head must be turned away, in a manner that will ensure that the blow back of small pieces of metal from the cartridge cannot injure the eyes.
(b) In addition, the firer, if possible, should wear a glove or alternatively wrap his hand in sacking or cloth.
29. RIFLES 303-in - BRIGHT MUZZLES
GRO G440 is rptd:
1. Instance have been reported that camouflage of troops, particularly snipers, in jungle warfare has been completely nullified by reflection from the bright muzzle end of rifle barrels
2. Arrangements are being made for the muzzle to be left black in future manufacture and a technical instruction is being promulgated to treat all rifles passing through 4th echelon workshops.

3. As an expedient, COs of all units will ensure that the muzzles of all rifles are treated with a dark heat resisting paint, periodical applications being made as necessary. Care will be taken that the paint is kept free of the bore.
4. Rifles Nos. 1 and 3. are affected by the above order. Muzzles of No. 4. rifles have been left black in manufacture, but will be treated if black has worn off.

30. BOXES, AMN, SMALL ARMS.

GRO O 450 is rptd.

1. The maximum care possible will be taken by all units and users of boxes, ammunition, small arms, H1 and H13, to minimise rough handling, particularly in so far as lids are concerned as they present certain difficulties in their manufacture and repair.
2. Unserviceable H1 and H13 boxes, ammunition, small arms, when returned to salvage depots will be inspected and all serviceable lids will be detached and returned to munitions stores.

31. ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS

GRO G424 is rptd

1. The provision of engineering cadetships (both Civil Engineering and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering) for a limited number of cadets, who may be drawn either from serving personnel or from civilian sources, is under consideration.
2. Although the scheme has not yet been finally settled or approved applications will be invited forthwith for cadetships on the following basis:
 - (a) Cadets will be selected only from candidates between the ages of 17 and 20 years, who are medically Class A1, who are or become members of the A.I.F., and who have reached Leaving Certificate standard in English, Mathematics and Science or have equivalent qualifications. Parental consent to join the A.I.F. will be required in respect of any cadet who is not already a member of the A.I.F.
 - (b) Cadets selected from civilian sources will be enlisted in the A.I.F. and all cadets will, during their cadetships, remain serving soldiers in the rank of private or sapper, with pay and allowances accordingly. Text books will be provided by cadets at their own expense.
 - (c) Engineering cadetships will cover a course of military training, courses at approved educational establishments and a final course at an OCTU, over a period of approximately 3 years. Successful cadets will receive commissions subject to vacancies existing. Pending appointment to commissioned rank, such cadets will be allotted to RAE or AEME units in the ranks.
 - (d) Cadetships as such will terminate on the cessation of the war, but it is hoped to make arrangement for the completion of the courses which have been commenced, as part of a Repatriation scheme of vocational training
 - (e) Cadets who have proved unsatisfactory or become medically unfit or who are unsuccessful may have their cadetships terminated and be returned to normal army service.
- 3 (1) Applications will be made by serving personnel to their COs, who will forward all applications direct to LHQ (E-in-C), to reach LHQ not later than 5 JULY, 1943. (This is essential to allow sufficient time for selection in time for assembly of selected cadets for the first course expected to commence on 1st SEPTEMBER, 1943.)
 - (ii) COs will, with each application, furnish a report on the candidate as to his character, ability and suitability.
 - (iii) Copies of applications and reports will be sent by COs through normal channels to HQ E of C area in which the unit is serving.

32. LEAKAGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS.
GRO A427 is rptd.

1. When giving evidence in a civil court, a soldier will merely give his number, rank and name and state that he is a member of the AMF, without mentioning the name of his unit.
2. In no circumstances will a soldier divulge in open court the location of his unit, unless the bench rules that a full answer is essential to the case, in which event he will offer to write the information on a slip of paper to be handed to the bench

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

33.

DRESS - SAM BROWNE BELTS.

GRO A429 is rptd.

When not otherwise ordered, the following items of dress may be worn at the option of the member:-

- (a) The Sam Browne belt (without shoulder strap) may be worn by officers and warrant officers, Class 1.
- (b) Other warrant officers may wear the belt, waist, brown, leather.

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EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM NON-MILITARY TELEPHONES

GRO A406 is rptd.

1. Emergency calls on official business may be made by members of the forces through the ordinary civil telephone service, subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that a normal army channel is not available;
- (11) that the nature of the call makes it imperative that speedy communication be established;
- (111) that no breach of security is involved.

2. Such calls will be paid for by the member at the appropriate.

3. The amount paid pursuant to para 2 hereof will be refunded on submission of claim (TS4) duly certified to by the appropriate officer.

35.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

1. All units will take necessary action to ensure that where army vehicles are involved in an accident with a civilian vehicle the driver of the army vehicle obtains the name of the insurance company or companies with which the civilian vehicle is insured. This information will be endorsed on AAF G13.

2. Should this information be refused the driver of the army vehicle will record such refusal on the AAF G13.

36.

MECHANICAL VEHICLES - LOADING

2 ACRO 163 is rptd:

(A) PERSONNEL

(1) Unless otherwise ordered in writing by an officer, the number of personnel carried in load carrying vehicles will not exceed:-

Type of Vehicle	Maximum Number in body of Vehicle	
	Marching Order	Without Equipment
12-15 cwt	4	6
1 ton	6	10
30 cwt SWB	12	18
30 cwt IWB	18	25
3-ton SWB	12	18
3-ton IWB	18	25

(11) Where personnel are partly equipped, or where material is loaded in addition to personnel, the number of personnel must be adjusted accordingly.

(111) An officer will not give an order to exceed the above figures except by endorsement on the Driver's AAF G2

Such an order will not be given unless the exigencies of the Service demand it. It is unlikely that such exigencies will arise except in operations, and the officer giving such order will be held responsible that this action is justified by the circumstances. Personnel must be seated wholly within the confines of the body, and will not ride on the canopy, cabin roof, sides, or tailboard of the vehicle.

(V) Should this order be contravened, the driver will not move his vehicle until the contravention has been rectified and will report the matter on return to his unit.

37.

PILFERING OF FRUIT FROM TRAINS

2 ACRO 159 is rptd.

1. Reports have been received concerning frequent instances of pilfering of pineapples and other fruit from goods trains, Railway Stations, and Sidings, by troops travelling by train.

(2) Such irresponsible and unlawful conduct is seriously retarding the efforts of fruit growers, who already have to contend with extreme difficulties in producing and transporting crops for both army and civilian needs

(3) There is at present an acute shortage of pineapples and pineapple juice, large quantities of which are required by the Department of the Army for supply in canned form to troops in forward areas, and fruit growers, at considerable loss to themselves, are diverting the bulk of their produce to canneries for this purpose. Payment to the producer is made on the weight delivered to the cannery, and the pilfering of this fruit in transit causes considerable hardship to growers, whose difficulties are already numerous, as well as interfering with the supply to the Army of a much needed commodity

(4) All officers and NCOs travelling by train will be alert to watch for any instances of pilfering, which, if noticed by, or reported to them will be immediately checked, and the names and regimental particulars of offenders taken and supplied to this Headquarters. Strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

38. WEB EQUIPMENT - DYEING OF

2 ACRO 160 is rptd:

The practise of dyeing Web Equipment is to be discontinued.

39. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

2 ACRO 161 is rptd:

(1) As far as possible, damage done to civilian property during training will be repaired under unit or formation arrangements.

(2) Where this is impracticable, a report will be furnished to this Headquarters giving the following information:

(a) Name of owner.

(b) Location of property.

(c) Date damage was occasioned.

(d) Particulars of damage and how caused.

(e) Estimate of materials and cost.

(f) Name of unit causing damage.

(g) Formation recommendation regarding responsibility for damage.

(3) This Headquarters will then make necessary arrangements for dealing with claims for compensation.

40. RATION COUPONS

The following procedure will be adopted by army personnel when unable to purchase rationed articles of clothing in person:

(a) The number of coupons it is desired to use will be cut out of ration book or sheet in the presence of the CO, Adjt, or Coy Comd., paybook at the same time being produced as proof of rightful ownership.

(b) Coupons will then be pasted on ACC F12, copies of which will be forwarded to Coys. The form will be signed by the owner of the ration book or sheet, and countersigned by the CO., Adjt, or Coy Comd..

(c) Form ACC F12, with coupons affixed thereto, may then be posted direct to a canteen or store or to another individual who can purchase on behalf of the owner of the coupons.

41. DUBBIN

One pair of boots per all ranks must be treated with dubbin. Polish must be removed, and dubbin thoroughly worked in.

42. CARE OF ARMS.

ALL arms must be cleaned and oiled daily, special attention to be paid during exercises when blank ammunition has been used, and arms have been exposed to the weather.

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Adjt., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
R.O.BEAL).

NOTICES

A.C.F.

NO A.C.F. issues have been received for the month of MAY.

War Diary

Month of

June 43

APPX - C -

OP Orders Instrs & Reports

21

12 June 43.

2/24 AUST INF BN ADM ORDER 170.

Ref: GORDONVALE 1:63360

1. This instr deals with the adm for Coy and Bn trg during the period 14 Jun to 18 Jun 43.
2. The Bn, less essential duties, will move tactically to the area 5642 on Monday 14 Jun 43 for period of trg.
3. Order of March.

Adv Gd: Comd, Capt E.P. Harty.
C Coy.

Main Body: Tac Bn HQ.
A Coy.
D Coy.
Main Bn HQ.
HQ Coy
RAP

Rear Gd: Comd, Maj H.W. Snell.
B Coy.

4. Start Time: 0900 hrs.
5. Start Point: Bn "IN" Sign.
6. Amn: Amn will be taken to trg area under Bn arrangements.
7. Arms: (a) Normal Pl weapons will be carried inc one pistol sig.
(b) Bren MGs will be zeroed during the Bn Exercise and will be supplied to the Bn Armourer as follows:

One Gun from HQ Coy and two from each rifle Coy will be left with the Bn Armourer before leaving the camp area. The guns will be zeroed, returned and replaced by the same number each day

8. Rations: Rations will be issued as follows:
14 Jun Cut lunch will be carried.
" " (evening) Fresh.
15 " Hard)
16 " Fresh) Issued day prior to consumption.
17 " Hard)
18 " (Breakfast) Fresh.

When issued, hard rations will be carried on the man and cooked by secs.
A minimum of cooking utensils will be carried for the purpose of cooking fresh scale rations, which will be cooked under Coy arrangements.

9. Protection of Camp Area.

- (a) The Bn gd for the duration of the trg period will be drawn from each coy as follows:

Comd: L/Sgt Doughty
Cpls - 1 each B, C and D Coys.
ORs - 3 HQ Coy, 4 each rifle coy and 5 from Con gp.

Runners - 2 from Con Gp.

The composite gd will mount at 1100 hrs
13 Jun 43.

Tour of duties - 2 hrs on and 6 off.

(b) Coys are responsible for the security of Coy areas.

10. Sanitation.

Deep trench latrines will be dug at all camp sites.

11. Medical.

The RAP will be established on the rd at 567433.

12. Location of Bn HQ.

Bn HQ will close this location at 1400 hrs 14 Jun and open at 576433 at same time.

[Handwritten Signature]
.....Capt.,
Adjt, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

- CO 1
- 2 i/c 2
- Adjt 3
- IO 4
- HQ Coy 5, 6
- A " 7, 8
- B " 9, 10
- C " 11, 12
- D " 13, 14
- RAP 15
- QM 16
- TO 17
- RSM 18
- Con Gp 19
- WD 20, 21
- File 22

When issued, hard rations will be carried on the man and cooked by seas. A minimum of cooking utensils will be carried for the purpose of cooking fresh scale rations which will be cooked under Coy arrangements.

Protection of Camp Area.

(a) The Bn Gd for the duration of the tour will be drawn from each coy as follows:

- Gmd: 1/Sgt Doughty
- Cpls - 1 each B, C and D Coys.
- ORs - 2 HC Coy, 4 each rifle coy and 2 from Con Gp.
- Runners - 2 from Con Gp.
- The composite Gd will mount at 1100 hrs 13 Jun 43.

15 JUN 43

2/24 Aust Inf Bn ADMIN INSTRN No 1.

