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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1 Oct	1330	Brig WINDEYER and Maj HILL attended a conf at Trg HQ 9 Aust Div a conf presided over by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN (GOC 9 Aust Div) at which the bde exercise "COCKATOO" was discussed	
	2 Oct		The return of the bde to the Atherton Tablelands commenced today with the movement of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	
		1330	Brig WINDEYER held a trg conf of the COs of the three bns at which the salient points arising out of the Div exercise were discussed. The Bde Comd emphasize d the necessity of strict march discipline and laid down that more route marches be included in future trg.	
	3 Oct	0900	Brig WINDEYER held a conf attended by Maj HILL (BM) Capt TAIT WILLS (SC) and the COs, Adjts and Q reps of the three bns to determine recommendations for MT scales of War Eqpt for Bde HQ and bns.	
		1000	An adv party for bde HQ left for RAVENSHOE. Capt GLASGOW (SC(L)) Capt MAUGHAN (IO) and Lt PATERSON (Amenities Offr) left for RAVENSHOE camp.	
			Brig WINDEYER and Maj HILL lunched aboard US LST 743 as the guest of Capt EMMERICH (Comd).	
	4 Oct	0900	Brig WINDEYER visited Lt-Col CARDALE of 17 Base Sub Area to discuss disciplinary matters. The Bde Comd and BM then left for ATHERTON TABLELANDS.	
		1500	Brig WINDEYER went to Div HQ where Lt-Gen MORSHEAD (GOC 1 Aust Corps) met GOC and Bde Comds of 9 Aust Div.	
		1900	Lt WATSON (OC 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec) departed on leave.	
	5 Oct	0930	Lt-Col ANDERSON (CO 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn) visited Brig WINDEYER.	
		1000	Brig WINDEYER went to the WILD RIVER arty fd firing range to see a tp of 3.7 in AA guns shooting at ground targets.	
		1400	Brig WINDEYER, Lt-Col COLVIN, Lt-Col GRACE and Lt-Col BROADBENT attended a conf held at HQ 9 Aust Div by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN (GOC 9 Aust Div). Trg policy and preparations for future ops were discussed.	

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	5 Oct	(cont) 1615	Brig WINDEYER held a conf of all COs and Adjts at which the implementation of the principles laid down by the GOC was discussed.	
	6 Oct	0815	A conf of staff offrs of Bde HQ was held at which the Bde Comd indicated the most important lessons learnt in the recent bde exercise and the nature of trg in the immediate future.	
		1000	Capt HURLEY (1 Buffs) arrived at Bde HQ where he is to stay and observe trg.	
	7 Oct		Capt ALLISON (LO 2/8 Fd Regt called at Bde HQ.	
		1500	Maj QUILLIAM (OC A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt) and Lt WILLIAMS visited Bde HQ. A conf was then held at this HQ attended by bn comds. A programme for trg with tks was settled and it was decided to call a conf at Bde HQ on night 10 Oct to discuss problems of co-operation between tks, inf and engrs in battle.	
	9 Oct	0900	Brig WINDEYER visited Maj-Gen WOOTTEN at HQ 9 Aust Div and discussed with him trg of inf in co-operation with tks.	
	10 Oct	0900	Brig WINDEYER presided at a conf held at Bde HQ attended by the CO and Adjt of each bn, Lt McFARLANE and Lt SIMPSON (2/17 Aust Inf Bn) and Capt HEDGER (QM 2/13 Aust Inf Bn) at which the composition of "light" and "assault" scales for a ship to shore landing for bns and a bde HQ was discussed. 9 Aust Div Trg Instr No 22 refers.	
		1100	Brig WINDEYER accompanied by Lt CHILDS visited RAA 9 Aust Div Staff School at which he delivered a lecture on the organisation and characteristics of inf. This afternoon a co-ordinating conf was held at Div HQ to discuss differing views on the compsoition of "light" and "assault" scales at which Lt-Col GRACE and Capt WORTHLEY represented this bde.	

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	10 Oct (cont)	1930	A conf was held at Bde HQ by Brig WINDEYER to settle the principals of battle co-operation between inf and tks. The following attended : Lt-Col BAMFORD (G I 9 Aust Div) Lt-Col MUELLER (CRE) Lt-Col JOHNSTONE (Comd 2/9 Armd Regt) Maj QUILLIAM and Lt WILLIAMS (A Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt) Lt-Col COLVIN (Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bde) Lt-Col GRACE (Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn) Lt-Col BROADBENT (Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn) Maj EASTICK (OC 2/3 Fd Coy) Maj HILL (BM) and other staff offrs of Bde HQ, and Adjts of the inf bns. Notes on the conclusions of this conf are contained in the appendices.	
	11 Oct		A Sqn 2/9 Tk Sqn commenced trg with 2/13 Aust Inf Bn In the afternoon Brig WINDEYER went to see this trg.	
	12 Oct	0900	A ceremonial parade of Bde HQ was held on 2/13 Bn parade ground. After the salute, the Bde Comd addressed the parade. In the morning Capt WORTHLEY (BM(L)) Capt TAIT WILLS (SC) and Capt GLASGOW (SC(L)) held a conf to discuss a revision of War Eqpt Tables for an inf bde HQ on the basis of an "intense" and "supplementary" (i.e. for trg periods) scale. In the afternoon Brig WINDEYER watched 2/13 Bn trg with tks.	
	13 Oct		A party of tps from the bde went to ATHERTON to see a demonstration cricket match between McCabe's touring team and a combined service team. Capt WORTHLEY, Capt MAUGHAN and Lt CHILDS observed trg with tks by 2/15 Bn.	
	14 Oct		In the morning Capt WORTHLEY (BM(L)) Capt NEWTON (SC 24 Bde) and Capt GEDDES (SC 26 Bde) held a conf to agree upon a joint recommendation for intense and supplementary scales of war eqpt for a bde HQ.	
	15 Oct		This afternoon Brig CHILTON (Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde) visited Brig WINDEYER.	
	16 Oct		In the afternoon the Bde Comd watched trg with tks by 2/17 Bn.	

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	17 Oct		Capt TAIT WILLS (SC) held a conf of Q reps of the bde gp to settle the scale of rations for the gp in the forthcoming bde exercise "KITE" to be set by Division.	
	18-19 Oct		Brig WINDEYER watched trg with tks each day (trg by 2/15 and 2/17 Bns).	
	21 Oct	1930	A conf was held by Brig WINDEYER at bde HQ (attended by Brig WHITEHEAD Maj TREBECK (BM 26 Bde) Lt-Col McINTYRE (OC A Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt) the COs and Adjts of the three bns and members of this HQ staff at which the lessons learnt from recent trg with tks were discussed and a common policy laid down in many matters.	
	22 Oct	1000	A parade of the whole bde was held in commemration of the Battle of ALAMEIN. In an address to the parade Brig WINDEYER said that the month of October was the anniversary of the battle of Alamein and of several notable events in the bde's history. It was in October 1940 that the first contingent of the bde sailed for the Middle East. It was in October 1941 that the bde (with the exception of one bn) was relieved in TOBRUK and returned to PALESTINE. It was early in October 1943 that FINSCHHAFEN fell to this bde's assault. And now it was clear that operations would soon occur again. At the conclusion of the address the parade observed a minute's silence, followed by the National Anthem played by 2/13 Bn band. The parade was then dismissed for twenty minutes to enable tps to seek out friends in units other than their own. After the parade re-assembled, it marched past with fixed bayonets, the Bde Comd taking the salute.	
	23 Oct	1700	At a conf attended by Comd of all units and sub-units of the bde gp, the Bde Comd issued preliminary orders for the initial phase of Exercise "KITE".	
	24 Oct	1500	Mov of the bde gp to concentration areas for Exercise "KITE" commenced.	
	25 - 28 Oct		Exercise "KITE". Action Log, copies of OOs and sitreps and traces of last light disposns will be found in the appendices.	
	29 Oct		Maj-Gen WOOTTE N held a conf at Div HQ at which there attended the Bde Comd, Comds of all units and major sub-units of the bde gp and all umpires for the exercise. The GOC outlined the principal lessons to be learnt from the exercise, and said that it had been conducted on a high plane. At the conclusion of the GOC's conf Brig WINDEYER took the chair and discussed	

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	29 Oct	(cont)	in detail points which arose concerning the sp arms and services.	
	30 Oct	08s0	Brig WINDEYER held a conf at Bde HQ to discuss the recent exercise. COs and Adjts of the three bns, Capt LEGOULT (2/9 Armd Sqn) Capt ALLISON(LO 2/8 Aust Fd Regt) Maj STANILAND (OC ~~X/X~~ B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn) and members of bde staff attended. An exhibition of ART and handicarafts by soldiers of this div was opened at the Bde Education Hut today. The Bde Comd attended in the afternoon.	
	31 Oct	0900	Brig WINDEYER accompanied by Maj HILL, Capt WORTHLEY and Capt MAIN saw a demonstration of the fire-power of tks working in co-operation with inf at 26 Aust Inf Bde. The Bde Comd then visited Lt-Col MUNTZ (Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Commando Regt) and thanked him for the good work of the Cav Sqn in the last exercise.	
		1330	Lt MURRAY arrived at bde HQ on attachment from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. He will succeed Capt MAUGHAN as Bde IO.	
		1430	Brig WELLS (BGS 1 Aust Corps) visited Brig WINDEYER. Later Lt-Col B WATCHORN (CBLO) visited the Bde Comd.	

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COMD. 20 AUST. INF. BDE.

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SECRET

Copy No _____
2 Oct 44

MOV ORDER DAILY MOV BY ROAD

COMMENCING 3 Oct 44

1. DATE OF MOV

As shown in schedule att.

2. ROUTE

TRINITY BEACH -CAIRNS- INNISFAIL-MILLAA MILLAA-RAVENSHOE.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA

(i) Sports ground opposite Bde HQ.
(ii) Units will form up in Unit convoys - head coln facing rd in correct order of march as per schedule att.
(iii) Time of reporting NOT later than 0515 hrs.
(iv) Units will be formed up ready to move by 0545 hrs.

4. SP

Entrance to Bde HQ.

5. START TIME

Head of coln passes SP at 0600 hrs.

6. DENSITY

20 V.T.M. in blocks of 25 vehs - 400 yds between blocks.

7. SPEED

17 m.p.h.

8. HALTS

10 min to every two hrs.

9. ORDER OF MARCH

As in schedule att.

10. OC CONVOYS

(i) On 3 Oct senior offr 13 Fd Bty
(ii) On 4 Oct senior offr 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
(iii) On 5 Oct senior officer 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ
(iv) On 6 Oct senior offr 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.

11. GEN

(i) OC convoy will ensure that head of coln passes PINGIN HILL map ref PALMERSTON 1 in 953915 at 0930 hrs.

(ii) One tp 158 LAA Bty and det 77 Mob SL Bty will break convoy at MILLAA MILLAA and move independently to MAPI. Unit will make arrangements with OC AASC tpt PI [illegible] for return of AASC tpt to this area.

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Capt
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

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MOV TABLE FOR RD MOVE TO ALVENSHOE

Serial	Unit	3 Oct Personnel	3 Oct Unit Vehs	3 Oct ASC tpt allot	4 Oct Personnel	4 Oct Unit Vehs	4 Oct ASC tpt allot	5 Oct Personnel	5 Oct Unit Vehs	5 Oct ASC tpt allot	6 Oct Personnel	6 Oct Unit Vehs	6 Oct ASC tpt allot	Remarks
1	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	-	-	-	8	3	-	-	8 (a)	7x3		3	4	(a) incl 3 jeeps and trailers
	2/58 Aust LAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	5	-	-	-	-	
	Det 9 Aust Div Sal Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	
	Sec 9 Aust Div Pro	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	
	Det 9 Aust Div Cash Off	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
	FPO 033	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	
2	2/12 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	3	12x3	-	-	-	
3	13 Aust Fd Bty	219	29	10x3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4	One tp 158 Aust LAA Bty Det 77 Aust Mov SL Bty	111	9	3x3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	to move to MAPEE
5	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223	28	-	
6	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	70	7	17x3	25	4	4x3	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 unit vehs to return after train move, move 1200 hrs
7	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	10	4	-	25	-	26x3	-	-	-	20	7	-	
8	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	4	11x3	25	7	-	to incl "A" sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit
9	2/27 Aust Sup Dep Pl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	2/26 Aust Sup Dep Pl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-	-	-	
11	2/13 Aust Tpt Pl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12	2/16 Aust Tpt Pl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	16	9	
14	2/11B Aust Bde Wksp			Moving on 2 Oct										
15	2/11B Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	-	49	50	-	7	50	-	62	50	-	61	13	

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SECRET

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
2 Oct 44

20 AUST INF BDE GP

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp will return to R.VENSHOE area commencing 2 Oct 44.

WEAPONS

1. Units will carry out complete check of all weapons and eqpt and fwd certificate to this HQ, by 1600 hrs 2 Oct, that full entitlements are held.

TENTS

2. Tents will be struck on the night prior to the move.

SUPS

3. Individual water sterilizing outfits, emergency rations and FCRs will be returned forthwith to DID.

HYGIENE

4. (a) Unit areas will be left scrupulously clean.
   (b) Latrine seats will be scrubbed, camp buildings cleaned and mess preparation rooms washed out.
   (c) All refuse will be disposed of by burying and burning.
   (d) No unit rear party will leave the area until an inspection has been made by a staff officer from Bde HQ. Units to notify Bde when areas ready for inspection.

HANDOVER

5. Units will prepare "hand over" files relative to local adm, hygiene etc before departure, for handing over present areas to incoming units.

[signature]
Capt
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

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PRO-FORMA MESSAGE FORM

From : 30 Aust Inf Bde Date-Time of Origin 011750K

To : 2/113 Bde Wksps 2/113 Ord Fd Pk HQ Cond AMSO TRINITY BEACH

For Information : 9 Aust Div 1 Aust Corps First Aust Army

A558 restricted (-) 2/113 Aust bde wksps and 2/113 aust ord fd pk will move by road to RAVENSHOE on 02 oct 44 (-) route (-) TRINITY BCH - CAIRNS - INNISFAIL - RAVENSHOE (-) SP entrance to 2/113 aust bde wksps area (-) START TIME 021200K (-) DENSITY 17 VEH (-) SPEED 20 MPH (-) HALTS 10 mins to every two hrs (-) ORDER of MARCH 2/113 bde wksps 2/110 ord fd pk (-) OC convoy maj CHAPMAN (-) 3x3 ton GMC will be made available by HQ cond mssc TRINITY BCH to report 2/113 bde wksps lines by 0900 hrs on arrival RAVENSHOE will report unit lines and NOT return TRINITY BCH (-) ETA convoy PINCHIN HILL map ref PALMERSTON 1 in 963015 1600 hrs (-) no of vehs 51

L. Saunders

Capt

IRLS

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War Diary

RESTRICTED
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Ref: G23/2/ 498
7 Oct 44

Subject: Transport Requirements for Open Warfare

9 Aust Div

Copies to 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
2/15 Aust Inf Bn
2/17 Aust Inf Bn

Ref your G913/75/15 of 22 Sep 44.

1. Recommendations for an increase in transport to meet the needs of an Infantry Brigade in mobile warfare are submitted.

2. In the case of an Infantry Brigade Headquarters, the present scale of vehicles is inadequate for any type of warfare.

3. It is considered that in general, a trailer should be provided with every jeep on establishment; this would allow for casualties among both jeeps and trailers. It would also give a small reserve of carrying capacity available in emergency or for a special task.

4. In para 3 (d) of your letter "one day's supply first line ammunition" has been construed as unit first line ammunition as shewn in the WE 11/12c/3 as amended.

5. The addition of a jeep and trailer for each LO on Brigade Headquarters is recommended. In recent operations and exercises the usefulness of LOs has been greatly diminished due to lack of transport. It is thought that the principle that a LO should be both mobile and self-contained, holds good in any type of warfare.

6. It is assumed that increases in the establishment of drivers, fitters MT and mechanics MV would be made to meet an increase in transport. As units now have few men in these trade groupings, it is submitted that the training of extra tradesmen be given early consideration.

7. The provision of camouflage nets for every vehicle and for HQ, Tk A guns and other weapons may involve a slight increase in transport owing to the displacement of stores by the nets.

8. The addition of PITA to the WE of Infantry Battalions is likely to involve a further increase in transport.

9. The scale of transport recommended for MMG and mortar platoons of an Infantry Battalion is considered to be the minimum. The tactical mobility of both platoons would be enhanced if the allotment of jeeps and trailers were increased to enable adequate skeleton crews to be carried.

10. These recommendations are made on the assumption that it is not intended to restore carriers to Infantry Battalions. It is suggested, however, that if any review of transport necessary to carry out mobile warfare as suggested in para 1 of your letter, consideration be given to the reintroduction of carriers.

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Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde

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Appendix A to 20 Aust Inf Bde
G23/2/498 of 7 Oct 44

PROPOSED SCALE OF VEHS FOR MOB WARFARE

Note: The symbol 1/1 denotes a jeep and trailer. The figure 1 means 1 jeep without trailer

SERIAL	UNIT	Jeeps & Trailers on WE	Marching Pers	Proposed Veh Scale			Marching Pers on Proposed Scale	REMARKS
				¼ ton 4x4	2½ ton 6x6	Other		
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
1	Bde HQ	3/3	79				44	In practice a ferry service is run so that essential offrs and OR are moved quickly to the new HQ posn.
2	Bde Comd's Veh			1/1				For Comd's recce and mov. Carries Comd's gear and tent.
3.	HM's "			1/1				To carry HM, clerk, security box, immediate officerequirements, light table, office tent.
4	SC's "			1/1				As for serial 5.
5	LO's Vehs			3/3				One jeep and trailer for each LO. See para 5 of covering letter. On good terrain a MC is a possible but less efficient substitute.
6	Orderly Room "			2/2				To carry Chief Clerk, 3 OR, typewriters duplicator, files, stationery, office tent. May also carry Staff Learners as required. Office trucks would be more suitable than jeeps and trailers. One each for HM SC and IO.
7	Int Veh			1/1				For IO, int clerk, draughtsman, all in stores, res maps and office tent. Offi truck would be more suitable than jeep and trailer.
8	Misc Offices			1/1				Files stationery and stores of BASCO Legal, Ord, Educ, Hyg, and Amenities Offrs. Jeep to be used by BASCO and BOO when HQ static.
9	Stores					2		CQMS, storeman, mess Cpl, cooks. Q stores, res clothing, rations, amn, water, cooking gear, tools, med orderly's ~~ies~~ paniers, armourer's kit.

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				¼ ton 4x4	2½ ton 6x6	Other		
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
10	POL				1			Balance res POL, fitters and mechanics stores, spare parts, tpt office
11	Water Cart					1		Or trailer
12	Total Proposed Scale			10/10	3	1		
13	Total Vehs additional to WE Bde HQ			7/7	3	1		
14	Bde Sig Sec	3/3	42				17	Carry 22 sets
15	WT Vehs			5/5				One to accompany Bde Comd, 1 for contrc set, 1 to move with each bn
16	Cable Vehs			3/3				One to work with each bn
17	DRLS "			5/5				One per DR on WE. MCs may be added in lieu if comns in anticipated theatre of ops are sufficiently developed. However the jeep is considered a more efficient veh for DRLS.
18	OC's Veh			1/1				Recce and Bde O gp, MCs if terrain suitable
19	2IC's "			1/1				
20	Mounted Line-man's Veh			1/1				Or MC in lieu
21	Sig Office					1		
22	Sig Stores				1			Switchboards, cable, spare batteries and other stores
23	Total Proposed Scale			16/16	1	1		
24	Total Vehs additional to WE Bde Sig Sec			13/13	1	1		
25	Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	Nil	42	1/1			39	To carry pl cooking gear, res amn, rations and water, records

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				¼ ton 4x4	2½ ton 6x6	Other		
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
26	Total Proposed Scale Pl 2/1 Gd Rept			1/1				
27	T otal Vehs additional to WE Pl 2/1Aust Gd Rept			1/1				
28	LAD Type J	5/5	21				17	
29	Stores				1			
30	Total Proposed Scale LAD Type J			5/5	1			
31	Total Vehs additional to WE LAD Type J				1			
32	Total Serials 15, 24, 27, 31			21/21	5	2		
33	Inf Bn	8/8	813				666	
	Bn Hq							
34	CO			1/1				For recce, mov, R & O gps
35	HQ Office & Int Sec			1/1				Orderly Room, stationery, typewriter, int stores and maps. An office truck would be more suitable if available
36	R/P			1/1				Jeep fitted to carry stretchers
	Hq Coy							
37	Sig Pl			2/2				Carry switchboards, cable, batteries etc
38	MMG Pl			2/2				One sec of guns with stores and amn on each
39	Mortar Pl			5/5				Two dets mortars in each jeep and trail for carriage and distribution of amn.

One jeep and trailer

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SER-IAL	UNIT	Jeeps & Trailers on WE	Marching Pers	Proposed Veh Scale			Marching Pers on Proposed Scale	REMARKS
				¼ ton 4x4	½ ton 6x6	Other		
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
40	Tk A Pl			4				One jeep to tow each gun, carry up to 3 men and ammn
41	Pnr Pl				1			Pnr stores and tools
42	QM			1/1				For QM, clerk, Q records.
43	Misc Q Stores				3			Res clothing, rations and water; kits of bootmaker armourer and eqpt repairer; collection and distribution of rations. Canopies essential on these vehs.
44	Consolidation Stores				4			One per rifle coy for tools, sandbags, mines and wiring stores.
45	Res Ammn				3			Unit first line ammn less that carried on man or with gun. Veh requirement calculated in relation to weight of unit res as in WE 11/12c/5 as amended.
46	Res POL				1			Balance of res POL. Remainder on vehs.
47	Fitters				1			Considered necessary in view of proposed increase in tpt.
48	Spare Vehs			1/1	1			To replace casualties.
49	Water Carts					2		400 gals each. Equivalent in ½ ton 6x6 required if water to be carried in tins.
50	Motor Cycles					10	10	One each for conds 1,2,3,4 pls; one each for TO and tpt NCO; two for DRs. two for RP.
	Rifle Coys (A)			4/4				
51	OC's Veh			4/4				One per rifle coy for conds recce, R gp. May also carry WT Set. Misc coy stores as required.

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SERIAL	UNIT	Jeeps & Trailers on WE	Marching Pers	Proposed Veh Scale			Marching Pers on Proposed Scale	REMARKS
				¼ ton 4x4	2½ ton 6x6	Other		
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
52	Coy Vehs				6			One each rifle coy, two for HQ Coy. Carry hot boxes, hydro burners and other cooking gear. Also men's packs and blankets, or greatcoats. Canopies essential to permit this load to be carried.
53	Total Proposed Scale Inf Bn			22/18	20	12		
54	Total Vehs additional to WE of Inf Bn			14/10	20	12		
55	Total additional for three Bns			42/30	60	36		
56	Total proposed for Inf Bde			98/86	65	38		
57	Total additional for Inf Bde			63/51	65	38		

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AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE 10 Oct 44

1. Following is a quotation from 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Trg Instr 19:

" To serve as a basis for Tactical Trg, the following four types of attack have been selected.

