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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1 Nov	0900	Brig WINDEYER accompanied by Maj HILL (EM) spoke to offrs and men of 2/12 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	
		1330	Maj HILL (EM) held a conf of Bde Staff Offrs to discuss the functioning of Bde HQ in the light of the recent exercises	
	2 Nov		Capt P O'SULLIVAN - Bde LAD Offr rejoined unit from 1 Aust Corps Waterproofing School at CAIRNS	
	3 Nov	1030	Maj KENT DAQMG 9 Aust Div visited Bde	
	4 Nov		Nothing to report	
	5 Nov		Lt-Col JOHNSON CO 2/8 Aust Fd Regt visited Bde Comd to discuss methods of improving liaison between arty and inf comds down to the coy level	
	6 Nov	1000	EM, Maj HILL held a staff conf of unit adjts, assistant adjts and IOs. The object of the conf was to discuss staff duties on bde and bn level with a view to standardising procedure within the bde. 9 Aust Div GS Instr 24 will be taken as standard within the Bde Notification was received from DIV that a Div exercise will be held in the MT GARNET area commencing 13 Nov. Duration of the exercise is not yet known Lt JENSEN Hygiene Offr joined Bde.	
	7 Nov	1000	Brig EASTICK CRA 9 Aust Div accompanied by his EM Capt RODRIGUEZ visited Brig WINDEYER to discuss future exercises using arty with inf and also a demonstration of Star Shells and air bursts Brig WINDEYER accompanied by Capt WORTHLEY visited 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. Bde Ord Wksp and the 4.2" mortar cadre	
		1600	Brig WINDEYER visited GOC 9 Aust Div and discussed tpt and trg. In the evening Brig WINDEYER conferred with Lt-Col JOHNSON CO of 2/8 Aust Fd Regt and the three bn comds to discuss matters of arty sp.	

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	8 Nov		<p>Brig WINDEYER accompanied by Brig EASTICK (CRA 9 Aust Div) made a recce of WILD RIVER arty range for a demonstration of 9 Aust Div arty. They also witnessed a demonstration of Tk fire power by 24 Aust Inf Bde, and of Tk shooting by 2/7 Aust Fd Regt</p> <p>In the evening Brig WINDEYER visited Lt-Gen MORSHEAD in 2/2 AGH</p> <p>Maj HILL and Capt MAIN (LO) conducted lectures to 2/3 Aust Fd Coy on def and fd works. Twelve experienced NCOS from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn assisted in a demonstration after the lectures.</p> <p>In the afternoon Capt MAIN gave a lecture on battle procedure and assisted the 2/3 Aust Fd Coy in a def exercise in TUMOULIN area.</p>	
	9 Nov		<p>Brig WINDEYER, Maj HILL (EM) with Lt-Col BROADBENT (2/17 Aust Inf Bn) witnessed an exercise by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn in the VALLEY VIEW area ref 4392 PALMERSTON 1:63360</p> <p>Capt MAUGHAN appointed T/Maj and departed to take up special duties with SE Asia Comd. Maj MAUGHAN joined this bde on 23 May 1940 and became bde Int Sjt until joining ME OCTU in Jan 1941. On being commissioned he led an inf pl of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn in action in TOBRUK until Aug 41, when he was appointed acting Bde IO. In Oct 41 he became 2/13 Aust Inf Bn IO, which appointment he held until after the battle of ALAMEIN. During that action he won the Military Cross. On Jun 28 1943 he was again appointed Bde IO and has remained in that post until today.</p> <p>Lt J MURRAY was appointed Bde IO.</p>	
	10 Nov		<p>Capt MAIN, Lt RYAN and Lt PATERSON witnessed a 4.2" mortar shoot on ARCHER RANGE</p> <p>Brig WINDEYER, Maj HILL (EM) and Capt TAIT WILLS (SC) attended a conf at HQ 9 Aust Div to discuss tpt scales within the div</p>	
	11 Nov		<p>Brig WINDEYER, Brig EASTICK (CRA 9 Aust Div) and Maj HILL (EM) made a recce of ARCHER RANGE for a future Div exercise with arty.</p> <p>In the afternoon Brig WINDEYER attended 2/48 Aust Inf Bn sports meeting.</p>	

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	12 Nov	1400	Brig WINDEYER held and orders conf for exercise "FLAMINGO". The bde staff and the following unit comds attended :- Capt LEGGO (2/12 Cav Sqn) Lt-Col JOHNSON (CO 2/8 Aust Fd Regt) Maj EASTICK (2/3 Aust Fd Coy) Lt-Col COLVIN (2/13 Aust Inf Bn) Lt-Col GRACE (2/15 Aust Inf Bn) Lt-Col BROADBENT (2/17 Aust Inf Bn) Maj BROWNING (12 bty 2/3 Tk A Regt) Maj STANILAN (B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn) Lt-Col REFSHAUGE (2/8 Aust Fd Amb) Lt MANTHEY (9 Aust Div Pro Coy) Maj CHAPMAN (2/118 Aust Bde Wksp) Capt COVER (2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd PK)	
	13 Nov		Exercise "FLAMINGO" commenced and was carried out unti 18 Nov. In the appxs will be found the Action Log, OOs and last lt disposn traces.	
	17 Nov		Lt WATSON OC Bde Sig Sec rejoined Bde from leave	
	18 Nov		Bde HQ and 20 Bde Gp returned to camp areas	
		1500	Lt-Col BAMFORD G I 9 Aust Div visited Bde Comd	
	19 Nov	1400	Brig WINDEYER accompanied by Maj HILL (BM) Capt WORTHLEY (EM(L)) Capt TAIT WILLS (SC) Capt GLASGOW (SC(L)) and Lt MURRAY (IO) attended a conf at HQ 9 Aust Div held by Gen WOOTTEN (GOC 9 Aust Div) The GOC discussed the main lessons learnt from exercise FLAMINGO. Brig WINDEYER will administer comd of 9 Aust Div in the absence of Gen WOOTTEN.	
	20 Nov		Brig WINDEYER went to HQ 9 Aust Div. Lt JENSEN (Bde Hyg Offr) gave a lecture in the Bde Education Hut on conditions in Germany and his experiences as a PW.	
	21 Nov	0930	Brig WINDEYER held a conf to discuss exercise "FLAMINGO" and the lessons which arose from it. The Chief Umpire, Lt-Col SIMPSON, and all unit comds of 20 Bde Gp for the exercise were present. In the afternoon Brig WINDEYER and Maj HILL (BM) attended a lecture by Lt-Col OVERALL at HQ 9 Aust Div on the org, eqpt and role of an Aust Parachute Bn. Lt WATSON (OC Bde Sig Sec) received Captaincy.	

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	22 Nov		In the morning Brig WINDEYER went to HQ 9 Aust Div, returning in the afternoon accompanied by Col FAULKNER (Provost Marshal). The Brig and Col FAULKNER then visited 2/15 Aust Inf Bn, 2/17 Aust Inf Bn and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. Lt JENSEN Bde Hyg Offr marched out to join 2 Aust Bch Gp.	
	23 Nov		Brig WINDEYER and Maj HILL (EM) went to HQ 9 Aust Div Maj HILL and Capt RODRIQUEZ (EM RAA) made a recce of ARCHER RANGE for forthcoming Div arty demonstration 1500 Maj HILL and Capt TAIT WILLS (SC) witnessed a shoot by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn Tk A Pl on the Tk A Range. 1730 Capt O'SULLIVAN Bde LAD Offr and Lt RYAN (LO) left for CAIRNS with 20 Bde Trg Cadre which will carry out trg with 24 Aust Inf Bde	
	24 Nov		Brig WINDEYER went to HQ 9 Aust Div. 1130 Maj WILLIAMS (DAQMG Learner 9 Aust Div) visited Bde HQ. 1330 Lt-Col GRACE (2/15 Aust Inf Bn) visited Bde Comd. 1800 Maj N F RANSOME (MLO 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp) arrived at Bde. He will assist 2/17 Aust Inf Bn in preparation of craft loading tables. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn will move to CAIRNS on 27 Nov for three days trg on the LSI HMS LAMONT. Lt LOVELL joined Bde as Hyg Offr.	
	25 Nov		Brig WINDEYER accompanied by Maj HILL (EM) attended 2/17 Aust Inf Bn Sports Meeting on the Bde Sports Ground. The meeting was conducted on an inter-coy competitive basis and created great interest within the bn.	
	26 Nov		Capt WATSON (OC 20 Bde Sig Sec) left for CAIRNS with eight sig personnel, to train with 9 Aust Div Sigs. Bde Comd went to CAIRNS to stay with 1 Aust Combined Ops Sec.	

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	27 Nov	0730	Maj HILL (BM) Capt WORTHLEY (BM(L)) Capt GLASGOW (SC(L)) Lt MURRAY (IO) Lt CHILDS (LO) with a gp of Bde HQ personnel left with 2/17 Aust Inf Bn to train with that Bn on HMS LAMONT.	
	28 Nov	1130	Bde Comd arrived back from CAIRNS and went to HQ 9 Aust Div to meet C in C Gen BLAMEY and Corps Comd Lt-Gen MORSHEAD.	
	29 Nov		Bde Comd left again for CAIRNS	
	30 Nov	1730	Bde HQ Gp arrived back from CAIRNS with 2/17 Aust Inf Bn,	

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A CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESENT TRANSPORT SCALE
(JUNGLE DIVISION)

HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde
7 Nov 44

OBJECT

1. The object of this memo is to consider the adequacy of the present scale of tpt (Jungle Div) as shown in Appx "A" to HQ 305767 of 10 Jun 44.

OWN CONSIDERATIONS

2. Shortage of tpt does not render inf ineffective. It only renders them less effective. Except for the 8 pr guns nearly all their weapons, am and stores can, if necessary, be manhandled. By abandoning some of the heavier weapons (mortars, MGs, etc), by reducing the am carried, by using men instead of vch to maintain sups it will usually still be possible to operate. But to operate in this way prejudices success, invites cas and weakens morale. Fire up is reduced. Effective fighting strength is reduced as fighting tps have to be employed in carrying. Fighting efficiency is reduced by greater fatigue. There is a most serious loss of mobility. Rations cannot be as good; fresh rations often cannot be got fwd quickly enough to be used; the proper preparation of food is made difficult as the cooking gear which can be carried (including hydro burners) is limited.
3. An "adequate" scale of MT is therefore here taken as meaning one which, in numbers and categories of vch, allows the most economical employment of the force in the terrain of ops.
4. (a) The scale under consideration is expressed to be for a "Jungle Div". It seems that this implies ops in country not unlike New Guinea.
- (b) It is understood too, that it was largely based on recommendations made after the last New Guinea campaigns.
- (c) In those campaigns native porters were extensively used. They constituted the greater part of the first line tpt of inf units. But even with these the MT available was on occasions less than could have been usefully employed.
- (d) The recommendations, which were the origin of the present scale, were for an increase in MT, but without, it was assumed (so far at all events as this Bde's recommendations were concerned) any abandonment of the use of native porters.
5. The elimination of native porters cannot be compensated for by the mere provision of a total number of vch within a fm having the same load carrying capacity as the porters had. Porters are a very flexible form of tpt. Vch for first line tpt must have not only the necessary total capacity but be in sufficient numbers to be tactically used.
6. A decision as to an appropriate tpt scale must obviously depend on the terrain of the ops.
7. (a) The present scale was not designed for open warfare.
- (b) By "open warfare" is here meant warfare in open country; viz - terrain in which
- (i) there are not large tracts of close forest
 - (ii) water obstacles are not both numerous and formidable
 - (iii) either vehicular mov off rds is possible, or, if vch are confined to rds, there is an extensive rd and tr system incl laterals.

8. The terms "open warfare" and "mob warfare" are sometimes used as if synonymous. This, it is suggested, causes some confusion in discussion of tpt scales. Mob ops may be quite possible in some tropical and jungle covered regions, especially near the coast. It is not so much the existence of forest as the absence of rds or the existence of mountains which reduce mobility.
9. (a) The principal difference as affecting MT, between campaigns in undeveloped regions without rds and developed regions with rds or open country, is not so much that less tpt can be used in the former than the latter. It is rather that in the former, suitable tpt scales remain more or less constant. In the latter more and more tpt can progressively be employed. The rapidity with which engrs with modern eqpt can build or improve rds and tra close behind the fwd tps means that a scale of tpt which might seem initially to be an encumbrance soon becomes a necessity if full advantage is to be taken of this engr work.
- (b) On the other hand tra and unsurfaced rds deteriorate much more rapidly with traffic than a developed rd.
10. Bad rds and by going reduce the numbers of MT vehs which can be effectively employed. But they increase the number required, because of greater wear and tear, and increased maintenance needs.
11. While a shortage of vehs can, up to a point be compensated for by extra running, this is uneconomical because it increases the need for maintenance but reduces the time available to be spent on maintenance.
12. (a) In any scale (assault, lt or normal) tpt should be equated with the corresponding tables of war eqpt, and of weapons and am.
- (b) This does not necessarily mean that units should have enough tpt on unit WE to lift all their war eqpt (assault, lt or normal). Under the present tpt scale it is intended that much of it be moved as required by AASC vehs from the Gen Tpt Coy.
- (c) But this arrangement has considerable limitations.
- (d) It is desirable that an inf bn should have as its own first line tpt sufficient vehs to lift its full WE of heavier sp weapons (mortars, MGCs, 8 pps), and their "with the gun" am (in accordance with WE 11/130/3 as amended to date).
- (e) (i) To use AASC vehs for the purposes, (e.g. as the A Mob tpt of an inf bn) is unsatisfactory to the AASC, as they are continually absent from their parent AASC unit.
- (ii) It is unsatisfactory to the inf as, to be fully effective, divrs of mortar and MGC vehs and of the prime movers of the A guns must be tactically trained as part of the unit and their vehs carried on unit WE. AASC divrs are not trained for such duties in action.
13. (a) The abandonment in ops of part of the sp weapons (e.g. mortars) of an inf bn simply because of shortage of tpt for them and their am not only leads to a loss of fire power. It also has an adverse effect on morale. Tps feel that a system is inefficient which provides their unit with sp weapons but does not provide means for their tpt and effective employment.
- (b) It has been amply proved that inf can be given full fire sp in the jungle as elsewhere. They have a right to expect it.
14. (a) In gen, if a rd is suitable to carry part of the tpt necessary for the fwd mov of the sp weapons of a fwd bn it is suitable to carry the whole of it, e.g., if a unit is operating in a place to which half its mortars and their am can be moved by two jeeps and trailers the whole could usually be got there by four jeeps and trailers.

14. (b) Circumstances will occur where it is satisfactory to move sp weapons by ferrying. This, however, is unusual in the case of a fwd unit without loss of the mobility.
- (c) It is therefore suggested that the nature of the terrain will seldom justify the reduction of A Ech vehs if it is suitable for the employment of any vehs at all for A Ech purposes.
15. An inf bde normally requires first line tpt for the following purposes :-
- (a) Operational mov of offrs, etc, e.g. comd's recess, visits of liaison offrs and staff offrs, moves and recess by comds of sp weapons. For these purposes certain offrs of inf bns were mounted in the days of horse tpt. They need the MT equivalent today in any terrain in which such MT can move.
- (b) Unit A Ech purposes.
- (c) Unit B Ech purposes, incl some bulk carriage of water.

PARTICULAR CONSIDERATIONS

16. Open Warfare
- The present tpt scale of a jungle div which was not designed for open warfare is not suitable for it.
17. (a) A scale recommended for an inf bde in open warfare is set out in this HQ letter to 9 Aust Div, GSB/S/493 of 7 Oct 44 with att schedule. It was compiled from experience and experiment.
- (b) That scale was recommended as a minimum. The scale for a Brit inf bn op in a developed country seems to be very much greater. (IT 1943 page 3).
18. For maintenance of a bde gp in open warfare the former Div AASC org rather than the pool system is recommended.

WARFARE IN CLOSE COUNTRY

19. The present scale is designed for a jungle div. In the following comments it is considered on the following assumptions -
- (a) No native porters.
- (b) No water craft.
- (c) Terrain with some rds and tra but no developed system of lateral rds, mountainous in parts, jungle preventing mov off existing rds, some degree of rd and tr construction and improvement possible. Tropical rainfall affecting going on all unfurrowed rds and tra.
20. In such a terrain a bde may be but will not necessarily be on a narrow front deployed only astride one route. In the last New Guinea campaign this bde was at times on a wide front with lns maintained by different tra in mountainous country.
21. (a) Unit tpt is now sufficient only for operational and A Ech tasks mentioned in para 15 above. In some cases it is not on present scale sufficient even for that.
- (b) It cannot also provide fully for unit B Ech requirements.
22. (a) The jungle div tpt org is, however, effective if tasks which formerly were performed by unit B Ech tpt are now done by AASC vehs from the Gen Tpt Coy.
- (b) In the case of a fwd bde this is quite satisfactory if one lt pl of the G_{en} Tpt Coy of the AASC is under comd of the bde for this purpose.

- 22. (c) If the length of the L of G over which the hde has to be maintained does not permit AASC tpt to be provided for these purposes the hde cannot op effectively except in ~~the~~^a static role.
- 23. (a) The use of AASC tpt for unit B Ech purposes has some disadvantages arising from the centralisation of control in hde HQ.
- (b) Dependence on outside aid to move unit eqpt and stores during ops is never wholly satisfactory. It makes unit adm less flexible.
- (c) It means that some decisions as to times for tac moves are governed by the times when AASC tpt is available.
- (d) But the advantages and economy in total tpt of the pool system may well outweigh its disadvantages and a reversion to a full scale of both A and B Ech vehs on unit WB is not recommended for close warfare.
- 24. (a) However, it seems to have been est in exercises that present AASC resources will not permit of the maintenance of two hde ops full and at the same time supplement units' tpt with enough additional vehs to do both A and B Ech tasks. Nor is this desirable see para 12 (c).
- (b) The essential question is, therefore, whether present scale of unit tpt is sufficient for A Ech requirements.
- (c) In the following paras this is examined for cav sqns, inf bns, hde HQ and hde sig sec.

CAV

- 25. (a) The present allotment of one jeep and trailer per sqn is thought inadequate.
- (b) Cav sqns are designed to be self contained and to carry out cav roles at a distance from or on the flank of the main body. They will often be rather widely deployed.
- (c) For comms they may have to use a No 21 Set. No vehs are provided on the scale for Cav Commando Sig Sec.

INF

- 26. (a) The present scale of 8 jeeps and trailers per bn is considered inadequate for A Ech requirements.
- (b) Of the eight jeeps and trailers four must at times be divorced from their trailers to tow the tk A guns and one jeep is needed by the CO for operational recess.
- 27. (a) The following scale of A Ech vehs is recommended to ensure the same degree of mobility as in the last campaign was achieved by the use of four jeeps and native porters.

(i)	sign (cable, switchboard and other eqpt)	1 jeep and trailer
(ii)	MGs and am	1 jeep and trailer
(iii)	Mortars (4 x 5 in mortars and 100 bombs in each jeep and trailer)	8 jeeps and trailers
(iv)	tk A	4 jeeps
(v)	Par stores and spare tools	1 jeep and trailer
(vi)	R/P stores, HQ and I Office eqpt immediately required	1 jeep and trailer

- 27. (a) (vii) CO (for recess etc) 1 jeep and trailer.
- (viii) Rifle Coy - each one jeep and trailer for PITAs and amn, coy cooking gear, etc. 4 jeeps and trailers.

TOTAL

15 jeeps - 11 trailers

(b) This number may seem excessive but it is noted that for a HQ Bn which has no Lt A guns or mortars, 19 jeeps and trailers are provided.

BN HQ

- 28. (a) 3 jeeps and trailers are insufficient.
- (b) 6 jeeps and trailers are recommended as a minimum. This would provide one for recess by the comd, three for liaison of fire and staff of fire use, and two to move minimum shelter, Comd Post, I Office stores, etc, and cooking gear to enable a tac HQ to be set up rapidly.

BN SIG SQD

- 29. (a) Three jeeps and trailers are provided. Experience has shown this to be insufficient to provide effective comms and for the proper maintenance of the vehs.
- (b) In a bde sq it is necessary to maintain com not only to the three inf bns but to a number of other subscribers.
- (c) Five jeeps and trailers are recommended. This would permit carriage of essential cable and stores, the provision and maintenance of necessary line com with bns and other parts of the bde sq and the est of a DR service when appropriate.

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G3/3/1631
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SUGGESTED INSCRIPTIONS FOR COMMEMORATIVE TABLETS FINSCHHAFEN BATTLEFIELDS

Ref Maps SATELBERG - LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000 2nd edition

Appx A to 20 Aust Inf Bde
GS/3/1631 of 9 Nov 44

SERIAL NO	APPROX LOCATION	APPROX DATE	NATURE OF EVENT	SUGGESTED INSCRIPTION	UNIT ENGAGED	ORDER OF IMPORTANCE
1	622580	See in-script-ion.	See in-script-ion.	<p><u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> Finschhafen was originally a German settlement part of German New Guinea which was captured by Australian Forces in 1914. After the 1914-1918 War it became part of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea under Australian administration.</p> <p>In Dec 1942 it was occupied by the Japanese as an advanced base.</p> <p>On 2 Oct 1943 it was captured by 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp from a strong garrison of Japanese marines and army troops after a series of hard fought engagements commencing with the landing at Scarlet Beach on 22 Sep 43.</p> <p>For this campaign the Australian Force was brought from LAE by vessels of the US Navy; and a detachment of 532 EB & SR US Army was with the Aust Bde during the operation and assisted by transport of supplies by sea.</p>	20 Bde Gp	First
2	622673	22 Sep	ditto	<p><u>SCARLET BEACH</u> 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp landed on this beach and its southern headland at dawn 22 Sep 1943, and drove the enemy from his positions along the beach and near KATIKA. From the beach-head thus secured the bde advanced and captured FINSCHHAFEN on 2 Oct 43.</p>	20 Bde Gp	Second
3	571647	25 Sep - 5 Nov 43	ditto	<p><u>JIVEVANENG</u> This village first occupied by one coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn on 25 Sep 1943, and held by it, in contact with the enemy until relief by one coy 2/43 Aust Inf Bn on 30 Sep 43. This coy was surrounded by enemy until 4 Oct 43 when enemy withdrew after attacks by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn later relieved 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and, on 9 Oct 43, captured THE KNOLL 500 yds west of here. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, from then until 5 Nov 43, held a position extending from THE KNOLL to 400 yds east of here. The position was held against repeated attacks by the enemy, who had cut off access by road and isolated the bn from the rest of its brigade. In hard fighting the bn finally cleared the enemy from the area.</p>	2/17 Bn and 2/43 Bn	Third

SERIAL NO	APPROX LOCATION	APPROX DATE	NATURE OF EVENT	SUGGESTED INSCRIPTION	UNIT ENGAGED	ORDER OF IMPORTANCE
4	617582	1/2 Oct 43	See inscription	<u>KAKAKOG</u> The enemy held strongly built positions along this spur. On 1 Oct 1943, 2/13 Bn, supported by guns of the 2/12 Fd Regt, made a sustained attack against these positions which forced the enemy to abandon them during the night. On 2 Oct 43 our troops occupied <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> .	2/13 Bn	Fourth
5	554630	5 Oct - 3 Nov 43	ditto	<u>KUMAWA</u> This village was captured by 2/17 Bn on 5 Oct 1943, thus cutting one route of enemy retreat from <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> to <u>SATELBERG</u> . Then 2/15 Bn took over the position and 2/17 Bn, on 11 Oct 43, left for <u>JIVEVANENG</u> . After close fighting 2/15 Bn cleared the whole of this vital feature of enemy.	2/17 Bn & 2/15 Bn	Sixth
6	610590	24 Sep 43	ditto	<u>BUM I FORD</u> Patrols, seeking to cross river, came under fire from enemy positions near here 24 Sep 1943. Later 2/15 Bn made crossing under fire 300 yds upstream. 26 Sep 43, 2/15 Bn attacked uphill from crossing place and captured enemy positions on the high ground overlooking <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> . From there the final attack on the <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> defences was made.	2/15 Bn	Fifth
7	576648	16 Oct - 3 Nov 43	ditto	<u>ROAD BLOCK</u> During enemy counter offensive against <u>SCARLET BEACH</u> in Oct 1943 the enemy occupied this ground, and from 16 Oct 43 until 3 Nov 43 prevented access by this road to 2/17 Bn at <u>JIVEVANENG</u> . After several days fighting, in thick jungle, by 2/13 Bn and dets 2/17 Bn the enemy was cleared from the position.	2/13 Bn & 2/17 Bn	Seventh
8	610585	26 Sep 43	ditto	<u>SNELL'S HILL</u> This feature, strongly held by a detachment of Japanese Marines, was captured by 2/15 Bn on 26 Sep 1943, by a surprise assault after an approach through thick jungle. This position formed the main Artillery Observation Post for further attacks against <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> .	2/15 Bn	Eighth
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SUGGESTED INSCRIPTIONS FOR COMMEMORATIVE TABLETS FINSCHHAFEN BATTLEFIELDS

Ref Maps SATELBERG -- LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000 2nd edition

Appx A to 20 Aust Inf Bde
GS/3/1631 of 9 Nov 44

SERIAL NO	APPROX LOCATION	APPROX DATE	NATURE OF EVENT	SUGGESTED INSCRIPTION	UNIT ENGAGED	ORDER OF IMPORTANCE
1	622580	See in-script-ion.	See in-script-ion.	<p><u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> Finschhafen was originally a German settlement part of German New Guinea which was captured by Australian Forces in 1914. After the 1914-1918 War it became part of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea under Australian administration.</p> <p>In Dec 1942 it was occupied by the Japanese as an advanced base.</p> <p>On 2 Oct 1943 it was captured by 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp from a strong garrison of Japanese marines and army troops after a series of hard fought engagements commencing with the landing at Scarlet Beach on 22 Sep 43.</p> <p>For this campaign the Australian Force was brought from LAE by vessels of the US Navy; and a detachment of 532 EB & SR US Army was with the Aust Bde during the operation and assisted by transport of supplies by sea.</p>	20 Bde Gp	First
2	622673	22 Sep	ditto	<p><u>SCARLET BEACH</u> 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp landed on this beach and its southern headland at dawn 22 Sep 1943, and drove the enemy from his positions along the beach and near KATIKA. From the beach-head thus secured the bde advanced and captured FINSCHHAFEN on 2 Oct 43.</p>	20 Bde Gp	Second
3	571647	25 Sep - 5 Nov 43	ditto	<p><u>JIVEVANENG</u> This village first occupied by one coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn on 25 Sep 1943, and held by it, in contact with the enemy until relief by one coy 2/43 Aust Inf Bn on 30 Sep 43. This coy was surrounded by enemy until 4 Oct 43 when enemy withdrew after attacks by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn later relieved 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and, on 9 Oct 43, captured THE KNOLL 500 yds west of here. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, from then until 5 Nov 43, held a position extending from THE KNOLL to 400 yds east of here. The position was held against repeated attacks by the enemy, who had cut off access by road and isolated the bn from the rest of its brigade. In hard fighting the bn finally cleared the enemy from the area.</p>	2/17 Bn and 2/43 Bn	Third

SERIAL NO	APPROX LOCATION	APPROX DATE	NATURE OF EVENT	SUGGESTED INSCRIPTION	UNIT ENGAGED	ORDER OF IMPORTANCE
4	617582	1/2 Oct 43	See inscription	<u>KAKAKOG</u> The enemy held strongly built positions along this spur. On 1 Oct 1943, 2/13 Bn, supported by guns of the 2/12 Fd Regt, made a sustained attack against these positions which forced the enemy to abandon them during the night. On 2 Oct 43 our troops occupied <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> .	2/13 Bn	Fourth
5	554630	5 Oct - 3 Nov 43	ditto	<u>KUMAWA</u> This village was captured by 2/17 Bn on 5 Oct 1943, thus cutting one route of enemy retreat from <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> to <u>SATELBERG</u> . Then 2/15 Bn took over the position and 2/17 Bn, 2/15 Bn on 11 Oct 43, left for <u>JIVEVANENG</u> . After close fighting 2/15 Bn cleared the whole of this vital feature of enemy.	2/17 Bn & 2/15 Bn	Sixth
6	610590	24 Sep 43	ditto	<u>BUM I FORD</u> Patrols, seeking to cross river, came under fire from enemy positions near here 24 Sep 1943. Later 2/15 Bn made crossing under fire 300 yds upstream. 26 Sep 43, 2/15 Bn attacked uphill from crossing place and captured enemy positions on the high ground overlooking <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> . From there the final attack on the <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> defences was made.	2/15 Bn	Fifth
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RESTRICTED

W.D.
for
SUBJECT : AMPHIBIOUS TRG - COMPOSITION 20 AUST
INF BDE GP CADRE

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
G20/1/642
20 Nov 44

1. A trg cadre as shown in Appx A to this letter, will mov to TRINIT on 25 Nov to train with 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp, 26 Nov - 2 Dec.
2. On reporting the cadre will come under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde for trg and local adm.
3. 24 Aust Inf Bde is responsible for accn and rations while the cadre is under comd.
4. Maj M R STUART 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will comd 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Cadre from the assembly of the convoy 25 Nov until tps rejoin units, approx 3 Dec.
5. Units will fwd direct to 2/15 Aust Inf Bn for Maj STUART, nominal rolls in duplicate of all tps incl dvr's and batmen who are to attend the course.
6. Offrs will take batmen who will be additional to the OR shown in Appx A.
7. Prior to mov, cameras, except those held by official unit photographers, will be withdrawn from tps going to the coast.
8. Orders for mov will be issued separately.

W.H.III
Maj
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

2/15 Aust Inf Bn (for Maj STUART)
2/12 Aust Ld Regt
2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy
2/8 Aust Fd Amb
2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
2/113 Aust Bde Jksp
9 Aust Div Pro Coy
24 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)
Comd
HM
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 APPX A TO 20 AUST INF BDE
 G20/1/ 642 of 20 NOV 44.

COMPOSITION 20 AUST INF BDE GP TRG CADRE
 (less 20 Aust Inf Bde)

Serial	Unit	Offrs	ORs
<u>ARTY</u>			
1	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	4	7
2	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec		1
3	2/61 Aust LAD		1
4	12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	1	3
<u>INF</u>			
5	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	3
<u>AASO</u>			
6	2/26 Aust Sup Depot Pl	1	
7	2/27 Aust Sup Depot Pl		1
8	2/13 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	1	1
<u>MED</u>			
9	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	1	3
<u>ORD</u>			
10	2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pl		1
<u>AMEB</u>			
11	2/118 Aust Bde Wksp	1	1
<u>PRO</u>			
12	Sec 9 Aust Div PRO Coy		1
13	Total	10	23

SUBJECT: AMPHIBIOUS TRG

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
A151/2190
21 Nov 44

1. The Trg Cadre to accompany 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp from 26 Nov to 2 Dec will move as shown in Appx A.
2. Units will provide own tpt to convey personnel and stores to respective units. Mov from RAVINSHOE to TRINITY BEACH area will be under arrangements 24 Aust Inf Bde.
3. Maj M R STUART 2/15 Aust Inf Bn, will co-ord mov of 20 Bde vehs to 24 Bde area on 23 Nov and 24 Nov.

1 1/2
1 1/2
Capt
~~SC 20~~ Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
2/15 Aust Inf Bn (2) 1 for Maj STUART
2/17 Aust Inf Bn
2/12 Aust Fd Regt
2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy
2/8 Aust Fd Amb
2/118 Aust Bde Whsp
2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Plk
9 Aust Div Pro Coy
24 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)
Comd
IM
SC
War Diary
File

20 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL TRG CADRE

(Issued with 20 Aust Inf Bde A151/2190)

Unit	Offrs	ORs incl Batmen	To report to	Time & date of report- ing	No of tents to be taken	Remarks
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 1 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt 2/58 Aust LAD	1	2 1 1 1	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	231900K	1	
2/12 Aust Fd Regt 2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec 2/61 Aust LAD	4	11 1 1	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	241900K	3	
11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	1	4	12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	241900K	1	
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	6	24	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	231900K	5	
2/15 Aust Inf Bn	6	24	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	231900K	5	
2/17 Aust Inf Bn	6	24	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	241900K	5	
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	4	A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	241900K	1	
26 Aust Sup Dep Pl 27 Aust Sup Dep Pl 2/13 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	1	1 1 2	28 Aust Sup Dep Pl 29 Aust Sup Dep Pl 2/14 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	241900K 241900K 241900K		Tentage own arrange- ments
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	1	4	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	241900K	1	
2/118 Aust Bde Wksp	1	2	2/122 Aust Bde Wksp	241900K		
2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk		1	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	241900K		
Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy		1	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	231900K		
	30	110				

WAR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Exercise "FLAMINGO"

PRO FORMA MESSAGE

FROM 20 bde

12/16/51 K

TO

2/13 2/15 2/17 . bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 9 tk A bty
2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MMG bn det HQ comd MISC 2/26 2/27 sup
depot pls 2/13 tp't pl 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp
2/118 bde ord fd pk

(For info)

Comd HM SC IO Sig Offr TO

O 339 (-) exercise SECRET (-) WARNING ORDER (-) 9 div is to adv
westerly direction (-) right 20 bde left 24 bde (-) 20 bde gp will
concentrate area sq 3481 by last lt 13 nov (-) route PALMERSTON HIGHWAY
(-) no mov except recce parties before 1100K (-) order of march 2/15
2/13 2/17 bns (-) outposts 2/15 bn with in sq one fd bty one tp tk A
one pl MMG (-) 2/17 bn biv area NORTH of rd 2/13 bn SOUTH (-) adv gd
14 nov 2/13 bn (-) details of mov all units later (-) O gp RV this HQ
NOT before 1300K ack all infm

A/III Maj

Orderly to bns
remainder DRLS

EXERCISE FLAMINGO

SECRET

20 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER 9
(Issued with 20 Aust Inf Bde CO 28)

Copy No. 25
13 Nov 44

Ref Map 1 in to 1 mile MT GARNET

1. Amn
 - (a) AP opens 394847 at 1800 hrs 13 Nov and remains open continuously.
 - (b) Amn will be delivered by AASC to bn B echs and arty gun posns.
 - (c) Amn expenditure returns rendered Bde HQ by 1830 hrs daily.
2. Sups
 - (a) Sup P opens 395848 from 1330 hrs till 1430 hrs.
 - (b) AASC will deliver to B echs of inf bns and cav sqn only.
3. POL
 - (a) PP opens 396848 at 1800 hrs 13 Nov and remains open continuously.
 - (b) Petrol will be sup only on a can for can basis, owing to acute shortage of 4 gal containers.
 - (c) Petrol bowsers will NCT be used.
4. Water
 - (a) All water will be bulk chlorinated.
 - (b) Detasting will be carried out in unit containers and NCT in water vehs.
 - (c) Water duty man will travel on water vehs at all times.
5. Med
 - (a) MDS remains present location.
 - (b) 2/8 Aust Fd Amb will be prepared to move ADS NCT before 0600 hrs 14 Nov.
 - (c) Amb jeep will move with 2/13 Aust Inf Bn whilst adv gd.
 - (d) Amb milk run to units 1730 hrs 13 Nov.
 - (e) AASC will provide jeep amb as required.
6. rec
 - (a) Lt Sec 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp^r will move in sp 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp at time to be notified.
 - (b) Hy sec 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp remains present location.
7. Hyg
 - (a) Shallow trench latrines, 3 ft long, 2 ft deep and 9 in wide will be dug at all halts and biv areas.
 - (b) Wet refuse **will** be disposed of by burning.
 - (c) Tins will be burnt, flattened and buried.

8. Fre

Det 1 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy (4 OR) will remain with 2/13 Aust Inf Bn whilst adv 3d.

9. B Ech

Unit B ech remain present areas and be prepared to move under Bde arrangements NOT before 1030 hrs 14 Nov.

ACK

Issued by SDR

LO to 24 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 1630 hrs.

Capt
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

As for 20 Aust Inf Bde CO 28.

NO CHANGE VERBAL ORDERS

Ref Map 1 in to 1 mile MT GARNET

INEM

1. Enemy

- (a) Strong forces landed NORMANTON last week.
- (b) Tac R estimates two regts sq 9777.
- (c) Local inhabitants report patrol activity on rds and trs EAST of MT GARNET.
- (d) No indication of adv in strength from MT GARNET.

2. Own Tps

- (a) 9 Aust Div is adv on MT GARNET with RIGHT 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp LEFT 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
- (b) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp RD GRID 341813 - rd junc 332710 - GLEN GORDON 235658 - MANDLEE - 145713.
- (c) 7 Aust Div expected be concentrated CLERNS by 14 Nov.

3. Air

Limited Tac R available. Requests to this HQ minimum 12 hrs in adv.

INTENTION

4. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp will adv with a view to securing line ARCHER - THREE SISTERS and rd and tr junc 175820.

METHOD

5. Routes

Overlay issued separately.

6. Cav

Tasks:

- (a) Fwd recon to report by 0900K whether line ARCHER - THREE SISTERS clear of enemy.
- (b) Secure THREE SISTERS.
- (c) Report infm direct to Adv Gd Comd and Tac HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
- (d) Secure junc RED and BROWN routes.
- (e) Start 0615K from present posn.

7. Adv Gd

- (a) Comd Lt Col GE COLVIN
- (b) Tps 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
with ~~under~~ comd
3 Pl B Coy 2/2 LG Bn
in sp:
58 Aust Fd Bty
N Tp 12 Aust Tk A Bty
1 Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy / det 2 Sec 9 Div Pro Coy
- (c) Route PALMERSTON HIGHWAY
- (d) SP rd junc 333815
- (e) Start Time 0630K 14 Nov.
- (f) Reports On report lines and quarter to and quarter past each hr.
- (g) Adv gd will NOT mov beyond RED ROUTE until ordered.

8. Report Lines

Rd bend 292820 (JONER) - RCHER CK 247811 - WILD RIVER 177818.

9. Main Body

- (a) In order of march ;
2/15 Aust Inf Bn
B Coy 2/2 Aust LG Bn less one pl
2/3 Aust Fd Coy less one pl
- (b) Start time 0830K.

10. June Pt

2/15 Aust Inf Bn will send patrol to contact 24 Aust Inf Bde at FORD 324779 by 0615K.

11. Firm Base

- (a) 2/17 Aust Inf Bn with in sp one tp 12 Aust Tk A Bty hold present posn.
- (b) At one hrs notice from 0700K.

12. Fd Arty

- (a) 2/8 Aust Fd Regt providing continuous sp,
- (b) 58 Aust Fd Bty with Adv Gd.
- (c) OPOs - one with 2/12 Aust Cav Sqn. others normal.

13. Tk A

- (a) Tasks 13 Nov
 - (i) one tp in sp each 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns,
 - (ii) 12 Aust Tk A Bty less two tps in dep th area sq 3481.

14. LAA

Tasks in priority

- (a) Defiles.
- (b) Gun area.