MORTAR, GRENADE, AND TK/A RANGE PRACTISES

THESE INSTRNS SUPERSEDE ADMIN INSTRN No.42., WHICH WILL BE DESTROYED.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Civilians living within the range area will be warned by O i/c Practise on the day prior to the practise being fired.
2. O i/c Practise will ensure that an adequate number of safety picquets are placed around the perimeter of the range to prevent unauthorized persons from crossing the range during the firing of practises.
3. A system of alarm sigs will be arranged by O i/c Practise whereby firing can be stopped.
4. One man, preferably an NCO, will be detailed to accompany each Mor det as a spotter. His duty is to "spot" the landing of each bomb for misfires, faulty explosions, or "blinds". He will note the posn of such bombs and will report their whereabouts to O i/c Practise who will in turn, report their posn to personnel provided for demolition. The posn of faulty bombs will be marked by a clearly defined object.
5. Personnel will be made available by higher authority for disposal of "blinds" etc. This procedure will NOT be departed from unless otherwise ordered.
6. O i/c Practise will be responsible for ensuring that all "blinds" etc are disposed of before leaving the range. If it is necessary for personnel to leave range before "blinds" etc have been destroyed, a picquet will be detailed by O i/c Practise to remain until the range is declared safe.
7. Upon the termination of each Mor or Gren practise O i/c Practise will render a certificate of Faulty Bomb Disposal to Adj. This certificate will be countersigned by the bomb disposal personnel provided. Where possible, to ascertain the reason for the "blind", a full description of the cause will be embodied in the Certificate of Disposal.
8. All amn of a suspected batch or lot will be segregated by the RSM and NOT fired until sentenced serviceable by an I.O.O.
9. BOMBS ML 3in MOR SMOKE
 - (a) Cases of spontaneous ignition have occurred with bombs of this type filled with Phosphorous.
 - (b) This has only taken place where the amn is exposed to very high temperatures, particularly during loading and offloading of trucks
 - (c) When this amn is handled every precaution to prevent excessive exposure to direct sunlight will be taken.
 - (d) Fire outbreaks will be reported to the C.O. immediately they occur.
10. When experimenting with Mors in close country, i.e. firing through gaps in trees etc, fuses will be removed.
11. GRO G.407 para 8 is rptd: When blind projectiles filled HE are to be destroyed in situ by demolition and no cover is available, the minimum distance permitted by personnel from the point of burst is 300 yds per inch of calibre of the projectile to be destroyed or 1,200 yards whichever is the greater. If these distances are not practicable, earthworks of suitable height will be thrown up round the projectiles to give corresponding protection, and a trench or other suitable cover arranged for the firing party.
12. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRACTISE 3" MORTAR (AUSTRALIA) ARE ATTD AS APPX.

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Adj. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
(R.O. BEAL)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRACTISE 3" MORTAR (AUSTRALIA)
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAFETY

1. A red screen will be erected at every occupied splinter-proof or observation post. When efficient telephonic communication does not exist between the RO's position, OP and firing position, the following screen signals will be employed:-

<u>Screen</u>	<u>At RO's position meaning</u>	<u>At OP meaning</u>	<u>At firing position meaning</u>
Red	Range clear and am now ready to observe	Firing may now take place	Firing about to commence or in progress
Yellow	Range NOT clear or Am NOT ready	No firing to take place	Acknowledgement of OP yellow screen or mortar not ready.

N.B. One set of screens only required for combined OP and firing position where they are close together and the mortar is firing direct.

2. When screens are being used, no firing will take place till the Red screen is erected at RO's position, OP and firing position. The red screen at the OP will not be raised till that of the range offr is up, nor will the red screen at the firing position be raised till that at the OP is up.
3. If at any time a Yellow screen is raised by the RO it will invariably be answered by a similar screen at the OP. A Yellow screen raised at the OP will be acknowledged by the raising of the yellow screen at the firing position.
4. Screens will not be raised or lowered except by the order of the Gunnery Instructor or offr commanding on the spot.
5. When it is desired that a range party should examine targets, the red screens at both OP and firing position will be lowered and range party communicated with by signalling or other means. The range party will then lower their red screen and raise the yellow; they will raise their red screen again as soon as range is clear.
6. When in action any offr or any warrant offr who has been detailed to supervise safety or drill considers it necessary to stop firing for reasons of safety, he will at once blow a whistle and give the command "Stand fast".
7. AMR & O, paras 1387, 1388; sub-paras (1) and (11) and para 1389 will apply to mortar practise. Any detailed local instructions necessary for carrying out the principle of these Instructions, or required for the safe conduct of practise, will be issued by the Commanding officer, who will be responsible for ensuring that every precaution is taken to prevent misunderstanding or accidents.
8. The Gunnery Instructor is responsible for the hoisting of red flag denoting that practise is taking place, and when necessary for the posting of sentries to ensure that traffic is stopped.
9. Written orders will be prepared by the Gunnery Instructor and issued to every person responsible for safety. The orders to Range and recording offrs will include instns as to methods of signalling including any local signals in use, and the limits of safe elevations and arcs. The orders to the offr or NCO posting sentries and sentries themselves will include instns as to place and time of posting, instns as to control of traffic and instns that a sentry should not quit his post until relieved by a person named in his orders.
10. Between the firing position and the target, no personnel will be allowed closer to the line of fire than the following distances:-

<u>BOMB</u>	<u>Minimum Safety Distance</u>	
	<u>Personnel in open</u>	<u>Personnel in Splinterproof</u>
Filled HE	500 yds	350 yds
Filled powder (practise)	250 "	200 "
Filled Smoke	200 "	150 "
Dummy practise	200 "	50 "

Beyond the target area no person should be allowed to come within a distance of 1000 yards of the target area in the case of practise bombs filled with HE, or a distance of 500 yards with bombs filled

PTD

(2)

with powder, or smoke, or a distance of say 200 yards in the case of dummy bombs.

11. When firing is taking place every precaution must be taken to ensure that all amn components and the bore of the mortar are perfectly dry and clean; neglect of this precaution leads to dangerously short shooting.

12. When firing filled bombs, practise should take place from a mortar pit, or from behind a sand-bag parapet, in order to protect the de from fragments in the event of a round falling short; similar precautions are necessary for spectators in the vicinity of the firing position.

∅ These precautions need not be taken with the new 3" mortar(Britis

2/24 AUST INF BN 0 0 NO 1.

H O T F O O T

Ref Map : GORDONVALE 1 inch - 1 mile

Infm

1. Enemy : On 29 May 43 a landing was made on MULGRAVE ISLAND between 37 and 41 Northing grids by a force of JAPANESE estimated at one regt. By 14 JUN this force had advanced westwards and was held up by 24 Aust Inf Bde who were holding a defensive posn in area 5038. Enemy air activity has been on a large scale and they are known to have partially developed an air strip in area 5639. The enemy is also known to have made considerable dumps in area 616346.
2. Own Tps
 - (a) 26 Aust Inf Bde has been ordered to capture the enemy landing strip and to destroy the dumps
 - (b) Tps in Sp :
One bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.
503 Parachute Regt AUS
5 AC Sqn RAAF
 - (c) Tps under Comd
One det 2/11 Fd Amb

Intention

3. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will attack and capture the landing strip in area 5639 and dumps in area 616346.

Method

4. The attacks will be in phases as follows:
Phase 1. The Bn will move tactically from present posn to Assembly Area at 510385.
Phase 2. The Bn will capture Air Strip.
Phase 3. The Bn will destroy DUMPS.

Detailed orders for Phases 2 and 3 will be issued later.

5. Route: Camp 91 - 485395 - BRIDGES 498388 - 505388 - BIVOUC AREA 510385.
6. Start Point: Bn "IN" Sign.
7. Start Time : 1300 hrs 19 JUN
8. Tk A Pl : Pl will stand by in present area and await further orders.
9. Order of March :

Adv Gd.	Comd.	Capt MACFARLANE
		D Coy
		TAC Bn HQ
		C Coy
		B "
		BHQ
		HQ Coy
		RAP
Rear Gd	Comd.	Capt MONOTTI
		A Coy
10. Recce Party;
A recce party consisting of Sig Offr
RSM
4 RPs will move by 15 cwt MT
to Bivouac Area and establish sub-unit locations.

ADMIN

11. Amn
300 rds of blank amn will be issued per Coy. Blanks will be issued and fired at Coy Comds discretion.
12. Weapons
All PI weapons will be carried. All Tk/a rifles will be carried, and one Sig pistol per sub-unit, 2 Mor and 2 VMG will be carried.
13. Tools
All necessary reorganization tools will be carried.
14. Rations
(a) On moving from present area all sub-units will carry on the man
 1. 3 days hard ration. For consumption on D plus 1, D
 2. 2 days emergency ration/ (plus 2 and D.These will be carried for use in an emergency only and will be returned to the R.Q.M. on completion of the exercise.
(b) Unconsumed portion of D days ration will be delivered to bivouac area.
(c) On D plus 4 to D plus 7 incl., supplies will be dropped by air. These supplies will be for consumption day following dropping.
(d) QM will arrange collection of dropped rations from AASC Offr i/c at 0800 hrs daily.
15. WWCP
2/11 Fd Amb will provide a shuttle system of evacuation from Bn R.A.P.. All casualties will report, or be carried to Bn R.A.P.. Should walking wounded not find R.A.P. they will proceed back along the track where they will be attended to by 2/11 Fd Amb.
16. Ps W.
PSW will be escorted along Bn axis to R.P. post where they will be checked and redirected. If R.P. post cannot be located then they will be escorted back to BDE Control HQ, which will be moving in vicinity of the Bn, where S.C. will dispose of them.
17. Tpt
Vehs, which have been allocated to replace porters and "jeeps" will, after tpting unexpired portion of days ration, return to present location until further orders. These vehs will be reqd at later date for tpt of dropped rations.
18. DRESS
Battle order, slacks, puttees or gaiters, long sleeved shirts and hats K.F.F..
19. R.A.P.
The R.A.P. will move as laid down in para 9 for phase 1. Posns in Bn column will be notified later for phases 2 and 3.
(b) Normal sick will be evacuated through Fd Amb dets staging posts and then to Amb cars.
20. Water
Full water bottles will be carried for D day. Subsequent replenishment will be notified by signal.
- Inter Com 21. W/T Sets
The allocation of W/T sets is one per Coy.
22. L/T
 - (a) A line has been laid at the right of the track for use of Control Staff, from bivouac area fwd. All ranks will be warned of it's use and the necessity for NOT interfering with the line in any way.
 - (b) Line will be laid for Bn use on left of track.
 - (c) Bn will be in constant comn from front to rear during operation from bivouac area forward.
23. Codes
Sub unit code names, Bde call sign, R/T code, aircraft call sign have been issued separately.
24. All reports to TAC Bn HQ.
25. Bn HQ.
Bn HQ will close present area at 1300 hrs and reopen same time at 510385. Movements of Bn HQ during phases 2 and 3 will be notified later.

26. Watches will be synchronised at 1200 hrs 19 Jun 43.

27. Ack by code word AUST and Copy No.

Signed at hrs

Method of Distribution.....

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..... Capt
Adj. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
(R.O. BEAL).

Distribution

<u>Sub-Unit</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
HQ Coy	1
A "	2
B "	3
C "	4
D "	5
CO	6
2 i/c	7
Adj. t	8
IO	9
Sig Offr	10
OC 2 Pl	11
" 3 Pl	12
" 4 Pl	13
QM	14
RMO	15
RSM	16
503 Parachute Regt (AUS)	17
2/12 Fd Regt	18
2/11 Fd Amb	19
26 Aust Inf Bde (for infn)	20
War Diary	21 - 22
File	23
Umpires	24 - 29
Spares	30 - 35

Please return
'I' office -

REPORT on Exercise conducted by "D" Company 5 June 43.

Map References GORDONVALE Sheet 1:63,260.

A. Nature of Manoeuvre

"D" Company is advancing ahead of Bn cleaning up pockets of resistance & overcoming delaying actions by a retreating enemy.

B. Locality & direction of Manoeuvre. Start point Road 523403 moving West along Road, Pls deployed 2 to 400 yds either side of road.

C. Nature of Country. Mostly open with patches of light scrub, many fields & reentrants.

D. Weather Overcast & raining

E. Communications W/T & messengers.

Action Log

0915 hrs. Company started advance along road - Pls in open formation deployed in line. 18 Pl on Right flank SOUTH of Road 17 Pl on left flank NORTH of Road and 16 in support in rear.

0920. 17 Pl requests 18 Pl slow advance on Right flank to enable them keep line.

0925 Company has advanced approx 500 yds.

0935 Contact made with Enemy holding short line running from NW to SE through Road at Map Ref. 537410

0938 18 Pl put to ground by brisk fire from enemy.

0945 Enemy retreats suddenly. Company continues advance in same relative positions.

0950. Message sent to BnHQ SITREP.

0955 Contact again made with enemy on ridge running from NW to SE through road at Map Ref. 542413. 18 Pl sent to ground 17 Pl ordered to advance round left flank



1000 hrs. 17 Pl sent to ground W/T put out of action.
16 Pl ordered up to work round on left flank.
whilst 17 & 18 Pls give covering fire.

1010 hrs. Sitrep to BHQ

1015 hrs 17 & 18 Pls under heavy SA fire from enemy
16 Pl advancing along dead ground well on enemy's
right flank

1020 16 Pl within 50 yards of enemy

1025 18 Pl, in better position for cross fire ordered
to increase pressure. 16 Pl ordered to break cover
and rush enemy.