(a) The attack on well prepared posns covered by extensive minefds and well protected by tk A guns.

(b) The attack on prepared posns where minefds are NOT extensive and tk A guns are fewer.

(c) The attack on hastily prepared posns where minefds are NOT continuous or are non-existent, and where tk A protection is thin.

(d) The attack in close country, such as the plantation and kunai areas of tropical countries, where minefds are unlikely to be encountered and the tk A protection is very thin. "

(a) Do you consider this to be a sound approach?

(b) By what means can the extent and nature of enemy minefds and tk A guns be determined in adv? If by patrols, are engrs necessary in the patrols?

(c) If extent and posn of enemy tk A defs be not determined, should the plan anticipate the most difficult case?

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS AND PLANS

(a) Decision of time to attack :-

dawn
dusk
daylight
moonlight.

(b) See ATM 28 Appx C Sec 11.

(i) Is this arrangement sound?
(ii) What considerations will determine how each cch is to be composed?

(c) What RAA and RAE parties are required, what is their eqpt, where should they travel in

(i) attack with tks leading?
(ii) attack with inf leading?

(d) Accepting the definitions given in 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Trg Instr 17,

(i) where should inf and tks be married?
(ii) where should reps of sp arms join?

(e) In order to move tks to FUP

(i) whose responsibility is it to open gaps in own minefds?
(ii) when should this be done?
(iii) who decides the route?
(iv) who provides guides and other means of direction finding?
(v) what taping is required at night and in daylight?
(vi) who is responsible for taping tk SL?

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(f) Who is responsible for ~~protection of FUP, SL, etc~~ Inf participating or special dets?

(g) Concealment of tks in Assembly Area and during preliminary mov. By what means can noise be drowned - gunfire aircraft etc?

(h) Time of mov?

(i) Where should tk A guns be?

(j) Should particular tks and vehs and weapons be allotted to pass through particular gaps in enemy minefds?

(k) Who is responsible for control of traffic at gaps and how is it done?

3. CONDUCT OF THE ATTACK

(a) Speed of adv?

(b) Time for which tks should remain on obj?

(c) Action of inf and tks in regard to

(i) MMG
(ii) tk A guns.

(d) Methods of clearing, marking and maintaining gaps in minefds?

(e) Protection of mine raising parties?

(f) Intercomn between inf and tks?

(g) Should CO travel in tk or on foot? If in tk in which wave? Should his tk be under his comd?

(h) Intercomn within bn and bn to bde?

(i) Are frontages etc stated in ATM 28 Appx C para 73 satisfactory?

(j) Should particular inf and particular tks move together throughout attack or should inf go for objs irrespective of mov of tks and tks be free to mov as they require?

(k) Comd and Control

(i) In case of particular inf working with particular tks can inf direct their tks to carry out a specific task and vice versa?
(ii) Who decides when the tks will leave the obj for their "fwd rally"?

4. CONSOLIDATION

(a) Should tk A guns accompany attack or be called fwd? If the latter, who calls them fwd and how?

(b) Consolidation stores, tools and Hawkins mines. Should these be in balanced loads for each coy?

(c) Who is responsible for laying Hawkins mines?

(d) Who can order the laying of mines and who is responsible for notifying own tks of their posn?

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5. RAA

Ref ATM 28 Appx C paras 7 and 60. For tasks such as these should there be an FOO travelling on foot in addition to FOOs in tks?

6. RAE

(a) Ref ATM 28 Appx C para 7, unexpected minefds. What precautions should be taken to prevent tks from being disabled on unexpected minefds?

(b) What should be strength of the mine clearing parties and in what posn should they move?

(c) Unexpected tk obstacles other than minefds e.g. watercourses, swamps: How deal with these?

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NOTES ON DISCUSSION HELD AT HQ 20 AUST INF BDE ON 10 OCT 44 BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF TRAINING WITH TANKS

INTRODUCTION

1. Present

Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde
Staff 20 Aust Inf Bde
Comd 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Comd A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Comd 2/8 Aust Fd Regt
CRE 9 Aust Div
Comd 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
Comd, 2 IC and Adjt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Comd and Adjt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Comd and Adjt 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
GSO I 9 Aust Div
GSO II 9 Aust Div

2. The main documents to which reference was made were ATI 27, 28, 30, 32, MTP 2, 1943, 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Trg Instrs 17, 19 which are in substance the same as a 1 Aust Corps Trg Instr to be circulated.

3. Questions for discussion were set out in an agenda.

4. The answers agreed upon are set out below. They are arranged in a different order from that of the agenda.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

5. Q. Is the following extract from 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Trg Instr 19 thought to be a sound approach?

"To serve as a basis for Tactical Trg, the following four types of attack have been selected.

(a) The attack on well prepared posns covered by extensive minefds and well protected by tk A guns.

(b) The attack on prepared posns where minefds are Not extensive and tk A guns are fewer.

(c) The attack on hastily prepared posns where minefds are NOT continuous or are non-existent, and where tk A protection is thin.

(d) The attack in close country, such as the plantation and kunai areas of tropical countries, where minefds are unlikely to be encountered and the tk A protection is very thin."

A.(a) This quotation is a sound approach as a basis for trg and for planning an attack.

(b) (i) It will, however, often not be possible to know in advance into which category enemy defences fall.

(ii) Air photos will seldom disclose the posn and extent of enemy minefds when these are carefully laid and among trees.

(c) The only way to determine the posn of fwd minefds is by careful night patrolling. In the present state of inf trg and experience of minefds, engrs should always accompany these patrols.

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(d) (i) Infm of enemy minefds gained by patrols is necessarily incomplete. At best they will probably ascertain only the line of the most fwd fds. Their depth and the posn of rear fds will not be discovered. And the enemy may continue to lay mines after the date of the patrols and up to the time for the attack.

(ii) Patrols can seldom locate concealed tk A guns which do not open fire.

(e) Therefore unknown minefds and guns should always be expected.

(f) If the enemy has had a long time to prepare def posns and knows we are using tanks the worst case should be anticipated and the attack planned as for category (a) above.

(g) But from what has been found of Japanese tk A methods up to the present the kind of terrain forecast for ops and the number of tks available for trg and probably for ops, trg within the bde will be first undertaken on the basis of a category (b) attack.

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS AND PLANS

6. Q. **Decision of time to attack:**

dawn
dusk
daylight
moonlight

A. (a) In the case contemplated viz category (b), at "tk light". Tks to approach the objective as soon after dawn as the gunners can see targets through their telescopes.

(b) The approach and forming up to be at night.

(c) Differeht considerations apply where attack is on well prepared posns with extensive minefds, etc, and assault wave is wholly inf.

7. Q. Ref ATM 28, Appx C, Sec 11. Is this arrangement satisfactory?

A. (a) The arrangement is sound and the considerations there stated apply.

(b) In the case contemplated and having regard to the number of tks available the assault ech will be composed of inf and tks in depth. Some tks retained with the res.

8. Q. What R A A parties with attack?

A. (a) One F O O moving with each fwd inf coy, one or more F O Os moving in tks. Primary role as stated in ATM 28 Appx C para 60. OPOs as available and required.

(b) Ref ATM 28 Appx C para 7. These tasks will usually be done by Tk F O Os on foot as tks waiting to pass through enemy minefd will usually have dispersed in hull down posns, probably some distance back from the fd.

(c) A tk carrying an F O O to be under his comd to go where he wishes.

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9. Q. What RAE parties with attack?

A. (a) Some engr recce parties with fwd inf. They should be strong enough to find minefds, clear very small fds and commence clearing and marking larger fds and call fwd main engr parties to points required.

(b) Further consideration is being given by CRE to strength, organisation and eqpt of these parties.

(c) Tk obstacles such as water courses, etc, should not be met unexpectedly between FUP and objective. Air photos will have disclosed such obstacles. Engr study and recce and plans necessary to provide for rapid crossing of such obstacles during approach march.

10. Q. Accepting the definitions of Assembly Area, Forward Assembly Area, FUP and SL in 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Trg Instr 17 -

(i) where should inf and tks be married,

(ii) where should reps of sp arms join?

A. (a) Inf and tks should have different assembly areas. The fwi assembly area is needed only for the tks and not the inf. Bn, Regt and Sqn, Coy, etc. HQ. there to be marked by shaded lights.

(b) All pers moving on foot marry with inf in inf assembly areas. RAA and engr parties are marched there. The offr or NCO IC reports to Bn HQ there and the party is divided as required and moved to posns by guides.

(c) Pers, e.g. FOOs to travel in tks report to tk assembly areas and there report to appropriate HQ..

(d) It is essential that reps and parties of sp arms report to HQ in assembly areas and do not go straight to their posns as comds require to know that they have arrived.

(e) When sp arms parties have married with inf the whole move to FUP.

(f) Tks arrive at FUP after inf, etc. The final marrying of inf, etc, parties with tks takes place at FUP.

11. Q. In order to move tks to FUP,

(i) whose responsibility is it to open gaps in own minefds?

(ii) when should this be done?

(iii) who decides the route?

(iv) who provides guides and other means of direction finding?

(v) what taping is required at night and in daylight?

(vi) who is responsible for taping FUP and SL if required?

(vii) Who is responsible for control of traffic at gaps in own minefd and how is it done?

A. (a) RAE responsible for opening gaps in own minefds. It is desirable that this be done by other fd coys than those participating in attack and if possible by those who laid the fd.

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(b) Own interior fds at any convenient time by day. Fds fwd of or in own FDL should be opened as late as possible. If under enemy observation best opened after dark on night preceding the attack.

(c) It is essential that the tk comd not only knows the time by which minefds are to be opened but is notified when in fact they have been opened. When opened RAE report to the inf comd who notifies tk comd.

(d) (i) The inf comd decides the routes for inf and tks to FUP - after a joint recce by an inf offr and tk recce offr and RAE offr acquainted with location of all interior minefds.

(ii) If separate routes from assembly areas to FUP for inf and tks possible this is an advantage in traffic control.

(e) Tk recce offr and a pro offr and inf LO must go over route on foot or in a jeep in daylight. If possible the comd of each tk should do so too. Landmarks should be noted and necessary sign posts, minefd gap marks, etc, erected and TPs, manned by pro, established. At least one spr should be at each minefd gap. Gaps should be lighted in usual manner and shaded lights placed at intervals along the route.

(f) Guiding tks to assembly area and from assembly area to FUP is tk responsibility. Normal method is for tk recce offr to lead in jeep, tks follow in line ahead to a meeting point close behind or to flank of FUP. This meeting point may also be tk fwd assembly area.

(g) (i) At the meeting point inf guides meet each tk and lead it to its place on FUP. Tks should come in turn to a mark at the meeting point where guides are assembled.

(ii) Tks should be numbered, arrive at the meeting point [illegible] in correct sequence.

(iii) Tks' numbers should be placed on them by luminous tape if available. Guides should have corresponding numbers; if possible these should be marked in luminous tape on pieces of canvas, etc, worn on their backs.

(h) FUP should be taped. SL should be recognisable but not necessary to tape it for tk purposes but may be desirable for inf.

(i) (i) In taping FUP lateral tape is not so important as a lead fwd of each tk posn indicating direction it is to take to objective.

(ii) These leads enable tks to be launched square to objective.

(iii) A mark should indicate the posn of each tk on FUP.

(iv) In guiding tks to their posns in FUP guides must lead them in so that they do not carry away the tapes.

(j) Inf are responsible for taping FUP.

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(k) (i) At all minefd gaps a spr is in control. The entrance to the gap, its sides and exits should be marked by tape and if possible by a wire and picket fence. These tapes or fences should be carried out on either side of the gap to prevent tks cutting the corner. Guides through minefds must be careful to lead tk accurately from well in front of minefd on one side to well beyond it on other.

(ii) It is advisable to have a TP a hundred yards or more behind the gap where tks can be halted and then led fwd carefully when preceding tk is clear.

(l) (i) The number of gaps required in our minefds depends on the posn of thefd.

(ii) In interior fds in rear of FUP one or two may be sufficient as tks pass through in line ahead.

(iii) In the case of fds in or fwd of our FDLs, then if FUP is within our FDLs either a number of gaps or preferably the clearing of the whole frontage of the attack is desirable. Once formed up in the FUP and launched to the attack it is not desirable for tks to have to alter their formation to pass through defiles in minefds.

12. Q. What considerations determine selection of FUP and SL?

A. (a) In general the same as in an attack without tks except for the influence of our own minefds.

(b) FUP is usually most secure and concealed if it is behind our FDLs and attack passes through them. But where no mans land is extensive it may be possible to form up at some place in front of our FDLs and thus be completely clear of own minefds.

13. Q. Who is responsible for protection of FUP; the inf participating or other units?

A. (a) If FUP in rear of own FDLs probably no special protection is required.

(b) If in front of own FDLs special arrangements must be made to cover FUP. This should, if possible, not be the task of units participating initially in the attack.

(c) In all cases units participating are responsible for their immediate local protection - sentries, etc, must be posted and tk A guns should be in action during forming up.

14. Q. Concealment of tks in assembly area and during preliminary moves? By what means can their noise be drowned?

A. (a) Assembly areas should be under cover, and all possible measures taken to conceal tk s from air.

(b) Moves to be at night.

(c) Tks should proceed very slowly, e.g. 2 mph to reduce noise.

(d) Noise cannot be effectively drowned by gunfire except with very heavy expenditure of amn and to avoid arousing suspicion this programme would have to be fired on two or more nights before the attack.

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(e) The noise of engr eqpt (bulldozers and compressors) will help to drown the noise. It will provide good deception if it occurs during several preceding nights.

(f) The noise of aircraft is satisfactory; but may be difficult etc arrange for at night

CONDUCT OF ATTACK

15. Q. Should particular tks and inf A Ech vehs be allotted to pass through particular gaps in enemy minefds?

A. (a) This is desirable where there is an enemy fd known of in advance and the places for gaps are pre-arranged. It prevents all tks converging on the first gap opened.

(b) It is not usually possible where the position of minefds is not known in adv.

(c) (i) In all cases of large minefds some traffic control at gaps is essential to prevent tks and vehs converging and congestion at gap.

(ii) The ALAMEIN drill is recommended, viz, a TP some distance back from gap in comn with engrs in charge of gap.

16. Q. Rate of adv?

A. When inf and tks comprise assault wave tks move initially at inf speed. As attack progresses towards objective they may move through to dominate objective before inf arrive to mop up.

17. Q. (a) Time for which tks should remain on objective?

(b) Who releases tks from objective for their fwd rally?

A. (a) Tks should not be required to dominate objective for more than 15 minutes. Inf should then be there and in a posn to hold it.

(b) The inf comd. Tks remain until he orders them to go.

18. Q. Are frontages, etc, stated in ATM Appx C para 73 satisfactory?

A. (a) They are a guide. But there a greater allotment of tks to inf is contemplated than is available in present trg programme.

(b) We may therefore have to employ each tp or sqn on a wider frontage, or, alternatively, use them to support the attack on part of the objective only and not on the whole frontage of the attack.

(c) The selection of objectives and decision of the front for the attack as a whole should be determined mainly on an inf basis. The frontage should not be reduced merely to enable a thicker concentration of tks across the front.

(d) (i) If only one sqn of tks were available to sp an inf bde it would often be desirable to attack with only one bn fwd.

(ii) If attack desired on two bn front then probably best to use all tks initially in sp of one bn to capture the most important obj

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19.Q.(a) Should particular inf and particular tks move together throughout attack or should inf go for obj irrespective of mov of tks and tks be free to move as they wish?

(b) In case of particular inf working with particular tks may inf direct these tks to carry out a specific task?

A.(a) Inf should not be mere followers of particular tks nor particular tks mere followers of the inf to which they are att.

(b) Inf should make their own attack in their own way regarding the tks as a supporting arm.

(c) Inf must not halt because tks with them reach an obstacle or are disabled. They must continue to fight on towards their obj.

(d) In the case of tks halted by a minefd this is specially important. The mine clearing parties can only operate if the inf pass on and gain the far side of the minefd so as to clear enemy who are covering it by close fire.

(e) Tks att to particular inf sub-units move initially with those sub-units and may move with them throughout the attack. They will sp these sub-units. They expect the inf to indicate enemy posns which are holding up the adv; and they will seek to deal with them. But they are not under comd of the sub-units to which they are att. In the performance of their role they must be free to move as they require.

20.Q.(a) Intercomn

(i) between inf and tks,

(ii) in an attack with tks within inf bns and bn to bde,

(iii) can line be usefully laid at all:

A.(a) Detailed discussion of intercomn postponed.

(b) Present trg doctrine of 2/9 Aust Armd Regt on intercomn between inf and tks accepted provisionally as satisfactory.

CONSOLIDATION AND REORGANISATION

21.Q. Should tk A guns accompany attack or be called fwd? If the latter, who calls them fwd, and how?

A.(a) Tk A guns may often have a role or successive responsibilities, e.g. on a flank during attack. If so tks leap-frog or move otherwise as required.

(b) Their tasks in consolidation must form part of the bn comds orders for "action on capture of objective".

(c) (i) They should be ready to come fwd for consolidation. The best method is to move on a success signal. If desired they may be called fwd by direct comn but if this is adopted a time must be given in case the message is not delivered.

(ii) The tk A pl comd and NCOs must keep in close touch with the progress of the attack and use their own initiative to get tk A guns up quickly on capture of the objective.

(iii) If minefds have been met, tk A guns must be directed through gaps. Sprs IC gaps must remember that on capture of objective there will be many other vehs than tks which have to be got through the minefds. Tk A gnrs shouldbe trained to lift mines.

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22. Q. Consolidation stores, e.g. sandbags, tools and Hawkins mines. Should these be in balanced loads in coy trucks? How otherwise should they be brought fwd?

A. (a) Hawkins mines not available at present. Other mines cannot usually be got up in sufficient quantity by inf bns. They should be on wheels readily available to come fwd promptly with RAE mine laying parties.

(b) Attacking inf carry a few tools and perhaps some sandbags on the man.

(c) Balanced loads of tools, sandbags, etc, should be available preferably in vehs allotted one to each coy. These vehs may also have some replenishment amn.

23. Q. (a) Who may order the laying of mines and in consolidation who is responsible for notifying own tks of their posn?

(b) Who is responsible for laying mines?

A. (a) The policy in regard to laying mines on capture of objective must be laid down by the comd - preferably on a bde or higher level.

(b) The HQ which ordered mines to be laid must be notified of the progress of this work. It will inform the tk comds concerned.

(c) Mines should normally be laid by RAE who will record their location and if desirable mark it on the ground.

(d) RAE laying mines should inform nearest inf posts of the location of the fd. Inf posts near minefds will watch any tks which approach. Responsibility of inf in vicinity to make necessary arrangements by sentries, etc, to warn any of our tks approaching fd.

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
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16 Oct 44

Subject: War Equipment Investigation Committee
HQ Inf Bde

9 Aust Div

Copies to: 24 Aust Inf Bde
26 Aust Inf Bde

Reference you Q21/4/396 of 9 Oct 44 and Q21/4/286 of 1 Sep 44.

1. The committee was constituted and has made the recommendations for alterations to the War Equipment Table of an Infantry Brigade HQ as shown at Appendix "A".

2. In addition the following notes are made -

(a) paras 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, 22 and 24 of Appendix "A" to the findings of the 9 Aust Div War Equipment Investigation Committee concerning an Infantry Battalion, are agreed with.

(b) a portable lighting plant capable of providing up to ten lights is required on the intense scale. For the supplementary scale a heavier plant, capable of lighting the complete HQ, is required.

(c) 5 lightweight waterproof and lightproof tents are required on the intense scale. Complete normal tentage is needed on the supplementary scale.

(d) 12 waterbags, double shoulder, experimental type are needed on the intense scale.

3. These recommendations are made without reference to transport scales. The present scale of 3 jeeps and trailers for a Brigade HQ is entirely inadequate for the carriage of the existing war equipment, or that now recommended, even without taking into consideration the need for some vehicles for operational purposes, e.g. Brigade Commander's reconnaissance.

4. Unless it is proposed to increase the present transport scale, or to supplement it with native porters, etc, it is thought that no good purpose is served by this review of the War Equipment Table. To make it conform to the transport available would mean a drastic revision, bringing it far below essential requirements in any type of warfare.

(Sgd) W J V Windeyer Brig
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
21 Oct 44

CEREMONIAL PARADE

TO MARK

THE 2nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF

EL ALAMEIN

1. A brigade parade will be held at 26 Aust Inf Bde Sports Ground on Sunday 22 Oct 44 to mark the Second Anniversary of the Battle of EL ALAMEIN.

2. DRESS
(a) SD or JG. Notified at 0700 hrs 22 Oct 44.
Belt and sidearms
Rifle or SMG
(b) Offrs will not carry pistols.

3. COMD
Lt Col GE COLVIN - 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

4. FORMATION
(a) Bns in close coln.
(b) Posns of offrs. See MTP 18 plate 8, except that COs will be at 10 paces.
(c) As the parade ground is very rough minor adjustments will have to be made within each bn.

5. FRONTAGES
Forty men.

6. MARKERS
One marker each bn report to Bde HQ Orderly Room by 0910 hrs.

7. TIMINGS AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
See Appx "A"

8. SYNCHRONISATION
Multiple call 0700 hrs.

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Appx "A" to 20 Aust Inf Bde
Instn for Ceremonial Parade

TIMINGS AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

SP : Main entrance to 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

Serial	TIME Hrs	EVENT	REMARKS
1	0910	Markers report Bde HQ	
2	0915	2/17 Bn pass SP - Arrive Parade Ground 0940 hrs	All men of front coy of each unit will carry rifles. Units will remain in close order.
3	0925	2/15 Bn pass SP - Arrive Parade Ground 0950 hrs	
4	0935	2/13 Bn pass SP - Arrive Parade Ground 1000 hrs	Fix bayonets on arrival.
5	0945	Bde HQ pass SP - Arrive Parade Ground 1005 hrs	
6	1014	Bde Comd arrives	
7	1015	Gen Salute. Slope. Order. Parade Comd hands over to Bde Comd	Gen Salute played by band of 2/13 Bn
8		Bde Comd addresses parade.	
9		Bde Comd calls parade to attention.	
10		One Minutes Silence.	
11		Bde Comd orders parade to slope arms	
12		2/13 Bn Band plays The National Anthem	All offrs salute.
13	1030	Bde Comd orders Dismiss.	
14	1050	Bugler of 2/15 Bn blows Fall In. All tps fall in in original posns.	
15	1055	Parade called to attention by Parade Comd as Bde Comd leaves.	
			Saluting Base on right of rd about 150 yds past entrance to Parade Ground.
16		March off as follows: HQ 20 Bde Band of 2/15 Bn 2/17 Bn 2/15 Bn 2/13 Bn	2/15 Bn Band will wheel to the right before passing Saluting Base, play 2/17 Bn past and then move off at head of 2/15 Bn. Bayonets will be unfixed on move after tail of unit has crossed br
17		Bde Comd takes salute as units march off.	