15. Engrs

- (a) 1 Pl 2/3 Fd Coy sp Adv Gd.
- (b) Be prepared clear obstacles PALMERSTON HIGHWAY.
- (c) Est WPs as ordered.

16. MMGs

- (a) Tasks 13 Nov
 - (i) One Pl in sp 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (ii) B Coy 2/2 Aust LG Bn less one pl in depth vicinity 357821
- (b) Tasks 14 Nov
 - (i) 1 Pl under comd Adv Gd.
 - (ii) Coy less 1 Pl - mov with Main Body.

17. Sitreps

- (a) Multiple call 10 mins to hr.
- (b) As necessary.

18. Tools

Extra tools will be available through Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde.

19. Anti-Malaria/Anti-Mite

- (a) Full precautions in accordance with local orders.
- (b) Certificates daily to this Hq by 1000K.

ADM

Issued as 20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order 9.

INTERCOM

20. HQ

Tac Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde opens vicinity 346812 0630K.

21. Cable

- (a) All circuits earth return single cable.
- (b) Maximum cable to be rec.

22. IT

22 Sets normal.

23. Codes

(a) RT Code 2.

(b) (i) Keyword/Keyletter :

Serial 1

EIGHTS NORM.L/E

(ii) Serials 2 and 3 in div res.

(iii) Changes ordered by ref to serial.

(c) Message Code and Place Names issued separately.

(d) Passwords :

(i) 12/13 Nov LIGHTNING

13/14 Nov ~~LADYBIRD~~

14/15 Nov LUBRICATE

15/16 Nov LOCH LOMOND

(ii) Changed daily 1200K.

24. Synch

By Bde Sigs 0930K/2030K daily.

ACK

Issued by SDR

LO to 24 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at/7²⁰ hrs

CHILL
Maj
EM 20 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO

2/13 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/15 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/17 Aust Inf Bn	3
2/12 Aust Cav Sqn	4
2/8 Aust Fd Regt	5
12 Aust Tk A Bty	6
12 Aust LAM Bty	7
2/3 Aust Fd Coy	8
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	9
HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy	10
2/27 Aust Sup Depot Pl	11
2/13 Aust Tpt Pl	12
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	13
2/118 Aust Bde Wksp	14
2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	15
24 Aust Inf Bde	16
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PRO FORM MESSAGE

FROM 20 bde

142100K

TO 2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty
12 LAA bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn HQ 2/6 sup depot coy
2/27 sup depot pl 2/13 tpt pl 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp
2/118 bde ord fd pk 24 bde gp

(For info)

Comd IM SC IO Sig Offr TO WD File

O 350exercise SECRET (-) 00 29 (-) INTENTION (-) 20 bde gp will
continue the adv (-) METHOD (-) 2 bns fwd RIGHT 2/15 bn LEFT 2/17 bn (-)
res 2/13 bn (-) 2/15 bn tasks (-) secure high ground fwd of JACK (-)
secure INNOT HOT SPRINGS (-) route LIZARD (-) start 0600K (-) no move
beyond first obj until ordered (-) 2/17 bn tasks (-) secure high ground
sq 1076 (-) routes (-) BLUE and GREEN from bend 176810 (-) start 0700K
(-) no move beyond 165784 until ordered (-) bdys (-) LIZARD incl 2/15 bn
(-) KETTLE incl 2/17 bn (-) no move beyond PRIMROSE until ordered (-)
2/13 bn res (-) hold present posns (-) on one hrs notice from 0800K (-)
support lines (-) 2/15 bn tr juncs 132815 and 147795 (-) 2/17 bn gate
153777 tr junc 126769 (-) junc pts (-) 2/15 2/17 bns 187813 tr bend
177810 tr junc 147795 (-) 2/17 bn and 2/12 cav sqn 165784 (-) 2/17 bn
and 24 bde 133758 (-) cav tasks (-) left flank protection by mov along
gen line ring contours 215788 188787 180781 163770 (-) no mov beyond
ck junc 159774 until ordered (-) start not before 0730K (-) est standing
patrol NOT less than 1 tp junc RED BROWN trs (-) start 0600K (-) sqn
revert bde comd 0600K (-) fd arty (-) one bty in sp each 2/15 2/17 bns
one bty at call (-) tk A (-) one tp in sp each bn (-) one tp bde res (-)
LAA (-) tasks in priority (-) defile vicinity KING (-) gun areas (-)
engrs (-) one pl in sp each 2/15 2/17 bns (-) one pl res probable task
dig in MDS (-) MMG (-) coy less one pl in sp 2/17 bn (-) one pl in sp
2/15 bn (-) ADM (-) bde maintenance area be prepared move sq 2279 NOT
before 1100K (-) PP open B ech area from 1700K to 1800K daily commencing
15 nov (-) MMD (-) ADS will be est QUARRY area 229803 by 0600K (-)
MDS remains open present location on 2 hrs notice from 1100K to move as
ordered (-) repair and rec (-) lt secs 2/118 bde wksp and ord fd pk move
vicinity 272820 at 0700K (-) tpt (-) det 4 jeeps and trailers with 2/15
bn revert comd AASC at 0600K (-) AASC will provide 4 jeeps and trailers
to report 2/17 bn at 0600K (-) INTERCOMN (-) main HQ 20 bde 24803 (-)
otherwise normal ack all infm

[Handwritten signature]
Laj

LO to 2/15 bn 2/13 bn 2/12 cav sqn
SDR to remainder
except 24 bde DRLS

PRO FORMA MESSAGE

FROM 20 bde 161320K
TO 2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 tk A bty
12 LAA bty 2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn HQ 2/6 sup depot coy
2/27 sup depot pl 2/13 tpt pl 2/8 fd amb 2/118 bde wksp
2/118 bde ord fd pk

(For info)

Comd HM SC IO Sig Offr TO 24 bde .D File

O 372 exercise SECRET (-) 00 30 (-) INFM (-) enemy (-) no change
(-) own tps (-) 9 div is to capture and consolidate NGEL to incl ridge
to SOUTH (-) RIGHT 20 bde LEFT 24 bde res 26 bde (-) inter bde bdy
092750 - 072746 incl 20 bde (-) 2/12 cav sqn revert regt comd 1100K (-)
N to tk A bty in div res (-) INTENTION (-) 20 bde gp will capture enemy
posns so as to get control incl LABEL to incl LIZARD (-) METHOD (-)
two bns fwd (-) RIGHT 2/15 bn LEFT 2/17 bn (-) res 2/13 bn (-) 2/15 bn
objs WALKER BLACK LABEL (-) 2/17 bn tasks (-) demonstration to lead
enemy to expect attack down rd (-) capture first SADDLE 080758 second
WHISKY (-) exploit to FORD 072746 (-) SL MARROW (-) H hr 1400K 16 nov (-)
limit of exploitation HALTER (-) action on obj consolidate for protracted
def (-) 2/15 bn on own objs (-) 2/17 bn incl WHISKY to incl LIZARD (-)
fwd elements vicinity FORD (-) fire sp (-) H minus 60 to minus 5 as
arranged (-) thereafter one bty in sp each fwd bn one bty at call and
and to sp 2/13 bn if required (-) tk A (-) one tp in sp each 2/13 2/17
bns (-) one tp bde res (-) LAA (-) protection gun areas (-) IMG (-) one
pl in sp each fwd bn (-) one pl res (-) in posn to sp attack (-) engr
(-) one pl in sp each fwd bn one pl res (-) tasks (-) improve tr for
2/15 bn (-) on consolidation lay minefd gen line HALTER (-) consolidation
stores (-) 2/3 fd coy provide 700 tk A mines wire and tools for fwd
bns (-) res 2/13 bn (-) x prevent enemy penetration down LIZARD during
attack (-) be prepared mov as ordered (-) be prepared provide covering
tps during consolidation (-) AMM (-) sups (-) bde maint area no change
(-) AP (-) additional AP on wheels at 114766 (NOT for arty) (-) PP (-)
additional PP on wheels at 113765 (-) med (-) MDS no change (-) ADS
124796 and 109762 (-) 2/13 bn will provide 30 men to act as bearer
party to report to ADS at 124796 at 1300K (-) repair and rec (-) 2/58
LAD 125773 lt sec 2/118 bde wksp and ord fd pk 148795 (-) B ech (-)
B echs brigaded area 112788 (-) INTERCOMN (-) no change (-) ACK all
informed

/ fd arty (-) x tasks (-)

69/11/64
Maj

IMMEDIATE to
bns fd regt
IMPORTANT
remainder except
bde wksp and ord
fd pk

CHANGES FROM VERBAL ORDERS paras 9, 12, 17 and 26.

Ref Map 1 in to 1 mile MT GARNET

INTEL

1. Enemy

- (a) Main strength MT GARNET area.
- (b) As far as known all tps WEST of 05 easting.

2. Own Tps

- (a) 9 Aust Div is withdrawing EAST of RAVENSHOE along original routes of adv.
- (b) 18 Aust Inf Bde is on gen line 4538 - 4684.

3. Tps Under Comd

Following come under comd at 1300K 17 Nov -

2/9 Aust Cav Regt
2/8 Aust Fd Regt
12 Aust Tk A Bty
12 Aust LAA Bty
8 Aust Svy Bty less dets.

4. Tps Coacting Sp.

2 pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy in div res 1200K 17 Nov.

5. Comms

Br 121786 passable from 1700K.

INTENTION

6. 20 Aust Inf Bde Cp will withdraw to gen line 345828 - 334806.

METHOD

7. Cav

- (a) Task. Protection right flank covering BROWN and RED routes in accordance with verbal instrs.
- (b) Come under comd Rear Gd 0600K 18 Nov.

8. Rear Gd

- (a) Comd - Lt-Col COLVIN
- (b) Tps - 2/13 Inf Bn
with under comd
16 Fd Bty
12 Tk & Bty less one tp
B coy 2/2 MG Bn
- (c) Tasks. (i) deny present posn until 0600K 18 Nov.
(ii) be prepared hold high ground astride LIZARD and WEST of CLOAN until ordered withdraw
- (d) Route. LIZARD.

9. Timings

- (a) Thinning out begins 1900K.
- (b) Posn denied to enemy until 2400K.
- (c) Rear elements clear of M. BROW ⁰⁰⁴⁵ ~~1130K~~.
- (d) Rear elements pass through 2/13 Inf Bn and clear PRIMROSE by 0130K.

10. Assembly Areas

- (a) 2/15 Inf Bn vicinity 140797.
- (b) 2/17 Inf Bn .NDREW 126769.

11. Routes to Assembly Areas

- (a) 2/15 Inf Bn telegraph line, NORTH clear of ONION to 140797.
- (b) SOUTH of LIZARD to .NDREW.

12. Embusing Areas

2/15 Inf Bn 140797.
2/17 Inf Bn NE of WOODLEIGH vicinity 172797.

13. Routes to New Posns

2/15 Inf Bn LIZARD
2/17 Inf Bn BLUE - 186307 - 186313 - LIZARD.

14. Allotment of Tpt and Convoys See Appx A

15. Guides Units responsible for guides to Embusing Areas.

16. Protection

Each unit provide protection own assembly and Embusing Areas.

17. Fd Arty

2/8 Fd Regt will :

- (a) Cover thinning out to 0130K.
- (b) Place one bty under comd Rear Gd as from 0130K.
- (c) Be at call to Rear Gd whenever guns in action.

18. Tk A

- (a) 12 Tk A Bty less one tp under comd Rear Gd.
- (b) One tp with Rear Gd to provide protection left flank vicinity .NDREW.
- (c) One tp under comd 2/17 Inf Bn.

19. LAA

Protection defiles JACK and KING.

20. IMCES

- (a) Prepare and man demolitions as ordered by CRE, 9 Aust Div.
- (b) Improve BLUE route and signpost BLUE and GREEN routes and Embusing Areas.

21. Demolitions

See Appx B.

22. MMG

B Coy 2/2 MG Bn under comd Rear Gd from 0130K.

23. Deception

- (a) Registration new targets by 2/3 Wd Regt.
- (b) Minimum daylight mov of vehs.
- (c) Maximum patrolling.
- (d) Continue development def posns.

24. Speed and Densities

- (a) By day 10 min 10 vtm
- (b) By night 15 min 40 vtm.

25. Destruction of Vehs

- (a) US or broken down vehs will NOT be destroyed by fire.
- (b) Towable vehs will be taken in tow.
- (c) Untowable vehs will be pushed off rd.
- (d) Where necessary immobilise by :
 - (i) destroying ignition;
 - (ii) draining sump and radiator and leaving motor running.

26. Security

Last units to cross will cut all sig cables on enemy side of PRIMROSE.

27. Traffic Control

- (a) TPs

1	147795
2	176802
3	186813
4	263815

- (b) TP Staff and Eqpt
 - each one offr detailed by this HQ
 - one orderly
 - one pro
 - telephone
 - lighted sign.

- (c) One pro dutyman at each JACK and KING.
- (d) No headlights fwd of Embusing Areas except A ech vehs. All lts off on halting.
- (e) Offr on last veh each convoy will report tail through each TP.
- (f) TPs will report when last convoy through. If unable contact bde staff, withdraw to new def posn NOT later than 0500K.

ADM

28. Sup

Sup P opens area Rifle Range RAVENSHOE at 1330K.

29. AF

Closes present locations 2300K. Emergency dump 263815 at 2400K.

30. POL

(a) All vehs will completely refill before 2200K.

(b) PF closes present location 2200K. Emergency dump at vicinity 263815 from 0400K 18 Nov.

31. Med

(a) MDS closes 185815 1000K and ADS remains this location until 0600K 18 Nov.

(b) ADS at 109762 closes 2000K

(c) ADS at 124795 closes 0400K 18 Nov.

32. Repair and Rec

(a) 2/58 LAD will sup rec veh at 149795 at 1800K.

(b) Lt Sec 2/118 Bde Wksp will sup rec veh at 263813 at 1800K.

33. Pro

(a) Det 9 Aust Div Pro will provide :-

(i) one dutyman each TP (see para

(ii) control pts at defiles vicinity JACK and KING.

34. Water

WP at 185804 closes 1800K. Emergency pt opens 248810 first lt 18 Nov.

35. B Ech

B Echs cease to be brigaded and revert bn comd as follows :-

(a) 2/13 Inf Bn - 0600K 17 Nov.

(b) 2/15 Inf Bn - 1500K 17 Nov.

(c) 2/17 Inf Bn - 1500K 17 Nov.

INTERCOMN

36. Bde HQ

(a) Tac R closes present posn reopens TP 1 1900K.

(b) Closes TP 1 reopens vicinity 363822 0330K.

37. Codenames

(a) Def posn clear - DARK.

(b) New posn occupied - HOME.


Maj
EM 20 Aust Inf Bde

ACK
Issued by SDR and L O
Signed at 1645 hrs

SECRET

Appx "A" to 20 Aust Inf Bde
OO 31 of 17 Nov 44. *copy No 20*

ALLOCATION OF TPT

Serial	Unit	No of 2½ ton vehs	Report to	Time of Reporting	Arrive Embussing Area	Depart Embussing Area	Remarks
1	2/13 Inf Bn	13	2/13 Inf Bn	0400K 18 Nov			
2	2/13 Inf Bn	16	2/13 Inf Bn	0500K 18 Nov			
3	2/15 Inf Bn	15	Embussing Area 138798		2200K	2230K	
4	2/15 Inf Bn	15	Embussing Area 138798		0130K 18 Nov	0200K 18 Nov	
5	2/17 Inf Bn	11	Embussing Area 165785		2230K	2300K	
6	2/17 Inf Bn	11	Embussing Area 165786		0200K 18 Nov	0230K 18 Nov	
7	2/9 Cav (Commando) Regt	6	182815	0600K 18 Nov			
8	2/8 Fd Regt	6	122773	1800K			
9	2/2 MG Bn	2	2/13 Inf Bn	1700K			

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn	2	2	2
2/17 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3
2/12 Aust Cav Sqn	4	4	4
2/8 Fd Regt	5	5	5
12 Aust Tk A Bty	6	6	6
12 Aust LAA Bty	7	7	7
2/3 Aust Fd Coy	8	8	8
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	9	9	9
HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy	10	10	10
2/27 Aust Sup Depot Pl	11	11	11
2/13 Aust Tpt Pl	12	12	12
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	13	13	13
2/118 Aust Bde Wksp	14		
2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Plk	15		
24 Aust Inf Bde	16	14	14
Comd	17	15	15
HM	18	16	16
SC	19	17	17
IO	20	18	18
Sig Offr	21	19	19
TO	22	20	20
9 Aust Div	23	21	21
File	24-25	22-23	22-23
War Diary	26-27	24-25	24-25

SECRET

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20 Aust Inf Bde OO 31
17 Nov 44.

Serial	Demolition	Tps Responsible	Time to Blow	On order of
1	Br 078740	det 3 pl 2/3 Fd Coy	NOT known	24 Aust Inf Bde
2	Br 088749	det 1 pl 2/3 Fd Coy	0030K 18 Nov	Lt-Col BROADBENT 2/17 Bn
3	Br 121786	det 1 pl 2/3 Fd Coy	NOT before 0600K	Lt-Col COLVIN 2/13 Bn
4	Br 121788	do	NOT before 0600K	do
5	Br 177819	do	NOT before 0630K	do
6	Minefd 152774	do	Ready NOT before 0300K	
7	Br 247811	do	NOT known	Lt-Col COLVIN 2/13 Bn

NOTE All serials except 7 will be blown by spr IC if danger of falling into enemy hands.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

TOO 141100K

TO : 9 aust div

(for info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/13 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 aust LAA bty
2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 L.G. bn 2/8 fd amb 24 aust inf bde WD ✓
file

0346 exercise SECRET (-) sitrep to 1100K (-) adv commenced 0630K with
cav sqn fwd 2/13 bn adv gd 2/15 bn main body (-) 0915K cav made first
contact with enemy est strength one coy with MGs and rifles (-) 2/13
bn moved fwd and enemy withdrew our cas lt (-) 2/13 bn now approx
257810 still adv (-) cav sqn crossed KETTLE 275825 mov too secure
feature 251732 (-) 2/15 bn area 275818 tac bde 345309 remainder
unchanged

/ at 275818

X 275805

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to 9 aust div
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

TOO 141500K

TO: 9 aust div

(for info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 LAA bty 2/3 fd
coy B coy 2/2 MG bn 2/8 fd amb 24 aust inf bde WD file

0347 exercise SECRET (-) sitrop 2 to 1500Z (-) 1110K 2/13 bn reached
ARCHER CK 2481 but here further adv barred by enemy (-) ~~av~~ to
~~2/13~~ 2/13 bn patrols found elements enemy on feature 244818 and
main posn held by approx three coys vicinity 238807 (-) after some
fighting the 2/13 bn captured feature 244818 and by 1400K C and B coys
were in occupation with D coy 243816 A coy 253807 (-) 2/15 bn had moved
gen area 255806 and 2/17 bn 265815 (-) Cav patrols to ARCHER 2483 met
slight opposition 258817 but by 1130K G tp had occupied feature I tp
was then at 252787 H tp 244808

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

TOO 141900K

TO: 9 aust div

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2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 LAA bty 2/3 fd coy
B coy 2/2 MG bn 2/8 fd amb 24 aust inf bde .D file

O 349 exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 3 to 1900K (-) approx 1700K H tp cav
sqn moving SOUTH round enemy posn 239808 cut rd at 230802 (-) enemy
commenced withdrawing from this posn and others NORTH of rd and six truck
loads were captured by cav (-) one coy 2/13 bn then occupied feature
239808 (-) meanwhile G tp cav moving SOUTH from ARCHER cut tr 240826 (-)
1645K 2/15 bn moving NORTH of 2/13 bn followed tr to 228826 then moved
SW to LIZARD (-) last lt disposns (-) 2/15 bn BHQ 225802 A 225801 B 222801
C 225804 D 216804 (-) 2/17 bn BHQ 257815 A 254810 B 253806 C 256814
D 260812 (-) 2/13 bn BHQ 239813 A 244816 B 237812 C 238307 D 244818 (-)
cav sqn HQ 237816 G tp 241825 H tp approx 228802 I tp moving to feature
213786 (-) B coy 2/2 MG bn with bns details not to hand

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE

FROM 20 bde 150630K
TO 9 aust div

(For info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 LAA bty 2/3 fd
coy B coy 2/2 MG bn 2/8 fd amb 24 bde WD File

0351. exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 4 to 0700K (-) enemy party approx
20 men attacked 16 bty 2/8 fd regt 4 enemy PI captured no cas own tps (-)
2/15 bn patrolled fwd to 197810 NTR (-) cav sqn patrolled to tr junc
185807 some torch flashes seen at feature approx 184814 but no enemy
seen (-) 2/13 bn contact patrols to 2/15 bn and cav sqn NTR

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9 div
DRLS to remainder

MESSAGE FORM

<i>Call</i>	<i>Ser. No.</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Transmission Instructions</i>
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FROM (A) 20 aust inf bde	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i> 151110K	<i>Office Date Stamp</i>
<i>For Action</i> 9 aust div			
TO <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i> 2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 L LAA Bty 2/3 ad coy B coy 2/2 MG bn 2/8 fd amb 24 aust inf bde WD file			<i>Message Instructions</i> GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

~~0347~~ exercise secret (-) sitrep 5 to 1100K (-) vengd 2/15 bn
 0355
 overcame enemy estimated one pl with 3 LMG 1 MMG at 182815 0750K
 (-) secured rd junc 175820 0940K (-) adv continuing along LIZARD (-)
 own cas 6 killed 8 wounded (-) 2/17 bn advanced without opposition
 (-) fwd tps at ford 152778 1100K (-) cav contacted at 165735
 1010K (-) 2/13 bn moving to occupy area rd junc 175820 (-) 2/12
 cav sqn G tp at tr junc 192872 and patrolling to tr junc 175820
 (-) H tp at junc KETTLE BALSAM (-) I tp at 180732

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) 30 1st inf bde	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
		151500K	
For Action 9 1st div			Message Instructions GR
TO (w) For Information (INFO.) 2/15 bn 2/15 2/17 bn 2/18 cav sqn 2/3 rd regt 13 LAA bty 2/3 rd coy B coy 2/3 HQ bn 2/3 rd amb 34 1st inf bde WD file			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0964 exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 6 to 1500K (-) 2/15 bn secured UNION
 1400K (-) continuing adv to feature sq 1076 (-) 2/17 bn fwd tps at
 135777 1425K (-) moving to secure rd junc 092751 (-) 2/15 bn disposns
 HQ 176822 A coy 163808 B 174824 C 154816 D 163806 (-) 2/18 cav sqn
 less G tp at junc KITTLE BALSAM G tp moving to rejoin sqn

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

TOO 151900K

TO: 9 aust div

(for info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 LAA bty 2/3 fd coy
B coy 2/2 MG bn 2/8 fd amb 24 aust inf bde WD file

0369 exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 7 to 1900K (-) 1500K 2/15 bn captured
ONION and then moved NORTH round .. feature 102769 and occupied area
097769 (-) some hostile shelling during afternoon but no ground
opposition (-) 2/17 bn meanwhile crossed PRIMROSE and cut LIZARD at
112767 then move SW to gen line MARROW astride LIZARD (-) our cas
today 2/15 bn 6 killed 8 wounded 2/17 bn 6 wounded (-) last lt dispos
2/15 bn HQ 118782 A 113785 B 113780 C 114782 D 112783 (-) 2/15 bn HQ
095768 A 095763 B 091768 C 091764 D 095763 2/17 bn HQ 103756 A 098749
B 105759 C 091750 D 095758 (-) B coy 2/2 MG bn HQ 105757 1 pl 098758
2 pl 099768 3 pl 103753 (-) 2/3 fd coy HQ 157772 1 pl 186810 2 pl
149795 3 pl 121766 (-) Bde HQ 120768

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

TO: 9 aust div

T00
160715K

(for info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/3 fd regt 12 Lia bty 2/3
fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn 2/3 fd amb 24 aust inf bde /D file

0370 exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 8 to 0700L (-) 2/17 bn sec patrol
located S. TH flank enemy posn 080740 strength 1 pl further posns. at
0857 6 and 080743 strength unknown (-) estimated sec posn 083749 (-)
3 enemy PW and 1 LMG captured in raid on posn 085747 (-) another
2/17 bn patrol reported enemy posns 3 riflemen at 081755 LMGs at 081754
and 080756 (-) 2/15 bn patrol to feature 085763 NMS

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9 div
DRLS to remainder

PRO FORMA MESSAGE

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FROM 20 bde

161045K

TO 9 div

(For info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/12 cav sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 LAA bty
2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn 2/8 fd amb 24 bde AD File

0371 exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 9 to 1045K (-) place code names
(-) JOHNNY 084768 WALKER 077768 BLACK 078764 LABEL 073765 WHISKY
080755 (-) 2/15 bn 0905K enemy patrol attacked C coy but repulsed (-)
enemy cas unknown our cas nil (-) enemy withdrew NW between JOHNNY
and BLACK (-) 0920K standing patrol occupied JOHNNY and observed
enemy mov on WALKER and BLACK (-) also fired on by one IMG from
WALKER (-) 0945K enemy patrol observed leaving WALKER moving NORTH (-)
0940K enemy commenced shelling approaches to ANGEL (-) 2/17 bn NTR

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

TOO 161500K

TO: 9 aust div

(for info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/23 car sqn 2/8 fd regt 12 LAI bty
2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn 2/3 fd amb 24 bde /D file

0374 exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 10 to 1500K (-) adv commenced 1400K 2/15
bn right 2/17 bn left (-) 1425K 2/15 bn captured first obj WALKER it
opposition and by 1435K BLACK was secured with fwd tps exploiting to
LABEL (-) 1419K 2/17 bn captured SADDLE 080758 and by 1435K our tps had
occupied WHISKY opposition it

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REQ FORM MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

TOO 161900K

TO: 9 aust div

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2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/8 fd regt 12 LAA Dty
2/3 fd coy B coy 2/2 MG bn 2/8 fd amb 21 bde /D file

0377 exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 11 to 1900K (-) by 1530K all bde objs secured with our tps exploiting WEST (-) 1600K one coy 2/13 bn moved through fwd bns and occupied WEST of HALTER to cover bde consolidation (-) cas today (-) 2/15 bn own 2 offr: and 8 wounded enemy 15 killed 1 MG captured (-) 2/17 bn own 4 killed 33 wounded enemy 120 killed 50 PW (-) 2/13 bn own 9 wounded enemy nil (-) last light disposns (-) 2/15 bn HQ 076763 A 080758 B 073763 C 077769 D 071769 (-) 2/17 bn HQ 083747 A 081754 B 070753 C 080747 D 081746 (-) 2/13 bn HQ 090748 A 060749 B 089745 C 090753 D 089747 (-) 2/3 fd coy 1 pl 115775 2 pl 082765 remainder unchanged (-) B coy 2/2 MG bn no details yet all informed

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 20 aust inf bde

TOO 170700K

TO: 9 aust div

(for info)

2/13 2/15 2/17 bns 2/8 fa regt 12 LAA bty 2/3 fa coy 5 coy 2/2
MG bn 2/8 fa amb 24 bde /D file

0382 exercise SECRET (-) sitrep 12 to 0700K (-) patrols from 2/15 and
2/17 bns found no enemy SOUTH of telegraph line 774 northing EAST of
055 easting and NORTH of and incl LIZARD (-) 2/13 bn (-) contact
patrols to 2/15 and 2/17 bns NMS (-) patrol from 090742 SW down tr to
2/32 bn NMS (-) 0600K 2/13 bn commenced withdrawal to vicinity ONION
clear of last nights posn by 0640K, all informed

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EXTRACT FROM SIGS 9 AUSTR DIV 1/2/247 - EXERCISE
"FLAMINGO"

Pre-Arranged Message Codes

Left flank	POPPY
Right flank	MOUSE
Strong enemy opposition	SNAKE
Weak enemy opposition	PETAL
Clear of enemy	STALK
Position to be held	BUILD
Withdraw from position not before	BRING
Enemy arty situated at	EXACT
Enemy guns silenced	VALUE
Lay down arty support on	DROWN
Own foremost troops are at	LEVEL

CODE NAMES FOR USE FWD OF BN AND SQN HQ

DAY	12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov	19 Nov
2/13 Bn	PELI	RUDO	DOXI	FAKA	PELI	WULO	DOXI	RUDO
2/15 Bn	FUMI	ROLO	VEPA	PELI	FUMI	WONO	VEPA	ROLO
2/17 Bn	GOVA	WEVA	DUBI	FUMI	GOVA	SULI	DUBI	WEVA
12 Cav Sqn	BEBO	KOTO	PUDA	KUDA	BEBO	MUVA	PUDA	KOTO

RT Code No 2
 Serial 1 EIGHTS NORMAL/E

(Issued with 9 Aust Div GS Instr 25)

Ref Map 2076 MT GARNETT 1 in and Addendum

Rd RAVENSHOE - INNOC HOT SPRINGS - MT GARNETT - THE LIND	LIZARD
RAVENSHOE	STEAK
INNOC HOT SPRINGS	ONION
MT GARNETT	TRIPE
Feature in sqs 0377, 0375, 0775, 0777	ANGEL

Watercourses crossed by rd RAVENSHOE - MT GARNETT :-

ARCHER CK (sq 2425 to sq 2431)	CLOWN
COPPER CK (sq 2283 to sq 2286)	PANSY
WILD RIVER	BALSAM
SANDY CK (sq 1786 to sq 1983)	CELERY
SHADY CK (sq 1686 to sq 1832)	CHERRY
BLAIR CK (sq 1483 to sq 1679)	CABBAGE
SPRING CK (sq 1482 to sq 1579)	GARLIC
POOLS CK (sq 1384 to sq 1179)	WALNUT
NETTLE CK (sq 1689 to sq 1171)	PRIMROSE
LITTLE OAKY CK (sq 0977 to sq 0972)	MARROW
BIG OAKY CK (sq 0584 to sq 0370)	HILTER
LITTLE DINNER CK (sq 0375 to sq 0469)	SPOON
BIG DINNER CK (sq 0280 to sq 0560)	SPINACH
CHARCOAL CK (sq 0077 to sq 0169)	BEETROOT
RETURN CK (sq 9986 to sq 0168)	WOLF

Watercourses SOUTH of rd RAVENSHOE - MT GARNETT :-

THE MILL RIVER	KETTLE
HERBERT R	PORRIDGE
VINE CK (sq 4178 to sq 3377)	PEACH
BREAK O DAY CK (sq 3377 to sq 3370)	MUSTARD
OAKY CK (sq 3476 to sq 3370)	APPLE
BLUNDER CK (sq 4170 to sq 1270)	SHAWL
CK (sq 2973 to sq 2266)	POTATO
QUIMBER CK (sq 2675 to sq 2466)	QUAIL
B.B.LT CK (sq 2977 to sq 2177)	PARSLEY
BINGO CK (sq 2076 to sq 1572)	R.DISH
MURRUM. SUMP (sq 9973)	CRICKET

WATERCOURSES WEST of RETURN CK :-

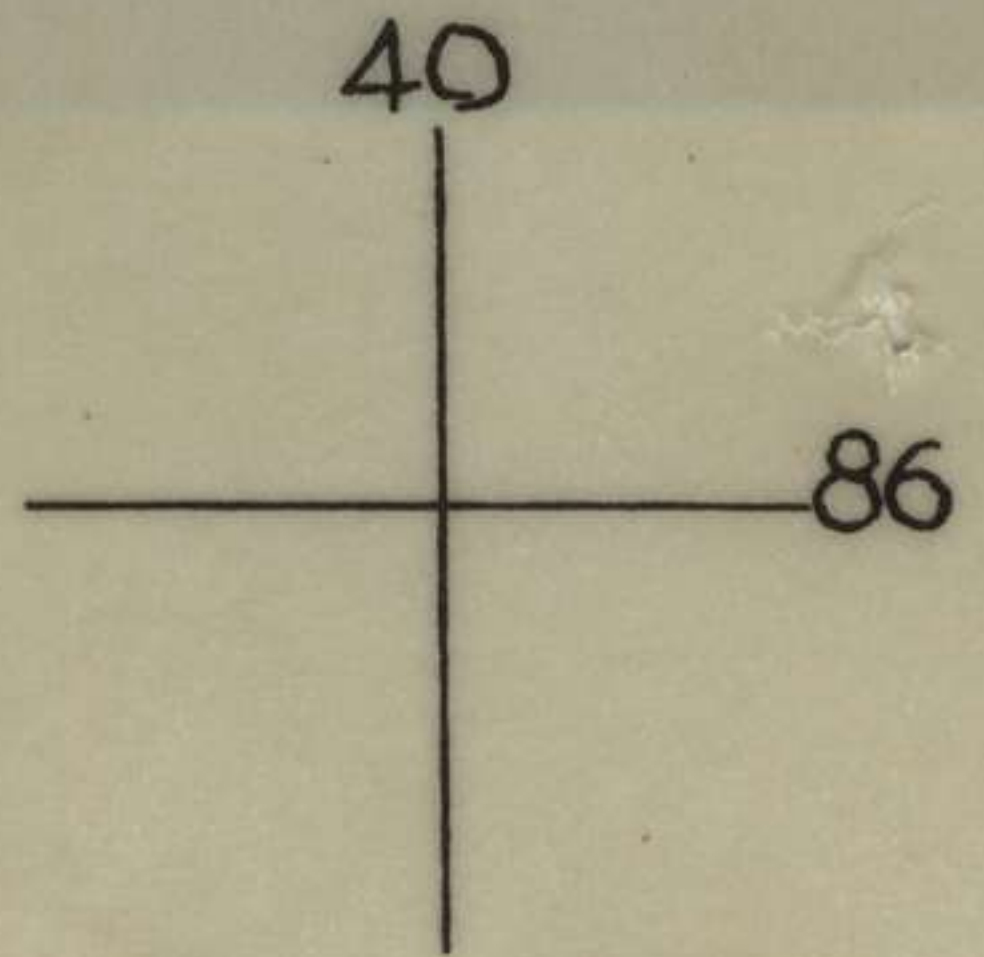
EASTINE CK (sq 9580 to sq 9678)	GR. PE
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MULLABURRA CK (sq 8971 to sq 9268)	CARROT
SMITH'S CREEK (sq 9486 to sq 8675)	SULPHUR
IRONSTONE CK (sq 9178 to sq 8377)	TOMATO
RUSSIAN JOB'S CK (sq 9076 to sq 8376)	TOWEL
H. H. AND'S CK (sq 8974 to sq 8675)	COTTON
HOOGLINGOON. (BLACK) CK (sq 8484 to sq 8769)	SARDINE
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EXTRACT FROM SIGS 9 AUST DIV 1/2/247 - EXERCISE "FLAMINGO"

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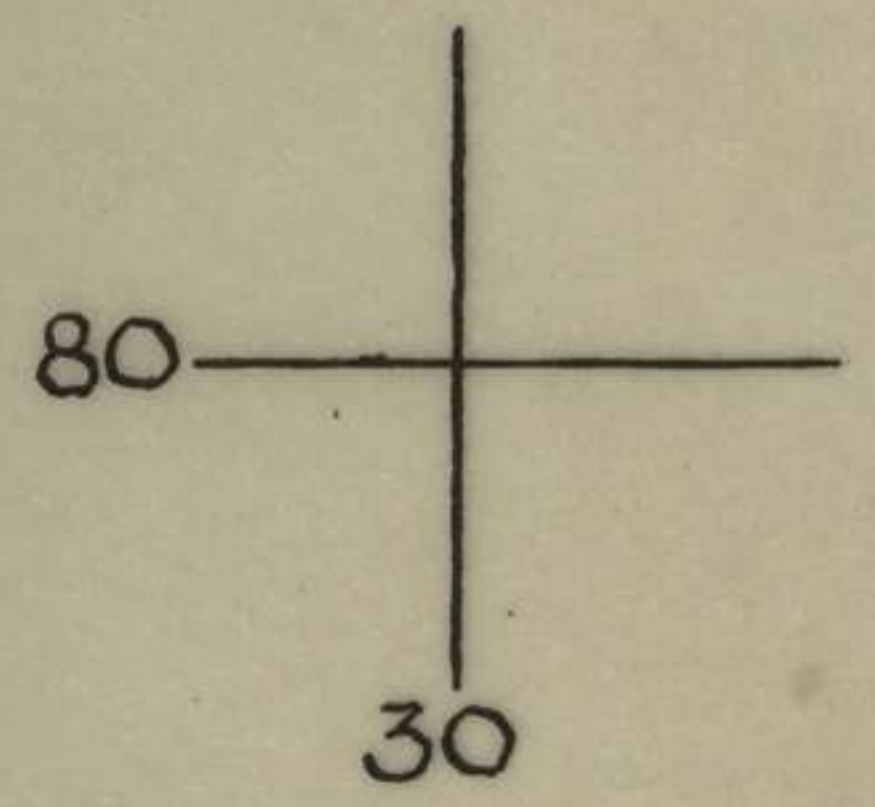
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Strong enemy opposition	SNAKE
Weak enemy opposition	PETAL
Clear of enemy	STALK
Position to be held	BUILD
Withdraw from posn not before.....	BRING
Enemy arty situated at.....	EXACT
Lay down arty sp on.....	DROWN
Own foremost tps are at.....	LEVEL
Enemy guns silenced	VALUE

20 AUST INF BDE
LAST LIGHT
DISPOSITIONS
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2/8 FD REGT
Etp 16BTY
Ftp 16BTY
12 BTY LAA