1027 18 pl held fire, 16 Pl engages enemy at close
quarters.

1035 Enemy completely overcome. No prisoners taken.
Action finished. BHQ notified by W/T.

"I" Section 2/24.

Pk Garter Pk F. Goodenham.

5/June '43.

ENLARGEMENT from GORDONVALE SHEET

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Coy Dispositions
as at 0530 25 Jun.
Fire Plan. not
included

Legend.
Coy Areas
Forms Lines.

SCALE 6" = 1 MILE

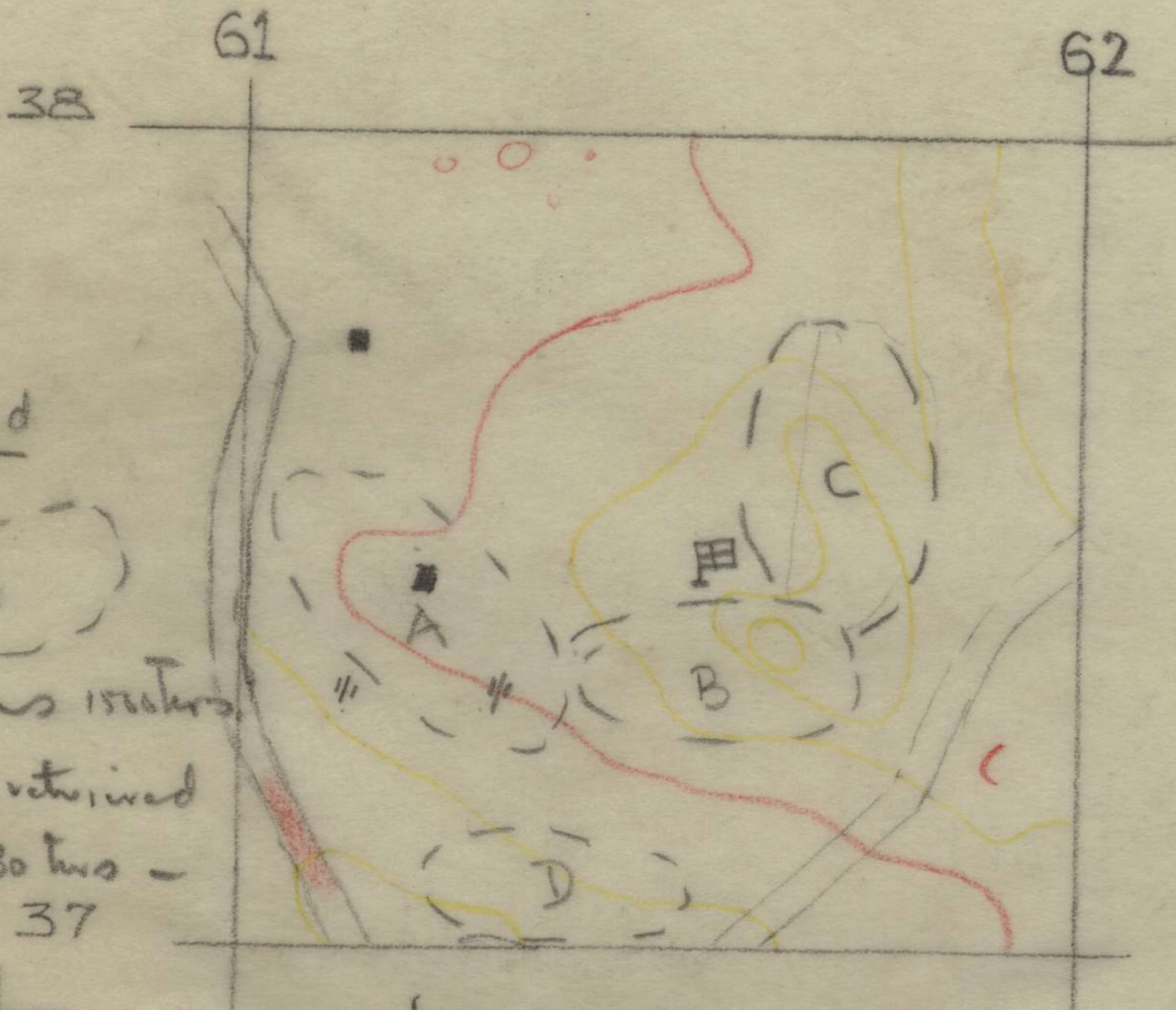
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25 Jun 43
1000 hrs

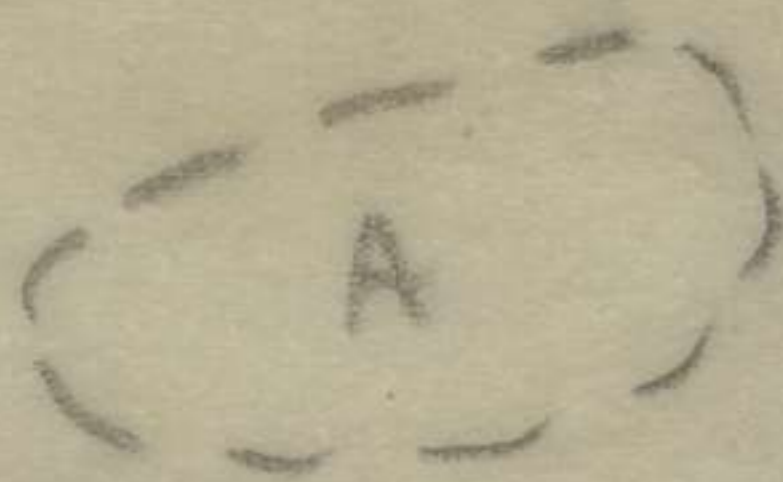
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Enlargement from Gordonvale

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Legend



Dispensary 1500 hrs

Some retrieved

1630 hrs -

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Legend

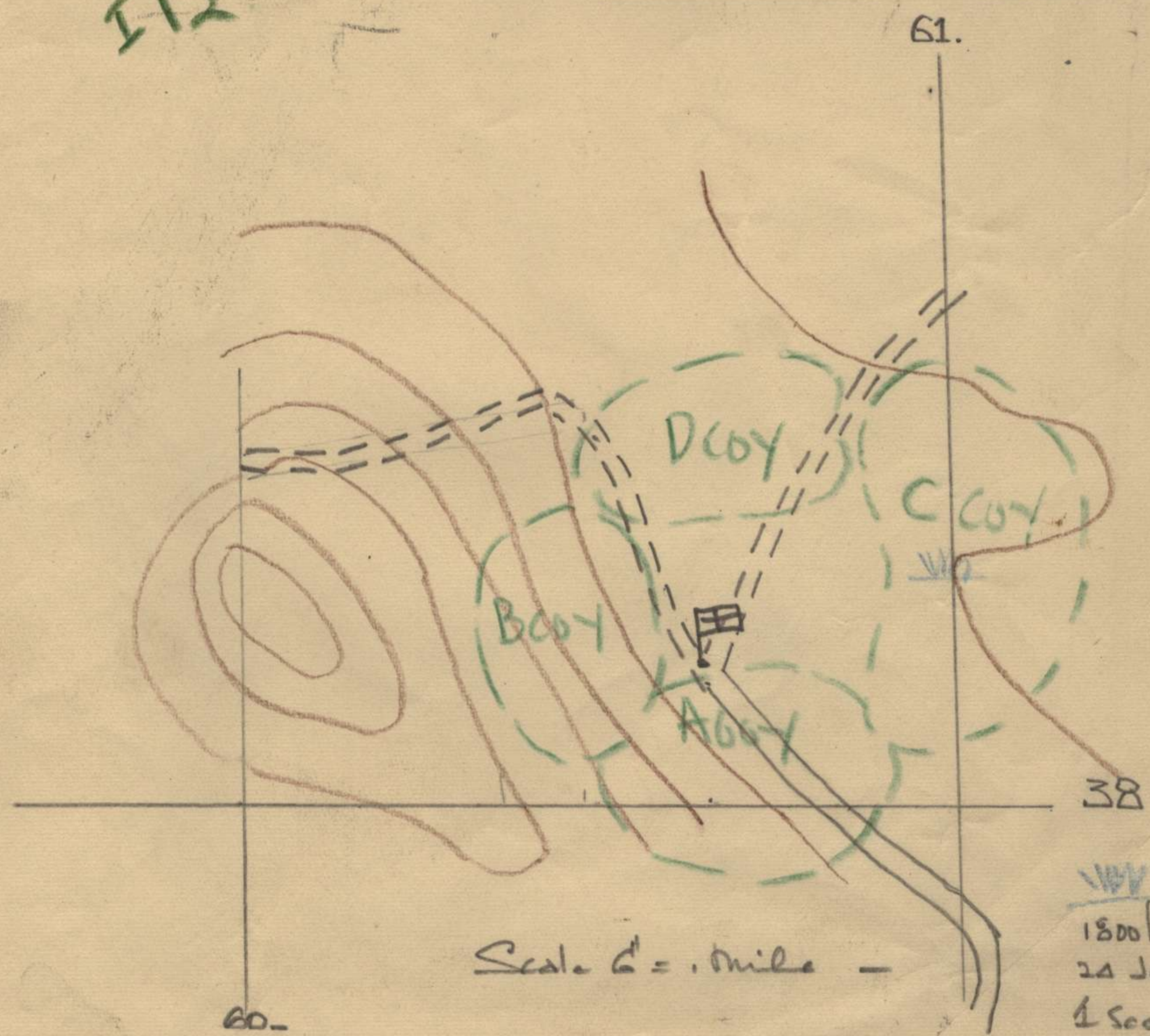
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1500 hrs 25 Jun