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Brig W J V WINDEYER DSO ED

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE

In the Field 10 Oct 44

35. HOME LEAVE PASSES

The attention of all units is directed to GRO F720/43, particularly para 3(g), which directs that, at the end of each month, all books received during that month will be returned to the Cash Office of issue.

36. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCE

GRO F764/43 sets out the method of accounting for supplementary ration allowance.

Commodities such as flour etc, which are NOT obtainable from Canteen Services, may be purchased from other sources from Regimental Funds. A T84 for the amount, accompanied by the appropriate invoice should be submitted. The amount claimed will be debited against the unit supplementary ration account.

37. UNIT FIRE ORDERS

Units will draw up and post in prominent places, Standing Orders in the event of Fires. The necessary equipment such as firebeaters, buckets, etc, will be made available by units at the earliest opportunity. The use of the equipment and the provisions of the Fire Orders will be made known to all ranks.

Duncan Colaugoun
Capt
for SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn
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Exercise "KITE"

24 - 28 Oct.

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DISPOSITIONS AS AT LAST LIGHT 24 OCT '44

REF MAPS MT GARNET & PALMERSTON 1:25,000 (ENLARGEMENT)

CAV STANDING PATROL.

A6.

88

CAV

C

D

2/17

RAP 2/8 FD AMB

B

SEC MG

outpost

SEC MG.

J TP

A

outpost

2/3 FD COY

2/3 FD COY

38

85

2/3 FD COY

58 BTY

16 BTY

3 PL MG

2/3

C 2/3 PNR

P TP

2/3 FD COY

O TP

2 PL MC

Int Sec
20 Aust Inf Bde.
25 Oct '44.

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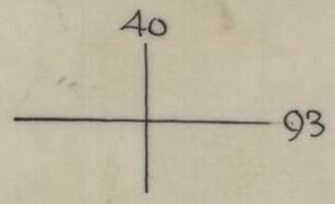
20 Aust Inf Bde : Disposns & Fire Plan 2627

REF MAP: 1:25000 ENLARGEMENT



DISPOSITIONS AS AT LAST LIGHT 25 OCT '44.

REMAP. 1:25,000 ENLARGEMENT.

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'H' TP CAV.

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C

17

58 BTY OP

STANDING PATROL.

16 BTY OP

2/3 FD Coy

RAP

C

D

B

A

A

13

B

TK/A

2/15

15 BTY OP.

D

C

ADS.

under comd 2/13

2/3 FD COY

under comd 2/13

2/3 FD COY

2/3 TK/A

2/2 MG.

2/3 FD COY

2/8 FD REGT

58 BTY.

15 BTY

16 BTY

C PNR

MDS

95

48

Int Sec

20 AUST INF BDE.

26 OCT 44.

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20 Aust Inf Bde : 27/28

LAST LIGHT DISPOSITIONS

MAP REF : TK A 2 MG SEPARATE TRACE

16 Bty

2/3 FD Coy

2/3 Pnrs

58 Bty

2/3 FD Coy

15 Bty

48

9E

MDS

20 Aust Inf Bde Int Sec

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20 AUST INF BDE :— 27/28
LAST LIGHT DISPOSITIONS
REF MAP : 1:25000 ENLARGEMENT
NOTE:. TKA & MG SEPARATE TRACE

B
D
15
C
A

C

'H' tp
'G' tp
'CAV'
'I' tp CAV
A
17
A
D
B
D

B
C
13

2/3 FD COY
ADS
2/8 FD REGT
2/3 FD COY

20
45
'B' COY 2/2 MG Bn
96

20 AUST INF BDE
28 OCT

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

Date - Time of Origin
241100K

TO : 2/13;2/15;2/17 Bns;2/12 Cav Sqn;2/8 Fd Regt;12 Bty 2/3 Tk A; 2/3 Fd Coy;B Coy 2/2 MMG Bn;2/26 Sup Dep Pl;2/27 Sup Dep Pl; 2/13 Tpt Pl; Det Hq Comd AASC; 2/8 Fd Amb; 2/118 Bde Wksp; 2/118 Ord Fd Pk;1 Sec 9 Div Fro Coy; C Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn

For Infm : BM;SC; TO

Originator's No. A623 restricted (-) exercise KITE (-) property owner Mr KERR requests that no vehs enter his property at gate at 417856 and that as far as possible no tps be on property (-) all units will fwd to bde Hq daily by 1000 hrs a certificate that atebrin has been taken by all tps and that dosage has been supervised (-) ref 9 Div gen instr G23/80/17 para 5 (-) any fences cut MUST be immediately repaired (-) previous exercises showed disregard of this instr (-) where holes def posns gun pits etc are dug units will ensure that they are filled in before leaving area (.) POL for exercise will be drawn ONLY from pts as notified and from no others

Capt DRLS

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM 20 bde 242130K

TO 2/13 2/15 2/17 bn 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty 2/3 fd coy B coy2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd AASC 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk

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9 div Comd HQ SC IO sig offr TO

O 350 (-) exercise SECRET (-) 20 bde OO 22 (-) infm (-) up to 400 enemy vicinity CHILVERTON 1600 hrs 24 oct (-) CAV TR 423883 to 434892 incapable (-) intention (-) 20 bde gp will adv to secure firstbde obj (-) method (-) axis of adv PALMERSTON HIGHWAY (-) adv gd (-) comd lt-col GRACE (-) tps 2/15 bn with under comd one tp tk A det 2/3 fd coy one pl B coy 2/2 MG bn and in sp 15 fd bty (-) bounds (-) one (-) gen line spur 437852 and tr 440853 to tr junc 436863 (-) two (-) rd bend 460865 to house 452879 (-) three (-) spur 469879 to tr junc 455881 (-) SL TULLY FALLS RD (-) start 0530 hrs (-) route generally SOUTH of PALMERSTON HIGHWAY (-) 2/17 bn with under comd one tp tk A det RAE one pl B coy 2/2 MG bn and in sp 58 fd bty (-) tasks (-) patrol fwd to SPUR 435881 NOT later than 0600 hrs (-) be prepared mov present posns when adv gd gains first bound and adv either along NORTH CEDAR CK or along CAV TR as ordered (-) res 2/13 bn with under comd one tp tk A det RAE one pl B coy 2/2 MG bn and in sp 16 fd bty (-) hold present posn (-) 90 mins notice from 0530 hrs (-) cav (-) tasks (-) patrol NOT less than one tp along CAV TR with view to securing RING CONTOUR 433896 and prevent enemy mov down tr (-) second (-) hold SPENCE HILL (-) third (-) recce patrols report enemy move vicinity BONE and KIDNEY (-) start 0530 hrs (-) fd arty (-) FOO with cav patrol on CAV TR (-) engrs (-) guide 2/15 bn clear minefd (-) be prepared open minefd when first bound secured (-) pnrs (-) remain present location (-) dig in MDS 413842 (-) ADM (-) med (-) MDS opens 413842 at 0700K (-) MDS opens 800 yds SOUTH of KINGS' CROSS after adv gd gains second bound (-) sups (-) sup P at 404835 and PP at 402834 open 1330K to 1500K (-) AP at 401835 open continuously (-) repair and rec (-) lt sec 118 bde wksp and ord fd pk to be est vicinity 412846 by 0900K (-) tpt no change until advised (-) B ech (-) 2/15 2/15 bns in 2/13 bn present area (-) others unit arrangements (-) postal (-) FPO 33 at 404836 (-) Sal (-) det 9 aust div sal unit at 404837 (-) intercomm (-) no change except inf lines LEFT of rds arty lines RIGHT (-) codewords for bounds ONE TWO THREE ack all informed

Maj

IMMEDIATE to bns cav fd regt fd amb remainder IMPORTANT

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Date—Time of Origin: 250545K

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For Action

TO: 2/13 2/17 Bns

(w) For Information (INFO.)

12 Bde A Bty B Coy 2/2 MG Bn

—Message Instructions— GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. O 306 O ref 20 Bde 0022 to A Tps and MMG pls in Sp NOT under command

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176A

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde TOO 252[illegible]

TO: 2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd MSC 2/26 sup dep pl 2/27 sup dep pl 2/13 tpt pl 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 bde ord fd pk

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(for info)
9 div comd BM SC IO sig offr TO

0318 exercise SECRET (.) 20 bde OO 23 (.) INFM (.) see sitreps (.) H tp 2/12 cav sqn reverts sqn comd 0830K (.) INTENTION (.) 20 bde Gp will patrol night 25/26 to maintain contact and be prepared to continue adv (.) METHOD (.) 2/17 bn with in sp 16 fd bty one tp tk A det engrs one pl MMG (.) bounds (.) first CHEDDAR (.) second incl EVELYN HIGHWAY 439927 to incl SAUSAGE (.) third incl SMALL 441938 to incl GUNNER (.) start 0630K (.) 2/15 bn with in sp 15 fd bty one tp tk A det engrs one pl MMG (.) after capture CHEDDAR adv along timber edge (.) bound tr bend 459941 to timber edge 436940 (.) start 0630K (.) inter bn bdy incl to 2/15 bn tr CHEDDAR PICCADILLY (.) res 2/13 bn with in sp one tp tk A det engrs one pl MMG (.) be prepared mov NOT before 0800K (.) cav (.) patrol northwards with view to securing ring countour 408939 with at least one tp (.) start 0630K (.) arty (.) sp adv (.) FOO with cav to 408939 (.) tk A engrs MMG no change (.) pnrs (.) task def B ech area SOUTH of ARCADY (.) mov 0800K (.) ADM (.) med (.) MDS remains present posn (.) ADS 448865 (.) sup P AP PP remain present posn until delivery sups (.) prepared mov 442899 NOT before 1500K (.) MP 457857 (.) B ech 2/13 2/15 bns be prepared mov sq 4490 NOT before 1000K (.) repair and rec (.) 2/58 LAD 422858 (.) lt sec 2/118 bde wksp be prepared mov 452889 NOT before 1200K (.) pay postal mov with sup P (.) interoomn (.) codewords (.) 2/17 bn bounds VENI VIDI VICI (.) 2/15 bn bound RUBICON (.) otherwise normal ACK

Maj

IMMEDIATE to bns cav fd regt
IMPORTANT to remainder

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde TOO 262205K

TO: 2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/3 fd regt 12 tk A bty
2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd [illegible]SIG
2/26 sup dep pl 2/27 sup dep pl 2/13 tpt pl 2/3 fd amb
2/118 bde wksp 2/118 bde ord fd pk

SC (for info)
9 div comd HM/IO sig offr TO

0329 exercise SECRET (-) 20 bde OO 24 (-) INFM (-) see sitreps (-) INTENTION (-) 20 bde gp will continue adv to TRACEYS CORNER 413950 (-) METHOD (-) two bns fwd right 2/15 bn left 2/13 bn (-) 2/15 bn (-) probable task capture high ground vicinity tr junc 443979 (-) at one hrs notice from 0630K (-) contact patrol to LEMEIN 2 by first light (-) 2/13 bn (-) task (-) secure gen line timber edge 425971 to THEBARTON 405967 (-) CL tr 419954 to 418990 (-) left rdy incl 2/13 bn tr 410952 to 408976 (-) bounds (-) first tr 432958 to 410952 (-) second timber edge 425971 to THEBARTON 405967 start 0545K (-) recs (-) 2/17 bn (-) task hold present posn (-) NO mov before 0800K (-) est standing patrol GUNNER to relieve 2/12 cav sqn (-) arrange direct with sqn (-) cav (-) task patrol northwards to line OLD GERALDTON RD westwards to gen line of junc pts TOBRUK 2 and 3 (-) fd arty (-) one bty in sp each 2/15 2/13 bns (-) one bty at call 2/13 bn (-) CB on located HB (-) tk A (-) one tp in sp each 2/13 2/17 bns (-) engrs (-) det in sp each 2/15 2/13 bns (-) MMG (-) pl in sp each bn (-) pnrs remain present posn (-) AMI (-) med (-) MDS 442902 ADS to be advised (-) sups (-) sup P 452896 opens 1300 to 1500 (-) AP 446902 (-) PP451903 open continuously (-) WPts 442893 (-) pt at 457857 closes 0800 hrs 27 oct (-) repair and rec (-) 2/58 LAD 445907 (-) lt sec wksp mov to 455905 0800 hrs (-) hy sec wksp mov to 455905 1000 hrs 27 oct (-) pay postal sal 452897 (-) INTERCOMN (-) bde HQ remain ns present posn ack all informed

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bns cav fd regt
IMPORTANT remainder

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

498A

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

T 002220K

TO: 2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd ASC 2/26 sup dep pl 2/27 sup dep pl 2/13 tpt pl 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk

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(for info)

comd HQ SC IC EO sig offr 9 aust div

0347 exercise SECRET (.) 00 25 (.) INFO (.) see sitreps (.) INTENTION (.) 20 bde gp will continue the adv (.) METHOD (.) two bns fwd (.) right 2/13 bn left 2/17 bn (.) 2/13 bn pass through FDL 2/15 bn NOT later than 0700K (.) task secure gen line RED 408017 high gd 402013 (.) junc pt with 2/17 bn 398015 (.) 2/17 bn (.) tasks(.) first secure high gd vicinity 393006 with a view to adv along tr to 383033 (.) junc pts with 2/2 cav sqn 383998 383999 (.) one coy remain tr junc 395987 until C coy 2/3 pnr bn in posn (.) responsible for liaison with pnrs (.) 2/15 bn in res (.) task hold present posns (.) pass patrol info direct to 2/13 bn (.) cav (.) patrol on left flank to tr junc 373035 thence tr junc 368047 (.) / junc pt with 2/17 bn 373035 (.) tp at junc 392976 will NOT move until C coy 2/3 pnr bn in posn (.) cav responsible for liaison with pnrs (.) fd arty (.) one bty in sp each 2/13 2/17 bns (.) one bty at call 2/13 bn (.) tk A (.) one tp in sp each 2/13 2/17 bns (.) one tp in sp C coy 2/3 pnr bn left flank protection vicinity junc 395987 and rd bends 409097 (.) in posn by 0715K (.) engrs (.) det in sp each 2/13 2/17 bns (.) MTG (.) B coy 2/2 MG bn less one pl in sp 2/13 bn from 0600K (.) one pl sp 2/17 bn (.) pnrs (.) task left flank protection vicinity junc 395987 and rd bend 401980 (.) in sp one tp 12 tk .. bty (.) move 0600K (.) ADMIN (.) med (.) ADS 432975 and 435974 CP 438955 (.) sups and POL no change RAP 442948 (.) rec (.) 2/58 LAD 441972 (.) INTERCOMN (.) bde HQ remains 444964 ACK all informed

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/ start 0630K

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to bns cav fd regt
IMPORTANT
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FROM (A) Originator: 20 AUST INF BDE

Date—Time of Origin: 24/11 5K

For Action

TO 9 AUST DIV

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR —

ORIGINATOR'S No. 0304. ⊙ Exercise SECRET ⊙ SITREP 1 to 1100K ⊙ whole bde gfv in from 1v 1100K ⊙ 7/12 CAV SQN ⊙ patrol activities leaflet took NOTOU map from 423853 to 428589 to 430894 to 433894 ⊙ last light disposns ⊙ 7/13 bn ⊙ HQ 411845 A coy 413846 B coy 408843 C coy 405844 D coy 411845 Acc MMG 411849 dic 413548 ⊙ 7/15 bn ⊙ HQ 412840 A coy 415839 B Coy 418840 C coy 413848 D coy 416840 plc MMG 411840 ⊙ 7/14 bn ⊙ HQ 406864 A coy 420859 B coy 407863 C coy 401867 D coy 405865 acc MMG 420856 plc 419862 ⊙ 7/12 CAV SQN ⊙ HQ 411873 patrols at 434841 435880 ⊙ patrol at 435880 doing withdrawn ⊙ 7/8 pl sent ⊙ HQ 397849 15 bty 401849 16 bty 397845 58 bty 394849 ⊙ 12 bty 7/13 TKA sent ⊙ 397830 ⊙ 7/13 LAD coy 398850 ⊙ B coy 7/2 MG bn HQ 395832 ⊙ C coy 7/3 fd bn 408830. all unfm

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Signed Quartermaster Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: 20 aust inf bde

Date—Time of Origin: 250345K

For Action

9 aust div

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 13 fk A bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C Coy 2/5 pnr bn det HQ cond AASC 2/8 fd amb 2/11B bde wksp 2/11B ord fd pk cond BH SC

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.
Q.

exercise SECRET (.) sitrep 10 to 0800K (.) first light patrol 2/13 bn captured two PW 435857 (.) PW gave infn of enemy and arty engaged 459859 inflicting cas (.) saw enemy pl feeding 440865 and one sec 440855 (.) 2/17 bn (.) sec at rd block 422857 report mov 446875 0600K (.) patrol to 425870 NMS 0745K (.) 2/12 cav patrol along CA V TR to433896 at 0630K NTR (.) 2/15 bn passed through 2/13 bn 0600K (.) vangd attacked two posts 100 yds beyond first bound 0720K (.) enemy withdrew 0730K (.) no cas reported all informed

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Signed Maj for Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) 20 bde — Originator — Date—Time of Origin: 25 1705K — Office Date Stamp

For Action

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TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

2/13 2/15 2/17 inf bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt
1.2 tk A bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn
det HQ comd AASC 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk
comd BM SC

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

03/6 (-) exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 11 to 1600K (-) 2/15 bn (-)

B coy held up on line WINDMILL 455873 KINGS CROSS by enemy estimated
two coys area LOOKOUT (-) ~~MXG~~ A coy adv along spur 461871 (-) 1430K
bn attacked LOOKOUT with strong arty sp (-) captured obj 1500K (-) cas
not reported (-) bn exploited to ck along 88 northing (-) patrolling
towards tr junc 460887 (-) 2/17 bn (-) C coy after clearing houses
42893 made contact at 444890 1400K (-) fired on from 446893 (-) B coy
and pl MMG in posn spur 436882 (-) 2/13 bn in res sq 4486 (-)
patrolling eastward along PALMERSTON HIGHWAY (-) 2/12 cav (-) patrol
300K reported enemy unknown strength 430917 (-) enemy in strength BONE
and KIDNEY approx 1500K all informed

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Signed Maj

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PRO FORMA MESS. GR. FORM

FROM; 20 aust inf bde TOO 252200K

TO: 9 aust div

(for info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd ASC 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk comd HQ SC

O exercise SECRET (.) sitrep to 252000K (.) 2/13 bn (.) 1600 to 1830K mov to last light posns (.) 1430K patrol 1 offr 15 OR to 483856 no report yet (.) 2/15 bn (.) estimated str enemy contacted vicinity 455880 three coys (.) tp or bty enemy arty at BURNSIDE (.) 1700K patrol encountered pl enemy 467893 captured 4 PW (.) posn mortared and enemy withdrew NORTH 1810K (.) 2/17 bn (.) B coy late report of sec patrol 1315 to 1515K along NORTH CEDAR CK to 442892 and sec patrol 1300 to 1500K by tr NOT on map from 434883 to 444893 (.) patrols contacted C coy at 443889 (.) 1710K coy moved to 452903 (.) reached last light posn 1845K (.) C coy (.) 1335K enemy posn 4 HMG and 12 rifles located 440890 to 446893 (.) engaged posn with HMG and MMG fire while D coy moved to attack (.) 1810K move to last light posn (.) D coy at 446903 engaged by LMG and enemy HMG fire from pl posn 452905 (.) 1745K coy attack enemy withdrew and embussed coy occupied posn (.) cas for day excl B coy (.) own 9 killed 2 wounded enemy 13 killed 17 wounded 3 PW (.) 2/12 cav sqn (.) tp H bypassed small enemy posn 444906 (.) some enemy withdrew (.) patrol going to VALLEY VIEW 424927 report pls enemy at rd junc 427923 house 433917 rd bend 424917 (.) last light disposns (.) 2/13 bn (.) HQ 446875 A and pl MMG 446879 B 448877 C 448884 D 444875 (.) 2/15 bn (.) HQ 456876 A 459879 B 454880 C 462873 D 457883 standing patrol 467893 (.) 2/17 bn (.) HQ450895 A 440898 B 449903 C 450896 D 450907 (.) 2/12 cav sqn (.) H tp 447911 other disposns unknown no comn (.) 2/3 fd coy (.) HQ 440852 (.) 2/8 fd amb (.) MDS 413841 (.) MG and tk A (.) HQ 431850 (.) otherwise no change all informed

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to 9 aust div

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE

FROM 20 bde 260930K

TO 9 div

(For Info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 inf bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd MISC 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk comd RM SC

O 321(-) exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 12 to 0800K (-) 2/17 bn (-) A coy patrol returned 2325K observed 12 enemy at 441905 (-) contacted H tp 2/12 cav 446910 (-) NMS (-) C coy patrol returned 0105 hrs (-) reported enemy pl dug in 444919 (-) probable coy posn 442921 (-) patrol fired on (-) 1 missing (-) A coy patrol returned 0615K (-) contacted H tp 2/12 cav (-) NMS (-) 2/15 bn (-) patrols to 91 grid no contact (-) 2/13 bn local patrols only (-) cav (-) patrols to BONE KIDNEY 252200K estimate two coys dug in (-) destroyed MMG killed 11 (-) own cas nil (-) returned 2320K (-) H tp patrols report enemy coy posn 454917 (-) enemy standing patrol contacted 442918 all informed

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to 9 div

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM; 20 aust inf bde TOO 26 1300K

TO; 9 aust div

(for info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty
2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd
AASC 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde whsp 2/118 ord fd pk comd HM SC

0325 (.) exercise SECRET (.) sitrep 13 to 261200K (.) 1015 hrs bde attacked on two bn front 2/15 bn right 2/17 bn left (.) by 1100 hrs first objectives were taken (.) 2/15 bn had captured feature 452920 2/17 bn had taken ridge west from 448920 with one coy west of rd at 436918 (.) further progress was halted by enemy fire from vicinity 446925 (.) unconfirmed report 1155 hrs stated 2/15 bn had adv to 452930 (.) cav sqn operating on left flank had reached approx 410938 by 1100 hrs and reported enemy posns vicinity 432930 428923 415920 (.) 2/13 bn in res astride rd 455890 all informed

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BMB

PRO FORMA MESSAGE

(313)

FROM 20 bde

TO 9 div

26 2100K

(For Info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 inf bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk .. bty
2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd ..SC
2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk comd DM SC

O 328 (-) exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 15 to 2000K (-) one coy 2/15 bn working on right flank met strong opposition vicinity SHED 459439 and took cas before capturing posn (-) adv then continued towards PICCADILLY two coys moving WEST from SHED one coy moving NORTH along tr EAST of sawmill 440938 (-) enemy with MGs on feature 450949 and vicinity PICCADILLY caused delay and cas but by last lt enemy had withdrawn (-) 2/17 bn after hy fighting during morning and early afternoon consolidated with two coys fwd on gen line 93 northing astride EVELYN HIGHWAY (-) 2/13 bn in res moved to area EAST of CHEDDAR (-) elements cav sqn (-) inflicted/cas on enemy vicinity PEAK (-) last lt disposns (-) bde HQ 457909 (-) 2/13 bn HQ 450917 A 451919 B 448925 withstanding patrol 448938 C 449916 D 447917 (-) 2/15 bn HQ 453945 A 452944 B 447945 C 443945 D 450950 (-) 2/17 bn HQ 443917 A 437918 B 447926 C 442931 D 432930 (-) cav sqn HQ 414927 I tp PEAK G tp GUNNER H tp in res 414929 (-) 12 bty tk A regt P tp sqs 4491 4591 with C coy pnr bn (-) J tp sqs 4592 4391 (-) O tp sq 4490 (-) 2/3 fd coy HQ 462905 one pl 449918 two pl 460908 three pl 443902

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE.