B Coy MG
LESS ONE PL

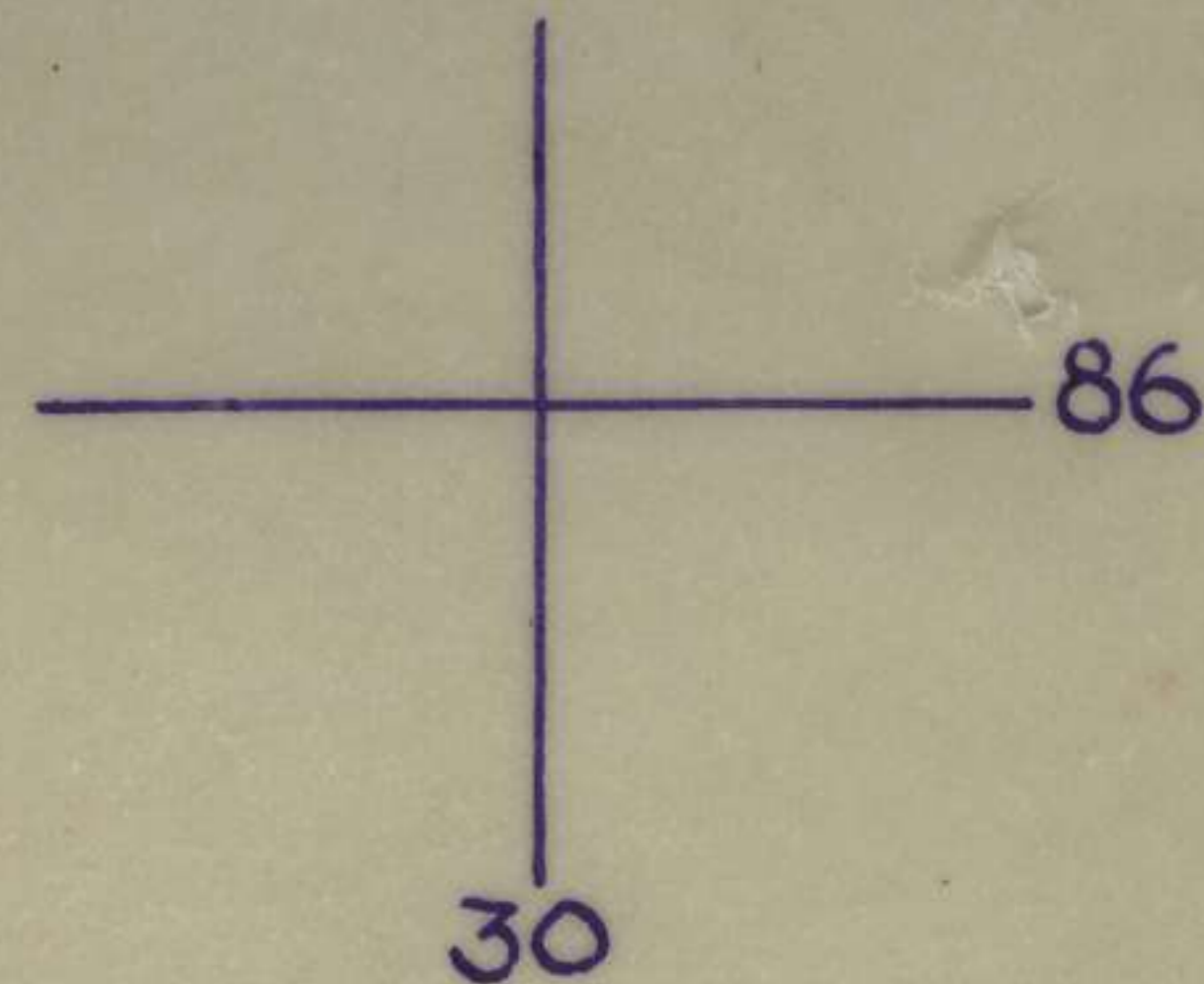


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DISPOSITIONS AS AT LAST LIGHT

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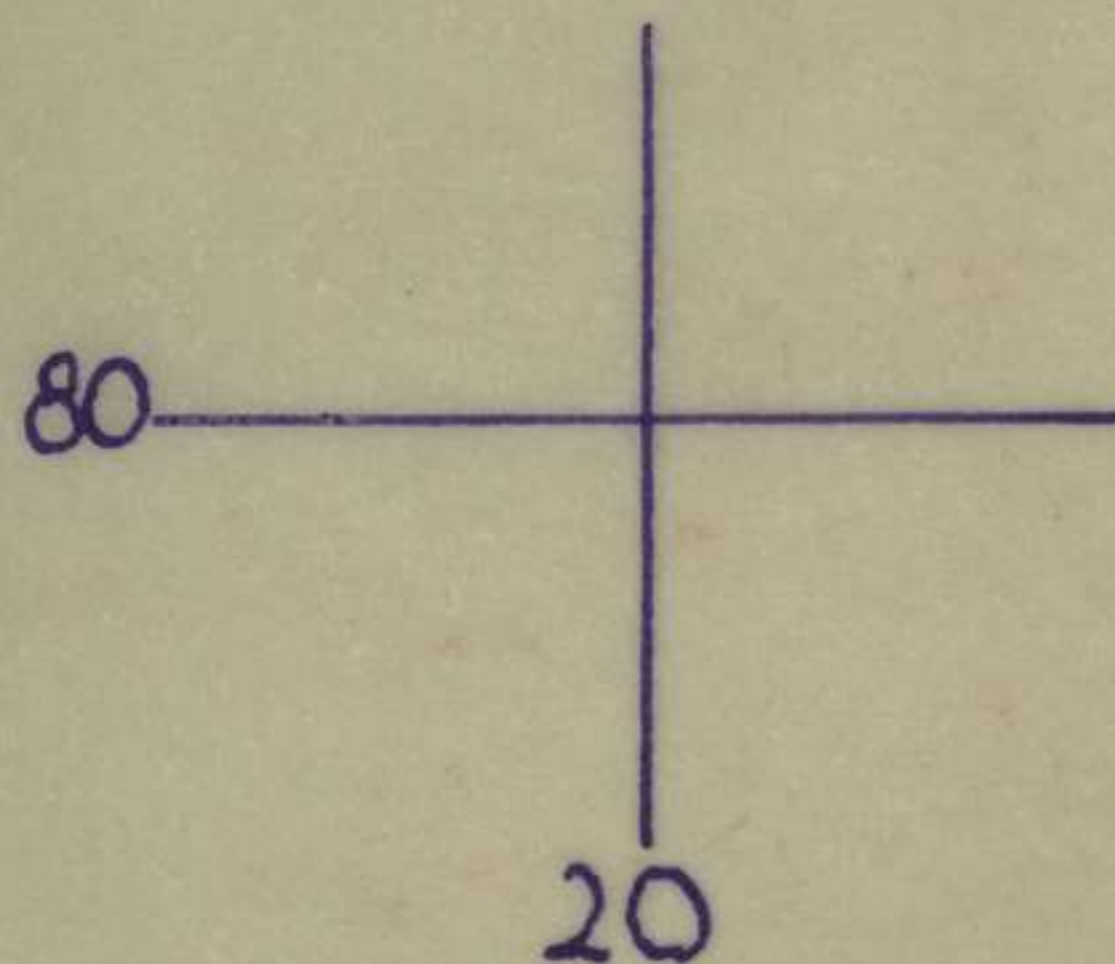
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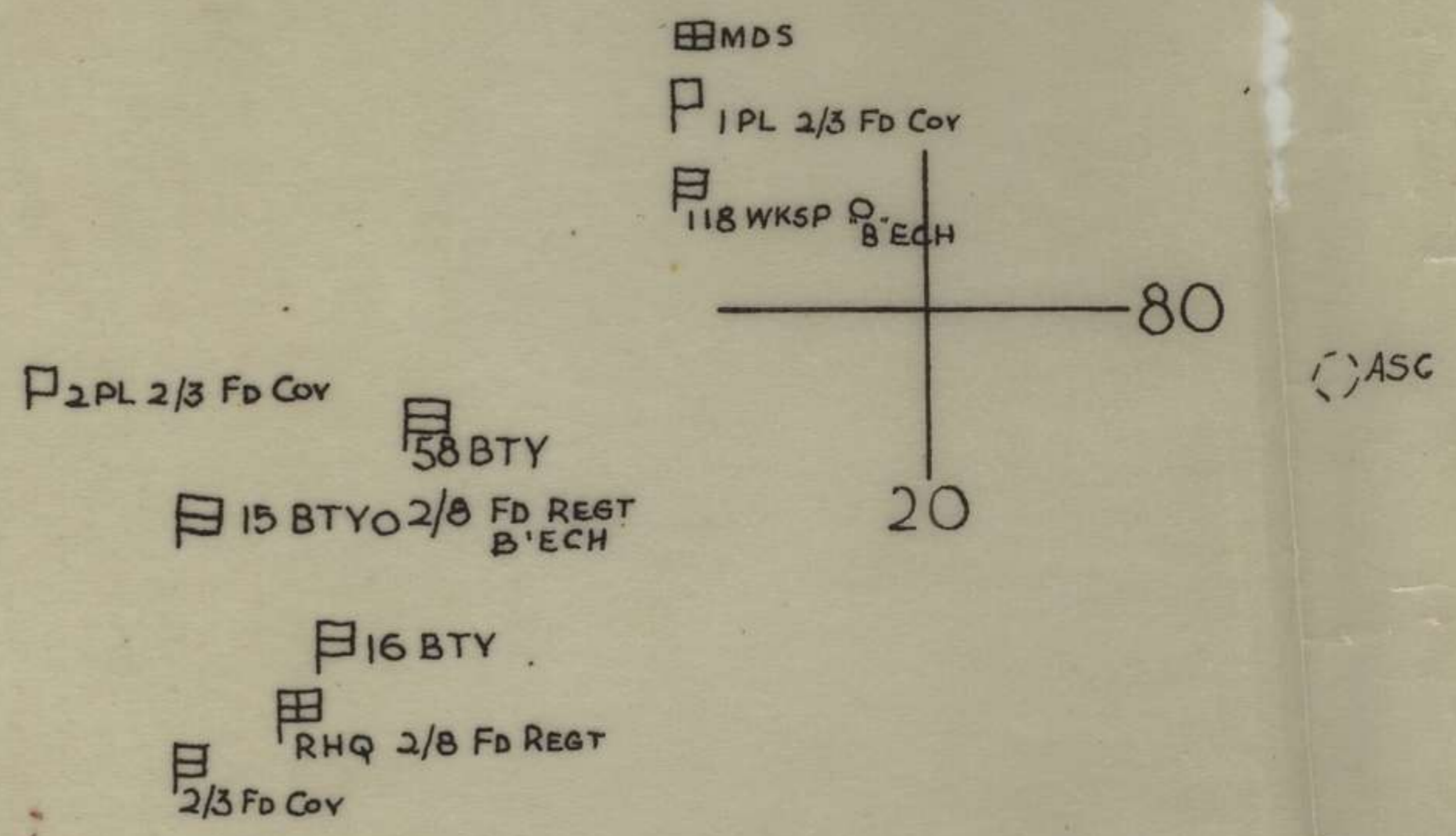
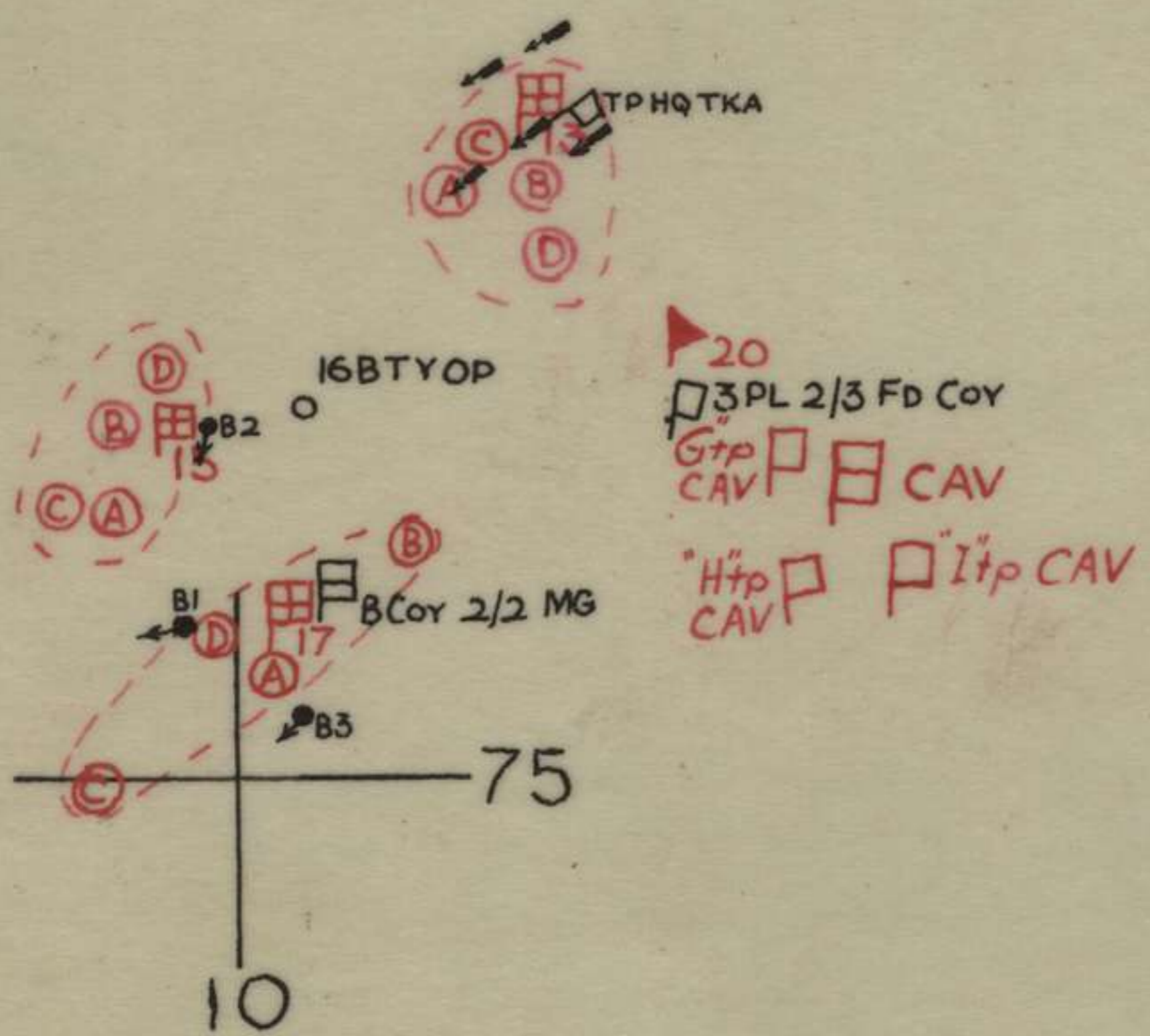


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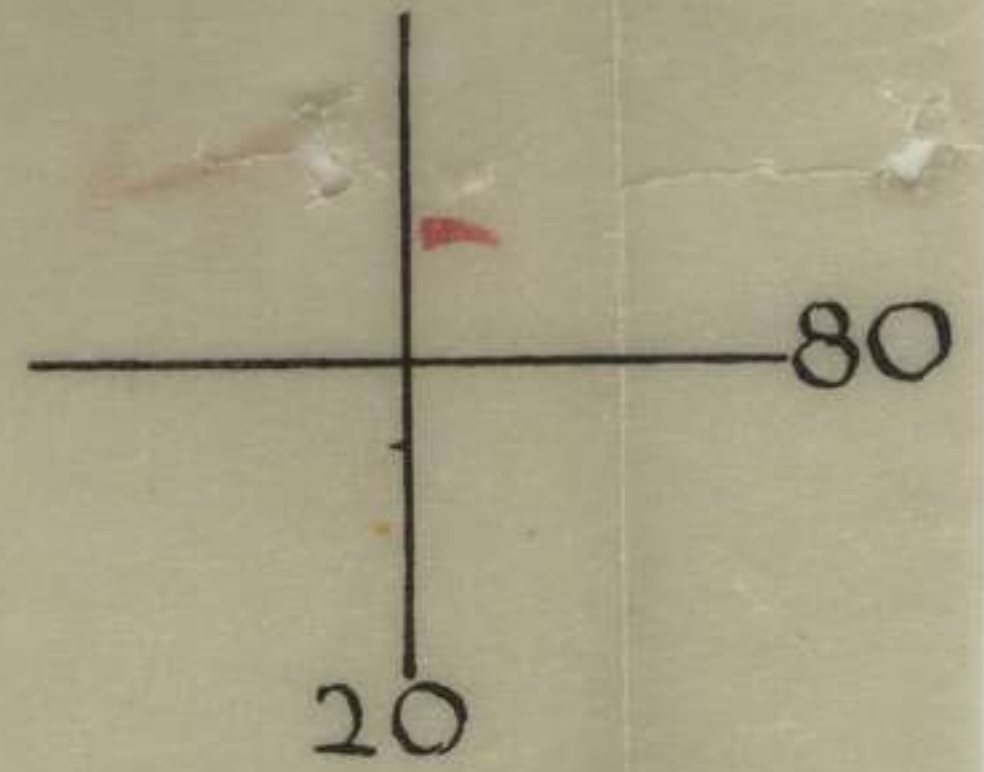
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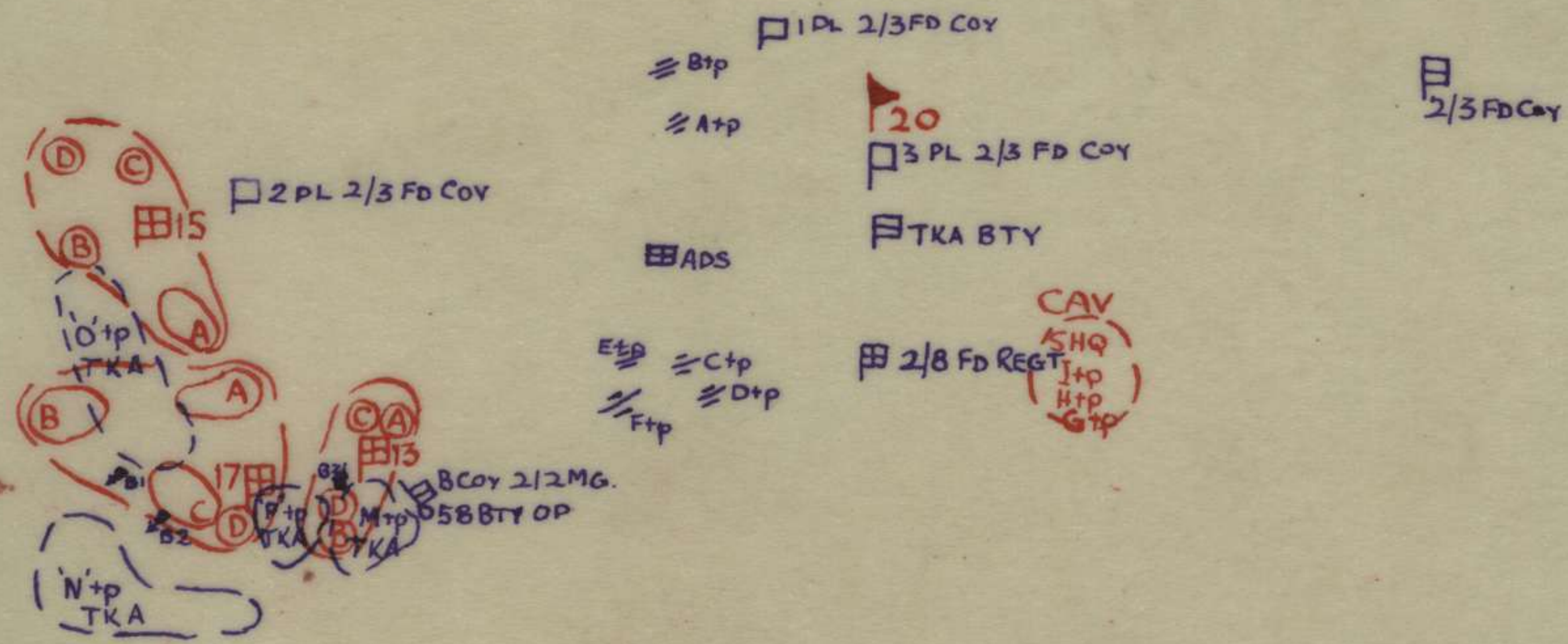
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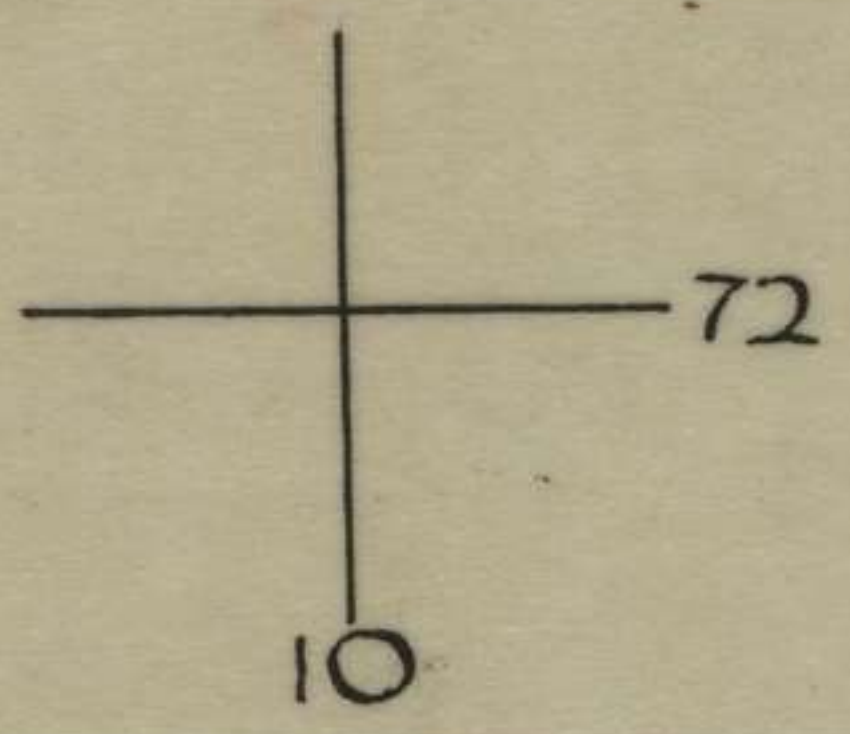


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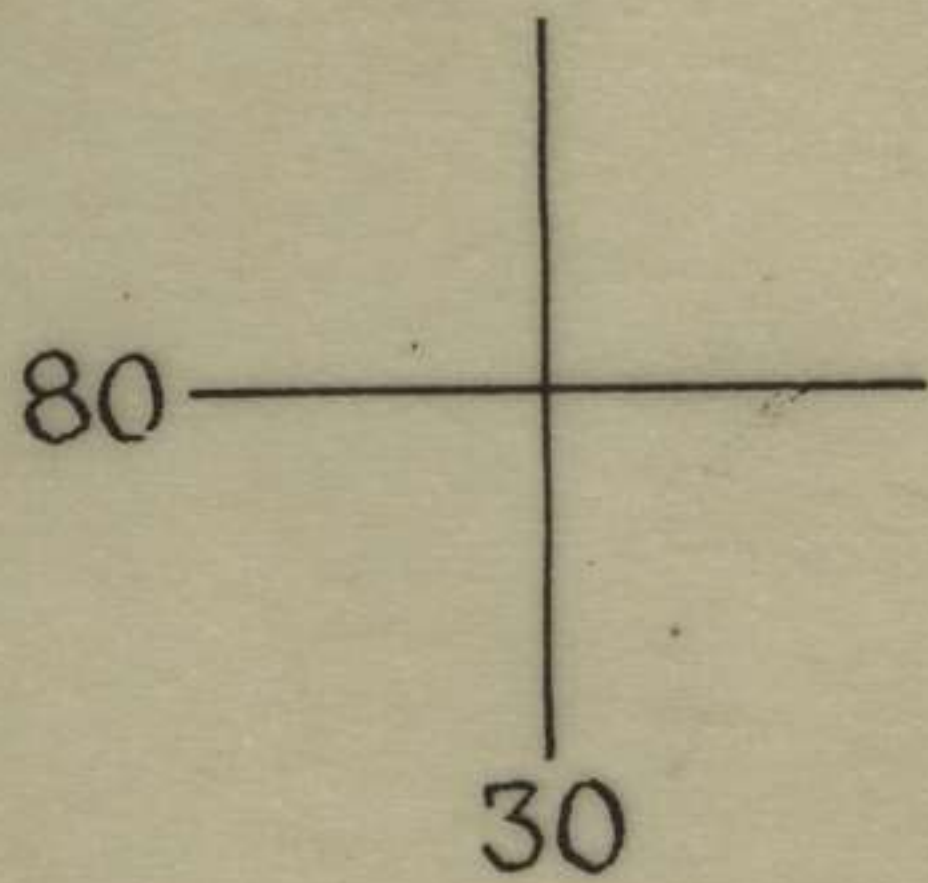
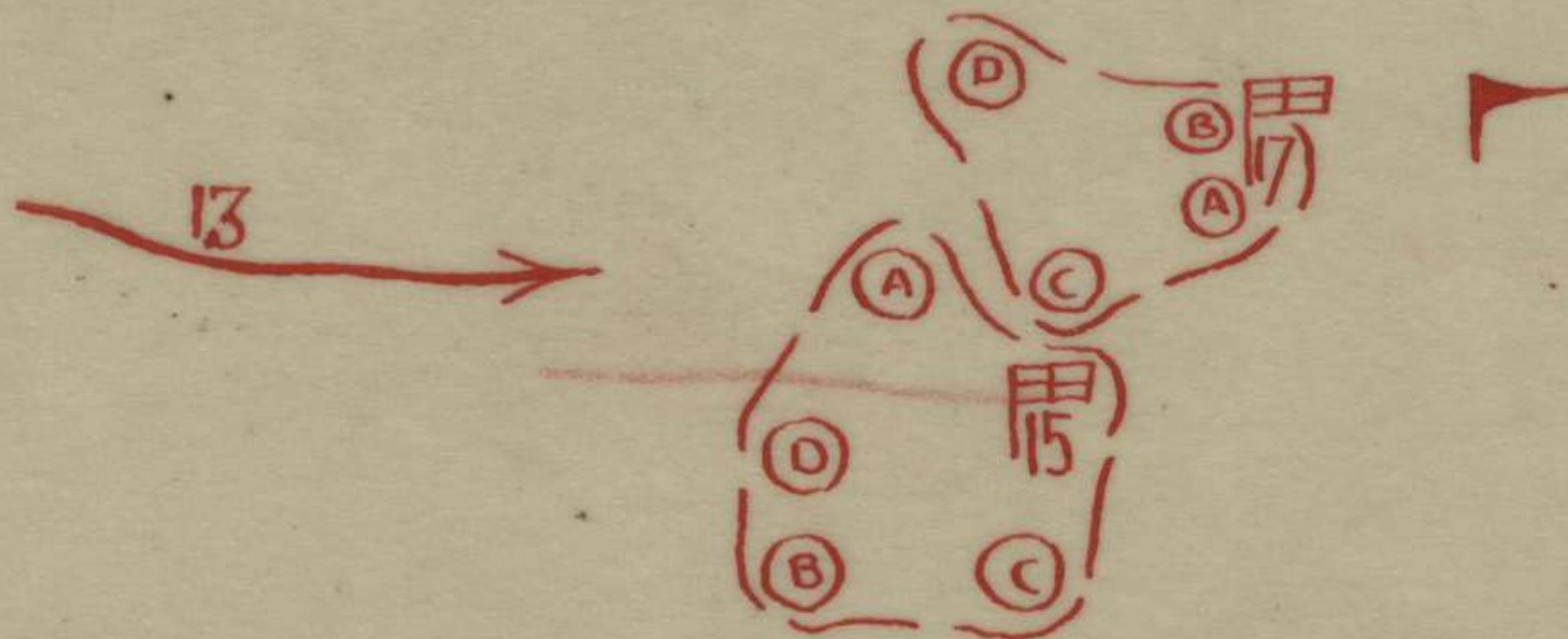
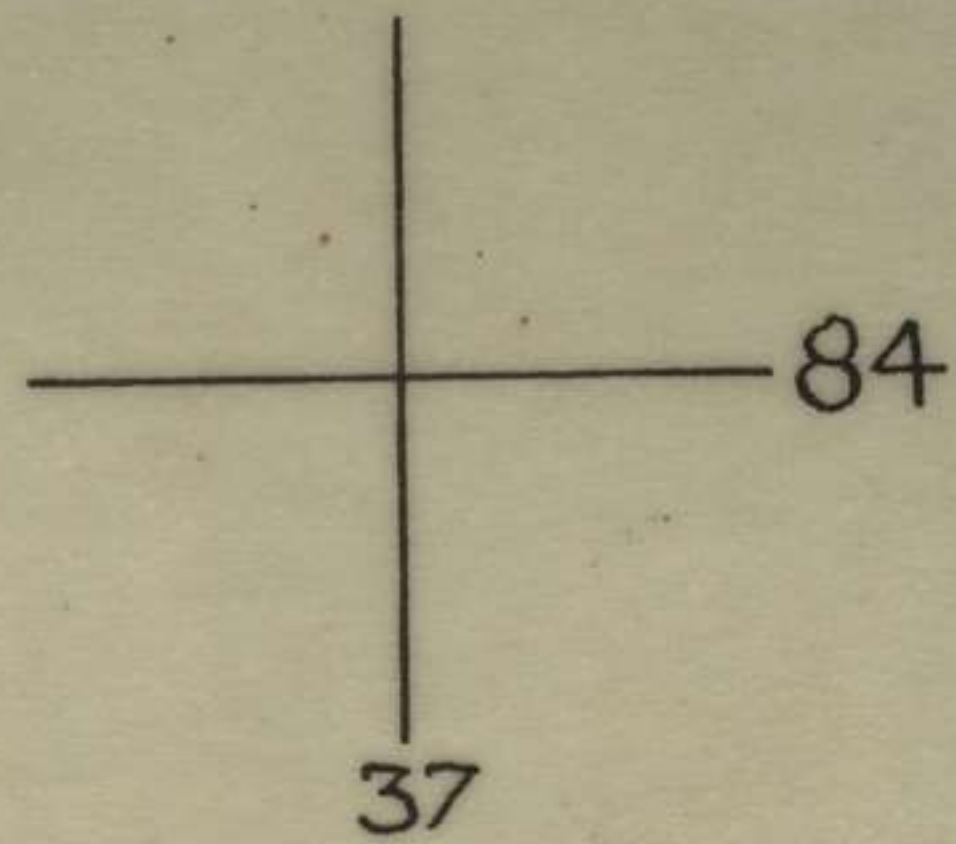


20 BDE
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20 AUST INF BDE DISPOSNS 18 Nov

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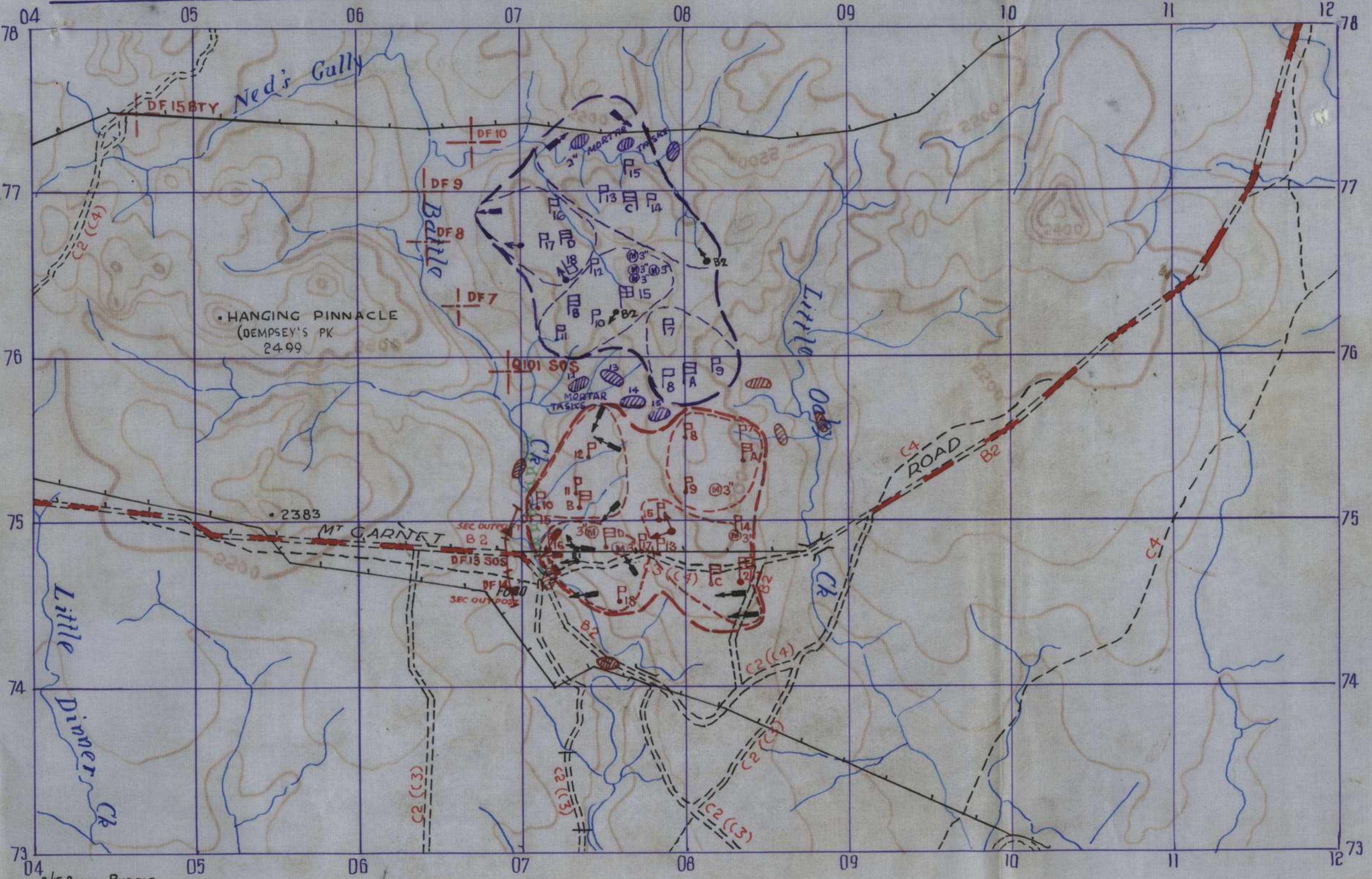


20 AUST BDE INT SEC
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ENLARGEMENT - REF MAP: MT GARNET 1:63360

20 AUST INF BDE DISPOSNS



2/15 BM - PURPLE
 2/17 BM - RED
 2/3 TKA GUNS - BLACK

RF - 1:25000

20 AUST BDE INT SEC
 17 NOV 44

ACTION HOC.

Exercise FLAMINGO.