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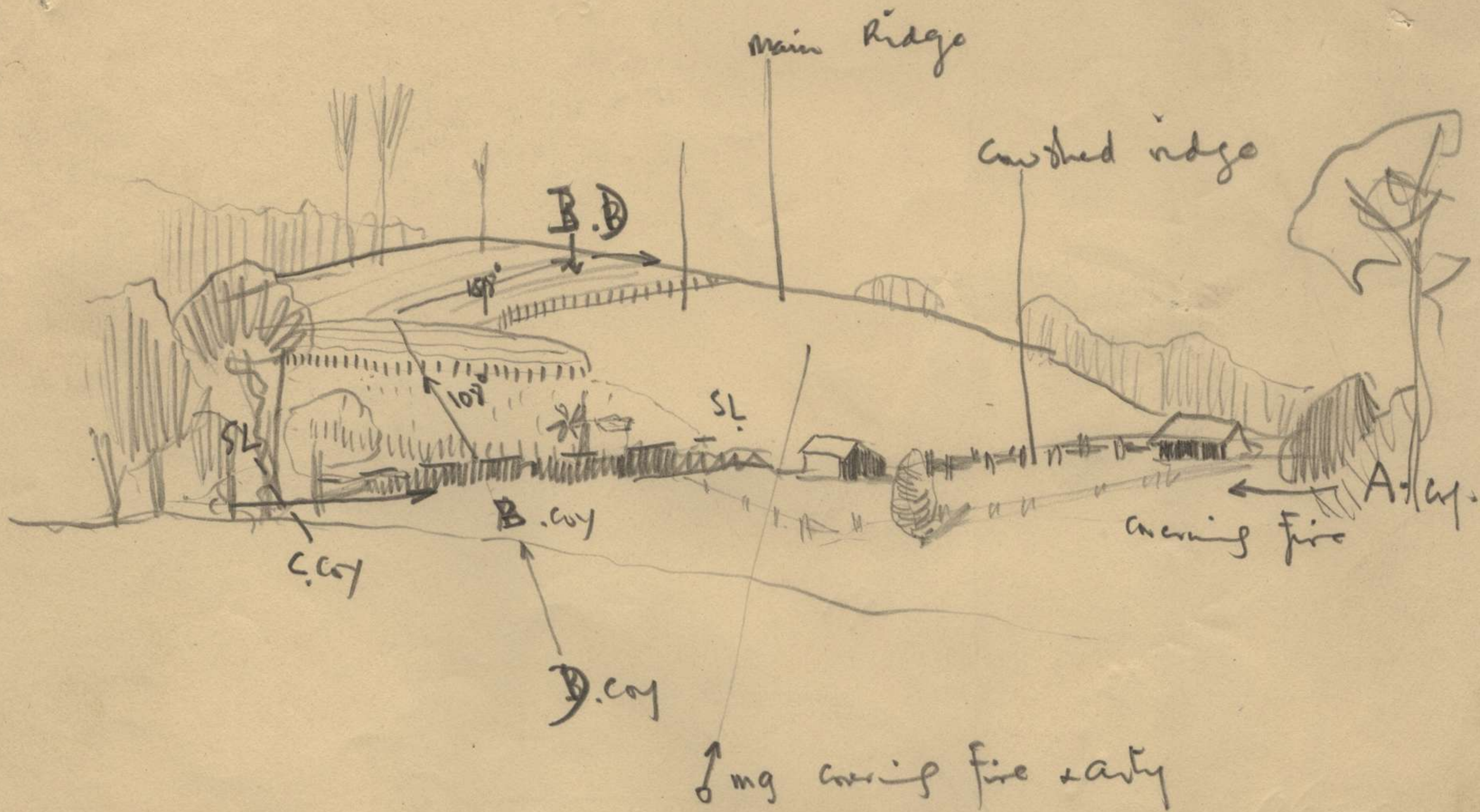
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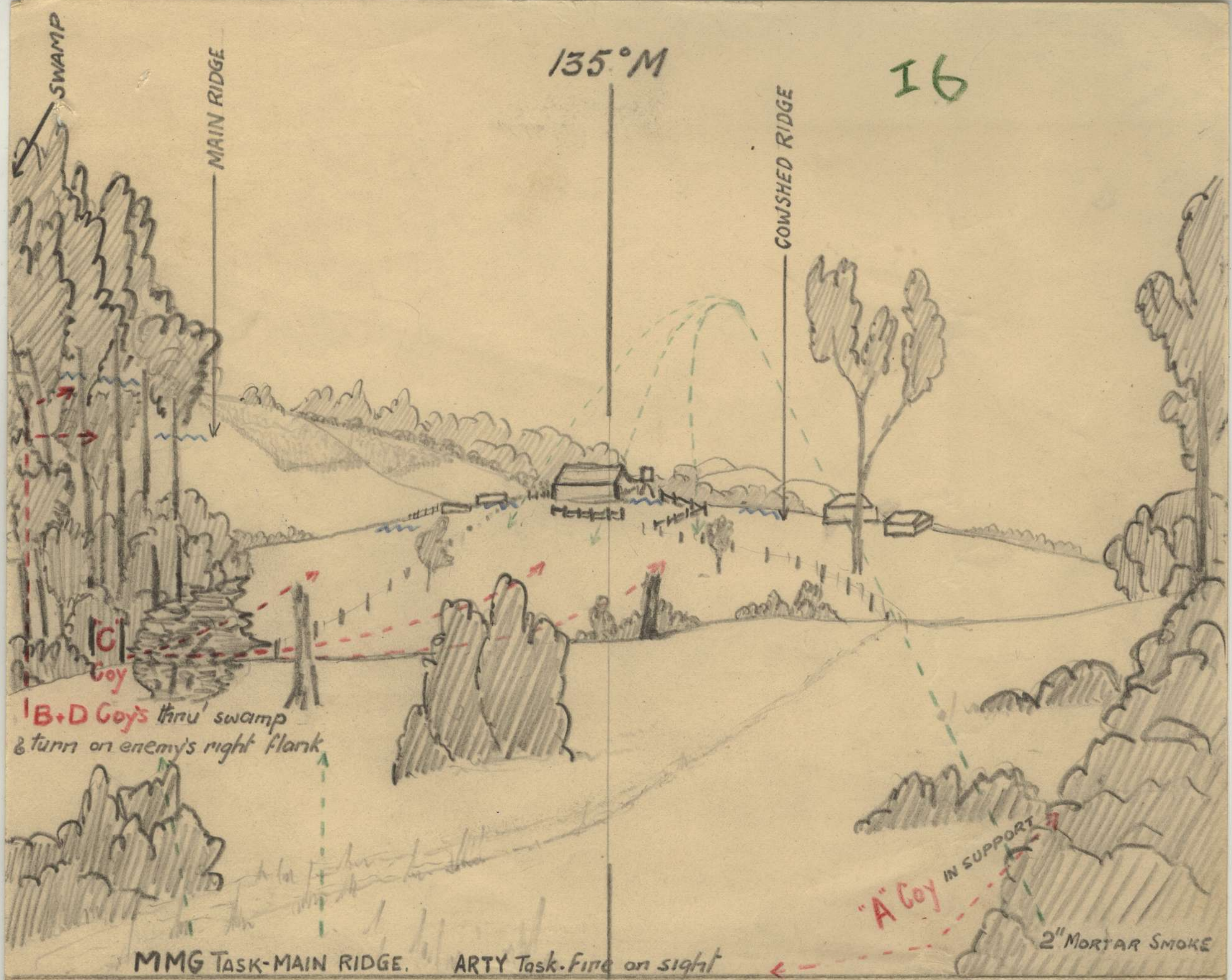
1800 hrs -
24 Jun 43.
1 Sec -



Panorama from 610380 -

showing attack on crested ridge & main ridge

1508 hrs
24 Dec
1 Sec. DesA.



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C Coy
B+D Coys thru swamp
 & turn on enemy's right flank

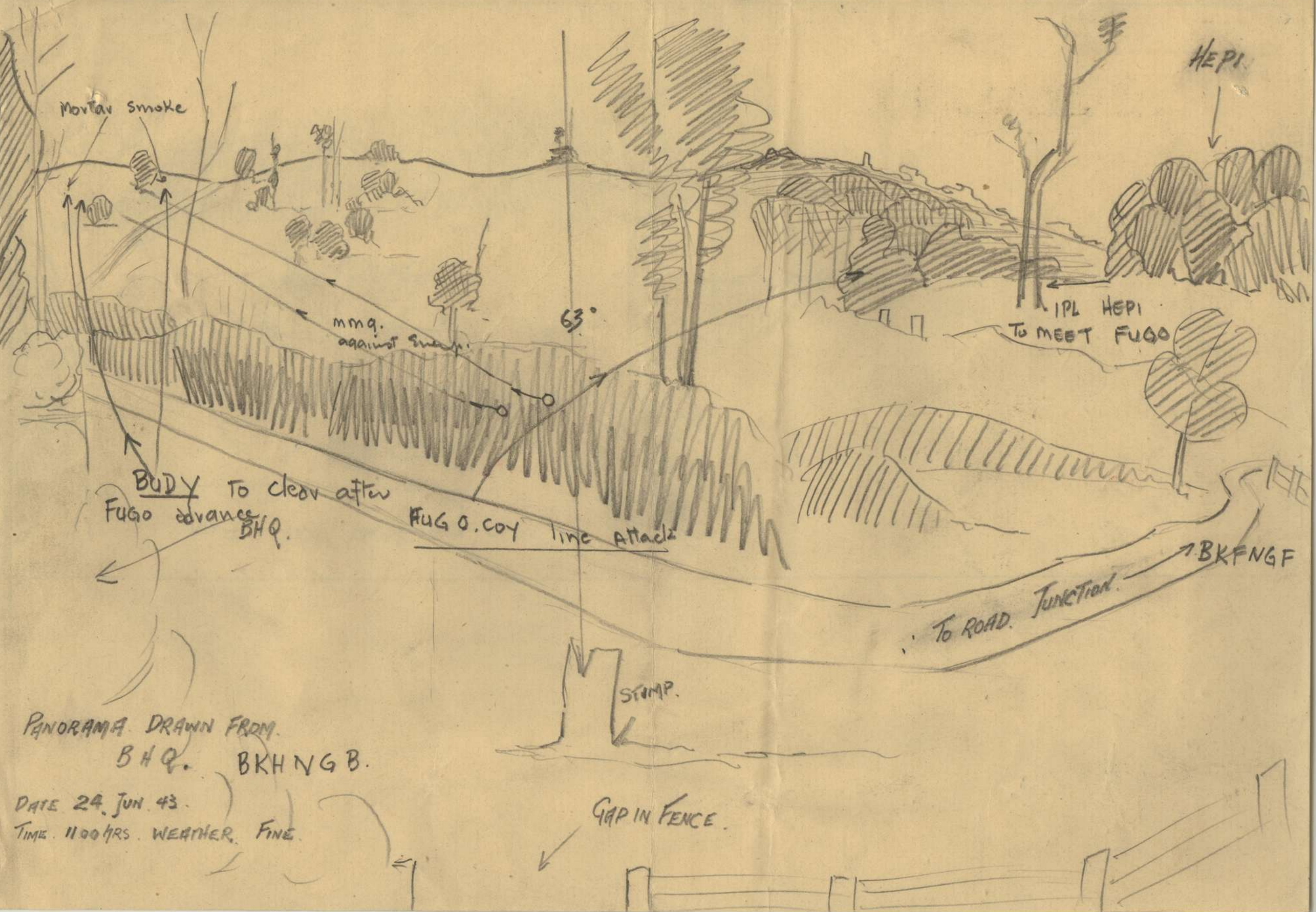
A Coy IN SUPPORT
 2" MORTAR SMOKE

MMG TASK-MAIN RIDGE. ARTY Task. Fire on sight

View of first action to
 take COWSHED & MAIN ridges
 PM on 24 Jun. No attempt
 has been made to show
 coordination by time.

Map Reference of OP
611378
GORDONVALE Sheet 1:63,360

Date 24 Jun 43
 Time 1600 hrs
 "I" Section 2/24 Bn.
 Pte. Gooderham
 VX 72498

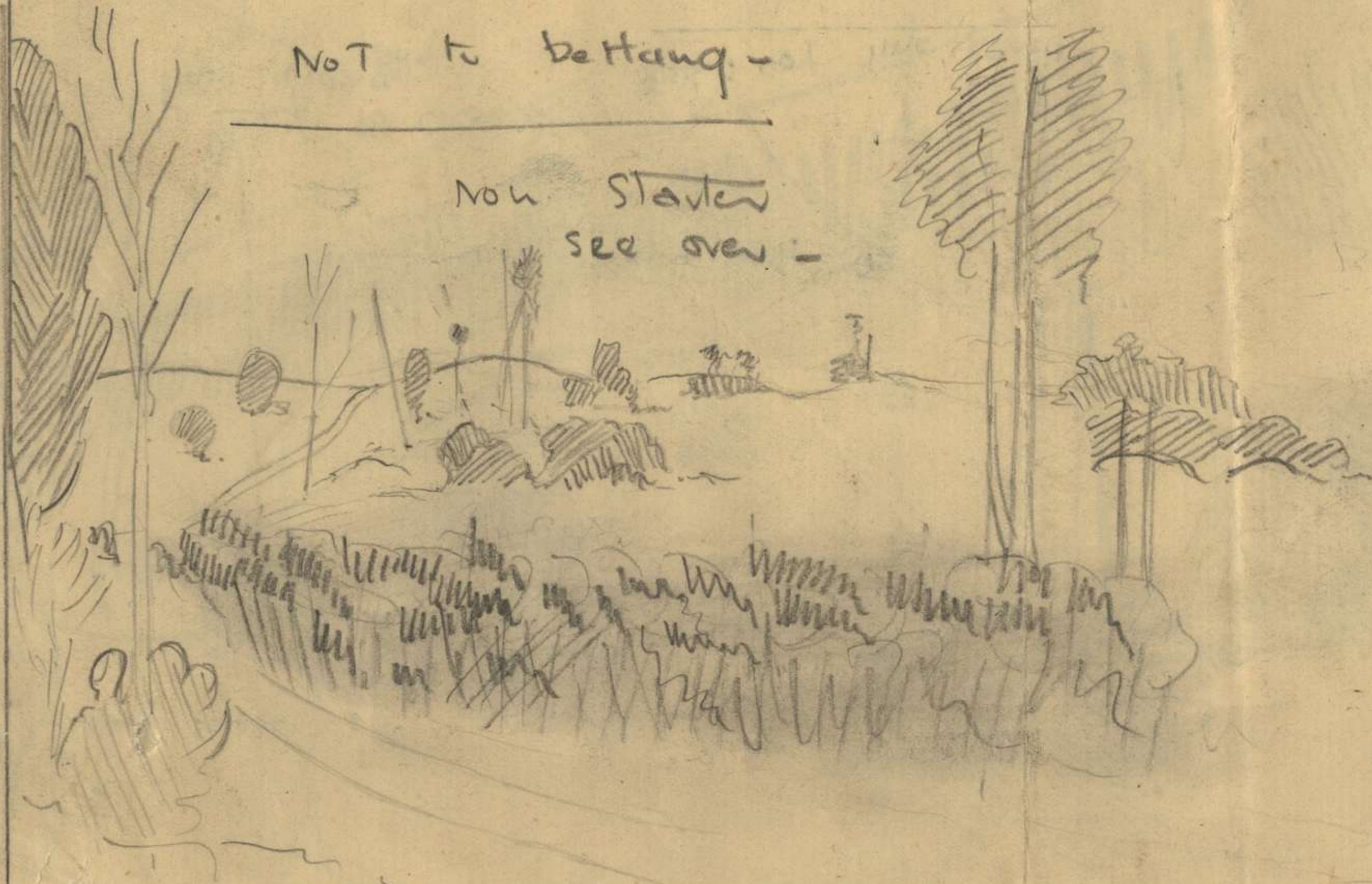


PANORAMA DRAWN FROM
 BHQ. BKHNG B.