FROM 20 bde 27 0805K

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2/13 2/15 2/17 inf bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk .. bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd ASC 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk comd MI SC

O 334 (-) exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 16 to 0800K (-) 262200K enemy raided C tp 2/8 fd regt our cas 1 K 1 W (-) also raids on RH 2/8 fd regt 262300K and 262310K (-) no damage first raid (-) second raid by party of 25 comd by sjt RICHARDSON five enemy PW captured (-) own patrols (-) 2/15 bn to HANDLEY NMS (-) 2/17 bn (-) old enemy pl biv area found 438940 NMS (-) also contact patrol to cav sqn on GUNNER NMS (-) local patrols 2/13 bn NMS (-) cav patrol from GUNNER to YARDS 428949 NMS (-) 262320K engrs reported brs destroyed at 438932 and 442948 (-) not possible repair first (-) estimated second restored by 0900K (-) 0515K 2/13 bn commenced adv and by 0745K were crossing ck approx 440946 (-) 2/15 bn commencing move approx 0815K to gen line SLUICE CK

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde TOO

TO : 9 aust div

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2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty 2/3
fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ coma AA 30
2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk coma AA 30

0836 (-) exercise SWAGMAN (-) sitrep 17 to 1300K (-) by 0900K 2/13 bn hed crossed first bound with fwd coy at 430959 (-) 1015K first contact made with enemy when B coy at 421965 fired on by enemy with LMGs at 423969 and vicinity THEBARTON 408968 (-) further observation showed enemy on gon line from 422971 to THEBARTON est one coy with 3 LMGs and 4 81mm mortars (-) 2/13 Bn disposns 1200K (-) B and D coys moving to 424971 and 421969 respectively A coy at 413966 (-) 2/15 bn adv along EVELYN HIGHWAY and had reached vicinity MANDALAY by 1000K (-) recce revealed enemy line running from 442981 to 431980 with further posn vicinity 431976 (-) 1200K 2/15 bn disposns one coy 440975 one pl 448982 two coys vicinity YARDS 449975 preparing to attack N/ to YARDS 442981 (-) approx 0915K elements cav sqn captured br 397957 (-) 1000K further posn captured 394964 2 enemy P/ taken our cas 1 wounded

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

TO: 9 aust div

(for info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 LG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd ASC 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk comd HQ 3C

0340 exercise SECRET sitrep 19 to 2000K (.) 2/15 bn (.) late afternoon one coy attacked enemy posns on feature 417002 (.) hy fighting ensued but by last lt feature captured (.) our cas severe (.) disposns HHQ and A 417998 B 416004 C 411997 D 412001 (.) 2/13 bn (.) pl which exploited to HERRINGBAD after capture of INDIA repulsed counter attack by enemy (.) 26 enemy killed and 13 P/ captured today (.) our cas 4 killed 27 wounded (.) disposns BHQ 420974 A 410976 B 420977 C 419974 D 410979 with one pl 412986 (.) 2/17 bn (.) moved fwd during afternoon (.) disposns BHQ 405975 A 401976 B 402971 C 396982 D 408970 (.) cav sqn (.) enemy opposition encountered early afternoon overcome and adv continued (.) 1730K patrol reached TOBRUK 3 (.) I tp patrol met enemy patrol 392997 enemy withdrew (.) disposns HQ 368974 H tp 368976 G tp no details yet I tp 393976 (.) bde HQ now 444964

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PRO FORMA LIGS G. OAM

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2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk a bty
2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ comd
ASC 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp 2/118 ord fd pk comd HQ SC

0395 exercise SECRET sitrep 20 to 0300K (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol to feature 405006 report enemy in full occupation est str one coy and two secs MMG (.) patrol to 398003 found pl inf and sec MG (.) patrol to 393008 wiped out approx one pl enemy (.) 0700K enemy MG fire from 401008 (.) 2/17 bn (.) patrol reports enemy MG posns at 392998 391998 and 391997 (.) adv gd reached 395989 without opposition 0745K (.) 2/13 bn (.) protective patrols NTR (.) 2/12 cav sqn protective patrols NTR (.) 0645K cav sqn reached 368988 continuing adv

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde TOO 231300K

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2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/13 cav sqn 2/3 fd regt 13 tk a bty 2/3 fd coy 1 coy 2/3 MG bn C coy 2/3 pnr bn det HQ coma SC 2/3 fd amb 2/113 bde wksp 2/113 ord fd pk coma SC

0400 exercise SECRET (.) sitrep 21 to 1300K (.) 2/13 bn attacked strong enemy posns 418014 to 415009 with strong arty sp 1130K (.) all objs taken by 1145K after stiff fighting (.) our cas approx 30 (.) 2/15 bn attacked area cutting 402008 at 1130K (.) our tps took obj against strong opposition and came under hy fire from high ground 402013 (.) cas not yet known (.) 2/17 bn (.) cav held up by hy SA fire at 395993 0800K (.) D coy took post one coy moved westward attacked and captured enemy posn 382997 (.) other enemy posns engaged at 383002 (.) 2/17 bn on line 390998 to 383998 (.) 2/13 cav sqn patrolled NORTH and EAST reported enemy posns 385000 380005 383013 (.) engaged enemy with arty fire (.) one sec patrolled to 386003 (.) contact with 2/17 bn at 383998 1100K (.) C coy 2/3 pnr bn with one tp tk hold gen line 396987 to 393976 stop press (.) 2/15 bn captured 402013 1150K

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ACTION LOG. exercise KITE.

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1	OCT 13	BDE	UNITS	2200			OO NO 21	
2	"	BM	SCIO. SIGS LOS			0298	Bde HQ closes present location at 1600K reopens same time at 3998at 0 adv party moves at 1000K main party at 1200K	
3	"	BDE	7/13. 7/17 7/18 AIR	1000		0301.	patrol bridge at 350 ct	
4		7/13	BDE		1515		ADV HQ at 1185 has opened now	
5		7/15	"		1530		" " opened in prev location	
6		"	"		1537		BHQ at 1280	
7		BDE	7/15		1540		BDE HQ at 3978	
8		"	9 DIV	1600		0302	" " " " opened at 1600K	
9		7/15	I O.		1600		BHQ at 1280 A at 1589 B at 1884 C at 1338 D at 1684	
10		7/8 FD REGT.	"		1615		RHQ 3998 at 9.- 15 Bty at 1018 - 58 Bty 39 at 8 - 16 Bty 39 at 5.	
11		7/17	BDE		1620		BHQ at 0686 other dispositions to come	
12		CMV	"	1245	1650	I 1	LOCSTAT. 0 at 1873 0 topo info	
12A		"	"		1655	I 3.	SITREP No 1. to 1630 hrs 0 patrol at 1st 8th + at 3588 0 SITNOR	
13		7/17	"		1715		A at 0859 B at 0863 C at 0869 D at 0586 BHQ at 0686	
13A		12 13th A TK 7/17	"		1745	I 1	Bty & Tp dispositions - arcs of fire	
14			"		1720		RAP set at 0586	
14A					1800		Brig conference with COs units	
15		CMV 7/13	"		1810		dispositions to corps & Gps.	
16		7/8 FD Coy	"		"		"	
17		7/17	"		1820		MG and 6pr dispositions	
18		7/13	"		1845		A Coy 6 Pr has field of fire to MILLAA turn off - Reports NYS.	
							for whole afternoon 0 normal traffic only observed.	

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19	Oct 2nd	Y/17	BDE	1810	1900	I26	SITREP No 1830 K.	
20	"	Y/13	"		1910		9pr has standing patrol of one sec at H21863 ⊙ listening posts at H20864 - H22861 - H19864 - H18867	
21		BDE	DIV	2115		0304	SITREP 1 to 2nd 1900 K ⊙	
22		CAV	BDE	2030	2140	I3.	SITREP No 2 to 2000hrs.	
23.		ARTY L O.	"	2120	2150	01/1	DF + SOS tasks - registered nos	
24		"	"	2135	2150	01/2	DF + SOS tasks	
25		BDE	UNITS.	2130		(0305?) 0450	OO No 22. (cancel MAUGHAN's notes:- Sup Pt H0835 - H0834.	
26		"	Y/15	2213		I60	Lake at night enemy.	
27								
28	25	BM	Y/13.		0530		night from Y/13 patrol ?- Where MG fire from ?- are Y/15 passing them? Y/13.- No night - patrol out of comm. Y/15 passing them ⊙ night when rear elemen to are them FDLs	
29		Y/17	LO.		0615		enemy, estimated str one sec vic H15875 and at H51875.	
30		BDE	Y/13 Y/17.	0515			ref 0077 ⊙ UCA Hps + MMG plns night No 1 of coord	
31		ARTY LO	BDE		0620		points registered	
32		Y/13	BM.		0636		Y/15 rear elemen to passing them ⊙ No night from patrol one man sent to contact them	
33		BM	CAV		0635		night? patrols left 0530. No reports yet ⊙ SITNOR	
34		BM & COMD	Y/17		0640		Brig NTR & COMD gave CO probable plan for his adv - A along North CEZAR CK leaving outposts in posn and B along CAV tracks - outpost being relieved by Y/13	
35		Y/3 PNRS	BM.		0655		new location MDS.? BM - weave ref MDS at H1384 to open 0700	

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36	Oct 25	BM	7/13.		0655		pull[ed] out post coy [to] line of CAV tracks ⊙ 7/15 to relieve outpost ⊙ 7/13 report 2 PW. ⊙ No cas ⊙ 6 pr. guns to remain in ctr Pr Dick's post	
37		7/13	BM.		0720		7/15 vehs passing thru ⊙ Coy lines ⊙ PWs and report will be sent on later	
38		7/13	COMD		0735		7/15 contacted enemy ⊙ C coy 7/13 patrol gave enemy disposns:- one sec at 435857 ⊙ one sec 436854 - noticed about one pr being led from ration truck at 436865 - Seen after first light ⊙ PWs were captured at 435857.	
39					0940		BRIG left with LT RYAN to visit ~~bn~~ 7/13.	
40		CAV	BDE	0705	0940	IH	patrol report	
41		7/17	"	0710	0750	IR	SITREP to 25 0710 K	
42		ARTY 7/17	BM	0750	0750 0955		OP reports of enemy movt re signal lines? BM - inf lines on left - arty lines on right is plan	
43		7/13	"	P	0800		patrol report	
44		CAV	"	0730	0815	IH	" "	
45		"	"	0750	0815	IS	SITREP to 0745 ⊙ map ref 443893 clear of enemy	
46		7/8 FD AMB	"	0715	?	MI.	MDS - CP - ADS disposns.	
47		LO 7/13	"		0805		rangd engaged 2 enemy posn 100" past feriboned ⊙ pr pr attacking - enemy withdrawing NE - adv continuing ⊙ No cas ⊙ BM - pass to 7/15 that No movt seen left flank	
48		BM	BRIG (7/13)		0810		ring contour 443896 clear of enemy ⊙ BRIG - CAV to occupy contour ⊙ BM to contact 7/17 re MG sqn.	
49		BM	7/17.		0823		Send one sec MG to CAV immediately	

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50	OCT 5	BM	CAV		0825		occupy contour - one sec MG going to you from 3/17 ⊙ patrol actively for infm - viewpoints	
51		CAV	BM.		0827		patrol has reached 439907 at 0820 - NMS.	
52		BRIG	.		0830		infm from 3/5? BM - WT broken down	
53		BM	3/17 (A/Adt)		0835		re patrols to 2 pnts 435880? 3/17 - out of contact - at 0745 hrs estimated one sec post - are about to attack	
54		BRIG	BM.		0840		3/5 from? BM - Not known - 3/17 situation given	
55		3/13	I O.		0845		Patrol report	
56.		BRIG	BM.		0855		3/3 ordered to move to 1st bound as soon as possible - tk guns will move along main rd, one flying up on left side - bn will be ready in res	
57		BRIG	3/17 (CO)		0900		intercept - 3/17 has taken one PW - MG secs on ring contour on CAV track ⊙ BRIG suggests moving up same track - engr recce already up there - leave DICK where he is until 3/3 in posn ⊙ Cut across to highway to LOOKOUT, if all goes well, and hold from there to ring contour ⊙ 3/17 CO wants DICK relieved in order to move round flank - BRIG agrees but he must be relieved by 3/3 before moving ⊙ necessary to have coy in present CAV posn ⊙ take MGs with you & plan them in Bloy posn ⊙ 3/17 move to commence immediately.	
57A		BDE ARTY	DIV ARTY		0845	?	SITREP 10 to 0800K	
58					0850		SITREP	
59		BRIG	I O.		0900		3/17 bn ordered to 435895 - 480895	

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60	Oct 45	CAV	BM.		0915		have secured. No observation ⊙ see MG from 7/17 have moved SPENCE ⊙ CAV given situation ⊙ CAV disposns – tps SPENCE HILL tps on ring contour ⊙ recce patrol on Lamage feature - See outpost strength in last night sitrep.	
61		7/17	BDE	0810	0915	I30	SITREP to 0810K	
62		7/15	–	0830	0915	–	fwd tps move	
63		7/15		0715	0915	I2	route of adv North of North arm SOUTH CEDARCK then from 438850 ⊙ track for vehs unrec. forgoing	
64		7/15	–	0600	0945	I1	fwd tps move	
65		–	–	0700	0915	I5	enemy withdrawing NE	
66		–	–	0730	0915	I4	Bde engaged by enemy	
67		–	–	0715	0915	I2	tps move	
68		7/17	BDE	0910	0930	I31	SITREP to 0910K	
69		C3I	–		0935		at 0923 3 Coy with Coy 7/3 moving to line ofrd at 439855 on right of bn facing KINGS CROSS ⊙ role of coy to cover bn	
70		CAV	–	0937	0950	I6	KINGSLEY recce in area track nearby clear	
71		7/15		0945	0955	I6	fwd tps move	
72		BM	C2.		0930		disposns given ⊙ 7/15 South of KINGS CROSS moving down SPUR 7/3 moving up to area 7/15 first bound take up area of responsibility in area of bn 433858 ⊙ 7/17 ordered to move less one coy up CAV track as soon as possible ⊙ CAV at	
73A		ARTY	BDE		0930		433896 ⊙ coy DICKS coy (7/17) to move to spur 435881 + pc MG	
73		BRIG	BM		0935		move of tps 7/3 has moved to gen area 1st bound ⊙ 7/17 1st coy with MG on partial spur 435881 - 7/17 less coy moving to ring contour area	

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73		(CONT)					the CAV will patrol fwd to ascertain depth of enemy TKA guns	
							7/17 No longer in sp 7/17 ⊙ get TKA comd to co-ordinate	
							all TKA guns for def in depth ⊙ BDE TAC HQ will move	Passed to TKA
							near area 1st bound - will select site ⊙ keep trying to	
74		CAV	BDE	0955	1000	27	contact 7/15 by WT	
74		7/17 (OLD HQ)	BDE		1004		men without hats seen at 4589 ⊙ more at 4589 ✓	
							0945 K bn moved off	
75		"	"		1005		bn mag fwd in touch 108 2ek	
76		ARTY	"		1020		one FOO 58 bty is following 7/17 up CAV track ⊙ little	
							est OP on reaching objective	
77		"	"		1020		Eth OP moving fwd to ring contour sq 4589 with	
							fwd coy 7/17 at 1020 ⊙ Eth OP moving to same sq	
78		7/13	"		1020		7/13 - 432855	
79		TKA	"		1000		Reliable sd pass 432845 thru timber to 439853	
80		DIV (IO)	BM		1000		representation of fire arrangements	
81		BDE			1020	0309		
82		ARTY	BDE		1015		1012 hrs one coy enemy inf at 452878 - own tps	
							move forward up in ck bld area 4389 ⊙ 1015 hrs	
							4 x Pantomeis ⊙ TKA guns (own) moving North 452869	
							1020 hrs enemy SA fire at 450876.	
83		ADJS	MDS		1015		intercept present pass 453870 - Send fwd to 440852	
							all A Coys - marked clear to track pass 436862	

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84	Oct 25	BRIG	BM.		1045		at 431855 - 7/13 moving fwd to South of ARCADY - astride rd here - PWRS to prod out ERA guns ⊙ ~~[illegible]~~ BDE HQ to move to this area - good cover - remain there ⊙ 7/13 mi res	
85		7/13	BDE	1020	1045		7/13 has reached bound one patrolling left of GEORGE ST	
86		G3I	"		1038		general situation	
87		ARTY	"		"		A OP report intermittent fire at 435875 ⊙ inf meeting opposition at 433878 ⊙ B OP at 433870	
88		7/15	"	1000	1045	IY	KINGS CROSS cleared ⊙ fwd tps under fire from x rd 435877 ⊙ approx one coy enemy observed that spot.	
89		BRIG	BM		1045		comms 7/17 discussed ⊙ advgd BDE HQ to move fwd to area 433856 between house & rd area generally fwd of house	
90		BRIG	BM		1102		move HQ by jeep	
91		BM	LOY		1110		nature of situation ⊙ 7/13 HQ will be at 434861 - moving now	
92		DIV	BDE	1030	1115	0370.	SITREP 15 to 250945K	
93		ARTY	BDE		1120		4 x 75mm guns at 3145720-787665 - 1200x	
94		7/8 REGT	BM.		1120		A Coy 7/17 at 415880	
95		ARTY	"		1140		C OP reports MGs firing short bursts at 70° - large body moving North & NE at 450856 (7/13)	
96		BM.	7/17		1150		re your B Coy? 7/17 - WT out of order firing them via Bn mort & poms.	
97		7/15	BDE		1145			

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No	DATE 19th Oct 45	FROM	TO	T.O.O	T.O.R	ORIG No	SUBJECT	REMARKS
98	"	CAV	BDE	1125	1155	IQ.	contact made OOBs enemy posns.	
99	"	7/8 RECCE.	BM.		1155		7/17 moving up near 4 OP. CAV still holding ring contour 4389.	
100		7/8 FD RECCE.	"		1210		C Coy 7/15 attacking area of M3 at 4389896. D OP O at 4384854 O F OO approx 4385858 O 7/13 moving to 4586262 7/15 approx 4384893 O B OP report from fwd tps 4351873 - 4354874 - 4359872 O from C OP at 1130 large bodies civvies moving NE area 4384859	
101		7/13	BM.		1215		wireless O enemy post 4386876 O Coy at track junc 4385866 O A Coy West of there 4383863 - see across rd O TAC HQ at 4383862 - Coy along track - B Coy (res) 4388859. are sending patrol to 4386876.	
102		7/15	BDE	1055	1225	I8	enemy posns and situation	
103		7/17	"	1158	1225	I3	SITREP to 1130 K	
104		7/15	"	1200	1235	IQ.	" " 1200 K	
105		BM	7/13.		1235		wireless re 7/15 passed	
106					1240-1255		BM passed situation to Bty Recce - 7/15 - DIV	
107		7/13	BM.		1300		4 x 6 pdrs at 4388868 - KINGS CROSS track junc 4385863 - 4388862	Passed to 7/15
					1310		4385857 O patrol went up to 4386876 then to HIGHWAY junc NMS	
108		ARTY	BDE		1255		~~NMS~~. 7/17 at 4385893 at 1215 hrs.	
109		BDE		1200	1300	OHD		
110		ARTY	"				7/17 held up at 4385893 at 1215 hrs O can see light enemy vic. some pls. OUTLOOK HILL - a lot of LMG O activity at present forthcoming. WT had broken down	

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	Oct 25						at 1225. an OPO was contacted and directed some arty fire on LOOKOUT HILL. OPO had lost contact with coy to which he was attached. Saw some inf 440888	
111	25	2/15 Bn	20 Bde	1300	1307	I10	Sitrep to 25 1300 K	
112	"	Bde	BM	1320			Requests SITREPS	
113	"	2/15 FOO	20 Bde	1335	-	-	FOO at 458871 reports hy MG fire at 456878 ○ hy MG and rifle fire at 466874 ○ LMG fire from enemy position 452889 ○ Last ref engaged by arty (8 guns)	
114	"	2/8 Fd Regt	20 Bde	1350			Coy from 2/15 holds line from 450869 to windmill 455873 ○ Two coy attack going in at 1430 hrs on LOOKOUT (462873) role as to exploit to jungle edge ○ two bdys (16 guns) pushing down preliminary task ○ Target area not yet defined ○	
115	"	2/15 Bn.	20 Bde	1400			SITREP to 25 1300 K I11 ○ B+C coys still in contact with enemy same positions ○ Bn less B+C coys will attack 460876 ○ A Coy Right D Coy left ○ Start time 251430K ○ Axis of adv 8° M ○ Limit of exploitation stream running East West just West of 88 Grid line	passed to Div