13 Nov - 18 Nov 1944

No	DATE	FROM	TO	T.O.O	T.O.R	ORIG NO	SUBJECT	REMARKS
1	17th Nov 13	DIV	BDE.	1715	1500	0339	WARNING ORDER.	
2	18.				1030.		OO 101 received	
3	13	1/2 AA	BDE		1720		disposn. Div HQ	
4	13	DIV	BDE		1730		OO No 28.	
5		1/2 MG	BDE		1800	TYG 3.	Locatd	
6		1/2 MG	BDE		1840	I 3.	patrol (proposed)	
7	12	TICA			1905	I 301	2/15 disposn - E & F of disposn	
					2030		disposn	
					0640		TACUG established at 3rd 6812	
8		CAV	BDE	0630	0650	I V.	STARTER No 1 to 1st 0630 @ posn.	
9		2nd BDE					disposn.	
10					0645		BRIE & BM left for 2/13.	
11		BML	C-3 DIV		0730		NTR. - Brig is fwd - 2/15 just started	
12		2/15	BML		0745		patrol that went down track @ NMS. Sent summer back. patrol comd waiting until 0730	
							2/13 have cleared end of camp area few mins ago (300820) - start time for 2/15 0830	
13		ARTY	BDE		0735		JOKER cleared by CAV	
14		BML	DIV.		0753		situation given	
15		COMD	BM	0750	0755		report on progress to 2nd BDE	
16		CAV	BDE	0750	0755	out	JOKER cleared 0755 - No contact	
17		2/13	BDE	0755	0755		find elements LIZARD at 300820	
18		BML	2/15		0756		inform JOKER passed to 2/15 @ 2/15 patrol back - NMS. @ by closing down 10 mins to move	
19			2/13 (by 5)		0805		inform re JOKER passed to 2/13 @ 2/13 at 300820 at 0740 - no contact	
20		BML	TICA.		0817		inform passed	
21		2/13	BDE		0825		find elements	
22		BML	DIV		0830		2/13 cleared 293821 @ 0817. 2nd BDE obtained - enemy coy located 286654 @ 2/13 loc. attacking with two coys at 0820 @ DIV will pass inform to 2nd BDE @	

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23	19th Nov 44	2/13	BML		0840		2/13 on 283 ca. ting @ CAV message intercepted - being paid on by one MMC one LMG 5 rifles at 285818 - held up there @ own (2/13) paid up at 283821 info passed to 2/BDE as above.
24		2/13	BDE	0820	0845	03	above info CAV & 2/13
25		BML	2/13		0848		
26			DIV		0850		situation given
27		2/15	BML		0900		now at 325818 at 0900 - waiting for orders to move @
28		BML	DIV		0905		DIV gives info re 2/BDE @ DIV will pass info from 2/BDE to 2/BDE
29		ARTY (Lo)	BDE		0900		CAV also held up at 286814
30		CAV	BDE		0910		one Coy enemy 2MG - one MMC in hastily prepared from right flank 2/15 own paid up at 291814 & 290828 @ one sec in rear of enemy
31		2/BDE (SIG)	I.O.		0910		SITREP to 0900K.
32		2/15			0915		intercept BRIC to 2/15 @ adv held up @ No move beyond SP in the order
33		CAV	BDE (BML)	0815	0930	18a	moving now report a. for sec No 30.
34		BRIC (2/13)	BML		0930		send LO in jeep along LIZARD @ No jeep here @ being arranged with SC.
35		2/13	BDE	0923	0945	05	CAV report paid up
36		2/13		0935	0945	06	enemy info
37		CAV	intercept		0935	11	info paid up
38		BRIC	2/13		0955		CAV to come under your comd @ make pursuit of guns
39		2/15	BDE		0955		Blow MC now with 2/15
40		BRIC	2/15		1000		your CO RV SUNDAY at JOKER forthwith @ main body move now NOT beyond JOKER
41		BML	DIV		0952		info re CAV
42			2/17		1002		situation
43		SC	BML		1005		jeep leaving now (Lo?)
44		CAV	BDE	1012	1020	A.I.	2 walking wounded reporting to S4G

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45	NOV 14	BM(2/13)	2/13 (ADSD)	1010	1020		intercept. fwd ths and enemy posns.
46		2/13	BAE(EO)	1000	1020		take info @ 2/13 on move again
47		2/17 (LO)			1035		leaving in jeep to meet BRIC
47A		BML	DIV		1038		situation given
48		2/13	BAE	?	1045	08	enemy opposition bypassed aside adv continuing
49		CAV	/	1030	1050	I13	SITREP No 2 to 141030K.
50		2/13		1008	1050	06	to 141005IC.
51		BML	TKA.		1045		situation given
52		2/15	BML		1100		at 2/15 easting - will be halting for half hr as we are right on 2/13.
53		DIV(60)	BML		1125		at BAE situation given by DIV.
54		2/13	BAE	1110	1130	07	bang on now at KING PETER MOOSE adv (or move) continuing to secure high ground down
55		BAE	DIV	1100	1130	08/06	SITREP 1 to 1100K.
56		BML	BM(2/13)		1120		BM - 2/13 reached first DIV report line at 1110 - CAV have patrol on BREWER and southern patrol should be on QUEEN @ fwd elements 2/13 were striking light opposition on their right as they approached BREWER @ BAE to start move now - adv party to leave 1300 hrs @ Rear HQ to keep frog over us - guides can move fwd to where grid line crosses the rd @ info at BAE passed
57		BML	LO. 1 (2/13)		1130		2/13 + 2/15 BAE to move to 268820 - 2/17 BAE to move to same area - ENGRS may move same area
58		SIGS	BML		1135		2/18 REG closed down 1125 - moving fwd to 300820
59		BML	SC		1135		inform re BAE from forward @ New BAE HQ to be in Sq 2580 - No move before 1100
60		BAE IO	DIV		1135		INT REP. 1 to 1030K issued
61		BML	DIV		1145		Situation
62		BRIC(2/13)	BML		1155		2/13 are in contact with enemy holding Acc. feature and are probing for info
63		2/13	BAE	?	1200	?	Situation
64		2/13	/	1210	1315	08.	Situation and info enemy etc

passed
2/17

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65	NOV 14	BRIC	BML		1200		<p>713 will require considerable amm - arrange @ 717 to prepare to move at 1215 hrs @ Not enough ground captured yet for lde to move fwd as intended recc party can go fwd @ CAPT MAIN to pick site and advise as soon as possible Scadwin</p>
66		BML	CO DIV		1230		<p>711 - 718 attack at 1200 hrs successful - 711 CAV fwd th. 238661 both still adv @ BML give situation - 713</p>
67		717 (HST)	BML		1255		<p>infor? @ given by BML @ 717 - TACHQ with 715 @ BML - CAV occupied ACE + QUEEN reported at 1230</p>
68		CAPT MAIN	IT RYAN		1304		<p>713 "having a do" across KING @ tentative BDE posn. No good. waiting to see BRIC</p>
69		715			1316		<p>infor? @ given @ 713 attacking 39812 @ BDE COMD on recc with 713 now CAV patrols ACE and QUEEN</p>
70		CAV	713	1325	1335	115	<p>th positions</p>
71		717	BDE	1310	1335		<p>BML closing present location 1315 hrs</p>
72		BML	715		135		<p>CAPT MAIN to meet BML at 13 easting.</p>
73		BML	I.O.		1400		<p>New BDE HQ posn int 809 @ 713 receiving para - probable role 715 right flank to Western end ARCHER feature @ 717 res may have left flank role @ est 3 coys + fwd of 713.</p>
74		717	715 AMB.	1300	1405	153	<p>intercept. moving along LIZARD @ Start time 1315 @ locn next bound unknown</p>
75		713	BDE		1405	08	<p>feature int 817 clear of enemy @ dispo etc</p>
76		BML	SC		1330		<p>your party to move now @ meet CAPT MAIN on 29 grid @ 717 BECH unable to move today - will do so in morning @ 713 + 715 BECH moving now</p>
77		BML	DIV		1355		<p>713 NTR @ CAV: - C th on ARCHER - I th 252788 - H th int 808 @ 715 moved behind 713 @ 715 BUQ 255809 - 717 TACHQ with 715 @ DIV - NTR at BDE</p>
78		BRIC	BML		1420		<p>713 captured high ground beyond and to right ARCHER R int 817 - now held by two coys - ordered to hold ground from VINCENT'S SPUR to incl river @ th CAT right flank - th CAV on 2200 feature - th on 3 SISTERS @ patrolling for infor @ 715 to move right flank of territory and attack later in afternoon @ enemy holding SAUSAGE contour 239805 (man-stv) @ 715 have fighting patrols out now. No attacks before 1430 hrs</p>

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79	19th NOV 1944	24 BDE	DIV	1430	1430	I10	SITREP to 1100K
80		BM	BM L.		1430		BM L - 2400 and tents leaving now @ amv NOT fwd but plenty on the wheel - will try to get it fwd to a point fwd of BEECH area near 717.
81		BM	713		1455		intercept B Coy 24818 C 24816 D 24816 A 23808 TAC HQ 24808 @ B Coy patrol now moving from posn. SW - crossing track n. sq 2381 - to 2400 contour - last heard of crossing track N of 2400 another patrol following creek up KIDNEY feature - other side of MILLSTREAM - smoke seen ²⁴⁵⁷⁹³ 248985 - veh at 24803 (3 tonner)
82		BDE	DIV	1500	1500	0304	SITREP to 1500K.
83		713	I O.		1515		C Coy patrolling along MILLSTREAM now 150' from KIDNEY feature 239807 Enemy still obs on KIDNEY @ BRIC told CO 713 to keep up pressure and if enemy withdraw to put one coy on KIDNEY & seek enemy & one coy if enemy withdraws CAV to push on & regain contact
84		BM L	DIV		1515		713 - two coys on 24818 one coy 24816 A Coy 23807 @ 715 moving sight of 713
85		BM L	BM		1538		BM L - jeep going back now @ BM L - captured docs? @ BM - sent back by FS.
86			CAPT MAIN		1540		jeep sent back for two trailers @ New HQ 255804 @ CAPT MAIN to take over now
87					1600		TAC HQ party started move to new posn 254804.
88					1640		arrived new posn
89					1645		BRIC has conference to issue outline orders for tomorrow @ 717 to take up adv
90		BM L	715		1722		715 - head of column is at 24808 @ Adv over CO will ring soon
91			DIV		1730		coy 713 on 239808 @ 4th CAV entered approx 235807 - 1st moving fwd to 23788 - 6th from ARCHER to track at 239827 @ 715 to sight of 713 on to track sq 2482 at 23818 along track @ 717 general area about 262 existing on main rd

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92	19th Nov 44	7/17	BDE		1425		BHQ 257815 A 25458100 B 25308060 C 25608145 D 26008128 TKA:- Pth of RBN - 4th R 260815 - 1st gun 259813 - 2nd gun 261815 - 3rd gun 257810 - 4th gun 259808
93		BM	GI DIV		1800		is Div issuing an order tonight? don't know. COMD's intention is to continue adv - objectives track junction INNOT HOT SPRINGS & high ground sq 1076 - two bns fwd
94		SIGS	BML		1805		2/15 Not in comm
95					1820		2/13 + 2/15 - - -
96		2/17	BDE		1825		No info yet available of dispositions 2/13 & 2/15
97		2/13			?	1830	2/12 dispo
98		CAV			1730	1830	2/19 SITREP No 4 to 1730K
99		2/15			1645	1830	2/5 dispositions & move
100		DIV	BDE		0915	1835	0594 SITREP 10 to 0800K
101		2/17 REGT	BML		1848		BML - 2/15 + 2/17 moving - 2/15 at 0600 - 2/17 at 0700. will be confirmed later
102		BM	2/17		1905		Mth TKA bty to go fwd to 2/15 now - Pth to stay with 2/17. CO to BM - re circumstances of breakdown in comm. B Ech to move in morning. 2/17 to junc with 2/15 at 187813 + 177810 + 147795
103		BRI C	BM		1920		2/13 to be in pos. Hold present posns on one horizon from 0800
104		2/13	BDE		1925		dispo
104A		BM	DIV		1930	0349	are putting down harassing fire on JACK - time 2400-0100 + 0400-0445 SITREP 3 to 1900K
105		BDE	DIV		1900	1930	locations
106		2/17 MC BN	BDE		1845	1930	
107		BDE	CAV		1940	1945	0504 instructed to est standing patrol on track 215815 night 2/15
108		2/15	BDE		?	2010	dispo
108A		BDE	DIV		2000	2000	1/2 bde patrol policy

SUBJECT

No	DATE	TIME	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
35	14	2130	BML	7/3 7d Coy	Will you arrange for engr rece pty to move with Cav Agn first thing 15 Nov with view to putting by across MILLSTREAM vicinity 192791 O liaison direct with Cav Agn.
36		2155			enemy party came to G Tp Cav - (est one pl) gave last night's password and ran off towards Archer Ck @ the patrol from 2/13 Bn is attempting to intercept @ (3 bns + 7d Regt advised)
37		2205			16 Bty being attacked now by enemy pl
38		2230	D.O. Capt. Hain 7d Coy. HQ MG Coy	2/3 7d Coy	Warned of action above.
39		2255	D.O.	2/13	SITNOR.
40		2310		2/8 7d Reg	4 P.O.W. no information. Attacked by 2221 58 16 Bty 2220 upon 20 men at 16 Bty 2220K + 58 Bty 2221K. no cas. own tps.
41		2359		2/13 P.O. PATROL B Coy	line out 2045. terrain 2355 1 off 7 DRs route. MILK, Sirolo 2200 feature report. INK TP cut in occupation of 2200 feature, patrolling to track Jun. 186807. HTP at 215810. patrolling for protection only 1000 yds along track G Tp. 241826 patrolling 1000 yds forward. Two enemy MTRG at 192832 and 198811. unknown force enemy at Track Junction 186807.
42	15	0108		2/13 P.O.	SITNOR
43	"	0200		"	SITNOR.
44	"	0301		"	SITNOR.
45	"	0320		2/12 det.	Patrol Report see Serial "2" I TP
46	"	0401		2/13	SITNOR.

Comd Post Phone log for period 147130K to 150401K.

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109	1947 Nov 14	CAV	BDE	1915	2010	120	own the most and enemy posns
110		BDE	UNITS.	2100	2100	0350	0029 issued
111		ARTY LO	DIV	2130	2130	01	locations
112		2/13	BDE	2150	2130	13	DF and 505 tapes and times
113		2/13 chief umpire L.O.	BDE - npta.	1505	2200	217	protected patrols. SITREP to 1500K
114			BDE		2200		2/13 BDE disposns.
115	15	BDE	DIV	0630	0630	0351	SITREP to 0700K.
116		2/13 BDE	- npta.		0635	113	SITREP to 1900K.
117				1930	0640	1203	LOCSTAT as at 1900K.
118		2/15	BDE	?	0645	?	leading the m. contact 1000' East first bound
119		ARTY LO			0700		posn 2/15 held up by LMCs approx 185807.
120		BML	DIV		0707		situation
121		2/15	BDE	0655	0717		own the and enemy posns.
122		2/15	BM	0715	0715		enemy estimated ene pos 3 LMC 1MC vic 1st bound @ adv of attacking
123		BDE	2/15	0733	0715	0350	have you any the moving along northern loop of GREEN @ if Not we will send patrol from 2/13. see ser 125
124		ARTY	BDE		0735		DOP report of Coy 2/15 held up 181815 by pos from 178818 - Coy will attack @ remaining Coy vic 200810 deployed see ser 123
125		2/15	BDE	?	0745		re 0350 @ No @ will expect patrol
126		BM	2/13		0740		passed infur 2/15 @ send patrol round Northern loop of GREEN route if 2/13 has Not done so - BM will instruct later
127		BM	DIV		0745		infur and immediate intentions
128			2/13		0748		send patrol round GREEN loop to 183814 - elements of 2/15 will be contacted
129					0750		FRIC + BML left to visit units.
130					0800		CO 2/15 (umpire) called
131		BM	SIC.O.		0802		lines on rd reported by FRIC to be poled
132		2/17	BDE		0755		A Coy south of Quarry - 220800 @ main body of Coy 228801

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133	Nov 15	Y17	BDE	1550	0805		BHQ 231801
134		Y15	/	0753	0805	?	adv gd attacking 2175 ring contour at 0750
135		Y15	/	0759	0815	?	ring contour cleared - this held up by umpires to allow enemy to get away @ resuming adv when allowed
136		TKA	BM		0820		infor? - given
137		CAV	BDE	0755	0820	I 21	SITREP No 5 to 150800K
138		Y17	/	0815	0825		main body at 218801
139		Y17 (HIST)	D.O.		0825		Moving BDE to Sq 1880
140		DIV	BDE	2000	0835	0603	SITREP No 11 to 2000K
141		BM	Y17		0835		infor passed @ 0717 - about to move again - main body last reported at 218801
142		BM	Y13		0840		infor Y15 from NTR at 0820 @ CAV infor @ 0713 - No news of patrol
143		/	DIV		0850		situation passed
144		BM (Y15)	BM		0855		Y15 crossed 1st report line - to occupy 161823 & 171817 @ BRIC requires man to police the line @ BM - elements Y17 at 183208
145		TKA	BM		0858		0th to gun 257816 @ 2 gun 258809 @ 3 gun 238814 @ 4 gun 239813 @ 4th HQ 239811 @ situation passed
146		Y17	BDE		0900	?	diverged from LIZARD - cannot use line until line party catches up
147		Y17	/	0845	0900		adv gd 191806 BHQ 210803 - moving NTR
148		Y15	/	0845	0900	I 20	SITREP to 150845K
149		CAV	/	0845	0900	I 22	hill 193785 cleared 0820 hrs @ patrolling West 400 yds @ non pan 07788
150		Y17	/	0900	0905		contacted Y15 first contact pt - main body at 205805
151		Y13 (HIST)	BM		0850		patrol about 600' up track running due North after they leave main rd - just West of Quarry
152		BM	Y13		0910		found the Y15 infor
153		BRIC	Y17		0913		Y15 found the 161805
154		BM	C-III DIV		0920		situation

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155	1942 Nov 15	CAV	BDE	0915	0930	Int	Hq cleared 181781 down HQ now moving forward SOUTH KESTLE
156		BRIE		?	0930	?	15 3 holding JACK area until relieved by 13 - fwd elements 15 moving to 162805
157		SICS	BM		0920		15 Not yet on line
158		BM	1/3 Coy		0935		CAV HQ moving South of MILKSTREAM - situation given
159		1/17	BDE	0915	0930	?	van gd at 16806 main body 187806
160		58 Bty	I.O.		0940		16 bty are moving to sq 180
161		1/15	BDE	0940	0945	Int	B Coy consolidating Hqs area @ JACK firmly secured
162		BM	1/13		0950		13 - moving at 1000K - C.O. has gone fwd to meet Col CRACE @ situation given
163		BM	(CI) DIV		0955		situation given
164		(CI) DIV	BM		1000		1 BDE in fm (filed) (BRIE in fm. our 0353)
165		1/15	BDE		1015		15 awaiting instructions to proceed
166		1/17		0950	1015		17 posns and topo in fm
167		1/17		?	1015		17 posns @ visual contact with 15 control points 1 + 2
168		1/13	BM		1010		pulling out now
169		BM	DIV		1030		situation
170		BDE	CAV	1030	1030	0354	situation report
171		1/17	BDE	1010	1035		adv gd reached 165785 contacted CAV patrolling to BALSAM.
172		CAV		1015	1035	Int	Hq June KESTLE - BALSAM at 1010 hrs
173				1010	1035	Int	right flank @ June RED BROWN tracks 0750 hrs
174		BDE	UNITS	1025	1045	Q.V.	Locations
175		1/17	BDE	1026	1100		B and A Coy patrols
176		D.O. BDE	DIV		1101		situation
177		ARMY LO	BDE		1105		58 bty moving party has gone to Mt 800 @ E of on move now in 17.
178		BRIE (1/15)			1105		(CI) CAV patrolling South on tr from 192872 to JACK @ fwd 15 at 163803

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179	19th NOV 1951	Y19	BDE		1105		B Coy patrol reports ford at 154998 is clear. B+A patrol moving fwd to secure to June 146798. A Coy patrol will move along C3 to contact J15 at June 149995. Y19 HQ at 178801 moving shortly
180		DIV	BDE	1000	1130	0606	176 Ndc assumed responsibility protection approach from NW via rd 20860 23881V as from 11001K 15 Nov
181		BRIC	BM.		1130		CAV to patrol to 133759 June pt with Ndc. Y19 to patrol to that pt to contact CAV and also to patrol North to 149995 to contact J15
182		BDE	J15 Y19 CAV	1125	1130	I4	PW Interrogation report
183		Y19	BDE		1117		moving to WOODLEIGH area in 5 min. given situation & notified of J15 role
184		BRIC	BM.		1120		Y19 can secure PRIMROSE. J15 on movement + J13 moving to JACK. BRIC arranging TICA def. CAV role to remain unchanged. can stay on June pt and patrol to Ndc. Y19 NOT to go past NETTLE CREEK
185		BM	(-II) DIV		1130		Situation & orders for CAV & Y19. DIV - J11 CAV leading. just moved onto GARNET shut at 19 grid. J13 following. CAV minefield 1866V has been cleared. J18 following J13 along line of SNAWK. J18 in waterhole area re move of HQ. 150789 to be reced. prepare to move by 1400 hrs. No more until orders. message re role 176 bde passed to BRIC also Ndc info given. BRIC - C. Y19 CAV can rejoin sqn this afternoon under sqn arrangement
186		BM	BM.		1142		
186		Y19	BM.		1153		BHQ 168759. two coys WILD R. two coys WOODLEIGH area. C.O. given orders re move. CO enquire re dispos of J15 as he is concerned about his right flank. CO given. CO does NOT expect to move before 1530. waiting for J15 to come up. A Coy has PW captured 1000' South of CHASEWAY. being sent in. orders have been given for patrol to go fwd along rd

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187	Nov 15	CAV	BDE	1130	1150	IXS	HQ IV + HQ KEATHE - BALSAM June 1115 hrs
188		BDE	CAV	1150	1150	0357	re role 126 bde 11th CAVSON from 10th to 11th CAVSON to reform 80N
189			DIV	1110	1200	0355	SITREP 5 to 1100R
190		1/15	BDE	1155	1520	IXS	own fwd the 1000 yds East of ONION @ shelled from 1145 to 1150 by eight 105 mm @ adv continuing
191		BDE	CAV	1215	1215	0359	situation
192		BRIC	BM		1222		1/15 from @ RAA to be infm of hostile shelling
193		BM	1/17				situation given @ move when gun cover in order
194		BRIC	BM		1230		1/15 attack heavy opposition on side INNOT @ 1/17 to keep moving. BRIC to be infm if 1/17 strike opposition
195		BM	1/17		1235		BRIC's infm passed @ BRIC's instructions - to probe fwd to line of creek @ Not to become committed without ref to BRIC @ starting at 1245
196		1/13	BDE		1255		disposn JACK area
197		ARMY LO.			1300		re 1/15 shelling by 8 x 105 mm - hostile bty located at 114788
198		BM	DIV		1300		situation report
199		ARMY LO.	BM		1315		two bty 5 rds gun fire at 1310 hrs on hostile from bty a 114788
200		BDE	UNITS	1315	1315	IXS	re enemy parties operating behind our lines
201		MAS EASTICK	BM		1323		CAV HQ? @ BM - June WILD + HERBERT River 159775 - situation passed
202		BM	1/13		1335		situation given @ infm BDE moved to vic 150787
203		TRA	TR BM		1344		BDE move? @ infm of place time
204		DIV	BM		1400		situation? 1/15 East of INNOT - 1/17 reached 133777 @ 24 BDE NTR
205		BDE	UNITS	1400	1400	0360	main BDE open 150787 at 1630 IC. report on the 154803 until main open
206		DIV	BDE	1215	1355	0613	INARNING ORDER.
207		BM	ARMY LO.		1404		infm new BDE area - to infm REGT.
208		1/15	BM		1410		fwd up 500' other side of br - east are East of INNOT HOT SPRINGS mov to be area @ planting & bridging demolished - piers in good order - temporary crossing 10 yds above br - doubtful if it will take 3 tonners

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209	19th Nov 15	BRIC	BM.		1413		ford elements of 7 are at 133777 @ 715 have been ordered to move beyond INNOT to secure 2300 feature in sq 0976 - front of bar across rd near where 75 grid crosses main rd @ except for patrols No move across OAKY CK @ 717 to aid 715 by outflanking move to Pass. to 715 + 717. Move Page HQ to 128766	
210			BM.		1425		crossed CK 122766 @ enemy LMG posn at approx 115778 BHO at 127770 @ BM - passes DIV message 0613 - probable DIV attack NOT before 0500 hrs @ 717 to cut Palmerston Highway at 092751 - to get asb. rd but only patrol beyond CK @ 715 now directed on to 2300 feature	
211		BRIC	BM.		1430		713 shortly moving - send L.O. fwd	
212		C-III (D) DIV	D. OFFIC.		1440		at BDE captured PIN who told story - there is one possibly two tank regts to sp enemy thru in CARNET area - two enemy dws landed in INNISCARIL area @ info not reliable @ Situation passed	
213		LT RYAN (M)	BM.		1527		717 HQ at 126769 to June @ put in coy attack - coy now on 115764 - enemy has withdrawn @ Coy at 115764 are being mortared	
214		BM	DIV		1530		Situation passed @ DIV - NTR WIDE	
215		717	BM.				B Coy vanguard at 114764 about to leave @ will cut the rd further down	
216		717	BM		1550		patrol met CAV who were held up and had sent out party	
217		AS F. REPT			1625		R + F Gps at 130777 - enemy in force at CK 123766 @ BM passed hostile shelling report 715 at ONION :- into HE from brig 250.	
218		BM	DIV		1630		715 fwd Gps on 095768 at 1505 hrs - 717 South of where 76 nothing cut to rd @ Not quite sure where fwd Gps are now @ NTR at BDE	
219								

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219	1944 Nov 15	2/17 (ADST)	BM		1635		patrols to HQ feature (103768) finished. NMS @ on the move - fwd the crossed EK - about on rd at 11076st.	
220	-	BM	(G-II) DIV		1640		situation passed @ BDE to open news from at 1130	
221	-	-	-		1645		TAC/R required by first light along Palmerston Highway and BDE front generally	
222	-	G-I	BM.		1700		BRIG's whereabouts? @ BM - RV @ gn at DIV HQ rd June at INNOT 122786 at 1800K.	
223	-	BM	IO (musprom)		1735		2/15 + 2/17 situation given @ 2/13 at INNOT.	
224	-	BM	TAC BDE		1750		closing down	
225	-	CAV	BDE	1724	1756	IS	dispos.	
226	-	2/17	BML		1755		C Coy (15pc) at 090750 report one sec enemy at 086749 - 12pc + 8pc	
227	-	2/18 (W) WSCF	-		1805		dispos 186807.	
228	-	2/17 Coy	-		1810		dispos.	
229	-	ARTY LO	-		1810		-	
230	-	2/13	BDE	1755	1825		-	
231	-	SIGS	BML.		1820		DIV Not yet on line	
232	-	-	-		1835		2/13 on line	
233	-	BML	2/17		1840		BHQ 102757 A 102756 B 108761 C 093749. D. 099757	
234	-	BDE	DIV	1900	1900	0369	SITREP 2/15 1900K.	
235	-	2/13	BDE IO		1925		dispos.	
235	-	BRIG	-		1930		BDE R gn RV at 0700 - No attack before 161100K.	
236	-	-	BM.		1937		CAV task - to remain present from - local patrols only - tell int BDE where they are - probable role for tomorrow - Div res	
237	-	CAPT MAIN	2/17		1950		inform R gn RV & 4 hrs @ patrol policy for tonight: - patrol to gain info of own objective. @ patrol bndys - inter br bndys as for attack @ Not South of 93 nothing on left flank	
238	-	-	2/13		1957		as above	
239	-	2/15	BDE	1852	1946	IS	dispos	

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210	1949	DIV	BDE	1515	1940	0617	disposna.	
211		CAV		2000	2028	231	patrol report	
212		BDE	CAV	2025	2025	0267	for 20 BDE LO omstrs	
213		BM	C-II DIV		2053		passed info re CAV patrol @ C-II - DIV conference time was	
213A		BDE	DIV	2050	2100	16	projected patrol.	
214		BM	Y15		2106		BRIC will be up at 0700. To Y15. @ Y15 - patrol will go out before last light to find viewpoints for tomorrow's sec.	
							BM - give patrol policy and info re conference at 0930.	
							BM - suggested harassing fire on the June 07/46	
215		BM	Y17.		2116		info re suggested harassing fire above - to be OK'd by DIV.	
216		Y13	BM.		2122		SITNOR @ situation given by BM.	
217		SACS			Y12		CAV message: - 20 BDE LO moving to 43 km	
218		Y17	BDE IO.		2140		enemy points and topo	
219		BDE	DIV	2110	2110	17	projected patrols	
250		Y13	BDE		2115		SITNOR	
251		BDE	Y17		2145		info re 20 BDE patrols operating south of Y17	
252		Y13	BDE		2300		SITNOR	
253		DIV		2300	2330	0621	TACR approved 0600150 area of sec	
254		BDE	Y13		2355		info HF tank approved by Div	
255		Y13	BDE		2359		SITNOR	
256	16	BDE	Y15 + Y17		0005		info HF tank approved	
257		Y13	BDE		0105		SITNOR	
					0205			
					0305			
258		Y17			0400		patrol reports (advised to Div)	
259		Y13			0405		SITNOR	
260		BDE	DIV		0445		patrol reports Y17	
261			Y13. Y15		0510			

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762	Nov 16				0605	BRIC & BM leave for recce of 15
763		BML	(G-III) DIV		0726	Will you pass info in SITREP, which would affect them, on to at BRIC.
764		DIV	BRIC		0745	TACR at 0600K
765		BRIC	DIV		0745	
765		BRIC	IO.		0715	
766					0800	0370 SITREP to 0615K C Coy report enemy MG position 95° mag from C Coy posn 091764 - 1500' from that posn - West of WHISKEY
767		BML	(G-III) DIV		0830	code names for feature on front passed & enemy not in occupation JOHNNY & seen on WALKER & BRACK.
768		ARRV LO	BML		0855	1107 by REE less the of low protected rd running NW
769		of 15	IO.		0850	standing patrol B Coy at one place has gone out at 0845 to occupy JOHNNY - 800-900 yds out & line going out passwords read
270		BML	(G-III) DIV		0900	BRIC on way back
271		SICS	CP.		0900	
272		BRIC	CONFERENCE		0910	BRIC plan: - to attack with two lvs. fwd. of 15 on right - 17 left & man up on right of rd & man attack left of WHISKEY & 17 thru saddle of 15 thru JOHNNY & limit exploitation BRACK & ENGRS to recce for track for re-supply & 17s to move to 15 present posn - another 17s on rd & 13 in res & available for carrying parties. 14 hrs not before 1100 - probably 1200
273					0920	BRIC & BM left for DIV (also LO)
274		of 15	BML		0920	party of enemy came in 0905 on of 15 C Coy - repulsed & No out or enemy cas & enemy withdrew NW between JOHNNY & BRACK & standing patrol from B Coy reached JOHNNY - moving posn over looking BRACK & WALKER No move to be allowed on posn of BRIC's recce & shelling at 0845 to 0855: - brg 30° - 17y 75 min - one OFFER wounded infr above east of standing patrol of JOHNNY advised also re BRIC recce infr as above
275		BML	of 17		0928	
276		BML	(G-III) DIV		0930	

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277	Nov 16	Y15	BM.		0935		reports from Standing Patrol - good deal of enemy movement on WALKER unable to ascertain exact st. - fire on by one LMG from WALKER. Observed enemy patrol moving NW - 506° South of JOHNNY.
278		A 227 UNP. RE	CP.		0940		Y15 + Y17 being shelled by a battery of 155 mm in vic RACE COURSE M'CARNEY. Approaches to ANCEL feature covered above in para 277. Standing patrol reports enemy patrol has left WALKER & moved North. Possible flanking move? Y15 will participate.
279		BMK	Y15		0945		
280		(III) DIV	BDE		0950		WRE disps: - Y16 113732 - A 112734 - B 111731 - C 114731 - 114733 - BMO 104730 - A 102729 - B 106729 - C 102731 - D 102737 - Y13 113741 - C 098741 - Foo 095728 - enemy posns WRE
281		SICS			1000		Y13 moving off.
282		TKA	CP.		1015		Time of attack? not yet decided
283		BMU	SC.		1036		H.W. Not before 1300K Y13 Y15 Y17 advised
284		Y15	Y13		1033		intercept: - enemy patrol st. one seen moving North from WALKER
285		BMU	Y13				Y13: - disps: TACTA 104758 A 100758 B 100759 C 101756 D 104760 B Coy will be moved a little North of above
286		BDE	DIV	1045	1045	0371	SM REP 9 to 1045K
287		Y17	BMU.		1058		1040K: - two salvos - one 75 mm - 268° grid from 099756 - 8 shells. One fell KO at 099757? (Placed to S.E.)
288		SC			1058		H.W. 1400K (Gen. advised) Y16 advised thru Y17 CAV advised
289		Y15	BDE		1101		a assembly area head of OAKYCK 089772 from present held feature - Y13 putting one Coy on old posn - will be leaving 1330.
290		Y13	BDE	1045	1120	060	disps.
291		BRIC	CRA.		1125		our Arty being shot up - main rd being continuously shelled - can you move CB up? CRA - have asked for med arty to deal with it - BRIC Arty Co arrange Arty programme
292		BMU	CAV		1140		you reverted to Regt Comd at 1100K
293			DIV		1210		Y13 disps.

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294	1944 Nov 16	TKA (in bty)	BML		1215		tp with 7/13 & tp with 7/17 will stay with them - N tp div res in bde 40 area sq 1177. O tp in bde res now at sq 1076 (top right hand corner) will stay there until consolidation starts
295		LT RYAN	BML		1225		7/15 will be max in 15 min - I will stay up here
296		7/17	BML		1230		shelling report (filed)
297		CTE DIV	BML		1234		7/17 are in amongst 7/13 now O BML clarifies posn
298		7/17			1240		enemy 155mm guns are at base course O 2 trucks KO - one TKA & one 7/3 Coy.
299		7/15	BML		1300		posn? O BML - No change O DIV has laid down that consolidation for protracted def & each ten responsible for its captured area O 300 spg for attack & 100 plus for afterwards O losing one tp acty - N tp & CAV going to DIV
300		BML	7/17		1304		BRIC intends visiting ten & as to cover for him. O 7/17 - consolidation ENCR stores blown up O MAS EASTICK inform and BML instructs 7/17 to arrange for further stores O 7/17 - about to move now O 7/17 contacted 7/21
301		7/15	BML		1320		are at JOHNNY - at assembly area now - FUP 20-25 mins O WALKER is occupied but good approach to it O firing came from BRACK earlier in the day O BRIC - cut out 12 position for on WALKER - Not sure occupied O BRIC will be here during attack
302		BDE	UNITS.	1320	1320	0392	0030 issued
303		TKA	BML		1330		ref tp in bde res - CO is shifting it to 117755
304		LT RYAN	CP.		1340		with COL CRACK O posn? - NTR
305		7/13	BML		1345		Code names given LABEL - 7/13 to go to LABEL O OAKY - down river ten bdy O COVER - main rd
306					1345		BGS Corps & G.I DIV called
307		BML	DIV		1355		ready to go
308					1355		COL JOHNSTONE called

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309	Nov 16	715	CP.		1400		crossed start line on time
310		BM	(G.M.) DIV		1415		Yenko is here - show started on time NTR
311		715	BDE		1415		C Coy are 100 yds from WALKER - very little fire yet
312		717	BM	1424	1428		C Coy few yds. short of WALKER - little opposition A Coy adv on left of firing on 717
313		717		1428	1440		D Coy pushing SW from SADDLE towards ford - meeting of position
314				1430	1440		D Coy held up by enemy LFP fire C Coy on WHISKY slope engaging
315		717			1430		the enemy's pocket
316		715	BM		1435		715 on WALKER + BRACK - B Coy passed thru coy on BRACK &
317		717	BDE	1419	1435		continuing towards LABEL - opposition on BRACK
318			715		1436		report
319			713		1440		inform 715 & 717 passed to co.
320		717	BDE	1437	1445		progress report
321		717		1440	1450		
322		717		1450	1458		
323		BDE	DIV	1500	1500	0374	SITREP 10 to 1500
324		BM	BM		1500		D Coy have reached ford C Coy have moved along rd
325							sh by A Coy moving down spur on right - C Coy at where
326							spur hit rd @ B Coy NOT yet used - TACHA at WHISKEY @
327							BRIC in trucks - patrol fwd of ford & be prepared to deal
328							with enemy from BRINECK - 715 info passed
329		717	BDE		1500		report of progress
330		BDE	DIV	1500	1500	0508	situation report
331		717	BDE	1454	1501		D Coy captured Ford
332		BM	715		1505		717 info passed
333			713		1510		

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328	19th Nov '16	BM.	715		1512		Latest info re 715 low passed @ CO at BRACK C at WALKER Bay LABEL D Coy will exploit thru B to CK @ firm hold on LABEL will be obtained @ info re 715: 328 have captured objective called "triangle" @ 713 on objective 085731 - 713 on HERBERT 094731 captured 090750 - 100740 - North to LIZARD under fire 75mm guns on down beg 2950 map situation @ still had packet between 15 + 17.
329		BM	TKA		1520		713 to have one coy ready to go on orders from us to move fwd for exploitation
330			DIV C III				comms difficult @ D Coy securing fwd with some mapping up to do - C. at 080747 @ at 1510K - 120 enemy KIA - 50 PWs. TACK @ moving - D patrolling fwd - consolidating on fwd general situation given by BM.
331		BM	713.		1522		info 713 - 715 - 717 @ DIV - 713 on objective - 713 have gained both objectives - now order 094723 @ 713 coming thru centre at 1500K to exploit to BATTLE CK
332			717		1525		Situation given @ 713 info
333		BM	DIV C III		1527		To. o gone fwd with B Coy 715 to 069758 @ SOS + D F tasks have been given at 070758 and D F task at 0677 @ ARMY 600 at 161530 from CAV SQN.
334		BM	713		1530		dispatch covering party from 713.
335		ARMY	715		1540		715 patrol sent from LABEL to contact 717 at post @ BML - 713 is sending covering party one coy @ C. - 20th & 021. dispos.
336		BML	CAV		1536		info 715 their task SADDLE from to be held - contact neighbors left flank
337		BRIE	B7E	1550	1600		717 disposes (rough)
338		715	BML		1612		Brie has gone to contact 732
339		TKA	BML		1620		A Coy moving fwd thru 717 about 068750 - still moving other coys still in posn
330		BRIE	B7E		1625		
331		717		1610	1640		
334		713	BM.		1700		

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333	NOV 16	7/17	BM.		1907		SC with us @ tel BRIC @ gr conference at div 1800 hrs
334	16	TICA (1234)			1909		Nth along rd as present No job @ CO 7/17 want 4 guns this area - guns have moved to B Coy sq 0775 @ two tps in 7/13 area - one of one's @ other tps is spare now in position rd 100955 one gun (tp) knocked at 7/17
335		BM	7/17		1720		consolidation stores? picks & shovels are up @ BM - mines? don't know - will advise you @ 7/17 - NTR
336			7/15		1725		consolidation stores? vells arrived. don't know what is there will advise you later @ BM - pass to TRA info
337					1730		BRIC is on way back
338		TRA	BM/N		1735		M tps still in res area 104760 @ N tps 118763 @ O tps in area D + B 7/17 @ P tps 087749 @ also gun posns given
339		SC	BM		1737		7/13 tools are on way up now
340					1740		BRIC returns.
341		BRIC	BDE	1710	1745		desire posn to be held with sec. elements approx 500 yds East of MARROW @ ground suitable @ request approval as preparations have begun for posn to be held
342		ARR/KO	BDE		1745		RHQ to 122775
343		7/15	BDE	1700	1745	17	disposn
344		DI		1645	1750	0632	in strag consolidation and div conference
345		7/15	BRIC		1750		best route to 7/15
346		7/15	BM.		1800		BNO 076763 A 080758 B 073763 C 077769 D 071769. one MC captured 15 enemy killed
347		7/13	BDE		1835		disposn
348		SIGS.			1830		7/17 line out
349					1845		MAJ BROWNING calls to see MAJ EASTICK to arrange gun posns with ENGRS plans

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350	NOV 16 1940	BRIE	BML		1910		discuss policy
351		BML	7/13		1914		BRIE says coy West of HALTER may come in @ disposes tonight required down to pls @ BM - re patrolling - protectively - listening posts and contact with 7/17.
352		7/15	BML		1915		approx 1530 to 1540K No enemy on East PINNACLE 058764 - explored to BATTLECK - clear of enemy @ patrolled across BATTLECK and made contact with 7/17 @ BM. disposes required down to pls @ patrol policy inter bn bndy incl 7/15 and as far north as telegraph line @ 1500 yds max daylight patrol.
353		BDE	7/17	1935	1925	0377	re 7/13 covering the withdrawal
354		7/13	BML		1936		inter bn bndys for patrols? @ info
355		BML	DIV		1943		dispos of MC passed @ 7/15 patrol to feature 058764 found unoccupied
356		7/13	BML		1956		dispos down to pls & sp arms.
357		BDE	7/17	1945	1945	0378	patrol policy night 16/17.
358		7/MC	BDE		1915		dispos
359		BM	7/27 Coy		2008		large scale trac. of detailed def line. right to night if possible @ extra mines for gaps - to see CRE now
360		BM	7/17 (A) 51		2013		re patrol policy & re 7/13 coy withdrawal - message not yet to hand @ BM - info of situation @ disposes down to pls re ga
361		BML	(C) DIV		2022		dispos right flank of 7/17? @ given by C.V. (See 21 BDE LOCSTAT)
361		BML	7/13 C.O.		2025		C.O. - patrol from right flank thru A Coy 7/17 to contact 7/15 & return leaving 30 mins @ BML - to advise units
362			7/13		2028		at BDE disposes
363		BML	7/15		2032		info re above 7/13 patrol @ 7/15 - A Coy: - 7 pl 079761 8 pl 079758 9 pl 084759 @ B: - 10 pl 074762 11 pl 072761 12 pl 074765 @ C: - pl 076771 pl 074769 pl 078769 @ D: - 16 pl 071760 17 pl 073769 18 pl 072766 @ two pls

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363	NOV 10	CONT					MG in gen area in pres def pres given @ TKA guns disposed on right flank - No more exact details @ 7/15 deservs one tp 6 pres if available BM - will inform you later @ 21 Bys disposns passed.
364		BML	7/13	2046			passed w Bys disposns @ 7/13 - patrol B Coy 2130 has been sent out to make contact @ C Coy across @ A Coy 7/17 to 7/15 A Coy out 2130
365		137E	DIV	2050	I10		projected patrol.
366		21 BDE	/	1820	2045	I13	disposns
367		BML	7/17	2050			inform 7/13 patrol above.
368		TKA	BML	2055			disposns
369		BM	21 BDE (BM)	2110			@ BDE - patrol from 7/13 moving down to from 08945 to 7/17 advise @ 7/17 will keep you inform all patrols - inform the up TKA guns @ white minefields? @ Not available @ BM to bde give detail our minefds
370		7/8 BDE	BM	2128			HF tasks approved by GOC @ SOS + DF will be sup later @ tasks follows (filed)
371		137E	DIV	2120	2130	I11	projected patrol
372		7/13	BML	2130			consol store. Not arrived yet @ BM - AYSR - will enquire re stores - HF prepared
373		BM	7/15 7/17	2135			HF tasks passed
374		TKA	BML	2140			Situation? passed
375		AQU	BM	2145			tp disposns
375		BDE	DIV	1900	2100	0377	SITREP II to 1900K
376		7/13	BDE	2245			B Coy contact patrol to 7/17 br. to 2130 T1 2110 NMS.
377		7/13	/	2300			A Coy now withd. man to new posn at 092749 @ SITNOR
378		21 BDE	/	1920	2300	I17	SITREP to 1900K
378		7/15	/	2320			patrol reports (full reports later in "Patrol" file)
379		7/13	/	2350			C Coy patrol returned 2245 - contacted 7/15 + 7/17 NTR
380	17	7/17	/	0535			C Coy patrol 166 to 2230 T1 0100 NMS.
381		7/15	/	0545			No enemy East of Patrols OK @ topo inform
382		MAs Estab	/	0555			demolitions coord by CRE but ordered by local inf comd @ 7/17 Coy are beginning work on demolition
383		(G-11) DIV	BML	0625			what time will order be out? Not known @ BML - 7/13 started to pull out at 0600K