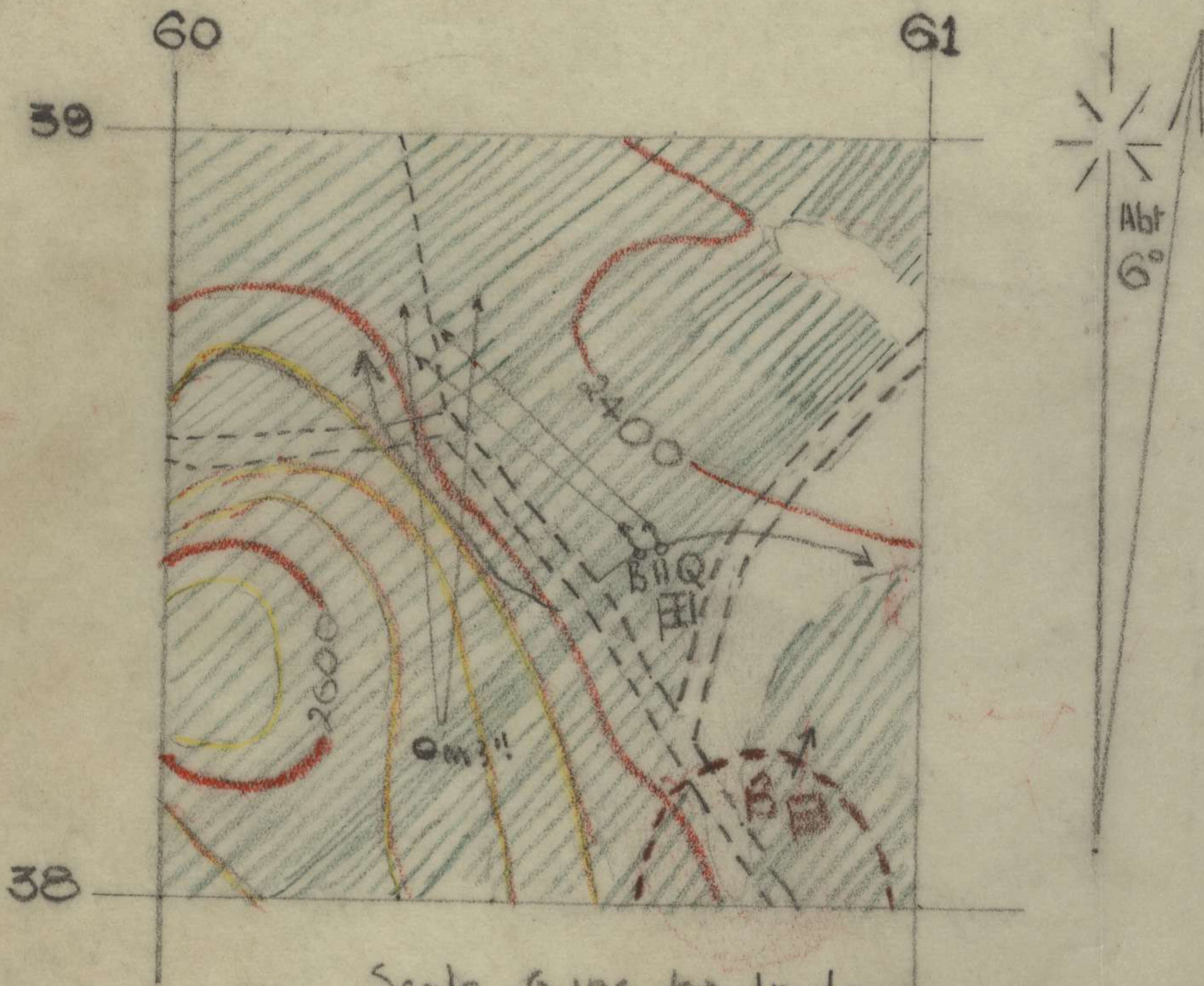
DATE 24 JUN 43
 TIME 1100 HRS. WEATHER FINE

NOT to be hung -


Now started
see over -




Enlargement of Gordonvale 63360



Legend

 Area where Bloy is cut off.

 Jungle

Drawn by "I" Sec

1145 hrs 24 Jun



ROAD DANBULLA - LAKE BARRINE

Patrol sector opp. BHQ
front after capture of
enemy air strip.

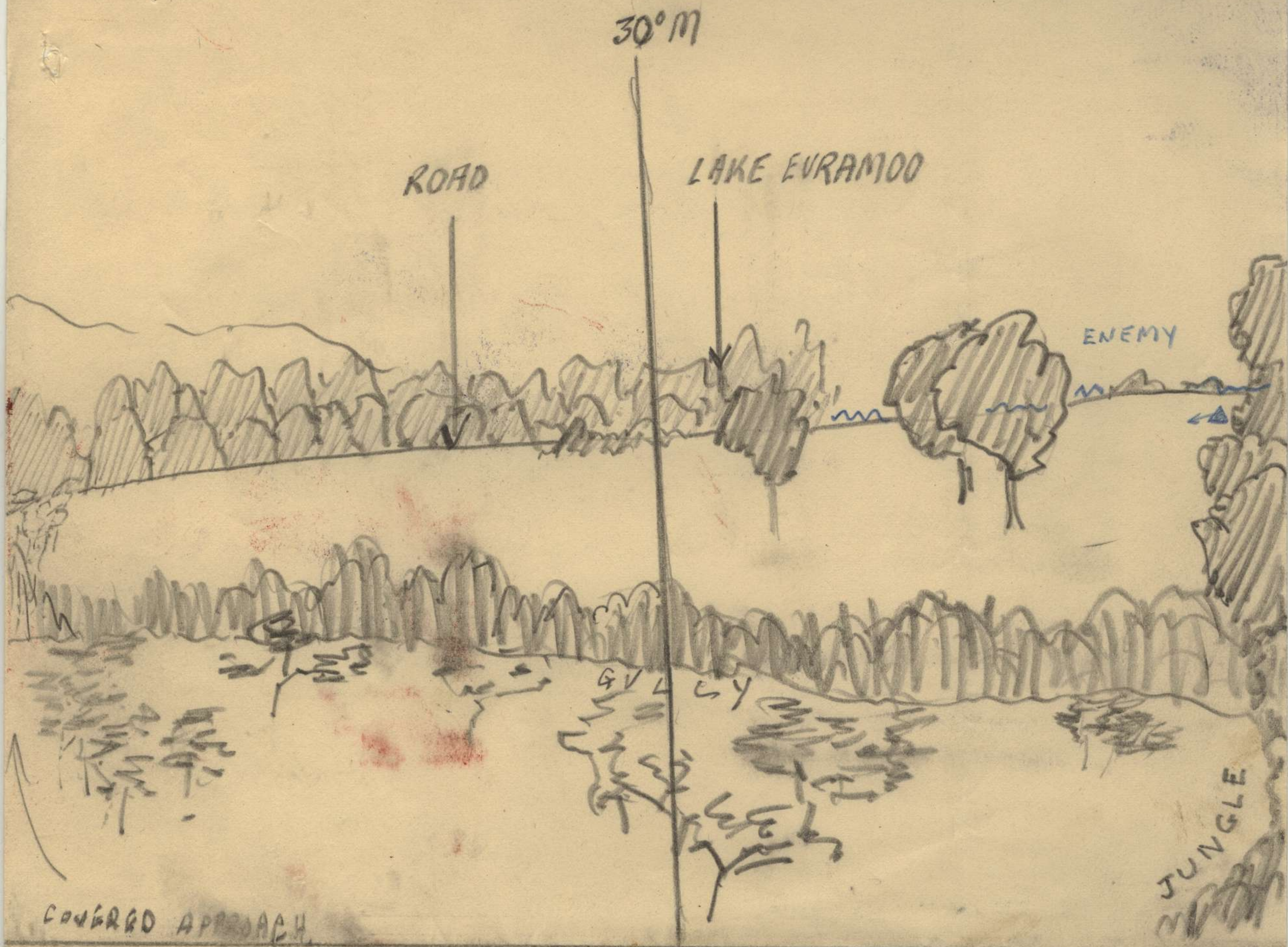
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GORDONVALE Sheet

Time 0900 hrs
Date 22 Jun 43

"I" Section 2/24
Pte F Goodenham VX 72498



View from PYTHON HILL
 track at edge of
 clearing. First occupied
 ridge.

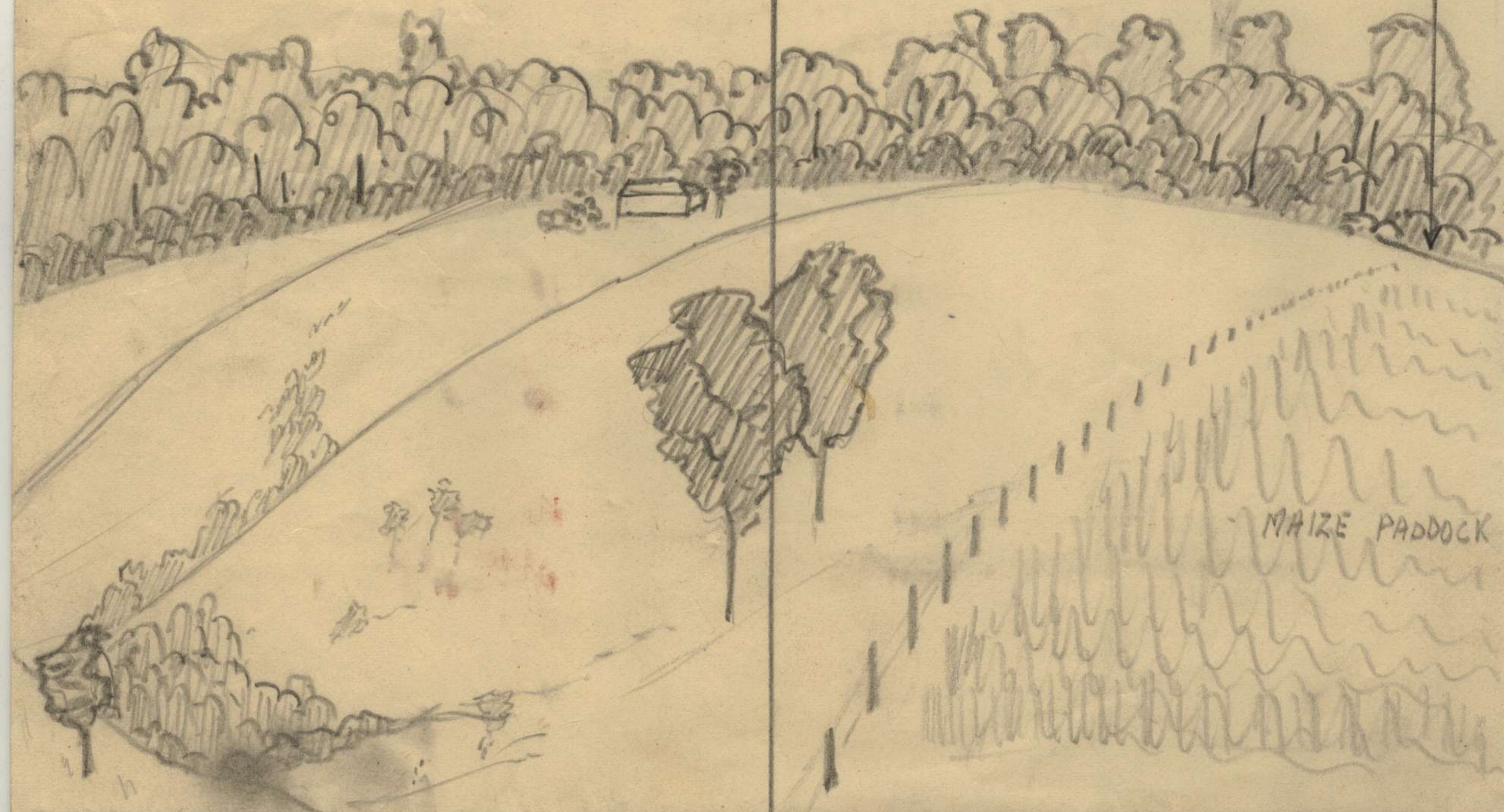
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Time 1415 hrs
 Date 21 Jun 43.
 "I" Section 2/24
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MEMORY SKETCH

97° M

← LAKE EURAMOO
AIR STRIP ROAD



MAIZE PADDOCK

View from first ridge
taken in assault upon
Air Strip.