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No	DATE	FROM	TO	T.O.O	T.O.R	ORIG No	SUBJECT	REMARKS
116	19th Oct 25	BDE	>/17		1120		>/15 attacking LOOKOUT 1130K - limit of exploitation line of CR on 88 northing ⊙ >/17 will NOT shoot South of 88 northing after 1130K - NOT South of 89 northing after 1500K - NOT East of rd ⊙ patrol push to ruin contour 4491	Passed to ARTY
117		>/17	BDE	4?	?	I33	SITREP	
118		>/17	"	1130	?	I3	SITREP to 1210	
119		BDE HQ (rear)	BDE (advance)		1130		>/13 at 5862 - >/15 astride x rds at 4986	
120		ARTY	LO.		1145		>/17 in area 4896	
121		"		1120	1150		C Coy >/15 6887 along track ⊙ held up by MMG + one mortar ⊙ B Coy can see enemy on ridge 3896 bn less B & C Coys will attack 1130K ⊙ A Coy attack on obj 6885 ⊙ D Coy 3896 ⊙ line of adv into grid ⊙ SL 5868 to 5868 ⊙ A Coy right D left ⊙ arty 8' each obj.	
122		BM	DIV (CRA)	1155			No news >/15 attack ⊙ >/17 C Coy at 4889 located enemy at 4890 str at LNG 12 rifles ⊙ enemy from 6893 ⊙ B Coy still on spur 5881 ⊙ bulk of bn in area West of C Coy at 4491 ⊙ establishing standing patrols of CAV on BONE & KIDNEY	
123		BM	IO (ADV BDE)	1500			closing down	
124		>/15		1400	1500	I12	SITREP to >/1400K ⊙	
125		BDE	UNITS.	1507	1507	I63	BDE HQ opens at 3850 at 1505K	

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126	OCT 25	2/15	BDE		1510		details of attack	
127		DIV	"		1538		general situation ⊙ BDE	
128		BDE	DIV & UNITS.	1600	1600	0316	SITREP 11 to 1600K	
129		CAV	BDE	1530	1610	I12	SITREP 6 to 1515	
130		BM	G3.		1625		re 2nd BDE front ⊙ CAV patrols are going to TOBRUK area have 2nd BDE reported enemy there ⊙ G3 - 2nd BDE have captured feature to North of that on to give + CAV Not likely to strike trouble ⊙ BM gives situation	CAV advised 0317
131		PNRS	BDE		1620		ERA guns we are protecting are moving fwd are we move with them? BM - Not if they are moving to inf pos ⊙ will contact them and advise you	
132		2/13	"		1625		patrol 1-15 will contact your right flank from East at 251730	
133		2/15	BM		1630 (WT)		2/15 D Coy in contact #69895 ⊙ estimated str one pl #RNs with them	
134		2/13	BM		1632		patrol reports at #88855 - No contact with neighbouring DIV ⊙ NMS ⊙ about to turn NW to house #81865	
135		ARTY	BDE		1645		E OP reports 2/17 est #8892 at 1632K ⊙ C OP with 2/13 #40900 ⊙ CAV moving fwd to rd junction #9912 to cut rd patrols out	
136		2/15	"		1645	I13	SITREP to 251600K	
137		BM	G-3.		1645		situation given ⊙ DIV at #32839	
138		ARTY	BM.		1650		15 bty OP at #63878 - static OP one FOO to remain fwd bn 16 bty - rd on ridge E-W #9885 - - - - 2/13 58 - #38893 rear OPs closing at last light - - - - 2/17	

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139	Oct 25	7/15	BDE		1700	INT	SITREP to 251700K	
140	"	ARTY	"		1700		C OP at 1630K ⊙ 7/17 FDL ht5896 & SE ⊙ BHQ 200ˣ SW	
							B OP moving on ⊙ 58 bty at 1630K - 7/17 BHQ ht8892	
141					1705		ADS at ht8867	
142		CAV SIGS	BM	1600	1715	INT	SQN HQ ht8872 I tp ht8872 C tp ht5885 H tp	
							w/cond 7/17, moving to secure ht6910	
143		7/15	"		1715		enemy prone & own dispons	
144		BM	PNRS		1725		No move tonight ⊙ 1 KA bty going fwd to 7/17 ⊙ PNRS	
							move fwd to vicinity at 0600 to BEch area South of	
							KINGS CROSS ⊙ Contact BDE T.O. & work out def plan	
145		7/17		?	1745	I35	before	
							7/13 FDL ht9866 - ht5286 - SW 300 yds. West along rd	
							7/17 FDL (1630K) ht5896 thence SE - BHQ ht8892	
							BRIG - CHILVERTON SPUR objective tomorrow ⊙ order of	
							move 7/17 - 7/13 - 7/15 (provisional)	
							BM - DIV says enemy ARTY fire may be visible tonight	Passed to Bns
							on account of type of ammn	
146		CAV 7/17	BDE		1745	I33	report enemy & own posns	
147		"	"		1745	I36	SITREP to 1510K	
148		BDE	CAV	1810	1810	03M	send bde & inquiry of enemy str & where is BONE & KIDNEY	
149		7/15	BDE		1810	INT	last light dispons - SITREP to 251800K	
150		BM	DIV		1816		last light dispons Not yet to hand ⊙ dispons	
							as Known passed ⊙ CAV are going to patrol fwd	
							& maintain pressure on enemy pnts BONE & KIDNEY	

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151	Oct 45	7/13	BDE		1831		BHQ 4t6875 A 4t6879 B 4t8877 C 4t8884 D 4t4875 7/13 TKA tpr one gun 4t4875 one gun 4t3863 one gun 4t4866 one gun 4t8899 ⊙ mortars & MG No change from last night ⊙ pr 7/MG with A Coy ⊙ own TKA disposns later ⊙ otherwise SITNOR	
152		7/17	-	1630	1845	I37	SITREP to 1400K	
153		7/15	-	1645	1845	I38	report of move	
154		~~7/17~~ BM	9/7 FD Coy		1910		info from Bde 7/8 1730K secured hold on feature 893792 ⊙ two coys enemy holding hastily prepared posns NORTH feature 1700K - 6 tanks 3rd June 3629/8 actively engaged by Army & withdrew North - last seen 3rd June 3617970 ⊙ 100 inf in vic ⊙ 7 Div area ⊙ two Coys 7/7 CAV forced one pr enemy to withdraw ? 965 & reported and clear to 4t9961.	confirming SITREP to come
155		DIV (G3)	BM.		1925			
156		BDE	13. 15. 17. CAV ARTY		1915	0319	patrolling for night 25/26 Oct	
157		7/17	BDE		1930		last light disposns	
158		TKA Bty	-		2000		- - -	
159		ARTY	-		2015		OP 4t5089 reports 40 m/ were captured ⊙ 2 MT	
160		7/17	-	1710	2015	I40	SITREP to 1710K	
161		7/MG	-	1920	1945	TYK1	location.	
162		7/13	-	2000	2035	I5	SHELLREP	
163		DIV	-		2135	0382	general situation	
164		7/7/15	-	1920	2135	I15	projected patrol	

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165	OCT 25	7/15	BDE		2135	I16	Own cas 1 dead 15 shock ⊙ enemy cas NOT KNOWN	
166	"	7/15	"	2120	2135	I17	projected patrol C coy	
167		7/17			2010		general report incl shelling & cas	
168		7/13	"		2115		Shelling report & patrol report	
169		7/17	"		2100		shelling and movt D coy	
170		ARTY	"				Arty DF and HB shooting	
171		BRIG	7/13		2000		start times and axis of adv tomorrow ⊙ TK guns may have to travel on main rd ⊙ fire obj SNAKE CK area track junc PICADILLY to BONDI ⊙ Watch lines against interference 0515 start 0530	
172		BRIG	7/17		2045		inform re adv 26 Oct ⊙ warning that 4 Sp CAV will revert to SQN at 260830K	
173		7/13	L.O.		2100		SITREP ⊙ SITNOR ⊙ patrol 1-10 moved down RAM-FORD to contact 7/17 ⊙ Time Out 2100K ⊙ advise 7/17.	advised
174		L O	FD REGT.		2130		given bdys in sp of bns ⊙ ⊙ Po with CAV SQN - he will become FOO with CAV for move 26 Oct ⊙ CAV to be advised	
175		7/17	BM.		2200		one arty flare obs from H40898 bag 1° mag four flashes 318° mag observed from H53907 ⊙ NT12	
176		7/13			2250		SITNOR	
176A		BDE	UNITS.		2245	0218	⊙ ⊙ 23 issued	
177		BM	DIV		2237		Outline of OO for 26 Oct	
178		7/15	FDE.		2253		patrol approached D coy left flank found OK ⊙ Very flares seen on CHEDDAR ⊙ C Coy at 2135 one flare 230° mag	
179					2242		2145 one flare 350° mag ⊙ 2245 - 3 flashes 360° mag ⊙ D Coy - 2130 four flares 355° mag 2200 one flare same bag ⊙ NT12	

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179	Oct 25	BDE	DIV + UNITS	2300		O?	SITREP to 252000K	
180		DIV	BDE		2300		SITREP 16 to 251100K	
180A		CAV	BDE	2315	2400	I20	patrol reports	
181		8/17	/		2315		A Coy report enemy str 12 at 471505 situation in hand	
							A coy patrol contacted CAV at 477910 NMS	
182		BDE	DIV	2310		I6A	topo airfm	
183		8/13	BDE		2342		patrol report	
184		CAV	BDE	2300	2300	I19	LOCSTAT ⊙ 412903 ⊙ SITREP No 7 to 2145	
185		8/15	-		2400		patrol report.	
186	26	8/17	-		0010		SITNOR.	
187		8/17	-		0050		SITNOR.	
188		8/17	-		0130		patrol report.	
189		8/13	-		0150		NTR ⊙ at 0210 what appeared to be 20 shell bursts appears from C Coy at 235° mag	
190		8/17	-		0200		SITNOR	
191		8/13	-		0250		-	
192		8/17	-		0310		-	
193		8/8 REGT	-	0410			raiding party 16 bty area	
194		-	-	0412			E/A raided 0330 - details	
195		8/13	-		0450		SITNOR	
196		8/13	-	0810	0600		SITREP 4 to 260600K	
197		8/17	-	0115	0600		patrol report C Coy.	
198		ARTY	-		0620		FOP reports enemy gun	
199		SIGS	UNITS BM 250		0805		re/ code name. substitute FISH for BONE & CHIPS for KIDNEY	Second message

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200	Oct/6	7/17	BDE		0810	I3	SITREP 0800K	
201	"	1 Pce B 7.MG	"		0820		See location	
202		7/17 CAV	"	0735	0820	I23	diphoto	
203		ARTY	BM		0802		at 0715 fwd coy 7/15 at 466895 moving SE	
204		7/17 Co	BM		0810		CO fwd at 458911 for moving up to deal with enemy posts at 452914 & 453911 (house feature) @ women like 7/15 coy to commence their attack on house feature at same time as 7/17 attack will Not commence before one hr is up	See one 0352
205		7/17	BDE (CO)		0822		re ARTY OPs @ as 58 bty is moving fwd to OPOs from other btys to contact him i.e. attack.	
206		BM	7/17		0829		16 bty at 455884 - OPs going up now @ C.O. 7/17 wants arty fire on line E-W Nor South of wood CHILVERTON	
207		BDE	7/15		0815	0322	arrange co-ordination with 7/17 attack	
208		BM	7/17		0837		16 bty about to register track for which CO asked def fire on LINE of wood CHILVERTON	
209		BM	BRIG (7/15		0842		BRIG info of 7/17 plan and asked is it OK for coy of 7/15 to attack simultaneously @ BRIG-YES @ BRIG was given 7/17 situation @ 7/15 at lower track June 453913 @ BRIG suggests 7/15 do both tracks converging on house to North @ BRIG given ARTY situation @ BRIG now at 459908 - will get in touch with both CO.	
210		CAV	BDE	0540	0845	I21	patrol info	
211		"	"	0610	0845	I22	" "	

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212	0 CA 26	2/15	13TH BDE	0700	0815	013	SITREP 260700 K	
213		-	-	0800	0925	I19	- 260800K	
214		BM	2/17		0906		re ARTY Spt - 15 bty is about to move - ARTY CO is with 2/17 CO and are making all arrangements	
215		2/17	BM		0900	I20	2/17 bn preparing to attack on two coy front ⊙ B Coy right objective Spur 450916 - 2nd obj hill 452920 ⊙ C Coy left objective hill 446920 & x rds 443917 ⊙ in res A Coy - possible role pass thru to 438920 ⊙ covering the D Coy from 443915 ⊙ Start time Not Set ⊙ BHQ 449909 opened 0905K ⊙ D Coy comd & cas	Passed 0 2/13
216		BDE	DIV	0910	0910	I6H	Native reports	
217		BDE	"	0915	0915		REVSIT 1 TO 25 2100K	
218		CAV	BDE	0845	0920	I24	Report	
218A		CAV	BDE	0830	0920	I25	Disp moving pt 411909	
219		2/13	-		0920		arrived new from 453886 BHQ	
220		BM	G3 DIV		0930		general situation given	
221		2/15	BM		0935		patrol reached 459919 - one enemy pl 453918 ⊙ have one pl at 459920 ⊙ HQ in Sq 491	
222		2/15	BDE	0900	0935	I29	SITREP to 260900K	
223		BDE	DIV	0930	0935	031	SITREP 12 to 0800K	
224		BRIG	BM.		0945		2/17 are attacking at 1015K - 2/15 same time ⊙ 58 bty Spt 2/17 - 15 bty Spt 2/15 - 2/13 has call on other bty ⊙ BRIG will be with 2/15 BHQ ⊙ notified of 2/15 situation ⊙ BM to see CRE re res ammo to be moved to 452883	

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7/5	6/7/16	ARTY	BM.		0930		A OP at 0930 - enemy in str 451916 - 455923 ⊙ D OP enemy FDLs 4296? running E-W approx 1500ˣ long ⊙ target moving North to objective ⊙ ARTY given BRIG's request	
7/6		BM	7/15		0952		time of attack 1015 hrs ⊙ moving small creek to 952863	
7/7		7/17.	BDE		1025	INT	SITREP to 1015K	
7/8		DIV	"	0945	1030	0385	~~at~~ BDE SITREP to 260800K	
7/9		7/13	"	0955	1030		SITREP 6 to 26095000 SITNOIR	
7/30		CAV			1030	INT	SITREP No 8 to 0945K	
7/31		CAV	"			INT	dispersing	
7/32		BM	DIV G3.		1015		details of BDE attack ⊙ 7/13 has been moved gen area 458829	
7/33		BM	7/17		1045		gen. CAV patrol reports ⊙ 7/17 - fwd coys reached CHILVERTON 2pm - both calling for ARTY sp ⊙ strong enemy post left 458915 extending S and for 500 yds ⊙ A Coy in contact with enemy post 458911	
7/34		BM	DIV (G3)		1100		7/15 & 7/17 secured objectives ⊙ 7/17 held up by strong enemy posts 459918 (3 houses) - North of houses 458918 is enemy post ⊙ 7/15 fwd sp. 453921 ⊙ A Coy 7/17 moving around jungle area & struck enemy post 456918 - being engaged by mortars and ARTY ⊙ 7/13 still in res	
7/35		CAV		1635	1125	INT	report enemy posns and own patrol.	

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236	0456	BDE	CAV	1125		0326	mapref + strength enemy posts FISH & CHIPS + SAUSAGE Regd	
237		ARTY	BDE	1200			observation fire tgts + enemy	
238		"	BM	1125			enemy posts reported at 4392 Sq.	
239		SIGS	BM	1150			have had on x DR cas	
240		BM	SIGS	1155			ask 3/15 to give posn fwd tgts	
241				1156			BRIG at 3/17	
242		BRIG (3/17)	BMN	1210			BDE HQ recce party can move now. Main body later	
243		BM	3/17	1215			15 bty to remain in action until fwd clear	
244		BRIG	BM.		1230		mtrs re 3/15 passed ⊙ 3/17 held up x ⊙ 3/13 in assembly	
							area 4509 got - all btys in action ⊙ mtrs re btys given	
							to BRIG ⊙ BRIG - can move 3/15 north of 90 grid	
							East of rd - 3/13 No role given	
245		SIGS	BM		1250		3/8 FD REGT moving	
246		"	"		1255		3/13 on line	
247		I O.	BMN		1256		OK to move HQ area	
248		BRIG	BM.				3/15 dispositions given to BRIG ⊙ A 455927 B 455919	
							C 455918 D 453910 BHQ 455918 ⊙ own cas to	
							1130 K 1 Offr 7 ORs ⊙ ARTY HQ to 455878 on LOOKOUT	
							BDE HQ to 460911 ⊙ CAV sending out recce patrol to HILLS	
249		3/15	BDE	1205	1250	IVV	SITREP to 261200K ⊙ dispositions	
250		ARTY	"	1215	1250		area of shelling	
251		BRIG	SC	1205	1250		Reds under shell fire ⊙ Suggest BURNSIDE for	
							amm ex ration ⊙	

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252	Oct 16	CAV	BDE	1120	1150	I31	report	
253	"	"	"		1150	I33	Left pn from on PEAK ⊙ No enemy obs etc	
254		PNRs	"	1200 1130	1155 1300	I34 I32	despatch ⊙ despatch ⊙	
255		BDE	DIV + Units	1300	1300	0335	SITREP 13 to 261300K	
256		9/13	"		1300	4300	TACHQ at 447906 near bn	
257		9/17	BM	1315	1325	I42	SITREP to 130515K	
258		BRIG (9/17)	BM		1330		moving 9/13 on gen axis 9/15 ⊙ left ? Know when all bdys in action (Code Word PUDDING) ⊙ BRIG moving to 9/15 to make recce ⊙ later will come to New BDE HQ ⊙ sending LOTH tracks ⊙ Move PNRs gen area MDS on right of rd ⊙	
							6/Vs TKA 9/13 covers bdy cond to come into pnr gen area track junc 447911 - provide def in depth on right of rd ⊙	PNRs advised 9/13 advised ref TKA
							15 bdy on move ⊙ TKA 9/13 to stay with bn.	
259		BDE	UNITS.		1325	0326	Revised to 250900K ⊙ all BDE ⊙	
260		CAV	BDE	1325	1350	I35	enemy infm	
261		9/8 FD REGT	"		1350		two lorry loads enemy w'd. enemy NE along rd 433919	
262		CAV	"	1302	1350	A44	recce cav - to SC	
263		"	"	1310	1350	I37	re shelling on rd to SOURCE	
264		9/15	"	1240	1350	I41	progress report	
265		CAV	"	1356	1415	I36	enemy infm	
266		BM	9/17		1400		CAV infm passed ⊙ 9/17 - attempting to clear enemy 438920	
267					1405		9/15 approaching objective 448920 - 9/13 preparing to follow ⊙ 9/17 still held up S on 10/9 grid trying	

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267	26/6	(CONT.)					to clear enemy 458920 (track junc) ⊙ CAV I 35 passed ⊙ advised of PNRs move and picture post ATK guns ⊙ advising of move	
268		3/15	BM		1420		one coy 450928 with enemy fwd other side of track – coy 4593 moving NW to strike track ⊙ HQ 458927 two coys behind ⊙ enemy at 459931 – 457931 – flg going to right of this posn ⊙ all info given to 3/15 by BM also moves of BDE HQ – PNRs and re TKA future posns	
269		CAV	BDE	1355	1425	I8	report of situation	
270		ARTY	-		1435		16 bty will two OPs at 450916 – 16 guns in action ⊙ 8 guns moving up to 15 bty posn	
271		BM	3/17		1440		CAV I 8 info passed	
272		G-3 DIV	BM		1445		GENERAL will be out to see attack ⊙ situation given to DIV	
273		CAV	BDE	1432	1445	I39	request SITREP etc	
274		-	-	1430	1445	I3	patrol report	
275		3/17	-	1445	1445	I 44	SITREP to 1415K	
276		3/15	-	1425	1445		patrol report	
277		DIV	-	1353	1515	0391	at BDE situation	
278		BM	DIV		1530		info passed	
279		3/15	BDE	1400	1510	I 36	SITREP to 36 1400K	
280		CAV	-	1440	1510	I 40	dispositions.	
281		3/13	-		1530		BHQ 457917 A 453918 B 455918 C 458907 D 452915.	
		BRIG	BM				3/17 to approach tracks to GUNNER ⊙ CAV to patrol to GUNNER & if it is clear past 3/17 to be sent to GUNNER ⊙ 3/15 patrol via SAMMILL and via SHED North SNAKE CK ⊙ 3/15 obj reach high ga North SNAKE CK ⊙ 3/13 inf es	

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282	OCT 16	BM	DIV		1245		info passed	
283		SIGS			1245		TAC BNS open	
284		BRIG	BM.				7/13 now fairly static © 16 Bty to spr 7/15 © intend to put standing patrol 7/17 on CONNER - patrol behind CONNER.	
285		7/13	BM.		1610		OP report from 459920 at 3695415 K © MMG observed firing from 451933 - 3 men seen in MMG pos - 9 men seen moving at 450933 - MMG firing from 446935 - 9 men in area - Sounds of LMG 459934	
286		7/15	BNS				patrol report D Coy	
287		7/17	-	1600	1615	SITREP	SITREP to 1600K	
288		-	-	1515	1615	SITREP	- - 1510K	
289		ARTY	-	1605	1615		© OP © 430923 now held by patrol	
290		7/17	-		1715		has moved	
291		7/17	-		1730		enemy in pos	
292		BRIG	7/13		1815		7/13 - enemy NOT mopped up - along track running parallel with main rd to PICADILLY © BRIG wants fighting patrol to go out along track & make contact with 7/15 - patrol to est in SAWMILL area	
293		7/13	BNS		1815		proposed patrol to night	
294		BMA	7/15		1815		7/15 - pl enemy wiped out 150° North of 449945 inflicted two CAS 7/15 © approx pl 2 MG at 4445945 © C Coy at 449941 pushing on © B + D with BHQ	
							BRIG - if rd not mopped up 7/13 to patrol to SNAKE June in case enemy SAWMILL area © 7/13 to put standing patrol to East of SAWMILL © Policy tonight 7/13 will be responsible	

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294	OCT 26	(CONT.)					for gap between 2/17 & 2/13 prod patrolling Limit SNAKE CK - Sup x convoy	
294A		BM	2/13		1910		patrol policy based	
294B		BM	2/17				tasks for tomorrow. No move before 0800 @ 2/17 to please standby patrol on GUNNER to relieve CAV	
294C		~~BM~~	~~2/5~~		~~2020~~		~~orders for tomorrow~~	
295		PNRs	BDE		1845		COY HQ 414916	
296		CAV	"	1630	1810	INT	enemy disp	
297		2/15	"	1645	1830		report A Coy movt and other coy disposns.	
298		2/15	"	1725	1830	I29	SITREP	
299		2/15	"	1600	1830	I28	SITREP to 261600	
300		CAV	"	1730	1830	INT	OWN MOVT	
301		"	"		1845	INT	LOCSTAT 413917	
302		"	"		1850		disposns	
303		BDE	2/15		1945	0330	orders for 27 OCT	
304		"	CAV		"	0331	2/17 patrol to contact ayr tps on GUNNER	
305		"	2/15		?	I66	advising 2/13 patrol for tonight	
306		CAV	BDE	1950	2000	I50	LOCSTAT	
307		2/13	"		1950		disposns	
308		2/17			2000		CAV disposns (filed with CAV)	
309		BM	2/15		2020		orders for tomorrow	
310		2/MG	BDE		2020		disposns	
311		BM	SC		2025		18 wounded still at 2/15 - only one amb arrived 0 expedite evac	
312		BDE	CAV		2110	I67	require info enemy disposns & ops	
313		"	DIV		2130	0338	SITREP 15 to 2000K	