DIV info

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384	19	BM	Y/15		0700		re move back of ten to def area at 91 approx. - 7/17 right sp15 left facing enemy general area 3135 easting. some elements fwd to June - 7/17 behind it. The right @ conference 0900 tentative - trucks for recce party to be met
385		BM	Y/MG.		0705		re conference & move sp15 & 7/17.
386		BM/E	DIV	0700		0382	SITREP 17 to 0700 OK
387		CAV	BM/E		0716	0105	Lo's start.
388		BM/E	DIV	0720		514	patrol topo info
389		BM	Y/17		0722		today's moves @ 0700 to pick up guides 0800 K @ work on def through day observationally No move to hint of withdrawal - unwanted gear to go back to B Ech - continue patrolling to front @ BM/Lo's will meet sen ten oppo occupy area as occupied on way up sq 3185 to include sq 3584 @ sp15 fwd of you & left sq 3181 sq 3180
390		BM	Y/15		0730		re conference and today's moves.
391		BRIG			0735		make conference Not before 100 hrs
392		Y/13	BM.		0737		br in posn 0700 - dispo. later
393					0740		Lo's to warn units of conference
394		DIV	BM.		0745		the sp will come in from BM/E for withdrawal @ demolition policy CRE responsible for plans under order from hde @ hde responsible for moving back own amn dumps - extra that on hde basis @ DIV orders - little change from warning order @ Y/13 in posn INNOT @ maintenance area move in sup - allotment of sp still under discussion @ ENGRS will remain in sp
395		BM/E	DIV	0810	0810	513	projected patrol.
396		TICA	DIV O.		0812		impr re conference @ 0745? NTR @ recce whether BLUE & GREEN suitable for G.M.E traffic @ signs at important points? - refs 153786 - 153780 - 183814 - 201808 by 1700 K. and sign at 125768 ANDREW to 166798 @ two bty's still fwd - 16 bty moved back
397		ARMY LO	BM/E		0820		
398		BM/E	DIV	0820	0820	514	projected patrol

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398							displays down to pts and of arms.
399	Nov 13	BML	DIV CTR.		0917		displays 713 & situation 715 & 717.
400		BDE	DIV	0730	0930	I 18	SITREP to 0900K
401		713	BDE		1020		A Coy HQ 115799 with 7pc @ 8pc 117780 & sec 7116 @ 9pc 114793
402		DIV		0035		0636	SITREP 14 to 20 00K 16 Nov
403		717			1100		conference assemblies
404					1220		shelling report @ Coy
405					1133		patrol report
406					1240		conference ends
407		717	BML		1350		re query of 720 outpost @ the outpost is there in front of 720 tank. ARV photo advised
408		BML	717		1355		you are to sup one coy as soon as practicable after dark for the protection of guns & Wopysen area and assembly area - gun plots will be advised later @ 0600 hrs at arranged time.
409		CO TRA	BML		1400		rearranging TRK 720.
410		DIV	SC		1402		TACHA DIV to RAVENHURST Creek Rd from Rifle Range
411		717	BML		1411		re sending coy ^{open party} for protective purposes @ if done cannot arrange protection of area @ Infor BRIC
412		BM	SC		1413		re 720?
413		BML	717		1416		arrangement stands as originally @ Coy NOT to go back but you will be responsible for protection in assembly area
414		BML	715		1430		TRK 720 allocated to you has been withdrawn @ NOTRA 720 to be now
415			TICA		1440		plot changed @ BRIC wants bty less 720 up comd 713 @ one 720 flank protection via 115769 ANDREW 5213 will put standing patrol there for protection of 720 @ two 720 at INNOT
416		BML	713		1457		requested to arrange for standing patrol (above) at 131760. TICA infor
417		BML	DIV		1459		density of ach. @ 40 x 15 mch at night + 10 x 10 mch
418		717	BDE		1510		B Coy has sighted two enemy at 071053 at 1505 - a small patrol sent to investigate

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411	Nov 17	715	BDE		1510		shelling report (filed)
412		WDE		1130	1500	119	SITREP to 1100K
414		715			1530		shelling report (filed)
415		BML	717		1532		ambussing area 172799
416		BML	DIV		1535		No 15 by phone to 1530K - NTR.
417		DIV	BML		1705		re 9 DIV signal obito T.O.O. 1712010 for map ref 167756 send 167786.
418		TICA	BDE		172		TACHQ: 0 camp area opposite 40 km
419		DIV (CO)	BML		1742		COE wants timings intention for withdrawal @ given
420		Blow YMC	YMC		1700	1113	locations
421		DIV	BDE			0108	LOC STAT
422		BML	BML				locno TACBDE & 717
423		BML	(-II)		1827		SITNOR
424		BML	715		1841		715 SITNOR
425		BRIE	(-I) DIV		1847		715 reported enemy patrol ob 720 - show the Port @ patrol abt 1/2 str thought to be recce patrol - one one the escaped & being questioned @ SITNOR DIV - HQ will be closing in to mine @ BRIE is moving to TACHQ now
426		BML	717		1852		received of patrol above @ 717 - SITNOR
427		CAV	BDE	1930	1940	0108	LOC STAT @ HQ at 189813
428		BRIE	CO 713		2005		SP at 11577 when 717 comes then patrol will check to see no one follow. @ each coy patrolling to contact @ COL COLVIN will not be able to bring fire to bear on present plan after withdrawal - tentatively arranged for carrier party to pass thru KING @ A 116781 B 119780 C 126783 D 127791 (SP 11577) BHQ 12793 (SP 116796)
429		BML	715		2015		all guides OK at TPI - SITNOR from 717
430		BML	717		2017		SITNOR - one man missing from 717 disappeared near inter km bendy about 1/2 str ago - patrol issue
431		78 P/R	COL COLVIN		2027		Asst plan can be laid at any pt required up to 0600 incl 713 present from general army plan discussed

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432	NOV 17	DIV	BML		2030		disposition BDE HQ 7/17 & 7/15 (new position)
433		BML	7/15 7/17		2130		NMS 7/17 - half of ben left position & clear of main rd 11/2765 - elements of all corps NMS 7/15 - enemy moved left of D Corps front - Not able to find out 7/15 ben command post on move - now on JOHNNIE O BAY request. info. every half hr guns back at first command - two bty's in action third moving back everything going smoothly
434		BML	DIV		2200		
435		BML	LCPILTS.		2210		
436		CA P/MAIN			2212		7/17 disposition HQ 354850 A 355850 B 353853 C 347817 D 344857 7/15 - 345810 A 340817 B 346805 C 345805 D 337810
437					2214		BRIC leaving TP1 for here
438		7/15	BML		2214		NTR
439		7/17			2215		NTR
440		BML	CA DIV				we are at TP1. allow TPs all linked by line of info. bus & bty's

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FROM

(A)

Originator

2/13

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

To BDI

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Detrop 0555 K @ Enemy attacking rear guard

Situation well in hand

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

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0620	W	Ⓟ
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	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>	

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No. *Strip 0605 enemy pressure still being maintained. Everything going to plan. All VDFs being used. Bridge at London blown 0600*

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

<i>Time</i>	<i>System</i>	<i>Op</i>
THI or TOR		
<i>0628</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Ⓢ</i>
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Signed

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TO

To Bpi

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Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Sitrep 0610K @ Fuel now on tank ~~unit~~ action

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
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THI or TOR 0630	w	
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For Action

TO

20 304

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Signal 0615K @ ONION DARK

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 0633	W	@
Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

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Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM

(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

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2/13

180655K

For Action

TO

To BDL

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Sitrep 180655K O JACK DARK O Bridge at JACK

Moan

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		
0707	w	h
Time Cleared		

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FROM
(A)

Originator: *2/13*

Date—Time of Origin

For Action

Office Date Stamp

TO

To Bde

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Rearguard now having embarrassing area @ Enemy

pressure area MR 1 180

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		
<i>0615</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)	Originator <i>2/13</i>	Date—Time of Origin <i>180700K</i>	Office Date Stamp
	For Action		
TO	<i>20 Bde</i>		Message Instructions
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Sitrep @ Fuel elements safeguard now

passing KING

[Signature]

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 <i>0708</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>[mark]</i>
Time Cleared		

Nov 17

- 7 2015 BM 2/15 all guides are OK at TP1
SITNOR from 2/17.
- 8 2017 BM 2/17 SITNOR one man missing
from 2/17 disappeared near
inter bn body about 1/2 hr
ago. patrol is out. LIFT 1
has cleared LIZARD
- 9 2027 col col
2/8 COLVIN arty plan can be laid
at any point required up
to 0600 incl 2/13 present
posn general arty plan
discussed.
- 10 2130 BM- 2/15
2/17 NMS 2/17 front - half of bn left posn
+ clear of main rd
NMS 2/15 bn 112765. elements of
all coys.
Enemy mov left of D coys front.
Notable to find out
2/15 bn could post on move - now on TOMKIE
Bde Requests inform every half hr
Everything going smoothly.
- 11 2210 BM MR CHILDS.
- 12 2212 BM. BML
TAC BML has passed orders to Div
BML will pass messages to Div. that
operation is proceeding smoothly
guns moved back & are in
action - Capt MAIN guns disposed
2/17 H4 354820 A 355820 B 353823
C 347817 D 344827
2/15 BAR 345810. A 340817 B 336805
C 345805 D 337810.
NMS NTR
- 13 2214 2/15 BM
- 14 2215 2/17 BM
- 15 2218 BM. G3
Both fed hrs NMS we are at TP1
all our TP's are linked up by line.
2 blys. are in action 3rd moving
back.
- 16 2222 Capt.
SWAN BM. → 2/15 ready to move 1st LIFT. —
Can proceed immediately
Your first list ready to move you can
proceed immediately
- 17 2224 BM 2/15
adj
- 18 2227 SC TCO. Mechanic sent to fix truck with
2/15 consolidation stores which has
broken down
- 19 2245 2/17 BM SITNOR
- 20 2246 BM DIV 1/2 of 2/15 bn post 1st + 3rd checkpoints.

Nov 17

21 2300. 2/15 SC. NMS. 2nd lift commencing to move now.

22 2302 Sqd Clerk SC. 2/13 SITNOR. - Div wireless link in 1400 2/17 gone thro' yet. Mr Childs will check up firing back.

23 2304. SC TP2 Machine 1400 2/17 gone thro' yet. Mr Childs will check up firing back.

24 2320 SC. 2/17 Your 1st lift has cleared.

25 2327 SC. Div 2/15 1st lift has passed all check pts. + 1st lift 2/17 la. passed No 3. NMS on both bu fronts.

26 2355 SC Div 1st 2/17 Am passed TP4

27 2400 SC - 2/17. 1st lift has passed all check 2/17 advise all fwd 4th out + HQ about to clear

Nov 18.

28 180005 SC - 2/15 Closing down + move back. Only one coy to come out.

29 0007 SC - Div. 2/17 Am all out ^{from 2/15 Am} _{front} one coy yet to come through

30 0010 2/13 - SC Litnor. Inpd 2/13 ~~th~~ of 2/17 + 2/15 Am progress.

~~31 0105 2/17 BM.~~

31 0105 2/17 BM. 2/17 110763 - B checks post NMS reports last Aps through. Line going out now.

32 0110 2/17 BM. transport all clear of ANDREW

33 0125 2/17 BM. PRIMROSE will be clear shortly

34 0132 2/17 BM. PRIMROSE DARK.

35 0135. 2/15 BM. Tail of column has just left. ANDREW → MARRON DARK.

36 0137 2/13 BM. 2 lyp passed A coy HQ 6 min ago. another party 4 or 5 min ago

37 0150 TP2 BM Reports 2nd company 2/17 new in assembly area

38 0203 Brig CO 2/13. Brig returning to base shortly suggests 2/13 can expect down attack

39 0209. BM, BM(L) BM Report situation - pass message to div that we are thro' the ~~the~~ extricating post except for rearmaments 2/15 but SUNDAY new returning to base HQ.

18 Nov

1

0655

BM

Full

Infantry passed - 2/13¹
 0555 ~~Start~~ enemy attacking position
 in hand
 0605 enemy pressure
 still being maintained -
 everything going to plan -
 all DF being used - Brat
 Onion blown 0600

0610 - Fwd line on ONION

0615 ONION DARK

2

0700

TKA

Bm

BM reports position - TKA BL
 to ~~go to~~ disperse TKA gun
 in new defensive position
 2/17 guns ⁽¹²⁾ dispersed - 2/13
 between I W NOT HOT SPRING'S
 + JACK - 2/15 area to be
 used

Gun positions

PHN
 ① 346818 - 199°
 ② 348817 - 285°
 ③ 353822 - 200°

M
 ④ 354820 - 277°
 OTR ⑤ 360821
 (155)
 ⑥ 361821 - 318°
 ⑦ 365822 - 20°
 ⑧ 365823 - 105°

Jack clear
for at JACK
blow

18
1 2/15 2/15 BM - General situation passed -

2 0715 AM 2/17 - Rearguard - situation passed as at 0700.

3 0720 2/13 @ Port deposits at King - rearward @
- Brig. F.O. Casparning from Archer
now - will hold half hour after last
vehicle @ 2 Coy Bone Sq of M.I.G.
with the JA. Jack clear & be blown
by shelling for area now.

4 0730 - Col. Johnson, calls

5 0745 AM ~~2/15~~ 2/17 Lt Ryan going to P.O. to check vehicles.
stand by to be prepared.

6 0740 Lt Childs BM in position 2/13 have passed except
covering party. BM following up.

7 0745 AM 2/15 - passed in fm 2/13 (clear TP4). - be prepared
& stand by to ~~pass~~ passed

8 0749 AM 9 Div - In fm 2/13 @ fr. Div N.T.R. ~~to 2/15~~

9 0752 AM 2/17 - In fm rearward @ stand to now @

10 0753 2/15 AM - ? Contact with enemy to date. yes. all
the way @ standing to now @

11 0801 AM C III 13/14 moving back to reserve area - @
MIG by less pl with them. young in action
fwd area @ of 7K/A action @ to into reserve.

12 0806 Col Grace BM - 2AC.R ~~drifted~~ - enemy advance halted @
will probably not continue beyond two lines.

13 0810 AM - TP4 - Childs - ? posn. Nothing except details of
alternation from logs - By at Archer. No sign
receptly clearing out. due to move 0800

14.

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Subject

15 18 0820 AMML 2/15 ~~Co~~. DFS have they been fixed yet?
Col Jahman was then discussing with
CO. Now on way back.

16 08 Bm. L.

17 0825 am 9/4 - Childs - ? @ Receipts embargo ready to
move. 7 Co 2/13 has not fixed
ask him to call at Cond ①. later -
has guards remaining, be just blown. Also
tell 2/13 -
note uses in camp ready to
hit this side counter attack exercise
15/17 ended.

18 0830 AMML 2/15 - Jack report genuine? No. (v) elements
24 Bde. come across decide - only purpose

17th 08 40
—

BML 9 Div ^{III} ~~II~~ DF tasks is decided on but no
(LTO) details yet - any will give. Ⓞ
bt. at King blown - re b'drawal 136 Ⓞ

~~reports sent to the Div~~

0841

— TR4 closing down + coming in.

18 0846 AM H 2/15 ~~apt~~ - D.F. registered yet? No. Col
Johnson attending to them. D 7/11 AM G. depus?
Hampden rec. B. rec with D Coy. D 7/11 AM
WM begins later.

19 0850 AM H 9 Div Am 13bn rec'd coming past Bletchworth
small ply low being left on present form
as outfit. Rappers who blew be are coming in.

19 0855 AM L.O. 15bn SOS. rdato pure 3581 sq. reg'd D F.O.O.
Vane to Coy spants.

20 0857 Capt 13bn - calls gives dispus D.A.B res @ C + D.

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21. 18 0901 Mm & May: ? hazard guns @ Wm gunpowder
standard pieces. 30 mms

~~NTP TKA/338808 - Gun 2 339809 Gun 3 335807 Gun.~~

H 336806

22. 18 0905. 2/15. Am - Disposal N TP TKA. - no 1. 338808.

no 2 339809 no 3 335807.

no 4 336806. — big support
distributed over two food Coys

23 18. 0907. CI Am. Enquiry — re disposal —
Enquiry as to how long
it would take to clear
highway of vehs — go ahead
and make arrangements for
movement back to camp.

~~24 18 0915. Brig Div~~

~~Enquiry order to div did not.~~

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25 18. 0925. BM. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ waiting confirmation
of movement.

26 19, 0930 Div Bn ref exercise stop
0930. - 24 Bde not
to stop cross highway
before hudday. -

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

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Detail of casualties to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (substantive or otherwise), reversions, trade groupings and relinquishments thereof, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, absence without leave and rejoining therefrom, particulars of marriage, birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin and any consequential change of postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Corps (Full titles or authorized abbreviations to be used)	Nature of Casualty	Date	REMARKS. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
HR161903	Pte	BARKER SS	---	From 2/1 Aust CGS	13.11.44	X List
HR17632	Pte	BARKER S	---	From 9 Div Rec Camp	10.11.44	ex hospital
HR3575	Cpl	WILSON H		To AALC and remains on posted strength	6.11.44	
HR13640	Pte	POND R		To AALC and remains on posted strength	20.11.44	
HR3394	Pte	SMITH WIR	AASC	Ceases to be AASC (Posted strength) and taken on strength	10.10.44	
HR14023	Pte	HOLL IF	AALC	Ceases to be AALC (Posted strength) and taken on strength	10.10.44	

O. J. ...
 Signature of Commanding Officer.

Date 20 Nov 44

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

9 Aust Div

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

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS

No. of Sheets attached to this return one

(Unit)
Detail of casualties to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (substantive or otherwise), reversions, trade groupings and relinquishments thereof, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, absence without leave and rejoining therefrom, particulars of marriage, birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin and any consequential change of postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Corps (Full titles or authorized abbreviations to be used)	Nature of Casualty	Date	REMARKS. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
CORRECTIONS						
W36594	Pte	SMITH WIR		Cancel all entry W3011 46/44 of 9 Oct 44.		
W344023	Pte	HOLE LP		Cancel all entry W3011 46/44 of 9 Oct 44.		
TRANSFERS LIST						
W36510	Sgt	HUCKSTEPP L	AMEE	To 2/53 Aust LAD	18.11.44	
W37516	Cpl	BARTER WA	AMEE	To 2/53 Aust LAD	18.11.44	

E. J. [Signature]
Signature of Commanding Officer.
Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

Capt Date 20 Nov 44 Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

9 Aust Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, with which Unit is serving)

(Margin for Filing Purposes)

ARMY FORM W.3012 (BOOKS of 100).

(Unit to which personnel are attached) **Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde**

Return 40/44

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered
13 Nov 44 19... Number of sheets
attached to this return *one*

CASUALTY RETURN for OFFICERS & OTHER RANKS ATTACHED from ANOTHER UNIT or CORPS.

The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive). Attachment, etc. Courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, and any other items affecting an officer's or soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached).	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In the case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OX14742	Lt	MANTHEY JA	9 Div Pro Coy	Ceases to be att	18. 11. 44		
OX14742	Lt	MANTHEY JA	do	att for duty	12. 11. 44		
OTHER RANKS							
NX23999	L/Sjt	GRAY D	9 Div Pro Coy	Ceases to be att	14. 11. 44		
OX10939	Pte	CROSS RW	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	Ceases to be att	12. 11. 44		
VX34321	Cpl	SANDERSON A	84 Pz Sec (BB)	Ceases to be att	20. 11. 44		
NX110965	Cpl	GANDY BV	do	Ceases to be att	20. 11. 44		
VX21325	Cpl	SIEA IM	9 Div Pro Coy	Ceases to be att	19. 11. 44		
OTHER RANKS							
WX2419	Sjt	LEE JH	B Sec FSS	Ceases to be att	18. 11. 44		
VX65311	L/Cpl	POLGLASE WL	do	Ceases to be att	18. 11. 44		
NX69073	L/Sjt	SPINKS R	9 Div Pro Coy	Ceases to be att	20. 11. 44		
VX34427	Cpl	BIRNICHAM W	do	Ceases to be att	20. 11. 44		
VX50120	Cpl	BASSETT SM	do	Ceases to be att	20. 11. 44		
NX170580	Cpl	DALTON TH	do	Ceases to be att	20. 11. 44		
NX23999	Sjt	GRAY					
VX14983	Cpl	HOFFMAN G	do	Ceases to be att	20. 11. 44		
VX123044	Cpl	HOFFMAN EF	do	Ceases to be att	20. 11. 44		

NOTE.—When replacements are required the responsibility for demanding such reinforcements from the base on A.F. W.3008 or A.F. W.3009 will rest with officers commanding units to which the attached personnel belong (i.e., the units to which they are posted and from which they are detached).

(Date) **20 Nov 44** 19

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A122a—300 Books of 100—5/43

E. J. Miller
Capt
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)
SG 20 Aust Inf Bde

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Div

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

(Margin for Filing Purposes)

ARMY FORM W.3012 (BOOKS of 100).

(Unit to which personnel are attached) *Hq 30 Aust Inf Bde*

Return *40/44*

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered
13 Nov 44 19*44* Number of sheets
attached to this return *010*

CASUALTY RETURN for OFFICERS & OTHER RANKS ATTACHED from ANOTHER UNIT or CORPS.

The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive). Attachment, etc. Courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, and any other items affecting an officer's or soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached).	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In the case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
				OFFICERS.	OTHER RANKS			
NR104912	Op1	HARRON M	9 DIV Pro Coy	Ceases to be att		20.11.44		
NR117909	Op1	HIGHS AJ	do	Ceases to be att		20.11.44		
VN150188	Op1	PHILLIPS FR	do	Ceases to be att		20.11.44		
VN20680	Op1	FRYER WJ	do	Ceases to be att		20.11.44		
NR172143	Op1	STEVENS NL	do	Ceases to be att		20.11.44		
NR6572	A/Op1	SMITH GE	do	Ceases to be att		20.11.44		
NR154723	Op1	HAYWARD RJ	do	Ceases to be att		20.11.44		
OTHER RANKS								
NR2926	Pte	DRODGER HR	do	Ceases to be att		20.11.44		

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(Date) *20 Nov 44* 19_____
First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A122a—300 Books of 100—5/43

E. J. Williams Capt
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

Hq 30 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Unit.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc. with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

64 / 38 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 11 / 1944 (Unit)

W.E. 17 / 8 / 6 OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1 Rein'ts Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		5	6 Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 Rein'ts Required.						
NR	1		1	*												
			1	*												
NR	1	1	11	*												
NR	1		5													
NR	2	1	18													
				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.										20		
				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.
NR24300	CAPT	HARRISON CV	1. JUST CORPS REG CAP	31.10.44.	EX HOSPITAL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 11 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
MAJ	123306	WINDYER	WV	Code	YES		
MAJ	123380	HILL	WJ	BL L	"		
CPT	226157	WINDLEY	WQ	BL L	"		
"	V11896	TAIT WILLS	E	SC	"		
S/MAJ	03864	GLADCOCK	D	SC L	"		
"	1231105	HAGGLES	WJ	IO	"		
CPT	1236673	SWAN	SE	IO	"		
"	1231340	HATH	HI	IO I	"		
LT	1234991	RYAN	JV	IO II	"		
"	038990	GILLES	WV	IO III	"		
CAPT	1238879	EVANS	DB	LIO	"		
CAPT	1237444	HANVIX	JS	BASED	"		
LT	V17411	WILSON	LS	SC	"		
"	1230475	PATRICK	HD	AD	"		
LT	123056	HARLAND	J	IO	"		
CAPT	1234900	HAMMOND	GV	GLAP	NO	DET 2/15 In	31.10.44.
"	0347973	LARR	GG	"	"	DET 2/15 In	9.6.44.
"	038994	LARSON	H	"	"	DET 2/17 In	19.5.44.

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.
LT	1230334	MURRAY J		2/15 In 1.11.44. IO	

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander *[Signature]* CPT

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / 11 / 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, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	2	NR	Woodturners				NON SPECIALISTS			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								DRIVERS HT 10 12			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								SIG ORD'S 9 7 N			
Fitters				Driver-Operator								HYG DUT'S 1 1			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								WAT DUT'S 2 2			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								GEN DUT'S 5 5			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								BATTEN 13 12 N			
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				CSI 1 1			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				CSIS 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				" BATTEN 2 2			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	NR	Coach Trimmers				AMC ORD 2 1			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AMC AN IX 2 -			
Mechanics, Radio				Joiners				Cooks				" BATTEN 1 1			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman				Cooks				AASC CLERK 1 1			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				" BATTEN 1 - N			
Millwrights				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACHD			
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				BATTEN 3 - N			
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Mechanics				ABIE 3 2 N			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photowriter				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Moulders				Farriers							
Surveyors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	9	7	NR	CARRIED FORWARD	15	12	NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	69	* 1

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

4 - 11 - 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

W D [Signature]

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS
PARTICULARS OF NCOS

UNIT	RANK	WE	PS	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
INT DRAUGHTSMAN	CPL	1	1		
INT DUTIES	S SGT	1	1		
	CPL	1	1		
CLERKS	WO II	1	1		
AMENITIES	SJT	1	-		1
EDUCATION	SJT	1	-		1
	CPL	1	2	1	
TRANSPORT	SJT	1	1		
	CPL	1	1		
GENERAL DUTIES	CPL	2	2		
COOKS	CPL	1	-		1
CSM	WO II	1	1		
CQMS	S SGT	1	2	1	
<u>SERVICES</u>					
AASC	CPL	1	1		
AAMC	CPL	1	1		
AAOC	SJT	1	-		1
AALC	CPL	1	1		
ARME	SJT	1	-		1
		19	16	2	5

Reints. Required.

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

NO	RANK	NAME	TRADE	MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION
NX118629	S SGT	PACKETT GW	CQMS	A1
NX131026	CPL	QUEALY JB	CLERK	A1

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Partially Requested.

Rank	Name and Initials	Remarks (if known)

Reints. Required.

Reints. Required.

Reints. Required.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commanding Officer

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 20 JUST INF BDE 44 / 39 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/11/1944 (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
10	1	1	10 6	* Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
10	2	1	13													
				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.										10		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NR21195	Capt	DAB MAUGER	SRAC MAS	9/11/44	RECORDED AS G 2

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).

No. 20 4107 THE BDE Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 11 / 1944 (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.
Brigadier	HX 396	LINDSEY	WJV	COND	YES		
Major	HX 300	HILL	AF	HI	YES		
Captain	HX6157	WORTHLEY	HQ	HI(L)	YES		
Captain	VX11806	TAT WILLS	B	SC	YES		
T/Captain	OX 364	GLASCOU	D	SC(L)	YES		
Captain	HX66676	ST/CI	TE	TO	YES		
Captain	HX11840	HAIN	HI	LO I	YES		
Lt	HX14981	RYAN	JW	LO II	YES		
Lt	OX 2990	CHILDS	HW	LO III	NO	Det Camouflage Sch WONGABEL	4.11.44
Captain	HX33379	EVANS	DB	100	YES		
Captain	HX70144	HARVEY	JS	BAGCO	YES		
Lt	VX74111	HILLIS	LS	100	YES		
Lt	TX 2317	JENSEN	KF	Hyg 0	YES		
Lt	HX39476	PATERSON	HB	40	YES		
Lt	HX33056	HARLAND	J	10	YES		
Captain	HX34000	HAROLD	GH	Q1/P	NO	Det 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	31.10.44
Captain	OX3975	LARK	GG	Q1/P	NO	Det 2/15 Aust Inf Bn	9.6.44
Captain	OX3994	LAWRENCE	H	Q1/P		Det 2/17 Aust Inf Bn	10.5.44

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.
Lt	HX20004	MURRAY J	2/13 Bn	1.11.44	IO

Date of Despatch

Quince Colquhoun
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11 / 11 / 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.
				B/P/nd	8	8	-	B/P/nd	9	10	-	B/P/nd	15	14	NR
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	4		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								NON SPECIALISTS			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Drivers MT	10	12	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Sig Ord's	9	7	NR
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Hyg Dut's	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Wat Dut's	1	1	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Gen Dut's	5	5	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								Batmen	13	13	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				OSI	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers				CGMS	1	2	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks				SERVICES			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply	6	4	NR	AASG Clerk	1	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical				NR B'men	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners	4	4		Coach Trimmers				AAG Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				AAG AnnBm	1	-	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				" B'men	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AALG Clerk	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				" B'men	1	-	NR
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				XXXXXXXX			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				AACHD B'men	3	-	NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics				ARME	3	2	NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	9	10	-	CARRIED FORWARD	15	14	NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	69	63	* 1

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

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FIELD RETURN SOON TO BE PARTICULARS

UNIT RANK WE PS SURPLUS DEFICIENT

UNIT	RANK	WE	PS	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
INT DRAUGHTSMAN	CPL	1	1		
INT DUTIES	S/TJ	1	1		
	CPL	1	1		
CLERKS	WO II	1	1		
	SJT	1	1		
	SJT	1	1		
	CPL	1	1		
TRANSPORT	SJT	1	1		
	CPL	1	1		
GENERAL DUTIES	CPL	2	2		
COOKS	CPL	1	1		
CSM	WO II	1	1		
CQMS	S/TJ	1	2		
SERVICES					
AASC	CPL	1	2		
ANIC	CPL	1	1		
AACC	SJT	1	1		
ALC	CPL	1	1		
ARA	SJT	1	0		
		19	17	2	4

PARTICULARS OF PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

NO	RANK	NAME	TRADE	MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION
NX118629	S/SJT	PACKETT GW	CQMS	A1
NX11414	CPL	ENGLISH J	AASC	A1 (Being Transferred)

Part D - Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	Remarks (as present whereabouts if known)

Signature of Commanding Officer

Reprints Required.

NR

NR

NR

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 11 / 1944 (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 *									
			-	Lieut.-Colonels									
NR	1	-	1	Majors									
NR	1	1	10	Captains									
			6	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
NR	2	1	18										
		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		17									
		B		1									18
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/ 11/194 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				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	5	-	Woodturners				NON-SPECIALISTS			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Drivers MT	10	11	NR
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Sig Ord's	9	7	NR
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Hyg Dut's	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Wat Dut's	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Dut's	5	6	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Batmen	13	14	
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				CGIS	1	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	4	NR	SERVICES			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				AASC Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				" B'men	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4	-	Coach Trimmers				AMIC Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AAGC AnnExn	1	-	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				" B'men	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AALC Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				" B'men	1	-	NR
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAGHD B'men	3	-	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AIME	3	2	NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	9	9	-	CARRIED FORWARD	15	13	NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	63	1

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18 NOV
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 / 11 / 1944

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes rows for various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc.

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.

25 NOV 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/11/1944 (Unit)

W.E. 31/2/4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
NR	1		2	*												
			1	Brigadier*												
			1	Lieut.-Colonels												
NR	1	1	10	Majors												
NR	1	1	6	Captains												
				Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
NR	3	2	13													
				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)												13
				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).

Unit

(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1944 (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	AX 300	WINDHAMER	WV	COMD	YES		
Maj	AX 300	HILL	AF	IN	YES		
Capt	AX 6157	WINDHAMER	HO	21(1)	YES		
Capt	VX21906	WINDHAMER	B	30	YES		
T/Capt	AX 304	GLASSON	D	30(1)	YES		
Lt	AX20304	MURRAY	J	10	YES		
Capt	AX20070	WYLLIE	TE	30	YES		
Capt	AX21040	WYLLIE	HI	101	YES		
Lt	AX24001	WYLLIE	JH	1011	NO	det 26 Aust Inf Bde	13-11-44
Lt	AX 2000	WYLLIE	HT	1011	YES		
Capt	AX20370	WYLLIE	DD	200	YES		
Capt	AX20344	WYLLIE	JS	2000	YES		
Lt	VX24111	WYLLIE	LD	200	YES		
Lt	AX20470	WYLLIE	LD	20	YES		
Lt	AX20056	WYLLIE	J	10	YES		
Capt	AX20000	WYLLIE	GT	212	NO	det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	11-10-44
Capt	AX20070	WYLLIE	GS	212	NO	det 2/25 Aust Inf Bn	2-6-44
Capt	AX20004	WYLLIE	H	212	NO	det 2/27 Aust Inf Bn	13.6.44

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.
Maj	VX 7619	WINDHAMER	26 Aust Inf Bde	13-11-44	

Date of Despatch

W. Windhamer
Signature of Commander

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: SUPPLY OF LIQUOR - ISSUES IN EXCESS OF NORMAL RATION ENTITLEMENT



Hq 9 Aust Div
Ref: Q7/2/518
27 Nov 44.

Herewith copy of letter which has been received from GOC 1 Aust Corps, which is forwarded for information:-

"1. During the course of the past months numerous applications have been received from formations and units of 1 Aust Corps requesting approval for excess liquor issues over and above the normal weekly ration entitlement.

2. In practically all instances the requests have been made to enable functions or celebrations of varying types to be held without having to cut into the normal weekly liquor ration of those participating. In the majority of cases the scale of issue requested has been excessive and out of all proportion to the number of personnel involved.

3. At the present time the commitments of Aust Army Canteen Services insofar as they affect 1 Aust Corps are:-

(a) WITHIN AUSTRALIA

- (i) Provision of normal weekly ration entitlement of liquor and canteen goods for all ranks.
- (ii) Provision of a special Xmas ration (one bottle beer per all ranks, and corresponding canteen goods in proportion).

(b) AFTER DEPARTURE

- (i) Provision of full scale canteen facilities (including liquor) for period formations are in Staging Areas.
- (ii) Provision for adequate reserves of liquor and canteen goods to be held in Staging Areas against contingencies.

4. The building up of stocks to enable fulfillment of the above commitment in all its phases is imposing a severe strain on slender canteen resources held in the ATHERTON - CAIRNS Area, and in addition is already necessitating the withholding, or withdrawal, of liquor stocks originally intended for consumption by troops located in NORTHERN TERRITORY, NEW GUINEA, and other areas.

5. Having regard to the above, it will be appreciated that stocks to provide excess issues of liquor over and above the normal weekly ration just do not exist, and that the availability of an additional ration at Xmas, and the provision of full scale facilities later in the Staging Areas, depend very definitely on the forbearance of formations and units whilst in their present locations."

DISTRIBUTION:

LIST A

[Signature]
Lt-Col
AA & AG 9 Aust Div

Subject; MESSING DIV EXERCISE "FLAMINGO"



HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: Q16/1/491
23 Nov 44.

The following copy of the report of Div Catering Adviser on Messing during the recent Divisional Exercise is forwarded for information

"1. During the Div exercise the majority of the units were inspected once and in some cases twice. The following report is submitted for information:-

2. Rations were of good quality, and the quantity appeared to be ample if properly handled. Majority of units prepared meals from ration & SRA only. Brigade HQs had some difficulty with quantity owing to the number of visitors for meals. A request was made for an issue of extra rations, also it was requested that a number of Operation Rations be made available to Staff Capt, to be issued to men who come in at all hours for meals.

3. Meals prepared were on the average quite good. At least two hot meals per day were served. In cases where the standard was not very high, the main trouble appeared to be:

(a) Shortage of equipment necessary for preparing palatable and satisfying meals, i.e. Soyer stoves taken in preference to Fowler Stoves.

This means that cooking is restricted to, Boiled Meals, Stews, Curries. With sweets cooking is restricted to, Boiled Rice, Custards Stewed Fruits etc.

This type of cooking is most unsatisfactory and becomes very monotonous if meals of this nature are served for long periods, also certain commodities on issue such as flour cannot be used to the best advantage, or the full ration used.

Units who carried Fowler Stoves did a considerable amount of baking - Apple pies, Jam tarts and also made pasties, jam turnovers etc., which was carried on the man for luncheon meal. This is far more satisfactory than issuing Bully Beef, Bread, Butter etc for each meal.

Meals prepared by units with Fowler Stoves were far more satisfactory than meals prepared by units with Soyer stoves, Dixies etc.

It is recommended that where possible, one Fowler stove per coy kitchen be carried as the size of these stoves is not much greater than the Soyer Stove, and there is the added advantage of/other cooking utensils in the oven space. packing

(b) Indefinite time of moving B Ech and the short time allowed to prepare the first meal after setting up kitchen in the new area. One B Ech was moved 7 times in 3 days. This does not allow sufficient time for the preparation of satisfactory meals.

In some cases it was found more satisfactory to leave the Baking Section of the Kitchen at previous B Ech site. This would be brought forward to the new site when baking was completed.

Some units found it was satisfactory to brigade all Coy kitchens. This has many advantages:-

- (i) All cooks are under strict supervision of WO Caterer.
- (ii) Same meal can be prepared for all Coys.

In some cases it was found that the meal at one coy kitchen was not up to the standard of those prepared in other kitchens in the Bn.

(c) Transport was a problem with most units. Units found it very difficult to shift sufficient equipment to do a satisfactory job. This trouble was due mainly because the wrong type of equipment was carried. Some units carried large fly-proof meat safes. This is unnecessary as a satisfactory meat cover can be made from hessian, and takes up very little room. Whilst it is felt that more transport would be a big advantage, it is considered that transport available at present could be used to better advantage if a definite type and scale of equipment was carried by all units. Small units did not have the same difficulties as Inf Bn etc.

(d) Preparation of breakfast meal in some units was not satisfactory. This was due mainly to lack of thought or knowledge indicated by the acceptance of certain commodities as definitely to be prepared for breakfast, instead of treating the total day's issue collectively with a view to increasing variety and distributed bulk. Bacon in the majority of instances was presented only as fried bacon with potatoes for breakfast but could have been utilised for luncheon or evening meals on occasions by at least two other methods:-

(i) Partly cooked, dipped in batter and then fried. Cold meat may also be treated in this manner to add bulk variety, at the same time converting a cold meal into a hot meal.

(ii) By improving other commodities for breakfasts and saving sufficient bacon to roll, boil and serve as a cold meal for luncheon, or for the evening meal.

(iii) Various types of rissoles can be prepared from minced bacon, rice, minced cooked blue boiler peas, leftover meals, vegetables. These provide an excellent breakfast. Cheese fritters and rarebit added to the breakfast provide added bulk and a means of utilising surplus cheese stocks.