Map Ref 565395

GORDONVALE Sheet

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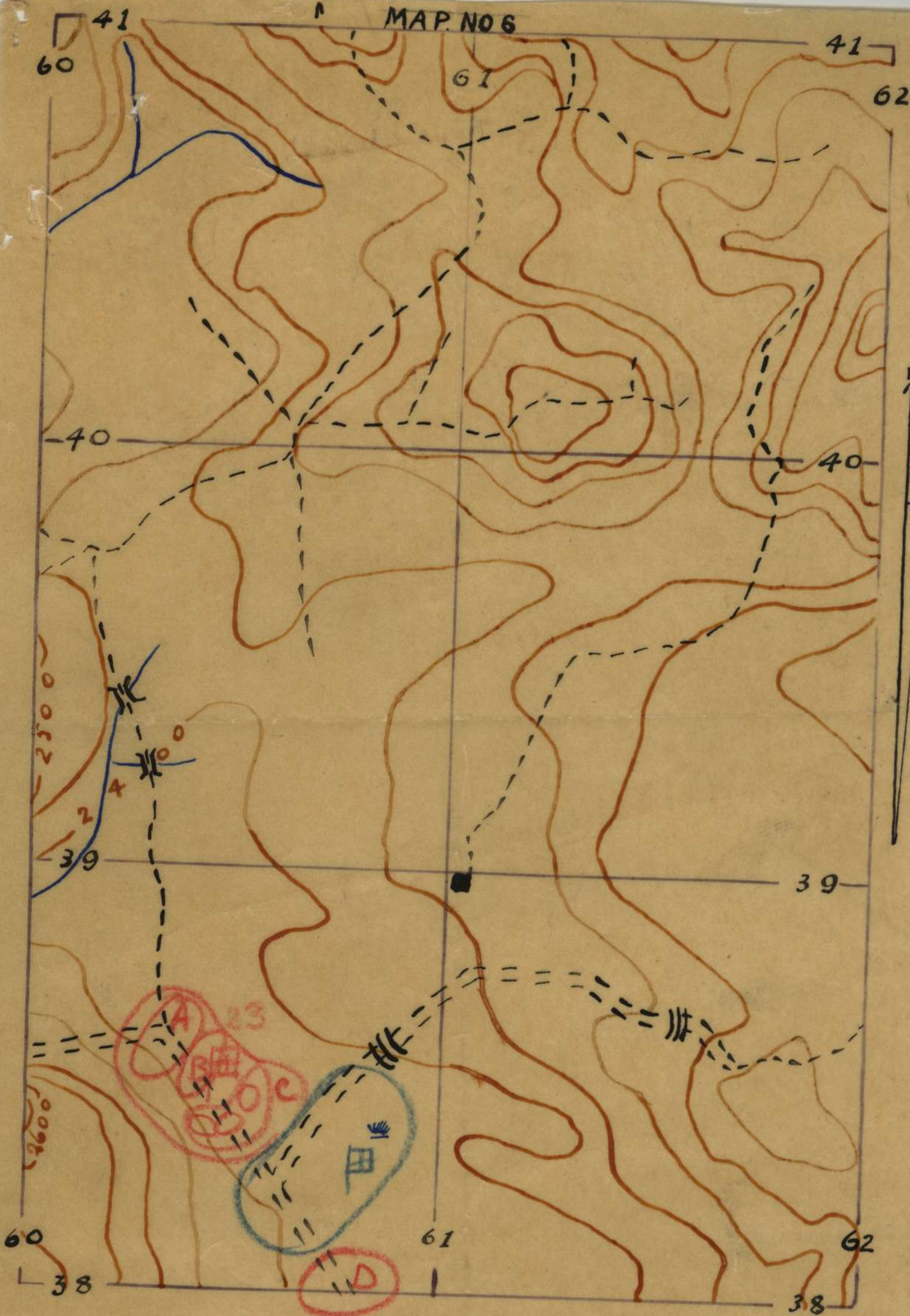
Date 21 Jun 43

Time 1450 hrs

"I" Section 2/24 Bn

Pte. Gooderham VX72498

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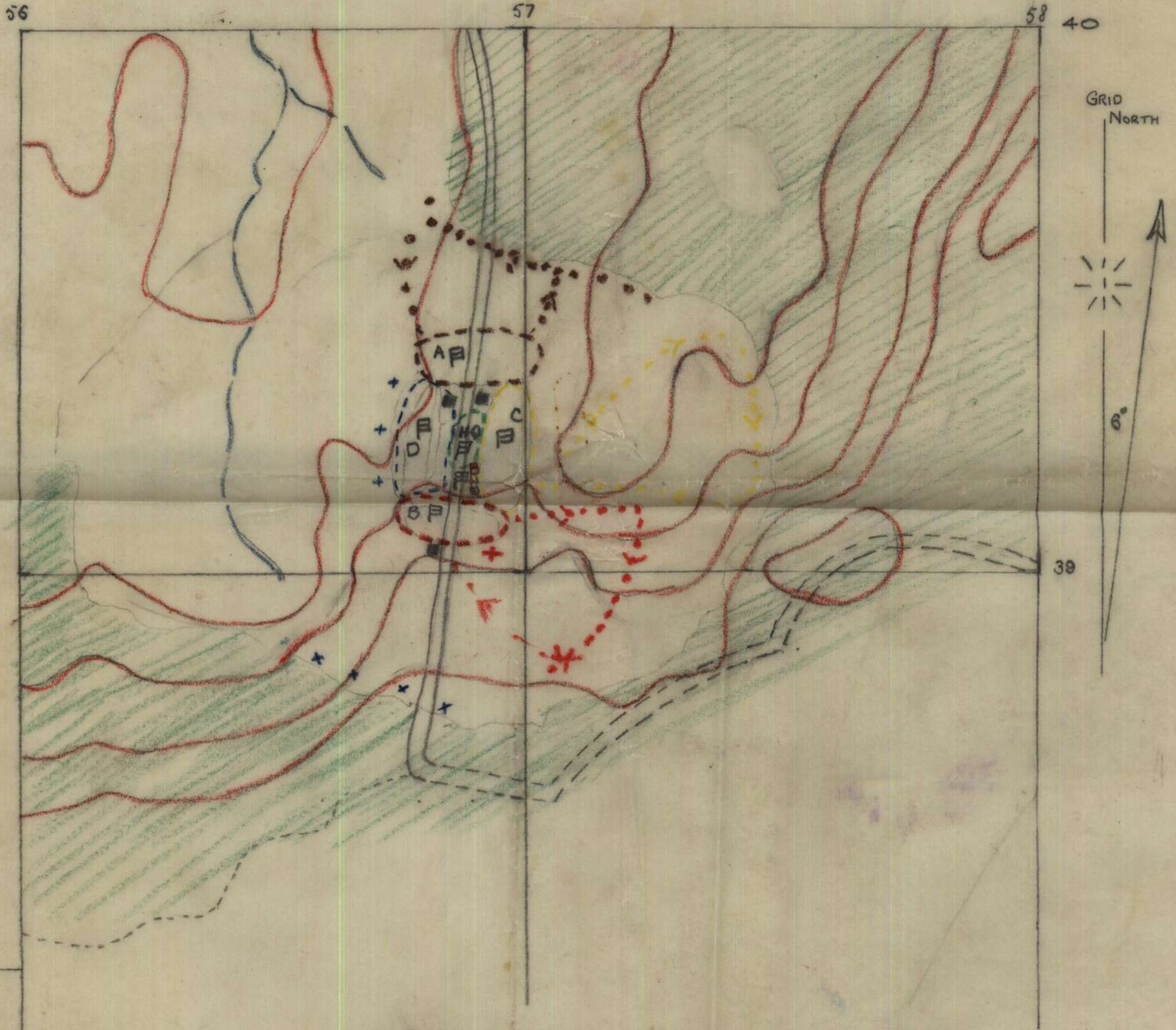
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WAR DIARY

Month of

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Commanding Officer Lt Col AB. Gillespie

Month and Year July 1943.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.	
Atherton Tablelands.	July	1-3	During this period normal training was engaged in, including 30X range, and Jungle Assault Course practices. Inter-Coy football & basket ball matches were arranged.		
		5	The C in C South West Pacific forces Gen McArthur, visited the Bde area. Elements of A, B, and D Coys engaged in tactical exercises west of the Div area, comprising Adv Guard Attack, fire control, and use of ground & cover. These exercises were made particularly interesting, in that prior to, and following each exercise the CO fully explained all movements to the troops.		
			Two TK/AT guns were delivered to the Unit. Capt R.P. Serle, and Lieut D. Cuning returned to the Unit from Amphibious Exercises on the coast north of Cairns, where they had been acting in the capacity of observers to the 24 Bde.		
		"	6	The Bn Sgts, and Sgts of the 2/12 Aust Fd Regt mess, entertained Sisters and VADs 2/2 and 2/6 messes at a dance held in the Atherton Town Hall.	
		"	9	The D.A.D.H inspected the hygiene arrangements of the Unit area.	
	"	11-12	Amphibious training boat boarding and disembarking drill was practiced on the sports ground. Boats were marked out, with lines of advance facilitating embarkation and the attack upon landing.		

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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Month and Year July 1943

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Commanding Officer Lt Col AB. Gillespie

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Atherton Tablelands.	July 14-21.		Normal training was carried out. Unit personnel fluctuations over this period were:- Marched in, 2 NCOs & 9 ORs., Marched out, 1 NCO & 16 ORs, To Hosp' 3 NCOs & 11 ORs, 3 ORs from Hosp', To Malarial control School 1 NCO & 4 Ptes, to Cooks' tng School 5 Ptes, 1 NCO ret' from Camouflage School, 2 ORs were boarded "B" Class, 3 NCOs and 5 ORs were det' for duty with 9 Aust Div Carrier Coy, and 1 Or det' to 26 Bde.	
"	"	22	0000 Hrs. Amphibious Training exercise. The complete Unit was engaged in a dawn landing and attack. Boat positions and lines of adv' were marked by illuminated signs.	
"	"	23	Unit personnel were issued with mosquito gloves and veils, repellent liquid, and crown burners.	
"	"	24	A warning order was issued advising the departure of the Unit from the present area.	
"	"	25	1030 Hrs. The Unit left the area by MT in convoy, to arrive at Dead Man's Gully ref 622856 at 1600 Hrs, there to engage in amphibious training exercises.	Ref Map CAIRNS 1:63360.
"	"	26	This day Maj K.F. Mollard marched out to become 2/IC of the 2/32 Aust Inf Bn. Throughout the day various Amphibian craft were demonstrated in action by members of American Boat and Shore Coys. Troops later practiced loading and unloading drill	

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Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Commanding Officer Lt. Col AB. Gillespie.

Month and Year July 1943.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Dead Man's Gully.	July	26	with LCV and LCI craft.	Ref Map CAIRNS
	"	27	Unit personnel comprising the CO, Adj, IO, Sig OFFr and Pl, COy Comdrs with runners, and Int Sec, embarked upon LCVs at Yorkey's beach Ref 684828, and disembarked on Palm Beach Ref 621896, there to practice a skeleton attack, laying line of adv, establishing Bn and Coy HQs, and Sig Comms.	L:63360
			1730 Hrs Unit personnel departed from Trinity Beach Ref 655853, in preparation for a dawn attack upon Yorkey's Beach. On this occasion the full compliment of Unit stores, amm, and weapons incl TK/AT guns, were loaded upon LCVs. The exercise was successfully carried out.	
	"	28	Return to camp.	
	"	29	Clear day swimming etc.	
	"	30	Preparation for Bde exercise, this was later cancelled. A Warning Order was rec'd concerning the packing of stores preparatory to leaving the area.	
	"	31	Stores were transported to Cairns and there loaded upon HMAS Westralia.	
	"	"	Unit changes to this date were:- Marched in 9NCOs & 18 ORs, with 13 ORs taken on strength, Marched out 2NCOs & 11 ORs, TRans to AACC 6 NCOs & 21 ORs, 5 ORs to discharge.,	

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Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Month and Year July 1943.

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Commanding Officer Lt Col AB Gillespie.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Dead Man's				
Gully.	July	31.	Evac to Hosp' 3NCOs & 11 ORs, Schools. 1 NCO to 1 Aust Army Weapon Tng School, 2 ORs to 1 Aust Army School of Sigs, 5 ORs to mob Cookery School held in Unit lines. Unit Strength at this date was :- 36 Offrs and 708 ORs.	
Signed			Capt	
Adjutant 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.				
.....			Lt Col.	
			Commanding Officer 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.	

War diary

Month of

JULY 1943

APPX. "A" Casualty Returns.

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lieut		ARMSTRONG R.J.	2/24 Bn	YES		OC 9 P1
2		"		HEWITT E.J.	" "	"		OC 8 P1
3		"		SALMON H.J.	" "	"		OC 1 P1
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(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.

2/24 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

28 JUNE 1943

(Date of Despatch.)