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314	26 Oct	TAC	IO.		2145			track is clear to PICADILLY	
315		BMH	DIV		2100			last light disposns & bde intention for 27 OCT	
316		BM	~~7/13. 7/15. 7/17.~~		2130			HF on DAWSON GULLY CORNER between 2100 - 0200 ONO patrolling North of 97 grid between those tenes.	
317		"	7/13.		2130			prev sec.	
318		"	7/17.		2130			repeat sec 600 HF on 438972 from 2100 - 0200	
319		ARTY	BDE		2130			disposns boys & OPs	
320		7/15	"		2130	I30	+	SITREP to 261900K	
321		TAC	"		2135			OPs (moving to 7/15 area RV 1st June 458909) disposns	
322		"	"		2135			disposns	
323		CAV	"		2200	I55		SITREP No 9 to 2045K	
324		"	"	2145	2200	I56		sight enemy	
325		BDE	UNIT		2205		0339	OO 24.	
326		BML	CAV		2220			HE on 439980 between 2100 - 0200	
326B		LO 7/15	BDE		2230			demolitions	
326A		LO REAR	BDE		2230			Eight enemy attacked	
327		7/17	BML		2230			D Coy contacted CAV HQ at 2130K	
328		7/15	BM		2300			proposed patrols all coys	
329		7/13	BDE		2315			SITNOR one Vn patrol contacted A Coy 7/15 Standing patrol went to PICADILLY are now at 448938 (loc)	
330		7/15	BDE		2315			bn destroyed by enemy in PICADILLY area ref 448908	TENKS advised
331		7/17	"		2323			CAV report (at 2230) GUNNER FORCE patrolling North to yards NMS. patrol has split on either side of feature	
332		ARTY LO	"		2335			RHQ raided abt 30 min ago OS RV taken	
333		7/13	"		2350			SITNOR	

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334	Oct 26	CAV	BDE	2300	2350	I58	SITREP No 10 to 2300K	
335	27	ED Coy	-		0012		mapref for bi destroyed?	
336		7/17	-		0018		SITREP 2400K ⊙ A Coy contact patrol reports NMS.	
337		7/13	-		0045		SITNOR	
338		7/13	-		0145		SITNOR ⊙ A Coy patrol in at 0125 NMS. - Contact made with A Coy 7/15	
339		7/17	BDE		0210		SITNOR ⊙ A Coy patrol report	
340		7/13	-		0250		- ⊙ B Coy patrol NMS.	
341		7/17	-		0310		SITNOR	
342		7/13	-		0350		SITNOR	
343		ED Coy	-		0410		Two demolished 7/13 area at 389935 ⊙ have only one set of bridging unable to repair by immediately ⊙ traffic must detour coming from THEBARTON CHILVERTON	
344		7/13	-		0430		repeat report from 7/17 ⊙ details given also are demolition of two bdgs at 389935 and three at 389938	
345		7/13 ED Coy	-		0455		bdgs 389935 cannot be repaired ⊙ bdgs 389938 may be ready for use light - probably about 0700K	7/13 advised
346		BHQ	CHILVERTON		0600		inform bdgs + roads on ED REGT.	
347		CAV	BDE	0545	0645	I61	SITREP No 11 to 0545	
348		7/15	-		0700		patrol report	
349		7/17	BHQ		0900		patrol 030S has located abandoned enemy bivy for one pre-found SA rds SAWMILL area ⊙ amend original report	passed to 7/13
350		BRIG	7/15		0905		ordered 7/15 to adv to line of SLOCK CK + continue adv to MANDALAY then NW along line of EVELYN HIGHWAY and bdy with 7/13 which is HIGHWAY incl to 7/15	7/13 0935

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351	[illegible]	X/13	BRIG		0735		bx 439476 passable to inf - engrs putting bx around
							ford - enemy do Not appear where reported ⊙ bx NOT
							fit for veh. before 0900 ⊙ one coy across ok now others following
352		SIGS	BDE		0745		X/15 closing in 15 min ⊙ LtRyan - must have pom for Bn before move
353		X/17			0735		report.
354		X/15			0745		enemy cas for 36 OR - 10 PW 15 gr 230 RR PW - 15 R
355		BDE	X/13		0710	0735	X/15 move as per sec 350
356		X/15	BDE		0750		ford pc at 439952 going to 2" cutting 1000 yds South
356A		X/3 FD Coy	BDE		0755		of DAWSON GULLY CORNER patrol has found a mine at 439476 ⊙ bx open at 0800
357					0800		BRIG + BM left for X/17.
358		BDE	DIV		0805	0364	SITREP 16 to 0800R
359		BML	C-3 DIV		0830		X/13 reported crossing ck 439476 at 074515 ⊙ bx 441948
							had been destroyed ⊙ footbridge constructed at that pt by
							X/13 ⊙ main bx restored by 0900 hrs ⊙ X/15 from given
360		CAV	BDE	0800	0830	I62	SHQ and Sp movements
361		X/17	"		0835		B Coy pcl to be taken over GUNNER from 0830R
362		X/13	BML		0905		Coy 430959 ⊙ Coy at Bn June 439954 (Bn bound)
362A					0909 (Rev 373)		
363		CAV	BDE	0835	0915	I63	Sp moves
364		"	"	0835	0915	I64	Progress reports
365		BRIG	"	0845	0915	0389	Send two pcs pnrs to improve track thru
366		X/13	BML		0925		TAC HQ moving West 200 yds
367		BRIG (Sp)	"		0925		Contact Engrs to make recce of tracks CHEDDAR - PICADILLY
368		BML	ENGRS		0930		advised of above - 2 pcs PNRS to assist
368A		X/13	BDE	0845	0930		Posn of fwd Bns

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369	Oct 27	BRIG	BML		0930		advise DIV discovered enemy dec entitled "Sequence of events D+2"	
370		7/17			0945		SITNOR from pl on GUNNER ⊙ NTR	
371		ARTY	BDE		0950		list of hostile bty	
372		BML	30 DIV		0955		inf pl from 7/13 ⊙ HQ 439st ⊙ C+D Coys east along track from that pl from A Coy just 0959 - B Coy to June 4199st	
~~373~~		7/13		(change made under 377)				
373		7/13	BML		0907 (Rec 36A)		pl to move to June at 410952 ⊙ track from 439950 is suitable for MMG - report tracks running North 419951 Not passable	ENGRS advised of RV
							BHQ 439951 other coys to the East ⊙ No sign enemy	
374		TKA	BML		0935		Up in vic PICCADILLY & request protection as 7/5 moved on -	
							Up at 4119 grid	
375		BML	PNRS		0940		Troops to be used are 2nd ENGRS RV CHEDDAR 1015K ⊙ rest of coy	
							to move up to protect Up of TKA	
376		BML	BRIG (7/17)		0945		advised of from PNRS & ENGRS ⊙ BRIG - all Tps to keep clear	PNRS advised
							of June owing to congestion on rd ⊙ Tps to disperse	
377		BML	(30) DIV		0955		See Secs 372	ENGRS info. Secs PRO for traffic
378		BRIG	BML		0955		track PICCADILLY - CHEDDAR 10 to be used all day - will require	
							lot of improvement ⊙ ENGRS NOT to close rd - Keep traffic moving	
379		7/15	BDE		0950		enemy situation as follows	
380		BM (7/17)	BML		1005		CAV have been instructed to proceed direction of MERRYMEAD	
							LO to go up to BRIG	
381		BML	7/15		1010		Repl proposed attack on spd feature ⊙ BRIG does NOT	
							want it unless 7/5 have full ARTY spt	
382		7/15	BDE	0900	1015	I Zz	SITREP to 270900K	
383		CAV	BDE	0930	1010	I/O	SHQ moving to 403947	

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384	6 Oct 37	CAV	BDE	0917	1010	I69	one pc enemy at ridge 394961
385		"	"	0905	1010	I65	enemy pons 399959 & str unknown
386		3/17	"	1000	1010		BHQ now moving to 435971
387		CAV	"		1010	I71	correction to enemy at 399957
388		3/13	"		1015		enemy inf on contour mvt
389		3/15	"		1020		enemy inf & vehs pons
390		3/15	"	0900	1015	I73	F gps shelled from 433978
391		3/15	"		1015	Int	move fwd tks
392		CAV	"		1020	I74	ridge captured
393		BM	BML		1020		atlcn at one bty regt to sp attack
394		DIV	BDE		1020		inf on 1st BDE
395		LO	3/15		1020		3/15 - OP at 435970 reports three coys South of East from the pt - one coy North of rd June 438973 held up
396		BML	BM(3/17)		1025		message passed COL CRACE re ARTY - OP with COL CRACE 435970
397		ARTY	BDE		1030		DF tasks
398		3/13	BML		1035		C Coy check on LMG & rifle fire from THEBARTON out of comm with A Coy & will ring them as soon as possible
399		TKA	"		1053		1 tk RN at 430930 - tk comd making recce - tk still in pan 434964
400		BDE	DIV	1055	1055	I68	enemy inf mv
401		3/8 FD REGT	BDE		1105	115A3	B tp engaged ATK gun at 433971
402		CAV	"	1025	1105	I76	LOC STAT QHQ 400947
403		"	"	1030	1105	I75	H tp at 429964 in contact enemy pc at x rds 429965
404		3/8 FD REGT	"		1105	115A4	13 bn HQ at 425953 at 0930K
405		DIV	"	1035	1120	0403	SITREP 19 to 270900K

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406	Oct 27	7/13	BMA		1115		B Coy moving to #1971 - D Coy on their left to #1969 A Coy at #1966 ⊙ enemy line #1971 - THEBARTON exit fired one coy 3 MMG (have fired) ⊙ 4 x 81 mm mortars have fired to BRIG 20 rds from #1969 ⊙ B Coy reports enemy #1973 ⊙ mortars with A Coy engaging THEBARTON ⊙ MMG shooting across B Coy front
407		ARTY	BDE		1135		B OP - 2 suspected enemy H Q 3 obt 110 - 2975800 registered by
408a					1140		enemy mortars
408		CAV	-	1050	1135	I 17	from fwd Spr
409		7/8 ARTY	/	0959	1125	I 15/A1	ten 6pr prams at 1000 K
410		7/15 ARTY	=	1100	1150	I 35	SITREP to 7/11 ⊙ K from B OP. #3995 ⊙ area #3997 x DIV conc - mixed 75 x 105 mm carrying can. fwg 3 m°
410A					1140		two guns moving up to #1949 ⊙ mortars & other two guns
411		TKA	BMN.		1140		enemy line seems to be running from #1981 to #1986 ⊙
412		7/15	/		1155		further from a stride rd near quarry #1976 ⊙ HQ in patch of Passed to BM.
							scrub right of DAWSON GULLY CORNER ⊙ D Coy approx #1995 ⊙
							pl from another coy on feature at #1898 ⊙ two coys
							approx by the "Yards" #1995 ⊙ to attack North West to
							other spur - 300 hr. 1200 K - full Arty Sp & 2 Sp weapons ready
413		BM (7/17)	BMN		1200		B Ech to move
414		BMA	TKA				TKA to be prepared to move to maintenance & B Ech area
		6 messages send 1225 and serial No #33-436					tonight ⊙ make sure guns covering main rd ⊙ 7/17 moving to new spur #3945.
415		ARTY	BMN		1250		attack started without ARTY Sp
416		ARTY	BMN		1250		hostile bty
416CA		CAV	BDE	1217	1305	381	fwd Sp moves
417		ARTY	/		1315		RHQ moving to Sq #495
418		DIV (Cas)	/		1330		re river crossing
418A		BDE	DIV		1330	0336	SITREP 17 to 1200K

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429	8 Oct 39	ARTY	BDE		1300 1355		T.O.O 1200K - moved at 1355K one coy adv West along rd towards 430986
430		7/15	"	1260	1310		fwd Hqs
431		CAV	"	1200	1310	IO2	enemy infm
432		7/17	"		1310		BEchn 439943 - Sakon truck meeting pt 442946
433		PNRS	"		1335		disposn
434		BML	DIV		1330		infm of 7/15 attack
435		"	4 KA		1335		one Hq to proceed w 2/Lt 7/15 - along rd to MANDALAY
436		ARTY	BML		1340		2 coys of 7/13 to attack at 1340
437		7/15	"		1350		A Coy 442983 C coy approx 439984 D coy via of school on track B Coy 428987.
438		BDE	CAV	1200	1200	0338	No infm 7/3 will advise when available
439		BDE	CAV	1200	1200	0339	7/13 infm
440		7/13	BDE		1405	7/a	mov & disposn.
441		7/13	"		1435		7/13 Success
442		7/17	"		1405		disposn.
443		ARTY	"	0945	1355	7/5A6	Elm unidentified at 093 K CAV contacted at 394966 enemy str one pl
444		7/17	"	1155	1235		come in area 441943 & disposn 7/13 & 7/15 fwd Hqs? advised by BML
445		CAV	"	1115	1235	7/8	disposn.
446		7/15	"	1130	1335	136	enemy infm 1 Hr for attack 1200 K
447		DIV	"	1250	1405	0405	7/BDE infm
448		BML	~~X~~ DIV		1430		for dispositions
449		SIGS	BDE		1440		Adv Hdr in new posn
450					1445		CO 7/8 FD REGT arrived - RMO 425952 requesting permission to move rear Hqs fwd

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HH1	8 Oct 67	BRIG	BMN	1445	1500	0395	Send one tp 6/pr to MANDALAY/urgently
HH2		7/13	BDE		1500		your location?
HH3		CAV	-		1505		tp moved
HH4		-	-	1448	1505		Locstat ⊙ SHQ 395958
HH5		7/15	BMN		1500		SUNRAY with us ⊙ fired on from area West of school from C in GERALDTON - moved B+D Coys around - will extend at abt 99 nothing - B Coy 7/13 occupying fwd of house H2978 - enemy still at H5983 MERRYMEAD ⊙ some appear to have withdrawn - ARTY engaging all posns ⊙ A+C Coys with BHQ are near school ⊙ ple of C Coy trying to cut manner near school
HH6		BM	BMN		1500		move HQ area SLOICE CK - behind 7/15 posn ⊙ 7/13 have taken INDIA - bn on manned now repaired
HH7		BRIG	BMN		1515		AWC are bulldozing lines up on PICCADILLY - engineers not continue improving rd - working on to between PICADILLY & manned ⊙ HQ RNRs just South PICADILLY on CHINGFORD rd - RNRs will try protect line from AWC ⊙ SITREP to 1510 - D Coy at INDIA.
HH8		7/15	BDE		1517	I39	SITREP to 7/1500K
HH9		BDE	CAV		1530		7/13 D Coy INDIA - B astride to H2978.
H50		C III DIV	BML		1548		7/13 dispositions? ⊙ BML gave 7/13 dispositions & 7/15 situation
H51		CAV	BDE	1530	1540	I87	SITREP No 11 to 1500K
H52		7/17	BML		1550		7/17 dispositions unchanged ⊙ 7/13 & 7/15 given
H53		7/15	BDE	1520	1545	I40	situation

8 NCRs & PNRs advised

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454	8 CAV	CAV	BDE	1335	1610	I86	Opn dispositn.
455		Y/8 AMB	-	1530	1610	M10	MDS & ADS dispositn.
456		Y/15	-	1600		IH1	SITREP to 271500
457		CAV	-	1550	1610	I9	own cas.
458		BML	BRIG		1615		SUNRAY + ENGR SUNRAY left for new BDE HQ at 1615K
459		BRIG	BML		1650		TKA SUNRAY required co-ord early engrs cleared making claim with TKA SUNRAY about mines.
460		Y/15	BDE	1640	1658	IH2	enemy in sight
461		SIGS	BML		1650		Y/15 just become on line - Y/13 NOT yet on
462		BML	C-37 IV		1715		Y/15 situn:- moving via 13003 - PC enemy 16005 being shelled by one ARTY - B Coy will attack at 1710.
463		BML	TAC HQ		1730		Y/8 FD REGT HQ closing down
464					1740		HQ closed down
465		Y/13	BDE		1735		SITREP to 271800K
466		CAV	-	1700	1740	I89	360983 to 393975 clear of enemy
467		-	-	1705	1740	I90	CHQ moving 367975
468	468A	Y/17	-	1810	1830	I91	LOCSTAT
					1855		dispositn.
469		Y/15	-		1925		-
470		Y/15	-	1730	1845	IH3	attack ammo + inf details
471		CAV SIGS	BM.		1900		No comm with CAV
472		Y/13	BDE		1855		SITREP to 1850 & SITNOR
473		CAV	-	1820	1905		patrol report.
474		TKA	BM.		1925		two guns at DAWSONS ~~COMD~~ CONV gone up to Y/15
475		BRIG	-		1930		~~BRIG~~ BM Y/15 to be in res & CAV mostly local following

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476	Oct 27	3/13	BM		1955		tomorrows tasks ⊙ outlined	
477		3/3 FD Coy	BDE		1955		No mines laid - 3 pl work 3/17.	
478		3/17	-		1958		one sec enemy track bend 395993 - 3 pl FD Coy with ⊕ coy - task to lay mines - map refs to come later	
479					2000		ARTY NO called ⊙ was in fm FOO may have to be changed - 13+17 fwd bm	
480		BRIG	3/17		2000		outline of tasks for tomorrow	
481		3/MG (B Coy)	BDE		2000	Typed	dispositions	
482		BRIG	CORPS ARTY (TKA)		2021		BRIG gives task - 1 pl of guns to a coy of 3/13 ⊙ in position by 0715	
483		BM	⊙ of 3/MG		2030		task for tomorrow - one coy less pl on sp 3/13 on right - other pl in sp 3/17 which is left fwd bn	
484		BM	3/15		2036		task for tomorrow - hold present posns ⊙ 3/13 pass thru 3/15 FDL Not later than 0700 ⊙ pass your patrol in fm direct to 3/13 promptly	Passed 3/13 3/15 3/17 Div ⊕ CAV
485		3/3 FD Coy	BDE		2035		T.O.O 1900 will lay minefield approx 393984 front of ⊕ coy 3/17	
486		BDE	CAV	2045	2045	0 3/4	to bringing orders	
486A		CAV	BDE	1945	2050	5 Pl	Pl taken as 393977 now at SHQ	
487		⌄	⌄	2055	2055	269	re minefield	
488		ARTY			2100		tely posns	
489		CAV	⌄		2120		answer to our query ⊙ dispositions	
490		BDE	DN + UNITS.	?	2130	Orals	SITREP 19 to 7000K	
491		3/17	BM/L		2145		local minefield running from W. June extending South 100"	Passed to 3/13 + 3/15
492		CAV COMD	⌄		2145		one PW at 3/3 SQN HQ unable to sup satisfactory feeding arrangements can you take charge of him ⊙ BM/L - Yes! send him in	
493					2200			
494		DIV	BDE	2015	2200	Orals	2 at BDE in fm	S.C
495		CAV	⌄	2105	2200	All	RV for Pl 393979	

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496	28/5/67	CAV	BDE	2000	2200		PW report of interrogation	
497		Y/3FD Coy	"				report on HASTY MINEFIELD and sketch of layout	to DIV
498		Y/13	BMN		2220		patrol Y/13 made contact with Y/15 B Coy's patrol 200 S.A. pos on brg 355° Mag from Hill 979	
~~499~~ 499A		BDE Y/17	UNITS BMN	2220	2230 2230	ONLY	CONOPS SITNOR	
500		BMN	Y/13		2235		You will get from 16 bty - 2 bounding OPOs. 1 OPO (BHQ) and 1 FOO	
501		"	Y/15		2240		You will get 1 FOO (BHQ) wireless line from 16 bty	
502		"	Y/17		2240		You will get from 58 bty - 1 bounding OPO (1 OPO BHQ) and 1 FOO	
502		BMN	DIV		2255		intention for tomorrow	
503		Y/13	BDE		2315		SITNOR	
504		Y/15	"		2320		D Coy report E-full feature to 5006, enemy along feature & along side of cutting - all high ground occupied o. Sts 2 secs MMG and rifles & feature 395003 enemy sts 3 sec MMG 1 pl rifle men inf gained on 393008 - enemy asleep. No gd o all enemy these features wiped out	Y/3 Y/15 & Y/17
505		Y/15	BMN		2359		396008 one sec MMG - No enemy located in jungle edges Hill 618	
506	28	Y/13	"		0015		All OK except D Coy who cannot be contacted by phone & contacting A Coy by runner	
507		Y/13	"		0040		have regained contact with D Coy	
508		Y/13	"		0050		SITNOR	
509		Y/17	"		0135		patrol report	

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510	Oct 7/1	1 Squadron from 1 RAR	B/1L		0150		ammpt opened at 1000K under 1 Div control at 379976
511		7/13	-		0210		SITNOR
		7/17			0210		
512		7/13	B/1L		0315		all corps consult except D who cannot be raised - line man on job now
513		7/13	-		0310		SITNOR
		7/15			0400		
514		7/17	-		0415		
515		7/13			0500		SITNOR ⊙ CAV mission? request that it be passed on ⊙ No mission. CAV ⊙ Sect 10 patrol
516		7/17	-		0510		SITREP to 0510 - C Coy patrols out ⊙ NTR
517		BM	7/15		0709		there is counter attack against 7/17 at present can you get in touch with 7/13? YES ⊙ BM BRIG staying this HQ for time being ⊙ 7/13 advised by 7/15
518					0730		BRIG left for 7/13.
519		CAV	B/1E	0645	0720	I93	SQN at 368988 ⊙ continuing adv
520		7/15	-	0700	0720	I46	SITREP to 0700K
521		ARTY	-		0710		OP report re 7/17 counter attacked
522					0726		enemy mission
522A		ARTY	-		0830		area of 393999 cleared. No enemy as far North as 411000
523		TKA LO	BM.		0815		9 pr and C Coy INRs in pons - co-ords later
524		BM	7/13		0835		7/13:- enemy in str ⊙ BM - 7/17 D Coy moving NW to sq 3999 ⊙ BHQ at 396989 at time ⊙ CAV moving in track 368988
525		B/1E	DIV	0830	0830	0395	SITREP 20 to 0800K
526					0840		E-00 north D Coy held up 395993 by MG
526		-	-		0847		situation passed
527		CAV	B/1E	0805	0820	A10	mission ADS re evacuations
528		7/15	-		0830	I16	SITREP to 0800 ⊙ NTR
529		CAV	-	0809	0850	I94	enemy pons etc
530		7/17	-		0850		situation
531		CAV	-	0839	0900	I95	ARTY shelling area 383998 ⊙ enemy mission

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No	DATE	FROM	TO	T.O.O	T.O.R	ORIG NO		
533	16 Aug 68	CAV	BDE	0825	0900	AIR	Cav tfr RV west to 393978 ⊙ ack	to SC
533	"	"	"	0830	0900	A13	correction no of wounded	" "
534		BDE	7/15	0900	0900	0396	Situation	
534		BM	BRIG		0900	0397	PNRs + ATK tfr in zone	
535		BM/L(Y13)	BM(A7)		0900		infy ex attack 7/13 ⊙ 7/17 preparing to attack ⊙ 7/13 1st obj	
							H19010 ⊙ 2nd obj tree track H19013 to H14008 ⊙ 7/15 to be prepared	
							to exploit to Cutting Horseog ⊙ ARTY will put smoke down	
							on H02012 ⊙ 7/15 will sp attack by observed fire ⊙ one coy	
							7/15 prepare to attack Horseog by 1000K ⊙ 7/13 attack NOT	
							before 1000K ⊙ No est of enemy but in zone ⊙ BM - infy	
							BRIG that left flank now secured by PNRs ⊙ BM/L - warn MDs	
							for cas ⊙ BRIG fwd with 7/15	
536		BM/L	BM		0910		Codenames for use by 7/13:- PIP H19010 - KING H19012 - SQUEAK	
							H13008 - WILFRED Horseog - GEORGE H02012 ⊙ BM to ask TKA tfr	
536A		7/17	BDE		0920		in zone 7/13	
537		ARTY	BDE		0925		enemy from 390998 now secured by D Coy	
538		7/17	"		0925		Too 0858 + 0910 enemy infy	
							CAV in contact with enemy reported 381005 + also 382998	passed to ARTY LO
							ARTY shelling Horseog	
539		ENGRS	"		0936		from ? ⊙ infm given ⊙ ENGRS - leaving mine field in front of	
							Coy 7/17 ? ⊙ leave it to secure left flank	
540		BDE	7/17 7/13 CAV	0925	0936	0397	situation	
541		7/17	BDE		0945		ARTY OP reports D Coy 390 998 attacking from 390998	
542		BM/L 7/13	"		0950		any picks + shovels to be sent to 7/13 to consolidate ⊙ 7/15 attack Not before 1030	
543A		7/15			0930		~~No move before 1030~~	

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 54

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) | Originator: 2/17 | Date—Time of Origin: 28 1755 K | Office Date Stamp

For Action

To Bde.