More consideration should be given to the breakfast meal because this meal is only supplemented by porridge, whereas other meals can be built up with soups sweets etc. To increase the bulk, breakfast should be the first meal arranged out of the ration.

4. Hygiene was reasonably good, but more attention should be given to the disposal of kitchen refuse, also personal hygiene of cooks and kitchen personnel.

5. The following instructions are not being carried out by units:

Potato Peelings: GRO Q610/42 states that potatoes must be scrubbed and cooked in their jackets. The part immediately under the skin is a principal source of Vitamin "C". Frequently this order is disobeyed and much of the potato is wasted by careless peeling. Also sound tubers are thrown into the garbage can by weary "spud barbers", who sometimes reduce their task by disposing of them in this manner. The loss in bulk when potatoes are peeled before cooking is 17 lbs in the 100 lbs whereas the loss is negligible when peeled after cooking. Naturally when potatoes are of poor quality, it is necessary to peel them before cooking. This must be left to the discretion of the NCO i/c of kitchen.

Mashed potatoes should be first cooked in their jackets, peeled and then mashed. For chip potatoes it is unnecessary to peel the potatoes as the amount of peel on each chip when cooked is not noticeable or objectionable.

Fresh Apples It was observed that fresh apples issued to units were peeled and cooked. This is not desirable as sufficient tinned and dried fruits are issued for stewing, pies etc. When fresh fruit is issued, it should be issued to the troops and consumed in its raw state.

(3)


Blue Boiler Peas Very few are being served as a vegetable. The practice of making soup with this commodity should not be encouraged. Unless they are served as a vegetable, units will find difficulty in serving sufficient bulk and variety in vegetables with meals.

6. Hydro Burners were used by some units. These were reasonably satisfactory, but do not operate efficiently on Diesoline. More heat can be produced when Power Kero or Petrol is used. A number of burners did not work satisfactorily owing to leaking joints etc. It is recommended that all burners, held by units, be tested before being used in the field so that necessary adjustments can be made, thus preventing delay in preparation of meals in the field while adjustments are made.

Cooks require more training in the use of these burners. It is recommended that WO caterers or senior NCO cook in units give demonstrations in the use of these burners."

DISTRIBUTION:

LIST B


Lt-Col
AA & CMG 9 Aust Div



Subject: ASC SUMMARY EXERCISE'S FLAMINGO

myvw

HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: *015/1502*
22 Nov 44.

- 20 AUST INF BDE ✓
- 24 AUST INF BDE
- 26 AUST INF BDE

The following extracts from a report submitted by CASC 9 Aust Div on Exercise FLAMINGO are forwarded for information:-

- "1. It was obvious from this exercise that the real answer to the transport problems within the Bn etc is that these units should have on their WET of the unit a sufficient number of vehicles to carry out the A and B echelon tasks. the attachment of ASC Vehicles and drivers does not assist good teamwork within the Bn etc as drivers are very often detached to a different unit every couple of days, thus practice and procedure of any one Bn etc is not automatic with these drivers as it would be if the Bn's own personnel were operating their own vehicles.
2. If, as at present, ASC vehicles are to be attached to units of the Bde Gp, it must be appreciated that the maintenance of these vehicles is the responsibility of the Coy Comd, and it will be necessary for the Tpt Pl Comd to closely liaise with the T Os of Bde and units to which these vehicles are attached. The maintenance of ASC vehicles must be given as much attention by the Bn etc Comd as their own vehicles.
3. It is recommended that every endeavour should be made to have ASC vehicles released at the earliest possible moment by units in order that the Bde Comd's pool of transport is at all times under the command of his ASC Coy Comd.
4. The lack of communication between CASC and Bde Coys leaves the Div Staff very often without exact information as to the locations and holdings of Coys. It is not expected that the AASC will be equipped with W/Ts as is the case in the RASC, but it is felt that line communications through the Bde Switchboards are a definite necessity.
5. The establishment of forward APs carrying SAA and the main AP carrying 25 pdr and a small quantity of SAA worked quite well and saved transport, particularly in the case of supplying ammunition to the guns. This is normal practice but it is not always observed."

[Signature]
AA 9 Aust Div Lt-Col

SUBJECT : RETURN OF STORES ON WET NOT REQUIRED BY UNITS

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Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde
A202/
14 Nov 44

9 Aust Div

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Item	Quantity	Bde Hq	Sig Sec	LAD	Inf Bn	Reason why to be returned	Whether recommen- -ded permanently be deleted from WET
AA Sec A1							
0130 Belts Linesman <i>(not held)</i>					19 ✓	not used	yes
Carriers Mag SMG Aust <i>(not held)</i>		15			109 ✓	"	"
✓ Cases Binocular with sling <i>(absorbed as normal replacements)</i>					12 ✓	"	"
✓ Covers Mess Tin Quart Pot Type		68			822 ✓	not required	"
✓ Mess Tins Quart Pot Type		68			822 ✓	"	"
Covers Mess Tin quart Pot Type		15					
Mess Tins Quart Pot Type		15					
0765 Covers Mess Tin OP		3					
1860 Tins Mess DS OP		3					
1978 ✓ Whistles Arty		27			37 ✓	"	"
1161 lanterns Whistle <i>(not held)</i>		2			2	"	"
1483 Pouches Ann Pistol (US Patt 37) <i>(absorbed as normal replacements)</i>					12 ✓	"	"
Sec A2							
Gas Stores						Delete entire section - to be held in Div pool or as theatre stores	
Sec B1 and B2							
8094 Rifle Boys Mk 1 and all associated stores 2 <i>(no longer on W.S.I.)</i>							yes
Sec C1							
6096 ✓ Boxes Mag Bren .303 MG Mk 1		2			41 ✓	"	"
✓ Holdalls Bren					27	"	"
6221 ✓ Mags Bren .303		26			25 ✓	"	"
8877 ✓ Mountings Tripod Bren <i>(not req'd quarterly tpt)</i>				1	5	subject to present scale tpt	
0260 ✓ Fillers MG Mk 1					4 ✓	not required	Yes
0261 ✓ Clips					4 ✓	"	"
0262 ✓ Screw Clips					4 ✓	"	"
9295 ✓ Mountings Tripod Radial AA					1 ✓	"	"
0020 ✓ Boxes Belt Vickers .303 MG					1 ✓	"	"
✓ Sights AA Vickers prs					1 ✓	"	"
0040 Belts .303 250 rds Mk 1 <i>(already returned) (16 only held)</i>					48 ✓	"	"
0063 Boxes Belts Vickers .303 MG No 8 Mk 1 <i>(16 only held)</i>					40 ✓	"	"
Sec C3							
Binoculars (Aust)							

Item	Qty	sig	sec	LAD	Inf Bn	Reason why to be returned	Whether recommended permanently be deleted from WB
Sec F							
✓ Files smooth flat 6"	33					50 ✓ Not required	Yes
6011--Blocks-1 1/2-oz						2	2
6997--Greubars-3 1/2						2	"
1688-----1-----5 1/2						2	"
1830--Perges-24-Hy						2	"
2005--Kits-Tool-(rust)-Blacksmiths						2	"
Sec J1							
✓ Axes Felling				4		"	"
0940 ✓ Hooks Bill	1					6 ✓	"
✓ Saw folding	(10 to be held)					33 ✓	"
Sec J2							
✓ Insulators Containers Cooking Aust	(neg to me/ann 26)					14	but if tpt increases can use 36 ✓
✓ Containers Cooking 3 Gall	" " " 72)					28	" " " " " 72 ✓ 22 24
✓ Pans frying Rect Aust	4					36 ✓	not required yes
✓ Stands Cooking Folding	(use present holdings dilution from W & J)					822 ✓	"
Sec KE							
2854 ✓ Hooks Reaping large						6 ✓	"
Sec KF							
2871 ✓ Implements Butchers Cases wood filled	1					4	2 only necessary
2873 ✓ Holdalls						3	2 " " "
3011 ✓ Knives Butchers Cutting						4	2 " " "
✓ Wheat Gristing Aust Machines	3	2	1			19	not required
✓ Saws Butchers Bow						3	2 only required
4826 ✓ Steelyards						6	1 " " "
5000 ✓ Strainers Gravy Conical						11	10 " " "
Sec KH							
✓ Carts Hand Jungle Aust						6	16 only considered necessary
Sec KI							
36--attachment-sub-calibre-external-Bron							
Sec V2							
0640 ✓ Compasses magnetic pocket Mk 1	6					36	most unreliable
Sec V5							
✓ V80011 Boards Map Comd						2	not required
05406 ✓ Periscopes No 18 Mk 1	2					6	" " "
✓ " Pocket No 1						30	" " "
✓ Telescope Scout Regt						36	these are not required until No 3 Mk 1 rifle issued
Sec V6							
✓ 05769A Stands Instrument No 21 Mk 1						4	2 only required yes
2V24R Telescoped Sigs			2			4	not required
Sec V2							
✓ Cases Maps No 2 Special	5						Not required

Item	Bde HQ	Sig Sec	LAD	Inf Bn	Reason why to be returned	Whether recommended permanently be deleted from WE
<u>Sec V2 Continued</u>						
0582	Compasses Drawing Pen bow spring operation-68	1			not required	yes
1360	Protractors 9"	1			" "	"
1510	Rulers parallel common 6"	2			" "	"
2114	Straight edges 36 "	1			" "	"
	T Square 45"	1			" "	"
<u>Sec W1</u>						
WA0702	Augers earth 8" Mk1	(not held)		1	" "	"
0706	Handles 3" Mk 1 spare	(")		1	" "	"
7176	✓ Gloves wiring prs			38 ⁵⁰	" "	"
WA1020	✓ Cutters wire folding	9	22		" "	"
<u>Sec X</u>						
<u>YA</u>						
0113	Apparatus linesman-feeding-in Aerial Sigs Strips	(not available for return)		30	" "	"
0716	✓ Linesman Safety	(can be used for long)		2 ³	1 Only Required	"
1487				6	not required	"
YAA113	✓ Boxes Terminal Sig Off Mk1 Aust	(not shown on list)		1	" "	"
YAA 208	✓ Connections 5 pr No 1 Red Aust	(")		1	" "	"
YAA 207	✓ " " " " Black Aust	(")		1	" "	"
419	✓ Fullerphones MkIV Special Aust			2	2 only considered necessary	
452	Head-brest-sets-No-2-Aust					
YA0712	✓ Heliographs 5" Mk V (not on W.S.S)	(6 shown on list)		4	not required	" (2 only reqd)
0984	✓ Lamps Sig daylight short range			4	4 only required	"
YA1061	✓ Mattocks telegraph eqpt	(absorbed as replacements)		3	not required	"
1064	✓ Helves spare	(absorbed as replacements)		2	not required	"
2309	✓ Microphone respirator No 2			12	Carried in Div pool or theatre stores	
1155	✓ Pipes earth Mk III			4	not required	"
1155	✓ Pins earth small	(not shown on list)		12	10 Only considered necessary	22 off
1518	✓ Straps	(absorbed)		2	not required	"
2231	✓ Superimposing unit 3 transform			1	not required	"
<u>CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES</u>						
<u>Sec 2</u>						
	✓ Armlets Dark Green plain (NIV)			1	not required	"
	✓ Intelligence Inf Bn (NIV)			10	" "	"
	✓ Signallers			54	10 only required	"
<u>Sec 4</u>						
345A	✓ Capes Machine Gunners			4	not required	"
	Hats Drill khaki	18			" "	"
	Jumpers working dress	27			" "	"
	Trousers M/C WP	9	(if M/C are on issue present scale to remain			
	Helmets Crash	6	" " " "			
<u>Sec 5</u>						
	✓ Glasses Gas	37		138		

ITEM	Bde Hq	Sig Sec	LAD	Inf Bn	Reason why to be returned	Whether recommended permanently to be deleted from WE
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Sec 5 (cont)

714	✓	Hoods Gas	4			
715	✓	Jackets Gas light	4	46 ✓	To be carried in Div pool or theatre stores	
717	✓	Overboots gas prs	4	46 ✓		
718	✓	Trousers gas light	4	46 ✓		

Sec 8

1008		Gloves gauntlet prs	18	(if M/C issued an additional pr per M/C)		
	✓	Gloves Machine gunners	4		not required	yes

Acad-supply

Outfit-First-aid-individual

MISCELLANEOUS

Barrows Drum WD Mk11 Aust	1				not required	yes
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0130 Belts Linesman					19	not used	yes
Carriers Mag SMG Aust		15			109	"	"
Cases Binocular with sling					12	"	"
Covers Mess Tin Quart Pot Type		68			822	not required	"
Mess Tins Quart Pot Type		68			822	"	"
Covers Mess Tin quart Pot Type		15					
Mess Tins Quart Pot Type		15					
0765 Covers Mess Tin OP		3					
1860 Tins Mess DS OP		3					
1978 Whistles Arty		27			37	"	"
1161 Lanyards Whistle		24			32	"	"
1483 Pouches Amn Pistol (WE Patt 37)					12	"	"
Sec A2							
Gas Stores						Delete entire section - to be held in Div pool or as theatre stores	
Sec B1 and B2							
8094 Rifle Boys Mk 1 and all associated stores 2							yes
Sec C1							
6096 Boxes Mag Bren .303 MG Mk 1		2			41	"	"
6221 Mags Bren .303		26			205	"	"
8877 Mountings Tripod Bren				1	5	subject to present scale tpt	
0260 Fillers MG Mk 1					4	not required	Yes
0261 Clips					4	"	"
0262 Screw Clips					4	"	"
9295 Mountings Tripod Radial AA					1	"	"
0020 Boxes Belt Vickers .303MG					1	"	"
Sights AA Vickers pre					1	"	"
0040 Belts .303 250 rds Mk 1					48	"	"
0063 Boxes Belts Vickers .303 MG No 8 Mk 1					40	"	"
Sec C3							
Bicycles (Aust)					-		

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Sec F						
Files smooth flat 6"	33			50	Not required	Yes
0011--Blocks-1 1/2-cwt				X	X	X
0997--Growthers-3 1/2"				X	"	"
1000-----"-----5 1/2"				X	"	"
1830--Forges-Fd-Hy				X	"	"
2005--Kite-Tool-(Aust)-Blacksmiths				X	"	"
Sec J1						
Axes Felling			4		"	"
0940 Hooks Bill	1			6	"	"
Saw folding				33	"	"
Sec J2						
Insulators Containers Cooking Aust				14	but if tpt increases can use	36
Containers Cooking 3 Gall				28	" " " " " "	72 22 24
Pans frying Rect Aust	4			36	not required	yes
Stands Cooking Folding				822	"	"
Sec KE						
2854 Hooks Reaping large				6	"	"
Sec KF						
2871 Implements Butchers Cases wood filled	1	(keep contents only)		4	2 only necessary	"
2873 Holdalls				3	2 " " "	"
3011 Knives Butchers Cutting				4	2 " " "	"
Wheat Gristing Aust Machines	3	2	1	19	not required	"
Saws Butchers Bow				3	2 only required	"
4826 Stealyards				6	1 " " "	"
5000 Strainers Gravy Conical				11	10 " " "	"
Sec KH						
Carts Hand Jungle Aust				6	16 only considered necessary	
Sec-K1						
36---Attachment-sub-calibre-external-Bren						
Sec V2						
0640 Compasses magnetic pocket Mk 1	6			36	most unreliable	"
Sec V5						
VE0011 Boards Map Comd				2	not required	"
05406 Periscopes No 18 Mk 1	2			6	" " "	"
" Pocket No 1				30	" " "	"
Telescope Scout Regt				36	these are not required until No 3 Mk 1 rifle issued	
Sec V6						
05769A Stands Instrument No 21 Mk1				4	2 only required	yes
2VE4MR Telescopes Sigs		2		4	not required	"
Sec V2						
Cases Maps No 2 Special	5				Not required	"

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<u>Sec V2 Continued</u>						
0582 Compasses Drawing Pen bow spring propertion-6B	1				not required	yes
1360 Protractors 9"	1				" "	"
1510 rulers parallel common 6"	2				" "	"
2114 Straight edges 36 "	1				" "	"
T Square 45"	1				" "	"
<u>Sec W1</u>						
WAO702 Augers earth 8" Mk1				1	" "	"
0706 Handles 8" Mk 1 spare				1	" "	"
7176 Gloves wiring prs				30	" "	"
WAO20 Cutters wire folding	9	22			" "	"
<u>Sec X</u>						
070 apparatus linesman-feeding-in						
0113 Aerial Sigs Strips				30	" "	"
0716 Linesman Safety				2	1 Only Required	"
1487				6	not required	"
YAA113 Boxes Terminal Sig Off MkII Aust				1	" "	"
YAA 208 Connections 5 pr No 1 Red Aust				1	" "	"
YAA 207 " " " " Black Aust				1	" "	"
419 Fullerphones MkIV Special Aust				2	2 only considered necessary	
452 Head-brest-sets-No-2-Aust						
YAO712 Heliographs 5" Mk V				4	not required	"
0984 Lamps Sig daylight short range				4	4 only required	"
YAO61 Mattocks telegraph eqpt				3	not required	"
1064 Helves spare				2	not required	"
2309 Microphone respirator No 2				12	Carried in Div pool or theatre stores	
1155 Pipes earth Mk III				4	not required	"
1155 Pins earth small				12	10 Only considered necessary	
1518 Straps				2	not required	"
2231 Superimposing unit 3 transform				1	not required	"
<u>CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES</u>						
<u>Sec 2</u>						
Armbands Dark Green plain (NIV)				1	not required	"
Intelligence Inf Bn (NIV)				10	" "	"
Signallers				54	10 only required	"
<u>Sec 4</u>						
345A Capes Machine Gunners				4	not required	"
Hats Drill Khaki	18				" "	"
Jumpers working dress	27				" "	"
Trousers M/C WP	9				(if M/C are on issue present scale to remain	
Helmets Crash	6				" " " "	"
<u>Sec 5</u>						

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Sec 5 (cont)

714	Hoods Gas				To be carried in Div pool or theatre stores	
715	Jackets Gas light	4		46		
717	Overboots gas prs	4		46		
718	Trousers gas light	4		46		

Sec 8

1008	Gloves gauntlet prs	18	(if M/C issued an additional pr per M/C)			
	Gloves Machine gunners		4		not required	yes

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MISCELLANEOUS

	Barrows Drum WD Mk11 Aust	1			not required	yes
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<u>AA Sec A1</u>							
✓ 0130 Belts Linesman					19	not used	yes <i>holding 27.</i>
Carriers Mag MG Aust		15	<i>None held</i>		109	"	" <i>(none held)</i>
Cases Binocular with sling					12	"	" <i>(return A202 lines)</i>
✓ Covers Mess Tin Quart Pot Type		68			822	not required	"
✓ Mess Tins Quart Pot Type		68			822	"	"
Covers Mess Tin quart Pot Type		15					
Mess Tins quart Pot Type		15					
0765 Covers Mess Tin CP		3					
1860 Tins Mess DS CP		3					
× 1978 Whistles Arty		27	<i>Required</i>		37	"	" <i>(holding 87)</i>
× 1161 Lanyards Whistle		27	<i>None held</i>		27	"	" <i>(none held)</i>
× 1483 Pouches Ann Pistol (WE Patt 37)			<i>Required</i>		12	"	"
<u>Sec A2</u>							
Gas Stores							Delete entire section - to be held in Div pool or as theatre stores
<u>Sec B1 and B2</u>							
8094 Rifle Boys Mk 1 and all associated stores 2							yes
<u>Sec C1</u>							
× 6096 Boxes Mag Bren .303 MG Mk 1		2	<i>Required</i>		42	"	" <i>(67 held)</i>
✓ 6221 Mags Bren .303		26			205	"	" <i>(1025 held)</i>
8877 Mountings Tripod Bren			<i>Required</i>	1	5	subject to present scale tpt	
✓ 0260 Fillers MG Mk 1					4	not required	Yes
✓ 0261 Clips					4	"	"
✓ 0262 Screw Clips					4	"	"
✓ 9295 Mountings Tripod Radial AA					1	"	"
✓ 0020 Boxes Belt Vickers .303MG					1	"	"
✓ Sights AA Vickers pre					1	"	"
✓ 0040 Belts .303 250 rds Mk 1					48	"	"
✓ 0063 Boxes Belts Vickers .303 MG No 8 Mk 1					40	"	"
<u>Sec C2</u>							
Bicycles (Aust)					-		

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Sec F						
Files smooth flat 6"	33	<i>Required</i>		50	Not required	Yes
Coat-Blocks-1 1/2-cwt				X	X	X
0997-Crowbars-3 1/2c				X	"	"
1000-----"-----5 1/2c				X	"	"
1030-Forges-Fa-Hy				X	"	"
2005-Kit-Tool-(inst)-Blacksmiths				X	"	"
Sec J1						
Axes Felling			4		"	"
✓ 0940 Hooks Bill	1			6	"	"
Saw folding		<i>none held</i>		33	"	" (<i>none held</i>)
Sec J2						
✓ Insulators Containers Cooking Aust		<i>agreed</i>		14	but if tpt increases can use 36	
✓ Containers Cooking 3 Gall				28	" " " " " "	72 22 24
✓ Pans frying Rect Aust	4			36	not required	yes
✓ Stands Cooking Folding				822	"	"
Sec J3						
✓ 2854 Hooks Reaping large				6	"	"
Sec KF						
✗ 2871 Implements Butchers Cases wood filled		<i>Empty.</i>		4	2 only necessary	" (<i>1 held</i>)
✗ 2873 Holdalls				3	2 " "	" (<i>1 held</i>)
✗ 3011 Knives Butchers Cutting		<i>required</i>		4	2 " "	" (<i>6 held</i>)
✓ Wheat Gristing Aust Machines	3	2	1	19	not required	" (<i>7 only held</i>)
✓ Saws Butchers Bow				3	2 only required	" (<i>holding 5</i>)
4826 Steelyards		<i>none held</i>		6	1 " "	" (<i>none held</i>)
✓ 5000 Strainers Gravy Conical				11	10 " "	" (<i>return holding 25</i>)
Sec KH						
Carts Hand Jungle Aust				6	16 only considered necessary	
Sec H3						
36-attachment-sub-calibre-external-Bren						
Sec V2						
✗ 0640 Compasses magnetic pocket Mk 1	6	<i>required</i>		36	most unreliable	"
Sec V5						
✗ V30011 Boards Map Cond		<i>off W.E.T.</i>		2	not required	" (<i>off W.E.T.</i>)
✗ 05406 Periscopes No 18 Mk 1	2	<i>required</i>		6	" "	"
✓ " Pocket No 1				30	" "	" (<i>14 held</i>)
✓ Telescope Scout Regt				36	these are not required until No 3 Mk 1 rifle issued	" (<i>11 held</i>)
Sec V6						
✓ 03769A Stands Instrument No 21 Mk1				4	2 only required	yes
✓ 2V24M2 Telescopes Sigs		2		4	not required	"
Sec V2						
Cases Maps No 2 Special	5				Not required	"

✓ YA1061 Mattocks telegraph eqpt
 ✓ 2064 Helves spare
 2309 Microphone respirator No 2 *required*
 1154 Ropes earth Mk III
 ✓ 1155 Pins earth small *not held*
 ✓ 1518 Straps
 ✓ 2231 Superimposing unit 3 transform

3 not required "
 2 not required "
 12 Carried in Div pool or theatre stores
 4 not required "
 12 10 Only considered necessary *(not held)*
 2 not required "
 1 not required "

CLOTHING AND NECESARIES

Sec 2

✓ Armlets Dark Green plain (NIV)
 ✓ Intelligence Inf Bn (NIV)
 ✓ Signallers

1 not required "
 10 " " "
 54 10 only required "

Sec 4

345A Capes Machine Gunners *not held*
 Hats Drill khaki 18
 Jumpers working dress 27
 Trousers M/C WP 9 (if M/C are on issue present scale to remain
 Helmets Crash 6 " " " "

4 not required " *(not held)*
 " " " "
 " " " "
 " " " "

Sec 5

✓ Gloves Gas 37

128 *(13 held)*

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<u>See V2 Continued</u>						
0582 Compasses Drawing Pen bow spring preperstien-6B	1				not required	yes
1360 Protractors 9"	1				" "	"
1510 Rulers parallel common 6"	2					
2114 Straight edges 36 "	1				" "	"
T Square 45"	1				" "	"
<u>See W1</u>						
WAO702 Augers earth 8" Mk1				1	" "	" (not held)
0706 Handles 8" Mk 1 spare				1	" "	" ..
7176 Gloves wiring prs				38	" "	" ..
WAL020 Cutters wire folding	9	22			" "	" ..
✓ <i>SEL W2</i> ✓ <i>Sec Y</i> YA STRIPS TERMINAL SPAS TERMINALS, INSTRUMENT SINGLE No.2.				2 30	" "	" ..
670 ---Apparatus-Linesman-Feeding-In						
✓ 0113 Aerial Sigs Strips				30	" "	" (holding etc)
✓ 0716 ^{BELTS} Linesman Safety				2	1 Only Required	" (holding 3)
✓ 1487 STANDS, LAMP, OR HELIOGRAPH "A" MK III				6	not required	" (holding 8)
✓ YAA113 Boxes Terminal Sig Off Mk11 Aust				1	" "	" returning 2
✓ YAA 208 Connections 5 pr No 1 Red Aust				1	" "	"
✓ YAA 207 " " " " Black Aust				1	" "	"
419 Fullerphones Mk1V Special Aust				2	2 only considered necessary	" (holding 4) required
452 ---Head-breast-sets-No-2-Aust						
YAO712 Heliographs 5" Mk V				4	not required	" (off w.e.t) required
✓ 0984 Lamps Sig daylight short range				4	4 only required	" (holding 8)

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Sec 5 (cont)

714	Hoods Gas	4				
✓ 715	Jackets Gas light	4		46) <i>Added.</i> To be carried in Div pool or theatre s stores	
× 717	Overboots gas prs	4		46		
× 718	Trousers gas light	4		46		

Sec 8

× 1008	Gloves gauntlet prs	18	(if M/C issued an additional pr per M/C			
✓	Gloves Machine gunners			4	not required	yes

AAMG-SUPPLY

Outfit-First-aid-individual

MISCELLANEOUS

✓	Barrows Drum WD Mk11 Aust		1		not required	yes
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2/17 Aust Inf. Bn.
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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>REASON WHY TO BE RETURNED</u>	<u>WHETHER REC. PERMANENTLY BE DELETED FROM WET</u>
<u>Section A-1</u>			
Covers Mess Tin-Quart pot type (Aust)	✓ 822 x	Tins Mess Rect. L.W. (Aust) is preferred	Yes.
Tins Mess, Quart-pot type (Aust)	✓ 822 x	as above.	Yes.
<u>Section C-1</u>			
Boxes Magazine Bren .303-in Mk.1	19 ?	Surplus to requirements	Yes.
Magazines Bren .303-in L.M.G. Mk.1	205 ?	Surplus to requirements	Yes.
Mountings Radial A/A.Vickers M.G.	1 ✓	Not required.	Yes.
<u>Section J-2</u>			
Pans Frying Rect. (Aust)	36 x	Unsuitable for Field Cooking	Yes.
Stands Cooking (Aust)	16 ✓	Surplus to requirements	Yes.
<u>Section KF</u>			
Implements, butchers Cases Wood Empty	4 x	It is considered that two cases filled are sufficient for all purposes	Yes.
Machines Wheat Gristing	19 x	No whole grain for gristing has been on issue either in N.G or Aust.	Yes.
<u>Section Y</u>			
Pipes Earth Mk.111	4 ✓	Not necessary	Yes.
Superposing Unit, 3-transformer	1 ✓	Not required	Yes.
Lamps Sig, daylight short range	4 ✓	Surplus to requirements	Yes.
Stands Lamp or Helio	4 x	Surplus to requirements	Yes.

ITEM	QUANTITY	REASON WHY TO BE RETURNED	WHETHER REC. PERMANENTLY BE DELETED FROM WET
<u>Section Y (Cont.)</u>			
Sticks Crook Jointed.	2 ✓	Not Required	Yes.
<u>Clothing 4</u>			
Gloves Machine Gunnars	4 ✓	Not essential	Yes.

Date _____

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Comm. 2/17 Aust Inf. Bn.

Lt-Col.

SUBJECT : RETURN OF STORES ON WET NOT REQUIRED BY UNITS

HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Ref Q 2 / - / 120
11 Nov 44

20 Aust Inf Bde

Ref your signal A652 of 9 Nov and 9 Aust Div Q21/4/446 of 7 Nov 44, the following return is submitted:-

Cat No	Designation	Entitle ment	Perm Return	Temp Return	Reason for Return
<u>AA Section A1</u>					
0130	Belts Linesman	27	27	✓	Not used
	✓ Carriers Mag SMG Aust ✓	109	109	✓	Not used
	✓ Cases Binocular with sling	✓ 12	12	✓	Not used
0651	Cases Pistol Signal	12	?		Not used
	✓ Cases Mess Tin (Quart pot type)	✓ 822	822	✓	Not required (Have not been drawn by this unit)
1483	Pouches Ann Pistol (WE patt 37)	✓ 12	12	✓	Not required
	✓ Tins Mess Quartpot (Aust)	✓ 822	822	✓	Not required (Have not been drawn by this unit)
1978	Whistles arty	✓ 87	87	✓	Not required
<u>Section A2</u>					
	Gas Stores				Suggest be carried in Div pool or Theatre Stores
<u>Section C1</u>					
BE					
6066	Boxes Mag Bren .303 MG Mk 1 ✓	✓ 82		✓ 4	41 ONLY REQUIRED
8827					
6221	Mag Bren .303 ✓	1025	205	✓ 12 per gun	Return Mags 12 per gun
8877	Mountings Tripod Bren ✓	5		5	Subject to present scale tpt

at No	Designation	(2) Entitle ment	Perm Return	Temp R turn	Reason for Return
<u>Section C 1</u>					
0260	Fillers MG Mk 1	4	4 ✓		Not required
0261	Clips	4	4 ✓		" "
0262	Screws Clip	4	4 ✓		" "
9295	Mountings Tripod Radial AA	1	1 ✓		" "
0020	Boxes Belt Vickers .303MG	1	1 ✓		" "
	Sights AA Vickers pas	1	1 ✓		" "
0040	Belts .303 250 rds Mk 1	64	64 ✓		" "
0063	Boxes Belt Vickers .303 MG No8 Mk1	56	56 ✓		" "
FAA	<u>Section F</u>				
0003	Anvils 1 - 1/2 cwt	50 1	50 ✓ X	1	Cannot be carried on present scale tpt
0011	Blocks 1 - 1/2 cwt	1		1	" " " " " "
0997	Crowbars 3' 6"	13		7	" " " " " "
1000	" 5' 6"	1		1	" " " " " "
1830	Forges Fd Hy Kits Tool Aust	1		1	" " " " " "
2005	KITS TOOL (AUST) Blacksmith's	1		1	" " " " " "
<u>Section J1</u>					
0940	Hooks Bill <i>30W Folding</i>	6 45	6 ✓ 35 ✓		Not required
<u>Section J2</u>					
	Insulators Containers Cooking Aust	36	14	18	<i>but</i> If tpt increased can use 36
	Containers Cooking 3 Gall	72	28	36	" " " " 72
	Pans Frying Rect Aust	36	36 ✓		Not required

Cat No	Designation	Entitle ment	Perm Return	Temp Return	Reason for return
	<u>Section J2</u>				
	Stands Cooking Folding (Aust)	822	822 ✓		Not required
	Plates Baffle	12	12		" "
	Stoves Camp Portable (Fowlertype)	11		9 ✓	Present tpt NOT sufficient to carry full entitlement
	<u>Section KA</u>				
	Blocks Chopping Circ (Aust)	1	1 ✓		NOT REQUIRED
2854	<u>Section KE</u>				
	Hooks reaping large	6	6 ✓		Not required
3665	Measures oil, 1 pint	1	1		" "
3667	" " 1/2 pint	1	1		" "
	<u>SECTION KF</u>				
0043	Balances spring - 50lb	5		5	Not required in action
0721	Bowls hand	15		15	" " " "
	Implements Butchers				
2871	Cases wood filled	6	4 ✓		2 only necessary
2873	Holdalls	5	3 ✓		2 " "
3011	Knives Butchers cutting	6	4 ✓		2 " "
	Machines mincing small	10		10	Not required in action
	" Wheat gisting (Aust)	19	19 ✓		Not required at all
	Saws butchers bow	5	3 ✓		2 only required
4826	Steelyards	7	6 ✓		1 Only required
5000	Strainers gravy conical	23	13 ✓		10 only required

Cat No	Designation	Entitle ment	(4) Perm Return	Temp return	Reason for return
<u>SECTION KH</u>					
	Carts hand jungle (Aust)	22	6 ?		16 only considered necessary (Not held)
<u>SECTION M3</u>					
36	Attachment sub calibre external Bren	1		1	Not used in action (")
<u>SECTION V2</u>					
0640	Compasses magnetic pocket Mk V1	72	36 ✓ 72		Most unreliable
<u>SECTION V5</u>					
VE 0011	Boards map Comds	2	2 ✓		Not required
05406 GA	Periscopes No 18 Mk 1	6	6 ✓		" "
	" Pocket No 1	44	44 ✓		" "
	Telescope Scout Regt	36	36 ✓		" " These are not require until No 3 Mk 1 rifle issued.
<u>SECTION V6</u>					
OS11797	Protractors RA 6"	4	4		" "
OS11798	" " 9"	1	1		" "
OS11811	Scales arty No 3	1	1		" "
OS769A	Stands instrument No 21 Mk 1	6	4 ✓		2 only required
2VE4MR	Telescopes Sigs	6	4 ✓		2 only required
<u>SECTION W1</u>					
WA 0702	Augers earth 8" Mk 1 (SPARE)	1	1 ✓		Not required
0706	Handles ^{8"} Mk 1 (Spare)	1	1 ✓		" "
7176	Gloves wiring hrs	50	38 ✓		

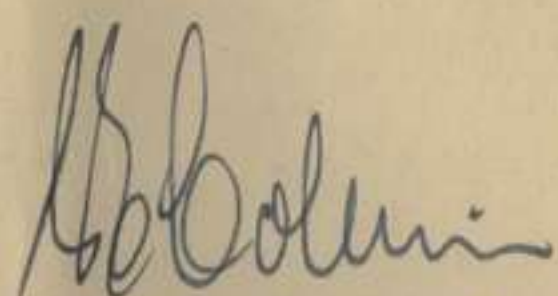
Cat No	Designation	Entitle ment	Perm Return	Temp Return	Reason for Return
WB 0024	<u>SECTION W2</u> Batteries dry Y Mk11	27	27		Not required
XXXX 0024	Y Mk11 Spare	21	21		" "
YA	<u>SECTION Y</u>				
070	Apparatus Linesman teeing in(Aust)	10	10		" "
0113	Aerial Sig strips (Aust)	42	42 ³⁰ ✓		" "
040	Cable laying No 6 (Aust)	18	6		12 only required
0716	Belts Linesman safety	3	2 ✓		1 only required
YAA113	Boxes terminal Sig office Mk11 Aust	1	1 ✓		Not required
YAA 208	Connection 5pr No 1 Red Aust	1	1 ✓		" "
YAA 207	" " " Black Aust	1	1 ✓		" "
YAA-425	Frames D&P 10 wire Mk 1 (Aust)	1		1	Not required in action
419	Fullerphones MkIV Special Aust	4	2 ✓		2 only considered necessary
452	Head Breast sets No 2 Aust	2	2		Not required
YA 0712	Heliographs 5" MkV	8	8 ⁴ ✓		" "
0984	Lamps Sig daylight short range	8	4 ✓		4 only required
YA 1061	Mattocks telegraph eqpt	3	3 ✓		Not required
1064	Helves spare	2	2 ✓		m " "
2309	Microphones respirator No2	12	12 ✓		Carried in Div pool or Theatre Stores
1155	Pipes earth Mk 111	4	2 4 ✓		NOT REQUIRED

Cat No	Designation	Entitle ment	(6)		Reason for Return
			Return Perm	Temp Return	
<u>SECTION Y</u>					
1155	Pins earth small	22	12 ✓		Considered 10 only necessary
1518	Straps	2	2 ✓		Not required
2231	Superimposing unit 3 transform	1	1 ✓		Not required
<u>SECTION 2</u>					
Clothing necessaries					
	Armllets dark green plain (NIV)	1	1 ✓		" "
	Intelligence Inf Bn (NIV)	10	10 ✓		" "
	Signallers	64	54 ✓		10 only required
<u>SECTION 4</u>					
345A	Capes machine gunners	4	4 ✓		Not required
<u>SECTION 5</u>					
642	Gloves anti-gas	138) To be carried in Div Pool or as Theatre Stores
	Jackets light anti-gas	46			
	Overboots anti-gas prs	42			
	Trousers light anti-gas	46			
<u>SECTION 8</u>					
	Gloves machine gunners	4	4 ✓		Not required

2. This table is in accordance with the recommendations 9 Aust Div WET Committee Ref 9 Aust Div G37/71 of 9 Sep 44 with the following amendments:-

Lanyards whistle (to be issued with watches GS)
Stands Cooking (Now required for hydroburners)
Cutters Wire Special }
Gloves wiring prs } Now considered necessary
Belts Linesman Safety (Now retaining 1)
Pins Earth Small (Retaining 10)
Sticks crook jointed (Retaining 2)

3. The suggested increases in certain items of eqpt shown on the above Committee's Report are still considered necessary.


Lt-Col
Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

Subject: Return of stores on WET not
Required by units

2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 04/11/44
10 Nov 44

Ref your sig A652

20 AUST INF BDE

1. permission is requested to return the following WET stores to
RSD.