M. Shull
(Signature of Commander.)
Comd. 2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/24 Aust. Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 3 JUL 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels	1		
	Majors...	3		
	Captains	8		
	Lieutenants	26	7	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			1
	District Officers			
	TOTALS ...	38	7	1

* 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.
Lieut	KING R.S.	2/24 Bn	28 JUN 43	Held from Hosp

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	BRYANT G.H.	2/24 Bn	2 JUL 43	Evac to Hosp.
Lieut	AUSTIN MC A.G.	" "	28 JUN 43	"X" List (School)

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lieut.		ARMSTRONG R.A.	2/24 Inf Bn	YES		OC 8 Pl
2		"		HEWITT R.A.	" "	"		OC 7 Pl
3		"		SALMON R.A.	" "	"		OC 1 Pl
4		"		IMSTER J.A.	" "	"		SUPER
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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Capt.		BRANDT D.S.	ANG		RMO
Chap.		HONNER J.F.	AA CH D		RC CHAPLAIN
Lieut		KNOCK J.A.	2/3 TR/A		DENTAL OFFR
Lieut		RODD R.S.	" "		Attd for Duty

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

4 JUL 43

(Date of Despatch.)

L.J. Mullen Maj. Lt-Col

(Signature of Commander.)

ROD. Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(A. S. GILLESPIE)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.) For Week Ending 3 JUL 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	3		
	Captains	8		
	Lieutenants	26	7	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			1
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	38	7	1

* 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.
Lieut	KING R.S.	2/24 Bn	28 JUN 43	Held from Hosp

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	BRYANT G.H.	2/24 Bn	2 JUL 43	Evac to Hosp.
Lieut	AUSTIN MC A.G.	" "	28 JUN 43	"X" List (School)

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Major	T/Lt-Col	GILLESPIE A.B.	2/24 Bn	Yes		CO
2		"		GERHARDT P.	"	"		2 1/e
3		"		MOLLARD K.F.	" "	"		OC HQ Coy
4		Capt	T/Major	SNELL H.W.	" "	"		OC B "
5		"		SERLE R.P.	" "	"		OC D "
6		"		MONOTTI F.R.	" "	"		OC A "
7		"		MACFARLANE A.	" "	"		2 1/e D "
8		"		HARTY E.P.	" "	"		OC C COY
9		"/		DENNYS G.E.	" "	"		2 1/e A Coy
10		"		McKENZIE I.S.	" "	"		2 1/e C "
11		"		FINLAY J.T.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
12		Lieut		McNAMARA J.F.	" "	YES		OC 2 PL
13		"		McINTOSH F.J.	" "	"		OC 5 PL
14		"		AUSTIN MC A.G.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
15		"		HOWLETT H.G.	" "	YES		OC 15 PL
16		"	T/Capt	HEAL R.O.	" "	"		Adjt
17		"		SHATTOCK E.J.	" "	"		SUPER
18		"		HALLIDAY I.C.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
19		"		JONES L.I.	" "	YES		OC 3 PL
20		"		CUNNING D.	" "	"		TO
21		"		SCHROEDER K.M.	" "	"		SUPER
22		"		THOMAS G.E.	" "	"		OC 12 PL
23		"		BURNABY R.H.	" "	"		OC 14 PL
24		"		KELSEY R.F.R.	" "	"		SUPER
25		"		BRAINBRIDGE F.	" "	"		OC 17 PL
26		"		GREATOREX A.G.W.	" "	Y		OC 18 PL
27		"		CAPLE J.H.	" "	"		OC 10 PL
28		"		FITZPATRICK A.D.	" "	"		OC 13 PL
29		"		KNIBB G.G.	" "	"		SUPER
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32		"		GRAY A.H.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
33		"		KING R.S.	" "	YES		OC 9 PL
34		"		STEVENS K.W.	" "	"		OC 16 PL

(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.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lieut.		ARMSTRONG R.J.	2/24 BN	YES		OC 8 PL
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Capt.		JONES E.H.	AANC		DENTAL OFFR
Lieut.		KNOCK J.A.	2/3 TK/A		Attd for Duty
Lieut.		RODD H.C.			" "

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

4 JUL 43

(Date of Despatch.)

A.O.D. Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(A.O. GILLESPIE)

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

L.J. Mowbray

(Signature of Commander.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending _____

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Majors... ..			
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	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS			

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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	7	8	9
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3		"		MOLLARD K.F.	" "	"		OC HQ Coy
4		Capt	T/Major	SNELL H.W.	" "	"		OC B "
5		"		SERLE R.P.	" "	"		OC D "
6		"		MONETTI F.H.	" "	"		OC A "
7		"		MACFARLANE A.	" "	"		2 1/e D "
8		"		HARTY E.P.	" "	"		OC C COY
9		"		DENNYS G.E.	" "	"		2 1/e A Coy
10		"		McKENZIE I.S.	" "	"		2 1/e C "
11		"		FINLAY J.T.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
12		Lieut		McNAMARA J.F.	" "	YES		OC 2 PL
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14		"		AUSTIN MC A.G.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
15		"		HOWLETT H.G.	" "	YES		OC 15 P1
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25		"		BRAINBRIDGE F.	" "	"		OC 17 P1
26		"		GREATorex A.G.W.	" "	"		OC 18 P1
27		"		CAPLE J.H.	" "	"		OC 10 P1
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32		"		GRAY A.H.	" "	NO		SCHOOL
33		"		KING R.S.	" "	YES		OC 9 P1
34		"		STEVENS K.W.	" "	"		OC 16 P1

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

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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CAPT		BRANDT D.S.	AAMC		R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN		HONNER J.F.	AA CH D		RC CHAPLAIN
CAPT		JONES E.V.	AAMC		DENTAL OFFICER
LIEUT		KROGER J.A.	2/3 TR/A		APTD FOR DUTY
"		RODD R.C.	" "		" "

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

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11 JUL 43

(Date of Despatch.)

A.B. Gillespie Lt-Col
A.B. GILLESPIE (Signature of Commander.)

26 Aust Inf Bde, 9 Aust Div.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART B.- 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	7	8	9	
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lieut		HEWITT	E.J.	2/24 B.	YES		OC 7 P1
2		"		SALMON	H.J.	" "	"		OC 1 P1
3		"		INKSTER	J.W.	" "	"		SUPER
4		"		BLAIR	L.A.	" "	"		SUPER
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(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.
CAPT		BRANDT	D.S.	AAMC		R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN		HONNER	J.F.	AA CH D		RC CHAPLAIN
CAPT		JONES	E.W.	AAMC		GENERAL OFFR.
LIEUT		KNOCK	J.A.	2/3 TR/A		APTD FOR DUTY
"		RODD	R.C.	" "		" "

2/24 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

11 JUL 43
(Date of Despatch.)

A.B. Gillespie Col
A.B. GILLESPIE (Signature of Commander.)
26 Aust Inf Bde, 2 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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.
Lieut		DEARNALEY F.R.	2/24 Bn	YES	Super.
"		GRAY C.J.	"	"	O.C. Pl. 7
"		STEVENS K.W.	"	"	O.C. 16 Pl
"		ARMSTRONG R.J.	"	"	O.C. 9 Pl leave
"		HEWITT B.J.	"	"	O.C. 8 Pl
"		SALMON H.J.	"	"	O.C. 1 Pl
"		INKSTER J.J.	"	"	Super
"		BLAIR L.A.	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt Chaplain		HAYDEN J.P.	AMC AA CH D		AMO MC Chaplain

2/24 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commander.)

Comd. 2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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

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.
Lieut		DEANNALEY E.R.	2/24 Bn	Yes	SUPER
"		GRAY C.J.	"	NO	SCHOOL
"		STEVENS K.H.	"	Yes	CC 16 P1
"		ARMSTRONG R.J.	"	"	CC 9 P1 leave
"		HEWITT B.J.	"	"	CC 8 P1
"		BALCH H.J.	"	"	CC 1 P1
"		INESTER J.J.	"	"	Super
"		BLAIR L.A.	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		BRANDT O.S.	AAMC		NO
Chaplain		HORNER J.F.	11 CH D		NO CHAPLAIN

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Lt-Col.
(Signature of Commander.)
Comd 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
26 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.5088

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 7 3 / 2/24 Aust Inf Bn / 1944

(Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
		6	1 125	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AASC	1								
		6	38			1								
				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.										39
				E.[1]										
				E.[2]										

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].

* 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.
VX 32559	Lieut	GRAY C.J.	2nd Inf School	16 JUL 43	Retd from School

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].

Unit

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/7/1943. (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.
Maj-1/Lt	6408	GILLESPIE	A.B.	CO	Yes		
Maj	VX1444	Gebhardt	P	2 1/c	No.	Observing H.Q.	4 JUL 43
Maj	VX 48771	HOLLAND	R.P.	OC HQ	Yes		
Maj T/Maj	VX 48606	SMILL	H.W.	OC B	"		
Capt	VX 48826	SMITH	R.P.	OC B	"		
"	VX 48808	MCINTYRE	F.R.	OC A	"		
"	VX 15247	MACFARLANE	A.	2 1/c	"		
"	VX 46436	MARTY	R.P.	OC C	"		
"	NR 4731	MURPHY	G.B.	21/cA	"	Detached instructing	
"	VX 40762	MACKENZIE	I.S.	21/cC	"		
"	VX 40767	FINLAY	J.T.	21/cB	NO	HQ Tac School	12 JUN 43
Lieut	VX 30994	MCNAMARA	J.P.	OC 2P1	Yes		
"	VX 34544	MCINTOSH	F.J.	OC 9P1	"		
"	VX 26297	MCLEOD	H.G.	OC 15P1	"		
" T/Capt	VX 15617	MCAL	R.O.	AdjT	"		
"	VX 32038	MCATTOCK	B.J.	Super	"		
"	VX 29025	HALLIDAY	I.C.	4 P1	NO	Detached Instructing	12 JUL 43
"	VX 52042	JONES	L.I.	CM	YES		
"	VX 52049	CUNNING	B.	T.O.	"		
"	VX 39149	SCHROEDER	K.W.	Super	"		
"	VX 48726	THOMAS	G.B.	OC 12P1	"		
"	VX 6049	MURRAY	R.H.	OC 14P1	"		
"	VX 16126	KELSBY	K.E.S.	Super	"		
"	VX 9693	BRADBURY	F.	OC 17 P1	"		
"	VX 11512	BRADY	A.G.W.	OC 3 P1	"		
"	VX 33860	CAPIN	J.H.	OC 10 P1	"		
"	VX 32600	FITZPATRICK	A.D.	OC 13 P1	"		
"	VX 65457	SMITH	G.G.	Super	"		
"	VX 37005	SMITH	A.H.	OC 11 P1	"		
"	VX 52207	MCNAMARA	F.R.	Super	"		
"	VX 32527	SMITH	G.J.	5 P1	"		
"	VX 33060	SMITH	R.S.	18 P1	"		
"	VX 50311	SMITH	R.W.	16 P1	"		
"	VX 48404	SMITH	R.J.	8 P1	"		
"	VX 33072	SMITH	R.J.	7 P1	"		
"	VX 45522	SALMON	H.J.	1 P1	"		
"	VX 55630	SMITH	J.J.	Super	"		
"	VX 53611	SMITH	L.H.	Super	"		

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.
Capt	VX12289	BRANDT B.S.	AASC		PMO
Chaplain	VX 9042	ROBERTSON R.P.	AA CH D		H.C. Chaplain
Capt	VX 17085	JONES E.W.	AASC		Dental Officer
Lieut	VX 16089	FRITCHARD G.N.	2/3 TA/A	REPT	Attd flr duty
"	VX 58492	COLETTI C.	" "	" "	" " "

17 JUL 43

Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt-Col

Signature of Commander

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

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(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 7 / 1943 . 2/24 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. 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.				
		6	1 3 8 25 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AASC	1							
		6	38			1							
				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.	39								39
				E.[1]									
				E.[2]									

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].

* 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.
VX 32559	Lieut	GRAY G.J.	4HQ The School	16 JUL 43	Retd from School

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].