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

2 Coy attack 1 objective
x/ways 389003 to 394064 ⊙
2nd objective Ridge 389008 to
394009 Arty support by observation
start time 1315.

Received 1310 B

1320

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except / ..... } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. IN 86

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
LR4			

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: CAV

Date—Time of Origin: 28/255K

—Office Date Stamp—

For Action

TO 20 BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

—Message Instructions— —GR—

ORIGINATOR'S No. L 109 O Info re enemy pass at 381005 incorrect. O/A enemy in that area other area strongly held. Am fwd defensive post 1320

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means { except ..... } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER**

Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR 1300	R/T	R/T
Time Cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. IN 35

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
HR7			

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 2/12 CAV SQN | Date—Time of Origin:

For Action

TO 3 BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

—Office Date Stamp—

—Message Instructions— GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 110 enemy FDL from 3780106
382008 to 3819006 to house at 392001

1320

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except ..... } Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time THI or TOR 1315	System W	Op E/S
Signed	Signed		Time Cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 1 IV 32

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
~~FWB~~	375 X 8		BMP0

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) 2/15 — Originator — Date—Time of Origin — Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO SUNRAY

(w) For Information (INFO.)

2 0 1 B D E

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Our trps have captured left edge of
GEORGE O Have lost approx 1 pl
~~information~~
1 V 25

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except ..... } Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority
Signed	Signed	

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR 1155	R/T	RR
Time Cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 20 Aust Inf Bde

Date—Time of Origin: 28 1205K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO: Cav Sqn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. O399 EXERCISE SECRET Q 7/13 bn captured all objectives at 1145K Q 7/15 bn moved through and secured their final objective at 1155K Q under by fire from high ground Q N Q 7/17 bn holding line B 9 grid 00

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except ..... } Wireless

Signed

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Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority: IMPORTANT

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

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captured 1134

1st objective ~~work~~ ~~opposition~~

D & C Coy exploiting through

to final objective.

Marcarty onto King. Squeak.

/17

Infantry Food tips

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 1134

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
LR1		P	

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: Coy

Date—Time of Origin: 28/1454

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO: Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 106 ref O 398 yes to bat/ enemy position

1200

28/1454

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except ..... } Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op
Signed	Signed		THI or TOR 1150	W	JC
			Time Cleared 1153		

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. IN 30

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
LR3			

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) CAV — Originator

Date—Time of Origin: 28 1110K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. 1

1104 ⊙ Contact made with 17 BN at 384998 ⊙ Enemy withdrawing NORTH to jungle ⊙ ARTY registering on enemy posns ⊙.

Passed to Div 1126.

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except ..... } Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time THI or TOR 1115	System W	Op
Signed	Signed		Time Cleared 1121		

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. IN 30

Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

2

1B. 1120

~~42013~~ formed.
Now in forming up area 42013

Withdrawn No 1 ... 0 0 ... registering on enemy

Passed to Div

1126.

AS WRITTEN exce ... Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER Signed	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time THI or TOR 1115 Time Cleared 1121	System W	Op

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 28

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
LRT			BMB

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 2/12 CAV SQN — Date—Time of Origin: 281054K — Office Date Stamp

TO: BDE — For Action

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. I 102 G

I Troops relieved section from GEORGE at 376005

1117

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Signed

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Signed

Originator's Instructions / Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR 1110		
Time Cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) — Originator: 20 Bde — Date—Time of Origin: 28 1110K — Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO: 2/12 100 Sqn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 398 ⊙ pass your fwd tps still NOT clear ⊙ are drawing tps at 380005 and 383013 ⊙ 4/17 have clothed troops 382997.

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except ..... } Wireless

Signed

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Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

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1105 HBH Q 4100 8 - 105 mm engaged from
11 15 hrs to 11 35 hrs. rate.

Passed 10 JA

Auth
L O.

H to H + 2 R 4.
H 2 to H + 5 R 3
H 5 " H + 15 R 2
H 15 " H + 20 R 3.
16 " + 58 Bty. Coordinates E 3410 50 N. 2 5 4 0 0 0 of M 13

Artry instructed NOT to fire

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 26

Call	*Ser. No.*	*Priority*	*Transmission Instructions*
			RMB IN

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) *Originator*: 2/12 Coy | *Date—Time of Origin*: 281035H

Office Date Stamp: 12

For Action

TO 20 Bde

(w) *For Information (INFO.)*

Message Instructions— **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Fwd troops H now at 284998 1 0 1 sec G troop 386056 H troops unable to advance further belor by enemy strength 1 coy

1100

281035H

Time	*System*	*Op*
THI or TOR 1045	W	
Time Cleared 1052		

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** *by any means* { *except* ..... } Wireless

Signed

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Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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No.	date	Time	From	To	Subject
166	28	1045	15 (Base Unit)	BM.	no artillery active 1145 to 1185, 1 aircraft fastened till 1130 — to 17 — one tky will be available from 1135 till completion of attack
167		1047	BM.	17	ref enemy 390998, have it taken it yet? — 17, town secured — 200 yds S and of 390998 — town — 1/1 388002
168		1055	TKR	BM.	enemy 394982, 396978, 396985, 398987,
169		1055	DIV	BM.	Div closing down 1100, inform of attack?
170		1100	~~BM~~ 17	~~BM~~ BM.	B Coy reached house, 3899, ~~has~~ attacked — BM inform of two towns in 3899 — 17 — 2 Coys still uncommitted.

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384 998 - Cav +17

The 41600

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NO	DATE	TIME	FRO
181			13
			13

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m	To	Ch
	BM.	dispositions of other bns?
3.		TacHQ 414014 A ~~4~~4160 also 023 , C 413015 , D

n for W R

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8. com
15 B415016 1 Lt ras NW manual
414 010, 1 Lt C by 4 OF012 [illegible]

bdy to
actul 404 NYH shed

6KIA 24 wounded

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~~178~~	~~28~~	~~1200~~	~~Se~~
178			TKA
179			[illegible] BM.

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	~~ASC~~	~~evident for batteries?~~
	BM.	"J"H 17 area 39 E ~~[illegible]~~ h have gone into attack," approx a sec 418
	17	converging in form of 13. v 15 b

ing N.S 392999 in support of Coy. ⊙

+ on sec

004 ~~shell~~ 412996 ⊙ "P" ½ shell

n. —— 17 holding line

Rhn

5th unit 13

in old form. 3997

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NO	DATE	TIME	FROM	TO	
176	4/28	1153.	BM	17	13 bn taken first objective at 1134, proceeds to 2nd.
177		1155	13	BM.	all objectives captured 1145 strong enemy offensive 30 cas. 1 car OKing in squad on PIP or Res. TK on Kin all objectives captured 1145 strong enemy offensive 30 cas. 1 Coy. Kin 1 Coy SQUEEKS ~~and~~ 1 Coy v TACHQ on PIP TK A on kin BM 115 (Hold)

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171		1120	TKA	BM	~~KR~~ wire 17 bn now in town. —
172		1125	RM.	PNRS	general inform of bn losses.
173		1125	Broadbent.	BM.	~~Coy~~ fwd to E.W Rd. NTH Kr.
174		1127	BM	15	inform of others bns.
~~175~~			~~BM~~	~~15 BM(L)~~	request that any guns are to shell our own FDLs — 2/1 — already corrected
176		1143	BM.	2/8 RHQ ARTY.	

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2000 ~~Capt~~ Capt 2/13 2/15 ST 0630 Gen party along to Main Windmill then as a flank gd for 2/13 & 2/15 will receive 100 & 2/17 ST 0630 & 2/13 follows on axis of main rd & 1/14 Guns may have to travel on main rd & final obj SNAKE Ck area. to Jane Regarding 1 BONDI & Watch Creek against interference from Jeeps & 2/13 ST 0830 &

~~35 2/13~~

26 2045 US Capt 2/17 Infm re adv 26 bde HQ. to be confirmed by OC & Warning Order to 2/13 Commando Sqn now w/Capt 2/17 will report to Capt 2/13 Commando Sqn 26 0830 &

26 2100 2/13 LO SHEEP SIGNOR & patrol 1 Off & 10 men down KAM-FORD to & to contact 2/17 bde & turn east ~~by~~ NOOK & Others 2/17 bde &

26 2110 LO 2/17 Infm re 2/13 patrol passed

26 2120 LO 2/13 Infm Opo Germ patrol passed & his will become FOO 16 bty on 38 2/13 bde & 58 9/46 2/17 bde & 26 2130 LO 2/16 Regt Capt Watch to be gathered 1 bty in Sp 2/15 2/17 bde & 2/13 bde &

26 2200 2/17 Bde one arty flash obs from 440 & 98 bde 10° Mag from flashes 318° mag obs from 453 & 67. RTR. Enemy

2150 2/13 Bde

22333 BM 2/15 DO DIV Infm of sitrep for 24 Hour Period ending 2100 hrs 23 May 42 Patrol left at 2135 one plane 230 mag

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MESSAGE FORM

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Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
LRT			BMB

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FROM (A) Originator: 2/12 CAV SQN | Date—Time of Origin: 281050K | Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO: BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.) | Message Instructions | GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

1 OR fruther casualties 0 enemy 3 wounded
1 PW 0 over 2 killed 4 wounded 0 are not
evacuating 1 wounded man
0

1117

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Signed

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Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR 1109	W	Se
Time Cleared		

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No	DATE	FROM	TO	T.O.O	T.O.R	ORIG NO	
543	Oct 18	ARTY	BDE				HE tasks
544	"	7/15th	BDE	0900	0950	545	SITREP to 380900K
545		BM	TKA		0955		Up to be with 7/13? ⊙ 7/13 protection being extended ⊙ Up with 7/15.
546		7/17	BM		1000		enemy from 388002 held by two pls one MG further from 395999 one MG ⊙ held up at 390998 by MMG
548		BMLN (7/15)	BDE		1010		20 picks 20 shovels to go fwd ⊙ 7/17 infm
549		BM	BMLN		1012		CAV situation - enemy pls at 381012 - 380005 - 385000 ⊙ 7/17 to report enemy MG at 388002 ⊙ attacking enemy post at 390999 ⊙ ARTY want to move Bty up when attack successful
550		BMLN	BM		1025		No more guns after attack in case full weight ARTY regt to up 7/17
551		CAV	BDE	0950	1020	197	enemy infm
552		7/17	-		1020		situation ⊙ passed to DIV
553		CAV	-	1027	1045	199	situation fwd thro
554		7/15	-		1045	198	SITREP to 381015K
555		BM	BMLN		1022		7/17 want to know will they endeavour to push up track or track line ⊙ BRIG OK's merely maintain pressure ⊙ ARTY up after 1100 ⊙ No attack for moment until ARTY available
556		BMLN (7/15)	BM.		1045		No arty up for 7/17

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 10 /1944. Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 69 + 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	BRIGADIER*					
NR	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	1	2	11	Majors					
NR	1		5	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	3	2	18						

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"	Class	18									18
	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).

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Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde ..... *Unit*

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 10 / 194.4 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	NX396	WINDEYER	VJV	Comd	Yes		
Maj	NX800	HILL	AJ	HQ	Yes		
Capt	SX6157	HOLDSWORTH	WG	HQ L	Yes		
Capt	VX11806	Pat WILLS	E	SC	Yes		
T/CAPT	QX564	GLASGOW	D	SC L	Yes		
T/CAPT	NX83195	MAUGHAN	DMB	IO	Yes		
T/CAPT	NX66676	SMART	TE	IO	Yes		
CAPT	NX11849	MANN	HH	IO 1	Yes		
LT	NX14881	NEAL	JV	IO 11	Yes		
LT	QX8990	GILDS	HW	IO 111	Yes		
CAPT	NX54635	GIOVANELLI	WHL	LSO	Yes		
CAPT	NX70444	HARVEY	JG	BASCO	Yes		
LT	VX74211	MILLIS	LG	DOO	Yes		
LT	NX89475	PATERSON	HB	AO	Yes		
LT	NX98056	HARLAND	J	IO	Yes		
CAPT	NX85579	EVANS	LB	LSO	NO	DEP 9 AUST DIV	8-9-44.
CAPT	QX43975	LAKE	GS	CHAP	NO	DEP 2/15 IN	9-6-44.
CAPT	QX83994	LAURENCE	H	CHAP	NO	DEP 2/17 BN	18-5-44.

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		HONEY B M	1st BUFFS REGT	6.10.44.	ATTACHED BRITISH OFFICER

7 - 10 - 44.
Date of Despatch

E. [illegible] Wills
SC 20 [illegible] *Signature of Commander*

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 20 AUST
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 10 /194 4. INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 69 + 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.				
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.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
		1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1		-	Staff Sergeants					
1	4		1	Sergeants					
		2	12	Corporals					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
2	6	6	50	Civilians counting as O.R.					
3 *	11	9	67 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
"A"	CLASS							[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)		64									
B(2)	"B" CLASS	3					[redacted]				67

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	2/13 BN		
2	9 DIV		
3	9 DIV POSTAL		
1	YMCA		
3	AASC		
16	9 DIV PRO COY		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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).

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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE ..... *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7 / 10 /194 4.

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				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			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				**GROUP II.**				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				NON-SPECIALISTS			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				DR MT	4	6	NR
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								MT ORDS	9	9	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								SIG ORDS	6	5	2
Fitters				Driver-Operator								HYG DUTY	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								WATER DUT	1	2	NR
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								GEN DUTY	5	6	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								BARMEN	13	14	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				**GROUP III.**				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				CSM	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				CQMS	1	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	5	NR	SERVICES			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				AASO CLERK	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				DR MT	-	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	NR	Coach Trimmers				BARMAN	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AMEC AMR	1	-	NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	3	5		FITTER MT	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				MECH MV	1	2	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AATC MED O	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AADC AMD X	1	-	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				BARMAN	1	-	NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AALC CLERK	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				BARMAN	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AADhD			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				BARMAN	8	-	NR
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	6	5	NR	CARRIED FORWARD	15	15	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	67 *	3 *

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

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Date of Despatch

E. [illegible] CAPT
Signature of Commander
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PARTICULARS OF NCO's

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	SUR	DEF
Int Draughtsman	Cpl	1	1		
Int Duties	S Sjt	1	-		1
	Cpl	1	1		
Clerks	WO ii	1	1		
AMENITIES	Sjt	1	2		1
Education	Sjt	1	-		1
	Cpl	1	2	1	
Tpt	Sjt	1	1		
	Cpl	1	2	1	
General Duties	Cpl	2	2		
Cooks	Cpl	1	1		
CSM	WO ii	1	1		
CQMS	S Sjt	1	2	1	
SERVICES					
AASC	Cpl	1	1		
AEME ARMOURER	Sjt	1	-		1
AAMC MED ORD	Cpl	1	1		
AAOC AMN EX'MN	Sjt	1	-		1
AALC CLERK	Cpl	1	1		
		3	5		

PARTICULARS OF PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

NO	NAME	TRADE	MED CLASSIFICATION
NX118629	PACKETT GW	CQMS	A1
NX131025	QUEALY JB	CLERK→Cpl	A1
NX118631	SORENSON F	TPT-Cpl	A1

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194.... .....(Unit)

W.E...../...../..... OFFRS.....O.R's..... + 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
			1	*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		1	Majors					
	1		11	Captains					
	1		6	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					

	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.
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).	A.											
	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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ...../...../194. (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.
							9.6.44.
							10.6.44.

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.

..... *Date of Despatch*

..... *Signature of Commander*

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

44/35 (Serial No.)

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/10/1944. .....(Unit)

W.E. 11/2/4. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + 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.				
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.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
		1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1		—	Staff Sergeants					
1	5		1	Sergeants					
		1	11	Corporals					
NR	9	5	44	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
1 *	13	7	60 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
B(1) "A" Class				57)				[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1) "B" Class				3)							60
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	2/13 Bn		
9	9 Div		
3	9 Div Postal		
1	YMCA		
2	AASC		
16	9 Div Pro Coy		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	2/13 Bn		
1	LHQ Sch Mech		

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).

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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE ..... *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14/10/1944.

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				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			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				NON-SPECIALISTS			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Dr LT	10	13	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								[illegible]			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)								Sig Ords	9	4	NR
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Hyg Dut's	1	[illegible]	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Water Dut'sl		1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Dut's	5	6	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Batmen	13	14	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				CSM	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				CQMS	1	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	5	NR	SERVICES			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				AASC Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	NR	Coach Trimmers				Batman	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	3	3		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMC MedOrd	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAOC AmnEx	1	-	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Batman	1	-	NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AALC Clerk	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AA Ch D			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Batmen	3	-	NR
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AALC BATMAN	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2 -		CARRIED FORWARD	6	5	NR	CARRIED FORWARD	15	15	NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	60	* 1

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.

14 Oct 44 ..... *Date of Despatch*

Duncan Campbell CAPT ..... *Signature of Commander*
for SC 20 AUST INF BDE.

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PARTICULARD OF NCO'S

UNIT	RANK	WE	PS	SURPLUS	DEF	
INT DRAUGHTSMAN	CPL	1	1			
INT DURIES	S Sjt	1	-	-	1	
	CPL	1	1			
CLERKS	WO 11	1	1			
AMENITIES	Sjt	1	-		1	
EDUCATION	Sjt	1	-		1	
	Cpl	1	2	1		
Tpt	Sjt	1	1			
	Cpl	1	1			
General Duties	Cpl	2	2			
Cooks	Cpl	1	1			
CSM	WO II	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	1	2	1		
SERVICES						
AASC	Cpl	1	1			
AMC	Cpl	1	1			
AAOC AMN EX'MN	Sjt	1	-		1	
AALC	Cpl	1	1			
		18	16	2	4	XX R

PARTICULARS OF PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44.

NO	NAME	TRADE	MED CLASSIFICATION	
NX118629	PACKETT GW	CQMS	A1	
NX131025	QUEALY JB	CLERK CPL	A1	
				XX
				XX
				1
				NR
				NR
				1

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

44 / 36 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 10 / 194 4 HQ 30 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 8 / 4. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			2	* BRIGADIER *					
NR	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	1	1	10	Majors					
NR	1		5	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	3	1	27						

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.	PA CLASS	27									27
	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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ...../...../194. (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.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194..... .....(Unit)

W.E...../...../..... OFFRS.....O.R's.....+ 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.				
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.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
				Sergeants					
				Corporals					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	2/13 Bn		
1	9 Div		
3	9 Div Postal		
1	[illegible]		
3	ASC		
16	9 Div Pro Coy		
1	2/17 Bn		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	2/13 Bn		
1	School		

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).

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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 21/ 10/1944.

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				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			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				NON-SPECIALISTS			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Dr MT	10	10	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Sig Ords	9	4	NR
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Hyg Dut's	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Water Duts	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Dut's	5	4	NR
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								BATMEN	13	13	NR
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				CSM	1	1	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				CQMS	1	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	6	NR	SERVICES			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				AASC CLERK	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				" "BATMAN	1	-	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4	-	Coach Trimmers				AAIC ORD	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				[illegible]			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	3	3	-	AAOC MINE	1	-	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				BATMAN	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				AALC CLERK	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AACbd			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				BATMEN	3	-	NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AALC	1	-	NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	6	6	-	CARRIED FORWARD	15	14	NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	*55	*1

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.

21 - 10 - 44.
Date of Despatch

A Duncan Colonel CMF
Signature of Commander
HQ 20 AUST INF BDE

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PARTICULARS OF NCOs

UNIT		RANK	WE	PS	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
INT DRAUGHTSMAN		CPL	1	1		
INT DUTIES		S Sjt	1	-	-	1
		CPL	1	1		
CLERKS		WO II	1	1		
	AMENITIES	Sjt	1	-	-	1
	EDUCATIONS	Sjt	1	-		1
		CPL	1	2	1	
TRANSPORT		Sjt	1	1		
		CPL	1	1		
GENERAL DUTIES		CPL	2	1	-	1
COOKS		CPL	1	1		
CSM		WO II	1	1		
CQMS		S Sjt	1	2	1	

SERVICES																
		R.A.A.F.	R.A.N.	CIVIL	A.A.M.W.S.	A.W.A.S.	C.M.F. Under 18 Years	C.M.F. 18 Years and over	A.I.F.		Detail	W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. Relnfts. Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	ALLOWED BY W.E. Relnfts. Required
	AASC						CPL	1	1			-		1		
	AAMC						CPL	1	1			-		1		
	AAOC			AMN EX			Sjt	1	-			-				
	AALC						CPL	1	1							
								18	15			2		5		

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units noticed in para. 7 of instructions for completion 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., 30 U.K. Forces. 10 N.Z. Forces.