2. ITEM QTY REASON WHY TO BE RETD WHETHER RECOM-
MENDED PERMAN-
ENTLY
BE DELETED FROM
WET

ITEM	QTY	REASON WHY TO BE RETD	WHETHER RECOM- MENDED PERMAN- ENTLY BE DELETED FROM WET
✓ ✓ Boxes MAG BREN .303-in MG MkI	41	surplus to unit requirements	permanently
✓ ✓ Holdalls BREN .303-in MG	27	do	do
✓ Mountings Tripod radial AA	1 ✓	do	do
✓ Gloves Machine-gunners prs	4 X	do	do
✓ Capes Machine-gunners	4 ✓	do	do
✓ pans frying Rectangular (AUST)	36 X	do	do
✓ Tins Mess quart-pot type (AUST)	822 X	do	do
✓ Covers Mess Tin quart-pot type (AUST)	822 X	do	do
✓ Stands Lamp or Helio	6 ✓	do	do
✓ Mullerphones MkIVx Special	2	do	do
✓ Heliographs 5-in Mk IV	4	do	do
✓ Microphones Respirators No2	4	do	do
✓ Superposing Unit 3-transformer	1	do	do
✓ Gloves Wiring prs	50 ✓ 38 ?	do	do
✓ Stands Instrument No21 MkI	4 ✓	do	do
✓ Telescopes signal	4 ✓	do	do
✓ Periscopes No 18 Mk 1	4 ✓ 6 ?	do	do
✓ Periscopes pocket No 1	40 ✓ 29 ?	do	do
✓ Telescopes Scout Regiment	11	do	do
✓ Compasses Magnetic Pocket MkVI	1	do	do
✓ Compasses Magnetic Pocket Liquid Mk I(AUST)	36	do	do
✓ Saws Folding	33	do	do
✓ Armlets Signallers	54	do	do
✓ Implements Cases butchers wood	4 X	do	do
✓ Implements butchers holdalls	3 ✓	do	do
✓ Machines wheat-gristing (AUST)	19 X	do	do
✓ Saws Butchers Bow	3 ✓	do	do
✓ Steelyards	6	do	do
✓ Sights AA VICKERS prs	1	do	do
5t/ps terminal	2 ?		
Terminals Inst single No 2	20 ?		
Connectors 5t- RED	1		
BLACK	1		

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Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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RETURN OF STORES ON MET NOT REQUIRED BY UNITS



HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: Q21/4/446
7 Nov 44

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CQMS

1. Under no circumstances will units return .. or fail to draw any item of equipment on issue against MET without specific written authority from this HQ. It will be the personal responsibility of commanders that they leave Australia with all stores and equipment enumerated on the MET of their units unless authorised to the contrary by this HQ or unless the stores etc are not available for issue.

2. Units desiring to return to RSD certain items of equipment on MET which are not required in any theatre of operations will submit a return to this HQ (in duplicate) as follows. Bde etc HQ will submit this return for units under co. and:-

ITEM	QUANTITY	REASON WHY TO BE RETURNED	WHETHER RECOMMENDED PERMANENTLY BE DELETED FROM MET
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Lt.-Col
AA & Q. G 9 Aust Div

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Subject : War Equipment Investigation
Committee - HQ Inf Bde

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Ref : *937/576*
16 Oct 44

9 Aust Div

Copies to : 24 Aust Inf Bde
26 Aust Inf Bde

Reference your 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. *x 30 light*
 - (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. *WATER*
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.

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

G 23/1/52
of 16 Oct 52SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS TO WET OF AN INF BDE HQ

CATALOGUE NO	DESIGNATION	ENTITLEMENT	RETURN PERMANENTLY	INCREASE RECOMMENDED	INTENSE SCALE	RETURN TEMPORARILY	SUPPLEMENTARY SCALE	REMARKS
	<u>SECTION A1</u>							
	Covers Mess Tin Quart Pot Type - (Aust)	68	68					
	Tins Mess Quart pot type (Aust)	68	68					
	Tins Mess Rect LW (Aust)	68		3	71		71	In lieu of tins DS Mess OP
	<u>For personnel carrying SMG</u>							
	Covers Mess Tin Quart Pot Type - (Aust)	15	15					
	Tins Mess Quart Pot Type (Aust)	15	15					
	Carriers Mag SMG (Aust)	15	15					
	<u>SECTION A1</u>							
0765	Covers Mess Tin OP	3	3					
1860	Tins Mess DS OP	3	3					See note above
1978	Whistles Arty	27	17		10		10	
1161	Lanyards Whistle	27	17		10		10	
	<u>SECTION A2</u>							
	Gas Stores							Delete entire Sec - to be held in div pool or as theatre stores
	<u>SECTION B1 and B2</u>							
8094	Rifle Boys Mk I and all associated stores	2	2					
	<u>SECTION C1</u>							
6096	Boxes Mag Bren 303 in MG Mk I	4	2		1	1	2	
6221	Chests Bren	2				2	2	
	Mags Bren 303 in	50	26		24		24	
	<u>SECTION C3</u>							
	Bicycles (Aust)	2				2	2	
	<u>SECTION E3</u>							
5040	Apparatus camouflage delete except for Nets 14' x 14'				6		6	1 per jeep 1 per trailer 1 in open warfare, (See next page)

CATALOGUE NO	DESIGNATION	ENTITLEMENT	RETURN PERMANENTLY	INCREASE RECOMMENDED	INTENSE SCALE	RETURN TEMPORARILY	SUPPLEMENTARY SCALES	REMARKS
	<u>SECTION E3</u> (Cont)							Recommend camouflage stores be kept in div pool issued on demand
1714	<u>SECTION F</u> Files Smooth Flat 6"	33	33					These files are too small for sharpening machetes.
	<u>SECTION J1</u>							
0229	Chairs Camp Folding	1		5	6		6	
	Boxes Stationery Fd Large	4		7	11		11	
	Covers Waterproof 24x18	1		3	4		4	
0940	Hooks Bill	1	1					
	Shovels Entrenching (Aust)	10		20	30		30	
1452	Tables Camp Mk III	1		5	6		6	This table should be 4' x 2', strong but of lighter construction.
	<u>SECTION J2</u>							
	Insulators Containers Cooking	4				4	4	If 2 gallon containers are available there should be 4 on "intense" scale.
	Pans Frying Rectangular	4	4					
	Stoves Camp Portable (Fowler Type)	1		3			4	
	Stands Cooking Folding (Aust)	86	86					
	Hydra Burners	-		3	3		3	
	Containers Water 2 gall	12		18	30		30	
	<u>SECTION KC</u>							
5025	Stretchers Ambulance Mk II	1						Scale OK. Recommend improved light American type in lieu present issue.
	<u>SECTION KE</u>							
	Lamps Hurricane	8		12	20		20	
	<u>SECTION KF</u>							
	Clippers Hair with blades	1		3	4		4	
	Machines Mincing	1				1	1	
	Machines Wheat Gristing (Aust)	3	3					No whole wheat ever issued

CATALOGUE NO	DESIGNATION	ENTITLEMENT	RETURN PERMANENTLY	INCREASE RECOMMENDED	INTENSE SCALE	RETURN TEMPORARILY	SUPPLEMENTARY SCALES	REMARKS
2871	SECTION KF (Cont)							
2871	Implements Butchers Case Wood (empty)	1	1					Desired to keep contents only.
4470	Scissors Haircutting	1		1	2		2	
	SECTION V5							
0122	Periscopes No 25 Mk I	2	2					
	SECTION V6							
	Binoculars Prismatic No 2	9		1	10		10	
	SECTION V2							
0164	Boards Drawing Atlas	2			1	1	2	
	Boards Map Commander	5		2	7		7	
	Cases Map GS No 1	-		5	5		5	
	No 1 (Special	10		5	15		15	
	No 2 (Special)	5	5					
0251	Cases Map 16" x 12"	-		12	12		12	
	Celluloid Sheet Transparent Type A (22" x 16")	10		10	10		20	
7420	Compasses Magnetic Pocket	6	6					
0582	Compasses drawing pen - bow spring	2	1		1		1	
0720	Proportion 6" B	2		1	3		3	
1360	Protractors 9"	2	1		1		1	
	Glasses Magnifying Hand 2 1/2" or 4"	2						These should all be 4" others are too small.
1510	Rulers Parallel Common 6"	2	2					
1900	Scales Math No 22	2		2	4		4	This increase would not be necessary if scales 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 and 29 were issued. In the past this has not been done.
1900	No 23							
	Scale showing inches and sub-divisions for Draughtsmen	-		2	2		2	
	Arty scale No 2 Mk I			1	1		1	
	Set Squares Celluloid 6"							
1930	45°	2			1	1	2	
1934	60°	2			1	1	2	

CATALOGUE No	DESIGNATION	ENTITLEMENT	RETURN PERMANENTLY	INCREASE RECOMMENDED	INTENSE SCALE	RETURN TEMPORARILY	SUPPLEMENTARY SCALES	REMARKS
	Set squares celluloid 14" 45" 60"	-		1	1		1	
	Stereos universal complete B ³	1		1	2		1	
2114	Straight edges 36"	2	1		3		2	
	T Square 45"	2	1		1	1	3	
	Watches wristlet 15 jewel luminous	-					1	
				6	6		6	
	<u>SECTION W 1</u>							
WA1020	Cutters wire folding	21	9		12		12	
	<u>SECTION LVT/MT 1</u>							
	Cans petrol and oil 2 gall	5		1	6		6	
	<u>CLOTHING & NECESSARIES</u>							
	<u>SECTION 4</u>							
	Hats drill khaki	18	18					
	Jumpers working dress	27	27					
	Trousers M/C WP	11	9		2		2	
	Helmets crash	7	6				1	if M/cycles are on issue present scale to remain do
	<u>SECTION 5</u>							
713	Gloves gas	37	37					} to be kept as theatre stores
714	Hoods gas	4	4					
715	Jackets gas light	4	4					
717	Overboots gas prs	4	4					
718	Trousers gas light	4	4					
	<u>SECTION 8</u>							
1008	Gloves gauntlet prs	21	18		3		3	if M/cycles issued an additional pr per m/cycle
	<u>AAC SUPPLY</u>							
	Outfits first aid individual	89						Scale OK but improved type necessary - present iss

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Subject: WAR EQUIPMENT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: Q21/4/296
9 Oct 44

- 20 AUST INF BDE ✓
- 24 AUST INF BDE
- 26 AUST INF BDE

1. Further to our Q21/4/286 dated 1 Sep 44.
2. A committee will be formed as follows to submit recommendations for HQ Inf Bde in accordance with above mentioned letter.

BM(L)

- President - As appointed by 20 Aust Inf Bde
- Members - One each to be nominated by 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bde

3. Committee will meet as and when directed by the president.
4. Recommendations (in duplicate) will be forwarded to this HQ not later than 160900K Oct 44.

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AA & QMG 9 Aust Div

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Subject : TAR EQUIPMENT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

2/43 Aust Inf Bn
REF : G37/71
Sep 44

- 9 Aust Div (4)
- 20 Aust Inf Bde (4)
- 24 Aust Inf Bde (3)
- 26 Aust Inf Bde (4)

1. The recommendations of the 9 Aust Div Committee are forwarded in terms of 9 Aust Div 021/4/286 of 1 Sep 44.
2. Appx "A" attached records suggestions for inclusion in the "ET".
3. Appx "B" attached are the extracts of the E2 series considered by the committee as requiring alteration.

Walter Simpson
Lt-col
President 9 Aust Div
Tar Equipment Invest-
igation Committee.

APPENDIX "A" TO 9 AUST
DIV WAR EQUIPMENT
INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDATIONS

SUGGESTIONS FOR INCLUSION WITHIN W. E. T.

1. A pouch similar to Pouches Compass be provided for each GS watch on est.
2. Gun Metal watch (Handley) to have stem ring.
3. Cases Map No 1 Special be provided with a compartment for pencils and protractor. Sand Talc to be substituted for present type. A loop for attaching to web belt is also desirable.
4. Tents Mosquito to be all Nylon net without cloth top panel with reinforced corners similar to US pattern.
5. Pistol signal be made of a light alloy similar to the German type.
6. A light portable lighting outfit suitable for use at a Bde HQ and in a Bn Comd Post be provided. The question of weight must be kept in mind.
7. The provision of a light and water proof tent for a Comd Post, RAP, Sig Office, Int Office, Ord Rm & Coy HQ (10 per bn). (HQ 24 Bde has such a tent that may meet requirements). Tents similar to those issued to Commando units may also be suitable.
8. A Kit Tools Signwriter be included on W. E. T.
9. A Machine Wire tying be included on W. E. T. for use in packing unit stores.
10. A lighter type of Axes Pick be provided on the scale of two light types to one of heavy type. It may be desirable to issue a proportion for trial before a firm decision is made.
11. Mirrors Reflecting Barrel as designed and used by units of 9 Div be provided on the scale of one for each mortar on est. These enable mortars to be fired through a small gap in the trees.
12. Wire Assault W 130 be issued on Reels Cable No 1. Reels Cable DR do NOT fit apparatus Cable Laying No 6. It may be practicable to issue a cable layer for this wire. This would avoid rewinding of cable on reels, cable No 1.
13. Batteries similar to those used by RAF be issued for use with Aldis Lamp in lieu of present type.
14. Heavy drag ropes be substituted for light, in Tk/A gun stores.
15. Frogs, web, pliers side cutting to have strap fitted over top to stop pliers from falling out.
16. A larger battery light be provided in lieu of torches button Mk 1. The type issued in the desert prior to L. ALABEIN would be most suitable.
17. Climbers pole 16-in (AUST) to have leather straps fitted instead of webbing.
18. Switchboard UC 10 line (AUST) English type to be issued preferably to Australian type.
19. Water bags, double shoulder, experimental type, be issued at the rate of one per section.
20. One grindstone FS be issued to each bn on accommodation scale.
21. New type of waterproof SB bag. Present type NOT suitable, especially straps, which could up and become useless. Material in present issue is NOT waterproof.
22. American type machetes be made an issue.
23. Tubes, tyre 2 pr be issued on demand. Spares at present on issue are perishable.
24. Ration bags, one per man be placed on est.
25. Six screwdrivers GS (AUST) HD 12" be included on W. E. T.

Walter Simpson Lt-col.
President 9 Aust Div War
Investigation Committee.

Cat No	Designation	Entitlement	Return Form.	Increase Recomm.	Intense Scale	Return Temp	Supp Scale	Remarks
AA Section A1								
0130	Belts Lineman	27	✓ 19	?	8		8	
	Carriers Mag GNG (Aust)	109	✓ 109	?				
	Cases Binocular (with sling)	12	✓ 12	?				
0651	Cases pistol Signal	12	* 12	?				
	Covers Mess Tin quartpot typ (Aust)	822	✓ 822	✓				
1161	Laryards whistle	87	* 87	✓				Retention desired by one bn
1483	Pouches arm Pistol WE patt '37	12	✓ 12	✓				
	Tins mess quart-pot (Aust)	822	✓ 822	✓				
1978	Whistles Arty	87			87		87	
Section A2								
	Gas Stores							Delete entire section - to be held in Div pool or as theatre stores
BREN GUNS								
Section C1								
6066	Boxes mag bron .303 MG Mk I	82	✓ 41	✓	41		41	
6221	Chests bron .303 in MG Mk I	41				41	41	Bren gun carried on ran. Holdalls sufficient for maintenance of weapons in intense scale
9445	Holdall, bron .303 in MG	41	* 27	✓	14		14	3 per Rifle coy. 2 HQ Coy
	Mags Bron .303 in MG No 1	1025	✓ 205	✓	533	287	820	Intense scale 13 mags per supp. scale 20 mags per gun
8877	Mountings tripod bron .303 in MG Mk I	5				5	5	
MG VICKERS JUN								
Section C1								
0260	MG Mk I	4	✓ 4	✓				
0261	Clips	4	✓ 4	✓				
0262	Screws, clip	4	✓ 4	✓				
9295	Mountings Tripod radial A/A	1	✓ 1	✓				
0020	Vickers MG Mk I	1	✓ 1	✓				
	Boxes Bolt Vickers .303 MG No 10 Mk I	1	✓ 1	✓				
0040	Sights A/A Vickers pro	1	✓ 1	✓				
	Belts .303 in 250 rds Mk I	64	✓ 48		16		16	
0063	Boxes, belt, Vickers .303 MG No. 8 Mk I	56	✓ 40		16		16	

Cat No	Designation	Entitlement	Return Form	Increase Recomm.	Int on so Scale	Return Temp	Supp Scale	Remarks
EC 5041	Section E3 Apparatus Camouflage doloto except for Nots 24 ft x 24 ft	4			4		4	For use by Tk A Pl
FAA 0003 0011 FBO456	Section F Anvils 1 - 1/2 cwt Blocks 1 - 1/2 cwt Brushes lacquer Stencil 1 in.	1 1 5		5	10	1 1	1 1 10	
0997 1000	Crowbars 3 ft 6 ins 5 ft 6 ins	13 1			6	7 1	13 1	
1714	Files Smooth Flat 6"	50	✓50					These files are too small for sharpening machetes
1715 1830 2005	Flat 8" Fergas Rd Heavy Kits tools (Aust) Blacksmiths	8 1 1	50	50	58	1 1	58 1 1	
JA 0066 1271	Section J1 Axes hand Saws folding	38 43	✓33	42	80 10		80 10	
0940	Section J1 Hooks Bill Shovels Entrenching (Aust) Shoots w/proof 12 x 12 (Aust)	6 220 5	✓6	580 1	800 6		800 6	
	Section J2 Insulators containers cooking (Aust) Containers cooking 3 gal	36 72	✓14 ✓28		22 44		22 44)26 Bdo recommend that containers if food portable 1 or 2 gal (Aust))be issued in lieu of hot boxes on a scale of 50 x 1 gal or 25 x 2 gal containers per bn
	Pans frying rect. (Aust) Stands cooking folding (Aust) Plates bafflo Stands cooking (Aust) Stoves camp portable (Fowler type) Stoves 12 gal (MIV) Baking dishes tin	36 822 12 36 11 10 44	✓36 ✓822	<i>no schllacment</i>			12 36 11 16	
2854 4640	Section KA - Hooks chopping circ. (Aust) Section KE - Hooks Reaping largo - Shovels RE - Shovels RE IH	1 6 10 1	✓1 ✓6?		6 44 10		16 88 20 1	Required for cooking sweets in addit. to meat and vegetables

Cat no	Designation	Entitled to	Return Form	Increase Recd	Intense Scale	Return Temp	Supp Scale	Remarks
3665	Measures oil 1 pint	1				1	1	
3667	Measures oil 1/2 gal.	1				1	1	
0043	<u>Section KF</u> Balances, spring, 30 lbs (circular pattern)	5				5	5	
0721	Bowls hand	15				15	15	
2871	Implements Butchers							
2871	Cases wood filled	6	4 ✓		2		2	
2873	Holdalls	5	3 ✓		2		2	
	<u>Section KF</u> Knives							
	Butchers							
3011	Cutting	6	4 ✓		2		2	
	Machines, mincing, small	10		2		12	12	
	" Wheat Gristing (Aust)	19	19 ✓					
	Saws Butchers Bow	5	3 ✓		2		2	
4826	Steelyards	7	6 ✓				1	
5000	Strainers gravy, conical	23	11 ✓			12	12	
	<u>Section KH</u> Carts hand, jungle (Aust)	22	22 *					Theatre Stereos
	<u>Section MI</u> Boxes 3" Mortar eqpt Mk III	8			8		8	
0N2401	Wrenches, breach piece M3" Mor Mk I	8			8		8	
	<u>Section M3</u> Attachments sub-calibre external Bron (Aust)	1				1	1	
	<u>Section V2</u> Cases map - no 1 Special (Aust)	15		57	72		72	To replace G3 No 2
0251	GS No 2 (Aust)	57	57 *					
0640	Compasses - Magnetic, pocket Mk VI	72	36		36		36	
1380	Protractors Rectangular 6 in Iverine A Mk IV	30		70	100		100	
2330	Tapes measuring steel 100' Mk II	2			1	1	2	
	<u>Section V5</u> Boards, map, cords	2	2 ✓					
VE0011	Periscopes No 18 Mk I	6	6 ✓					
08406 GA	" pocket No 1	44	44 ✓ ³⁰					
	Telescope Scout Regt	36	36 ✓					To be replaced by binoculars

Cat No	Designation	Entitlement	Return Perm.	Increase Recomm.	Intonso Seal	Return Temp	Supp Seal	Remarks
	<u>Section V6</u>							
OS279GA	Boxes int. & GPO filled	2	1 [?]		1		1	
OS11797	Protractors RA 6"	4	4					
OS11798	" RA 9"	1	1					
OS11811	Sealos Arty No 3	1	1					
OS769A	Stands Instrument No 21 Mk 1	6	4 [✓]		2		2	
2VE4MR	Telescopes Sig	6	4 [✓]		2		2	
	<u>Section W1</u>							
WA	<u>Augers earth</u>							
0702	8 in Mk I	1	1 [✓]					
0706	Handles 8 in Mk I (spare)	1	1 [✓]					
	Cutters wire special HT (Aust)	45			45		45	
7176	Gloves wiring prs	50	50 [✓]					
WB	<u>Section W2</u>							
0972	Rubber jointing fawn tins	6			6		6	
YA	<u>Section Y</u>							
	<u>Apparatus</u>							
070	Linoman tooling in (Aust)	10		14	24		24	
0113	Aerial Sig Strips (Aust)	42	30 [✓]		12		12	To be carried in Div Pool
040	Cable laying No 6 (Aust)	18			18		18	
0176	Belts linoman safety	3	2 [✓]		1		1	
YA1487	Stands lamp or helio	8	6 [✓]		2		2	
YA0548	Flags sig, army Mk II blue small	16			16		16	
YA0550	" " " " white striped small	16			16		16	
YA0551	Polos 3' 6"	32			32		32	
YAAL13	Boxes terminal Sig Office Mk II (Aust)	1				1	1	
YAA208	Connections 5 pr No 1 Rod (Aust)	1				1	1	
YAA207	" " " Black (Aust)	1				1	1	
YAA425	Frames D & P 10 wire Mk 1 ^x (Aust)	1				1	1	
419	Fullerphones Mk IV ^x Special (Aust)	4	2 [✓]		2	2	4	
452	Head and Breast Sets No 2 (Aust)	2			2		2	
YA0712	Heliographs 5 in Mk V	8	6 [*]		2		2	
0984	Lamps Sig daylight short range	8	4 [✓]		4		4	
YA1061	Mattocks Telegraph cept	3	3 [?]					
1064	Helves (spare)	2	2					
2309	Microphones respirator No 2	12	12 [✓]					To be kept in theatre stores
1155	Pipes earth Mk III	4	4 [✓]					
1518	Straps	2	2 [✓]					
2231	Superposing unit 3 transformer	1	1 [✓]					

Cat No	Designation	Entitlement	Return Perm	Increase Recom.	Intonso Scale	Return Temp	Supp Scale	Remarks
	<u>Clothing and Necessaries</u>							
	<u>Section 2</u>							
	Armlots -							
	Dark Green plain (NIV)	1	1 ✓					
	Intelligence inf. bn. (NIV)	10	10 ✓					
	Signallors	64	54 ✓		10		10	
	<u>Section 4</u>							
345A	Capos machine gunners	4	4 ✓					
	<u>Section 5</u>							
642	Gloves anti-gas	138	138					} To be kept as Theatre stores
644	Jackets light anti-gas	46	46 ✓					
646	Overboots anti-gas prs	42	42					
647	Trousers light anti-gas prs	46	46					
	<u>Section 8</u>							
	Gloves machine gunners prs	4	4					
	Appendix II Sub Depot 2							
	Kit Tool Carpenters Aust (Higher and lower scale)							
	<u>Filos</u>							
	Saw taper second cut single							
	3 in	Nil		6	6		6	Required for sharpening a tenon saw
1627	4 in	2		4	6		6) For saws hand 26 in and) saws rip 28 in.
	6 in	2		4	6		6	

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Ref: A202/1499
16 Sep 44

Subject: War Equipment Investigation

Lt-Col N W SIMPSON
2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Ref your G37/71 of 9 Sep 44.

2. Comments of 2/13 and 2/15 Aust Inf Bns are enclosed.
3. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn's comments will be sent as soon as received.
4. It ~~is~~ intended that Capt HEDGER who represented this Brigade on the committee should confer with 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns on the matter, but any additional comments will be advised you during the next few days.

E. J. Miller Capt
~~HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde~~

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2/13 AUST INF BN
14 Sep 44
Ref: Q1/ - / 300

SUBJECT: War Equipment and Investigation Committee

20 AUST INF BDE

Ref 2/43 AUST INF BN Q37/71 of 9 Sep 44

This unit concurs with the recommendations made by the WE
Investigation committee.

There are no comments.

(Sgd) G E Colvin Lt-Col
COMD 2/13 AUST INF BN
(GE COLVIN)

Subject : War Equipment
Investigation Committee

2/17 Aust Inf Bn
21 Sep 44

20 Aust Inf Bde

After considering all the recommendations submitted by WETIC for improving unit holdings it is considered by the Commanding Officer that the following items should be retained:-

Serial	1978. Whistles Artillery	87
"	6221. Chests Bren .303-in MG Mk.1	41
"	9445. Holdalls Bren .303-in MG	41
"	1483. Pouches Amn. Pistols WE. patt. '37	12

Lampson Lieut
QM 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

316 Solus available

*32 Rounds 2 Pda. Blank
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*Karenshee.
9600 Rounds Blank 303 in
this area*

Capt. Glasgow

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2/17 Aust Inf Bn

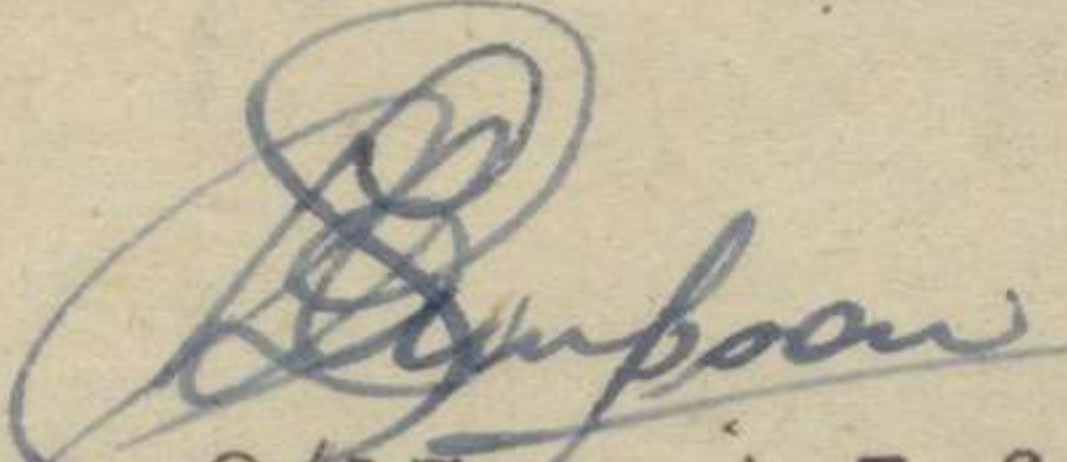
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20 Aust Inf Bde

With the exception of Section C.1 it is agreed that the recommendations cover all requirements to improve the WET holdings.

2. It is considered however that the Chests Bren .303 - in MG Mk.1 are necessary for boxing when the weapons have to be shipped from one theatre of war to another, but if it intended they ~~be~~ will be returned, then all the holdalls are necessary to care for the spare parts and etc.

 Lieut
QM. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Subject: Suggestions for Alterations
to WET

2/15 Aust Inf Bn
15 Sep 44

Ref G37/71 of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

9 AUST DIV WAR EQUIP INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

1. Att is a list of suggested amendments to the WET scale proposed. Apart from these the scale is acceptable to this unit.
2. A list of additional suggestions for inclusion in WET is also att.

Colucci
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Lt-Col

SUGGESTIONS FOR INCLUSION WITHIN WET

1. Frogs, web, pliers side cutting, should have strap fitted over top to stop pliers from falling out.
2. A larger battery light should be provided in lieu of torches button Mk I. The type issued in the desert prior to EL ALAMEIN would be most suitable.
3. Climbers pole 16-in (AUST) should have leather straps fitted instead of webbing.
4. Switchboard UC 10 line (AUST) English type should be issued preferably to Australian type.
5. Water bags, double shoulder, experimental type, be issued at the rate of one per section.
6. One grindstone FS be issued to each batallion on Accomodation Scale.
7. New type of waterproof SB bag. Present type not suitable, especially straps, which coil up and become useless. Material in present issue is not waterproof.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERATIONS TO YOUR SCALE

1. BE6221 . Chests Bren .303-in MG MkI entitlement of 41 be retained on supplementary scale.
- ~~2. BE9445 Holdalls Bren .303-in MG~~
3. Sheets Waterproof 12x12 (AUST) entitlement of 5 be increased to 6 for intense scale.
4. 2399 - Boxes 3-in Mortar equipment Mk III entitlement of 8 be retained on supplementary scale.
5. YA0176 Belts linesman safety, entitlement of 3 to be increased to 6 for intense scale.
6. YAA 212 Climbers pole 15-in (AUST) entitlement of 2 to be increased to 4 for intense scale.
7. YAA213 Climbers pole 16-in (AUST) entitlement of 2 to be increased to 4 for intense scale.
8. Flags Sig Army Mk II-
 - YA 0548 Blue small, entitlement of 16 to be retained on supplementary scale.
 - YA 0550 White striped small, entitlement of 16 to be retained on supplementary scale.
 - YA 0551 Poles 3-ft 6-in entitlement of 32 to be retained on supplementary scale.
9. WB 0972 Rubber jointing fawn tins entitlement of 6 to be returned permanently.
10. OS 769A Stands instrument No 21 MkV entitlement of 6 to be returned permanently.
11. Telescopes signalling (any mark) entitlement of 6 to be returned permanently.
12. YA 1152. Pins earth small, entitlement of 22 to be retained for intense scale.
13. YA 1514 Sticks crook jointed MkII sets entitlement of 2 to be retained for intense scale.



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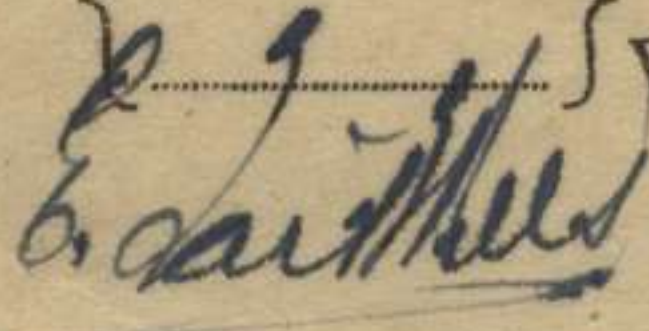
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2/43 Aust Inf Bn
9 Sep 44
Ref No : G37/71

: Copy to 9 Aust Div for information (no enclosures)

1. The recommendations of the 9 Aust Div Committee are forwarded for consideration by units. (9 Aust Div Q21/4/286 of 1 Sep 44 refers)
2. It is requested please that units submit any comments that they may have with as little delay as possible in order that the final recommendations may be submitted to 9 Aust Div in terms of the above quoted memo.
3. No detailed consideration has been given by the Committee to alterations in the present clothing scale as it appears that 20 and 26 Bdes have not yet had an opportunity of submitting their views on the proposed scaling for 7 days - 6000 tps - fast moving ~~items~~ to be held at adv ADOS dump (9 Aust Div Q37/3/254 of 19 Aug 44 refers).

U. W. Simpson
Lt-Col. President.
9 Aust Div War Equipment
Investigation Committee

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Cat No	Designation	Entitlement	Return Permanent ly	Increase Recommended	Intense Scale	Return Temp.	Supplementary Scale	Remarks
<u>AA Section A1</u>								
0130	Belts Lineman	27	27					
	Carriers Mag. SMG (Aust)	109	109					
	Cases Binocular (with sling)	12	12					
0651	Cases Pistol Signal	12	12					
	Covers Mess Tin quartpot type (Aust)	822	822					
1161	Lanyards Whistle	87	87					
1483	Pouches Ammunition pistol WE Patt '37	12	12	<i>2/17 retain</i>				
	Tins mess Quart-pot (Aust)	822	822					
1978	Whistles artillery	87	87	<i>2/17 Bu to retain all</i>				
<u>Section A2</u>								
	Gas Stores							Delete entire section - to be held in Div pool or as theatre stores
Bron Guns								
<u>Section C1</u>								
BE 6006	Boxes Mag. Bron .303 MG Mk I	82	41		41		41	<i>returned temp 2/15 Bu</i>
6221	Chests Bron .303 in MG Mk I	41	41 <i>misprint</i>				<i>41 holdalls to sup</i>	Bron gun carried on man. Holdalls sufficient for maintenance of weapon
9445	Holdalls Bron .303 in MG Mags Bron .303 in MG No 1	41 1025	27 205		14 533	287	14 820	3 per Rifle Coy. 2 HQ coy Intensity scale 13 mags per supp scale 20 mags per coy
8877	Mountings Tripod Bron .303 in. MG Mk I	5				5	5	
MMG VICKERS GUN								
<u>Section C1</u>								
ED 0260	Fillers MG Mk I	4	4					
0261	Clips	4	4					
0262	Screws, Clip	4	4					
9295	Mountings Tripod radial A/A Vickers MG Mk-I	1	1					
0020	Boxes Belt Vickers .303 MG No 10 Mk I	1	1					
	Sights A/A Vickers	1	1					

Cat No	Designation	Entitlement	Return Permanently	Increase Recommended	Intense Scale	Return Temp.	Supp Scale	Remarks
<u>Section E3</u>								
EC	Apparatus Camouflage delate							
5041	except for Nets 24 ft x 24 ft	4			4		4	For use by Tk A Pl
<u>Section F</u>								
FAA	Anvils -							
0003	1 - 1/2 cwt	1				1	1	
0011	Blocks 1 - 1/2 cwt	1				1	1	
FBC456	Brushes lacquer stencil 1 in.	5		5	10		10	
	Crowbars							
0997	3 ft 6 ins	13			6	7	13	
1000	5 ft 6 ins	1				1	1	
	Files Smooth							
1714	Flat 6"	50	50					These files are too small for sharpening machines.
1715	" 8"	0		50	58		58	
1830	Forges Ed Heavy							
	Kits tools (Aust)	1				1	1	
2005	Blacksmiths	1				1	1	
JA	<u>Section J1</u>							
0056	Axes hand	38		42	80		80	
<u>Section J1</u>								
0940	Hooks Bill	6	6					
	Shovels Entrenching (Aust)	220		500	800		800	
<u>Section J2</u>								
	Insulators containers							
	cooking (Aust)	36			18	18	36	
	Containers cooking 3 gal.	72			36	36	72	
	Pans frying rect. (Aust)	36	36					
	Stands cooking folding (Aust)	822	822					
	Plates Baffle	12				12	12	
	Stands cooking (Aust)	36				36	36	
	Stoves camp portable (Fowler Type)	11				11	11	
	Stoves 12 gal (NIV)	10			10		10	
	Baking dishes tin	44		44			88	Required for cooking meats in add. to meat and vegetables
<u>Section KA. Blocks chopping circular</u>								
<u>Section KE</u>								
2854	Hooks Ramping large	6	6					
4640	Shovels RT	10		10	5		15	
	Shovels RM LH	1					1	

Cat No	Designation	Entitlement	Return permanently	Increase Recommended	Intense Scale	Return Temp	Supp Scale	Remarks
3663	Measures oil 1 pint	1	1					
3667	" " 1/2 gal	1	1					
	Section KF							
0043	Balances, spring, 30 lbs (circular pattern)	5					5	
0721	Baws, hand	15					15	
	Implements Butchers							
2871	Cases wood filled	6	4		2		2	
2873	Holdalls	5	3		2		2	
	Section KF							
	Knives							
	Butchers							
3011	Cutting	6	4		2		2	
	Machines, mincing, small	10				10	10	
	" Wheat Gristing (Aust)	19	19					
	Saws Butchers Bow	5	3		2		2	
4826	Stoolyards	7	6				1	
5000	Strainers gravy, chronicle	23	13		10		10	
	Section KH							
	Carts hand, jungle (Aust)	22	6				16	
	Section MI							
2399	Boxes 3" Mortar opt Mk III	8	4				4	
GM2401	Wrenches, brooch piece ML3" Mor.Mk I	8	4		4		4	4 x M3" carried by pl
	Section M3							
36	Attachments, sub-calibre external Bren (Aust)	1				1	1	
	Section V2							
	Cases map - No 1 special (Aust)	15		57	72		72	To replace GS No 2
0251	GS No 2 (Aust)	57	57					
	Compasses -							
0640	Magnetic, pocket MK VI	72	72					
1380	Protractors Rectangular 6 in iverine A MK IV	30		70	100		100	
2330	Rapes measuring steel 100' MK IV	2			1	1	2	
	Section W1							
WA	Augers earth							
0702	8 in Mk I	1	1					
0706	Handles 3 in Mk I (spare)	1	1					
	Cutters wire special HT (Aust)	45	21		12	12	24	

Cat No	Designation	Entitlement	Return Permanently	Increase Recommended	Intense Scale	Return Temp	Supp Scale	Remarks
7176 WB	Gloves wiring prs Section W2	50	26		12	12	24	
0024	Batteries dry - Y Mk II	27	27					
0024	Y Mk II (spare)	21	21					
YA	Section Y Apparatus							
070	Lineman tooling in (Aust)	10	10					
0113	Aerial sig strips (Aust)	42	42					
040	Cable laying No 6 (Aust)	18	6		12		12	To be carried in Div pool
0176	Belts lineman safety	3	3					
YAA113	Boxes terminal sig office Mk II (Aust)	1	1					<i>to be returned for log only place box back 2/15/51</i>
YAA208	Connections 5 pr No 1 Red (Aust)	1	1					
YAA207	" " " Black "	1	1					
YAA425	Frames D & P 10 wire Mk 1 ^x (Aust)	1	1					
419	Fullerphones Mk IV Special (Aust)	4	2		2		2	
452	Head set Breast Sets No 2 (Aust)	2	2					
YA0712	Heliographs 5 in MK V	8	8					
0984	Lamps sig daylight short range	8	4		4		4	
YA1061	Mattocks telegraph eqpt	3	3					
1064	Helves (spare)	2	2					
2309	Microphones respirator No 2	12	12					
1152	Pins earth small	22	22					To be kept in Theatre stores
1155	Pipes earth Mk III	4	4					
1514	Sticks crook jointed Mk II Sets	2	2					
1518	Straps	2	2					
2231	Superposing unit 3 transformer	1	1					
	Clothing and Necessaries Section 2							
	Armlots - Dark Green plain (NIV)	1	1					
	Intelligence inf. bn. (NIV)	10	10					
	Signallers	64	54		10		10	
	Section 4							
345A	Capes machine gunners	4	4					
	Section 5							
642	Gloves anti-gas	138	138					
644	Jackets light anti-gas	46	46					
646	Overcoats anti-gas prs	42	42					To be kept as Theatre stores

Cat No	Designation	Entitlement	Return Permanently	Increase - Recommended	Intense Scale	Return Temp	Supp Scale	Remarks
647	Trousers light anit-gas prs Section 8	46	46					To be kept as Theatre stores
	Gloves machine gunners prs Appendix II Sub Depot 2	4	4					
	Kits Tool Carpenters Aust (Higher and Lower scale)							
	Files							
	Saw taper second cut single							
1627	3 in	Nil		6	6		6	Required for sharpening a tenon saw For saws hand 26 in and saws rip 28 in.
	4 in	2		4	6		6	
	6 in	2		4	6		6	

APPENDIX "A" TO 9 AUST
DIV WAR EQUIPMENT
INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDATIONS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR INCLUSION WITHIN W.E.T.