Unit

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 7 /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.
Maj-1/Lt	6400	GILLISPIE	A.S.	30	Yes		
Maj	VX 14044	Conhardt	P	2 1/c	No.	Observing S.G.	4 JUL 43
Maj	VX 40771	HOLLARD	K.F.	OC HQ	Yes		
Maj T/Maj	VX 40606	SHILL	H.	OC B	"		
Capt	VX 40526	SMITH	R.P.	OC D	"		
"	VX 40808	SCOTTI	F.R.	OC A	"		
"	VX 15247	MACFARLANE	A.	2 1/c	"		
"	VX 46436	TARTY	S.P.	OC C	"		
"	HK 4731	DENYS	G.E.	21/cA	"	Attached instructing	
"	VX 40762	MACKENZIE	I.S.	21/OC	"		
"	VX 40767	FINLAY	J.T.	21/cB	NO	Inf Tac School	12 JUN 43
Lieut	VX 30994	McNAMARA	J.F.	OC 2P1	Yes		
"	VX 34544	McINTOSH	F.J.	OC 9P1	"		
"	VX 26297	HOWLETT	H.G.	OC 15P1	"		
" T/Capt	VX 15619	NEAL	R.O.	Adjt	"		
"	VX 32838	SHATTOCK	E.J.	Super	"		
"	VX 29028	HALLIDAY	I.C.	4 P1	NO	Detached Instructing	12 JUL 43
"	VX 52842	JONES	L.I.	CH	YES		
"	VX 52849	CUNNING	B.	T.O.	"		
"	VX 39149	SCHRODER	K.	Super	"		
"	VX 48726	THOMAS	G.E.	OC 12P1	"		
"	VX 6049	BURNABY	R.H.	OC 14P1	"		
"	VX 16126	KELSEY	R.E.S.	Super	"		
"	VX 9593	BRAINBRIDGE	F.	OC 17 P1	"		
"	VX 11512	WINTON	A.G.W.	OC 3 P1	"		
"	VX 33860	CAPLE	J.H.	OC 10 P1	"		
"	VX 32680	McPATRICK	A.D.	OC 13 P1	"		
"	HK 65457	KIRK	G.G.	Super	"		
"	VX 37005	ASHT	A.H.	OC 11 P1	"		
"	VX 52207	DEARNALEY	F.R.	Super	"		
"	VX 32559	GRAY	C.J.	5 P1	"		
"	VX 33060	KING	A.S.	15 P1	"		
"	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	16 P1	"		
"	VX 48484	ARMSTRONG	R.J.	8 P1	"		
"	VX 33072	HENITT	B.J.	7 P1	"		
"	VX 45522	SALMON	H.J.	1 P1	"		
"	VX 55630	HESTER	J.J.	Super	"		
"	VX 53611	BLAIR	L.H.	Super	"		

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.
Capt	HK 12289	BRADY D.S.	AMC		REG
Chaplain	VX 9042	HONNER J.F.	AA CH D		R.C. Chaplain
Capt	VX 17085	JONES B.W.	AMC		Dental Officer
Lieut	VX 16089	PRITCHARD G.W.	2/3 TR/A	REGT	Attd fir Duty
"	VX 58492	COLETTE C.	" "	"	" " "

17 JUL 43

Date of Despatch

A.S. Gillispie Lt-Col
(A.S. GILLISPIE)

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 7 / 1943

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. 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.
		6	25 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AASC	1			
		6	38			1			

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.		39								
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 24/...7.../194 3 (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.
T/Lt-Col		GILLESPIE	A.B.	CO	YES		
Maj		GERHARDT	P	2 1/2	NO	Observing H.G.	4 JUL 43
"		MOLLARD	K.F.	OC HQ	YES		
Capt T/Maj		SNELL	H.W.	OC B	"		
"		SERLE	R.P.	OC D	"		
"		MONO TI	F.H.	OC A	"		
"		MACFARLANE	A.	2 1/2	"		
"		HARTY	E.P.	OC C	"		
"		DENNY	G.E.	2 1/2	"		
"		HACKENSTEIN	I.S.	"	"		
"		FINLAY	J.T.	"	NO	HQ SCHOOL TAC.	12 JUN 43
Lieut		McHARRA	J.F.	OC2 P1	"		
"		McINTOSH	F.J.	OC9 P1	"		
"		HOWLETT	H.G.	OC 15 P1	"		
T/Capt		BEAL	R.O.	Adjt	"		
Lieut		SHATTOCK	E.J.	Super	"		
"		HALLIDAY	I.C.	OC 4 P1	"		
"		JONES	L.I.	"	"		
"		CUNNING	D.	TO	"		
"		SCHRODER	K.M.	SUPER	"		
"		THOMAS	G.S.	OC12 P1	"		
"		BURBARY	R.H.	" 14	"		
"		KELSEY	K.E.S.	SUPER	"		
"		BRAINBRIDGE	F.	OC17 P1	"		
"		CREATOREX	A.G.W.	" 3	"		
"		CAPLE	J.H.	"10	"		
"		FITZPATRICK	A.D.	"13	"		
"		KNIBB	G.G.	Super	"		
"		ARIST	A.H.	OC11 P1	"		
"		DEARNALEY	F.R.	SUPER	"		
"		GRAY	C.J.	OC 5 P1	"		
"		KING	R.S.	" 18	"		
"		STEVENS	K.W.	" 16	"		
"		ARMSTRONG	R.J.	" 8	"		
"		HEWITT	E.J.	" 7	"		
"		SALFON	H.J.	" 1	"		
"		INKSTER	J.J.	Super	"		
"		BLAIR	L.H.	"	"		
Capt		BRANDT	D.S.	NO	"		

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.
Chaplain		HON BR JONES	J.F. AA CH D		R.C. CHAPLAIN
Capt		JONES	E.W. AANC		DENTAL OFFICER
Lieut		FRITCHARD	G.H. 2/3 T/A Regt		Attd for duty.
"		COLTIS	C. " " "		" " "

24 JUL 43
Date of Despatch

(Signature)
Signature of Commander
(A.B. GILLESPIE)
First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62M—6/43.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)

Revised Jan., 1943

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31 / 7 / 1943 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. 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.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
incl,	1 attd	7	1 3 25 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1			
		7	39			1			

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.	39									39
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 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.
Major	T/Lt-Col	GILLESPIE A.B.	2/24 Bn	YES	C.O.
"		GEBHARDT P.	"	"	2 1/0
"		MOLLARD K.P.	"	"	OC HQ Coy
Capt	S/Maj	SWELL H.W.	"	"	OC B Coy
"		SERLE R.P.	"	"	OC D Coy
"		MONETTI F.R.	"	"	OC A Coy
"		BRYANT G.A.	"	"	QM
"		MACFARLANE A	"	"	2 1/0 D Coy
"		HARTY E.P.	"	"	OC C Coy
"		DEBBYS G.E.	"	"	2 1/0 A Coy
"		MACKENZIE I.S.	"	"	2 1/0 C Coy
"		FINLAY J.T.	"	No	School
Lieut		McNAMARA J.F.	"	Yes	OC 2 Pl
"		McINTOSH F.J.	"	"	OC 7 Pl
"		AUSTIN A.G.	"	"	IO
"		HOWLETT H.G.	"	"	OC 15 Pl
"	T/Capt	BEAL R.O.	"	"	Adjt
"		SHATTOCK E.J.	"	"	SUPER
"		HALLIDAY I.C.	"	No	SCHOOL
"		CATHERALL J.McP	"	"	" Trns pend.
"		JONES L.I.	"	Yes	OC 3 Pl
"		CUNNING D.	"	"	F.O.
"		SCHROEDER K.M.	"	"	Super
"		DOUGLAS A.C.	"	"	"
"		THOMAS G.E.	"	"	OC 12 Pl
"		BURNABE R.H.	"	"	OC 14 Pl
"		KELSEY R.F.S.	"	"	Super
"		BRAINBRIDGE F.	"	"	OC 17 Pl
"		GREATORIK A.G.V.	"	"	OC 18 Pl
"		CAPLE J.H.	"	"	OC 10 Pl
"		FITZPATRICK A.D.	"	"	OC 13 Pl
"		KNIBB G.G.	"	No	SCHOOL
"		AMLET A.H.	"	YES	OC 11 Pl

(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.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

2/24 Aust Inf Bn
11 JUL 43

PERSONNEL ON LEAVE

NO.	RANK	NAME	DARE M/OUT	AREA.
VX 27619	Pte	DIPROSE M.M.	10 JUN 43	TAS L of C
VX 47293	"	KNESRCH L.A.	5 JUN 43	VIC L of C
VX 51428	"	HARRIS D.	18 JUN 43	VIC L of C
VX 79857	"	WILSON P.J.	15 JUN 43	NSW L of C.
VX 48214	"	WARDELL A.C.	3 JUL 43	VIC L of C.

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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 3 / 7 / 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	4	3	NR
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	3	2	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	34	18	NR	Tailors	1	1	NR
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	6	6	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	18	10	NR	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.	676	55	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Att by WE			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	NR	AEME Gun			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	7	NR	Fitter	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				" B'smith	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AAOC Shoe-			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7	NR	Coach Trimmers				maker	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AEME Arm Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAPC Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				" Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AA POST Sjt	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAMC Med "	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				" Hyg "	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				" Chi Cpl	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				" Ord Pte	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	NR				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		23		CARRIED FORWARD		50		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	743	55	* *

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4 JUL 43
Date of Despatch

H. J. Morris Maj. Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
A.D. Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
(A.B. GILLESPIE)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 7 / 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, E.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	4	3	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
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	3	2	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	34	18	NR	Tailors	1	1	NR
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	6	6	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	18	10	NR	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.	676	55	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Att by WE			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	NR	ABME Gun			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	7	NR	Fitter	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				" B'smith	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AAOC Shoe-maker	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7	NR	Coach Trimmers				ABMS Arm Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AAPC Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				" Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				AA POST Sjt	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMC Med "	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				" Hyg "	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				" Chi Cpl	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				" Ord Pte	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	NR				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		23		CARRIED FORWARD		50		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		743	55

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Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

A.O.D. Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
(A.B. GILLESPIE)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20/7/1943

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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	4	3	MR
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	3	2	MR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	22	MR	Tailors	2	2	
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	6	6	MR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	18	13	MR	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				ALL BY MR			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	2	2	MR	AMSL			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	6	MR	1/2			
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				" Smith	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AND			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7	MR	Coach Trimmers				maker	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AND			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				WPC	2	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				" Col	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				LA Post	2	2	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				WPC	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				"	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				" Col	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				"	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	MR	"	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		14		CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		731	70

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11 JUL 43
 Date of Despatch
 a.w. 5m hrs 3/43

[Signature]
 Signature of Commander
 Comd. 2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 (A. 2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.)

Unit

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 20 / 7 / 1943

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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	4	3	NR
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	34	22	NR	Tailors	3	2	NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters	1	1		Textile Refitters	1	1	
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	18	12	NR	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					60	70	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	NR				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	6	NR				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply					1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical					1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7	NR	Coach Trimmers					2	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors					2	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks					1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies					2	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders					1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals					1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.					1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics					1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant					1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.					1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers					1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers	1	1	NR				
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	24			CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	73		*70

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a.w. Sm bks 8/43

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Signature of Commander

Comd: 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
(R.A. 111/101)

Unit

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 17 / 7 / 1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	4	3 NR
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radiographers			Stevadores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors	5	2 NR
			Axemen			Signwriters	34	22 NR	Textile Refitters	1	1 NR
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners	6	6 NR	Wireman					
			Cooks	18	10 NR	Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors				667	52
			Hatchman			Butchers					
			Height Taker			Clerks	1	1 NR			
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply	4	6 NR	Attached by W.E.		
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			AIMB Gun Fitter	1	1
			Intelligence Duties			Coach Trimmers			Blacksmith	1	1
			Joiners	7	7 NR	Concretors			AAOC Shoemaker	1	1
			Lineman			Cooks			AIMB Armour sjt	1	1
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			AAC sjt	1	1
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			AAC sjt	1	1
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			AAPS sjt	1	1
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			AAC sjt	1	1
			Masons			Driver Mechanics			Medical sjt	1	1
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			Hygiene sjt	1	1
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			Chiropr Cpl	1	1
			Miners			Equipment Repairers			Orderly	1	1
			Moulders			Farriers	1	1 NR			
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		
				23	NR						
							53	NR			73* 52

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a.w. 26 July 43

Signature of Commander
Lt-Col
Comd 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
26 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div.

Unit

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 27 // 7 / 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	4	3	NR	
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				Stevadores				
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors	3	2	NR	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters	34	22	NR	Textile Refitters	1	1	NR	
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)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	6	NR	Wireman								
Electricians				Cooks	18	10	NR	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					667	52		
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	NR					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	6	NR					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply								
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners	7	7	NR	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.								
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers								
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers	1	1	NR					
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD			23	NR	CARRIED FORWARD			53	NR		737	52

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Signature of Commander
Lt-Col

Comd 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
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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 / / 194 .

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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	4	3	NR
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		1	-					Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	3	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	24	NR	Tailors	2	2	-
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	12	5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	22	24	-	Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AFME Ftr	-	3	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Storemen	6	6	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								S.Bs	21	21	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Water Dut	2	2	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Caterers	1	1	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Gen Duties	15	15	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				Hyg Insp	1	1	-
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	TK/A GunNo	22	22	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11	-	Batmen	35	39	-
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Hyg Duties	4	4	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Rifle LMG	409	364	45
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	NR	Clerks, Technical				MMG	25	25	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				Mortar	62	62	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				Orderlies	32	32	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				Pioneers	24	24	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				R.Ps	7	4	NR
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				Med Ord	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				Chrop	1	2	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs	-	1	-	Driver Mechanics				Pay Clerks	2	2	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				Shoemaker	1	1	-
Photewriter				Miners		11	-	Engine Hands, L.C.				Postal	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	B'Smith	2	1	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers				Gun Fitter	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates				Armourer	1	2	-
								Gun Layers		10	-				
CARRIED FORWARD		1	-	CARRIED FORWARD		51	-	CARRIED FORWARD		98	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	771	743*	45

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