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PARTICULARS OF PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44.

NO	NAME	TRADE	MED CLASSIFICATION
NX118629	PACKETT GW	CQMS	A1
NX131025	QUEALY JB	CLERK CPL	A1

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ../30/1944. ..... (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/4. OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 66+ 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	* [illegible] *					
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		2	Majors					
	1	1	20	Captains					
	1		6	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	5	2	27						

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.	[illegible]	27									27
	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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ...../...../194. (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.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

44 /17 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/10/1944 HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. II/2/4. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + 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.				
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.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
		1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			3	Staff Sergeants					
1	3		1	Sergeants					
		1	11	Corporals					
MR	8	2	42	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
1 *	11	4	59 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		CLASS 58						[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)		CLASS 1									59
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	2/13 Bn		
1	9 Div		
5	9 Div Postal		
1	YMCA		
2	AASC		
1	2/17 Bn		
1	2/14 Tpt Pl AASC		
16	9 Div Pro		
3	2/8 Fd Regt		
1	2/8 Fd Amb		
1	9 Div		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	2/15 Bn		
1	SC HOOL		
1	FIELD 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).

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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE ..... *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28/10/1944.

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				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			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Arehitectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				NON SPECIALISTS			
Electricians				Cooks	3	3	-	Woodturners				DRIVERS MT	10	12	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								SIG ORD'S	9	5	N
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								HYG DUT'S	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								WAT DUT'S	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								GEN DUT'S	5	5	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								BATMEN	13	13	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								CSM	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				CQMS	1	2	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				SERVICES			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	5	NR 1	AASC CLERK	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				2 BATMAN	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AMC ORD	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4	-	Coach Trimmers				AMC AIN EX	1	-	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				" BATMAN	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AALC CLERK	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				" BATMAN	1	-	1
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACHD			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				BATMEN	3	-	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	59	*

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

28-10-44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander CAPT

SC 20 AUST INF BDE

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PARTICULARS OF NCO's

	RANK	WE	PS	SURPLUS	DEF
CLERKS	WO I	1	1		
	Sjt	2	-	-	2
	Cpl	1	2	1	-
INTELLIGENCE	S Sjt	1	1		
	Cpl	2	2		
TRANSPORT	Sjt	1	1		
	Cpl	1	1		
GENERAL DUTIES	Cpl	2	2		
CSM	WO II	1	1		
CQMS	S Sjt	1	2	1	-
SERVICES					
AASC CLERK	Cpl	1	1		
AAMC	Cpl	1	1		
AACC	Cpl	1	1		
AAOC AMN EXAMINER	Sjt	1	-	-	1
AALC CLERK	Cpl	1	1		
		18	17	2	3

SUPERNUMERARY NCO's

NX118629	S Sjt	PACKETT	GW	CQMS	A1
NX131026	Cpl	QUEALY	JB	CLERK	A1

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Ref : A213/1915
25 Oct 44

Subject : Water Supply - During Operations

9 Aust Div

Reference your Q50/1/415 of 20 Oct 44.

2. Comments of units of this Brigade are enclosed.

3. For a Brigade HQ the Brigade Commander considers that a 200 gallon water cart is necessary, and that it must have its own motive power. A trailer is NOT satisfactory. This in addition to 50 x 2 gallon cans.

4. It is considered that the supply of trailers for this purpose, both for a brigade HQ and an infantry battalion, are entirely unsuitable as the number of jeeps on establishment are ~~entirely~~ quite inadequate even for present operations.

E. [illegible] for Brig
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde
(AOD)

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

Subject: Water Supply -
During Operations

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
24 Oct 44
Ref: Q13/-/472

20 Aust Inf Bde

ref your A186/1880 of 23 Oct 44

The following recommendations are submitted:-

(a) Water carts 400 gallons are considered suitable for use in open warfare the suggested scale being two (2) per Bn.

(b) Trailers water 80 gallon are considered unsuitable owing to the resultant reduction in jeep trailers.

(c) It is considered that a reserve of 2 Gall water cans would be preferable for all types of warfare.
The suggested scale is two (2) per man as the supply of water in the field requires that one half of the cans be forward whilst the other half is available for refilling at B Echelon.

Sgd G E COLVIN Lt-Col
Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

Subject: Water Supply - During Operations

2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 36/4/44
24 Oct 44.

Ref your A186/1880

20 Aust Inf Bde

1. The following recommendation is submitted by this unit.

(a) Yes, two per bn

(b) No, as present no of trailers already inadequate.

(c) No - no space for them in trailers

Sgd G H GRACE Lt-Col
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

Subject: Water Supply - During Operations

2/17 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: A186/1166
24 Oct 44

20 Aust Inf Bde

Reference your A186/1880 23 Oct 44

Para 3 (a) Yes - Two for open warfare.

(b) Not desirable.

(c) Yes - 150, in addition to water carts 400 gals.

Sgd J SIMPSON Lt
A/Adj 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

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20 INF. BDE.
No. A186/1891
21 OCT 1944
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Subject: WATER SUPPLY - DURING OPERATIONS

HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: Q50/1/415
20 Oct 44

1. The facilities for the supply of and transporting of reserve water under the following conditions are totally inadequate:-

(a) Open Warfare

(b) Country where water supplies are far apart

(c) Country where water sources are contaminated.

2. It is therefore essential that provision action be taken to ensure a means of overcoming this difficulty if the occasion arises.

3. Units will submit a recommendation to this HQ not later than 260900K Oct on the following lines:-

(a) Would water carts 400 gall be suitable - if so on what scale

(b) Would trailers water 80 gall be suitable - if so on what scale (this would necessitate a reduction in jeep trailers)

(c) Would a reserve of 2 gall water cans for carrying in jeep trailers be preferable - if so on what scale.

E. Lait Wells

Lt.-Col
AA & QMG 9 Aust Div

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Ref: A186/1880
23Oct 44

Inf

2/13 Aust Inf Bn X
2/15 Aust Inf Bn
2/17 Aust Inf Bn

Forwarded. Return to reach this HQ by 250900K.

Duncan Colaugoun
Capt
S C 20 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

HQ 20 Aust ...
Ref: A174/1913
25 Oct 44

Subject: Unit War Histories

9 Aust Div

Ref your signal A 4508 of 16 Oct.

2. Results of ballot of members of units of this brigade are attached.

Brig
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

SUBJECT: Unit War Histories

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
23 Oct 44
Ref A18 / - 1455

20 AUST INF BDE

ref 9 Aust Div Signal A4508 of 16 Oct 44

In accordance with para 3 and appendix "A" of GRO A298/44 a ballot of members has been held with the following results:-

Name of Unit	2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Date of Ballot of members	21 Oct 44
Number of members on posted strength on date of ballot	903
Number of members desiring publication of unit war history	498
Percentage of posted strength so desiring publication	55
Number of members who have undertaken in writing to purchase unit war history on publication	406

Lt-Col
Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(GE COLVIN)

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

Subject: Unit war histories.
Ref 9 Aust Div A4508.

20 INF. BDE.
174/1862
7 OCT 1944
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2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 13/1344
17 Oct 44.

20 AUST INF BDE

1. Herewith return in connection with the above matter.

Capt for
W. Heathcote Lt-Col.
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL
RCDIG1022064

UNIT WAR HISTORIES

Notificat ion pursuant to GRO A298/1944 para 3.

Name of unit : 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Date of ballot of members : 16 Sep 44.

Number of members on posted strength on date of ballot : 912

Number of members desiring publication of Unit War History : 723

Percentage of posted strength so desiring publication : 79%

Number of members who have undertaken in writing to purchase unit war history on publication : 711

Date : 17 Oct 44.

Sgd W HEATLEY CAPT for Lt-Col
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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20 INF. BDE.
22 OCT 1944
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Subject: UNIT WAR HISTORY

HQ 2/17 AUST INF BN
Ref: A1/89/1133
20 Oct 44.

20 AUST INF BDE

Ref; your A4508 of 16 Oct 44.

1. Attached hereto Appendix "A" result of ballot of members as required by GRO A298/44 Para 3.

John L Macdonald

Lt-Col
Comd 2/17 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

Appendix "A"

UNIT WAR HISTORY

Notification pursuant to GRO A298/44 para 3.

Name of Unit :	2/17 Aust I nf Bn
Date of Ballot of members:	21 Oct 44.
No of members on Posted Strength on date of ballot :	860
No of members desiring publication Of Unit War History :	585
Percentage of Posted Strength so desiring publication:	68 per cent.
No of members who have undertaken in writing to purchase Unit War History on publication :	580.

Date:

Sgd J R BROADBENT Lt-Col
Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

LINE. BDE.
No. A174/1851
16 OCT 1944

From: 9 AUST DIV 161200K

To : LIST B less SERIAL 8

A4508 restricted reference GRO A298/44 (.) UNIT WAR HISTORIES (.) units will forward the results of ballot of members to this HQ by 25 ~~oct~~ 22 oct 44 in accordance with para 3 and appx "A" of GRO A298/44.

Maj DRLS

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Ref: ~~Aust~~ A115/1896
23 Oct 44

Subject: Unit Efficiency in Junior Commanders

9 Aust Div

Ref your A30/3/3605 of 13 Oct 44.

2. Returns from units of this brigade are attached.

Brig
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

SUBJECT: Unit Efficiency in
Junior Commanders

2/13 AUST INF BN
19 Oct 44
Ref A12/— /440

20 AUST INF BDE.

Ref your A115/1791 of 14 Oct 44

Returns as requested in the above memo are forwarded herewith.

Lt-Col
Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN
(GE COLVIN)

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

2/13 AUST INF BN

RANK Lieutenants

verage No bsent on .eave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES: Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	LOSSES: Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	LOSSES: Other Causes (e)	LOSSES: Total (f)	WE Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
1	1	4	3	5	12	20	13	14

NOTE
Whole unit was on leave Mar-Apr 44

NOTE Column (e) does not include losses to "X" List. Column (b) is the only column applicable to "X" List.

NOTE Column (h) shows 13
This figure includes the following :
(a) Those who have had operational experience as soldiers only in this unit (Nil)
(b) Those who have had operational experience as soldiers only in other units (1)
(c) Those who have had operational experience as offrs in other units (Nil)

19 Oct 44

(Sgd) G E Colvin Lt-Col
Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

RANK Warrant Officers

Average No Absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	LOSSES Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	LOSSES Other Causes (e)	LOSSES Total (f)	WE Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
WO I	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
WO II	-	-	2	-	2	6	6	1

NOTE
Whole unit was on leave Mar - Apr 44.

NOTE: Column (e) does not include losses to "X" List. Column (b) is the only column applicable to "X" List.

19 Oct 44

(Sgd) G E Colvin Lt-Col
Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

RANK Staff Sergeants

Average No Absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES: Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	LOSSES: Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	LOSSES: Other Causes (e)	LOSSES: Total (f)	WE Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
-	-	-	4	-	4	5	2	2

NOTE
Whole unit was on leave Mar - Apr 44.

NOTE: Column (c) does not include losses to "X" List. Column (b) is the only column applicable to "X" List.

19 Oct 44

(Sgd) G E Colvin Lt-Col
Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

RANK Sergeants

Average No present on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	WASTAGE Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	WASTAGE Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	WASTAGE Other Causes (e)	WASTAGE Total (f)	WE Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
-	2	4	4	5	13	32	27	3

NOTE Whole unit was on leave Mar - Apr 44.

NOTE: Column (e) does not include losses to "X" List. Column (b) is the only column applicable to "X" List.

29 Oct 44

(Sgd) G E Colvin Lt-Col
Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK Corporals

Average No Absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES				WE Strength (g)	Number operation-ally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operation-ally experienced at present with unit (i)
		Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	Other Causes (e)	Total (f)			
1	3	9	12	5	26	67	36	14

NOTE
Whole unit was on leave Mar-Apr 44.

NOTE Column (e) does not include losses to "X" List. Column (b) is the only column applicable to "X" List.

19 Oct 44

(Sgd) G E COLVIN Lt-Col
Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

Subject: Unit Efficiency in
Junior Commanders

2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Ref 4/12/44
16 Oct 44

16 OCT 1944
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Ref your A115/1791

20 AUST INF BDE.

1. Forwarded herewith is return of junior commanders as directed.

Grimace Lt-Col
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

2/15 AUST INF BN

RANK Lieutenants

Average No Absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES: Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	LOSSES: Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	LOSSES: Other Causes (e)	LOSSES: Total (f)	WE Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
4	3	3	4	6	13	20	20	9

NOTE Column (h) shows 20
This figure includes the following :
(a) Those who have had operational experience as soldiers only in this unit (2)
(b) Those who have had operational experience as soldiers only in other units (7)
(c) Those who have had operational experience as offrs in other units (1)

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK Warrant Officers

2/15 AUST INF BN

Average No Absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES: Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	LOSSES: Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	LOSSES: Other Causes (e)	LOSSES: Total (f)	WE Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
1	1	2	2	2	6	7	6	1

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK Staff Sergeants

Average No present on move at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES: Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	LOSSES: Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	LOSSES: Other Causes (e)	LOSSES: Total (f)	WE Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
-	-	1	-	2	3	5	4	1

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

2/15 AUST INF BN

RANK _____

Average No Absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES				WE Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
		Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	Other Causes (e)	Total (f)			
3	5	5	11	3	19	32	27	9

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK Corporals

Average No Absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES: Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	LOSSES: Discharged incl Medically downgraded (d)	LOSSES: Other Causes (e)	LOSSES: Total (f)	WE Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
3	10	9	13	9	31	67	49	15

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

Subject: UNIT EFFICIENCY IN JUNIOR COMMANDERS

HQ 2/17 AUST INF BN
Ref: A112/1056
Oct 44.

20 AUST INF BDE

20 INF. BDE. No. 18 OCT 1944 RECEIVED

Ref; your A115/1791 of 14 Oct 44.

Herewith Return as requested.

John L Broadbent

Lt-Col
Comd 2/17 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK - Lieutenants

Average No absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES				WE STRENGTH (g)	No operationally experienced at present with Unit. (h)	No not Operationally experienced at present with unit. (i)
		Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	Discharged incl medically downgraded (d)	Other Causes (e)	Total (f)			
1	5	-	8	1	9	20	26	3

NOTE Column (h) shows 26
This figure includes the following
(a) Those who have had operational experience as soldiers only in this unit (1)
(b) Those who have had operational experience as soldiers only in other units (10)
(c) Those who have had operational experience as officers in other units (Nil)

Lt
Adjt 2/17 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK - Wo1tchnts

Average No absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES				WE STRNGTH (g)	No operationally experienced at present with Unit. (h)	No not Operationally experienced at present with unit. (i)
		Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	Discharged incl medically downgraded (d)	Other Causes (e)	Total (f)			
-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-

Lt
Adjt 2/17 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK - WO II cntr

Average No absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	LOSSES Discharged incl medically downgraded (d)	LOSSES Other Causes (e)	LOSSES Total (f)	WE STRENGTH (g)	No operationally experienced at present with Unit. (h)	No not Operationally experienced at present with unit. (i)
-	1	-	2	1	2	6	7	-

Lt
Adjt 2/17 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK - S/Sjts

Average No absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES				WE STRENGTH (g)	No Operationally Experienced at present with unit. (h)	No not operationally experienced at present with Unit. (i)
		Instructors Trg Units - Schools. (c)	Discharged incl medically down-graded (d)	Other Causes (e)	Total (f)			
-	1	-	2	-	2	5	3	-

Lt
Adjt 2/17 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK - Sjts

Average No absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES				WE STRENGTH (g)	No Operationally Experienced at present with unit. (h)	No not operationally experienced at present with Unit. (i)
		Instructors Trg Units - Schools. (c)	Discharged incl medically down-graded (d)	Other Causes (e)	Total (f)			
1	6	2	10	3	15	32	29	8

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK - Cpls

Average No absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES				WE STRENGTH (g)	No Operationally Experienced at present with unit. (h)	No not Operationally experienced at present with Unit. (i)
		Instructors Trg Units - Schools. (c)	Discharged incl medically down-graded (d)	Other Causes (e)	Total (f)			
1. 1/2	9	10	11	2	23	67	44	10

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INF. BDE.
A115/1818
30 OCT 1944
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Subject: UNIT EFFICIENCY IN JUNIOR COMMANDERS

HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: A30/3/3605
13 Oct 44

2/9 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT
HQ RAA 9 AUST DIV (4)
HQ RAE 9 AUST DIV (6)
SIGS 9 AUST DIV
20 AUST INF BDE (4)
24 AUST INF BDE (4)
26 AUST INF BDE (4)
2/2 AUST MG BN
2/3 AUST PNR BN
HQ COMD AASC 9 AUST DIV (4)
ADMS 9 AUST DIV (5)

1. To enable this HQ to obtain a clear picture of the present standard of unit efficiency in junior commanders, it is desired that addressees submit by units returns in accordance with the attached pro-forma.

2. Returns will include all ranks lower than Captain with the exception that L/Sgts will be dealt with as Corporals, and L/Cpls will not be included. Commissioned Officers whose substantive rank is Lieutenant, but who have been granted higher temporary rank will not be included. Separate returns for each rank are required.

3. Personnel medically downgraded and at present with units awaiting movement, will be considered as losses and dealt with as though having left the unit.

4. The return will cover the period 1 Feb 44 to 0600 hrs 17 Oct 44 and will be forwarded to this HQ as soon as possible after that time.

5. This return is required for the purpose of enabling this HQ to take all possible action to ensure that in meeting the demands of Training Units and Schools, the number of battle experienced junior commanders in each unit does not reach a seriously low level.

[signature]
Lt.-Col
AA & QMG 9 Aust Div

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Ref: A115/1791
14 Oct 44

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
2/15 Aust Inf Bn
2/17 Aust Inf Bn

Forwarded.

2. Return in accordance with para 4 above to reach this HQ NOT later than 1800 hrs 17 Oct 44.

[signature]
Capt
for DC 20 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

RANK - (lieutenant Sgt etc)

Average No absent on leave at any time (a)	Average No in hosp etc at any time (b)	LOSSES				ME Strength (g)	Number operationally experienced at present with unit (h)	Number not operationally experienced at present with unit (i)
		Instructors Trg Units - Schools (c)	Discharged incl medically downgraded (d)	Other causes (e)	Total (f)			

NOTE: Column (c) does not include losses to "X" list. Column (b) is the only column applicable to "X" list.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

SUBJECT: Officers and NCOs without Battle Experience

2/13 AUST INF BN
9 Oct 44
Ref A12/ - /396

20 AUST INF BDE
No.
9 OCT 1944
RECEIVED

20 AUST INF BDE.

Ref your A115/1721 of 8 Oct 44

The following information is submitted :-

(a) No of subalterns who have not had experience in operations. 15
(incl 1 joined unit on 27 Nov 43)

(b) No of Subalterns who joined the unit subsequently to
(i) 1 Dec 43 4
(incl i joined unit on 27 Nov 43)

(ii) After return of unit to AUSTRALIA. 11

(c) No of NCOs who have not had experience in operations. 22
plus NCOs att as per WE 9

(d) No of present NCOs with experience as NCOs prior to 1 Dec 43. 86
plus NCOs att as per WE 7

(e) No of Officers and NCOs seconded, transferred, discharged or detached to Trg Centres etc. since return from leave and who are still away including Maj EA HANDLEY. 11 - 26

Lt-Col
COMD 2/13 AUST INF BN
(GE COLVIN)

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

20 INF. BDE. No. 9 OCT 1944 RECEIVED

Subject: Offrs & NCOs

2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 968/144
9 Oct 44

Ref Your A115/1721

20 AUST INF BDE

1. This unit has taken 22 subalterns on strength since 1 Dec 43 - incl 18 since return to AUSTRALIA.

2. These comprise the following:
   (a) Those who have had operational experience as soldiers in this unit — 2
   (b) Those who have had operational experience as offrs in other units — 1
   (c) Those who have had operational experience as soldiers in other units — 7
   (d) Those who have had absolutely NO operational experience — 12

3. (a) NCOs who have had NO operational experience as NCOs — 31
   (of these 5 have had operational experience as ptes)
   (b) NCOs who were NCOs before 1 Dec 43 — 110
   (c) NCOs who were NOT NCOs before 1 Dec 43 — 5

4. Number of offrs and NCOs seconded, transferred, discharged, detached to training cent res or otherwise lost to unit since return from ~~leave~~ and who are still away: departure from NG
   (a) Offrs 1 Maj, 3 Captains 12 Lieuts — 17 Sect.
   (All of whom had had operational experience as offrs with this unit)
   (b) NCOs — 54.

Capt for
Lt-Col. AOD.
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

Subject: OFFICERS & NCOs WITHOUT BATTLE EXPERIENCE

HQ 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
Ref:A22/ 1026.
16 Oct 44

20 Aust Inf Bde

1. Reference is made to our return A22/972 of 10 Oct 44 and the following supplementary detail is supplied.

No of Offrs who joined unit in Nov 43	10

John L Broadhurst
LT-COL
COMD 2/17 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

Subject: OFFICERS & NCOs WITHOUT BATTLE EXPERIENCE

2/17 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: A22/972

10 OCT 44

20 Aust Inf Bde

Ref your A115/1721 of 5 OCT 44.

1. Herewith return as required:

(a) 5 without op. experience of any kind
10 without experience as offrs, but with experience as sjts

(b) (i) 18

(ii) 16

(c) 16

(d) 98

(e)

	Offrs	NCOs
Seconded	4	-
Transferred	8	9
Discharged	-	2
Detached (Aust Trg Centre JW)	-	9

John L Bradhurst
Lt-Col
Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064

Subject: Officers and NCOs Without Battle Experience

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Ref:A115/1721
8 Oct 44

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
2/15 Aust Inf Bn
2/17 Aust Inf Bn

A return is required by 1500 hrs 9 Oct 44 showing:-

(a) Number of subalterns who have not had experience in operations, counting as inexperienced those who joined unit subsequently to 1 Dec 43. 5

(b) Number of subalterns who have joined the unit subsequently to

(i) 1 Dec 43 18
(ii) after return of unit to Australia. 16

(c) Number of NCOs - as for (a) 16

(d) Number of present NCOs with experience as NCOs prior to 1 Dec 43. 98

(e) Number of officers and number of NCOs who have been seconded, transferred, discharged or detached to training centres etc since return from leave and who are still away.
since departure from NG

2. Figures are to be taken on present posted strength but to include all officers and NCOs at schools concluding before 1 Dec 44.

0 NCOs

Seconded	4	Nil
Trans	8	18
Disch	N	2
Det	N	Nil

E. Smith
Capt
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022064