1. That a pouch similar to Pouches Compass be provided for each GS watch on est.
2. Gun Metal watch (Handley) to have stem ring.
3. That cases Map No 1 Special be provided with a compartment for pencils and protractor. A loop for attaching to web belt is also desirable
4. That Tents Mosquito to be all Nylon net without cloth top panel with reinforced corners similar to US pattern.
5. That Pistol Signal be made of a light alloy similar to the German type.
6. That a light portable lighting outfit suitable for use at a Bde HQ and in a/Comd Post be provided. The question of weight must be kept in mind.
Bn
7. The provision of a light and water proof tent for a Comd Post. (HQ 24 Bde has such a tent that may meet requirements).
8. That a Kit Tools Signwriter be included on W.E.T.
9. That a Machine Wire tying be included on W.E.T. for use in packing unit stores.
10. That a lighter type of Axes pick be provided on the scale of two light types to one of heavy type.
11. That Mirrors Reflecting Barrel as designed and used by units of 9 Div be provided on the scale of one for each mortar on est. These enable mortars to be fired through a small gap in the trees.
12. ~~That~~ Wire Assault W 130 be issued on Reels Cable No 1. Reels Cable DR do NOT fit Apparatus Cable Laying No 6.
13. That batteries similar to those used by RAN be issued for use with Aldis Lamp in lieu of present type.

W. C. Simpson Lt-col.

President.

9 Aust Div War Equip Investigation
Committee.

20 INF. BDE.
No. #202/1376
1 SEP 44
Subject : WAR EQUIPMENT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: Q21/4/286
1 Sep 44

Reference 9 Aust Div G816/65/8 of 27 Jul 44 (not to all addressees) forwarding copy of LHQ 96957 of 14 Jul 44.

1. An Investigating Committee has been appointed by LHQ to investigate and report on War Equipment Tables of all units. It is proposed that the investigation will cover among other items "whether any reduction, increase or variation to the existing scale of entitlement is considered necessary." To assist this Committee it is necessary that recommended E2a extracts for all units be prepared.

2. Accordingly, E2a Extracts of War Equipment Tables of all units, and accommodation and clothing scales for carrying out operations in tropical and in undeveloped countries, will be prepared, based upon :-

(i) An "intense" scale, i.e. when units are in contact with the enemy ;

(ii) A "supplementary or quiet" scale, i.e. when units are not in contact.

3. In compilation of these extracts, based upon scales mentioned in paragraph 2 above, the following considerations should be kept in mind, and E2a extracts referred to in paragraph 2 above will be submitted only under these headings:

(a) The existing quantities which may be reduced by standardising, e.g. axes, files etc. appear at present in a variety of sizes.

(b) Any increases necessary in quantities of stores at present appearing on the WET and/or accommodation and clothing scales.

(c) What items are not required and/or what quantities can be reduced, in both WET and accommodation and clothing scales.

4. Heads of Arms and Services will forward E2a extracts for units under their command.

In the cases of Bde HQ and Inf Bns, the following committee is appointed to prepare the E2a extracts required, and after obtaining concurrence of Bde Comds, will submit their recommendations to GOC 9 Aust Div :

PRESIDENT : Lt-Col N.W. SIMPSON

MEMBERS : Two Bn 2ICs (one to be nominated by each of 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes)
One Bn QM (to be nominated by 24 Aust Inf Bde).

Bdes will notify the President and this HQ of the names of members nominated by them as above. The Committee will meet at such times and places as the President may decide.

5. E2a extracts will be forwarded to reach HQ 9 Aust Div not later than 0900 hrs 7 Sep 44.

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Lt-Col N.W. SIMPSON

N.W. Simpson
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AA & QMG 9 Aust Div

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

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TO : LIST B

Q335 secret our Q37/3/254 (.) this proposed scaling refers to the scaling of ordnance stores in relation to bch exercises at TRINITY BEACH and will be represented by dummy stores

[Signature] Maj

DRLS

Subject: SCALING FOR 7 DAYS - 6000 TROOPS
FAST MOVING ITEMS TO BE HELD AT ADVANCED ADOS DUMP



HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: Q37/3/254
19 Aug 44

Notes on Scaling

1. The attached scalings are based on actual requirements in the New Guinea campaign, and it is desired that, in this exercise, units indent on the Dump on the basis of estimated requirements in order that the adequacy of the scaling may be tested.
2. As it is impossible to hold in this forward Dump a large range of stocks, only items considered essential for immediate operational requirements are included in a 7 day scaling.
3. Scalings for replacements for technical equipment and spare parts are based on the assumption that units hold complete WE of equipment and maintenance spares normally carried by unit.
4. It is realised that the scaling is inadequate to cover abnormal losses of equipment which may occur and these would be replaced by fastest means from Ord Beach Detachment stocks.

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

DISTRIBUTION: List "B"

- (1) Deals with issues at Family Beach.
- (2) Supplied purely for use in the preparation of returns when on exercise.

SCALING FOR 7 DAYS - 6000 TROOPSFAST MOVING STORES ONLY TO BE HELD AT ADVANCED ADOS DUMPFORMATION : 9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGENERAL STORES & CLOTHING

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QNTY</u>
<u>Section A1</u>	
Attachments Brace WE patt '37	-
Belts Waist WE patt '37	60
Braces WE patt '37 left	40
Braces WE patt '37 right	40
Bottles Water Mk VI or VII	100
Carriers Magazine SMG (Aust)	100
Carriers Waterbottle (Aust)	150
Cases Pistol WE patt '37	-
Frogs Bayonet WE patt '37	-
Frogs Web Pliers S/Cutting	-
Haversacks WE patt '37 all ranks	120
Helmets Steel Mk II	100
Pouches Basic Large (Aust) or WE '37	240
Straps Shoulder Haversack WE '37 left	120
Straps Shoulder Haversack WE '37 right	120
Tins Mess Rect. Lightweight	120
<u>Section Clothing 1</u>	
Hats Khaki Fur	200
<u>Section Clothing 4</u>	
Anklets Web	400
Shirts Military Green	1500
Trousers Drill Green	1500
<u>Section Clothing 5</u>	
Capes Anti-Gas (Canadian)	400
<u>Section Clothing 6</u>	
Laces Boots Chrome Tan (prs)	1000
Boots AB Tropical Studed or Universal	750
<u>Section - Jungle Equipment USA Pattern</u>	
Bags Ration Waterproof	200
Machettes USA (or standard 15 in)	75
Machettes USA Sheaths	75
<u>Section Clothing 8</u>	
Brushes Tooth	750
Bressings Field	1000
Drawers Cotton Short	100
Forks F S	100
Knives F S	100
Razors Safety	100
Singlets Cotten Athletic	100
Socks Worsted	4000
Spoons F S	200
Towel Hand	100
Wallets Waterproof	200

SCALING FOR 7 DAYS - 6000 TROOPSFAST MOVING STORES ONLY TO BE HELD AT ADVANCED ADOS DUMPFORMATION - 9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONTechnical Stores

<u>Vocab No</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Qty</u>
	<u>Section B1</u>	
		4
BA 0090	Dischargers, grenade, rifle	4
BB 0024	Pistols, revolver .38 in	35
BA 0576	Rifles, No.1, Mk III	1
	Pistols Signal No.1	15
BA 0022	Bayonets, No.1, Mk I	15
BA 1211	Scabbards, bayonet, No.1	
	Pullthroughs -	140
	Cords, single	350
BB 0520	Gauze	140
BB 0521	Weights	
BB 0522		
BA 0053 or	Bottles, Oil, Mk IV or V (Filled)	100
BA 6320	Sub Machine Owen	35
	Magazines, Owen	140
CAA 1523		
	<u>Section B2</u>	
BC 3911	Rods, cleaning, pistols, No.2 Mk I	6
BC 3491	Flannelette 4 in	yds 5000
	<u>Section C1</u>	
	Guns Machine Bren Mk I (as per AE&S Scale)	5
	Magazines Bren 30 rd	40
BE 8806	Holdalls Bren (Filled)	6
	Guns Machine Vickers Mk I (as per AE&S Scale)	1
	Cases SPT Vickers	1
BD 0604	Barrells Mk II	2
	<u>Section M1</u>	
	Ordnance ML 2 in Mortar, Mk I (as per AE&S Scale) (complete "X" & "Y" items Pieces Breech) -	1
	Springs Pin Firing	2
MR 179	Sights 2 in Mortar No.3 Mk II	1
MR 45GA	Brush cleaning bore 2 in Mortar Mk II	2
GM 2061	Cover Muzzle 2 in Mortar Mk I	1
GM 1007	Ordnance ML 3 in Mortar Mk II (as per AE&S Scale)	1
	Stud Striker Mk II	1
MR 10GA	Sights 3 in Mortar Mk I	1
	<u>Section V2</u>	
VC 5360	Compasses Prismatic Liquid Mk III	9
VC 2512	Watches GS	12
	<u>Section V6</u>	
VF 0027	Binoculars prismatic No.2 Mk I	4
OS 308GA	" " " Mk II	3
OS 3149A	" " No.5	1
OS 764A	Spectacles Tinted No.3 Mk II	7

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<u>Vocab No</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Qty</u>
	<u>Section W2</u>	
WB 0101	Cable Electric D3 single Mk IV miles	100
	" " " twisted "	25
	" Assault W130 "	21
WB A063	Batteries Dry Wireless 1.5/99	35
	" " " BA37	480
	" " " BA38	480
WB 2230	Cells dry "X" Mk II	300
WB 0967	Tape insulating $\frac{1}{2}$ in 8 oz rolls lbs	15
WB 0067	Bulbs 3.5 volt	50
	Tape rubber-jointing rolls	3

Section XX.Y

	Fullerphones Mk IV (complete)	1
	Switchboards UC 6 line	1
	" " 10 line	1
	Telephone Sets "L"	10
	" " Infantry No 1 or No 2 (Aust)	3
	" and Cable Eqpt No 1 (Aust)	1
	Buzzers "T" Mk 1	2
YA 0222	Microphone Capsule Mk IV	12
YA 1077		

Section Z1

	Wireless Sets (Complete Stations) -	1
	Wireless Sets No 208	2
	" " No 108 Mk III	1
	" " SCR536B -	1
	Code No F1	1
	" " F2	1
	" " F3	1
	" " F4	1
	" " F5	2

Subject: Scale of Issue of Equipment

2 Aust Div

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

Ref 2 Aust Div 641/65/8 of 13 Aug 44.

1. Proposals for permanent return of Ordnance Stores are difficult to make without knowing the future operational role of the Brigade. The attached schedule of temporary and permanent returns is based on past training, and operational experience both in the Middle East and New Guinea.
2. It is suggested that, of the items ^{recommended} to be returned permanently, some be kept available in a divisional pool for issue as required.
3. The list has been compiled after consultation with units, whose recommendations agreed in most cases. Where differences occurred, reconciliation was effected by this Hq on the basis of retention rather than return.

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Brig
Cdr 80 Aust Inf Bde

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NO 201 INF BDE - SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT OF ORDNANCE STORES AVAILABLE
TO BE ISSUED

Designation	Intitlement	Present Holding	Return Temporarily	Return Permanently
<u>No 201 Inf Bde</u>				
<u>Section GK</u>				
Magazines Bren .303 LMG	50	50	33	
<u>Section J2</u>				
Pens frying rectangular	4	4		4
<u>Section KF</u>				
Machines wheat gristing	3	3		3
<u>Section W 1</u>				
Cutters wire folding	35	31		9
<u>No 201 Inf Bde Sig Sec</u>				
<u>Section KF</u>				
Machines wheat gristing	3	3		3
<u>Section V 5</u>				
Telescopes signalling	3	3		3
<u>Section W 1</u>				
Cutters wire folding	33	33	22	33
<u>Section</u>				
Barrows Iron WD	1	1		1
<u>No 201 L A D</u>				
<u>Section A 1</u>				
Tins Mess quart pot type	17	17		13
<u>Section G1</u>				
Mounting Tripod Bren .303 LMG	1	1		1
Bags Armourers SA (empty)	3	3		3
<u>Section KF</u>				
Machines wheat gristing	1	1		1
<u>Section KE</u>				
Hatchets 15 in blade	6	6		3
<u>Section J 1</u>				
Axes felling	3	3		4

DESIGNATION	Entitle- ment	Present Holding			Return Temporarily			Return Permanently			REMARKS
		2/13	2/15	2/17	2/13	2/15	2/17	2/13	2/15	2/17	
<u>Section A1</u>											
Covers mess tin quart pot type (Aust)	822	-	822	822				✓ -	822 ✓	822 ✓	
Lins mess quart pot type (Aust)	822	-	822	822				✓ -	822 ✓	822 ✓	
<u>Section C1</u>											
Magazines Bren .303 LMG Mk 1	1025	1466	1025	1225	923	492	692				Temporary return excess over 15 per weapon
Mountings radial AA Vickers MG	1	1	1	1				1	1 ✓	1 ✓	
<u>Section J2</u>											
Pans frying rectangular (Aust)	36	36	36	36				36	36 ✓	36 ✓	
Kettles camp oval	43	43	43	43				20	20 #	? 20 ?	
Stands Cooking (Aust)	36	36	36	36				16	16 #	16	
<u>Section KF</u>											
Implements butchers cases wood empty	6	6	6	6				4	4 ✓	4 ✓	All cases at present issued are incompletely filled. Two filled cas- es per unit would be sufficient.
Mold-alls	5	5	5	1				3	3 ✓	-	
Machines Wheat Gristing	19	19	19	19				19	19 ✓	19 ✓	No whole grain requiring gristing has been issued to units either in NG or Aust.
Saws butcher bow	5	5	5	5				3	3 ✓	? 3	
Strainers gravy conical	23	23	23	23				11	11 #	? 11	
<u>Section V5</u>											
Periscopes No 18 Mk 1	6	6	6	6				6	6 ✓	-	

DESIGNATION	Entitlement	Present Holding			Return Temporarily			Return Permanently			REMARKS
		2/13	2/15	2/17	2/13	2/15	2/17	2/13	2/15	2/17	
<u>Section V5</u>											
Periscopes pocket No 1	44	44	43	44				30	¹⁰ ✓ 29	30 ?	For use with No 3 Mk 1 rifle, these not required until rifle issued
Telescopes observation M 4	36	11	11	11	11	11	11				
Stands instrument No21	6	6	6	6				4	✓ 4	4 ?	
Telescopes signalling	6	6	6	6				4	✓ 4	4 ?	
<u>Section W1</u>											
Cutters wire special M D (Aust)	45	44	45	45	32	33	33				
Gloves wiring prs	50	50	50	-				38	✓ 38	-	
<u>Section W2</u>											
Strips terminal 8 pr	2	-	2	2				-	? 2	2 ?	
Terminals instrument single No 2	20	-	20	20				-	? 20	20 ?	
<u>Section Y</u>											
Connectors 5 pr red	1	1	1	1				1	? 1	1 ?	
Connectors 5 pr black	1	1	1	1				1	? 1	1 ?	
Pipes earth Mk 111	4	4	4	4				4	? 4	4 ✓	
Superposing unit 3 trans-former	1	2	2	1				2	? 2	1 ✓	
Lamps sig daylight short range	3	3	3	3				4	? 4	4 ✓	
Stands lamp or helio	3	3	3	3				4	✓ 4	4 ✓	
Sticks crook jointed	2	2	2	2				2	? 2	2 ✓	

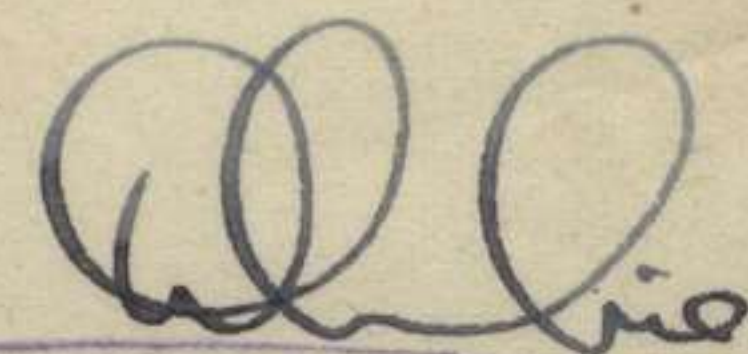
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		2/13	2/15	2/17	2/13	2/15	2/17	2/13	2/15	2/17	
<u>Clothing and Necessaries</u>											
<u>Section 4</u>											
Capes machine gunners	4	4	4	-				4	✓4	-	
<u>Section 8</u>											
Gloves machine gunners	4	4	4	4				4	✓4	4 ✓	

2/58 AUST LAD

28 AUG 1944

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE..

Article.	Entitled.	Holding	No. for return to RSD.
<i>AI KE</i> ✓ Machines Wheat Gristing	1	1	1
<i>C</i> ✓ Mountings Tripod Bren •303in. Mk. MkL.	1	1	1
✓ Bags Armourers SA MkI (empty)	3	3	3
<i>J1 E</i> ✓ Axes, Felling	8	8	4
<i>KE</i> ✓ Machets, 15in. blade	6	6	2
<i>17</i> ✓ Tins mess, Quart pot type (AUST).	17	17	12



.....Capt EME
OC 2/58 Aust LAD

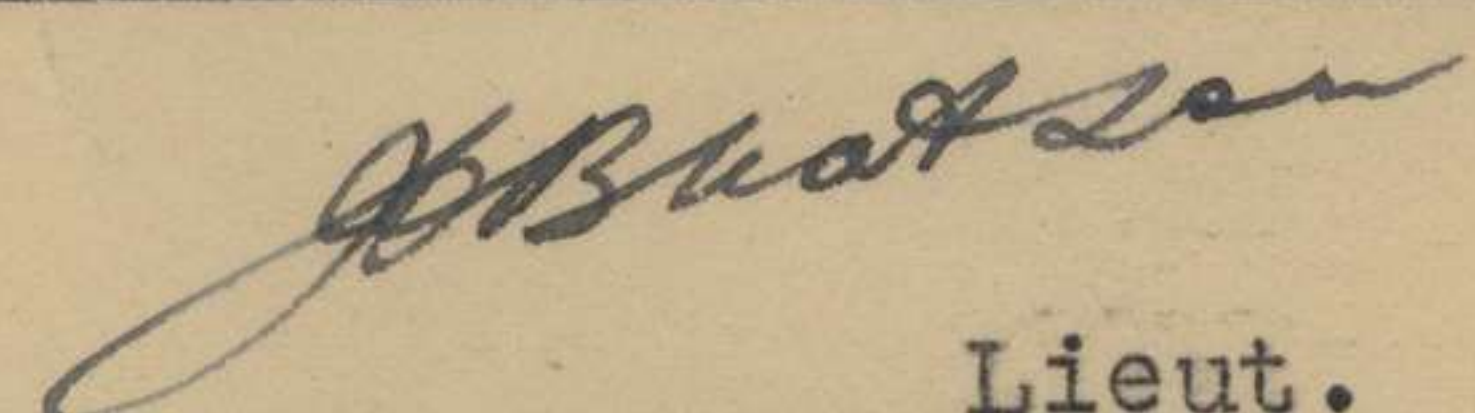
20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.
28 Aug 44.

Subject: EQUIPMENT HELD UNDER WET AND
CONSIDERED AN UNNECESSARY SUPPLY.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

The following is list of equipment held on charge against WET for a Bde Signal Section, such equipment being considered NOT essential as stores for this Unit.

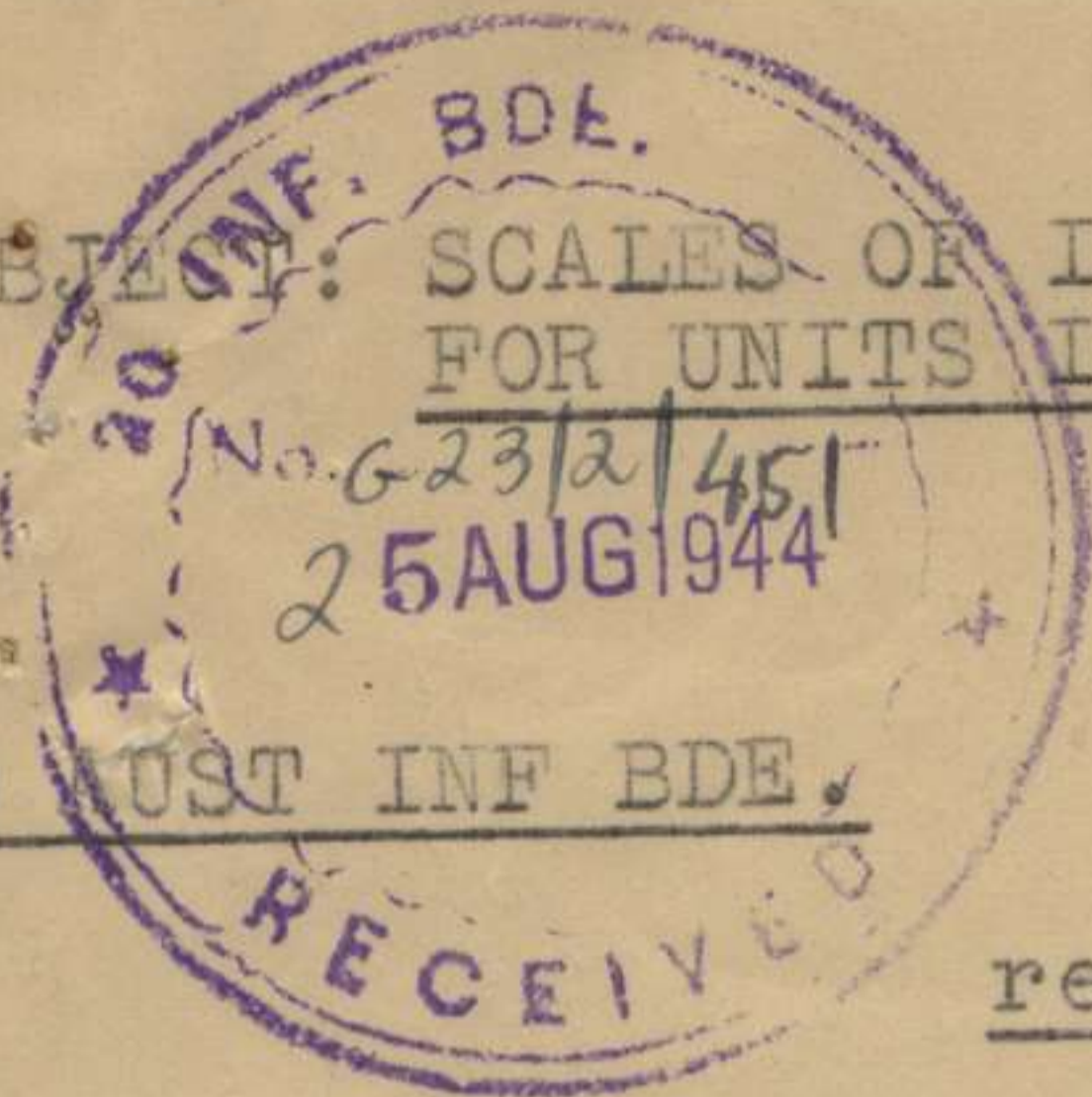
Designation	WET	HELD	Whether stores could be dispensed with permanently or temporarily.
Machines, Wheat, gristing (AUST)	2	2	Permanently
Telescopes, Signalling.	2	2	do
Cutters, wire, folding.	23	23	22 to be returned permanently.
Barrows, Drum, WD, Mk11 (AUST)	1	1	Permanently.


Lieut.
OC 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Section.

SUBJECT: SCALES OF ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT
FOR UNITS IN AUSTRALIA

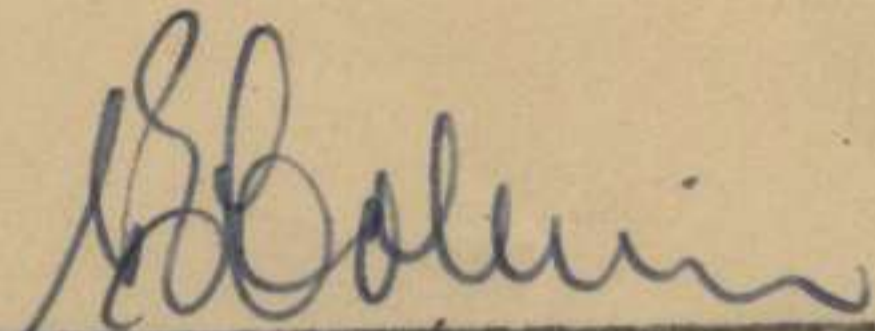
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ref your G23/2/378 of 19 Aug 44.

1. WE tables have been examined.
2. Ref para (2) of above memo - as the prospective role of this Unit is not known, the attached summary of WET equipment NOT required is based on present training requirements.
3. Stores controlled by GROs, e.g. Respirators AG etc, have NOT been included.


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

SUMMARY OF WET EQUIPMENT NOT REQUIRED

Holdings release

A 2	SPECTACLES No.111 Mk.II	4	4	
Sec C 1.	DDMS MAG BREN .303 MG Mk I (Est 25 per gun. Suggest 13 per gun)	1025	1466 -	923
9445 BE.	HOLDALLS BREN .303 -- T/ISSUE ONLY	41.	48	
BD 9295.	MOUNTINGS RADIAL AA VICKERS MK I	1.	1	
	SIGHTS AA UNIVERSAL.	1.		
	BACKSIGHT MK II	1.		
	FORESIGHT MK II	1.		

SEC C 2.
BG 0020. BOXES BELT VICKERS .303 MG No.10. MK I

SEC KH CARTS HAND JUNGLE (AUST).

<u>SEC V 5.</u>				
0406 GA	PERISCOPES No.18 MK I	6.	6	
052933	" POCKET No.1.AUST.	44.	44	
052938A	PROTECTORS OBJECTS GLASS MK II	11.	11	
	TELESCOPES SCOUT REGT MK II	6.	6	
V 6	TELESCOPES SIGNALLING			

<u>SEC W 1.</u>						
WA7176	CUTTERS WIRE SPEC H D AUST	✓	Esb 45	Suggest 20	44	24
	GLOVES WIRING PRS	✓	" 50	" 12	50	38

CLOTHING

<u>SEC 4.</u>						
545 A	CAPES MACHINE GUNNERS		Estab 4		4	4
Sec. 8.	GLOVES " "		" 4		4	4

SEC W 2.
WBA 063 BATTERIES DRY W/LESS 1.5/99 AUST No further requirement.
BA 37 (Estab 675) 100 only required.
BA 38 " 875 100 " "
WBo950 STRIPS TERMINAL 8 pairs. (No holdings) 2.
0975 TERMINALS AUST SINGLE No.2. (No holdings) 20.

SEC Y

YA 0712	HELIOGRAPHS 5 in MK V (No holdings)	8		4	4
1155	PIPES EARTH MK III (Estab 4)	4			
1514	STICKS CROOK JOINTED MK II SETS (Estab 2) /			2.	2

Subject: Scales of Issue of Equipment
for Units in AUSTRALIA.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn
22 Aug 44



Ref your G23/2/378.

20 AUST INF BDE

1. It is considered the attached list of stores at present held by this unit could be:
 - (a) returned to ordnance permanently.
 - (b) returned to ordnance temporarily (component parts Snipers rifles which are useless until these rifles are issued).

A. H. Hance Lt-Col
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Cat No	Designation	Entit- lement on WET	Held	A	B
<u>SECTION A 1</u>					
	✓ Covers mess tin quart-pot types (AUST)	822	822	822	
	✓ Mess tins quart-pot type (AUST)	822	822	822	
<u>SECTION C1</u>					
	✓ Pickets post LMG mountings	-	7	7	
BD9295	✓ Mountings radial AA Vickers MG Mk I	1	1	1	
<u>SECTION J 2</u>					
JA0952	Kettles camp oval 12-qt	42	42	42	
	✓ Pans frying rectangular (AUST)	36	36	36	
<u>SECTION KF</u>					
KF2871	✓ Implements butchers- Cases wood filled	6	6	6	
KF2873	✓ Holdalls	5	5	3	
	✓ Machines wheat gristing (AUST)	19	19	14	
	✓ Saw butchers bow	5	5	5	
<u>SECTION V5</u>					
OS406GA	✓ Periscopes No 18 Mk I	6	6	6	
	✓ Periscopes pocket No 1 (AUST)	44	43	43	
	Telescopes observation M4	36	11		11
	✓ Spectacles tinted Nos 2 & 3 or eyeshields anti-glare No 2 (AUST) Mk I	44	20	20	
OS769A	✓ Stands Instrument No21 Mk V	6	6	6	
	✓ Telescopes signalling (any mark)	6	6	6	
<u>SECTION W 1</u>					
WA7176	✓ Gloves wiring pairs	50	50	50	
<u>SECTION W2</u>					
WB0950	✓ Strips terminal 8 pair	2	2	2	
WB0972	✓ Tape- Rubber jointing fawn tins 7-oz	6	6	6	
<u>SECTION Y</u>					
YAA070	Apparatus- linesman teeing-in (AUST)	10	10	10	

Cat No	DESIGNATION	ENTIT- LEMENT ON WET	HELD	A	B
	Aerial sig strips (AUST)	✓ 42	42	22	
YAA208	Connectors 5 pair No 1 red (AUST)	✓ 1	1	1	
YAA207	Connectors 5 pair No 1 black (AUST)	✓ 1	1	1	
YA0548	Flags sig army Mk II blue small	✓ 16	16	16	
YA0550	Flags sig army Mk II white striped small	✓ 16	16	16	
YA0551	Poles 3-ft 6-in	✓ 32	32	32	
YAA425	Frames D & P 10 wire Mk 1x (AUST) sets	✓ 1	1	1	
YAA0984	Lamps sig daylight short range	✓ 8	9	5	
YA1061	Mattocks telegraph equipment	✓ 3	3	3	
YA1064	- Helves (spare)	✓ 2	2	2	
YA1155	Pipes earth Mk III	✓ 4	4	4	
YA1487	Stands Lamp or heliograph "A" Mk III	✓ 8	8	8	
YA2231	Superposing unit 3 transformer	✓ 1	2	2	



2/17 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 22nd August 1944
 Ref. G32/2/378.

Subject;- SCALES OF ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT
 FOR UNITS IN AUSTRALIA

20 AUST INF. BDE.
9 AUST DIV.

It is considered that the following stores could be permanently returned to Ordnance, having a due regard for Unit's requirements both in operation and whilst training in static camps.

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>PRESENT SCALE</u>	<u>SUGGESTED SCALE</u>	<u>RETURNABLE SURPLUS</u>
<u>Section A-1</u>			
Covers, tins mess, quart pot type (Aust) ✓	822	Nil	822
Tins, mess quart pot type	822	Nil	822
<u>Section C-1</u>			
Mountings, Radial A/A. Vic. ✓	1	Nil	1
<u>Section J-2</u>			
Insulators Containers ✓			
Cooking (Aust) ✓	36	18	18
Kettles, camp oval ✓	43	23	20
Pans Frying rectangular (Aust) ✓	36	Nil	36 ✓
Stands Cooking (Aust) ✓	36	20	16
<u>Section KF</u>			
Impliments, butchers, Cases wood filled ✓	6	1	5
Holdalls ✓	5	Nil	5
Machines, wheat, gristing (Aust) ✓	19	Nil	19
Pans, stew, steel lined (Aust) 6Pt ✓	1	Nil	1
Saws, butcher, bow ✓	5	1	4
Steelyards ✓	7	1	6
Strainers, gravy, conical ✓	23	Nil	23
<u>Section V-6</u>			
Boxes Intelligence and GPO filled ✓	2	1	1
Telescopes Signalling ✓	6	Nil	6
Stands Instrument No. 21 ✓	6	Nil	6
<u>Section W-2</u>			
Strips, terminal, 8-pair ✓	2	Nil	2
Tape, rubber jointing, fawn, tins ✓	6	Nil	6
Terminals Instrument single No. 2. ✓	20	Nil	20

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>PRESENT SCALE</u>	<u>SUGGESTED SCALE</u>	<u>RETURNABLE SURPLUS</u>
<u>Section W-2</u>			
Wire electric- BTC round No.18 SWG lbs	1 /	Nil	1
<u>Section Y</u>			
Boxes, terminal, sig. office Mk.11 (Aust)	1 /	Nil	1
Connectors 5-pair Red	1 /	Nil	1
Connectors 5-pair Black	1 /	Nil	1
Frames D and P 10 Wire Mk.1X	1 /	Nil	1
Mattocks, telegraph equip.	3 /	Nil	3
Pipes earth Mk.111	4 /	Nil	4
Superposing Units 3-trans- former	1 /	Nil	1
Test sets, portable No.2	1 /	Nil	1
<u>Section Z-1</u>			
Satchels signal	/ 12	Nil	12

CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES

Section 6

Kits, tool, boot repairers No.3 (Aust)	6	2	4
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John L. Headman
Lt-Col.
Comm 2/17 Aust Inf. Bn.



Subject: SCALES OF ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT FOR UNITS IN AUSTRALIA.

HQ 9 Aust Div
18 Aug 44
G 41/65/8

Ref 9 Aust Div G816/65/8 of 27 Jul 44 (not to all addressees).

The following extract from LHQ B18156 of 16 May is forwarded as further explanation to para 2 (d) of LHQ 96957 subtended to the firstmentioned memo.

1. War Equipment Tables set out the maximum requirements in equipment of a unit under operational conditions. In view of difficulties in supply and the necessity for economy in production and in maintenance, it has been the practice to restrict or ration the issues of many ordnance stores and give priority of issues to units in operational and strategically important areas.
2. It is desired that this principle be applied more widely than before and that formation commanders arrange for War Equipment Tables to be examined in the light of each unit's role and training requirements, and that items not absolutely essential be returned to Ordnance Depots. This review should cover all items, including general stores.
3. In view of the national importance of economy, it is desired that commanders and staffs make every effort to reduce unit holdings to the essential minimum.
4. In determining the essential requirements of units, it should be borne in mind that on the mainland stores which now appear in the War Equipment Tables, but which are required only occasionally by units could be drawn from Ordnance Depots as required.

It is requested that units review their present holdings of Ordnance stores in the light of the above request, and advise this HQ of stores which it is considered could be returned to Ordnance Depot, either permanently or temporarily.

J. Nicholls
for Lt Col *May*
GS 9 Aust Div

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject : War Equipment Tables Investigating Committee.

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1. Forwarded herewith is copy of LHQ 96957 of 14 Jul 44.
2. Addressees are requested to ensure that units consider the war equipment tables concerned as soon as possible, in order to facilitate the work of the committee on its arrival in this area.

Comd
Bm
4 Dec

Burns
for Lt Col
GS 9 Aust Div

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for COs all bns

7/13 *[Signature]*

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Please study Bde HQ
WET, consulting such offrs
as you wish with a view to
making recommendations.
Then speak. *[Signature]*

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14 Jul 44.

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WAR EQUIPMENT TABLES INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

1. To ensure that unit requirements of equipment are reviewed in the light of recent experience gained in operational areas a War Equipment Tables Investigating Committee (WETIC) has been established at LHQ.

2. The functions of the War Equipment Tables Investigating Committee are -

(a) To investigate and report on unit requirements of equipment and scales of issue other than those items appearing on the War Establishment.

(b) To acquire first-hand information from users and from depots as to necessary adjustments or entitlements shown in WET's.

(c) To examine the existing arrangements of the WET and ensure that it is advantageously adapted both to operational needs and rest periods.

(d) To ensure that unnecessary and unwanted items of equipment are not being authorised in WET's.

3. WETs for basic units of the Fd Force Tps will be examined first, beginning with that of the Inf Bn (Jungle Div). To this end WETIC will visit formations of 1 Aust Corps as soon as arrangements can be completed.

In order to facilitate the investigations of this committee, it is requested that 1 Aust Corps ensure that the necessary preliminary action by units is commenced as soon as possible. Details of visits to other formations will be advised separately.

4. The composition of WETIC is -

Chairman	- Lt-Col (Rep of MGO Branch)
Members	- Major (Rep of GS) Major (Rep of QMG Branch)
Secretary	- Lieutenant.

5. Reports will be submitted to LHQ after consultation with the HQ of the formations concerned.

6. The Committee will conduct its investigation under the direction and supervision of MGO Branch.

7. Formations are requested to make all reasonable facilities available to allow the Committee to carry out its work efficiently and expeditiously, including the making available of regimental officers for consultation.

(Signed) SPRY Lt-Col
for

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—VIC. L. OF C. AREA.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 4479/40

VX 11
Lt-Col J.A. Wilmoth,
OCTU
SEYMOUR, VIC.

War Diary

4 Nov 44.

Brigadier Wyndeyer, DSO
Commanding 20 Aust Inf Bde,
9 Aust Div, AIF.

Dear *Brigadier Wyndeyer*

I hope you will excuse my writing to you, but I thought I would like to bring to your notice the outstanding results of the various representatives of your Bde, and particularly the 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. Every representative of that Bn to do a Course here has done particularly well. Hewett topped the Course, Bentley came second and should have come top, McLean came fourth, and Neuss is at present in the first half dozen. No unit has ever done so consistently well at this School. McVey unfortunately hurt his knee and I have obtained permission to renominate him for the next Course, which he is now on, but is not really doing justice to himself as he is one of the outstanding men on the Course. He still appears to be groggy after his last attack of malaria, and the spell in hospital with a bad knee.

Sjt McVey of the 2/17 Aust Inf Bn obtained his commission last month although handicapped by illness.

I am endeavouring to turn over my instructional staff at this School and still maintain the highest standard possible. At present I am particularly short of assistant instructors and would appreciate it if you knew of any Sjts or WOs who are good types with enthusiasm and education, but who may not be sufficiently fit to carry on campaigning in the Islands at the moment. If I can obtain some such instructors it will avoid the unpleasantness of having to make demands on Formations, including 1 Corps, for instructors. It does not matter what his present posting is, so long as it is not a key posting, and if he has already left the unit we should be able to obtain his services on application.

Westhoven of the 2/13 is being very useful, is doing a very good job as an instructor.

I enclose a copy of a recent aide memoir produced by the School which might prove of interest to you. If you can help us on the instructional problem I would be extremely grateful.

Yours sincerely,

John Wilmoth

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
26 Nov 44

Dear

Thank you very much for your letter of 4 Nov. I am sorry I have been slow in answering.

I am very glad indeed that the candidates from this brigade have done well at OCTU and, however experienced they are, they all profit by it very much. I hear very good reports of the course. We have selected our candidates carefully both here and in the M.E.

My only regret is that so few of them come back to the brigade. They are so much better than many of the reinforcement officers. I now get from disbanded militia battalions etc.

I have asked all my COs whether they know of any NCOs or WOs suitable as instructors. We have none here whom we can send at present. Discharges and the demands from CANUNGRA have drained us of very many competent NCOs. Possibly some of those there or at the Small Arms School BONEGILLA may be, by age or otherwise, unfit for ultimate return to units; you may be able to get them. If we can think of any suitable, who are now on X List or posted elsewhere away from their units, I shall let you know names but I am not hopeful.

Thank you for the aide memoire which is I think an excellent production.

Yours sincerely,